



Fircrest Pool and Community Center: Online Survey Summary

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INTRODUCTION

The City of Fircrest collected online survey feedback from Fircrest residents, workers, and visitors to receive input from the community on plans for replacing the City pool and a potential replacement of the community center. The survey questions aimed to understand public opinion and preferences on the pool and center design options, potential uses and activities, and support for the project and funding options.

The survey was available from August 21 to September 16, 2018. The survey was advertised through a mailing to every Fircrest household, within the community center facilities, and through online social media platforms. The summary shows respondent demographics, their relationship to the Fircrest community, opinions about current community center and pool facilities and events, and community preferences and ideas regarding a planned new pool and potential new center.

SUMMARY OF SURVEY FINDINGS

- The survey received 581 responses. Most (68%) were between 25 and 54 years old and have children living in their household. Of all responses, 475 live in Fircrest, while the 2018 population is 6,710. This is about a 7% of Fircrest residents and 16% of households.
- Respondents frequently use the pool, with nearly half attending at least 2 times per week when the pool is open and is especially appealing for young children.
- There was a slight preference for pool Option B over pool Option A. Option B has a separate toddler pool and a combined recreation and lap pool.
- The community center is used by about 40% of respondents at least once a month and is used most often for community events. Youth and senior programming are also popular activities.
- The most important facility considerations for a new community center would be a multipurpose gymnasium and kitchen facilities to support community events and programming.
- Respondents see a new community center as extremely beneficial to the Fircrest community and support funding to build a new center. 84% of respondents say a new community center would be beneficial to the community, and 63% support a bond to pay for it as presented in the survey.

“When I was young I was at the pool every day. When I was raising my children, we used it every day, along with my nieces and nephews. I want it available for all children. It is the hub for our community, I want to always have a pool in Fircrest!”

“The community center brings people together, that’s why it is important to invest in good facilities and programs.”

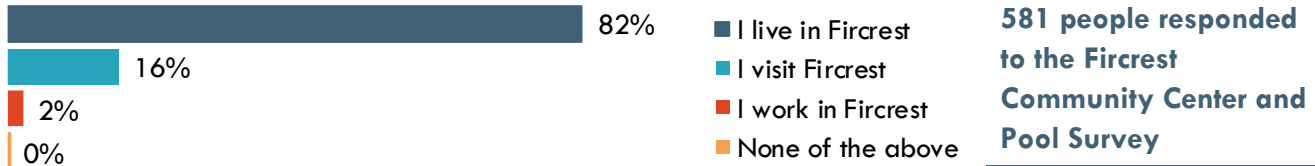
SURVEY ANALYSIS

This section is an analysis of the survey responses broken into sections that addresses respondent characteristics, use of the Fircrest pool, use of the community center, opinions on the facilities and programs offered, and preferences for potential new space and use options.

Respondent Demographics

A large majority (82%) of respondents live in Fircrest, with some visitors of Fircrest (16%).

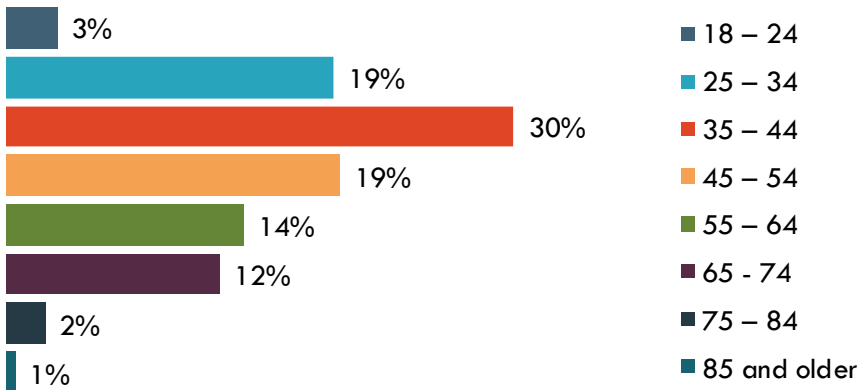
Exhibit 1. Which of the following statements apply to you? Question 1 (N= 581)



Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

The largest age group of survey responders were between the ages of 35 and 44 (30%). The age groups of 25 to 34 (19%) and 45 to 54 (19%) were also a large share of respondents.

Exhibit 2. What is your age? Question 2 (N= 572)



Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

A large majority (72%) of survey respondents were female.

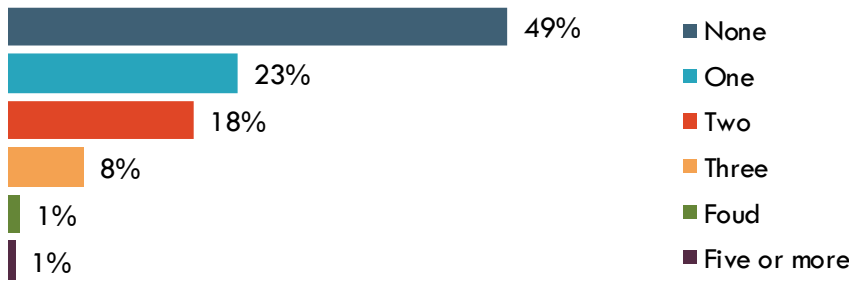
Exhibit 3. What is your gender? Question 3 (N=573)



Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

A little over half (51%) of respondents had children 10 and younger living in their household.

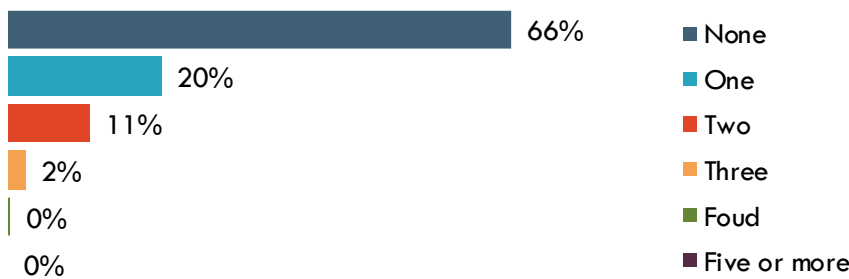
Exhibit 4. How many children 10 and younger live in your household? Question 4 (N=572)



Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

A majority (66%) of respondents had no children between ages 11 and 18 living in their household.

Exhibit 5. How many children age 11 – 18 live in your household? Question 5 (N=565)



Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

POOL USE

A large majority (74%) of responders use the Fircrest pool or have a member of their household who uses the pool.

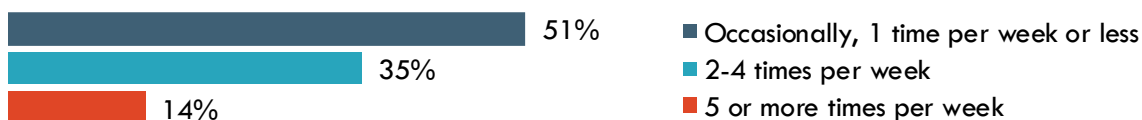
Exhibit 6. Do you and /or members of your household use the Fircrest pool? Question 6 (N=574)



Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

Of those who use the pool, most (51%) answered that they use the pool occasionally, 1 time per week or less during the pool season. Almost half (49%) use the pool multiple times per week.

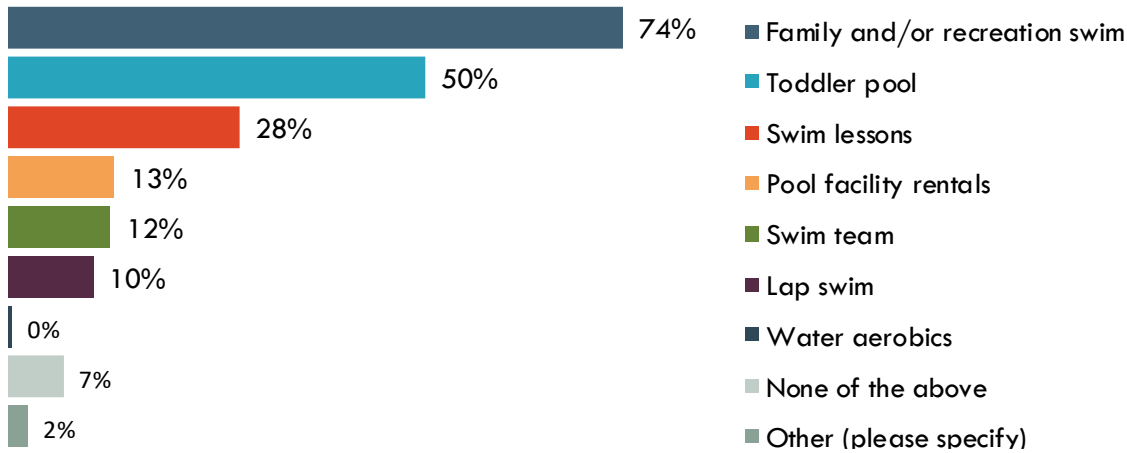
Exhibit 7. Approximately how often do you and/or members of your household visit the swimming pool during the season? Question 7 (N=419)



Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

Of those who use the pool, 75% use the family and/or recreation swim and 50% use the toddler swim. Open-ended comments are shown Exhibit 22 in the Appendix.

Exhibit 8. In the past year, have you and/or members of your household participated in activities at the pool? If yes, check all that apply. If no, check none of the above. Question 8 (N=418)



Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

Note: Because responders could select more than one option, figures add up to greater than 100%. Each value represents the share of pool users who use the pool for the indicated activity.

A large majority of respondents (68%) said the pool temperature was just right or fine. More participants think the pool is too cool (14%) rather than too warm (5%). Open-ended comments are shown in Exhibit 23 in the Appendix.

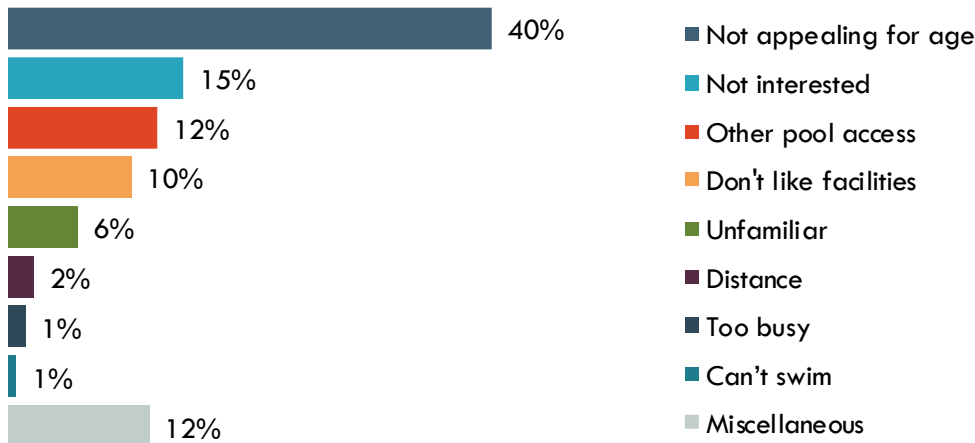
Exhibit 9. What do you think of the current pool temperature? Please choose one and add additional comments if needed. Question 9 (N=416)



Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

Among those who do not use the Fircrest pool, the top reason for not using the pool is because of a lack of appeal for their age group (most commonly among adults). These are categorized responses from open-ended comments, all individual responses are shown in Exhibit 24 in the Appendix.

Exhibit 10. What are the main reasons you don't use the Fircrest Pool? Question 10 (N=137)



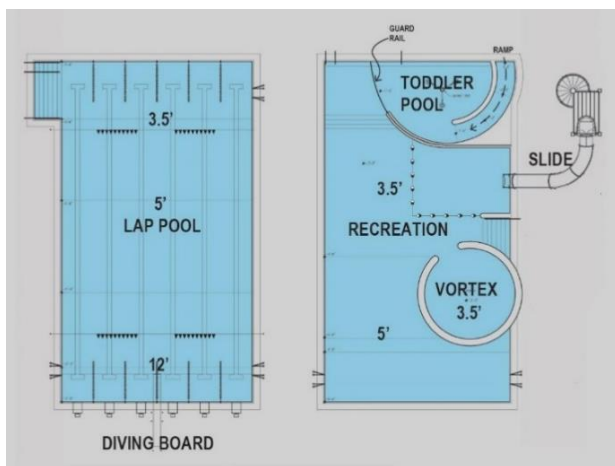
Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

POOL DESIGN OPTIONS

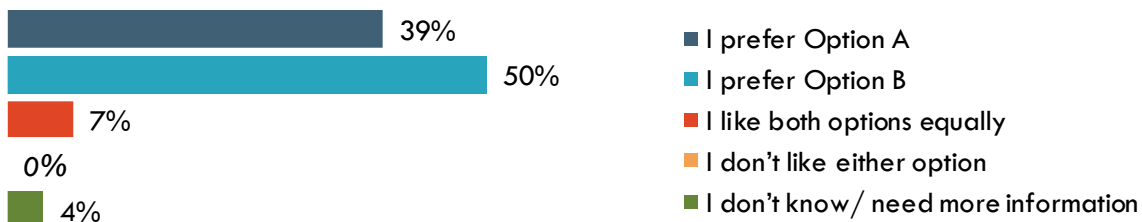
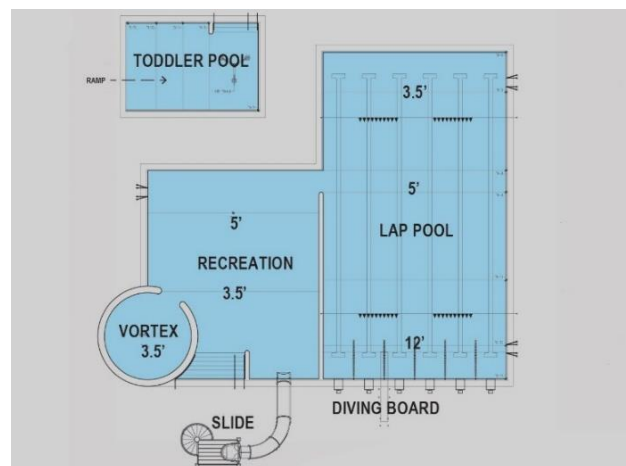
Half of participants prefer Option B, while no selection was made for not preferring either option. All individual responses are shown in Exhibit 25 in the Appendix.

Exhibit 11. Of these 2 options – which do you prefer. Use the comment box to explain why or provide additional comments. Question 11 (N=546)

Pool Option A



Pool Option B

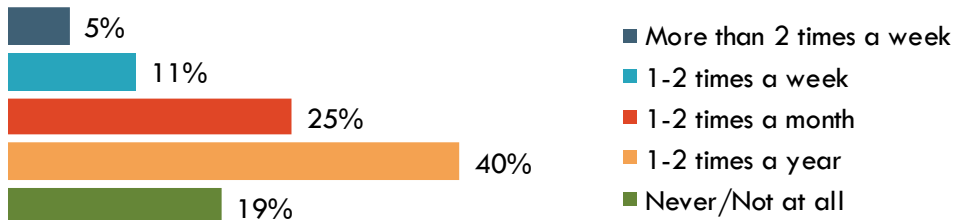


Source: ARC Architects, 2018; BERK Consulting, 2018.

COMMUNITY CENTER CURRENT USE

Of those surveyed, most people attend the community center rarely or not at all (59%). About 16% use the center frequently- at least 1-2 times per week or more, and 25% use the community somewhat frequently (1-2 times a month).

