

Canby Visioning Parks and Recreation Focused Group Discussion Highlights

Overview:

Four small groups developed more details around 6 themes at their meeting on October 23rd. Themes included Bike, Pedestrian, and Equestrian; Parks Generally; River Recreation and Amenities; Community Recreation/Sports Complex; Assets and Gaps.

Summary of Themes and Group Input

BIKE, PEDESTRIAN & EQUESTRIAN

- Separate bike paths on less busy streets; bike blvds where appropriate
- Improve the Holly to river connection: better bike access
- Oregon City-Canby Riverfront bike path
- French Prairie Bridge for cycling and school routes
- Logging Rd Improvements:
 - Reconnect logging rd between Canby and Molalla
 - Connect to Molalla River State Park
 - Logging rd bridge bike and ped access to 99E
- Infill sidewalks where missing
- More multipurpose trails (including equestrian) with way finding amenities
 - Complete the emerald necklace trail (perimeter trail that connects to all parks)
- Equestrian trails
 - Connect Fair grounds to eco park and trails

PARKS GENERALLY

- Need covered play areas for rainy days
- Preserve more public river access (See comments under River Recreation below)
- Connections to nurseries/master gardener
- Family fishing area
- Identify activities unique to Molalla vs Willamette
- Birding opportunities
- Improve amenities at Knightsbridge park (not city owned)
- Upgrade Canby Swim Center
- Library programs for youth and seniors
- Joint youth/senior activities

- Need information about activities and sports available in Spanish
- Recreation opportunities for seniors
 - Bocce Ball
 - Pickle ball court
- More neighborhood and community parks distributed where deficient with play equipment, picnic amenities, open space and large grassy areas.
- Possible themes for neighborhood parks include:
 - Science park
 - Botanical park
 - Arneso garden genealogy of plants
 - Community gardens
 - Aquatic park
 - Spray park
 - Water garden
 - Dog Park
 - Paddle boat/canoeing park

RIVER RECREATION & AMENITIES

- Oregon City-Canby Riverfront bike path
- Preserve more public river access
- Grant funded marina on Willamette with boat dock and boat ramp
- Commercial recreation vessel on Willamette
- Equipment rentals: canoes, paddle boats, kayaks etc
- Venders
- Tie in to Governor's Willamette Water Trail
- Tie into downtown
- River walks
- Rowing club
- Extend community park along river

COMMUNITY RECREATION/SPORTS COMPLEX

- Where to locate
- Government/YMCA/District
- Complex amenities
 - Pools
 - Ball fields
 - Trails

- Indoor sports
- Meeting rooms
- Recreation programs for all ages
- Night lighting
- Master gardener center
- Childcare

ASSETS

- Oregon City-West Linn bike loop
- Existing logging rd trail
- Rivers, Ponds and wetlands
- Fine Arts Center
- Gardening
- Community Garden
- "Canby the Garden Spot"
- Canby has generations returning to raise their families
- Canby Swim Center
- Canby Kids
- Existing parks (good size, well maintained, a place for family gatherings)
 - Wait Park is a good "draw"
 - Good amenities at Legacy Park
- Canby Adult Center
- School facilities
- Master Plans
- Clackamas County Fairgrounds
- Nurseries
- Proximity to land
- Partnership with State Parks
- Government staff

GAPS

- Recreation service provider
- Pavilion at Locust Street Park
- Improve the Holly to river connection: better bike access
- Oregon City-Canby Riverfront bike path
- Infill sidewalks where missing
- French Prairie Bridge for cycling and school routes
- Logging Rd trail Improvements (see above)
- Lack of trails for Bikes, Peds, Equestrians (emerald necklace)

- Public river access and recreational opportunities
- Funding mechanism(s) for maintenance and construction
 - Successful Park and Recreation District
 - User fees
 - Maintenance fees
 - Other
- Sports and recreation complex (perhaps convert Ackerman School for this use)
- Water fountains in parks
- Better promotion of Canby assets to those outside the City
- Tourism focus
- Connect Canby to Wilsonville and Molalla
- Camping facilities
- RV park for short term use
- Improve amenities at Knightsbridge park (City does not own)
- Need covered play areas for rainy days
- Implement the Park Master Plan and Acquisition Plan-provide parks in areas deficient in parks (see ideas above)
- Park and recreation information in Spanish

MISC IDEAS

- Keep population size roughly the same (community/development)
- Avoid becoming a bedroom community(community/development)
- Create more parking downtown (development)
- Maintain livability through well planned future (planning/development)
- Better developed design standards (planning/development)
- No casino (development)
- Build vertical to preserve best soils (Planning/development)
- Master plan residential areas (Planning/development)
- Develop fan base for existing events (development)
- Develop retail arm of wholesale nurseries (development)
- Connect Fair grounds to downtown (development)
- Cool cafes (development)
- Connect Fair Activities and Downtown Activities & encourage overnight stays during multiday events (development)

