



INTERESTED PARTIES MEETING

Date: 7/29/2023

Meeting Location: 210 CRR STREET

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

PLEASE PRESENT AT DISABILITIES  
COMMISSION.

CONCERN ABOUT PARKS  
SURFACE ? VISUAL CUE OF PARK

MAXIMIZE PLANTS

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

MAKE SURE SIDEWALK CLOSURES ARE  
HANDLED WELL DURING CONST.

PLAN FOR HOMELESS : SHOWERS ?

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

Rose Music is often too loud for people in their park. Maybe some agreement could be facilitated for <sup>stopping</sup> sound carry over to the city park & the theatre on St. James.

Sound people at Rose should not crank it so loud that people have to wear ear plugs

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The Bizeon Space  
Needs to be kept  
at a premium.

Like the tie-in to Art District!

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No — Looks well  
defined.

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

- Awesome functional space for  
fests, rentals, etc / events (via open green turf)

- Trees! Porous paving is awesome

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

- Provide 2 or 3 other totally different proposals? (With just one draft, it may be difficult for the public to think it's ~~not~~ the final draft)

- Expose the covered waterway branch for blue as well as green space

- Add "wild" areas (maybe in the border) with native grasses/forbs a la Missouri prairie

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- spray park!

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Extended parking!  
No chain-link fence  
Cleaned area, with green space

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Concerned about performance space, and the noise it would create, competing with Talking Horse Productions and Rose Park.

Creation of traffic flow.

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

Add a playground + a big oak tree  
in the middle to shade it

Add benches

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

As park undergrounding of utilities  
would like it to continue  
to 10th. Both sides  
Good time to do it

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

Don't want

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

~~Lots~~ Love the additional parking. Like

started parked

( Would be nice to have a couple of the parking spots up by Balsano Warehouse to be 15 min<sup>or so</sup> for loading/unloading for businesses

Like the flexible performance area

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

Nothing @ this time

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

Really happy with overall concept, like open space and performance area.

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Parking 😊

Dog waste station

Wildflower "garden of excellence" google it :)

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Thanks for all your work!

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

TREES!

Parking!

The porous pavers are AMAZING.

Keep up the great work

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

The users of the current parking are predominately 10hr meter users -- this need is imperative for us! Plus having a few 15min loading zones next to the Balsamo Warehouse North side doors along Arch St.

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

Pervious parking pavers? increased stormwater retention

Water fountains good

Rubberized playground good idea

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

I would like to see planters / native plants @ park corners rather than art installations

Some concerns about the non-paved hard surfaces being easily used by wheeled individuals or those with sight impairments

Public accommodations would be nice, but maybe tough to maintain

Outdoor accessories will have negative impacts for Benton-Stephens N.A.

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

I would like to see an adult ninja warrior course at this park, or another park.

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

Love it! More green space!!

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# Project Report

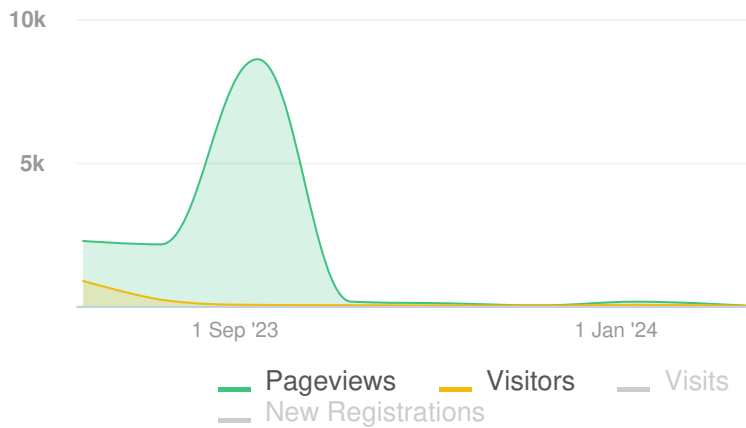
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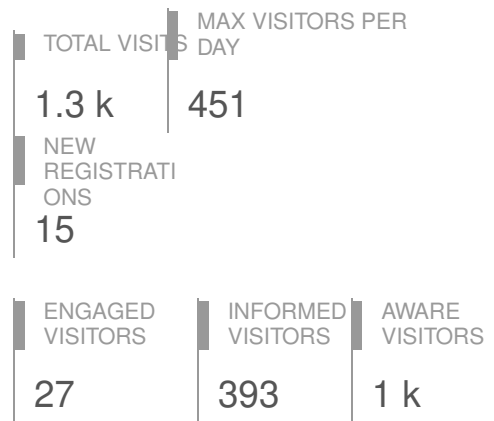
### Orr Street Park property