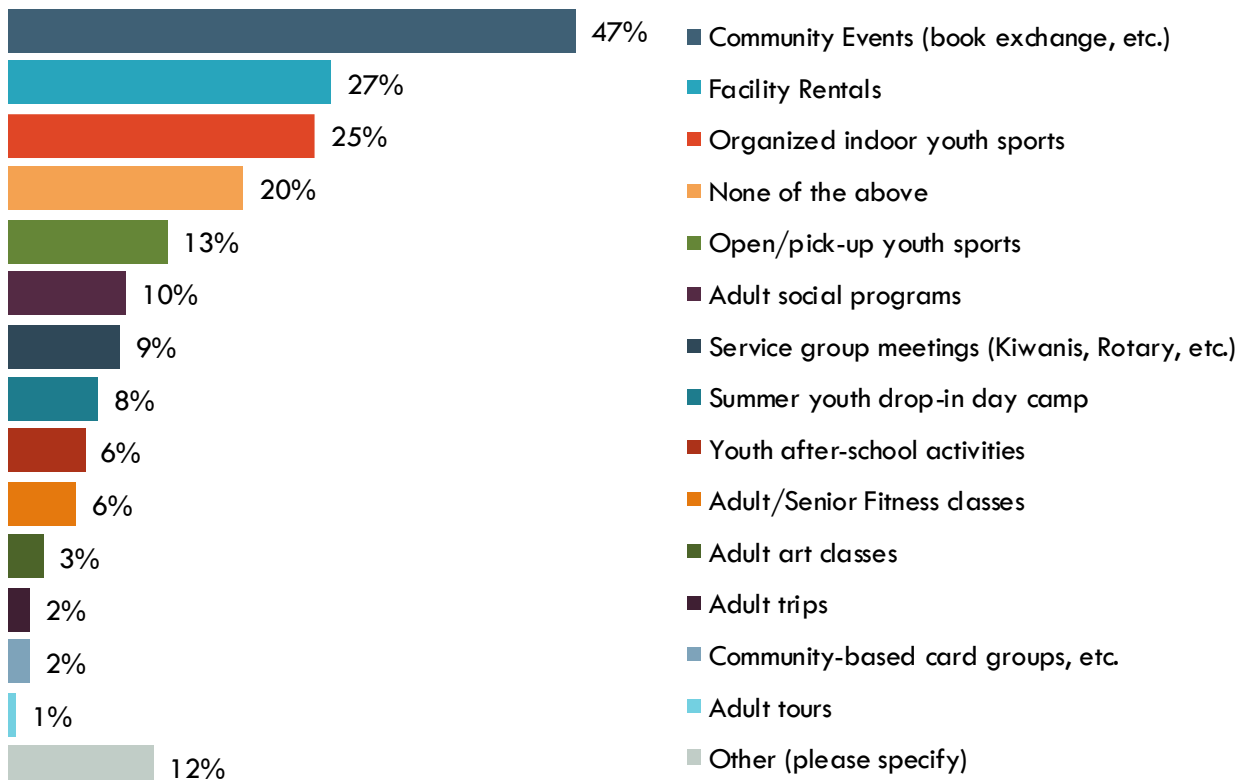
Exhibit 12. How often do you visit or use the Roy H. Murphy Community Center? Question 12 (N=550)



Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

Of those who attend, most (47%) attend for community events. Facility rentals and youth sports were also top reasons for visiting the community center. All individual responses are shown in Exhibit 26 in the Appendix.

Exhibit 13. In the past year, have you and/or members of your household participated in activities at the community center? If yes, check all that apply. If no, check none of the above. Question 13 (N=440)

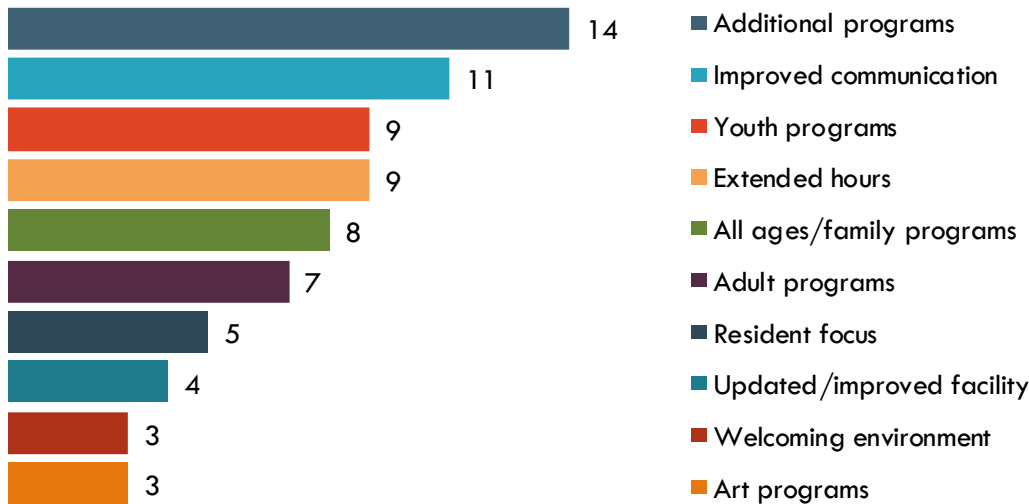


Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

Note: Because responders could select more than one option, figures add up to greater than 100%. Each value represents the share of community center visitors who visit the center for the indicated activity.

Most respondents (14) wanted improvements with additional programs at the community center. All individual responses are shown in Exhibit 27 in the Appendix.

Exhibit 14. How can current programs and activities offered at the community center be improved? Question 14 (N=138)



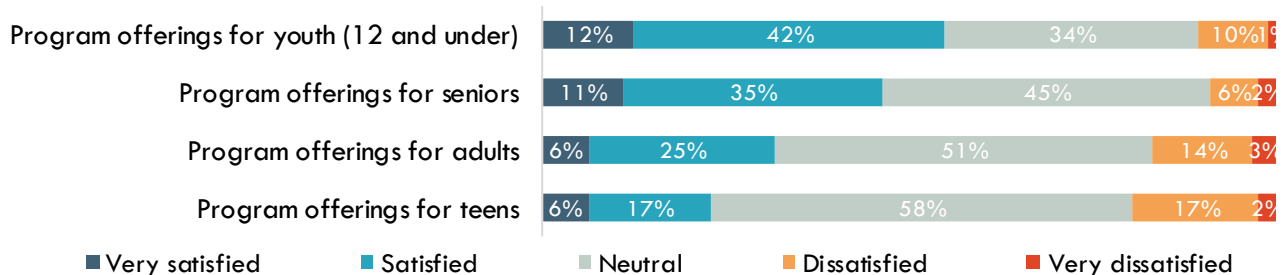
Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

The most well-received programming at the community center are offerings for youth 12 and under, with 54% of responders saying they were very satisfied or satisfied with those programs. Programs for teens and adults were not viewed as well, and there is a community desire to improve offerings for those age groups.

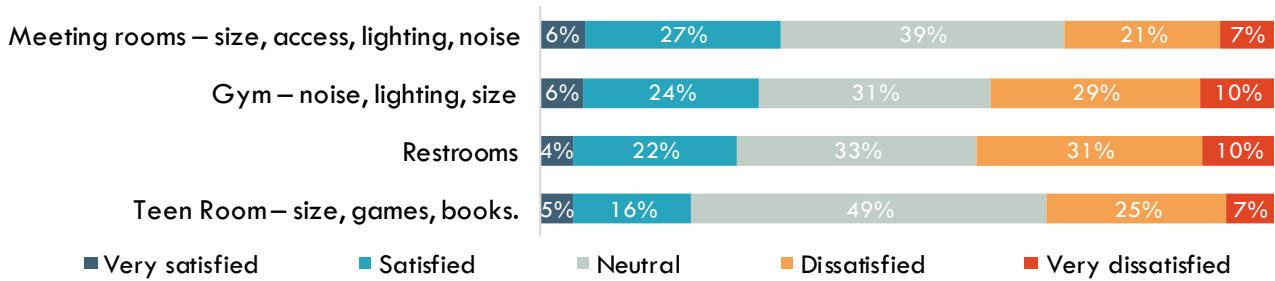
The facilities overall were less satisfactory than programming. The most satisfactory facility were the meeting rooms, with 33% of respondents being very satisfied or satisfied with the rooms. More respondents expressed a lack of satisfaction for the gym, restrooms, and teen rooms than those who were satisfied.

Exhibit 15. How satisfied are you with the following aspects of the Roy H. Murphy Community Center as it is today? Question 15 (N=433)

Programming



Facilities

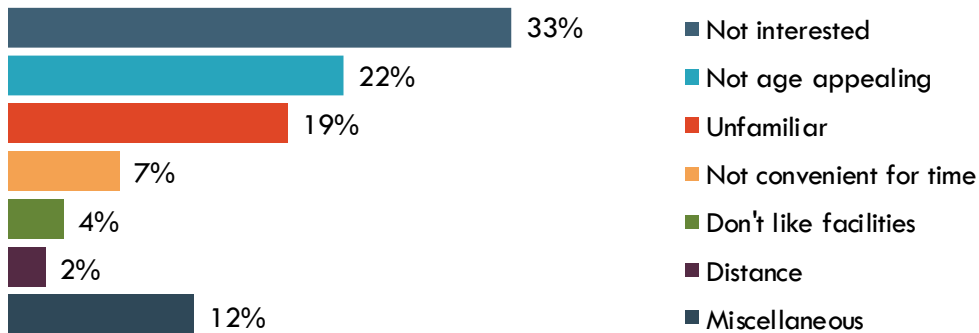


Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

Note: Responses for “I don’t know/no opinion” have been removed from the exhibits.

The number one reason respondents do not visit or use the community center is due to a general lack of interest (33%) or programs that are not appealing (22%) to their age group. All open-ended responses are shown in Exhibit 28.

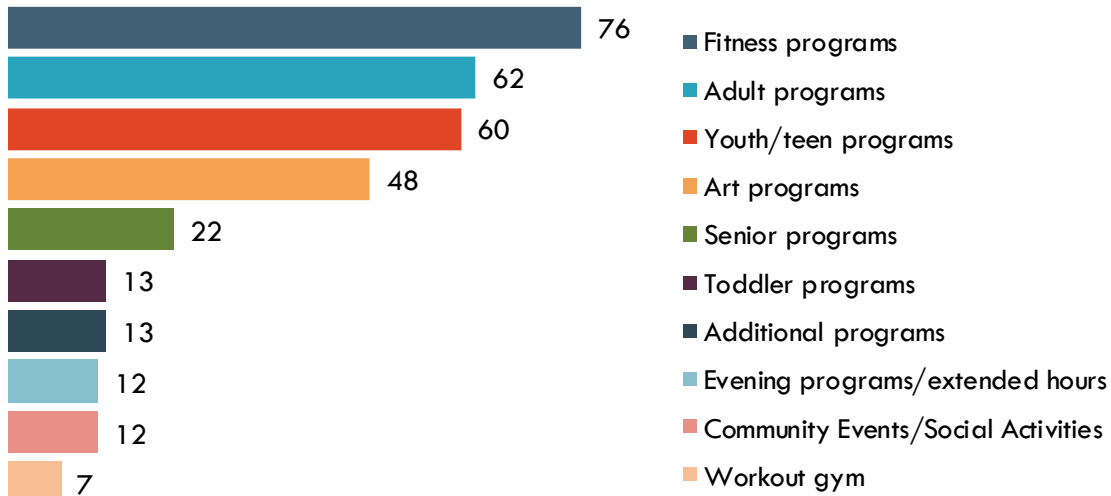
Exhibit 16. What are the main reasons you don't visit or use the community center? Question 16 (N=81)



Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

Most survey respondents (76) wanted more fitness programs or programs appealing to adults (62) and programs appealing to youth/teens (60). All open-ended responds are shown in Exhibit 29 in the Appendix.

Exhibit 17. What programs and activities would you like to do more of in a new community center? (e.g. adult fitness classes, art classes, senior programming, youth activities, etc.) Question 17 (N=238)



TOP WORDS USED	COUNT
Activities	62
Art	49
Adult Fitness Classes	42
Programs	29
Senior	27

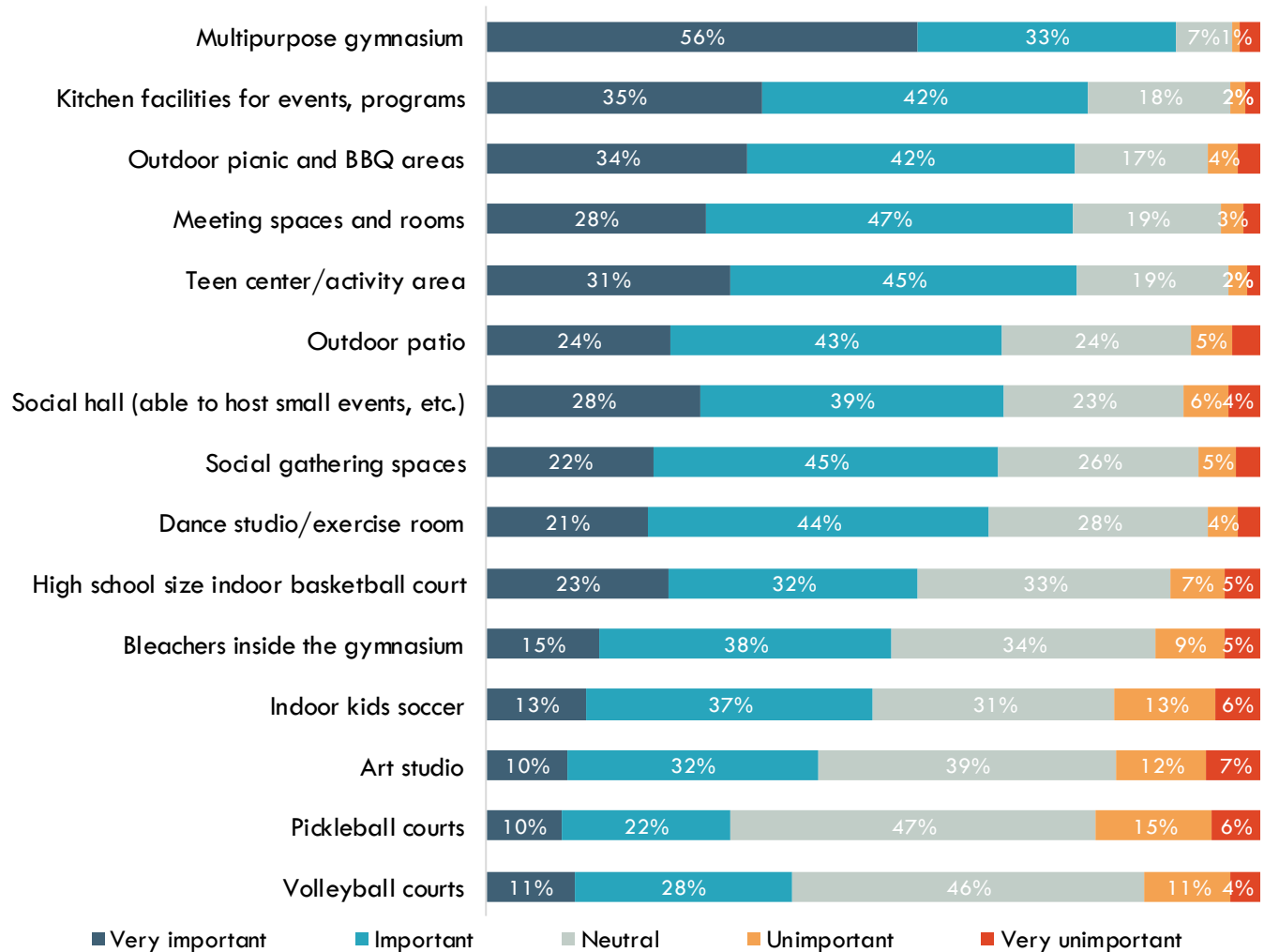
Family Fitness Library Zumba Opinion Climbing Wall Book Events
 Rain Barrel Class Kids Music Lessons Programs Swim Art
 Basketball Activities Adult Exercise
 Adult Fitness Classes Pool Area Senior Later in the Day
 Gym Important Indoor Ballet Aerobics Training Working Parents

Source: SurveyMonkey, 2018;
 BERK Consulting, 2018.

