Please comment on what you like about the proposed potential improvements. Please be concise.


- Shelter improvements! Keeping natural setting - Like that no plans to take out lots of trees. LED Lighting! Playground at southwest shelter area (great way to bring more families in). Girl Scout project! YAY! Better marking of trails a must!

- ADA accessibility is great. Lighting improvements LED lights – Super! If extra money available a restroom would be nice. Not interested in a playground. Enough playgrounds in the area, Russel School for example.

- Good Shelter improvements. Would support a neighborhood playground. What support can the neighborhood give?

- Priorities: 1. Clear honeysuckle - for safety/security + promotion of native plants. 2. Improve/maintain trails - improve trail beds for better walking (older residents). Better marked so people are aware of them, clear undergrowth back= better visibility/distance from poison ivy. 3. Maintenance of structures. 4. Augment existing structures/facilities – eg: Adding bathrooms on Maplewood side. 5. Lowest priority would be playground because play facility already exist in area. A benefit would be added use = Control of crime/safety.

- Upgrades sound good. Playground will be used - however no essential. Online reservations – Make them known. Use funds with view to active use by neighborhood and coordinate with Russell School. Glad ADA will be done.

- I like it overall. The shelter needs upgrades. I like getting it up to ADA code – the new roof, new concrete, parking lot. I really like the idea of identifying the trails with markers and a map with official maintained trails.

- Shelter and bathroom with better lighting. Trails marked and maintained. Rid of honeysuckle – good luck.

- Mark trails to Gregory C. Doyle benches.

- I think funds should be focused on improving existing shelters. I like the idea of updating lighting and improving the overall tidiness of the shelter areas. There need to be more trashcans and signage in the parking areas. (Signs that say something like "Be a good neighbor, put your trash in the trashcan." "Children play here." "Leave only footprints." Thank you for enjoying Kiwanis Park, please put your trash in trashcans,"etc.) I also think the green fixed trashcans are more sightly and tidy than the old black barrels that are currently being used. Perhaps adding landscaping between the eastern shelter and the parking lot so that the shelter area is more open and tidy which would reduce vandalism. Another thing that would greatly improve the tidiness of park and the grounds of Russell Boulevard Elementary are dog waste stations. One near each parking lot would be ideal. The waste station in the western parking lot needs to be placed on the north end of the parking lot near the trail that leads to the the Russell Outdoor Classroom area.

- Use park money to plant trees around town!!! Rarely-used shelters do not need to be constantly rehabbed! We All need more shade in concrete & blacktop areas of town!!

- I like the infrastructure upgrades and attention this potentially beautiful Columbia park is getting.

- I would like to let you know that, in my opinion, the most important and valuable improvement to the park would be the elimination of underbrush, particularly honeysuckle bushes. Elimination of the underbrush would improve safety in our neighborhood by increasing visibility into the park. There appears to be frequent
drug trafficking in the park, which is encouraged by visibility being obscured. Also, this would add a lot to the beauty of the park, as well.

What would you change about the proposed potential improvements? Please be concise.

- Nothing, really. Maintenance + patrolling to discourage vandalism + enhance upkeep and safe use are key. Thank you so much for this plan and opportunity for input.
- Everything is good but NO Playground! We want to keep our trees. Thank you!
- Visibility of process – No notice except 2 very small signs.
- Not much. But I would like kayak rentals and paddle boat rentals at a park lake and a boathouse that serves beer like Forest Park in St Louis. Maybe the new park, Philips Lake, or the dog park at Twin Lakes.
- Will there or can be motion detection lights for driveways – safety issues etc. I like the forest feeling, – don’t go wild cutting brush and trees.
- My family and I enjoy the natural landscape of Kiwanis park. I think it is a priority to maintain the wilderness and habitat that is Kiwanis Park. I don't think a playground should be added with this project. I think it would look out of place and would be subject to vandalism and littered with trash. In the future, when more funds are available and the needed repairs have been completed, a more natural playscape could be added and keep with the wilderness feel of the park. It is imperative with any plans that are completed that long term maintenance be part of the plan. It would be nice to have more regular park ranger presence in the park. More regular cleanup of the parking lots and emptying of trash cans would also be ideal. I don't think money should be spent on parking lots since they are sufficient and don't add to the usability and ambiance of the space. In regards to marking the trails: I think the more simple the map the better. Marking one or two trail loops in the park and then simply marking the other trails as connectors. So the map would only have 2 or 3 different colors used on the map. Thank you so much for working on this project!
- Keep it simple and as durable as possible.
- -a wider bike-friendly trail loop
- -a paved/asphalt wheelchair friendly loop
- -heavy and extensive honeysuckle removal (excavate as necessary)
- -occasional entertainment (sunday afternoon blues bands, soft ambience, etc.)
- -outdoor sculptures (Can 1% city art tax apply to kiwanis park?) (ask me about the Lorax sculpture I vision in the park)
- -one or two pieces of exercise stations
- -**water sprinkler park/spray grounds (realize this may be a 2020 project timeline)**
- -**bathrooms (realize this may be a 2020 project timeline)**
- I heard you were giving consideration to creating a playground in the park, but I think that would not be very useful, since there is a large adjacent playground behind Russell School.

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- extensive honeysuckle removal
- paved handicap trail (similar to Little Dixie)
- Thurston-Talbert restrooms
- Thurston-Talbert water fountain / sprinkler
- Sculpture Park
- Outdoor exercise stations

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- Shelter improvements!
- Keeping a natural setting - like that in plans to take out lots of trees.
- LED lighting!
- Playground at southwest shelter area (great way to bring more families in)
- Girl Scout project! YAY! Better markers if trails a must!