#### Visitors Summary

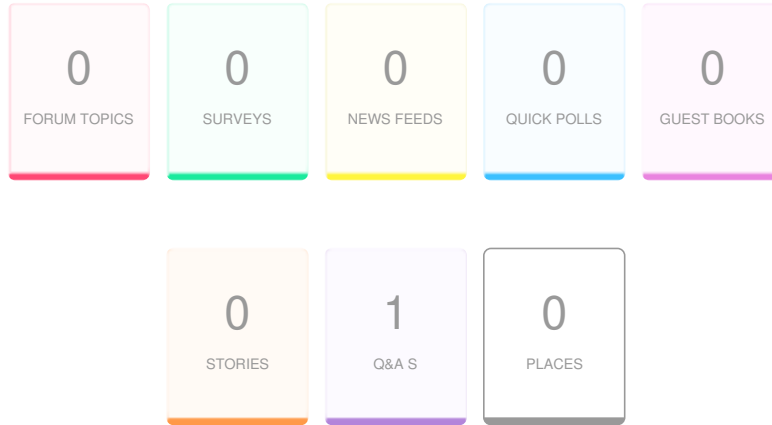


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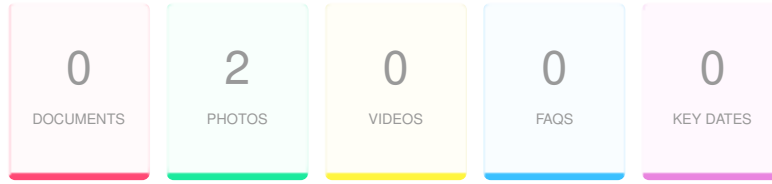
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Visited a Project or Tool Page	1,033				
<b>Informed Participants</b>	<b>393</b>	Contributed on Forums	0	0	0
<b>Informed Actions Performed</b>	<b>Participants</b>	Participated in Surveys	0	0	0
Viewed a video	0	Contributed to Newsfeeds	0	0	0
Viewed a photo	191	Participated in Quick Polls	0	0	0
Downloaded a document	0	Posted on Guestbooks	0	0	0
Visited the Key Dates page	7	Contributed to Stories	0	0	0
Visited an FAQ list Page	0	Asked Questions	1	3	0
Visited Instagram Page	0	Placed Pins on Places	0	0	0
Visited Multiple Project Pages	339	Contributed to Ideas	24	0	0
Contributed to a tool (engaged)	27				

## ENGAGEMENT TOOLS SUMMARY



Tool Type	Engagement Tool Name	Tool Status	Visitors	Contributors		
				Registered	Unverified	Anonymous
Qanda	Questions	Archived	79	1	3	0
Ideas	Comments	Archived	203	23	0	0

## INFORMATION WIDGET SUMMARY



Widget Type	Engagement Tool Name	Visitors	Views/Downloads
Photo	deleted photo from	114	115
Photo	Proposed Park Development Plan (Exhibit A) IP Meeting (3).jpg	73	89
Photo	deleted photo from	63	63
Photo	Proposed Park Development Plan (Exhibit B) IP Meeting (1).jpg	34	35
Key Dates	Key Date	7	7

## QANDA

### Questions

Visitors <b>79</b>	Contributors <b>4</b>	CONTRIBUTIONS <b>4</b>
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No Responses

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## Comments

Visitors <b>203</b>	Contributors <b>24</b>	CONTRIBUTIONS <b>87</b>
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<p>17 July 23 tigerfan</p>	<h3>park design</h3>
<p>VOTES <b>5</b></p>	<p>Based on the current park plan rendering on the BeHeard website, I would like to see less emphasis on a 'performance' area, in terms of space and design. When the park idea was floated years ago I envisioned green space and trees, with perhaps additional amenities including a small playground. I see some trees around the perimeter, but none in the center, and no meandering paths or sidewalks bisecting the park. It looks more like a sports field or an area to hold concerts/performances. If this is the intent I'd like to hear more from planners on what they foresee and how often an event may occur, especially if it means closing off part/all of the park.</p>
<p>18 July 23 DMF</p>	<h3>Parking, Trees, and Irrigated Turf Grass</h3>
<p>VOTES <b>9</b></p>	<p>1) Remove the parking along E. Ash St. I bike this road twice daily for my commute. People pulling in and out of parking onto E. Ash St. will create a dangerous situation for cyclists. Even now, with parallel parking, several events involving drivers along this stretch of road have created unsafe conditions for cyclists. 2) Plant more trees. This park will be an island of green in an overwhelmingly hot part of town. The central downtown area is a significant heat island (see image) with few green spaces. Turf grass alone is not as effective at creating cool spaces. Adding trees to the existing schematic should help decrease summertime temperatures. 3) We are trying to reduce our water consumption. Stop irrigating grass—plant drought-tolerant species. Make the landscape as low maintenance as possible using native plants and a layered landscape design. Regular mowing releases heat and greenhouse gas emissions elevating the urban heat island effect and contributing to climate change.</p>
<p>19 July 23 Brennamz1</p>	<h3>If a playground is included, can you please consider a shade component (canopy and/or giant umbrellas) and a poured rubber surface?</h3>
<p>VOTES <b>0</b></p>	<p>Playground-needs shade and no mulch</p>