COMMUNITY CENTER NEW IDEAS

The most important facilities for a new potential community center include a multipurpose gym (89%), kitchen facilities (78%), an outdoor picnic area (76%), meeting spaces (75%), and teen center (76%). All open-ended responses are shown in Exhibit 30.

Exhibit 18. How important are the following facilities or spaces to have in a new community center? Please rank the following ideas (5 = very important, 1 = not at all important, I don't know) Question 18 (N=485)



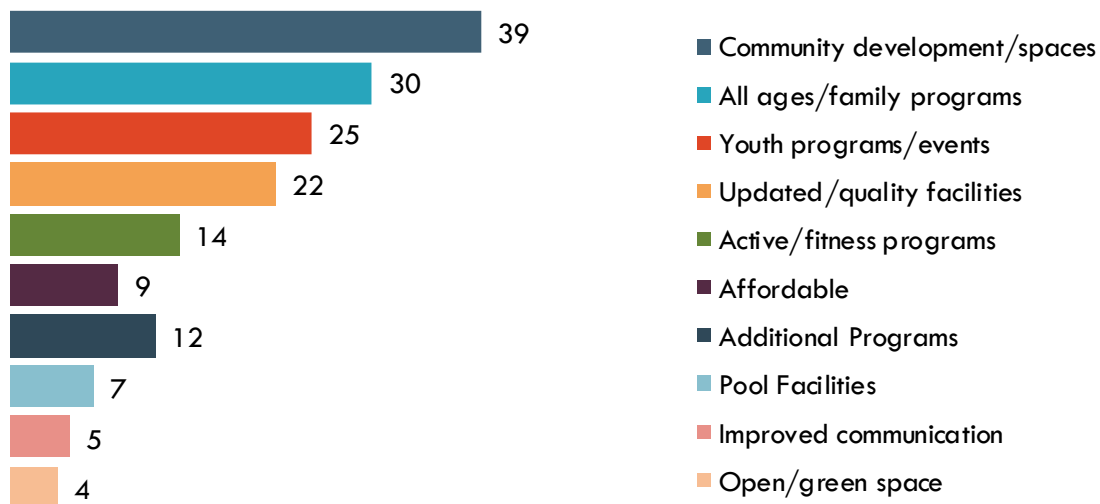
Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

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The top result for the greatest need for community or recreation programs was community development and spaces. Those responses mentioned programming is for the community to be able to gather and build their social relationships. The next two themes that came up the most were all ages and family programming, as well as youth programming, suggesting that people see it as important that programming is inclusive and may be able to appeal to all community members in some way.

Exhibit 19. What do you think is Fircrest’s greatest need for community or recreation programs?

Question 19 (N=216)



TOP WORDS USED	COUNT
Community	41
Programs	40
Activities	38
Pool	26
Space	19

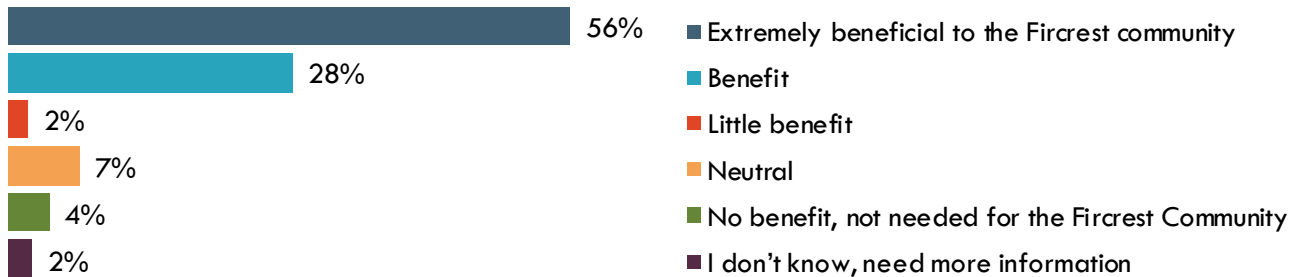
Young Adults Whittier Swim Lessons Lacrosse Residents Facilitate
 Seniors Library Events Unsure Pool Working Parents
 Programs Variety Community Bigger Activities
 Emergency Shelter Space Expensive Facilities Hockey Indoor Money
 Fields Workout Year Round Basketball

Source: SurveyMonkey, 2018;
 BERK Consulting, 2018.

COMMUNITY CENTER DESIGN OPTIONS

A large majority (84%) of respondents see a new community center as being beneficial or extremely beneficial to Fircrest. Very few (4%) see no benefit.

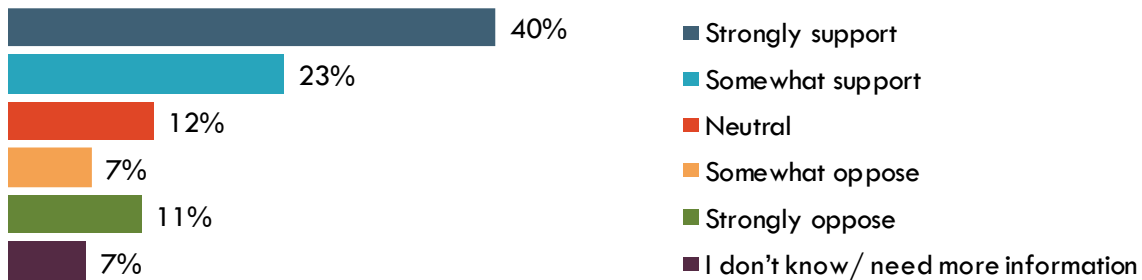
Exhibit 20. Would a new community center, like the one shown in the image above, be a benefit to the Fircrest Community? Please choose only one answer. Add comments if desired. Question 20 (N=488)



Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

A large majority (63%) of respondents support or strongly support the possible bond amounts being considered to fund building a new community center as described in the survey. A smaller number (18%) of respondents oppose the bond funding as described.

Exhibit 21. What is your opinion of building a new community center with the features described above if the park bond to pay for it costs about \$300/ year for a home assessed at \$400,000 over 20 years? Question 21 (N=489)



Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.



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COMMENTS AND RESPONSES TO OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

This appendix shows respondent’s verbatim written responses from the opened ended questions in the survey.

Exhibit 22. In the past year, have you and/or members of your household participated in activities at the pool? If yes, check all that apply. If no, check none of the above. Question 8 (N=418)

Other Responses	Other Responses
Hawaiian Pool Party	Swim tests
Daily swim!	Rec swim
Life guards	Had a bday party for 6 year old daughter at pool but did not rent out.
Pool party	Didn't know you had water aerobics
Son took swimming lessons through all levels (finished over a year ago)	

Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

Exhibit 23. What do you think of the current pool temperature? Please choose one and add additional comments if needed. Question 9 (N=416)

Other Responses	Other Responses
Feels a little too warm - like a bath tub	It depends on the day
Kids swim and seem fine	The temperature fluctuates. A lot of people prefer it to be warm including myself.
If a lap pool is added, it should be cooler.	Kind of depends on the temperature outside the pool if inside the pool is the “right” temperature.
I think it’s a little warm, but I can still swim in it fine.	Depends on the day
Its warm water because its full of dirty kids who ... well you know. The temperature is usually always pretty warm	Too warm for swim team but just right for swim lessons
It’s too crowded, too many non-residents.	I haven’t gotten in. Usually it’s too cold.
sometimes it’s too cold and sometimes just right	Depends on the day. Some days feel colder/too cold.

Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

Exhibit 24. What are the main reasons you don't use the Fircrest Pool? Question 10 (N=137)

Comments	
1	It isn't geared toward anyone other than families. Too crowded.
2	Have a pool at my apartment
3	We own our own pool
4	New to area
5	Few 'adult' open swim hours - and no adult aerobics. It would be great if it were open year around - but that would require an indoor enclosure.
6	senior, would use if had senior session
7	Distance from home
8	Age of children, looking forward to next year for swim lessons as my son is tall enough. Daughter still too young.
9	Distance to home
10	We used it every day in the summer when our kids were growing up. My husband and I used it when we were growing up! The pool means a lot to us!
11	We don't now but will when we have grand kids
12	Not interested in swimming
13	The programming is 100% for kids. Adult swimming/use doesn't have a place currently. I use the YMCA pool for laps and water exercise...even though the Fircrest Pool is a short walk for me.
14	Children are grown. No grandchildren yet.
15	There is nothing for me. It just for kids.
16	no reason
17	Not interested in swimming or water play
18	It appears that it mostly for children.
19	My 2 children are adults not. I have lived in Fircrest for 33 and raised my family here. My children spent countless hours at the pool and the Rec Center...I to spent countless hours as a young girl playing at the pool and rec center while visiting my grandparents. As you can see this has become generational for our family. Someday when I have grandchildren I will bring them to enjoy this beautiful place called Fircrest and all that it has to offer.
20	My sons are now adults. They spent their entire summers growing up at the Fircrest Pool.
21	I can't swim.
22	too old
23	We did when our children were young and plan to take our grandchildren there someday soon.
24	Children have aged out of it. However, I feel this is an important facility in Fircrest.
25	Didn't know about it.
26	Membership too private pool but have used community pool occasionally.
27	Belong to Fircrest Golf Club
28	Too busy. Don't know procedure for pool access and hours for adult use

29	Haven't gone swimming in many years.
30	Time
31	Available hours for open swim are too limited. Much easier for me to use the pool at my gym. My gym also offers water aerobics classes.
32	Didn't know about it
33	Hours and I see the pool as being for the kids. We did use the pool extensively when our son was growing up - swim lessons, FAST swim team. He learned to play water polo at the pool and was one of the state's best players in high school.
34	Live outside of Fircrest. No young children at home.
35	The only thing I do in the summer time is go to the Fircrest pool when I am bored.
36	I am to old and overweight to be using the pool.
37	Time & seems like it's more for kids
38	Our children have grown up. we used it when they were young
39	YMCA member
40	Kids grownup
41	Full need laps lanes open all day
42	Too crowded and just very little interest.
43	The kids used to use it, but don't particularly like swimming now.
44	Our children are grown so we don't have a reason to use the pool. When they were young we spent many summers taking swim lessons and playing at the pool.
45	We have a pool
46	We are not swimmers and our family does not live close by to use the pool
47	Not part of lifestyle
48	Showers/changing rooms are dirty
49	Age and grandchildren don't live in area. Did use pool for children when growing up and grandchildren when in the area.
50	Our children aged out. Used it bunches when they were older. I would lap swim if time offered.
51	it was great for our kids, but they are grown and have moved away.
52	Haven't been here long enough to use it
53	Because the swim team has priority during the times I want to swim
54	Should be adult swim and aerobics, haven't seen any, so I don't use it.
55	I use the pool at fircrest golf club
56	Teenagers aren't in to going to the pool anymore. It's sad for us moms who don't get to use it as an excuse to get together and visit.
57	Wasn't aware there was a pool or that non-residents were invited.
58	It is an over chlorinated baby bath...ick

59	It is more of a youth pool.
60	We used it when kids were younger
61	we have our own pool
62	The pool doesn't appear to be for adults.
63	Don't have time and don't want to swim with a bunch of kids.
64	All kids at the pool.
65	Too many children.
66	Not usable for swimming laps.
67	My grandchildren use the pool; however, I do not go swimming myself.
68	Cost of entry.
69	Our family outgrew it, but I totally support it for our community and hope it's thriving when we have grandchildren.
70	Non swimmer
71	No real reason. We just don't use the pool.
72	don't swim
73	I did when I was younger. Both myself and my son learned to swim in the pool.
74	I am an adult.... doesn't appeal to me.....
75	Kids older and not at home.
76	Lack of leisure time
77	Age and grandchildren don't use it anymore - grown up now.
78	I miss the lap swim session.
79	have our own
80	opportunity for year round aerobics and lap swimming
81	children grown and moved away. Used it a lot when they were kids. We don't use it as adults.
82	Just not my thing
83	No longer swim in public pools
84	Too small to do anything but get wet, especially when there are lots of people.
85	No children and we (adults) don't choose to; however, we greatly value that asset for others in our community.
86	Old and busy
87	my age
88	Not interested; have other activities I prefer.
89	It's just the water, no fun attractions. It's outdated.
90	I'm disabled, and my husband doesn't like to swim. I would definitely use it if I knew that it was handicap accessible.
91	History of skin cancer

92	No kids. Crowds. Competing priorities.
93	belong to Fircrest Golf Club use there pool
94	I don't know the hours it is open.
95	it's small and I feel like it's mostly for kids.
96	Just moved to Fircrest, still exploring the city.
97	It's for kids
98	When I was young I seem at the pool everyday. When I was raising my children we used it everyday, along with my nieces and nephews. Right now we are in between, we don't have grandchildren. If we did, I would use it all the time e with them too. I want it available for all children. It is the hub for our community, I WANT TO ALWAYS HAVE A POOL IN FIRCREST!
99	Someday, I may use the pool.
100	Don't want to be seen in public in a bathing suit
101	Not times just for adults.
102	Have a community neighborhood pool closer to home.
103	To many screaming running around kids. No adult area. Kids in diapers in the pool, and probably peeing in the pool. Like a mad house for children a lot who are unattended
104	I don't like to use public pools
105	I am 56 years old and I feel it is more for the kids.
106	Not big enough. always crowded and it's not open all year long.
107	Too crowded
108	I would use the pool to swim laps but the schedule and setup doesn't really accommodate that use. Although to be honest it's been a couple years since I looked into it. My impression is that it is scheduled around the use for kids. Which I think is great - but I don't want to swim laps during open swim with the pool filled with kids having fun. I just go elsewhere
109	member of golf club, not enough draw of the Fircrest Pool to use both
110	I don't swim for recreational pleasure anymore.
111	To many children. Concerns that they pee in the pool. Just to many children there, to much kid noise.
112	Used it alot when kids were little. Daughter did lessons, swim team and later lifeguard and swim instructor. Dont have use much now unless grandboys want to go.
113	Too crowded
114	Due to public access too crowded
115	Too crowded.
116	We belong to Fircrest Golf Club and use their pool
117	New to Fircrest so haven't used the pool yet but will in the future with our grandchildren.
118	I do use the pool
119	all of our kids learned to swim there and now they use it with their kids.
120	We have our own pool and no kids.

121	No time this year to take our grandkids to the pool. would like to do this in future summers though.
122	I;m over weight.
123	It is more for kids rather than adults. I'm not sure if there is any lap swimming time for adults.
124	Too old
125	Don't like to swim in public pools.
126	It is normally crowded, me not in it leaves more room for the kids :)
127	Kids pooping and peeing in the pool.
128	Used it when the kids were little. They are grown now.
129	Not a kid anymore
130	dont swim
131	Too many kids...an adult hour would be nice! Also, there is no shady options and we don't like to sit in the sun.
132	Want the kids to be the ones using it mostly
133	it is busy and so are we... travel quite a bit...
134	The current size does not provide the right length for laps and the current hours are not early enough for me to get in a workout before work.
135	Last year our child was too young and this summer we haven't had a chance to go yet. Website is confusing to understand times. As our child gets older I anticipate we will use pool and Rec center a lot.
136	Used it when family was growing up, now, we are retired, and not so much wanting to be with all the kids and families there! We loved it when our kids were younger!
137	I don't like to be in the sun.

Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

Exhibit 25. Of these 2 options – which do you prefer. Use the comment box to explain why or provide additional comments. Question 11 (N=546)

Comments	
1	I like the hat the toddlers are separated from the other pools.
2	I want this project to be affordable without raising our city water rates any higher. Non-residents need to pay much more for use.
3	The toddler pool being separate seems safer and more enjoyable for everyone.
4	I take my grandkids and they need the warmer water.
5	B fits the area better
6	I prefer having the wading pool separate from the big pool.
7	Honestly I think both are fine options. I just slightly prefer the idea of having a pool that is separate that can be slightly warmer for recreational pool time.
8	You can keep and eye on different aged kids at the same time
9	As a parent with both toddler and older age kids I could sit in one pool to watch them both.

10	Option A is too congested around slide and ramp to toddler pool. Babies use the ramps repeatedly to acclimate and play in the water, which means one parent/guardian per baby is potentially needed in the ramp area. For older toddlers, parents like to sit along the edge of the pool in order to be close enough with a fast response, but option A's design doesn't afford that option. is
11	Having the toddler and rec pool together works for families with multiple children/different ages and interests better. It's nice to have the larger recreation pool.
12	Do people use the lap pool that much to justify it playing such a major role? I like the pool idea of option a but who would put a slide next to the toddler area if toddlers cannot go down it? Not a parent. I would reevaluate this. I like option a but they should move slide. Maybe make a smaller lap section and a larger pool with diving boards and slides. That's the best for kids of all ages.
13	I prefer b because it allows for more interaction between everyone and I like that the toddler pool is separate from the other pools as well.
14	I like Option A so the parents who have children with an age gap can be closer to their older child who might want to go down the slide while they are supervising and simultaneously staying with their toddler in the toddler pool.
15	Hoping the toddler section can still be free for families. We went so often because it's hard to justify spending a few dollars if we are only there for 15-20 minutes. Spraygrounds are free.
16	Keeping the toddler pool completely separate from the main pool is a big plus for someone like me who plans to bring multiple small children with 1 adult. It is much easier and safer for me to keep track of them in an enclosed area with water that is a more appropriate height for their ages. (All under 5).
17	I really like the idea of the toddlers being separate from the big pool.
18	Definitely all for keeping the toddler pool completely separate from the recreation/lap pool.
19	Just would be concerned for the safety of the toddler pool connecting to the bigger pool. Would need to understand it more.
20	I like my toddlers separated from the big recreation area
21	Having a separate toddler area is my favorite thing about the current pool setup! It is a lot more relaxing, easier to watch, and I'm not worried about my little one getting "run over" by big kids or overhearing inappropriate language and behavior for their age group.
22	Having kids who would use both the toddler pool and recreation area, I like having them closer together so that I can be in the pool supervising both at the same time.
23	It would make me nervous to have my toddler in a pool connected to the bigger pool.
24	It's nice to keep the toddlers separate from the deep water/bigger kids.
25	There needs to be an indoor pool for the entire year
26	Toddler separate ! Bath house orientation is confusing as to relationship to the pool / entrance in street clothes -- entrance into pool area ?? they should be separate. Also, starting blocks need to be removable or it severely limits the use of one end of the pool.
27	The separate toddler pool makes it less likely larger kids will get in there and easier to supervise young kids.
28	Separate wading pool is a must for code brown pool emergencies.
29	I like option A. I have multiple ages and swim levels of kiddos. It would be nice to be in the toddler area and see the older kids swim close by (in the same pool).
30	I am choosing option A to move forward into something new; Option B is what we have always had (but it would be amazingly new/updated.)
31	Not sure if there is a cost factor with A or B

32	I like having the toddlers in their own pool.
33	Which is the most efficient/cost effective to operate and staff?
34	Swimming was always halted until after 1:00 when all lessons were complete. Option A would allow kids/adults to swim alongside swim lessons.
35	Pool is kept too cold currently
36	Toddlers should have their own space.
37	feel we do not need vortex feature
38	I prefer the overall smaller footprint of Option B
39	I like toddler pool in option B. Easier for moms to watch the toddlers and less likely to have toddler jump out and run/try and jump into bigger pool. More sitting space for parents watching toddlers in toddler pool, option A is not clear where parents could be sitting to watch the toddlers or it does not appear to have same space.
40	could the toddler pool be separated for option A?
41	A separate toddler pool is more sanitary
42	We use the toddler pool a lot and my daughter is very confident learning to float and play because it is separate from the adult pool. Also once this summer there was poop in the toddler pool and they had to close it for a while. This would create a larger disruption if the toddler pool was part of the recreation pool. The vortex seems cool and I like the deeper area with diving.
43	Option B has a separate toddler pool which hopefully can be used by toddlers with parents even when pool is closed.
44	There is no current lap swim, would either of these option provide for a lap swim?
45	Option b. Toddler pool should remain separate. Option a. Looks crowded!
46	I am a girl that goes to then pool basically everyday and having the toddler pool by the big pool well not work out. Why I think that is because kids may run and and fall into the real pool. And I think the noises from both of the pool together well make a huge mess. I think plan b is prefect.
47	would there be a fence around the toddler pool in option B? How large is it compared to the current toddler pool?
48	Senior aerobics
49	One needs to understand costs of each choice and the designer's description of the pros and cons of each. Otherwise it's an uninformed guess.
50	Like having a self contained space for the little ones to play in. The bathrooms for any approved option need to be accessible during pool hours. Currently the door from the toddler area into the community center get locked in the later afternoon. Little kids have to take a long walk all the way around the building to use the restroom. Very inconvenient
51	I think it would help to keep the toddler "p" out of the recreation _ool
52	Plan b separates young children in their own pool. It works well right now. Would like you to offer senior aerobics too.
53	Which ever takes less money out of my fixed income. Getting priced out of my home after 45 years paying for this town.
54	I am assuming the toddler pool would be open like the current setup.
55	I might prefer the two pools option if it would mean the pool could be open earlier for recreation
56	A toddler pool connected to the recreational pool is very dangerous. Keeping the two separate minimizes the risk factor. We cannot guarantee that toddler parents will make sure their child does not cross over to the recreational

	portion. Also, I do not believe that enough people would use the lap pool as a lap pool and therefore do not see why lap swimming would need a whole extra pool.
57	More perimeter for the parents to sit around the pool and I like that the toddler pool is separate.
58	The pool when we were using it almost daily seemed to be shut down for code brown emergencies so having a toddler area might cut down on so many closures
59	Is toddler pool taking place if wading pool?
60	Safer for tots to not wander to deeper side, if they have a potty accident, won't have to close/clean the big pool.
61	It is nice to have the free toddler pool. If adults are required to swim with toddlers in option B then I would prefer option A
62	Not a fan of where the toddler pool is located in option a.
63	Prefer the separate toddler pool
64	I like the toddler area combined with the bigger pool
65	I am concerned about the building and maintenance of two large pools. Would the toddler pool be within the same fenced area as the big pool? Although I no longer have small children that was one of the biggest irritations to me to not be able to access all of my kids when/ if needed. I have two older children that were way to big and mature for the toddler pool but I could not be with them bc I was stuck on the other side of a locked gate with my youngest in the toddler pool.
66	I like the the toddle pool separated because of "accidents" in the pool. I would recommend switching the 5 foot depth and the 3.5 foot depths of the rev pool so younger children that are too big for the toddler pool can be closer to the toddler pool so parents can keep an eye on both pools if they have different aged kiddos.
67	I think it best if the toddlers were kept separate from the deeper pools
68	none of the above...NO MORE POOLS WASTE
69	Keeps the diapers out if the main pool area. Little scan have their own space without getting run over by bigger kids.
70	Option A is so much better! Plenty of room for rec AND lessons/meets, parents can easily move back and forth between infants/toddlers and older kids, and toddlers can gently transition to the larger pool.
71	I love the lap pool separate as I go after work and use it more as a workout. But then again I know shade might be an issue as the trees keep growing so I suppose I'll go with either one that has the most sun light!
72	I think both are great, however b allows for parents to watch their kids easier and kids to watch people swim.
73	Need to know if/how the toddler pool will be separated from the big kids. I think there should be some level of supervision to keep the bigger kids out. I've seen 10-12 year olds descend on the pool and take over, which is so not fun for the 3 year olds!
74	A large rec swim area is important to us as it can get busy.
75	I actually think both options have benefits. When my children were young I loved being able to take them to the wading pool and having be enclosed and separate from other spaces. However when I had children of mixed ages I hated having the fence between the wading and regular pool. I did not feel comfortable sending my older children to the regular pool while I stayed with littler ones at the wading pool because there was no easy access between the two pools. If there was a problem I felt that I could not get to my child in the other pool quickly enough. As a result there were a couple of years where we did not use the pool much. If pressed I would give an edge to option A. I think this option allows the 2 pools to adjust temperatures separately which would be beneficial for all swimmers. I also really like that there could be open swim and swimming lessons going on at the same time.
76	Keep toddlers in smaller contained area

77	It should be deeper, though. Lap pools and swim team pools should start at 5 feet, the middle should be more like 8 and the deep section of 12 should be at least 7 of the 25 yards. If it is not 5 feet on the shallower side, then swim team can't practice starts there and you can't ever have water polo or synchronized swimming or any other deep water sport. There is no need for 3.5 in the competition side. Keep that just to the recreation side.
78	I like having toddler pool separated for safety
79	Rather poorly presented. Any final design of the actual building and placement? Options?
80	I think two pools for 3 months a year is to much!
81	I like toddler pools to be distinctly separate from the main pool areas.
82	Prefer the larger single pool for family swim type of use
83	I like the toddler area separate for safety reasons.
84	I like how the current toddler/wading pool is free to use, so I'd like to know if it'd still be free with Option B.
85	Neither
86	seems like a less expensive option. also,keeps toddlers separate(safer). keeps lifeguards in a more concentrated area
87	I prefer B with a few exceptions. The vortex is a waste of space and money. consider who will be using it. the over all size is too small for a vortex. Also a slide is an insurance expense and liability plus consider the maintenance. if its fiberglass it will have a short life span needing to be replaced within say 3 years and fiberglass, when it sits in the sun which it will, has a tendency to develop fiberglass glass splinters after a while. image having to deal with that on kids backsides. fiberglass needs additional maintenance. Bottom line is that these 2 ideas are a waste of taxpayer money considering the time the pool will be open and the items will be used.
88	I participate on the Steering Committee and none of these options look like the feedback the architects have been given. It really seems like they are not listening. I will be sending this feedback to the Council with my recommendation that they not approve these.
89	Cost of having 2 pools would be a factor in my decision
90	Deeper water in recreation area to be able to float during family swim. (Like across the rope in the current pool)
91	I wish the pool temperatures were listed or I may have just missed it. I don't think the recreational pool and lap pool need to be at different temps. I've been a swimmer/player/coach for 13 years and never ran into an issue with needing two temps. Most pools are used for both rec and lap swim and don't change temps in between - Rachel Reese
92	As a parent i can watch both my kids in the same pool despite the difference in ages. Option B would force me to decide which child I would bring to the pool.
93	Whichever is cheaper
94	The warmer temperature is critical for the younger kids and seniors.
95	please consider covering the pool to allow for year round fitness.
96	It appears that A will be more universal with greater recreation area. I personally do not think that lap pool utility will warrant the area allowed
97	We love the separate toddler pool area now. It is heavily used and I worry option a would be too small.
98	I like the larger side for recreation. Also, would the divider separating the two pools in option B provide a wall from waves going into the lap pool?
99	Need information on costs.

100	Toddler pool is separate so if there is a bio hazard it doesn't shut down the rest
101	Due to my disability, I've been recommended water aerobics but the water must be warm. If warm enough, option A would work for me. I've been looking for a warm water pool for nearly ten years.
102	Easier to watch kids. Players in pool should be separate from serious folks
103	i like option A because I have kids at a toddler level and older ones so i can watch both in "one" pool area without looking between two completely separate pools
104	Lots of kids use the pool, so picking the one with the larger recreation pool
105	If using showers & locker area it looks like you have to go outside to use RR's
106	It is more safe for the Toddlers
107	I like the option of completely separating the lap pool from the recreation/kids' pool. I might be more apt to use the pool if I knew the kid/lap pool would be separated. More fun for kids and adults, I think.
108	Fix the pool we have
109	I don't want to pay for something I don't use
110	I like the toddler pool separate in case a child has an accident you don't have to shut the whole pool down.
111	I like the idea of toddlers having their own pool. Not a fan of sharing a pool with kids that wear diapers!
112	i like keeping the toddler area separate due to swim diapers....also i like that its an easier transition between the lap area and the rest of the pool. you dont have to exit the water
113	The least expensive one
114	Which ever one make the most efficient use of funds. It must be affordable to maintain and safely monitor by guards. Option A would require more guards to be safe. B seems like the more affordable way to go while satisfying community need.
115	Keep the toddler water sperate from the rest of the water!
116	I like the fact two uses are isolated to separate spaces
117	I like keeping toddlers in their own area. Also, I don't like playing in cold pools.
118	Kewpong toddler pool out is so helpful. My kiddos get overwhelmed with all the noise and happenings of the big pool etc and over stimulated.
119	For safety, it is really helpful to have the toddler pool completely separate and fenced. That way no running toddlers escape into the larger pool. I would not mind paying for the toddler pool as well to keep the crowd down.
120	Cooler water is essential for swim team workouts and lap swim; I also feel it is more equitable to have 2 pools the same size.
121	Looks more manageable for life guarding and separating different activities.
122	Safety. Less traffic around little ones . Small people,small area
123	Because toddler pool is in separate water from the other one. Still there will be a lot of kids, and I am concerned due to them peeing in the pool. I also don't like it when I see kids in diapers put in the pool it seems so unsanitary to me. Why I stay away. I only use pools at adult resorts when on vacation, with no children.
124	Option B seems to be more family friendly with those with toddlers
125	Having two pools would be difficult for families with different age kids. If the older children want to go in the lap pool and younger kids want to be in the other, parents can't be in two places at once.

126	I like having a separate lap pool
127	Gross maybe sharing toddler pool with rest of pools considering amount of pee and poop.
128	Option A would provide much, much more flexibility in scheduling
129	I'd prefer a high diver and a low dive next to each other
130	Would love to see diving boards back at the pool! Would also be great to have a snack shack and eating area.
131	need to keep the toddler pool separated from the main pool for obvious reasons
132	I don't live in Fircrest but own a house there so cost is important.
133	I like the toddler pool completely separate.
134	I like either option as they both have swim team space.
135	a warmer pool would be fantastic for seniors/aerobics
136	I like the temp difference for swim team...and prefer a larger recreation pool for multiple ages...instead of a bigger toddler pool.
137	Option A seems better for a parent with mixed age kids. The kids can play in toddler and recreation and still be closely supervised.
138	if you have the diving board in the lap pool, it will be complicated if people are doing lap swim. also, having the lap pool go down to 12 feet at the end is unsafe for swim team as they often stop on that wall. a 8 foot deep end would be better.
139	I prefer B because pool parties, family time and swim team events can more easily use the full pool. And because when toddlers poop in the toddler pool, only it needs to be shut down.
140	Having rheumatoid arthritis I need a warmer water temperature than the current pool provides. Water therapy is very beneficial for rheumatoid arthritis but the cooler temperatures of the current pool limit my use of the pool.
141	I think I prefer option A because if you had a toddler and an older child it would be easier to keep an eye on both children with this design. Since I haven't taken my grandkids to the pool to have first hand experience, I dont know if having the toddler pool so close to the recreational pool will be too overstimulating for toddlers that are new to water and possibly fearful.
142	I do not think there is any need for vortex or slide.
143	I don't like either option. A separate 6 lane pool for team and lessons is too small. Having a slide and vortex with main pool with a wall looks stupid.
144	My kids really like the way B looks!
145	I don't wanna swim with a toddler area
146	Option A has the potential to bring the facility into modern times and serve more groups.
147	May be safer for toddlers to be separated
148	I love adding a slide and the vortex. Kids want more than just swim lanes. At the same time, we don't need to go "big" like the Metro Parks pools. Scale it to Fircrest. Toddler swim area is a must. I don't care if it's connect to the rec pool or separate, though I do wonder if that will cause more closures of the rec pool due to "accidents."
149	Less commotion with toddlers able to enjoy their space
150	Toddler pool needs to be enclosed like it is now
151	A cooler temp pool for lap swimming is a great idea!

