



PROJECT NUMBER: #25-160PLN ISSUE DATE: October 16, 2025
PROJECT NAME: Columbia City Parks Master Plan

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PRESENT: Members of the public
City staff
Project team members from Conservation Technix

SUBJECT: Parks Master Plan: Open House Meeting Notes (October 14, 2025)

The City of Columbia City sponsored an informal open house on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Community Hall. This event was used as a way to inform people about the citywide Parks Master Plan project and gather community feedback for potential park system enhancements. The project team prepared informational displays, which included project overview, parks and outdoor recreation enhancements, recreational trail alignments, and potential park project and investment ideas.

Attendees were encouraged to talk to project team members and record their comments. City staff and project team staff engaged with attendees to identify general needs and interests for parks and recreation opportunities in Columbia City. Approximately 10 people reviewed the materials and provided comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following represents a summary of the comments received during the community event.

Potential Project Ideas

- Support for noted project ideas for Jim Bundy Park (adding playground), Pixie Park (repairing beach access), and Rivers Walk Trail (adding picnic shelter near entrance).
- Add life jacket station at Pixie Park
- Add year round (permanent) restrooms
- Buy the Ruth Rose Richardson site for the city
- Harvard Park – add spray park, more picnic tables or picnic shelter, better play equipment, fencing behind the arborvitae to keep kids out of driveway, and add adult fitness equipment

Investment Priorities (dot exercise)

- 5 – Renovate playground at Harvard Park
- 5 – Additional picnic shelters
- 4 – Improve and expand Rivers Walk Trail
- 4 – Additional walking and biking trails

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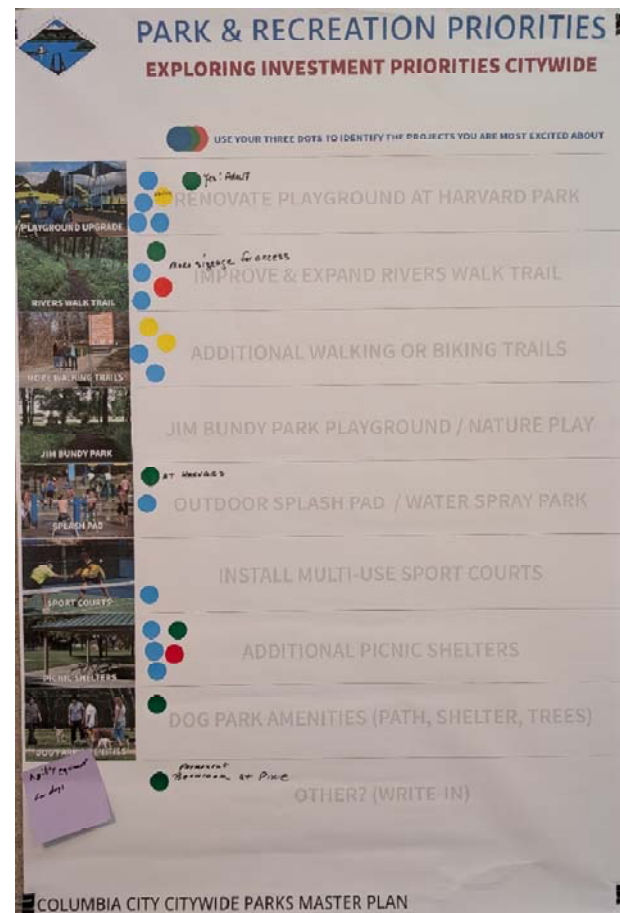
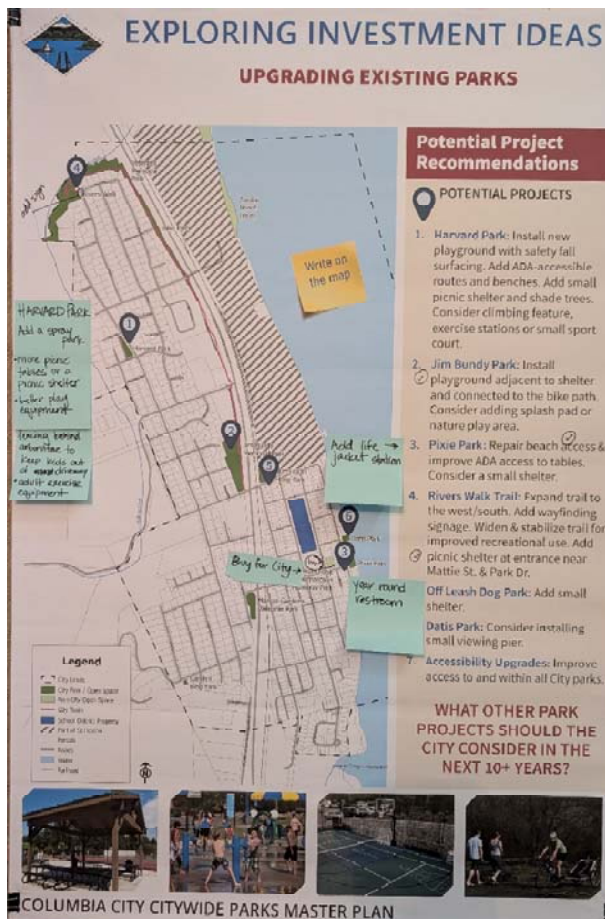
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- 2 – Outdoor splash pad
- 1 – Install multi sport courts
- 1 – Dog park amenities (path, shelter, trees)
- Others
 - o 1 – Add agility equipment for dogs at dog park
 - o 1 – Add permanent restroom at Pixie Park

