



**Parks & Recreation
Commission Meeting**
April 21, 2011



Agenda – April 21, 2011

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| 1. | Approval of Agenda | Action |
| 2. | Approval of Minutes from March | Action |
| 3. | Approval of March Monthly Report | Action |
| 4. | Public Hearing: Maplewood Barn | Action |
| 5. | Scott's Branch Trail
alternate route (Council Report)* | Action |
| 6. | Bonnie View dogs and bikes policies
(Draft ordinance)* | Action |
| 7. | Commission Budget | |
| 8. | Council Items | |
| 9. | Park Project Update | |
| 10. | Recreation Services Update | |
| 11. | Commission Comments | |
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| 13. | Public Comments | |



4. Nifong Park Improvements

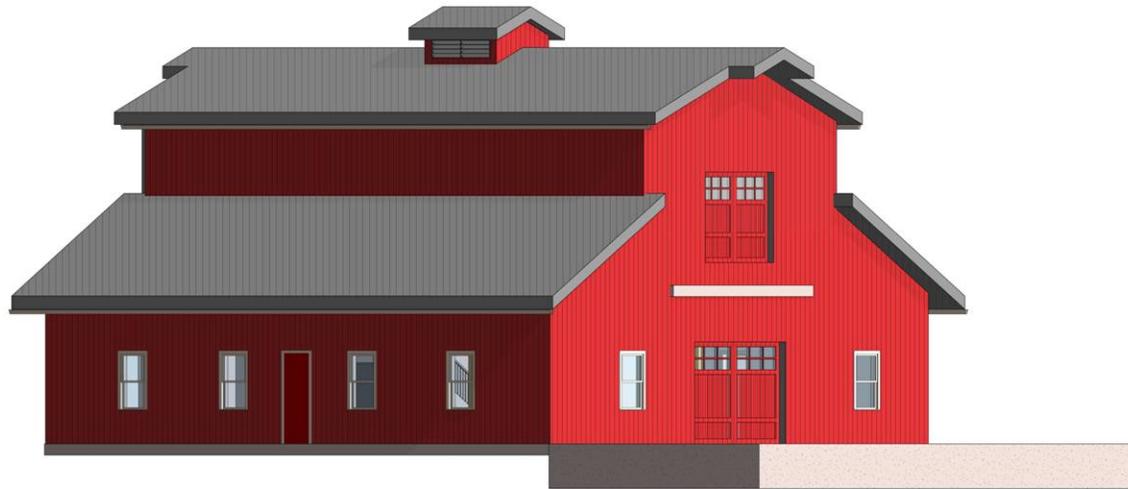
- April 5, 2010, a fire consumed the Maplewood Barn, home of the Maplewood Barn Theater Association.





Nifong Park Improvements

- Planners have been working with a planning committee consisting of representatives from
 - **Maplewood Barn Community Theater,**
 - **Boone County Historical Society,**
 - **Firefighters Local 1055,**
 - **Crockett Engineering, and**
 - **Ms. Lyria Bartlett, a local architect from Studio4.**
- Approximately, 10 working meetings and 4 public input meetings have been held with the final meeting held on Thursday, April 14, 2011.
- Funding for this project includes \$200,000 from Park Sales Tax, approximately \$90,000-\$100,000 from insurance, and \$50,000 in donations raised by the Maplewood Barn Theater.
- Staff believes that the attached plan represents a consensus of the public and fits within the scope of the project.