152	Parents with toddlers and older kids using the slide could keep a better eye on both kids. The slide and toddler area are right next to each other.
153	I like the total separation of the toddler pool
154	Both options could work. It would depend on other information (i.e. will the lap pool be reserved only for lap swimming or be open for play during the evenings, etc).
155	I like B only because the toddler pool needs to be accessible every day.
156	Like the separation for the 2 (mainly) different uses
157	Separate toddler pool makes sense...cost differences?
158	Having a separate toddler section is necessary. Big kids don't often follow the rules and parents don't monitor well enough. I do not want my toddler getting hurt because they have to play with bigger kids.
159	Option A seems to separate sport vs recreation better. Honestly though I think you should have one of those walk-in style pools for toddlers that behave more like a beach, can't think of the name but there's one in the East Tacoma Pool and our 6 year old loves it.
160	I think option A would provide the most flexibility of use for both families and individuals to feel comfortable using the pool in their own way. One thing in particular though, I would add particular placemaking care to include a place for teenagers to feel comfortable that also provides them with some freedom while also being safe. If they don't have a place to call and define as their own, they will simply abstain. Something as simple as a game room or places to climb and chat together might suffice. Perhaps a gaffitti friendly wall? Unsure as to what the exact solution would be.
161	Larger rec area and warmer water
162	I need to know the costs... as that will influence my final decision...
163	Since I don't use the pool, I don't feel that my opinion should count. However, after attending the last public hearing, it seems that Option B might be better.

Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

Exhibit 26. In the past year, have you and/or members of your household participated in activities at the community center? If yes, check all that apply. If no, check none of the above. Question 12 (N=550)

Comments	
1	Bazaars, fun days, car shows
2	In prior years, Mom (who is still a Fircrest resident) did both crafts weekend - senior aerobics and monthly trips. Now that she has physical limitations and dementia, even if they were available, she can no longer participate.
3	Toddler gym
4	Our friends who watch my toddler sometimes take him to run around in the gym when it's open sometimes and play with the basketballs.
5	halloween
6	Organized outdoor sports (t-ball)
7	car show / fun days / night out
8	Craft shows, Halloween event, ALL if the outdoor events connected with Rec Center. Used to love the train show.
9	Car show, fun days

10	Soccer club meetings
11	My kids are young but we plan to do more as they get older.
12	Community meetings (pool planning)
13	Easter egg hunt with indoor and outdoor activities
14	Sky Hawks camp, Fircrest soccer club (young ages), frisbee golf,
15	Daddy daughter dance
16	We used to use it frequently, but not anymore.
17	Toddler Gym
18	Toddler open gym
19	Noon Basketball
20	Friday tween night
21	community garage sale - car show
22	It's a safe place to let the teenagers spread their wings without leaving the neighborhood
23	I have needed room for my events, but need a bigger room, but not as big as the gym.
24	My kids are bigger now but we have participated in many of these in the past.
25	Restroom during National night out
26	Pool in summer
27	Using the gym for kids play. Love the toys, balls and cars provided for kids to ride around in and play with at gym.
28	Annual Fircrest Car show
29	Toddler gym
30	Ping Pong and bazaars and events
31	We've used it much more in the past, however not so much in the last couple years due to some different interests
32	Toddler gym
33	car show events, national night out, any and all Fircrest events at the park, including movie night in park.
34	Adult pickup basketball, Thursday Night Fircrest Basketball League
35	Will use adult programs in the future
36	Open gym
37	Craft fairs
38	Toddler gym (open gym)
39	I walk by
40	I would like to use it for adult classes. I used to attend palates but it is no longer offered. I would like to have yoga or palates offered.
41	Attended events

42	Car show, walking the grounds
43	Would love to have gym time available for toddlers with “updated toys.” Also it would be great to have several ping pong tables and time set aside for the young to play (7-18 age)
44	went to a Holiday sale, wasn't impressed my 94 year old neighbor told me it wasn't that great. I went to check it out, probably won't go back.
45	Toddler open gym
46	Daddy daughter dance and mother son dance
47	IH
48	Wainwright Meetings, Toddler gym, restroom breaks ;), youth room
49	Teen night and sports
50	Most of the community events, and the wading pool.
51	NNO
52	Walks, dog playing, watch soccer
53	community meetings...

Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

Exhibit 27. How can current programs and activities offered at the community center be improved?

Question 14 (N=138)

	Comments
1	I've enjoyed all events that I've participated in.
2	More youth activities
3	It would be nice if there was more adult offerings. Like workout classes or a gym.
4	The nearly monthly large group activities are vital for the greater community. It would be great if there were aerobic activities early enough for working adults - and gym facilities (even with a monthly fee). It would also be great to see sustainable technologies like daylighting in the gymnasium - instead of outdated light systems.
5	More for ages 2/3
6	Better communication on events offered for people who do not live in Fircrest
7	Advertising. Possibly using Facebook to advertise. Offering more evening hour activities for working parents.
8	N/a
9	No comments :)
10	not sure, but our kids love the summer youth camp.
11	I'm still working full-time so haven't taken advantage of the many programs offered but I plan to after retirement.
12	I only have praise. I am so pleased with the Fircrest Center and how it supports community. I loved the toddler hour at the gym. I visited during a Rotary Club event and the Center was a great host.
13	I would like an indoor pool. On the small side dedicated to lap swim. Shallow.
14	perhaps more info in our Town Flyer/Report -- little inserts with our billing about activities

15	Better supervision of independent youth activities
16	indoor youth/teen soccer
17	Just keep adding more.
18	Jeff and his team are doing a good job. Other than additional staff (with REC qualifications), they are at capacity. A new facility designed for better function would also help the programs and activities go the next level of quality.
19	Have more of a organized clean options for children and families inside Easier access to know what's available Better security late at night
20	Maybe with improvements to the community center it would improve programs.
21	More trained staff and freedom of staff to create their own projects.
22	The staff needs to be more proactive and friendly to people in the building
23	Many of the classes are offered in the mornings during the work week so working adults cannot participate. However I know that would cut into the practice time for kids.
24	Not enough young adult options
25	Earlier morning fitness/ health classes
26	I like the variety of events offered. A few years ago, my family enjoyed going to a family picnic event at Fircrest Park with old fashioned games like a 3 legged race and egg toss - it would be fun to have that again.
27	Provide more arts and craft options. And community events like picnics etc.
28	Have a facility that can accommodate current use and growth.
29	More accessible information
30	My daughter is young so I don't know about the current teen activities, but I know this is a common issue in Tacoma and UP that there aren't enough fun, safe spaces for teens. This is a big priority for us especially as our daughter gets older and because teens with too much time and nowhere to go can create difficulties for them and everyone in our community. :) It is very nice to have a gym, meeting space and a commercial kitchen but the current set-up feels cramped. The bathroom layout is okay, but they just need updating.
31	More community building with staff
32	I am a senior and have not seen any programs in which I am interested in participating.
33	More selection. More after school programs!
34	You do not offer a variety of programs. Your young youth programs are great. Your senior programs appear to be only for "old" people which is not synonymous with senior. For example you have little to none outside activities for mature adults. What about senior sports and a community garden for example?
35	The only thing know I do is day camp. I think the counselors need to be able to be more strict and be able to call home. But all the toddlers never listen to them and just yell back at them.
36	Offer more family and children directed events through out the year would be great.
37	More adult trips
38	More offerings for seniors.
39	Not sure
40	sports fill up to fast. It is frustrating when you live in Fircrest and sports get filled up by non-residents and your child cannot participate

41	Expand the toddler classes to be available to working parents.
42	Early morning lap swim in the summer (5am) More group fitness for middle aged
43	Evening active adult programming would be nice if space available ie: yoga, exercise, meditation
44	Possibly a more robust social media page
45	No comments
46	Incorporate a Self Serve Mini Library area where books/video/periodicals can be exchanged for free
47	A workout area would be nice
48	Advertise better, increase programming for non-athletes of all ages
49	Add a library
50	Offer more night programs
51	Offer swim instructions for adults
52	Residents only
53	1) More after-school options for kids, not just sports 2) Balcony/bleachers in the gym 3) Cheap/free daytime facilities for homeschool groups
54	It seems great, some art classes would be interesting
55	More tai chi, yoga, etc.
56	Larger basketball area
57	I would love to see the youth room be open and more accessible for kids.
58	Fun days date should be changed because of conflict with National Night Out. Fund Days needs major overall. More all age events. Concerts, dances. Four on Four Basketball Tournament. Every year seems to Same as Last Year.
59	More activities offered for adults and teens.
60	Bigger and better recreation room for middle school to high school kids, make it more out in the open and not so private as it now so less man power is needed to staff it. Things like ping pong, foosball, air hockey, pool table, etc would be great. Invest in good basketball court. Pickleball net and rackets (maybe indoor sport court in addition to basketball court?) Free wifi and phone charging center. Better staff enforcement of making sure only Fircrest residents are using rec center during appropriate times. Current staff often never come out of front office and check on things happening and on those in gym.
61	Room dimensions do not facilitate many activities, more of hallways with a feel of being in a bunker or basement.
62	The community center has so much potential for all ages! Don't skimp on center it can be open 12 months s year! And can be rented out!
63	I am not sure.
64	na
65	Not sure. It's just old.
66	N/A
67	The staff could better organize the storage areas if they set up and took down sporting equipment so it was done properly.
68	keeping events focused on Fircrest residence.

69	Not sure. My kids 2 & 7 months are too young for kids programming!
70	Seeking more variety in community programs would be good. It seems like the same things are always offered.
71	Workout equipment for Fircrest residents
72	would like adult only hours
73	I am a water polo player and coach and think it would be awesome if a summer program could be offered. Also, there are a lots of options to put a "bubble" around the pool to make it seasonally indoors so that way it could be used year round which would be awesome!
74	The Gym floor is in need of replacement.
75	More evening activities for working adults. She
76	Consider having the gym being capable of being split into 2 halves so compatible programs could be offered in the gym space
77	Keep providing services for the elderly and children and teens. Keep it fresh and offer new things for families.
78	Make all areas more easily wheelchair accessible.
79	Don't know
80	Great summer drop in program!
81	Have more young adult programs and activities for young families. Most programs are for seniors, and not much for adults in the evening , or kids.
82	offer more that are in the evening for young families like board game nights. a lot of the classes offered are in the middle of a work day
83	More offerings for middle age/seniors in evenings for those who work. Add an adult fitness "playground". (Check out Diehl Park in Charlotte to get an idea of one).
84	I know it's a small community center but programs seem to be centered around people who don't work. Not much offered outside of my work hours.
85	Na
86	I think I just need to pull up the calendar and see what's going on there then I might have more of an opinion.
87	Web based schedule with auto email/signup
88	Yoga or palates
89	Maybe bring some energy to the open toddler gym (music, songs at the end of session, led by an amployee/volunteer) Art classes offered to all ages would be great too.
90	I would like to see a bigger and more diverse Holiday Bazaar....maybe even a weekend flea and craft market
91	More segregated space
92	I love them all!
93	Continue to expand on the great programs! More affordable programs to bring community together
94	Have been happy
95	currently, therw is not much for parents and small children to do. teenage and adult basketball dominate the facilities to the point that it is hard to find a time to play in the gym.
96	I think the offerings are fine.

97	More variety with information given farther in advance thru multiple avenues not just flyer
98	Be open on days when school is out.
99	Rec bldg open weekends
100	More high end activities. I would like to see exotic cooking lessons. Wine tasting/ beer tasting. Art shows, more cultured activities.
101	More activities for community Music,Food Truck Festivals, etc
102	Expand drop in camp to full day care/camp
103	Evening programs for older adults who still work 40 hours a week.
104	Exercise and weight room, barre, Zumba,spin, Pilates, Nutrition classes, single locking door bathroom rooms
105	Better kids playground for older kids. Tot lot updated and get rid of sandbox area. We really like fircrest area! Thanks for all you do.
106	Not sure yet, have to get more involved to see what is currently offered. Maybe on more care and bike show in the summer.
107	More advertising and activities for babies/toddler, offer financial assistance for sports
108	More offerings for all ages. Better marketing of events.
109	I think need more things for teens. Whether it's a place kids can do homework or shoot hoops or just hang out in a safe positive environment. We've been here since kids were 1 and 3 so have used everything from swim lessons every youth sport etc. then when they are about 10 there is nothing for them. Even the pool caters to the young. How about a fun teen movie in the pool night. Lots for little kids and seniors and not much in between.
110	I don't really have an opinion
111	There should be more activities for kids and teens.
112	Better supervision
113	I would go for ukulele classes. Maybe art club or dance classes or a music club/class like handbells or marimba.
114	update the building.
115	The bathrooms are terrible! I hesitate to rent the party room there because of the dreadful women's restroom. I like the teen room/library there and my teens have used it in the past, but I don't like that it's so secluded. It doesn't seem safe.
116	Offer some classes in the evening. Especially excersize classes.
117	We really appreciate all the staff does! We love the sense of community in Fircrest. Stronger communication about upcoming events/due dates would be appreciated.
118	Year round pool use. Probably would require a bubble.
119	Add drop-off childcare options and summer day camp.
120	I haven't had time to participate in any of the adult activities because of my current schedule so I don't have any input for this question.
121	If there could be a year round swimming pool available, that would be great!
122	More activities / classes for kids such as dance classes, music, etc
123	More natural lighting. The gym is way too narrow. Updated locker rooms. Better/ more sport options for tweens and teens.

124	Hire better staff
125	Less expensive programs for adults
126	I'm not sure. I don't like the facility because it's old and uncomfortable so I don't pay attention to programming. Also my children aren't very young any more nor am I very old.
127	Advertising
128	Obtain some people who care about their actual jobs not just employees. Been a problem for over 30 years. Get event planners, actual athletic directors, organized individual who are there because they want to be nit because they know it's an 'easy-do-nothing job.'
129	I would love to see more mommy and me activities offered as well as maybe some fitness classes.
130	More senior programs
131	It would be nice to see more offerings for kids of working parents. Evening and weekend offerings.
132	Adult activities for 55 & up on weekends for those of us who work
133	Seems like UP is taking over the actives and pool area. I'd like to see resident only times and open times.
134	More promotion. I didn't even know the majority of what's listed was offered as a resident.
135	I wanted to offer a class but the Chris never got back to me about the multi- million dollar liability insurance. I was questioning why my class would need that amount of liability insurance for the type of class it is. He told me he would get back to me but has not.
136	I'd like there to be freely available (or heavily discounted) space to be used by Fircrest Residents inside the Community Center. I could easily host a sizable weekly boardgame night there if it didnt cost so much.
137	Under 12 offerings hit and miss, depends on coach. Gym seating is terrible. Rest of building shows its age.
138	More classes (dance for toddlers/kids and exercise for adults) in the afternoon, evening, or weekend for working families

Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

Exhibit 28. What are the main reasons you don't visit or use the community center? Question 16 (N=81)

	Comments
1	N/a
2	We used it regularly when we were raising our children.
3	New to area
4	My grandkids would be the ones to use it but the classes fall in the daytime when they're in school and daycare. They need some late afternoon and early evening classes.
5	We just don't really participate in any events that are held there.
6	Just got acquainted with Fircrest last summer. Looking to buy a house nearby.
7	There just are no activities that i feel appeal to my family
8	Haven't had a need.
9	Nothing there for me
10	I'm not sure what events there are and I don't live in Fircrest.

