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
  o Bocce Ball
  o 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:
  o science park
  o Botanical park
  o Arneso garden genealogy of plants
  o Community gardens
  o Aquatic park
  o Spray park
  o Water garden
  o Dog Park
  o 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
  o Pools
  o Ball fields
  o 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
  o Successful Park and Recreation District
  o User fees
  o Maintenance fees
  o 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)