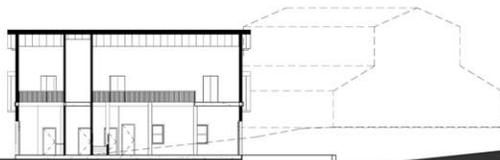
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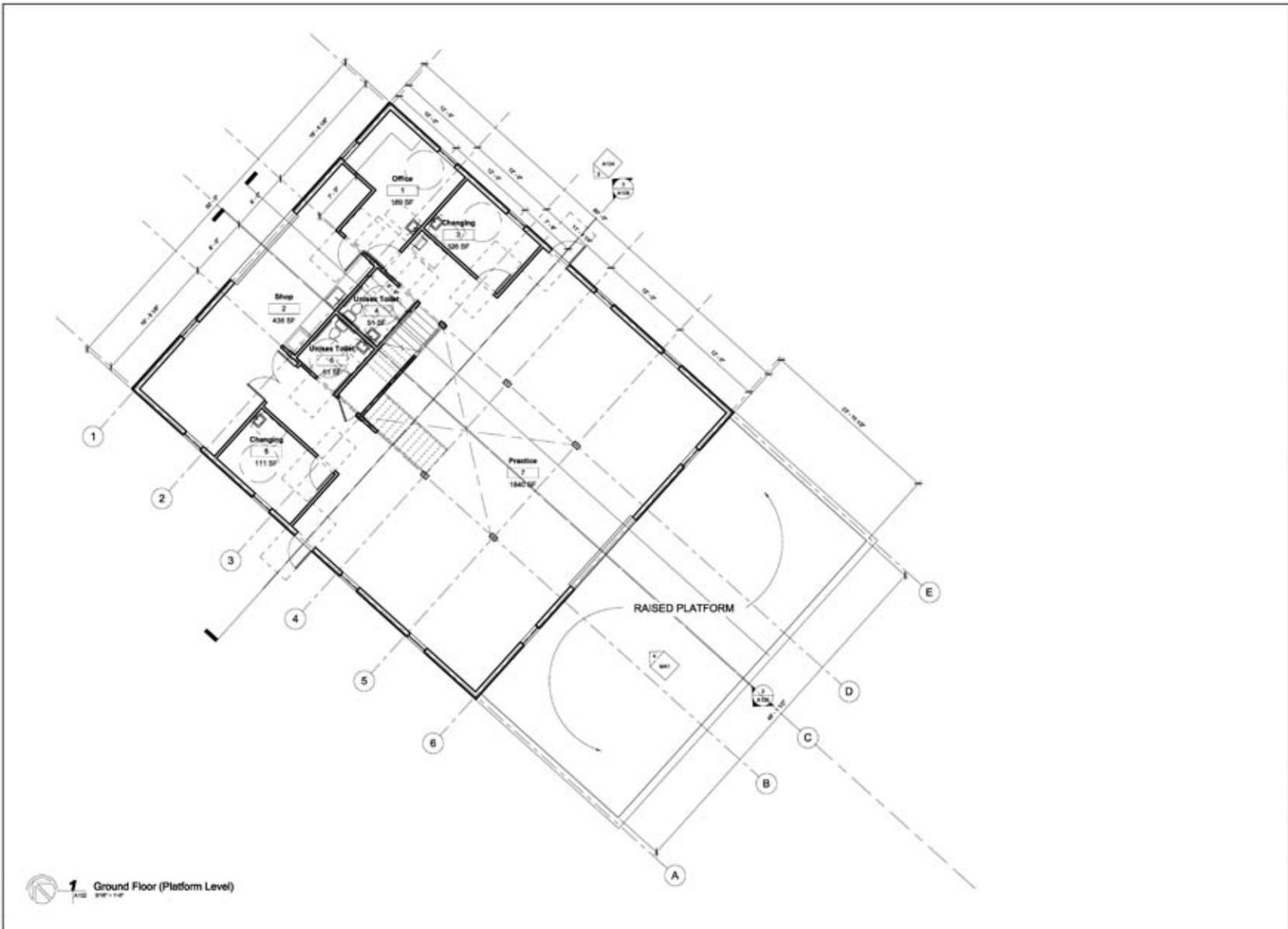


Site Diagram



Performance Elevation





preliminary
not for
construction

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Columbia, MO 65208
www.studio4columbia.com

Studio 4
architecture · design · planning

Maplewood Barn Theatre -
Nifong Park
Clear address here

ISSUE FOR	Preliminary
REVISION	DATE

Ground Floor

A102

PROJECT: 10-08

1 Ground Floor (Platform Level)
1/8" = 1'-0"

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Conclusion of Staff Presentation Solicit Public Comments

- Sign in to speak, including your name and address.
- When speaking, please state your name and address.
- Please limit comments to 3 minutes.