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- Nothing, really.
- Maintenance and patrolling to discourage vandalism and enhance upkeep and safe use are key.

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We want to keep our trees

Thank You!

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- Good shelter improvements
- Would support a neighborhood playground

What would you change about the proposed potential improvements? Please be concise.

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Priorities:

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2. Improve/maintain trails - improve trail beds for better walking (elder residents), better marked so people are aware of them, clear undergrowth back = better visibility/distance from poison lyc
3. Maintenance of structures

What would you change about the proposed potential improvements? Please be concise.

4. Alignment existing structures/ facilites - e.g.: Ancillary Bathrooms on Maplewood Side

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- Playground will be used however, not essential
- Online reservations - make them known
- Use Funds with View to Active Use by Neighborhood & Coordinate with Russell School
- ADA will be done

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I really like the idea of identifying the trails with markers and a map - with official maintained trails.

What would you change about the proposed potential improvements? Please be concise.

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But I would like kayak rentals and paddle boat rentals at a park like Forest Park in St. Louis,
maybe the new park - Phillips Lake,
or the dog park at Twin Lakes.

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Shelter & bathroom with better lighting
Trail marked & maintained
Pot of lucky & good luck

What would you change about the proposed potential improvements? Please be concise.

Ladder free of tree can be hampering detection
Lights for driveway with issues etc
Keep the forest feeling - don’t go wild cutting brook trees

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Comments on Kawanis Park Improvement Proposal

I am writing these comments as a legally blind Columbia resident who frequently visits Kawanis Park. For several years, my daily routine has included a 25 minute walk from my residence into the park, entering on the west (Maplewood) side of the Park and often staying in the park for a couple of hours until I walk back home. I am intimately familiar with Talbert Thurston shelter and the driveway and parking lot that connect the shelter to Maplewood Drive. I'm also intimately familiar with the two trails that begin at the west side of the shelter, descend to a creek that bisects the park and then ascend to Odor shelter on the west side of Kawanis park.

(1) I agree with the proposed improvements to the driveway, parking lot and shelter.
(2) The driveway needs to be better lighted at night. I think that is part of the proposal.
(3) In past years, potholes have persistently developed in the driveway. They eventually get filled but they come back. They are hazardous to visually impaired pedestrians; on one occasion a couple of years ago when I was not paying total attention to my feet, I tripped on the edge of one of the larger potholes and badly injured a knee. Planning for the driveway upgrade should explicitly address the issue of minimizing the development of potholes.
(4) The configuration of the legs on the current picnic tables is hazardous to visually impaired users, because the curved legs extend out beyond the seats and can be difficult to see. I've received many a smart whack to my shins walking by one of these tables. The legs should be painted or taped with a high visibility color or the tables should be replaced.
(5) Water runoff and potential flooding issues
   a. At present, when it rains heavily, portions of the shelter flood, with a concentration in the northeast segment of the floor, where it pools and spreads out. Some portions of the floor are not affected. The water comes partly from water channeled down by the roof and possibly from the parking lot as well. Plans to resurface the shelter floor should include a solution to the flooding issue.
   b. Steve Johnson’s analysis of needed trail repairs attributes most Kawanis Park trail degradation to water. He identifies several trail issues on the west side of the park originating with water from Russell Blvd School but does not identify water sources for trail degradation on the east side of the park. Planning for renovations of the Talbert-Thurston parking lot and shelter should include an assessment of water runoff and potential impact on trails running downhill to the west of the shelter, particularly the trail issues identified by Steve Johnson for Sections 1 and 2 of the trail.
(6) Bathroom availability at Talbert-Thurston shelter
   a. Construction of permanent bathroom facilities at Talbert-Thurston shelter should be a priority for a future capital improvements project.
   b. Until permanent facilities can be constructed, a temporary (porta-potty) facilities should be available at the Talbert-Thurston shelter parking lot, if
possible on a year-round basis. The city should explore ways to secure it from vandalism.

c. Visitors to the east side of Kawanis Park have the option to walk to the west-side (Odor) shelter and use the bathrooms that are located there. However, this can’t be considered a realistic option unless Parks implements repairs to the trails connecting the two shelters such as the repair proposals submitted to Parks by Steve Johnson. Of the two trails that connect the shelters, the northern trail is currently in better shape and from the point of view of bathroom access, repair and maintenance of that trail should receive high priority. Reference: Steve Johnson’s analysis and recommendation for “Segment 5.”

Encouraging ongoing visitor input on maintenance needs

(1) Explore innovative ways to invite and make it easier for park users to report maintenance issues that they observe to Parks personnel. Even if this is already part of the department’s policy it could be beneficial to revisit it and look for fresh ways to implement it.

(2) Mark the trails. My understanding is that a private citizen (a Girl Scout) has taken on the project of naming the trails and adding identifiers. I suggest that either that project or a follow-up should add markers along the trail, for example, green triangles every 30 feet secured to trees along the Green Trail. This could help first-time hikers and be useful even to veteran hikers if fallen leaves or snow obscure otherwise clear trails. Numbering the marker would make it easier for users to report trail maintenance issues to Parks personnel. The markers should be fully visible to visually impaired hikers such as myself.

(3) Keep the park (and park bathrooms) open all year. In view of Columbia’s changing climate, many Winter days are just as attractive to park users as days in the other three seasons. Aside from hazardous weather conditions, there is no good reason to create impediments to the park’s use during the Winter and in fact, encouraging its use could enhance the value of the feedback that visitors provide on maintenance issues that they observe.