

## Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

February 17, 2011



## Agenda – February 17, 2011

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| 1. Approval of Agenda                           | Action |
| 2. Approval of Minutes from January             | Action |
| 3. Approval of January Monthly Report           | Action |
| 4. Public Hearing: Bonnie View Park Master Plan | Action |
| 5. Public Hearing: Scott's Branch Trail         | Action |
| 6. Council Items                                |        |
| 7. Capital Project Update                       |        |
| 8. Recreation Services Update                   |        |
| 9. Commission Comments                          |        |
| 10. Staff Comments                              |        |
| 11. Public Comments                             |        |

## Bonnie View and Fairview Park Master Plan



All info in this presentation is available on City's website:  
[http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com/ParksandRec/  
CapitalImprovementPage](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com/ParksandRec/CapitalImprovementPage).

## History of Planning Process

- **1999:** Acquired Garland Russell 90-acre farm property through donation
- **2002:** P&R started planning process for Bonnie View.
- **2002-2003:** Department develops several options and presents them to the public and the Planning & Zoning and P&R Commissions.
- **March 2004:** Council held a work session to discuss the Bonnie View Park Master Plan. Council tables planning process until funding is available.
- **Nov 2005:** Park Sales Tax ballot issue includes \$300,000 for Phase I development.
- **November 2008:** Council approved an ordinance removing Cunningham Road from the Major Roadway Plan.
- **2009:** \$300,000 is budgeted in the Capital Improvement Program for the development of Bonnie View property for the City's Fiscal Year 2010.

## History of Planning Process

- **September 2009:** Parks and Recreation Department presents report to Council on Bonnie View property master planning process.
  - Council cites several changes that has occurred since last plan:
    - Rollins Road constructed at lower than anticipated elevation
    - Cunningham Road removed from City's road master plan
    - Input from PW/Columbia Public School District on ways to alleviate traffic and/or create "walking school bus" around Fairview Elementary
    - Desire to plan Bonnie View, Fairview, and with permission, property owned by Audubon
- Council instructs department to start master planning process anew.

## History of Planning Process

- **October 2009:** Parks and Recreation Department starts Bonnie View property master planning process.
- **2009-2010:** Department conducts 14 public input and special interest group meetings.

Date/Time	Group/Agency	Location
October 7, 2009	Public Meeting	ARC
January 29, 2010	Audubon Society	Parks Management Center
March 22, 2010	Fairview Elementary School and PTA representatives	Fairview Elementary School
April 20, 2010	Fairview Community of Christ Church	Parks Management Center
May 11, 2010	Sierra Club	Regular Sierra Club meeting
May 25, 2010; 6:00pm	Fairview "Neighbors on the Go"	Fairview Park Shelter (includes walking tour of Bonnie View Park)
June 10, 2010; 1:00pm	PedNet	Gentry Building
June 16, 2010; 7:00pm	Fairview garden plot users	Fairview Park garden spots
June 23, 2010; 6:00pm	Fairview tennis court users	Fairview Park tennis courts
July 29, 2010; 6:00pm	Lakeshore Estates Neighborhood Association	Fairview Shelter
Multiple dates/times: August 2010 to Dec 2010	Soccer Club, Youth Football League, Diamond Council	During their standard meeting times.
Dec 30, 2010; 1:00 pm	Audubon (Pres & Site)	Parks Management Center



## History of Planning Process

- **January 26, 2011:** Following these meetings, staff prepared the proposed 2011 Bonnie View Park Master Plan and presented it to the public.
- Plan included:
  - **Bonnie View Master Plan**
  - **Fairview Park Master Plan**
  - **Scott's Branch Trail**
- The Master Plan shows all amenities and the "Funded" Option shows items proposed for development.