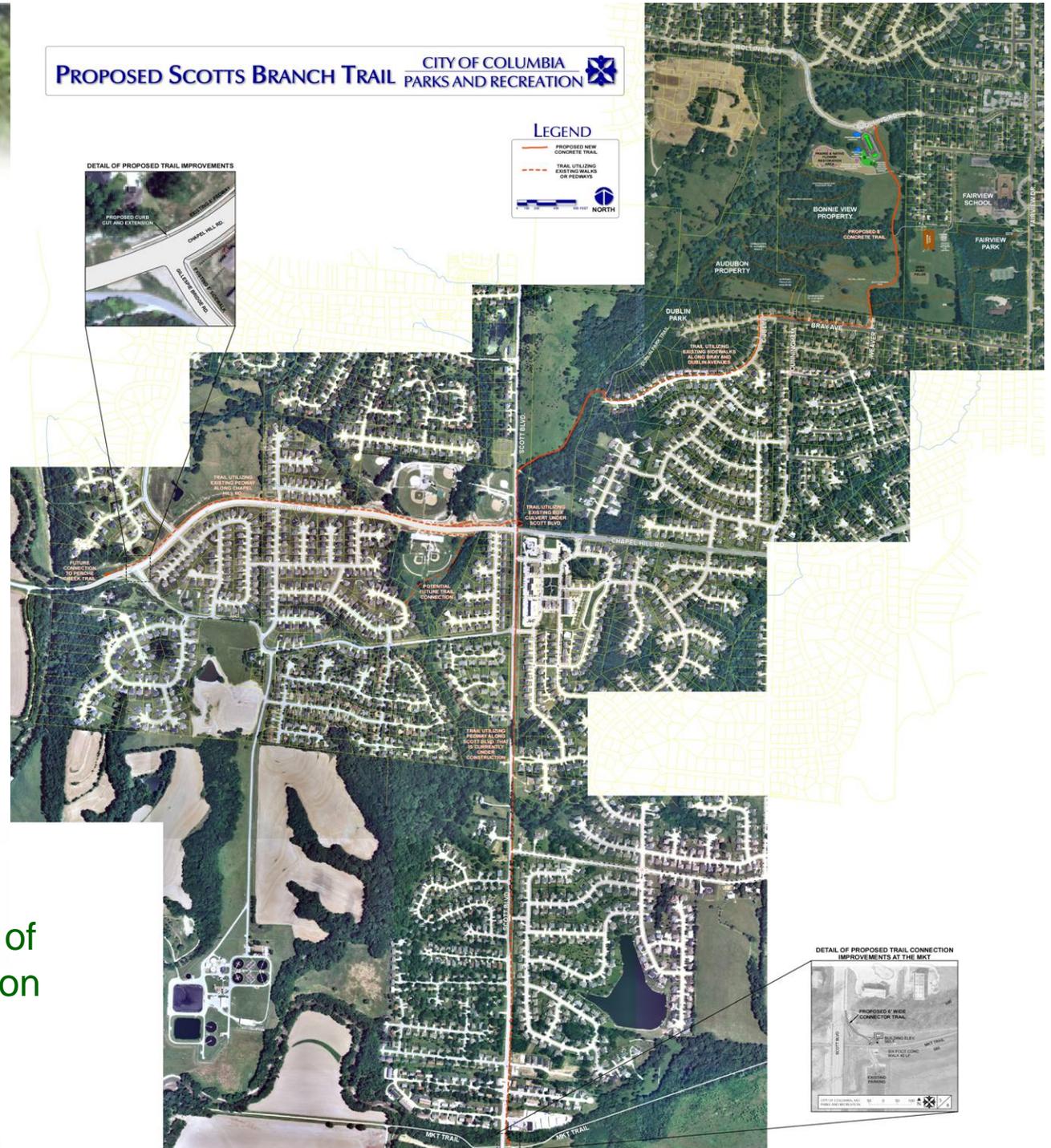
Conclusion of Public Comments: Commission Actions

- Motion to recommend approval of the Nifong Park Improvement project to the City Council;
 - **As presented by staff or**
 - **With changes as recommended by Commission**



5. Scott's Branch Trail Alternate Trail Route

P&R Commission recommended approval of the Scott's Branch Trail on February 17, 2011.





5. Alternate Trail Route

- On March 21, staff presented the proposed plan to Council
 - **Council tabled plan, pending review by Bike & Ped Commission.**
- At same meeting, Council requested a report on an alternate route that avoided sidewalks on Weaver, Bray and Dublin Streets.
- On April 4, Council referred this report to the following commissions for their comment:
 - **Disabilities Commission (April 14)**
 - **Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission (April 20)**
 - **Parks & Recreation Commission (April 21)**



5. Alternate Trail Route

- Staff investigated several options
- Least impact to Audubon property:
 - **Along southern edge of property out of view for most Audubon users**
 - **Utilize topography to minimize cutting**
 - **Construct with small Bobcat Skidsteer loaders**
 - **Use construction easement of 20-30 feet to allow trail to go around physical features such as trees**
 - **Offer to plant screening materials as requested (trees, Prairie restoration, etc)**
 - **Purchase easement at fair market value or trade land**