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<p>19 July 23 wright.matt.a</p>	<p><b>Too Much Pavement, Not Enough Trees</b></p> <p>This park should serve as a green oasis on the edge of downtown. This plan has too much dedicated car parking, when instead we have an opportunity to create a pedestrian and cyclist attraction among those who are already downtown (or take the bus and walk across the street from Wabash). Eliminate the parking from Ash entirely (or make it in to recessed parallel parking like pictured on Park, if you must) - this is a bike boulevard, and creating additional conflict points with cars is dangerous. The additional parking along St James is more than enough, and the additional ADA spots are important. Also way more trees should be added to the interior of the park, not just along the perimeter, to create shade spots for those actually using the park.</p>
<p>VOTES <b>9</b></p>	
<p>20 July 23 mkbmwb1012</p>	<p><b>A Southern Square design</b></p> <p>A type of "Savannah" square with tree canopies and walkways and a fountain or statue centerpiece.</p>
<p>VOTES <b>7</b></p>	
<p>22 July 23 Artist</p>	<p><b>I think more trees would be an asset. It does look like an event space.</b></p> <p>I think for this area of town, that already has private event space, an area built more for the community to enjoy for families and small, creative events would be more important than a giant open amphitheater area. I would love to see more sculptures, and art. I do like the additional parking since that is a growing concern in the area. I'd love to see more trees in the middle area.</p>
<p>VOTES <b>0</b></p>	
<p>23 July 23 MEK3</p>	<p><b>Fountain, trees, benches, and chess!</b></p> <p>I agree with nearly all of the other comments thus far, but especially the comment about a Southern-Style Square. We don't need conflicting event spaces in this area. Not only is there Rose, but the Blue Note outdoor events can be heard from this part of town, too. This part of town is severely lacking in areas of shaded refuge. Southern squares were designed for this exact purpose. They are for people walking about town and need a moment to rest amidst the heat and humidity. They are a place for meeting friends to walk, sit on a bench, and catch up. I could also envision there being permanently installed chess tables with benches (like in NYC or Europe) that encourage people to get to know their neighbors. Definitely a fountain in the middle. Benches under giant, shady trees. There could be a meditation labyrinth path (like at HHS). I would not add a giant playground; maybe just some swings. And definitely not athletic areas (this rendering looks like there's a soccer goal area, maybe) as that would take away from the quiet, peaceful space. I live 30 min outside Columbia but have worked in Columbia for 17 years (nearby this area) and all of our life activities are in CoMo. My kid has dance lessons several days a week next door to this space. When we commute to town, we usually have to haul all of our daily needs with us (which includes snacks and dinners) because there is no quick run home. As soon as I saw the park was happening, I was excited about using this space in the evenings between my kid's dance classes — enjoying picnic dinners under shaded trees, a peaceful refuge amidst a busy day. However, based on what is designed here, we would never visit this park.</p>
<p>VOTES <b>5</b></p>	

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<p>23 July 23</p> <p>T</p>	
<p>VOTES</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Surrounding businesses have the event/performance space covered, so please don't step on that! Need s to compliment what is already there.</p>
	<p>Shade, fountains, sculpture, fun lighting</p>
<p>02 August 23</p> <p>Mark Haim</p>	
<p>VOTES</p> <p>0</p>	<p><b>Concerns RE: Orr St. Park</b></p>
	<p>This park is being built on a hazardous waste site; the location, a century ago, of a coal gasification plant. The whole toxic brew--organic substances like benzene, and heavy metals--present in coal was present a high levels by the time the plant was shut down. The site has gone through a couple of clean-ups, but, even after spending millions, the site was still too toxic for residential or commercial development, so they came up with the idea of making it a park. I love parks, but I don't think anyone, especially kids, who hang out in parks a lot, should be spending time in a park that was, after remediation, still too toxic for folks to live or work there. Besides kids, the un-housed in our community also are likely to spend time in a centrally located park. It is likely that some of these folks will spend a good portion of the day and/or will spend the night camped out in the new park. All in all, this strikes me as a bad idea.</p>