Other Comments

- Keep up the good work!
- Looks good
- Permanent house for library
- Keep Rose Park (Ruth Rose Richardson) for Columbia City! Let's fundraise and buy it!
- Keep memorials and bricks at Veterans Park specific to veterans
- Add more access signage at Rivers Walk Trail

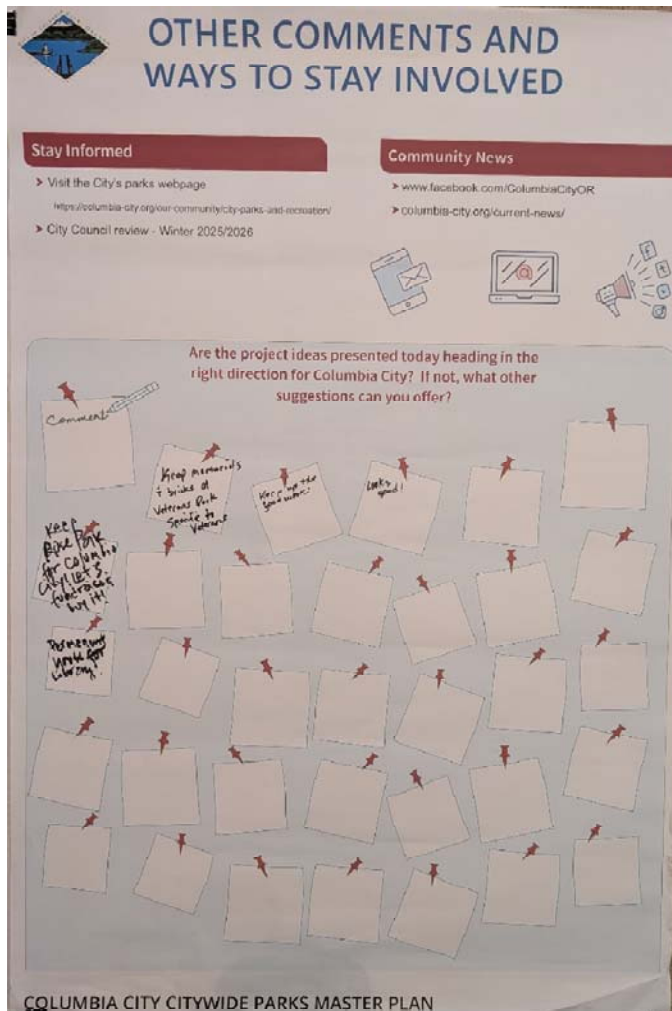


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