BONNIE VIEW NATURE SANCTUARY CITY OF COLUMBIA
PROPOSED SCOTTS BRANCH TRAIL PARKS AND RECREATION

MARCH 23, 2011





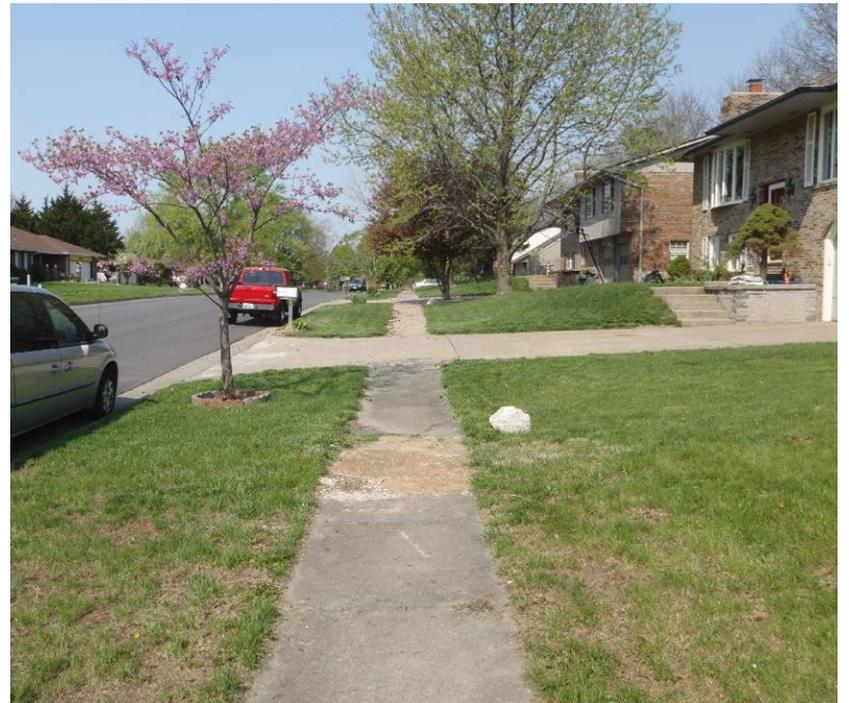
Alternate Trail Route

- Park staff presented this alternate trail proposal to representatives of the Columbia Audubon Society.
- Proposal was not acceptable to the Audubon Society. Society voted as an organization to oppose any trail that allows bicycles on their property.
- With this understanding, staff removed this route from the plan and proposed the current plan that utilizes streets/sidewalks.

Concerns Raised Regarding Sidewalks

- 33 driveways and 5-6 intersections
- Cars and misc items often block routes forcing users into streets
- National Highway Safety Administration indicates a majority of bicycle accidents happen at intersections & residential driveways

