



**NoMa Parks Community Conversation  
3<sup>rd</sup> and L Streets Park Design Kick-Off  
March 29, 2016**

**Q&A on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and L Street Park with Lee and Associates**

Q1. Because this is a small space, I'm interested in this becoming a park for children as DC is trying to attract families. Is the site too small?

A1. The site can probably accommodate two uses on the site. There probably isn't enough space for older kids. The site could also accommodate something like sculpture or seat walls that are fun for kids.

Q2. Comment: A lot of people think that this site should be a dog park because there's no site in NoMa for a dog park. There are a lot of kid parks, but no dog parks. And two questions: a) can you even out the topography? B) Can you attach something to the wall?

A2. Topography can be good in design, but there can be some leveling if needed. We would not be able to attach anything to the wall of the Loree Grand without permission of the building owner.

Q3. Are there opportunities for murals on the Loree Grand?

A3. The building owner might be receptive.

Q4. How can noise from either a dog park or a kids' park be tempered? Comment: People don't pick up after their dogs; the trash cans at the street corner smell badly because of the doggie bags.

A4. Designers look at maintenance requirements as part of the design process. Perhaps there's an opportunity for partnership with the Dogs of NoMa group. Dog owners at S & T Park created rules and were self-policing.

Q5. Comment: It's important to include all people in the neighborhood. Families and dogs are important, but it would be nice if the entire space wasn't devoted to just kids or just dogs. There are plenty of playgrounds, but the existing parks are more for families and there are not enough gathering spaces for adults.



Q6. I am concerned about safety, and creating a space where people can't loiter after dark. The temporary dog park never became a loitering area because it was always in use. Are there options for fencing or locking after hours? Prostitution is the big issue in this part of the neighborhood.

A6. We have a lot of experience with safety issues and also retrofitting parks where safety has become a challenge.

Q7. What are the next steps, the process on getting community feedback, and the timeline?

A7. Over the next 8 weeks, we'll work with NPF to get feedback, develop a few concepts, and get feedback on the concepts. Then there will be a refinement of a preferred concept to a finer-tuned plan. Then a schematic design and pricing exercise.

Q8. What's the budget? Can you develop a park from underground to 10-12 stories/different levels? The park should be more than just ground level.

Q8a. I don't want this to turn into a dogs vs. people issue for the park. The dog owners in the neighborhood have talked about this becoming a membership dog park where the proceeds would help make this park happen.

A8a. The expense of that may prohibit the development of other parks, and there are ADA access concerns – it will be a public park, and all parts must be accessible. We will explore the geometry, ADA access, and engineering of a multi-level park. As a reminder, this is a city-owned parcel and will be a city-owned park; membership that excludes people who do not pay will likely be frowned upon.