Weaver Access



Plymouth Access



Westport Access



Unnamed Stub Access



Rollins Roundabout



Future West Lawn Access



Creek Through the Field



Creek in the Woods



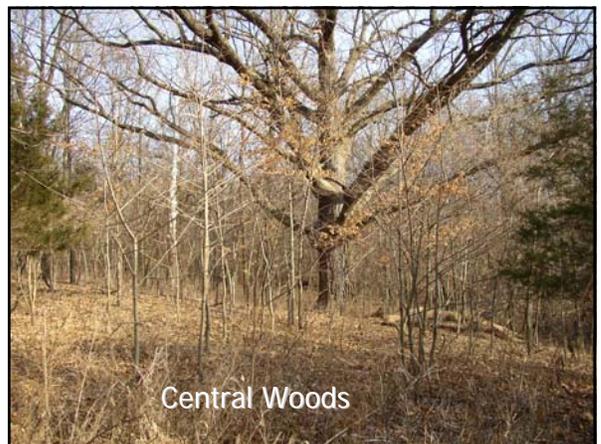
Rolling Topography



Scott's Branch



Oak Savanna

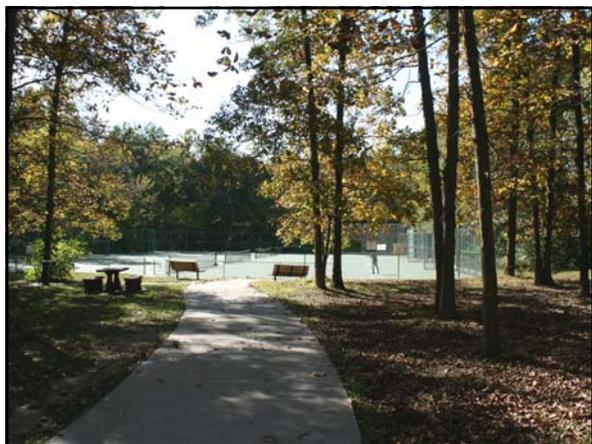


Central Woods



### Fairview Park Photos

Fairview Park Photos





## 2011 Bonnie View Park Master Plan

Including Fairview Park and the Scott's Branch Trail plans



## Bonnie View Park Master Plan

- **North of Rollins Road:** Originally proposed shelter/playground. Removed it due to opposition & are proposing that the land be left as natural open space.

- **Rollins Road Parking, Shelter, ADA & Fairview Trail**
  - Primary vehicle access
  - 80 car parking designed for busses
  - Prairie & native flower restoration area surrounded by ADA concrete trail
  - Natural surface trails
  - Reservable mid-sized shelter (26x46) & outdoor classroom
  - Small restroom
  - Natural playground
  - Trailhead for Scott's Branch
  - Connecting trails to Westport & Fairview Elem

## Prairie and Native Flower Restoration Areas

- 2.5+/- acre site will be bordered by a concrete ADA accessible trail with interpretative signs and displays.
- Staff is proposing a higher percentage (approximately 50%) of forbs to be planted to create an enhanced prairie area.



## Natural Surface Trails

- Trails mowed paths in turf areas.
- Trails cleared in woody area.
- Marked with trail wayfinding signs similar to National Park Service.



### Tall Grass Prairie Restoration (unfunded)

- Fescue turf fields to be replaced.
- Approx 12 acres, 3.5 of those acres on Audubon.

### Savanna and Forest Restoration (unfunded)

- Managed by adding Burr Oaks and other species that can handle the periodic burns that naturally occur in savanna areas.
- Mowing will cease in future wooded restoration areas to allow trees to grow.

### Wetland Restoration Area (unfunded)

- Seasonal wetland pools that mimic natural wetland ecosystems.
- Adding variety of bird, mammal and plant species on the site.

- Area south & north of Rollins may be used for storm water control, as needed.

### Fairview Park Plan

- Funding included in the 2010 Park Sales Tax ballot issue.
- \$175,000 in FY-2014
- Further discussion in 2013-2014 when funding available
- No changes:
  - Open play fields
  - Tennis court area



### Fairview Park Plan-Shelter Area

- Replace shelter
- New playground near shelter
- 20 car lot on Fairview school property
- Connecting trail to Bonnie View




### Fairview Park Plan-Garden Plots

- Improvements to Garden Plots (water)
- Seasonal parking lot off Plymouth Dr.
  - 20 cars
  - Grass pavers/porous lot construction
  - Gated/Secure lot
  - Open March-Oct




### Fairview Park Plan-Natural Areas

- Pond improvements to Mo Dept of Conservation standards (w/school use in mind)
- Forest restoration (2.7 acres)
- Improve nature trail




### Scott's Branch Trail – Phase I & II

- Trail funded in 2005 Park Sales Tax
- Phase I: Connect Bonnie View to Scott Blvd
- Phase II: Scott Blvd to future Perche Creek Trail
  - Chapel Hill Rd/Gillespie Bridge Rd intersection
- Trail under Scott Blvd
  - Box culvert added during current Scott Blvd const project
- Trail to MKT Scott via Scott Blvd pedway




### Scott's Branch Trail – Bonnie View

- 8-ft concrete trail
  - **Downsized from 10-ft**
- Connects to Rollins Road pedway & parking lot
- Connecting sections to Westport & Fairview Elem
- Connects to Weaver stub street




### Scott's Branch Trail

- From Bonnie View, trail uses sidewalks on Bray and Dublin.
  - Bray sidewalks: 4-ft
  - Dublin sidewalks: 4-ft
- From Dublin Park, existing trail easements route trail to Scott Blvd (8-ft).
- East of Scott: Trail users may travel south on the Scott Blvd pedway to the MKT Trail-Scott Access or;
- West of Scott: Use Scott Blvd underpass to get to west side of Scott Blvd and travel west on Chapel Hill pedway.




### Scott's Branch Trail: Scott Blvd to Gillespie Bridge Rd

- Trail comes out south of Little League fields.
- Follows Chapel Hill pedway, past Louisville Drive and opposite of Gillespie Bridge Road intersection.
- Connection to future Perche Creek trail delayed until that trail is funded.