Presented at earlier public meetings



Questions by Commissioners/Public

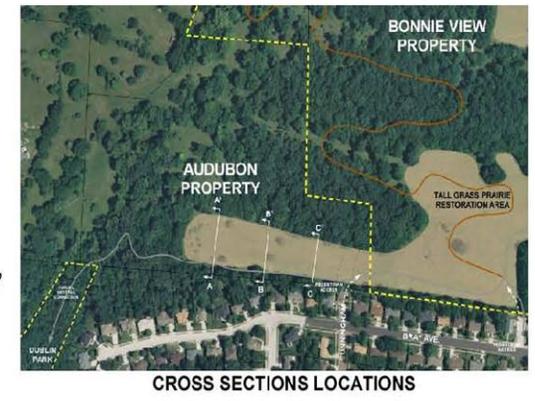
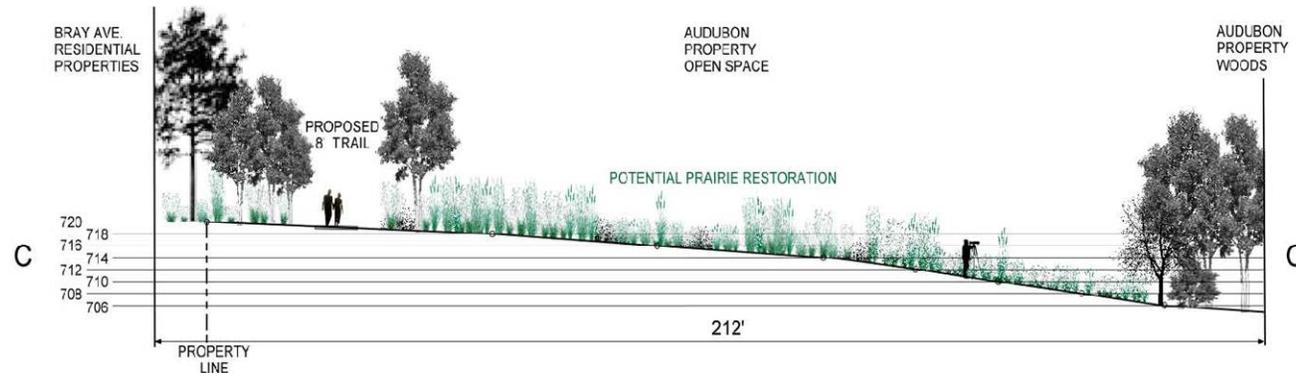
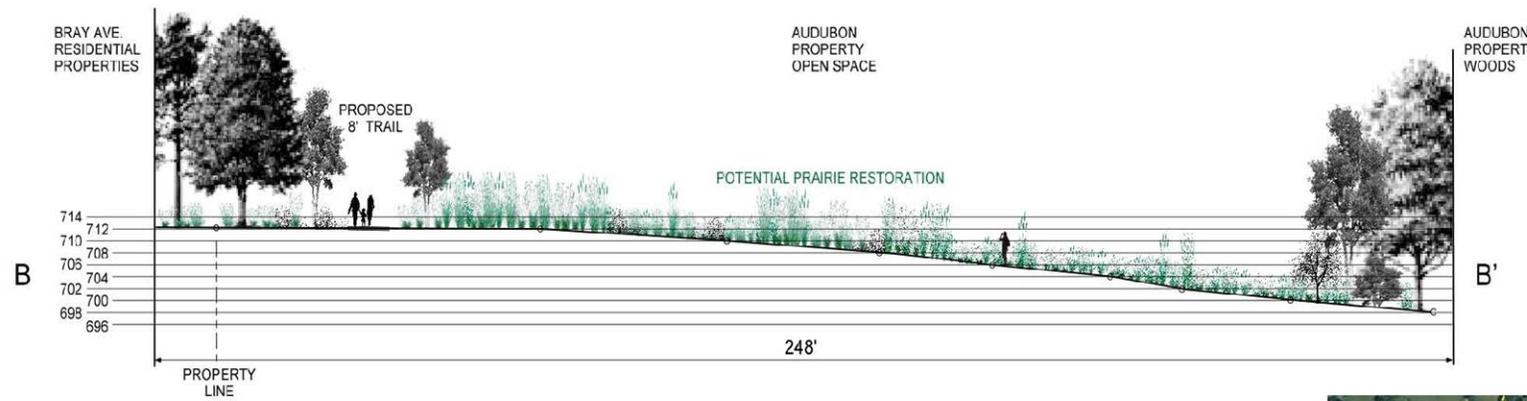
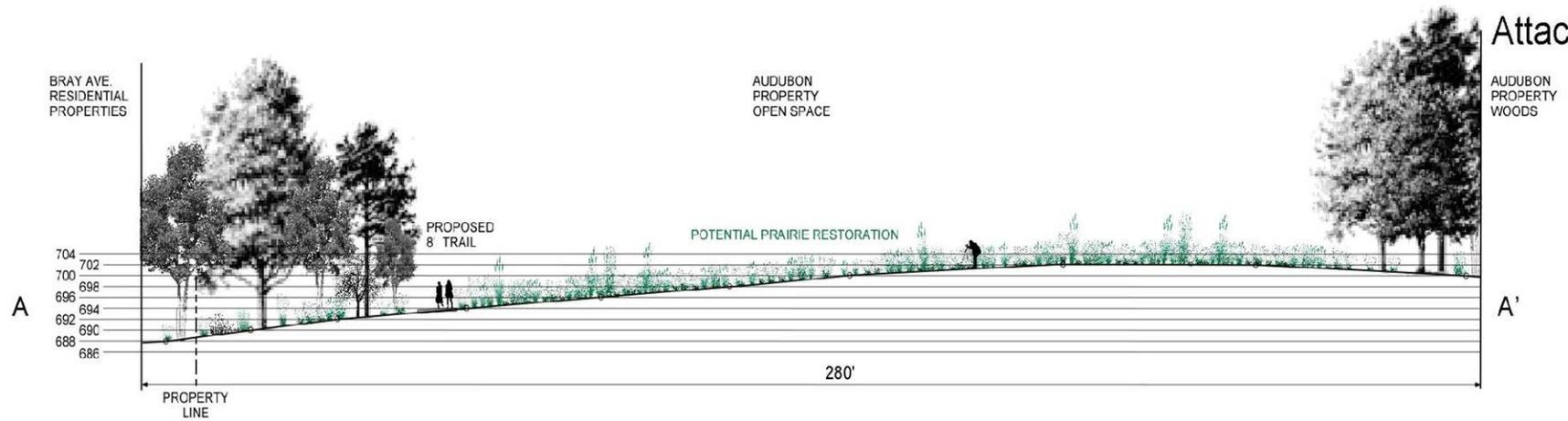
- Can bicycles use sidewalks?
 - **Yes, bicycles may be ridden on sidewalks except for downtown.**
- Could Park Sales Tax funds be used to repair or widen the sidewalks on Weaver, Bray and Dublin Streets?
 - **Doubtful.**
 - Sidewalk maintenance is the responsibility of the homeowner.
 - PST funds may be used to construct Pedways (8-10 ft wide). Final legal confirmation is required.
 - Park staff is not recommending a Pedway be constructed on Weaver, Bray and Dublin due to numerous driveway intersections.



Questions

- How would the alternate trail impact the Audubon property topographically?





