

GARDINER COMMON PUBLIC WORKSHOP QUESTIONNAIRE

Results from: 4 groups (G), 20 individual (I)

Please indicate the preferred style for amenities in the Common.

	<i>Check one</i>		
	Keep existing style	Same as Downtown	<i>Similar to Downtown (but unique style)</i>
Lighting/lampposts	 	I: 1	G: 3 (or same) I: 15
Benches	I: 1	I: 2	G: 3 (or same) I: 13
Trash receptacles	 	G: 1 I: 4	G: 2 (need more) I: 12

Group comment: Able to turn lights off? [stargazing]

Monuments:

Replace the iron fence surrounding the Civil War Memorial	G:4 I:15 agree I:3 disagree
Restore benches and (low) plantings for the Robinson Monument	G:4 I:19 agree disagree
Restore paths to and around monuments	G:4 I:18 agree I:1 disagree
Allow for future monuments on the O.C. Woodman lot	G:1 I:11 agree G:3 I:7 dis

Comments:

*[On the first three]: If cost allows; if affordable
Develop guidelines that would require a high bar for admittance of a new monument with a public review*

The gazebo should be: *[One group split, results not shown]*

G:1	I:6	Removed, at least temporarily, and consider replacement at a future date
G:1	I:7	Replaced (same style, same location); <i>add surveillance, lighting</i>
G:1	I:4	Other: <i>replace with original gazebo design, lighting, deal with security issues first</i>
	I:2	Other: same style but relocated

The playground should be:

G:2	I:10	Kept on the Common, moved away from the fountain
G:2	I:7	Relocated across the street to the O.C. Woodman lot

Other comments on the playground:

- ◆ *If on Common much smaller, new area and fenced; target age group; basketball court on Woodman site, limited pavement; green space maintained*
- ◆ *Would like it to be “natural” looking and muted colors and maybe have a skateboard park*
- ◆ *Really need to protect the fountain and add a fence*

Improvements & Maintenance Priorities

	<i>Check one</i>			
	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Don't Support
Have trees assessed by professional arborist, establish a tree maintenance and replacement plan	G:1 I:11	G:1 I:8	I:1	
Replace benches and picnic tables <i>Memorial benches [?]</i>	G:1 I:11	G:2 I:8	I:1	
Make improvements to the electrical infrastructure and add pedestrian scale lighting/lampposts	G:4 I:17	I:3		
Make improvements to the paths (resurfacing, edging, paved “aprons” at entrances)	G:4 I:19		I:1	
Have monuments cleaned		G:2 I:10	G:2 I:10	
Make other improvements to monuments (e.g. iron fence, paths around,	I:6	G:1 I:8	G:1 I:4	I:1
Upgrade signage (consistent with the Citywide signage design)	I:2	G:2 I:7	G:2 I:11	
Add interpretive/educational signage (e.g. history of the Common)	I:4	G:3 I:14	I:2	
Remove or replace the gazebo	G:2 I:15	I:5		
Replace the playground (<i>in location selected on opposite page</i>)	G:4 I:20			
Maintain the fountain in working condition <i>Add fence around it</i>	G:3 I:18	G:1 I:2		
Add fencing and benches to the Woodman site, consistent with the Common <i>beautify</i>	G:1 I:8	I:10	G:1 I:2	
Establish a historic district or overlay for the properties surrounding the Common	G:1 I:8		G:2 I:7	I:4
Explore options for addressing safety, vandalism, and other “youth concerns”, working with the GPD	G:4 I:19	I:1		
Other:				
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Other comments on the Plan for the Common:

- ◆ *Safety/vandalism/youth is highest priority, needs to be addressed as soon as possible; idea of having a sports center/skate park at alternative site to give teens an alternative site*
- ◆ *A patrolling officer on the Common & Waterfront with a K9 partner enforcing safe behavior; closing the Common at 10pm with fines to kids \$50 and no skateboarding; need maintenance funds for the Common/Woodman site; no organized sports on the Common*
- ◆ *Possible raised garden on Woodman; historic district contingent on people in the neighborhood*
- ◆ *Gay's Lane/boardwalk – direct connector to Waterfront*