

Atlas Waterfront Public Meeting

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Written Comments

1. If any type of children's playground is planned, please make it grandparent friendly – The play area by Tubbs Hill (The Blue Monster) is very non- grandparent friendly. Also, some stretching exercises for adults would be nice.
2. a) Consider the impact and land use when sizing parking. The doesn't appear to be enough spaces currently. b) Consider adding commercial near the waterfront at intersection. c) Consider single direction travel with angled parking along roadways.
3. The dot voting on multiple pictures for multiple uses was confusing to me and I ended up not getting to put green dots on some of the things I really like. You have some great ideas here. Thank you.
4. Email contact should be offered so the public can share ideas seen in other communities that have worked. Think for tomorrow, not just for today.
5. The townhouses and streets being so close to the river will make the public space there less safe and uncomfortable.
6. Protect river - Vegetative buffers over concrete; Environmental – Sediment contamination, water quality, river quality; Cultural – Remember the Tribe was here. Coordinate with Tribe's historic preservation officer; Does this tie into Four Corners? Allow for education and outreach? Bus parking for schools? Larger set back from river; No beaches please!
7. a) Access for Kayaks is big for me and bikes and strollers, etc; b) Habitat for birds is high on my list; c) Have folks park somewhere then walk in or wheelchair access. Thanks!
8. Way too many houses/condos/apartments! Incorporate art/structures that tell the history of the site. Keep it natural, yet inviting.
9. Keep maximum building height to 3- stories. Grocery store like "Fresh Market" at Kendall Yard
10. Natural surface trails if possible (or realize unplanned ones may be created next to paved, planned ones – look at Centennial Trail and Prairie Trails). Shoreline – Stepped and mix of natural vegetation. Access for unmotorized watercraft – Yes!
11. My main concern is how this area is going to affect the flow of traffic on Atlas Road. The Road already has a hard time handling the existing traffic. Thank you.
12. Water access for the dogs is my priority for the land. For years this has been the only area to get the dogs to the water near the town. Other than a very busy Tubbs Hill in the summer months. Please allow our furry children water access.

13. Maximize public beach and minimize dog park. Annex the property soon so that it can't be sold off. Provide better public notification of meeting dates and times via social media.
14. Did you look at a high end Retirement/Continuing Care Retirement Community: Independent, Skilled, Assisted Living. Partnership with Marriott or Hyatt
15. Do not do the scaled down version! Do not cheap out; do it right; once in a lifetime opportunity.
16. Do not fill in the millpond. Do everything possible to make it the main attraction. Once filled it will likely never be dug back out to make a water feature as currently planned. There must be single car garage parking at a minimum for the housing. Street-only, uncovered parking for residents would be a disaster. No parking on alleyways. With all the new residentials around the area, we really need to push for an Atlas exit/entrance from I-90. Seltice is getting more & more crowded. I'm all for swimming beaches, but I don't believe it is a no-wake zone. There may be excessive erosion.
17. What about extending trail to Mill River? Leave as much natural/open space as possible.
18. Like the non motorized launch. Like the beach. The H₂O dog park should be an "Animal" park as the neighbor just north is zoned for large pet (horses) please add access this would be most unique.
19. Use native plants along shore to create riparian habitat for birds. Widen the space between road & river by 30-40' more.
20. I look at what you presented & I am horrified. You are taking probably the last water access we have & you are going to sell the whole thing to real estate & commercial. With all the people moving here, we need another large park. We do need a water access dog park. We need beach kayak & SUP access. I led a paddle today for 1-2 kayakers. Where is our access for this? We have a sedentary nation. We don't need more "visual" access, we need access. You have a wee bike/pedestrian trail around the perimeter with limited parking, but that is basically your public access. Yes, you do have a planned playground way on the outside. I don't think that counts. Sorry your plan is not for the public. You are selling the whole thing.
21. Dog swim area is a must! Dog owners are losing access to allow dogs to swim and it's too bad. CDA seems to present itself as dog friendly, but also seems to like the dogs to stay away.
22. Where is the beach? When this started, months ago, we were told there would be a beach.
23. Over looks? Water access is putting my feet in the water, not standing on a small platform above the river.
24. Dog park is not needed. It is nice to have but not at the expense of what people will use.

25. Too much concern about visual sight lines from the roads. Access to the water is what counts.
26. No basketball/softball! CDA has enough B-ball courts and baseball fields. Save the money and use it as open space. Put in trees & picnic tables.
27. Please retain the non-motorized boat launch in whatever plan is adopted.
28. Most of the waterfront park doesn't appear to be very useable, it looks like yards for the housing. Why is all of the commercial so far out of the way? It doesn't appear to be near public/walking areas. Why aren't the park areas connected? It seems like there should at least be a large (safe) walking area between the two. It also looks like a much better area for commercial buildings that are open to the public.
29. As part of the mixed densities a senior living community should be considered specifically a continuing care community w/Ind. Living/Assisted Living and nursing care.
30. Because there already exist ball fields at the City Carousel Park and also on Ramsey near Kroc Center I don't a ball field is a good use of seasonal use. A winter summer use of public space should be considered. Underground parking should be considered yes it's initially more expensive but the additional revenue of land will pay for it by far. Think for tomorrow not just today.
31. Legal fishing overlook is GREAT. Art work kept in place for 3-6 mos NAY. Swimming in little lake GREAT. Small sail or people powered boats GREAT