

How to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. results

"I like the idea of quote placards along the trail loop and having a mural/statue as the focal point at the restroom facilities. As for the quotes, focus on the less known aspect of MLK, his fight for economic justice: "Economic justice," King went on, required "a land where men will not take necessities to give luxuries to the few," and "where all our gifts and resources are held not for ourselves alone but as instruments of service for the rest of humanity."

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/apr/03/martin-luther-king-50th-anniversary->"

"MLK fact and quote boards placed randomly throughout the park. Could even be a treasure hunt style game to find them all. MLK readings from the mini amphitheater by guest speakers." Scott Taylor Carrboro

"I think it's perfect just the way it is. We have no open unplanned spaces anymore for kids and adults to be creative with the space in their own way. Wouldn't it be wonderful to keep a big open field available for everyone to use in any way they see fit. Isn't that the most inclusive way, and the best way to honor MLK? A space for everyone. If it's turned into anything someone is somehow excluded."

"I think naming the park after him is sufficient. Spend the money on recreation facilities for the community, not additional commemoration."

"Make a fountain in his honor. Water flowing down like justice. A simple millstone mounted horizontally on a short pedestal with water coming up out of the center and flowing over the edges would be appropriate."

"Have a Story walk using Martin's Big Words by Doreen Rappaport and illustrated by Bryan Collier."

"Trail of dreams" around the perimeter of the park with stations to reflect on and commemorate major moments in civil rights.

"A place for our four-legged friends to run free off-leash!"

"Anything but a skate park"

"Swing set and see saw"

"Basketball court or soccer pitch"

"Build a basketball court or skate park"

"A statue in Dr. King's honor in the center of the park would be ideal."

"I think it sounds awesome but I've always wanted a trampoline so what about a community trampoline park. Also make sure to leave tons of trees."

"Full statue"

"Implement MLK statues in areas where you'd hang out such as the amphitheater and the playground"

"Naming the park MLK Park is sufficient commemoration. Spend the money on recreation facilities for the community! MLK was a humble man, I'm sure he'd say to spend the money on community needs, not another plaque or statue."

"Mahatma Gandhi Statue"

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"We are very excited about the pump tracks at the park! Would love to see a skate park in our community. Our neighboring community, Chapel Hill, has fallen woefully behind on upkeep of its skate park. I think this use would go along well with the pump track, and if you designed in out of concrete like those in Durham and Cary and wouldn't have the maintenance issues that Chapel Hill has. Thank you for considering!!"

"I am a 72 year old woman who lives in the area of the Martin Luther King memorial park. I think a skate park would be beneficial to the teens in the community. As a kid I remember that the reason some kids would get into bad habits such as doing alcohol and getting into trouble was partially due to of the lack of activities. Since teens these days seem to have an interest in the skateboards and scooters, I do believe that a skate park would help to give the teens something to do other than get into trouble. Thank you for reading and I hope that you take my views into consideration."

"It would be great to see a skateboard area for the kids. Also a fenced play area like the one at Southern village."

"How about including a skate park within the park? Also, putting information placards like the "history land markers" that tell stories about MLK, maybe even with pictures would be good."

"A new skate park would be great! There is already a pump track going in, so having a skate park would be a no-brainer. Homestead park is getting run down and the design is outdated, so this could be a fresh new take for the action sports fans of Chapel Hill/Carrboro. With more and more kids opting out of traditional sports for the self-structured freedom and adrenaline rush of action sports, it's the responsibility of the town to provide a welcoming, social, safely maintained environment for kids, teens, and adults alike to have fun and grow their skills on boards, blades, bikes, and scooters! Love, Clean Machine / Bicycle Chain Bike Shop Family, NICA racers, local riders, boarders, etc"

"Please consider building a skate park. My family and friends do not have safe place to skate in our area. The only skate park in the area is Homestead skate park in Chapel Hill, It is not maintained well and is hazardous to ride. Such hazards include wood decaying ramps, Metal coping and other features in disrepair and great amounts of drug, gang, and violent activity where also minors are present. Lots of kids in the community would benefit greatly by having a safe place to skate. Consider Skate Cary a great example/model of a city run skate park."

"Build a public skate park that allows skateboards, scooters, BMX, and in-line. Build wooden ramps including quarter pipes, box jumps and half pipes. Don't forget ledges and rails. Require helmets only, have a waiver and supervision."

"I think a skate park would be a great way to entertain the community and to keep kids and teens doing positive things. Many people would benefit from this including myself, thanks!"