### Proposed Scott's Branch Trail Funding

- Scott's Trail Funding
  - Phase I \$780,00
  - Phase II \$790,000
  - Total \$1,570,000
- Note: As a result of proposed revisions to trail route, costs are expected to be less than funded amount. Any unused funding will be deferred or moved to another trail project.
- Items included in funding:
  - 6' Fairview Elem connector
  - 8' Rollins to Weaver
  - 8' Dublin to Scott Blvd
  - Bridge at Dublin Park
  - Engineering/Permits
  - Connections at Scott Blvd underpass
  - Connections at Scott Blvd/MKT Trail
  - Connections at Chapel Hill and Gillespie Bridge
  - Bike rack
  - Misc signs



### Proposed Bonnie View Funded Amenities

- Bonnie View Funding
  - \$300,000 2005 PST
- Items included for funding:
  - Restroom
  - Rain gardens
  - Prairie Restoration
  - Natural trail
  - Culvert pipe for trails
  - Landscape grass
  - Bike rack
- Items included in funding:
  - 6' ADA Nature Trail
  - 6' Connecting walkways
  - 40 car lot (50% of final plan)
  - Parking lot lights
  - Shelter
  - Restroom
  - Misc signs



### Bonnie View Management Issues: Bikes and Dogs

- 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?

### Dogs: Advantages and Disadvantages

<p><b>Allow dogs on leash</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current policy at all parks.</li> <li>• Some nature areas are actually off-leash areas:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Grindstone, Garth, Bear Creek (Cosmo)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Many adjacent homeowners have dogs.</li> <li>• Disadvantage:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Studies show dogs even on leash, impact flora and fauna, particularly birds.</li> <li>– Dog feces impact water quality.</li> <li>– Maint costs of mutt-mitts</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Prohibit Dogs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates nature area friendly to flora and fauna.</li> <li>• Creates a public park for those that are uncomfortable around dogs.</li> <li>• Audubon property prohibits dogs.</li> <li>• Off leash dog park nearby at Twin Lakes.</li> <li>• Dog feces not a problem.</li> <li>• Disadvantage:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Difficult to enforce.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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### Management Issues

- As part of public testimony, please discuss your thoughts on the issues of bikes and dogs.
- Bikes: Allow, but restrict to hard surface?
- Dogs: Allow or prohibit dogs?
- Other?

### 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.

Thank you for participating in this process!






### Conclusion of Public Comments: Commission Actions

- Motion to recommend the Bonnie View Park Master Plan to the City Council;
  - As presented by staff or
  - With changes as recommended by Commission
  - With management recommendations for bikes and dogs
- Motion to recommend the Scott's Branch Trail Plan to the City Council;
  - As presented by staff or
  - With changes as recommended by Commission
- Commission may also table action until March meeting.

## 6. Council Items

## 7. Capital Project Update



### Antimi Concession Building Tournament Room Improvements



Before                      Painting in Progress

### Cosmo Park New Entry Sign Underway



**Armory Sports Center  
New Paint & Improvements**



**Rock Quarry Park  
Stripped & Waxed  
Wood Floors**



**LOW Clubhouse  
New Work Surfaces in Office**



**L.A. Nickell Golf Course  
New Work Surfaces in Office**



**LOW Clubhouse  
Replaced Ladies' Room Tile**



**LA Nickell Golf Course  
Tournament Scoreboard**



**3M Urban Restoration Project  
Mapping Area and Clearing  
Brush**



**Stephens Lake Park  
Snow Removal**



**Parks Management Center  
Assisted with Emergency Snow Removal**



**8. Recreation Services Update**

**ARC – Boot Camp**



**Happy New U**



## Special Olympics

Columbia College Basketball night: Four teams scrimmaged during halftime of a Columbia College game.



## Black History Month activities



*Underground Railroad shown Feb 9*

## Sho-Me Sho-Stoppers



*Dance group that meets at the Armory*

## Piano and Keyboarding



*New class that just began at Armory; has filled quickly, intermediate class has been added.*

## Fun for Lil' Ones



*Kids in the Kitchen: Kids learned to measure and bake, making cupcakes, pizza and quesadillas.*



*Valentine's Party: Preschoolers made their own valentines, crowns and painted flower pots.*

## Life Enrichment



*Fencing continues to be a popular class, held at Rock Quarry House.*

## Adult Sports



Registration is open for summer softball.

## Upcoming Events

- Spring/Summer Leisure Times, March 2
- 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Train Show, March 19
- Tons of Trucks, April 6
- Kite Flying Day, April 9
- Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt, April 15
- Family Fun Fest: Teen Fest, April 20
- Egg Hunt EGGstravaganza, April 23

- 9. Commission Comments
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## Adjourned

Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs

**Scott Blvd Underpass**

- Built as part of Scott Blvd road project.
- Open when road work is complete.

**Chapel Hill Pedway West Terminus**



**Chapel Hill Pedway Gillespie Bridge**



**Scott Blvd  
Pedway:  
Connection to  
MKT**