11	Distance from home
12	Old
13	Don't know about anything going on there. We come to fircrest mainly for the pool or the tot lot. Not much for other functions.
14	I just haven't attended an event there in the last couple of years. Other than swimming.
15	I don't know anything about it
16	Kids too small to use classes
17	I just don't have a need at this time.
18	Recently moved to the area and haven't had a chance
19	kids are too young to participate in activities at the community center
20	There isn't much for me to do there.
21	No activities of interest or not at a convenient time
22	It appears it is mostly for children.
23	Not enough relevant adult activities
24	Even though I have lived in Fircrest for 15 years, I am hesitant about using the facility because I know so few seniors in the area.
25	Bridge group not very inclusive
26	not interested at this time but plan to in the future
27	Activities there don't interest me
28	Didn't know about it
29	Classes are not convenient for me as I work
30	Don't know what activities the center has. Also, I am a member of LA Fitness and go there 1-2 times/week.
31	Nothing of interest
32	Don't know about it
33	That is a good question. I guess I haven't found any functions that really interest me. Maybe in the future.
34	We walk through it and watch some of the activities going on but have no activities we have participated in a we have other outlets. Kids used it growing up but they are adults now.
35	Gym is small. No exercise equipment. No draw to the center
36	Don't know what activities are offered. Pretty active at YMCA, doing water aerobics, tai chi, weights and walking the track.
37	Not into basketball ??
38	Too busy
39	Not familiar with events there
40	The center has been mismanaged for many years. I have checked several times and those "in charge" of people coming in and using facilities do not charge the ridiculously low fee for use and don't even know they should. Shame on you Fircrest for not taking care of our, not your, tax payers. Don't use as I see it as a hugh waste of my

	tax payer dollars with no return on my money. Other communities do just fine without this liability or monument to the Fircrest 'leaders' egos.
41	No time
42	Nothing there that interest me or my family
43	It doesn't have any activities that I know of that interest our family.
44	There's nothing there I use
45	Have no reason to, most classes are for people who don't work, and we don't play basketball.
46	I have not had an occasion and unaware of a reason I would be drawn to it.
47	I go to the Y or the gym...not enough fun community activities for adults
48	Not sure what I can do there. I could learn more.
49	Seems to be centered around kids. Nothing for all age groups.
50	Haven't found any use for it
51	N/A
52	Just don't have time. Also cost.
53	I used to take yoga and a zumba class there but the facility is so outdated and the flooring was dangerous for zumba. Kind of icky.
54	Kids older and out of home
55	It is close to my place and my kids like the pool.
56	no need to at present time
57	Too few senior activities
58	Kids grown and gone; used it some when kids were at home. No interest as senior adults.
59	I only go to the community center if i have been invited to a celebration.
60	Have other interests.
61	Seems like it's primarily used for pick up basketball. I don't have any interest in playing basketball.
62	The activities they offer for someone of my age ate st inconvenient times or are of no intetest to me.
63	Just haven't tried it
64	I do not live in Fircrest
65	Lack of interesting older adult activities.
66	Last August, I purchased a home in Fircrest. So I have not taken advantage of the community center. This summer I did enjoy strawberry shortcake at the center.
67	I went to a holiday bazaar once, I didn't think anything was worth buying. My 94 year old neighbor warned me. I went a few times for tumbling and dance when we had a youngster
68	I'm a loner
69	I have other hobbies
70	I work full time M-F, so the events/activities conflict with schedule

71	It is dated and offers nothing I am interested enough in participating in
72	again we used the center since the 70's and no longer have a need. our kids used it often during the 70's and 80's
73	We use the YMCA gyms and classes.
74	Too busy during the school year with water sports. Not old enough to access the Senior programs.
75	No reason
76	No need it is outdated and is injury waiting playing on that court
77	No need to.
78	Don't know what it offers.
79	Haven't had a reason to be there
80	Spent a lot of time there when my kids were younger. There's nothing there now that I want or need.
81	Not enough activity

Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

Exhibit 29. What programs and activities would you like to do more of in a new community center? (e.g. adult fitness classes, art classes, senior programming, youth activities, etc.) Question 17 (N=238)

Comments	
1	Adult fitness classes in evenings
2	Summer youth/teen programs.
3	Fircrest only workout gym? 4 am to midnight access?
4	Art classes, cooking classes
5	More classes for adults, not just seniors.
6	Toddler gym
7	Yoga, art, swim aerobics
8	Art, dance, and science classes that fall in the late afternoon or evening so kids of working parents can benefit.
9	Youth sports
10	Adult fitness classes/equipment available; senior crafts; gathering for community service; canine obedience classes; even mentoring program for education.
11	Activities for 2/3 year olds, open gym for toddlers
12	I would love to see adult fitness classes and/or youth activities that are in the evening.
13	Adult fitness classes
14	senior programs as I have recently retired
15	Art, youth, family fitness classes, adult dance classes, music lessons
16	All the things listed here plus after school activities for kids
17	Youth

18	Toddler young child playgroups, yoga, board game night, youth activities
19	Adult fitness
20	Art and dance
21	Art classes & youth programs
22	Youth activity
23	Toddler/preschool age classes.
24	Youth activities
25	Any of the above mentioned activities sound great. I'm all for enrichment classes for everyone.
26	Would love adult fitness, or mommy and me classes.
27	Toddler gym/open indoor play Mommy and me classes Community get togethers
28	More youth activities (ages 4-12)
29	Adult ballet
30	Youth activities, specifically 5 and under.
31	Toddler and youth activities
32	I would love to have senior only swim times.
33	A class for adult fitness (zumba!) A gym hour for elementary age students.
34	Senior programs..yoga in chairs
35	Adult fitness programs
36	Zumba
37	I would like more activities for children. a climbing wall might be nice.
38	more programs geared toward toddlers and kids during the day.
39	More drop in social things. Book club, needlework guild, garden club , historical society
40	daytime classes for kids (homeschoolers).
41	Community Parties (in the 70's, you will the old timers talk about gathering at the Rec for dances; it was the thing to do.) It would be nice to have a couple of Events that focused more on bringing our neighbors together. The tree lighting is one I love because everyone I see in the gym is pretty much from here (I either know them or recognize them.)
42	Youth classes and Children's classes
43	adult fitness classes,art classes, youth and teen activities
44	Senior and art classes.
45	Senior fitness class, craft class
46	Any additional adult classes that could be offered later in the day or early evening.
47	Adult fitness classes - outside patio social events
48	Adult yoga, art classes, broom hockey, lacrosse club, co-Ed volleyball and activities that entice middle age group - Fircrest caters to young and elderly and omits the middle class needs.

49	senior programming
50	senior programs
51	Adult fitness/ youth activities
52	Adult art/hobby classes, pinochle club
53	Youth activities mainly, but also family classes/activities like crafting or some type of math night.
54	Adult fitness
55	additional youth/teen activiites
56	art classes, cooking classes, board and card games, trivia night, programs for the entire family.
57	adult fitness classes
58	More youth activities, toddler activities
59	It would be nice if there was a mom with young kids groups.
60	Adult exercise, yoga
61	Tai Chi
62	Open public access
63	I would like to see a space with a sink and good lighting for an adult art group to meet, without formal instruction, just a place for artists to work together and socialize. I currently use the UP Community Connections building for that purpose.
64	I like fitness and dance classes and so does my daughter. I also think it's really important to integrate an emergency shelter into the design and a center for communication in case of a disaster.
65	Senior fitness classes. Yoga classes for all ages.
66	Outdoor activities, sports for adults and a community garden.
67	More day trips for seniors. Senior game days. Pt. Defiance/Ruston community center has a different game day everyday of the week. Indoor Pickleball for adults
68	I don't have a opinion
69	No opinion.
70	more activities for children 8 and under (to age 3)
71	Youth activities. It would be great to have more, diverse youth activities for young children and children coming up on their teens.
72	Adult fitness and youth programs
73	All of the above
74	Youth/kids activities. Basketball and volleyball tournaments. Would be great to have a free weight and exercise machines.
75	Senior meeting area, art classes.
76	Adult fitness classes, art, cooking, more teen activities
77	Yoga, dance room. Senior center, toddler activities
78	Yoga

79	Music, cultural events, soccer,
80	None. Get rid of it.
81	More activities that don't cost anything. Family game night? Bring your own scrapbooking?
82	adult fitness
83	Toddler,youth and Art
84	Youth activities and/or classes
85	Adult fitness classes
86	Youth activities
87	Community bus to the driving range for youth during school breaks. Lacrosse Get the tennis courts up and running. Tennis lessons for youth. Bouldering structure Indoor climbing wall
88	Adult fitness classes
89	Fitness classes and youth activities.
90	Fitness area for residents. Adult basketball
91	Adult fitness later in the evening so working parents can actually use it. A small workout area would be nice too.
92	A large gathering lobby with views of the exterior or pool area.
93	Adult activities that are later in the day.
94	Group fitness classes
95	adult fitness classes year round, art/ hobby classes, a comfortable place for parents socialize while children are involved in a class/ sport
96	adult fitness, again, a larger room for event planning.
97	Adult Fitness
98	free weights.
99	Fitness classes youth art class piano lessons
100	Adult fitness classes, foreign language classes
101	Adult swim classes
102	Adult fitness not just senior
103	senior classes...basic phone learning...exercise social
104	Youth activities
105	Evening yoga for working parents, evening activities for families who work.
106	Art, crafts, craft sales.
107	Art and senior fitness at a reasonable cost
108	More non-athletic organized activities for kids
109	Yoga. Art.
110	adult fitness/recreation classes (tai chi, yoga, etc).

111	I would love to see more offerings for youth classes.
112	Programs for all ages?
113	Dance classes are fun for all ages. Community involvement clubs. Fundraiser event hosting.
114	Maybe a few sound proof rooms for music lessons?
115	Transition areas at entry points into the building that compliment outdoor activities.
116	Art for all ages, support groups, school age drop in activities or 4 weeks in a row theme classes. I would like to see hefty fees for non residents to use pool or center.
117	adult fitness classes, youth activities, family nights
118	Art classes
119	Adult fitness classes, youth sports and activities and senior programs
120	adult sports leagues, adult fitness classes, youth art classes
121	Art and kids sports
122	na
123	A library/ reading/ story time; rock wall climbing
124	Adult fitness and art. Youth activities that are supervised.
125	Meditation Mindfulness
126	N/A
127	Senior programs
128	adult fitness programs
129	More teen activities for our kids
130	Activities for youth with special needs
131	adult fitness classes, maybe some fun teen classes in arts or something they might like.
132	More gym options for Fircrest kids and adults Also not allowing Non Fircrest residence to take over the facilities and push our kids out or creating a feeling of an unsafe environment.
133	More toddler programming or options.
134	all of the above. The recreation center and pool area are one of the best reasons for purchasing a home in Fircrest. Parks departments everywhere are hard to be financially self sustaining but I have seen Fircrest keep an active parks and recreation facility that Firrest should be proud of.
135	All of the above...
136	Adult fitness classes, tween after school organized classes
137	Cooking classes, arts and crafts
138	Art classes, adult fitness classes
139	Fitness, art, toddler classes
140	Teen programs toddlers programs
141	art classes

142	Adult fitness and youth activities
143	Adult fitness classes, Classes of all kinds.
144	None. I use the YMCA
145	adult fitness, senior programming
146	Adult fitness, senior programs
147	Cooking classes and yoga classes.
148	Adult classes and fitness and teen programming
149	Adult Evening Arobics Adults Evening Art Activities Adult Dance Lessons
150	More things for toddlers/ preschoolers
151	Aerobics, yoga, etc.
152	More art classes, educational classes, language classes.
153	Youth activites
154	adult programming such as art & craft classes, computer/phone instructional classes, travel classes, etc
155	All that you listed! I loved the rain barrel class too!
156	Have more programs in the evening and on weekends for folks who work during the weekdays.
157	Adult classes(fitness), cooking classes, holiday decorating ideas
158	Young Adult fitness classes early in morning or evening. Activities for moms and babies.
159	adult fitness
160	Indoor pickle ball. Basic exercise equipment.
161	All that are listed above - not much currently to come down for!
162	gardening activities, senior activies that are for folks in their late sixties would br interested in doing.
163	senior programming, youth activities
164	Adult fitness classes
165	Tai chi
166	Family fitness
167	Youth and adult fitness classes
168	I would have liked to rent a room for my mom's 80th but had to go to the STAR center.
169	Active senior activities and trips.
170	I answered this in the wrong section:(more Art/music for all ages
171	Art classes, youth activities
172	Adult fitness center
173	Art classes for sure. Flea market or artist and craft vendors on the weekends
174	adult fitness classes

175	Cooking, wine and beer maybe even cooking with cannabis- it is legal. More adult activities. There are a lot of DINKS - dual income no kids in Fircrest to much catering to the children only. It's either the kids or the elderly nothing really in Fircrest for the in-betweens.
176	Art classes, yoga and taichi for all ages, sports classes adult and kids fitness classes
177	Tennis training programs
178	Fitness classes, gardening, library
179	More youth activities
180	Na
181	toddler gym
182	All of the above
183	More adult fitness classes: yoga, pilates; art classes; book discussion groups. Keep the Daddy-Daughter dance and Mom-Son activity; expand homework help and recreation/volunteer opportunities for teens.
184	Art classes for various ages, kid nights, event space
185	More activities to choose from other than just a gym
186	Adult fitness classes, evenings to accommodate work.schedules
187	Children's dance(ballet, Irish, etc) Children's martial arts
188	Cooking classes, gardening and plant sales, wine/ beer tastings & sales, Art shows
189	Adult art classes, vendor coffe shop lounging area - like a resort sitting room w fireplace and cozy seating, fitness classes, educational classes like gardening, photography etc
190	Evening weekday adult fitness classes
191	More overall activities for community. Most of us work so more social activities at night. Upgrade the Christmas fairs so more people want to attend. Screen applicants to get less old fashioned "stuff"
192	Children and youth programs, full daycare/day camp.
193	Evening adult yoga, evening bridge classes, senior programming that for seniors who still work.
194	All the above
195	Aerobics classes for adults, Zumba or likewise.
196	Senior fitness and/or yoga
197	Adult fitness, more crafts and desserts socials.
198	Affordable Youth cooking skills, intro to life skill in community
199	Adult fitness classes, parent and children activities/classes.
200	Teen nightcan put out ping pong tables etc Teen movie in gym Teen mentoring get teens to help coach youth sports get involved in community. Maybe more adult activities like paint/wine night Or learn an activity like learn how to make something . That rain barrel class was a hit.
201	adult fitness classes might be nice, organized running group, etc.
202	Adult fitness
203	Youth class. Roller Hockey program setup

204	Youth activities...toddler gym!
205	Teen activities after school and on weekends. Not just sports. Activities like chess club, model rocketry, music groups, board game clubs.
206	Adult fitness and non sport youth activities.
207	Adult fitness classes in the evening. Sewing, knitting and quilting classes in the evening.
208	Adult classes
209	After-school programming for elementary aged kids and more summer camp options.
210	More asytlallene and senior programingeniør/offerings.
211	Add drop-off childcare and summer day camp.
212	adult art and fitness classes. Adult tours during during times other than 8-5 M-F
213	Adult fitness and youth activities
214	More things for the 17-25 year olds
215	Art classes, adult Fitness classes, board game nights
216	Adult fitness, teen activities
217	Summer camps and after-school activities would be the most useful for me.
218	More youth activities would be great. My son wishes the baseball season was longer. Just as all the things they learn starts to click, the season ends. My teenager and her friends aren't aware of any programming at the community center.
219	Adult fitness. Yoga. Strength training
220	Stretch class daily
221	All of the above
222	All of the above and more but with better employees and better advertising
223	More classes for little kids 2-6 years old. We'd love to have a place where our kids can go when their a little older also and have things to do. We love how safe this community feels and we want our kids to hang out here ??
224	Adult fitness class
225	More for senior fitness and social activities
226	Art classes for adults and kids. Art isn't offered in the schools, so art and STEM classes would be great. LEGO mindstorm or LEGO building classes. Cooking classes for kids and adults.
227	Adult exercise classes. More recreational sport leagues for youth and adults.
228	Art classes for kids
229	If it is stable, leave it or just remodel
230	All of the above seem important
231	Youth and teen organized sports or intermural activities
232	Adult fitness
233	Youth activities. Gymnastics, basketball, karate, etc.

