

Summary of all open house comments

Parks:

Email and chart pack comments: There were many comments written regarding maintenance of existing parks. Several people shared their concerns with tagging and destruction of park benches and play equipment. Another concern voiced was development of park land into parks. The need for dog parks and more parking spaces at parks tied for third with regards to comments. A few comments were made regarding the need to expand parking at all park facilities.

Priorities voting: As far as outdoor equipment, most people voted for water access for swimming, boating, fishing, kayaking etc. Water play features and playgrounds tied for second. The third top vote getter was off-leash dog areas. With regards to investing for the future, acquisition of park land and maintenance/improvements of existing parks received the second and third places after acquisition of development of walking and biking trails.

Recreation Facilities:

Email and chart pack comments: Fewest comments of the three categories and they focused on specific activities primarily: soccer and disc golf.

Priorities voting: The top two vote getters not related to trails were soccer fields and all-weather surface for extended play.

Trails:

Email and chart pack: Out of the three categories this is where we received the most comments, which far outnumbered comments related to any other parks issue. We received many comments regarding the need for more horse trails, close second were comments regarding the need for more walking and mountain biking trails. The third most comments related to trails were the need for more water access for kayaking. Comments were also made regarding the need for bathrooms and more parking at trail heads.

Priorities voting: The top vote getter regarding where to focus trails was in natural areas and second was for trails connecting to parks. As far as future planning, the overwhelming number one vote getter of any category was for acquisition and development of walking and biking trails. Horse trails placed third overall with regards to priorities for the future parks planning. With regards to the question about what is most important for needing improvement to meet demands of a growing population, the top vote getter was for more equestrian trails.