Bonnie View
Property/Fairview Park Planning
Goal Statement

Conduct an in-depth, interactive, interdisciplinary planning process which results in a:

- comprehensive, integrated, community acceptable park master plan;
- incorporates state-of-the-art best management practices (BMP) to protect and enhance the environment;
- that supports an appropriate mix of facilities and use as identified by the planning process.
History of Planning Process

- Updating of the *1994 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan* was prompted by:
  - 1999 - Garland Russell 90-acre farm property donation
  - 2001 - Acquisition of 116-acre Stephens Lake Park

- **2001-2002:** Completed *2002 Facility Needs Update - Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan* based on extensive input from:
  - Public Meetings
  - Focus Group Meetings
  - School Meetings
  - Citywide & Park User Surveys
History of Planning Process

- **April 2002**: Completed site master plan for the Stephens property.
- **Summer-Fall 2002**: Staff prepares three Bonnie View property development options based on input during master plan process.
- **January 2003**: P&R Dept hosts public meeting to present three draft options and receive public feedback.
  - Options displayed at several locations with comment cards.
  - Comments were collected at the public meeting.
  - Internet survey conducted to collect comments on options.
  - City Council reviews options at work session and provides feedback.
History of Planning Process

- **Spring 2003**: Based on feedback received, P&R staff revised the three options.

- **May 2003**: City Manager directed City’s Dept. of Planning to coordinate a review of the proposed plans by all City Departments.
  - All City Departments consulted favored Option C.
  - A 4th option was added at the Planning Department’s suggestion to include a Cunningham Rd extension and a Fairview Rd connection.
History of Planning Process

- **June 2003:** City staff presents a report to City Council summarizing planning process and recommending that the proposed options be referred to both the P&R Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission for their review.
  - Council refers all options, including the 4th option to both Commissions.
  - Council also directs P&R staff to obtain input into the planning process from Columbia’s youth.
History of Planning Process

- **September/October 2003:** Parks and Recreation staff meets with students of the Columbia Public School system to obtain comments.

- **November 2003:** Public hearings are scheduled by Parks and Recreation Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission.
  - P&R Commission voted to recommend Option A
  - P&Z Commission voted to recommend Option A

- **December 2003:** Planning presented four options to extend roads from Cunningham Road through the park. Council agreed to move the issue to a work session.
History of Planning Process

- **March 2004** - Council held a work session to discuss the Bonnie View Park Master Plan. No decision was made.
- **2004-2008** - Staff tables master planning process, pending Cunningham Road decision.
- **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
  - Councils instructs department to start master planning process anew.
Overview: Park Planning Process

Phase I
Information Collection
- Kick-off Mtg
- Needs
- Site Analysis
- Public Input
- Focus Groups

Phase II
Concept Development
- Develop 2-4 Concept Plans
- Solicit Public Comment
- Develop Draft Plan(s)

Phase III
Draft Plan(s) Finalized
- Develop Draft Plan(s)
- Solicit Public Comment
- Finalize Draft Master Plan

Phase IV
Master Plan Approval
- Solicit Public Comment
- Develop draft cost estimates
- Commissions Review & Approval
- City Council Review & Approval
Site Specific
Park Master Planning

- Assessment of recreation needs
  - Public meetings
  - Meet with focus groups
  - Web survey

- Site analysis:
  - Cultural resource review
  - Natural resource inventory
  - Topography
  - Utilities
  - Connectivity
    - 2009 Trail Master Plan
    - Transportation
  - Other
Perche Creek Connection to Cosmo Park
Bonnie View Property Assessment
Possible Fairview Access
(opposite of Malibu Ct)
Plymouth Access
Westport Access
Future West Lawn Access
Creek Through the Field
Creek in the Woods
Rolling Topography
Bank Erosion Downstream
Oak Savanna
Central Woods
Spring on Audubon Property
Fairview Park Photos
Fairview Open Space Practice Area
Fairview Community Gardens
Typical Park Features

- Following photos are examples of typical park features found in a park.
Small Park Shelter
Medium Park Shelter
Restroom
Open Space Play Field
Martha Lafite Thompson
Nature Sanctuary

The Nature Sanctuary is the dream of Martha Lafite Thompson. She wanted to create a place for wildlife and you.
Outdoor Classroom
Nature Area Restoration
Nature Trail
Mowed Path Trail
Gravel Trails & Park Bridges
Hard Surface Trail
Interpretive Trails
BMP Example: Rain Gardens

Louisville and Flat Branch Rain Gardens with interpretive signs

Riechmann Rain Garden at Stephens  West Rain Garden at Stephens
BMP Example: Shoreline Management
What’s next?

- Break up into small groups.
- Each group shall prepare a list of items they want to see in the park.
- All ideas are welcome.
- Be respectful of other’s ideas.
- After about 30 minutes, report findings back to entire group.
Time to Report!

- Each group shall report their suggestions.
- If your suggestion has already been mentioned, let us know.
- Goal is to create a master list of all ideas generated by the groups.
Now, you can vote for your favorites

- Using dots, vote for your top 6.
  - One vote per suggestion
  - Don’t have to use all 6 votes if so desired

- Prior to voting, one question commonly asked is what happens next?
Selecting the Bonnie View Master Plan

- Based on suggestions generated tonight, park staff will develop a web-based questionnaire in order to gather additional input.

- Anticipate that sometime after first of year, park planners will prepare a “draft” master plan or plans based on public comments.
  - Outside consultant may be used to assist with unique amenities.

- Department will conduct several more meetings to discuss these proposed/draft master plans.
Selecting the Bonnie View Master Plan

- A final draft master plan will be developed and submitted to Council for consideration. It is likely that Council will refer the plan to the:
  - Parks & Recreation Commission.
  - Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Each commission will schedule a public hearing and following public hearing, recommend a plan to City Council.
- City Council will schedule a public hearing and select final master plan.
Implementing the Bonnie View Master Plan

- Upon final approval of master plan, Council/Staff develop project implementation schedule.
- Prioritize development.
- Development phasing may be required.
- The master plan is evaluated at each phase to determine if the recreation needs remain valid.
- If recreation needs for the site have changed, the master plan should be altered to reflect these changes.
- City has $300,000 as approved by voters in the 2005 Park Sales Tax for Phase I development.
Bonnie View Park Master Plan
Closing Remarks

● Future communication will be done by webmail, website and news releases.

● Join our “Bonnie View Property/Fairview Park Planning” Webmail
  – City website: www.GoColumbiaMo.com
  – Search “Gowebmail”
  – Scroll down to “Bonnie View Property/Fairview Park Planning” webmail and follow instructions.

● Vote for up to six amenities

● Visit with staff for questions

Thank you for participating in this process!