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<p>07 August 23</p> <p>R</p>	<h3>From Small Business Next Door</h3>
<p>VOTES</p> <p>2</p>	
	<p>I love that there will be a new park here. It will really enhance the area but there are some challenges with the proposed designs: 1. I agree with a previous post about the dangerous nature of pull out parking on Ash for bicyclists. There are so few safe streets in Columbia for bicyclists, and despite the many potholes which have not been fixed for years in this section, this at least isn't too dangerous to bike down due to parking. Other sections where similar pull-out parking exists (like the courthouse), which is unsafe. Please do not make this an unsafe street for bicyclists, too. 2. I also agree with the previous posts about the need for shade. This is a hot part of town and our summers are going to get hotter and there is little shaded area in this design. I think the shade structure over the playground is nice but the whole rest of the park looks like turf grass. That is not a place folks are going to want to hang out in the spring (rain) or summers (heat/sun). Trees and shade structures are essential. 3. Unlike other commenters, I am not opposed to the flexible performance space...in theory. In particular, while I think Columbia has a lot of options for live music outdoors, we have no real options for live dancing outdoors, for example. Think about what it would be like for the City to have something like Summer Fest in Grant Park in Chicago which uses specially-designed, moveable, interlocking planks to create a pop-up dance floor for participants to swing, salsa, rhumba, or just groove there or at any park in the City where they bring in music. So I do see the need for more outdoor (shaded) arts performance options in the City. If Columbia wants to become a destination for arts, theatre, music, dancing, film, etc., it needs to build the structures that will promote that. And...I just don't know how it would work in practice in this space. I would imagine that there would need to be a ban on electric amplification and/or a very strict dB level. There is the dueling noise and scheduling conflict with Rose that others have mentioned but more concerning for me is that I operate a small business out of the building across the street on St. James. Rose is just far enough away that we can hear it in the background but it is not too distracting. However, when Dogmaster has had outdoor events with amplification I have had to close down my practice for the day. I work individually with clients and we need to be able to hear each other and concentrate. If there is music blasting from the park during sessions, I will likely need to shut down my practice and move locations permanently. I don't think the purpose of this nice new park is to drive small businesses away from the North Village Arts District. 4. Further, has anyone consulted with YogaSol Yoga Studios? How will loud music impact the yoga classes there which are often in the evening when music would be playing? In theory I could see a stage being a nice addition for outdoor yoga classes (as long as the stage and the area nearby was shaded...yoga in 100 degree heatwave summers is no good to anyone) but I imagine that any amplified music will impact them as well. There have already been yoga teachers that have chosen not to teach at the studio because of the current noise with Rose and a bar next door and electronic amplification of music would only make it more difficult for that small business to stay open as well, I'd imagine.</p>



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<p>08 August 23 imp</p>	<h3>More Green Less Concrete</h3>
<p>VOTES 5</p>	<p>As a newer resident of the North Village community, I am really against more parking spaces being built, especially the way this park is currently designed. To reiterate a point someone else made, pull-out spots onto a "bike boulevard" feels really dangerous. I bike that section of Ash St. often and can envision that space becoming more accident-prone. Generally, St. James and Ash are quite small, I just don't envision this many cars being accommodated in this space. There is already so much concrete in this area. What this space needs is more greenery, like trees and grasses that could effectively absorb city runoff and sound. I am less familiar with the chemical waste left in this area, but giving space for Native plants and trees as a gathering space and bioremediation technique would be extra special, I think. That being said, I know establishing larger trees and micro-ecosystems the way people envision takes time. I also feel like the performance space is a little redundant given Rose Music Hall (and their loud asf sound system) is right there. If there are more trees, it could be a more private performing space and would absorb more of the sound.</p>
<p>08 August 23 Avillanueva</p>	<h3>The park will be a much needed green space for the area, and I believe it should be just that.</h3>
<p>VOTES 4</p>	<p>My main concern is the proposed parking in the area. I rent an apartment only a few streets away and can say that it is a tight area to drive in, and encouraging more people to attempt to fit their cars into this space is going to make foot/bike traffic that much more dangerous. A sold out show at Rose brings such a large audience sometimes the crowds of people walk to the venue from already established nearby parking lots like garages and lots. I feel that introducing more areas to park will be unnecessary and dangerous for many of us who prefer to walk in this area, because driving through the streets are already narrow. I also agree with some of the other points made about the site acting as a green space and not requiring an amphitheater. Instead of acting as a space for all, the shell may attract crowds that limit the usage for all groups of people on a given night. My ideal image for the space is a place where people can convene before heading to First Fridays, enjoy a to go meal on a bench or in the grass from one of the local restaurants, and act as a place of solace for anyone trying to enjoy the space for reading, exercising, etc. at any point.</p>

