

COLUMBIA PARKS AND RECREATION

Public Comments for

Rock Bridge Park Improvements

Meetings Held August 11, 2020 and September 15, 2020

Initial meeting on August 11, 2020 was postponed at 5:20 due to lightning strikes in the area. A second meeting was held on Tuesday, Sept 15, 2020, 4:30 – 6:30pm.

Online Comments were open from August 4, 2020 through September 16, 2020

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

- I like the plan
- The current shelter has a unique design, but it is clearly outdated and in a low spot so I support it being replaced and moved.
- New shelter moved south within raingarden. Less wooded area.
- Would like to keep the full court. Suggest a couple of benches, water fountain and small bathroom. Like the open space.*
- A brand new full court is best to get the most of this park. Water fountain, benches, add another shelter
- I think it's a great idea to add these improvements
- I enjoy the swings but when there is more people they hog them.
- Like the idea of a BBQ grill for common use. Replacing everything sounds great.
Moving the playground closer to the front and away from the houses sounds good.
- We like a full court
- Looks nice
- This park is a GEM! The landscaping needs a cleanup, but I like the playground equipment where it is, set back away from the street. I see this as a true neighborhood park with landscaping tying the house properties to the public space. Maybe placing an area with a grill, benches/picnic table to the area closer to the street (on the south side of the trees and current shelter.) If the little rocking, riding toys will be available for sale I'd like to know.
- Leave basketball as full court. I like moving the shelter up and replacing. We use playground equipment multiple times a week, so please make sure to keep lots of equipment (including slides)

- Columbia does not have enough playgrounds for children under age 5. A 2-5 age playground structure would be a wonderful investment. Or at least ensure the playground is safe for younger children to use with smaller slides and steps. An infant swing would also be great.
- I'd like to see recycling as well as trash receptacles. As much as possible, use sustainable and recycled materials on and for the playground. Thank you!
- Add a playground for 2-5 year olds

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

- Please include a climbing boulder and more swings (e.g. baby swing, baby & me sing, reg swings).
- Perhaps put a walkway/entrance on the side of Miramar near the baseball backstop.
- Please keep as many of the old ash trees as possible.
- Save as much mature oaks for summer shade. Best summer park in CoMo!
- If reduction of mowing cost is a goal, consider xeriscaping and raingarden.
- Leave basketball as full court. I like moving the shelter up and replacing. We use playground equipment multiple times a week, so please make sure to keep lots of equipment (including slides).
- Basketball court is used frequently with multiple groups. I think it would be good to keep a full court to allow multiple groups of different ages to play.
- *Proposals listed above
- Add bike loop to the west of existing shelter into the "woods"
- Ramp for mountain bike near west side of shelter
- Single track bike trail through the woods" with turns
- Would like monkey bars in playground
- Add rope climbing feature to the playground
- Full court/new court and benches around the court
- A good change would be to add benches
- I would add a playground to the field, climbing net and maybe a tire swing.

- Definitely keep the basketball court full. It gets a lot of use and with a facelift it would get a lot more use. I would make the walkway at the end of the baseball field acting like a fence just for home runs. Also a loop around the park would be great for running if you made it a quarter mile like a school track.
- Just trim the trees or move the court. Water, benches, new court. 6 brand new goals.
- 4 square court, hop scotch, etc for middle school kids, full basketball court, not half. Trash cans around courts, add pet waste bags.
- I think the plans look nice! I've lived in this neighborhood for 16 years, and I've always wished there was a restroom at the park. Additionally, I've never seen anyone playing baseball there. Perhaps you might consider a volleyball court instead?
- Basketball court is used frequently with multiple groups. I think it would be good to keep a full court to allow multiple groups of different ages to play.
- Please ensure the playground structure is safe and accessible for a large age range of children.
- We live in the neighborhood and have a two year old. The current bench is too high for her to climb. I like the idea of using rubber (recycled) mulching, and more natural materials...rock features, maybe a native plant or rain garden, labels for the existing flora and trees. Thank you!
- This is a needed age group for playgrounds in Columbia.

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