

From:**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2016 12:11 PM**To:** parkboard <parkboard@bellevuewa.gov>**Cc:** Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>; White, Tamar <TWhite@bellevuewa.gov>**Subject:** Kelsey Creek Park

I understand that you plan to move the playground to higher ground - possibly on the hillside near 130th Place SE - just north of the entryway. I am concerned, because little children enjoy running off - and this is so very close to a very busy street. In fact, cars often "race" along this street - with no regard at all for children or pets or older people.

This proposed new location will be far from restrooms, far from the pastures - and far from the picnic area. I am wondering why you cannot "raise up" the ground under the present play area - put a low brick wall around it and a few wide steps to enter the area. Also - you may not know just how MUCH the little ones enjoy stepping from stone to stone in that little stream (recently landscaped) just west of the present playground. Unless you leave benches near there - parents will be less likely to let their little adventurers explore the rocky rivulet!

Please give careful consideration to my suggestions and warnings. Let me know what your plans are and when you want to begin.

Thank you, Jeri A (I live across from the park)

From: VanderHyden, Scott**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016 11:48 AM**To:****Cc:** parkboard <parkboard@bellevuewa.gov>; Solomonson, Annamarie <ASolomonson@bellevuewa.gov>; Kost, Glenn <GKost@bellevuewa.gov>**Subject:** FW: Kelsey Creek Park Playground Relocation and Renovation

Dear Jeri,

Thank you for the note of concern regarding the proposed Kelsey Creek Park playground relocation planned for later this year. The existing play equipment is located within a 'floodplain'. Filling in a floodplain is prohibited, thus raising the equipment is not a viable option. We believe that relocating the play area out of the floodplain is our best alternative, and are proposing it be relocated directly west of its current location, adjacent to the main north-south gravel pathway. This location is within eyesight and reasonable walking distance to the restrooms and is approximately 130' from 130th Pl SE. which we feel is an adequate distance from the road, especially with the presence of the existing fence. Regarding traffic concerns along 130th, we plan to include signage to caution drivers to slow down and/or children at play.

Regarding the recently landscaped “little stream” we plan to maintain some benches along with a few picnic tables in this area.

We will host an open house at Kelsey Creek Farm later this spring to introduce the play area project and to solicit comments. I encourage you to attend that open house. Please look for an invitation in the next few weeks, as well as public notice signs in the park. We will also provide updates on our Parks planning website as we firm-up our timeline and design.

Feel free to contact me if you have additional questions.

Thanks,
Scott

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