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<p>08 August 23</p> <p>COMO-Nathan</p>	<h3>Need shade cover for flexible performance space area</h3> <p>Really liking the inclusion of a flexible performance area! PLEASE add some sort of awning or shade cover for the multipurpose stage area that extends to the equivalent of the first couple of audience rows. Covering this area could also allow it to serve as a park shelter-like space when not in use. No performers or attendees want to be in the direct sun for a long period of time. Noticing people asking for more trees. Since the sun sets in the west and most organizations using the flex performance space would likely do so in the afternoon or early evening, perhaps move more of the tree planting design and inventory to the west side of the park, likely casting more shade for guests attending an event or using the field area. Will evergreen trees be included in the variety of trees planted? You could also add more trees and still keep an open yard-like area by moving from a playground centric design on the north section to more of a nature/natural play space. Place more trees in and around this part. Repurpose the shade canopy and string lights to the flex performance space area. Thus, having a denser tree area option on the north part of the park. More park like, less playground equipment. Having a fountain or water feature in this section would be a welcome addition to sit near and enjoy! Could it be worked into the plan that one of the art installations selected have some sort of water element or feature as part of its design? Really enjoying the idea of the wide porous paving around the perimeter for things like tents.</p>
<p>VOTES</p> <p>1</p>	

<p>08 August 23</p> <p>OG</p>	<h3>Make this a space for the residents, not the businesses--more covered green space, less open turf and parking</h3> <p>As a current resident of North Village Arts District, I'm really excited about the prospect of a nearby park. I do however, have some concerns about the current proposed layout: 1. As several others have mentioned, the addition of so much parking seems redundant, and in some places dangerous (like on Ash). There's always open parking on Ash (much of which is allocated for residents, but is empty). The parking along Ash seems dangerous to have to back out onto Ash, where many bikers frequently pass through. Additionally, there's a plethora of unused parking in the downtown area and even in North Village Arts District. The parking garage off Walnut is very rarely fully utilized, among other street parking along St. James and St. Joseph Streets. Some of these are allocated to residents, I understand, but some could be opened up into metered parking. The parking in the bus parking lot and the church parking lot nearby (as well as a few others) is frequently mostly empty (again, these are permit parking). It seems like a reallocation of permit parking to metered parking could add additional parking in the area if that's a concern of local businesses. 2. I also share the sentiment of desiring more green space filled with trees, local pollinator gardens, benches, and meandering paths rather than an open field essentially with some trees on the perimeter. Most of the year, this park will be for local residents, and would be a more enjoyable space if it were more shaded and offered a reprieve from the downtown paved areas. 3. I also don't understand having a large stage in this area. Rose has a large outdoor amphitheater which seems like it's enough venue space and is (as others have mentioned) quite loud, so if there's something happening there, I don't see how another space like this could be utilized. A more quiet space to sit and enjoy some nature with trees to block the music (or enjoy more softly) sounds much more desirable. 4. It was mentioned in the first listening sessions the open spaces were for food trucks to be able to pull on the turf. Frankly, I think food trucks should be restricted to the already excessive parking along the edges of the park. This makes the space more enjoyable. If we're thinking about how this space would be utilized 90+% of the time, making this area free of additional pollution from vehicles pulling onto the green space and having more gathering space inside the park seems nice. Local residents will likely walk or bike, so having plenty of bike parking and crafting this space to meet the needs of the RESIDENTS of North Village Arts District seems like an better use of the space to me.</p>
<p>VOTES</p> <p>3</p>	

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09 August 23 mosymphony	<b>Yes to performance space!</b>
VOTES <b>0</b>	As a performing arts organization, MOSY is THRILLED that there is another possibility of a performance venue where we could offer free concerts to our community and perhaps in collaboration with other arts organizations.
17 August 23 Tootie Burns	<b>The Orr Park should include more interior trees and seating options. Activities/events at the park should be small and have low impact.</b>
VOTES <b>2</b>	More trees and seating options