234	I would like to offer my painting parties for age children and teens. I currently am doing them in my home and it has grown from 4 to 17 kids/teens in 4 years. More kids would like to attend but I don't have the room.
235	Adult fitness, young adult "Adulging" classes, DIY appliance or device repair classes, online fraud self defense, outbuilding or Tiny house construction, younger adult social events.
236	Yoga for mom/toddler, toddler dance classes, adult fitness, art
237	Indoor board games & card games. Some classes of anything that would be of interest to enough people to support it.

Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

Exhibit 30. How important are the following facilities or spaces to have in a new community center? Please rank the following ideas (5 = very important, 1 = not at all important, I don't know) Question 18 (N=485)

Comments	
1	Do not overspend on this project, I think the current center could be remodeled.
2	Connecting interior to exterior-indoor and outdoor rooms for community activities.
3	Outdoor event space.
4	current center is adequate for community size but needs upgrading
5	emergency shelter and emergency response communication center
6	Outdoor area for bands, etc. to perform
7	Many of these I assume would all take place in a full size gym not in a seperate facility
8	Community garden
9	Free dedicated Ping pong area
10	OFF-LEASH DOG PARK, maybe in the vacant lot across the street next to the tennis courts.
11	Try to keep away from being an everything strip mall. Size of area and population direct proportion to structure. Do the simple and important things well.
12	Charge non Fircrest residents!
13	The park offers these
14	Library
15	A lot of the items on the above list would be wonderful and I would love to see all of them but some (picnic & BBQ & outdoor patio area for example) can be added later rather than included in the original budget proposal for this project.
16	Out of building bathrooms. For all activities when center is closed but fields are in full use.
17	Outdoor adult fitness machines
18	Indoor tennis court. or outdoor covered tennis court
19	young children's gym and activities
20	I feel like the gym is critical and would be nice if big enough where there are 2 courts that can be closed off if need be. I love the idea of an art room that can be used for all ages.
21	Lockets for belongings while participating in classes, sports.

22	Could we have a library?
23	A childcare area for meetings or events

Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

Exhibit 31. What do you think is Fircrest’s greatest need for community or recreation programs?

Question 19 (N=216)

Comments	
1	Events for youth
2	Youth/teen programs in the summer.
3	Something to draw in the younger family crowd. Would be nice to involve the schools as well-they are always looking for community service opportunities
4	A gym and more classes activities for stay at home moms/dads or those that work from home who may want to take a fitness class and/special interest class.
5	Senior water aerobics
6	Adult leagues
7	Classes scheduled so that kids with working parents can benefit, such as weekends, late afternoon or early evening.
8	Basketball with multiple courts and options for multiple sports. Seating for spectators
9	Overall community - but the recreation facilities facilitate individual engagement - to create a true sense of community - so there is clearly a synergy between the two...
10	I think it’s important that the community center include gathering spaces that are available to all, in addition to a gym and rooms for specific events or uses.
11	Teen programs, family programs
12	Young families, with fulltime working parents.
13	I feel like we need someone that can plan activities and fine ways to get people involved
14	Family friendly!
15	Youth
16	I’m unsure.
17	Mommy & me classes, family activities in general.
18	Equalling the y. Costing less.
19	Space for selling food and drink during sporting events: coffee stand, fruit smoothies, healthy snacks, fun foods.
20	A new turf field with two lane all weather track - at Whittier park, main park or both
21	Maintain and improve what we have -- maybe upgrade down at our park by Whittier
22	the community center brings people together, that’s why it is important to invest in good facilities and programs
23	If there currently are programs for kids, I don’t know what they are, so starting with a good way to make the programs known would be a good idea.

24	More drop in free offerings. Lecture series.
25	To agree it is time to invest in our future. The Fircrest Park has lived out its life, we need to support a new building/pool to maintain great community and programs. It is sad to me that in our own lives, we recognize when a new roof or new car, etc is needed but we have ignored for far too long that our Fircrest Park area has "broken" down in its function....and safety.
26	Activities for children year Round after work hours for working parents
27	Because of the age of the community center and the pool making capital improvements I think will help our community and programs.
28	activities and events to encourage a positive, active environment for children, teens, young adults and families to partake in together, as was the vision years ago by Roy Murphy and the planning committee at that time
29	Having fuctional space to meet all needs.
30	Youth sports, youth classes and activities, playgrounds
31	I think it would be great to have community events at the community center to get to know more of the wonderful people that live in our community.
32	As my sons are 23 and 25 I have been removed from the programs for years. I always felt Fircrest did a nice job in providing activities, swim lessons, etc. for the kids. Perhaps a more structured afternoon program similar to the Boys and Girls clubs so kids have something to do. I am not advocating daycare, just a place for them to hang out and be safe.
33	Middle adult social activities - ski bus, etc
34	more social and recreational oppportunities for seniors
35	New Pool
36	youth activities
37	Teen activities
38	Keeping it a fun, kid-friendly place to hang out focusing on physical activity.
39	Information station
40	better advertising of current programs. Rec Coordin ator position hours should be more in line with programming ie 10 -7 etc
41	Programs that the entire family can participate with together.
42	More availability for Fircrest residents to rent out rooms and join events
43	I think both the pool and the rec center need replaced as they are past their useful life. Having a vibrant pool and community center are important for the future of Fircrest.
44	The city should show they care about their facilities, and outdoor living parks etc. as much as they say they care. When having t-ball/baseball games, they field should be functional and prepped. On most game days, the batting area was dipressed with kids hitting out of a hole. Cut the grass, have trash cans. The city needs to show their importance towards family through the parks
45	New multli use gym with bleachers
46	Accessibility
47	Pool Indoor Facilities, especially for winter/rainy seasons.
48	Unsure
49	A gym and teen space that can also serve as an emergency shelter/response center.

50	After school programs.. chess, sports, art, gaming time, tween and teen activities! Also, new Pool NEEDS chairs, tables, umbrellas for a comfortable stay! A snack shack would also be a great idea! Run by teens? Offering ice cream and chips during the summer?? Or Fircrest fun days? Shack windows open to inside of pool with a window facing the fields. To service both sides when applicable?!
51	Adults and seniors that are active. Activities that emphasize community rather than failing health and shopping. Trips to casinos - OMG please tell me the town is at least getting a kick-back on those trips. Fircrest needs to be much more diverse in both population and activities. Does anyone truly understand how Fircrest is perceived by the rest of Pierce County? Yes I am white, but no I am not proud of white privilege. We should do some deep soul searching. We our not inclusive, even the south side of town turns its nose up at the northland of town. Really there is a big problem with the basic social construct of those in power who make the decisions.
52	We need new ideas for activities. Every year it is the same activities. There was a survey that went out last year and I wrote many ideas down: Outdoor entertainment (music & plays), Food truck festival, 4th of July parade/pet parade.
53	This isn't a program but we need a good pool. Because when people who don't live in fircrest here fircrest rec center there Minds go straight to the pool.
54	Safe place for kids and young adults to gather for fun and entertainment.
55	Community, family and friends gathering areas. A focus on the building of a new community, a new generation of fircrest families.
56	Modern recreation center and pool to make Fircrest an attractive and desirable place to live.
57	Adequate space is the greatest need. The above items I have identified are all needs to fit within an adequate sized facility.
58	GREEN SPACE!!
59	An enclosed pool would be awesome. Year round access rather than only for 2-3 months out of the year. Currently the pool is the largest draw but it is limited to the summer. I would take queues from the Star Center. They have implemented a lot of uses into that space. Fircrest needs a space similar to this that will draw in the community year round.
60	Tweens, adults and seniors- young kids have a ton of things to do...
61	Indoor social gathering area.
62	More useable room sizes that can accommodate social and physical activities.
63	More Community functions
64	Music, industrial arts.
65	Greatest need is stop spending our community's money and get out of our own and our children's lives. The community is just fine without Fircrest needing to be a supposed savior of our community.
66	Welcoming gathering space, nicely kept up
67	to keep the tot pool as a separate and free or low cost option and to honor residents with controlled and monitored resident only times.
68	Programs that make it easy for the community to get together and host events
69	sports and pool
70	Play spaces
71	Youth sports to get children interested and involved. Tennis, lacrosse, baseball, soccer, orienteering,
72	Family fitness

73	Improving upon what we have, especially the pool and bathhouse.
74	I love it as it is
75	No comment
76	Advertising to the community so that everyone knows what's available and when
77	Keep people active
78	More non sport specific activities for all ages. Social/ hobby groups or classes.
79	A gathering place for families and individuals to build community and the ability to be financially self sufficient
80	library
81	Weekday evening programs and a dog park area, even if small
82	Adult swimming lessons
83	A library
84	free things to draw people to use the facility such as painting the table tops with chess and checker boards
85	Evening, family oriented, residents only for safety and less crowding, or at least resident only events.
86	Family-centered recreation.
87	More funding
88	1) More indoor communal space where adult friends can meet up and spend time together while their kids do activities, e.g., pods of comfy chairs and low tables in foyer or open space between meeting rooms 2) More non-athletic offerings for kids, e.g., chess club, art classes, coding classes 3) I'm part of a homeschooling group who would love to have meetings at the community center but the facility rental cost is prohibitive, would love to have discounted options for repeat reservations.
89	Literally, a space for the community to gather. The gym currently is super underwhelming, and that is really the only space where people can gather in mass. It would be great to offer a free dinner / food program that is open to all Fircrest residents (regardless of income level) for donation. And, tai chi and yoga!
90	More opportunities for residents to use the facilities for meetings at little or no cost.
91	A safe place for kids and adults to spend time with their community. Social involvement activities and clubs.
92	Soccer fields that are playable. Too many times I have had to grab the sand bags weighing down the goals to fill holes in the playing field. Also the non level playing surface and poor conditions are a health hazard to participants.
93	Gathering space to bring Fircrest community together. Diverse space for many uses from infant to seniors. It does not have to have everything. .
94	organized programs, leagues, etc
95	Unsure
96	continued quality Swim lessons and youth sports
97	Free things.
98	na
99	Mentoring the youth type programs
100	Modernized and staffed for supervision.

101	bigger and better teen room,bigger basketball court
102	Programs that attract youth and teen children.
103	I think we should have more areas that would facilitate group gatherings and picnics and perhaps even wedding venue possibilities.
104	Toddler programs
105	Activities for kids, teens & families
106	Lacrosse program
107	Keeping up the good work.
108	Larger gym. Dry fields for all events held on the fields/park. More parking.
109	Family friendly events.
110	The current community and recreation programs are good. The park is being utilized by many residences and the youth programs, ball fields and such, which is good. I enjoy seeing the area active and being used.
111	A safe place to gather with clean restrooms
112	Keep the small pool separate for the toddlers
113	office should be located by the front door so useage can be monitored. Lots of useage by non resident teens.
114	As a strong family oriented community, I feel programs for youth are very important, especially summer programs. My children lived in the park in the summer because of all the free activities that were available. Now my grandchildren enjoy the park and pool and take swim lessons.
115	workout equipment
116	Classes are very expensive
117	I think a farmers market at the rec center would be great for the community.
118	Community garden space
119	A safe place with activities for kids to go
120	A social media class for Friends of Fircrest complainers on Facebook. I love going there to read how ridiculous people are about the coyotes, cats and how loud the fireworks are.... but really, relax people
121	To spend time with our community and get to know each other better. Time with friends and family. Support for learning new sports and skills.
122	Bring the facilities up to date. We are senior citizens and don't use the facilities like we used to but know it is time to modernize our beautiful city's recreational facility.
123	Dog park
124	Think multile spaces, including a workout room, an indoor pool, a dance and fitness room, and a seperate space for basketball, etc. See the blue print for the Mercer Island Community Center, which also includes an event venue. Also a pool, which could be at a seperate location.
125	Multi-purpose meeting and event space
126	Families and children/youth
127	Don't make it too big.
128	Having an outdoor and an indoor gathering place with a capacity of at least 200 people

129	I don't know enough about this topic.
130	Outdoor park space
131	Having awesome events for our community and providing a place to gather for groups. Sports for youth is important too.
132	To be inclusive of as many types of people as possible: children, teens, families, adults, seniors, and disabled people, to name a few.
133	Lot of variety for all ages
134	A variety of activities that is offered.
135	Better programming for family activities and young adults.
136	More variety of classes
137	Programs and activities for every age group that promote community gatherings. Community gathering space that is open for use while center is open. Indoor exercise possibilities. Arts center. Lots of activities for kids both inside and out i.e. Baseball, soccer, etc. as well as dance and arts.
138	a area to meet and have events, Sports Facilities
139	Community unity
140	Naturalist program? I realize gov never gets funded to do the real fun stuff but at least the pool is cool.
141	An overall update
142	Safe teen activity. Swimming.
143	Fitness programs at affordable prices.
144	Pool, all youth activities, gatherings, and adult exercise.
145	Ongoing sports activities and evening recreation for teens
146	More indoor sports for young children. Art/ music for all!
147	I like the family events that already exist.
148	Because there are a lot of families on our town. Fircrest is a very community minded community!
149	to provide activies to keep teens out of trouble and off streets. after school programs.
150	I don't think the one we have is very necessary and afraid we'll be stuck spending a lot of money that doesn't serve anyone but the kiddos or the elderly again
151	I wish that the classes at the Rec Center were more affordable.
152	Because we use the pool and the lAck of outdoor pools... I feel it would be sorely missed if not there.
153	The least expensive one
154	Expand on the great programs we have
155	If it's a desirable place to rent there is a potential revenue opportunity. Kitchen facilities as well as nice indoor and outdoor rental options will make it used every weekend.
156	bigger pool and more space for indoor activities which can be used all year long
157	The pool is in bad shape. It's a shame since it is such a wonderful asset. The rec center is very old. Maybe if it was newer more people would use it.