BONNIE VIEW PARK - AUDUBON PROPERTY PROPOSED TRAIL CROSS SECTIONS
 CITY OF COLUMBIA PARKS AND RECREATION 3-23-11



Questions

- How much would the alternate trail cost and is there enough funding in the project?
 - The alternate route is approx 3,500 feet and with culverts and A/E fees, staff estimates cost to be in the \$120,000-\$150,000 range.
 - Total project budget of \$980,000 would allow for construction of alternate trail if so desired.
- Has the City condemned property for trails in the past? If so, how often and when?
 - Yes. The actual ordinance for most property acquisition includes condemnation language:



Sample Acquisition Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE

declaring the need to acquire land herein described to provide a neighborhood park; authorizing acquisition by negotiation, or, if necessary, by condemnation; authorizing the City Manager to obtain and execute all instruments necessary for acquisition of such land; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

WHEREAS, the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Missouri and the Home Rule Charter for the City of Columbia, Missouri, authorize the City Council to exercise the power of eminent domain, within or without the City, and among other things, to acquire, and maintain any property, real or personal within or without the City for all public uses or purposes, and to acquire, receive and hold any estate or interest in any such property; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems it necessary for the welfare and improvement of the City and in the public interest that certain private property be acquired by negotiation or by condemnation for public improvement.



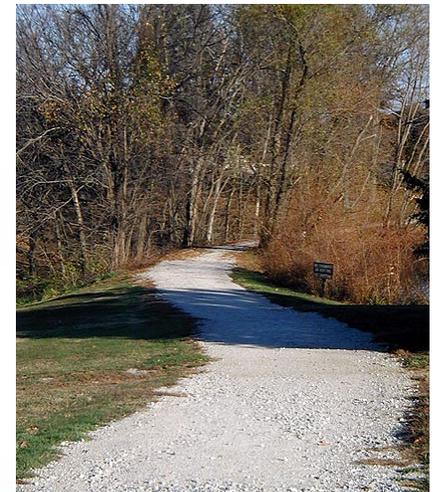
Questions

- Has the City condemned property for trails in the past? **If so, how often and when?**
 - **Condemnations were included on these recent and current trail properties:**
 - South Fork Grindstone (2 properties)
 - Hominy Branch Phase I (2 properties)
 - Providence Road Trail (2 properties)
 - Scott's Branch Trail (land btwn Dublin Park and Scott Blvd)
 - **Several others were filed but were settled prior to court date.**



Questions

- Would the City consider a gravel trail through the Audubon property?
 - Yes. The construction of a 8 foot wide gravel trail through the Audubon property is acceptable, but is not recommended due to:
 - **Gravel is vulnerable to washouts;**
 - **Washouts would have to be repaired with maintenance equipment/vehicles;**
 - **Ongoing trail maintenance.**





Concludes Staff Presentation





6. Bonnie View Dogs & Bikes: Draft Ordinance Review

- During planning process, management of bikes and dogs were discussed.
- Bikes: Allow, but restrict bikes only to hard surface trails?
 - **Concern over bikes causing damage to nature trails and impacting flora and fauna.**
- Dogs: Allow dogs in the Bonnie View property or prohibit dogs?



6. Bonnie View Dogs & Bikes: Draft Ordinance Review

- February 17, 2011 P&R Commission voted to recommend restricting bikes to hard surface trails and prohibit dogs in Bonnie View.
- On March 21, Council, as a compromise, requested an ordinance be drafted that would restrict bikes to hard surface trails and prohibit dogs south of Rollins Road, unless the dog is on-leash and on the Scott's Branch Trail or the trail leading from the Scott's Branch Trail to Fairview Park.



Council Bill 102-11

Chapter 17 of the Code of Ordinances

**Sec. 17-115. Bonnie View Nature Sanctuary;
limitations on dogs and cycles.**

- a. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or responsible for a dog to allow the dog to be in any portion of Bonnie View Nature Sanctuary south of Rollins Road unless the dog is held on a leash by a competent person and is on the Scott's Branch Trail or the trail leading from the Scott's Branch Trail to Fairview Park.**
- b. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a cycle, as defined in Sec. 17-140, in Bonnie View Nature Sanctuary other than on a hard surfaced area.**



PROJECTS FUNDED IN BONNIE VIEW PARK (FUNDING AVAILABLE 2011) FUNDED BY 2005 PARK SALES TAX

- SHELTER AND REST ROOM
- 40 CAR PARKING LOT
- PRAIRIE WILD FLOWER RESTORATION
- ADA ACCESSIBLE AND NATURAL SURFACE TRAILS
- CONNECTING TRAILS TO ADJACENT RESIDENTIAL STREETS AND FAIRVIEW SCHOOL
- STORM WATER IMPROVEMENT STRUCTURES

NOTE: SEE PHASE 1 FUNDED PLAN TO SEE WHAT WILL BE BUILT WITH CURRENT FUNDING.

PROJECTS FUNDED IN FAIRVIEW PARK (FUNDING AVAILABLE 2014) FUNDED BY 2010 PARK SALES TAX

- REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING SHELTER
- 20 CAR PARKING LOT
- PLAYGROUND
- SEASONAL PARKING AND WATER TO SERVE GARDEN PLOT AREA
- IMPROVEMENTS TO NATURAL TRAILS

NOTE: SEE PHASE 1 FUNDED PLAN TO SEE WHAT WILL BE BUILT WITH CURRENT FUNDING.