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<p>20 August 23 jacksonhotaling</p>	<h3>Remove Parking Lot Around Park</h3>
<p>VOTES <b>2</b></p>	<p>There is an absurd overabundance of parking spaces included in the plan for the future Orr Street Park, which will lead to long-term consequences for nearby residents. More than 50 spaces will be incorporated to a small lot, doubling existing parking space when there is already too much on-street parking, private driveway parking, private parking lots, and public lots within the immediate vicinity. Living one block away, I walk by this area many times daily. During First Fridays, concerts at Rose, random weekends and weekdays, and large-scale events like True/False, I have never seen the existing nearby parking fully utilized. As an example, during the sold-out Peach Pit show on July 31st, there were still open parking spots on St. James. If Columbia's biggest events, with students, during busy downtown evenings, can't fill up the parking, what are we doubling the existing parking for? We absolutely <i>do not</i> need more parking--more parking will have negative impacts to our community: =Negative impact on the environment: less tree cover in place of pavement =Decrease walkability/bikability/overall accessibility: inducing demand for driving, immediately adjacent to Columbia's main transit center =Safety issues: people will back out their cars dangerously onto a bike boulevard, which could simultaneously decrease interest for bicycle riders to feel safe using it; furthermore, there is no mid-block crossing in this rendering included across St. James =Private businesses want public space only for their private businesses =Every single parking space means less space for trees, pollinators, benches, bike racks, drinking fountains, public restrooms, public art, etc. Building more than 50 parking spaces is just building a thin parking lot that will be underutilized Alternatives to consider: please expand the footprint of the future Orr Street Park. There is incredible opportunity to incorporate some of the city-owned land northeast of the fire station, as well as a utility easement across St. James. With the Colt Rail Trail in development in the next ten years, Orr Street Park is poised to serve as an excellent trailhead for trail users headed northeast along the Colt Rail Trail--the same way Flat Branch Park serves as a wonderful trailhead along the MKT. If longer-term plans do not link the Colt Rail Trail, the Orr Street Park, Ash Street Bike Boulevard (and the trail at the fire station), to the MKT, that will be a major missed opportunity. Furthermore, the city of Columbia has extremely limited seating, public restroom facilities, and shaded green space. As opposed to an open turf field, which parks and rec estimated during the public input meeting will be used for events only for around 20 days a year, why don't we consider closing off St. James entirely to traffic, and using the street space for the events, while retaining green space year-round with the park. Native fruit trees and other edible plants can be incorporated into the park with the additional space. This will go well with the context of the neighborhood: there are two community gardens and a working urban farm for apple tree starts immediately to the east, between St. James and St. Joseph streets. Other large and small cities are removing parking minimum requirements, including the city that invented parking minimums. I think I am understanding correctly that Columbia removed these requirements for downtown. Without requirements for the number of spaces at this site, let's consider alternative ways to make this space a green space that all can enjoy. [Photo taken along St. James on Thursday, July 27th at 5:42 PM (while businesses were open); Park and Ash Streets were also mostly empty]</p>



### INTERESTED PARTIES MEETING

Date: 9/20/23

Meeting Location: Benton Elementary School

#### Sign In Sheet

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COLUMBIA PARKS AND RECREATION  
PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

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

Neighborhood parks are good

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

I'm already bothered by the noise that pervades Benton Stephens on weekends from music venues at Rose Music and other venues. It is dismaying to see that P&R is about to build another event location that will tend out the space to anyone who wants to blast out their "music" at will. I would like to see sound attenuation that protects

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Thank you for your participation.

City of Columbia, MO  
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surrounding neighborhoods from unwanted noise and/or other by sound deadening structures or limitations on sound production.

It is for the peace and quiet of the western Benton Stephens hood

# Project Report

22 February 2022 - 24 July 2023

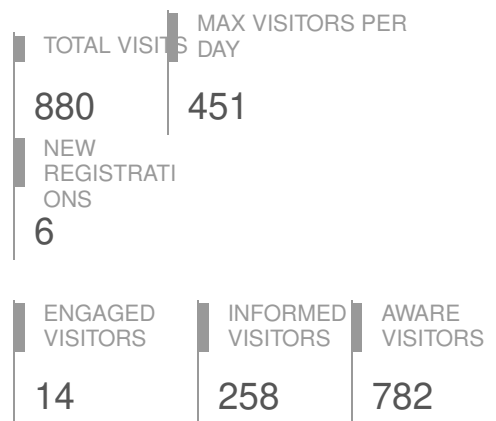
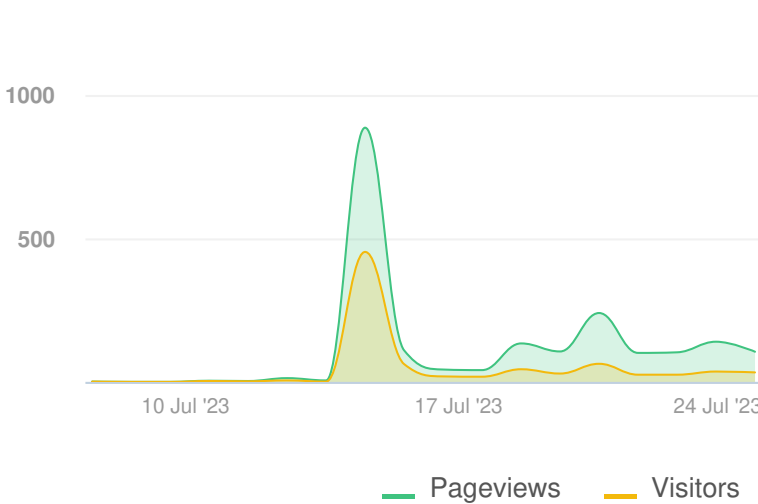
## City of Columbia, MO