158	I think all needs have been covered pretty well for the last 40 years!
159	Youth sports& senior activities
160	Senior, teen and small child activities.
161	Children/youth/family programs
162	Variation for all age demographics
163	Could make a spray park where the hockey court is.
164	add year round classes like dance, karate, etc.
165	Good variety.
166	More things for the adults, not every family has children and it's very much child centered. Remember DINKS - dual income no kids families too.Art Gallery style wine shows, wine walks, beer tasting, cooking. Massage, and adult things. Maybe sponsor a BYOB adult prom for fun. These children aren't paying any bills, create more for adults
167	Teens - after 5th grade on up though seniors
168	Updated facilities and more reverent activities
169	A modern facility that can meet the needs of families with young children, teens and seniors.
170	After school activities for kids and evening activities that accommodate working seniors.
171	24 hour fitness center and pool. Track around the park.
172	Adult activities, the kids activities are great. Teen activities help keep teens out of trouble, so always awesome.
173	Kid's indoor soccer in winter
174	Excersize programs, year round youth and adult sports activities...ie; floor hockey leagues, indoor/outdoor basket ball leagues, indoor/outdoor soccer leagues, volleyball leagues.
175	Better bathrooms and separate bathrooms for the pool and separate bathrooms for people who are using the rec center.
176	Swimming Pool, upgrade park amenities
177	Emergency shelter
178	Better advertising and marketing so we can make sure our community is very knowledgeable about everything and then hopefully more involved to give everybody a better experience
179	community pride and use
180	Swim lessons/swim team!
181	kids and seniors community special events
182	I feel it is serving the community well, just the facilities are old.
183	More planned events
184	Basketball
185	Pool & family space
186	support the swim team.
187	A hall that's welcoming, rather than a cinderblock maze.

188	Updating all arezs.
189	Continued support of youth sports programs and summer swimming lessons (especially since U.P. doesn't offer them anymore). I think it's a huge draw for people in our community and surrounding areas.
190	Opportunities for youth to connect and have positive experiences to stay out of trouble. Opportunities for citizens of all Agnes to connect and foster community throughout our city.
191	Year round pool use
192	More staffing and better/updated facilities.
193	More programs for younger children and/or families together
194	Year around activities. Fix the swampy fields.
195	Keeping kids busy and safe. So maybe a scholarship program to reach more children?
196	I love the idea of an outdoor barbecue and picnic area, where people in the community can come together and have meals. This is something that isn't already there, so that is a great need.
197	Summer programs and after-school programs.
198	A modernized pool and community center would be a catalyst for more events and programming. The current facilities are so old and dim that it just isn't very welcoming. We can do better!
199	Information to residents publicized
200	Stretching classes
201	Caring, concerned, qualified employees.
202	Better facilities.
203	I think everything they've been doing for the past 16 years I've lived here has been great! I don't know if they still have this, but my kids loved the summer arts program they had about 10 years ago
204	Fun Says revamped Saving the pool for future generations
205	A good children and teen program
206	Non profit after school and before school programs. Also a summer program.
207	keep it homey, small townish,
208	Grade 4-9 girls softball
209	More things to bring us together as a community
210	Keeping kids active and supported through the community. Love the way swim team is run.
211	More programs for creatives to balance the athletics
212	Any programs that allow the community to socialize, self educate, self improve, and grow our own personal value.
213	A most robust program that has more opportunities for working families to participate
214	Improvements are good to make Fircrest a great family community.
215	Maybe a bigger center
216	To provide for our youth--from 0-18.

Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

Exhibit 32. Would a new community center, like the one shown in the image above, be a benefit to the Fircrest Community? Please choose only one answer. Add comments if desired. Question 20 (N=488)

	Comments
1	I would like to see an actual gym with fitness equipment.
2	Having such a facility would also allow for rental of spaces - besides facilitating community activities.
3	The dance/exercise room is too small
4	Control of who uses these facilities -- priority to Fircrest residents who are paying for it. Outreach is important -- with good guidelines
5	Seems like the current community center has a lot of wasted space and all these added features will not increase the current usage
6	I think a new rec center is critical, but not sure of the proposed layout.
7	Certainly more functional than the current building. Do we really need a teen room? Perhaps a room that could be used throughout the day by other groups.
8	I think it is very important to have a community center.
9	Needs more outdoor covered patio space with tables and chairs and heat lamps
10	Outdoor seating with heat lamps
11	Anything that attracts young people for their "cool activities" is a great idea,
12	I am not positive that the advantages for a new community center would outweigh the costs as the current center is still usable.
13	The community center needs more than one banquet room
14	Did you consider adding to the existing community center to keep costs under control.
15	I don't know that teens would be interested in staying in a room smaller than a bathroom, it might be better off given to the kitchen. Larger more generic spaces with partitions might allow for more utilization of space as needed rather than specific rooms
16	Is it only for residents? There seems to be an exclusive mentality that is not healthy for our community. It would be good if open to all. How about hosting homeless people for a week like the churches do.
17	I know many people that have been wanted and newer better bigger gym they would be VERY excited to see this in real life. I would to.
18	Not sure of the need for bleachers.They need to come up with more parking.
19	Adds to Fircrest desirability as a place to live.
20	Such a facility would be a great facility asset. The question is cost and the feasibility of paying for it. What is practically possible for Fircrest?
21	The kitchen is too small.
22	Teen room could use Windows...
23	Stop spending our money
24	Do we really need bleachers?
25	a first rate community center would help draw quality residents and families to Fircrest

26	Looks good. How about moving the Jan/mech next to the women's so that the dance room can have direct access to the lobby?
27	Multi Use Space that can be utilized as a large room or a few smaller rooms would be better for long term programming needs
28	It's a bit hard to tell from the image, but it doesn't seem different enough from the current community center to make much of a difference.
29	All your maps and plans are missing scale bars and north arrows.
30	Make teen game room bigger and open to viewing (not private), glass windows? That way less staff is needed and less problems could occur with a private room. Make space big enough for pool tables, ping pong, air hockey, etc.
31	Other concepts other than hallway and rooms?
32	What are the other designs?... no need for a HS size gym. A gym that is a little bigger than what we have would be sufficient.
33	Benefit would be depending on programming offered.
34	Doesn't too much different than the current center
35	The senior yoga class needs at least 1/2 gym w/current enrollment
36	What are the problems with the current community center?
37	I really appreciate all who are in the planning on this vitally needed resource
38	Would be able to rent facility to others to help defray the cost of new center
39	How much is the footprint expanding? Will trees be cut down?
40	Would like to see informal gathering area open anytime rec center is open.
41	What about the landscaping?
42	I do not want to lose outdoor park space!!
43	You need water in the art area
44	It is time for upgrades and we need to continue to offer great community to our families.
45	As a senior citizen, I think this may make our property taxes increase.
46	needs locker room/changing area for the pool still
47	I'm not okay if taxes have to go up for this.
48	Cost is a concern
49	Very beneficial! The current facilities are outdated.
50	Beneficial yes but I don't think it needs to be an outrageously huge & expensive place. Taxes are already high.
51	Love it!
52	Needs adequate ventilation and climate control
53	Doesn't seem any different than the current setup.
54	Yes!!!! We need this desperately.
55	Are the restrooms large enough to handle families?

56	Don't need the basketball area. It's too much
57	Doesn't look a ton different than what we already have. And lose some meeting space the way it is.
58	To big....
59	I would definitely take advantage of offering a class there
60	Again, you're asking me to make decisions when I know nothing of the cost
61	It could provide a better place for the community to come together, which would lead to pride in our city. It could be used for educational purposes & clubs, such as gardening.

Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.

Exhibit 33. What is your opinion of building a new community center with the features described above if the park bond to pay for it costs about \$300/ year for a home assessed at \$400,000 over 20 years? Question 21 (N=489)

Comments	
1	This is geared toward the the FEW families in town, not those who are paying for it.
2	We already pay very high monthly water bills, how much more are we as residents expected to pay?
3	Creating an energy efficient space should reduce facility costs - and rental income should reduce the cost to the community.
4	I would be willing to pay more happily for an indoor pool able to be utilized year round.
5	I don't live in Fircrest. Partly because you do not pay your taxes to support the library and my family uses PCLS. You say you don't support library service because of cost. However, this increase would cost your residents far more than library service would. Apples to Oranges, yes. But they have access to the STAR center. If your bottom line is taxes, scale back the design.
6	seems a little expensive. Would be okay w about 1/2
7	That is a lot of cost for 1000- people to pay for.
8	Currently the community center does a poor job at advertising programs that are available at the current community center. It also appears to me when I do visit the current facilities the spaces are rarely being used so based on current usage these additional features seem to be extravagant and overly hopeful that more usage would occur. Finally, I would be opposed to paying additional taxes for the center if it also meant that residents had to also pay an entrance fee to use the pool facilities on top of the new taxes that we would already be paying for the new center.
9	The facility doesn't seem to support many more activities than could be done in the current facility. As far as I can tell, the current facility is not being used for a variety of activities so I'm not sure why this would change just because of a new facility.
10	But not necessarily this design.
11	Concerned about residents on fixed income. Repeal ST3
12	I am not a homeowner so I feel that I cant say whether it cost homeowners more.
13	When city makes all residents water their lawns, I will agree to tax increase and otherwise - no.
14	What about residents whose homes are valued at less? It seems to me that usage should somehow factor into the assessment, not simply home's value.

15	I do not want to accept state money for projects as it would open them up to public, which would diminish the sense of small community.
16	I believe there is a need at this time to replace the pool, but not positive the community center is ready for a complete tear down
17	Small amount to pay to support our community
18	\$300 for 20 years seems excessive.
19	Could other sources of funding cover part of the cost, such as grants or federal/state matching funds?
20	I am a senior on fixed income. \$300 additional taxes a year for a facility that I don't use is not an attractive proposition. 2700 homes times \$300 a year works out to over \$800,000 a year for the facility. That's a whopping \$16,000,000 over 20 years.
21	I'm for a new pool. My car is with all the changes to the street scape to add parking and add to the cost of the proposal, the citizens of Fircrest are going to pay for this, but more people from outside the area will be encouraged to use it and thus make it over crowded for the people who payed for it.
22	I support if inclusive. I strongly oppose if not inclusive. This cannot be a sign of Fircrest snobbery.
23	I do not live in Fircrest.
24	Being retired I already have enough taxes and assessments to pay.
25	This question is poorly worded, is this saying that any house assessed over \$400,000 would be required to pay an extra \$300 a year to support this? If so, that seems like it would be much better distributed through out the community as a whole
26	Necessary to our community.
27	That is a big hit for most citizens. What is the oveall cost and what are the alternative options.
28	This seems extreme for the costs. There has to be better ways to balance the budget, get grants, corporate sponsors, ect. Get creative Fircrest. There are lots of ways to help with funding besides \$300+ a year for the next 20 years
29	That is a lot of money for homeowners, especially seniors on fixed incomes.
30	You couldn't even responsibly and fiscally run the current center. Consider selling to a private company who may then pay taxes.
31	I would support as long as there are guaranteed and vetted resident times and it is not overrun by others not paying for facility.
32	Yes, if that cost includes both pool and rec center
33	for those on fixed incomes, the extra cost is a problem
34	It would be nice if the toddler pool was free-entry if our property taxes go up. I would probably use the toddler pool less if I had to pay for it
35	The pool is always crowded when open. We certainly don't need to attract more people to use it. Why do residents need to pay \$6,000 in increasted taxes per house hold to pay for this? That's 16.2 million dollars total. I think the pool needs repair but I should not have to pay for someone's dream project which really isn't necessary.
36	If Fircrest residents pay for this, I want non Fircrest residents to have limited access
37	I'm not a resident so I can't speak to this
38	its a waste of money...a maitinece boondoggle
39	I'd strongly support a new community center that had a more open concept design, with space for people to spontaneously meet and linger and hang out. A single narrow hallway down the middle doesn't seem inviting or

	conducive to fostering community. I'd like to see something with an open central area, not just closed rooms for specific scheduled functions.
40	Strong support if residents have serious discounts on program activities, and non-residents have to pay market price or slightly higher.
41	Other concepts.....? The above does not show enough as to a complete concept and is only....again...one.
42	I strongly support if the recreation will be free/very inexpensive for residents. And raised rates for non-residents to keep our costs down since we will be paying yearly in our taxes.
43	Even though I do not use the facilities I believe they are important to the community. I am willing to financially support the community center and pool.
44	I don't believe it has to cost the residents that much. We could cut cost by community fundraisers, sponsorships ,non residential user fees,sports league fees and fiscal responsibility.
45	The recreation center and pool area are a benefit to the overall amenities of Fircrest and one of the points to consider when establishing the markey value of your home, along with our own police department, public works department and the fire department is close too. All these factors help in establishing a community that people want to live in and are willing to pay for.
46	I couldn't support it based off of what I see and my experience with the architects. I am not impressed.
47	My husband and I are starting a family very soon. The rec center was important to him as a kid growing up in Fircrest and he is excited for his kids to have a nice community center to enjoy.
48	I think if we as residents were going to be paying for it there would need to be tighter controls on outside residents usage. For example the YMCA doesn't allow regular access to their facility to non members without a fee...every time. Maybe the surround cities Tacoma, UP, even Ruston, could subsidize the cost for a pass for their citizens to have access. That could lower the cost for Fircrest residents since other residence will be using the facility. Another thought is that you could trade UP access privileges, Library for Community Center!
49	Approx 25.00 per month.
50	would rather see pool upgraded before community center
51	I would like to see non residence pay a noticeable higher rate to use the facility than residence
52	Too much as taxes and WATER are already excessive.
53	Does this include the swimming pool?
54	Fircrest is a small town; this project will be a burden for its many retired citizens. Fircrest should consider merging services such as water, sewer and parks with nearby cities to help defray costs.
55	As long as it benefits us all somehow. Give residents a deal on rentals and sports.
56	If I knew that the facility would last longer than the bond, AND that the fee would absolutely stop after that time (in other words, that politicians wouldn't find a way to make it continue)
57	300/year sounds reasonable. Would that mean residents have certain benefits? Lower user fees etc. How much of the cost is shouldered by residents vs user fees?
58	Wow, that is a hit, I want to grow and offer good programs for our families.
59	Very highly disagree. A vast majority of the people served by this are t even residents of Fircrest. I certainly think it's not important. They could knock down the one we have and it wouldn't bother me
60	it has to allow us to practice all our favorite sports without the need to pay for memberships in other centers
61	I'm on a fixed income. It would be a burden to my budget but the current one is old a falling apart.
62	If I could quit my gym membership and use exercise equipment, \$300/year would be less

63	It's very important to have a new pool & community center but not at that high of a cost
64	Downsize it. \$300 is a lot per home.
65	We live in up so I would think we would not pay for it, seems harsh.
66	I would support a bond as long as residents did not also have to pay a fee for usage of the pool facilities on top of the annual \$300
67	If it is a fixed amount and a certainty of no longer than 20 years without a vote of the home and business owners of Fircrest...
68	Fircrest is supported by many middle class families raising children n seniors cost is important
69	it's hard to get excited about paying for something I don't use, but I do see it as a benefit and "selling point" for Fircrest...
70	I would like to see the city get as many grants as possible to try to bring the cost down a bit.
71	Sound Transit already took all my money!
72	I just don't see enough difference between what you're showing versus what we have.
73	I would support this if bond payers were able to use the facilities and register for classes / teams / events at no cost.
74	It would depend on cost of using center, pool, classes, etc. if low cost to use then cost to tax payer is justified but if large increase in admission, fees, etc then I would not be happy to pay bond
75	Don't we have EMT stuff coming up soon... Values of homes are going up, so all these taxes are increasing...

Source: BERK Consulting, 2018.