



NoMa Parks Community Conversation June 18, 2015 Meeting Notes Summary

Tallies and Comments from the 44 Worksheets that were Collected from Participants

What are main outdoor recreation activities you do in DC?

• Biking	22
• Walking/Hiking	22
• Jogging	16
• Picnics in park	14
• Walking my dog	12
• Water play/Swimming	9
• Hiking	7
• Play soccer	5
• Play w/children in play areas	5
• Tennis	4
• Yoga	4
• Frisbee	3
• Play basketball	2
• Play football	2
• Gardening	2
• Kickball	2
• Sit outdoors and read	2
• Climbing	1
• Kayaking/rowing	2
• Play golf	1

Where do you participate in those activities?

• Metropolitan Branch Trail	14
• The National Mall	10
• Rock Creek	9
• Anacostia Waterfront	7
• Lincoln/Stanton parks	6
• Capitol Hill area	5
• Gallaudet Campus	5
• J.O. Wilson	5
• DC Streets/bike lanes	5
• Meridian/Malcolm X	5
• Arboretum	5
• Hains Point	4
• Harry Thomas Rec	4
• In NoMa	3
• Yards Park	3
• Eckington/Edgewood	2
• SW Waterfront	2
• Crispus Attucks Park	2
• McKinley Field	2
• Kenilworth Gardens	1
• Florida Ave Playground	1

What aspect(s) of NoMa Parks are you most interested in?

The tally of places mentioned most frequently is:

• NoMa Green	10
• Dog Parks	7
• Green space and trees	7
• Children's playgrounds	6
• NoMa Meander	4
• Improving the MBT	3
• L Street Plaza	3
• Underpasses	3
• Pocket parks	2
• Places for events	1
• Streetscapes in NoMa	1



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Comments on *other* interests were as follows:

- Planning NoMa Green
- I want to see a large contiguous green space
- I want to see an outdoor recreation area

- Places for people—less dog parks
- I am interested in parks with cafes
- Having the parks be gathering spaces where people share experiences
- Ability to have nice walking space
- Having a peaceful feeling that feels like I'm not in a big city
- We need more gathering spaces—every site should be for gathering
- An outdoor adult work-out playground

- I want to know if parks will include green space and water features
- Adding a tree canopy will be transformative
- Creating useable community spaces that families can use—open areas with trees
- Push for more greenery in landscapes
- Anything that increase the natural elements
- Lessening of the “concrete jungle”
- Less concrete

- I am really excited by the underpass project cause I think it will connect the neighborhood
- Art in the underpasses
- I want to see benches/trees by the M Street overpass
- Art parks—possibly use to have student art displayed

- Ways to engage community in developing green spaces
- How the parks can give NoMa and surrounding a neighborhoods a sense of community
- Building community through public space
- Bringing together neighbors—from design to completion
- I like it that there will be informal “hang out” spaces

- What can I do to help encourage Pepco to permit NoMa Green
- Are there any CSX or WMATA easements that can be acquired and used for parks?
- Acquisition of park land
- How could NoMa Parks relate to rooftops, Gallaudet and MBT?
- Compliance with ADA and Senior Citizens issues



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Summary Comments from the Worksheets Turned in by Facilitators

What's one thing you like about NoMa?

- Exciting place to live
- Vibrant and easy place to walk
- Place is happening—so much going on
- Friendly neighborhood
- Friendliness
- Quiet neighborhood that is relatively safe

- Diversity of people
- Diversity of ages, backgrounds
- Mixed community—young/old and black/white
- Revitalization, new people moving in
- Level of community involvement
- Community meetings and newsletters

- Location—close to downtown
- Being near metro
- Has good mixed use
- Proximity to metro
- Lots of transportation options
- Dedicated bike lanes
- Food trucks

- Variety of buildings and people
- I like the buildings—their styles
- Flagship REI store coming
- Has space for more commercial facilities like restaurants

What do you like about the specific elements of the plan?

- It has lots of unique features
- It addresses multiple needs of the neighborhood, i.e. residents, workers, and visitors
- The variety of ways they are creating parks

- Lights in the underpasses
- The lights in the underpass is a great idea
- Using the underpasses as gateways and not barriers
- I like the “rain” underpass
- Its very creative—I love the underpasses
- The lights on the underpasses will make them appealing places

- L Street plaza is very appealing
- The L Street corridor looks very inviting

- The meander is interesting—lots of possibilities
- The meander is exciting—a place to walk, shop and eat
- I like the meander—it can be a model for others
- I like how the meander is all connected and you can see green space

- I like the idea of playgrounds
- The idea of a recreation park
- The playground is needed—a real plus to have that
- Plans for dog parks

- This plan can co-exist with business development
- The connection to the MBT

- Acquiring Pepco Site (green space)
- The Pepco lot—I hope that happens



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What will be of greatest benefit to you personally?

- The area will feel more joined together
- The lights in the underpasses that will connect the neighborhood

- The beauty will be inspiring to me
- Having more green space
- Having more green around
- Having less concrete in the neighborhood
- Having places to go for peace and quiet

- The pocket parks—hope to see lots of those
- Recreation will be close by
- Greater walkability in the neighborhood
- L Street Plaza where I can go to events and concerns
- The dog parks

- The retail corridor in the Meander
- The meander will introduce me to new places
- Will increase pride in my neighborhood

- Cleaning up the Pepco lot which is near my house
- Increases my sense of safety
- Having a place to be with children