### Orr Street Park property



#### Visitors Summary

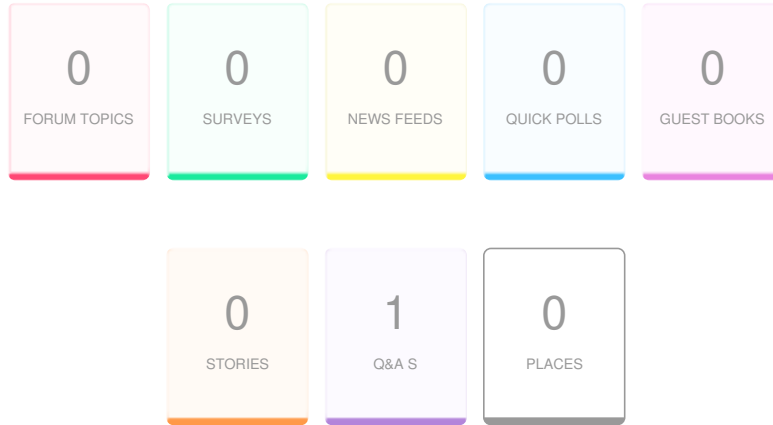
#### Highlights



Aware Participants	782	Engaged Participants	14		
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Visited a Project or Tool Page	782	Contributed on Forums	0	0	0
Informed Participants	258	Participated in Surveys	0	0	0
Informed Actions Performed	Participants	Contributed to Newsfeeds	0	0	0
Viewed a video	0	Participated in Quick Polls	0	0	0
Viewed a photo	150	Posted on Guestbooks	0	0	0
Downloaded a document	0	Contributed to Stories	0	0	0
Visited the Key Dates page	6	Asked Questions	0	3	0
Visited an FAQ list Page	0	Placed Pins on Places	0	0	0
Visited Instagram Page	0	Contributed to Ideas	11	0	0
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Contributed to a tool (engaged)	14				

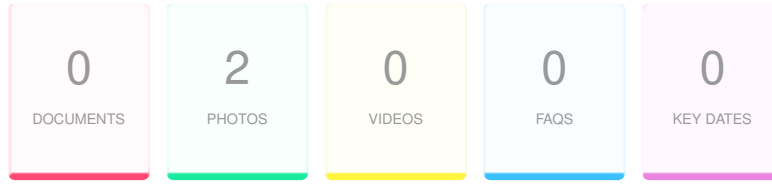


## ENGAGEMENT TOOLS SUMMARY



Tool Type	Engagement Tool Name	Tool Status	Visitors	Contributors		
				Registered	Unverified	Anonymous
Qanda	Questions	Published	52	0	3	0
Ideas	Comments	Published	95	11	0	0

## INFORMATION WIDGET SUMMARY



Widget Type	Engagement Tool Name	Visitors	Views/Downloads
Photo	deleted photo from	114	115
Photo	deleted photo from	63	63
Photo	Proposed Park Development Plan (Exhibit A) IP Meeting (3).jpg	33	34
Photo	Proposed Park Development Plan (Exhibit B) IP Meeting (1).jpg	14	15
Key Dates	Key Date	6	6

## QANDA

### Questions

Visitors <b>52</b>	Contributors <b>3</b>	CONTRIBUTIONS <b>3</b>
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No Responses