LEGEND

- NATURAL SURFACE TRAIL
- CONCRETE TRAIL



- On April 4, it was suggested that it might be more appropriate to consider bikes/dogs at the same meeting at which the final routing of Scott's Branch Trail will be acted upon.
- Such action would also allow the Parks and Recreation Commission to review and comment on the recommendations included in Council Bill 102-11 at their April 21 Commission meeting.
- Council has tabled this issue until their May 16, 2011 meeting.

Concludes Staff Presentation



7. Commission Budget

Parks and Recreation Commission FY'11 Budget

Printing	\$55.00
Postage	\$165.00
Food	\$110.00
Travel	\$854.00
Registration & Tuition	\$666.00
Dues	\$900.00
Total	\$2,750.00



8. Council Items



9. Park Project Update





**Columbia Municipal Airport/
Cosmo Park
Named Most Notable Property**



**Dedication
scheduled
Sunday,
June 19,
2:00 pm**



Clyde Wilson Park Eagle Scout Project





Armory Sports Center Painting Project





American Legion Ballfield Backstop Netting





Albert Oakland Pool Refurbished SCS Structure





Parks Management Center CORE Initiative





ARC Replacing Flooring



Area of completion



Area in progress



American Legion Park Ballfield Sodding





L.A. Nickell Golf Course

#12 Tee





Indian Hills Park Dog Park





Lange Park Swingset Added





Cosmo-Bethel Park Raingarden – CARP Project





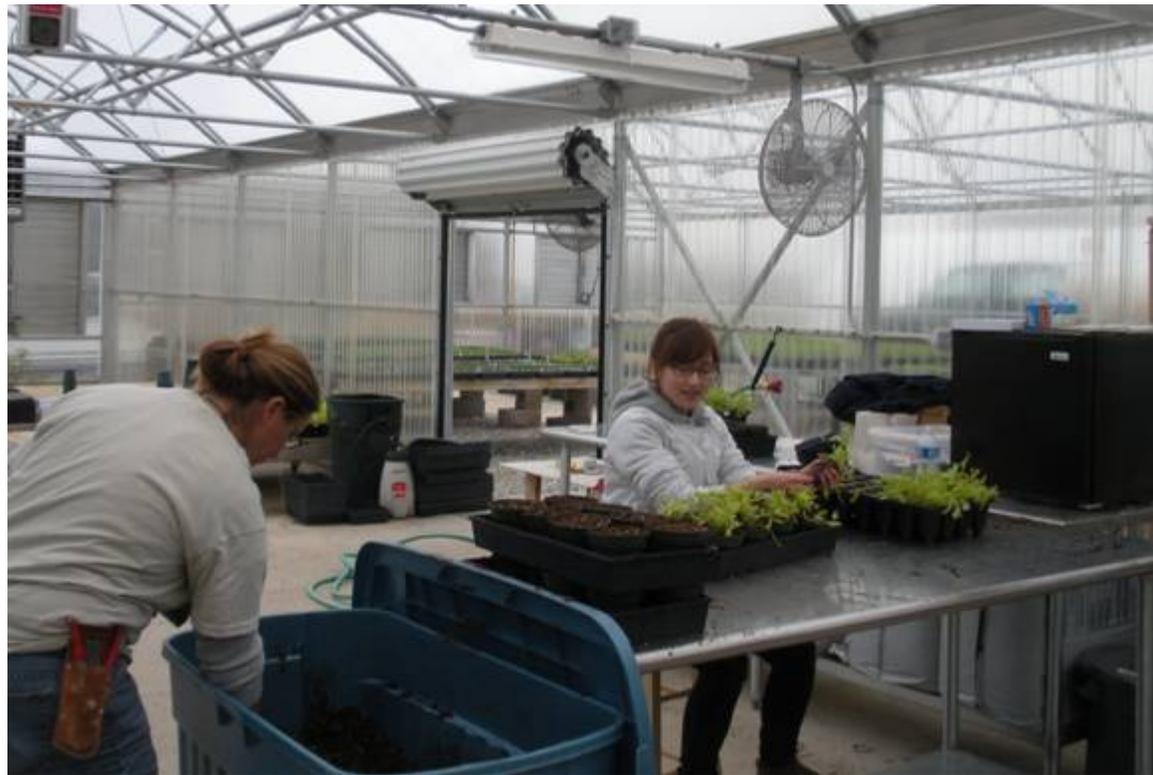
Parks Management Center Internship



Kansas State University –
Landscape Architecture
Program



PMC Greenhouse Operation



University of Missouri I-Leap Internship
through Asian Affairs Office



Forestry

22 Trees Transplanted from PMC Tree Nursery





10. Recreation Services Update



Train Show

More than 800 attended the event, largest turnout ever.