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Visitors <b>95</b>	Contributors <b>11</b>	CONTRIBUTIONS <b>32</b>
<p>17 July 23</p> <p>burnsr</p> <p>VOTES <b>2</b></p>	<p><b>park design</b></p> <p>Based on the current park plan rendering on the BeHeard website, I would like to see less emphasis on a 'performance' area, in terms of space and design. When the park idea was floated years ago I envisioned green space and trees, with perhaps additional amenities including a small playground. I see some trees around the perimeter, but none in the center, and no meandering paths or sidewalks bisecting the park. It looks more like a sports field or an area to hold concerts/performances. If this is the intent I'd like to hear more from planners on what they foresee and how often an event may occur, especially if it means closing off part/all of the park.</p>	
<p>18 July 23</p> <p>DMF</p> <p>VOTES <b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Parking, Trees, and Irrigated Turf Grass</b></p> <p>1) Remove the parking along E. Ash St. I bike this road twice daily for my commute. People pulling in and out of parking onto E. Ash St. will create a dangerous situation for cyclists. Even now, with parallel parking, several events involving drivers along this stretch of road have created unsafe conditions for cyclists. 2) Plant more trees. This park will be an island of green in an overwhelmingly hot part of town. The central downtown area is a significant heat island (see image) with few green spaces. Turf grass alone is not as effective at creating cool spaces. Adding trees to the existing schematic should help decrease summertime temperatures. 3) We are trying to reduce our water consumption. Stop irrigating grass—plant drought-tolerant species. Make the landscape as low maintenance as possible using native plants and a layered landscape design. Regular mowing releases heat and greenhouse gas emissions elevating the urban heat island effect and contributing to climate change.</p>	
<p>19 July 23</p> <p>Brennamz1</p> <p>VOTES <b>0</b></p>	<p><b>If a playground is included, can you please consider a shade component (canopy and/or giant umbrellas) and a poured rubber surface?</b></p> <p>Playground-needs shade and no mulch</p>	

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<p>19 July 23 wright.matt.a</p>	<h3>Too Much Pavement, Not Enough Trees</h3>
<p>VOTES 4</p>	<p>This park should serve as a green oasis on the edge of downtown. This plan has too much dedicated car parking, when instead we have an opportunity to create a pedestrian and cyclist attraction among those who are already downtown (or take the bus and walk across the street from Wabash). Eliminate the parking from Ash entirely (or make it in to recessed parallel parking like pictured on Park, if you must) - this is a bike boulevard, and creating additional conflict points with cars is dangerous. The additional parking along St James is more than enough, and the additional ADA spots are important. Also way more trees should be added to the interior of the park, not just along the perimeter, to create shade spots for those actually using the park.</p>
<p>20 July 23 mkbmwb1012</p>	<h3>A Southern Square design</h3>
<p>VOTES 4</p>	<p>A type of "Savannah" square with tree canopies and walkways and a fountain or statue centerpiece.</p>
<p>22 July 23 Artist</p>	<h3>I think more trees would be an asset. It does look like an event space.</h3>
<p>VOTES 0</p>	<p>I think for this area of town, that already has private event space, an area built more for the community to enjoy for families and small, creative events would be more important than a giant open amphitheater area. I would love to see more sculptures, and art. I do like the additional parking since that is a growing concern in the area. I'd love to see more trees in the middle area.</p>
<p>23 July 23 MEK3</p>	<h3>Fountain, trees, benches, and chess!</h3>
<p>VOTES 2</p>	<p>I agree with nearly all of the other comments thus far, but especially the comment about a Southern-Style Square. We don't need conflicting event spaces in this area. Not only is there Rose, but the Blue Note outdoor events can be heard from this part of town, too. This part of town is severely lacking in areas of shaded refuge. Southern squares were designed for this exact purpose. They are for people walking about town and need a moment to rest amidst the heat and humidity. They are a place for meeting friends to walk, sit on a bench, and catch up. I could also envision there being permanently installed chess tables with benches (like in NYC or Europe) that encourage people to get to know their neighbors. Definitely a fountain in the middle. Benches under giant, shady trees. There could be a meditation labyrinth path (like at HHS). I would not add a giant playground; maybe just some swings. And definitely not athletic areas (this rendering looks like there's a soccer goal area, maybe) as that would take away from the quiet, peaceful space. I live 30 min outside Columbia but have worked in Columbia for 17 years (nearby this area) and all of our life activities are in CoMo. My kid has dance lessons several days a week next door to this space. When we commute to town, we usually have to haul all of our daily needs with us (which includes snacks and dinners) because there is no quick run home. As soon as I saw the park was happening, I was excited about using this space in the evenings between my kid's dance classes — enjoying picnic dinners under shaded trees, a peaceful refuge amidst a busy day. However, based on what is designed here, we would never visit this park.</p>

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VOTES 1	<p>Surrounding businesses have the event/performance space covered, so please don't step on that! Needs to compliment what is already there.</p>
	<p>Shade, fountains, sculpture, fun lighting</p>