Tons of Trucks

One of biggest crowds ever; about 6,000 attended





Kite Flying Day





“Sew What?”

sewing class at the Armory, running through May





Blue Thunder Track Club

participates in Clean Up Columbia





CARE

Interviewing to replace program coordinator

More than 250 interviews conducted for the summer, program begins June 13.

Four employer orientations have been held, all job site locations have been identified

The Missouri Option program is wrapping up for the school year.





OAK

Explorers recently visited renovated MU Student Center

Overnight May trip planned to Biltmore Estate, Charleston and Savannah





Life Enrichment

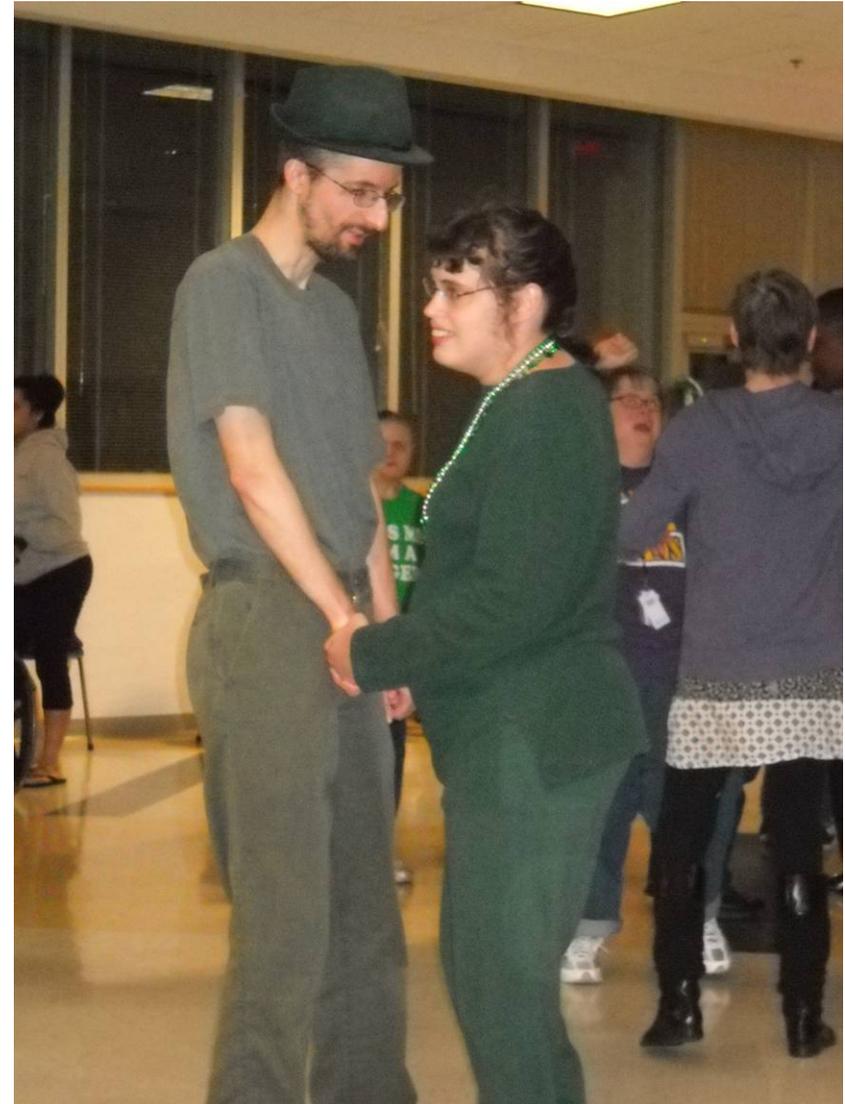
New dance workshop: Texas Two-Step





Adapted Recreation

Monthly dances have been well-attended with an average participation of 90.





Upcoming Events

- Egg Hunt EGGstravaganza, April 23
- Movies in the Park: *Megamind*, May 6
- Hershey Track and Field, May 7
- Paquin Art Show, May 7
- Heritage Weekend, May 14-15
- Pitch, Hit and Run, May 14
- Kids Bike Safety Event, May 14
- Bike, Walk and Wheel Week, May 14-21
- Family Fun Fest: Fitness is Fun, May 18
- Philips Dedication/Fishing Derby, May 21
- BWWW 5K/10K Run/Walk/Bike, May 21



11. Commission Comments

12. Staff Comments

13. Public Comments

A photograph of a large field of yellow daffodils in bloom. The flowers are bright yellow with orange centers, and their green leaves are visible. The field is set in a park-like environment with trees and a large rock in the background. A green banner is overlaid on the top left of the image.

Adjourned

Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs