

**FIRCREST CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION AGENDA**

**MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FIRCREST CITY HALL, 115 RAMSDELL STREET**

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| 1. Call to Order | |
| 2. Pledge of Allegiance | |
| 3. Roll Call | |
| 4. Agenda Modifications | |
| 5. <u>Whittier Park Master Plan Presentation</u> | 2 |

The public is invited to listen to the meeting via Zoom utilizing the below call-in information:

Zoom Meeting Details:

Dial-in Information: 1-253-215-8782 Webinar ID: 885 3802 7612 Password: 771679

FIRCREST CITY COUNCIL AGENDA SUMMARY

NEW BUSINESS: **Whittier Park Master Plan Presentation, AHBL**

ITEM: 5

DATE: July 15, 2024

FROM: Jeff Grover, Parks and Recreation Director

RECOMMENDED MOTION: **None. Discussion only.**

SUMMARY: AHBL will be presenting the preferred master plan for Whittier Park to the Fircrest City Council. The presentation will include a thorough review of the process AHBL undertook to gather community input, including three community engagement sessions and a community-wide survey.

Under AHBL's leadership, information was gathered through three community engagement sessions, each attended by over 50 community members. Based on various meetings with City staff, AHBL's own research and exploration, and most importantly, the community engagement sessions and survey, AHBL has developed a preferred Whittier Park Master Plan concept.

ATTACHMENTS: [AHBL Presentation](#)
[Preferred Master Plan Concept](#)



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Welcome to the **Whittier** **Park Master** **Plan**

TONIGHT'S MEETING AGENDA

JULY 15, 2024

BACKGROUND

PUBLIC MEETINGS PROCESS OVERVIEW

PREFERRED CONCEPT

NEXT STEPS

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

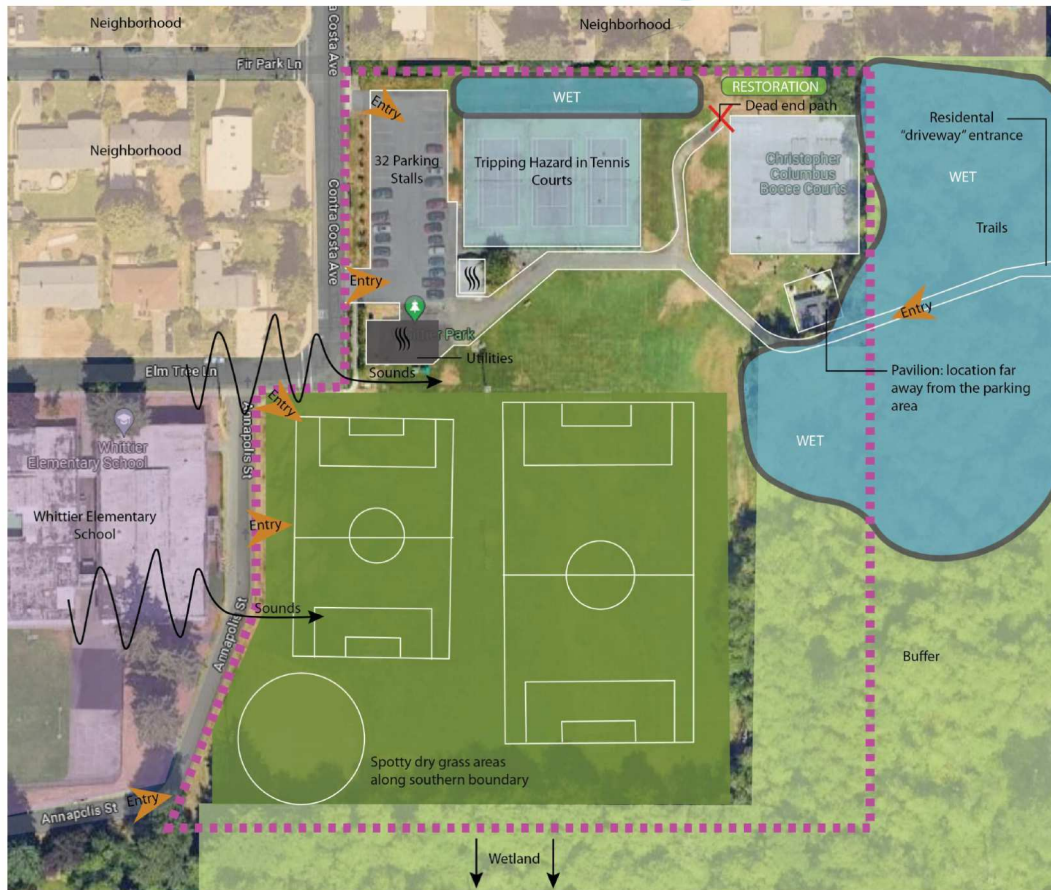
CONSULTANT TEAM:

AHBL - LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

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Whittier Park Existing Conditions



History of Place

Whittier Park is centrally located within the city of Fircrest east of Contra Cost Ave. It has long been used as a sports recreation center

Current

Whittier Park contains environmental significance because of its adjacent watershed system, which connecting Leach Creek, Flett Creek, Clover Creek, and Chambers Creek to the Tacoma Narrows

Future

Improving existing amenities for equitable use, flexibility of programming, safety and sustainability is being driven by a participatory design process

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Master Plan Schedule



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“WHAT IS A MASTER PLAN”

OUTREACH EFFORTS

OUTREACH RESULTS

KEY TAKEAWAYS / OPPORTUNITIES

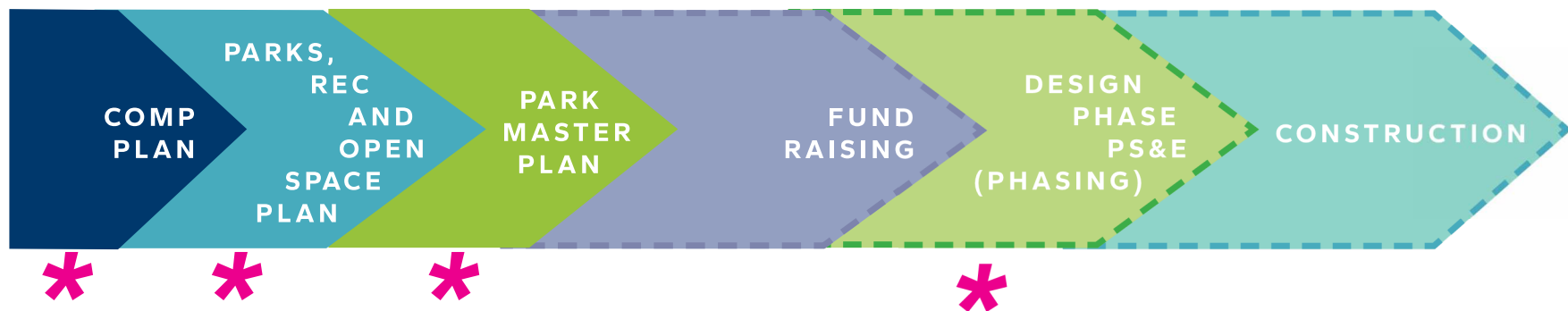


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Project Overview

“What guides parks development?”



*** = community input opportunity**

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Local Master Plan Process

Roy H. Murphy Community Center



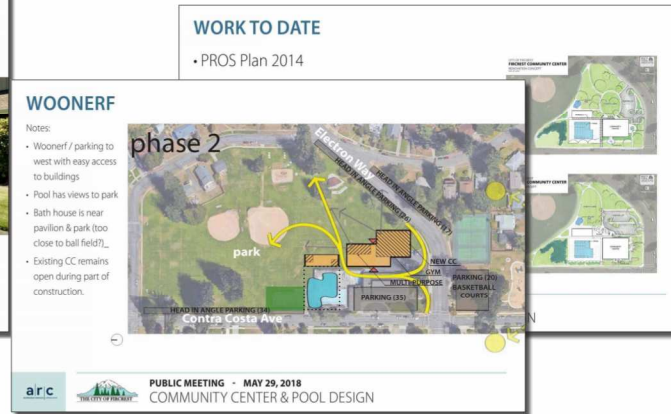
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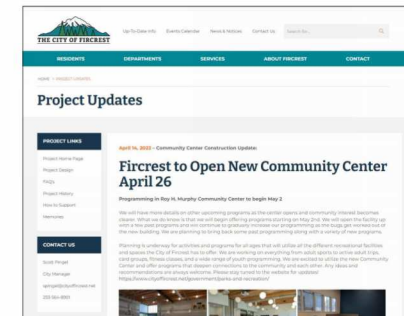


2016



2018 - 2019

The input from the citizens stressed that the most important consideration was meeting the continued need for youth and family activities through programs or facilities at the existing parks. Of primary focus, with overall support from citizens and Committee members, were improvements to the City's critically important recreation facility -- the Roy H. Murphy Community Center and adjacent seasonal swimming pool. Many were observant to point out that limited funding and a changing economy will play a role in the next steps to planning the future of the Community Center, but also noted the continual demand for positive opportunities that are vital from the perspective of most residents.



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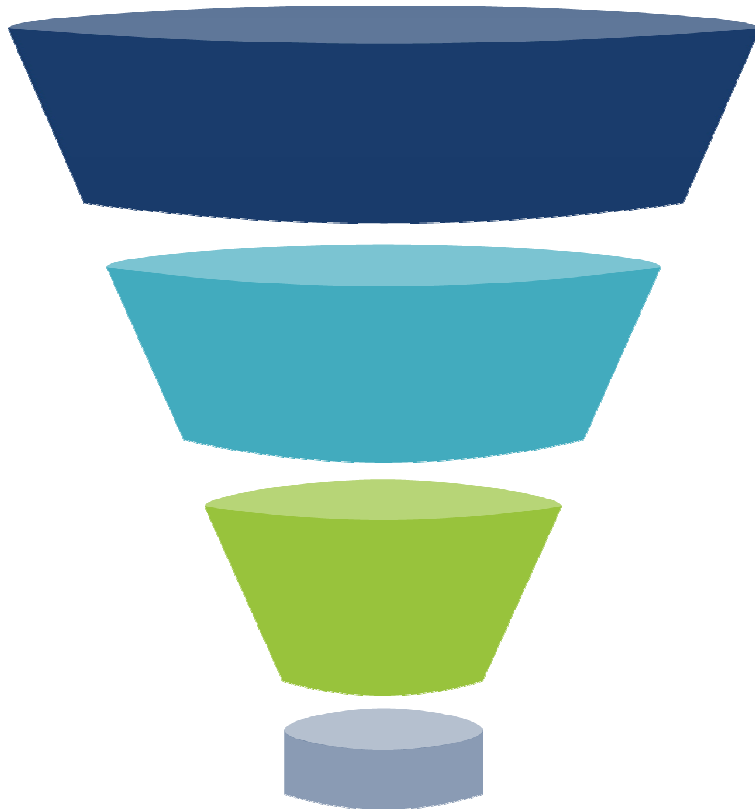
“Why is Whittier Park undergoing a master plan?”



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Receiving Feedback



Programming

Community Meeting 1

- What has occurred at Whittier Park.
- What is happening now.
- What changes will make the park experience better.

Online Survey

Site Plan Options

- Design team will review comments / feedback to develop three different concepts.

Community Meeting 2

- Reviewing concepts & selecting amenities / layout preferences.

Preferred Plan

- Design team reviews dot exercise, comments, and counts voting.

Community Meeting 3

- Review two site options and vote for your preferred design

Final Plan

- Design team will review voting ballots / comments and develop a final site plan.

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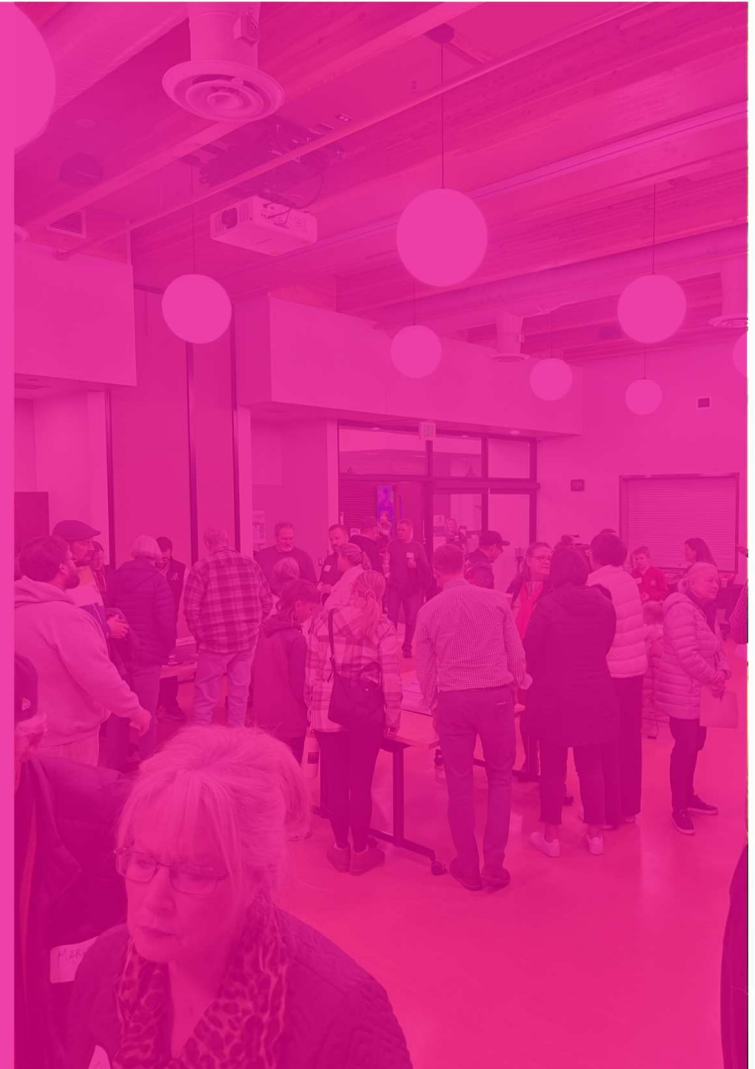


“WHAT WE HEARD”

FIRST COMMUNITY MEETING

DESIRED PROGRAMMING

KEY TAKEAWAYS / OPPORTUNITIES



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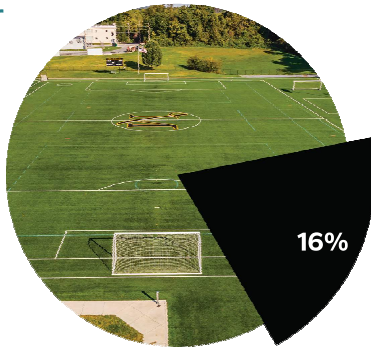


Answers to...

What would you like to see at the park?

Top Six Results:

Soccer



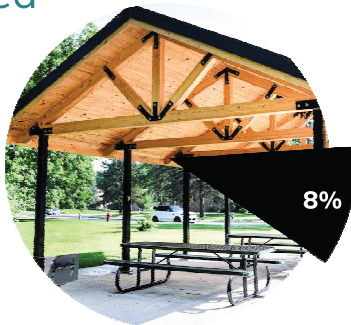
Trails



Restroom



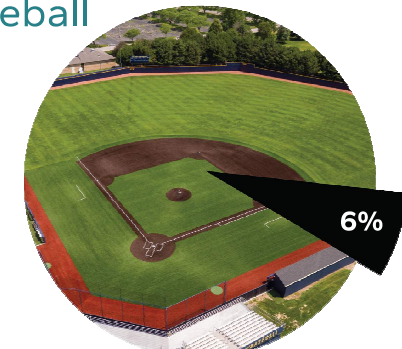
Covered Areas



Trees



Baseball



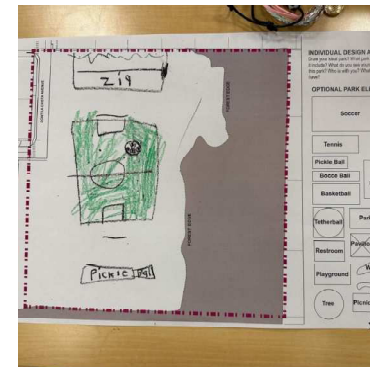
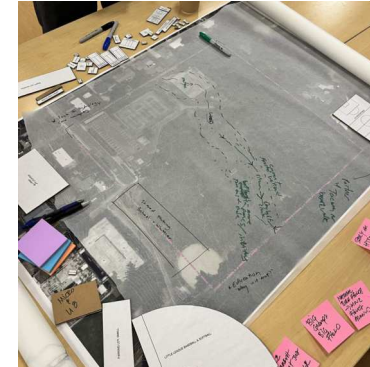
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What concerns or questions do you have?

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Public Meeting #1 Summary - Design Exercise



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“WHAT WE STUDIED”

SECOND COMMUNITY MEETING

DEVELOPED THREE CONCEPTS

ASKED FOR FEEDBACK ON AMENITIES / LAYOUT



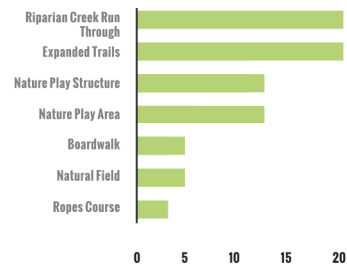
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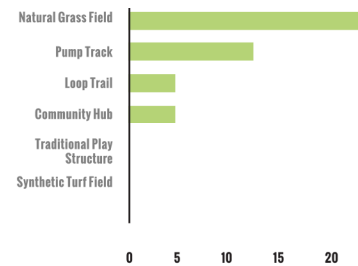
Public Meeting #2 Summary - Dot Exercise



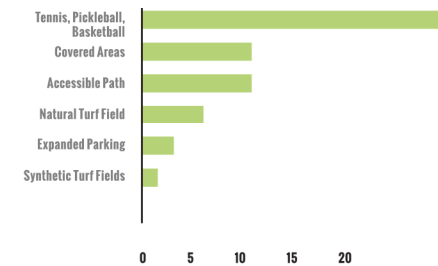
Concept 1: Leach Creek Runs Through it



Concept 2: Community Anchor



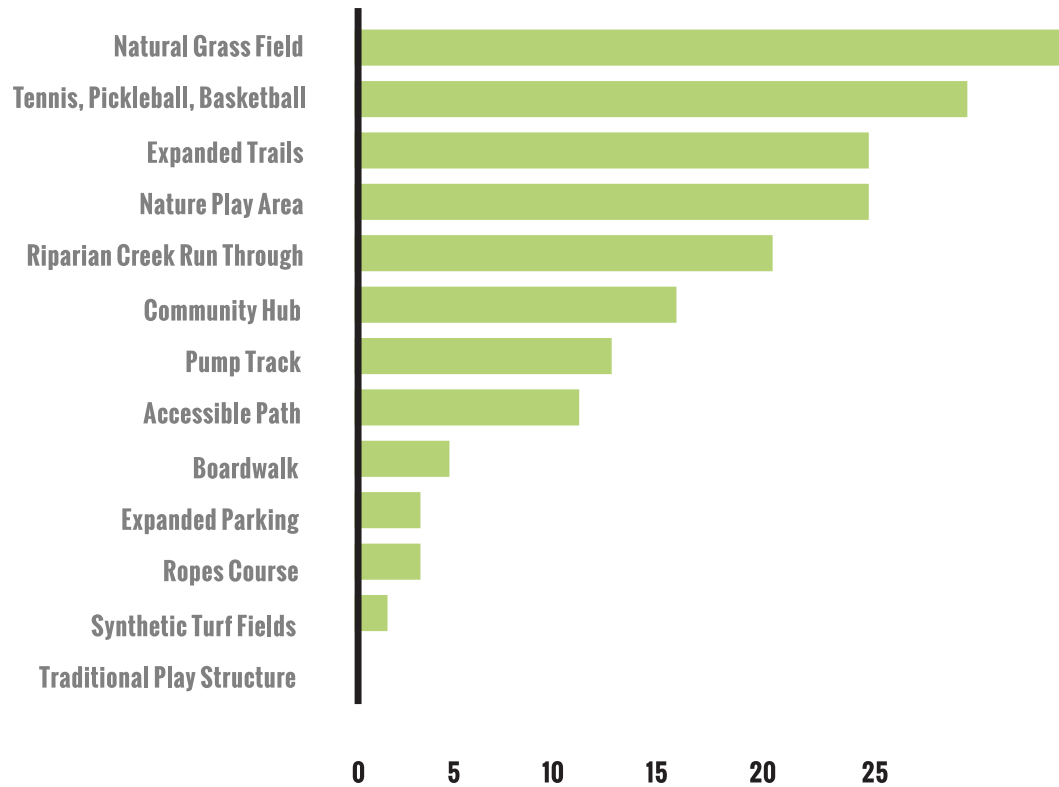
Concept 3: Sports Complex



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Preferred Amenities Combined - Dot Exercise



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Verbal Feedback

This includes feedback that was verbally spoken to our team but was not reflected in the comment boards or dot activities.



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Online Survey Results

PROJECT MEMO



TO: Jeff Grover
Parks & Recreation Director
City of Fircrest

FROM: Craig Skipton
Kiera Eason
Seattle - (206) 267-2425

SUBJECT: Community Survey Summary

DATE: February 28, 2024

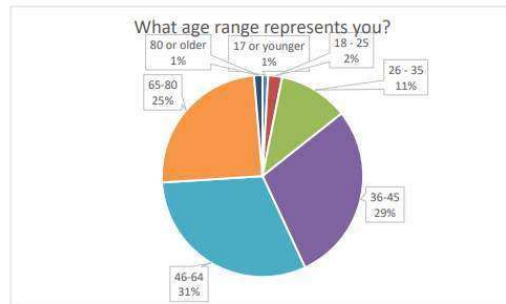
PROJECT NO.: 2230272

PROJECT NAME: Whittier Park Master Plan

Fircrest Community Survey Summary

As a part of the Whittier Park Master Plan Project, the City of Fircrest's consultants, AHBL, developed a Community Survey. The survey consisted of three main groups of questions: background, existing Whittier Park use, and community impressions. The following is a summary of responses and a compilation of written feedback.

Respondent Age Range



Capturing the Community

We understand that voices outside of the public meetings deserve to be heard in equal measure. The total respondents were:

219 Survey Responses

- What do you like to do at Whittier Park?
- What is missing in Whittier Park?
- What can enhance your experience and make you want to come more?

The full survey results helped drive our team in the design process

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“WHAT WAS SELECTED”

THIRD COMMUNITY MEETING

FOCUSED FEEDBACK - TWO DESIGN STATIONS

VOTING ON PREFERRED DESIGN



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Final Two Designs



Option A



Option B

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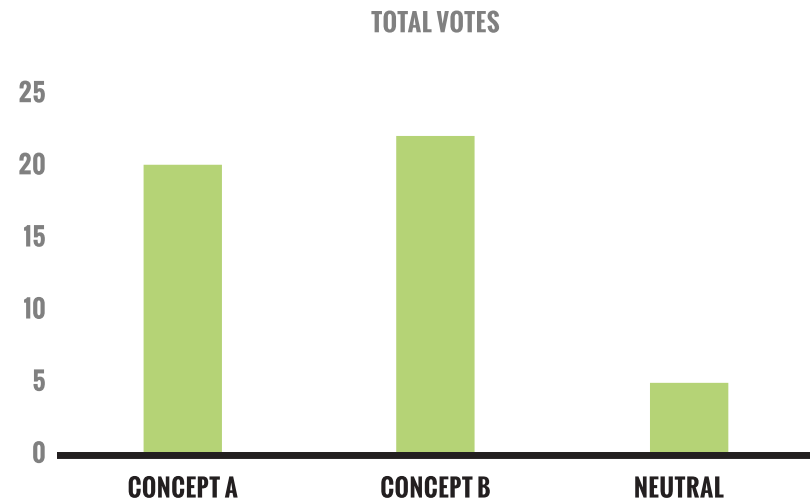
Voting Results

Community Comments

Alongside the voting processes, our team recorded verbal feedback and community trends. The voting ballot also asked for the following responses:

What aspects of the concept you chose did you find most appealing?

We welcome any additional feedback you may have regarding specific design elements.



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Preferred Concept



LEGEND

- ① Parking, Maintain Existing
- ② Work Out Stations and Benches
- ③ Soccer Field, Synthetic Turf
Width: 165' min - 240' max x Length: 300' min x 360' max
- ④ Accessible Pathways
- ⑤ Spectator Seating
- ⑥ Baseball / Softball Field, Natural Grass
Little League: 200' min Softball: 250' - 275'
- ⑦ Revealed Creek and Nature Play
- ⑧ Expanded Trails
- ⑨ Boardwalk
- ⑩ Sport Courts: 1x Tennis, 3x Pickleball, 1x Basketball
- ⑪ Picnic Shelters
- ⑫ Restroom, Storage and Concessions Area

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Redesign Comparison



Preferred Concept



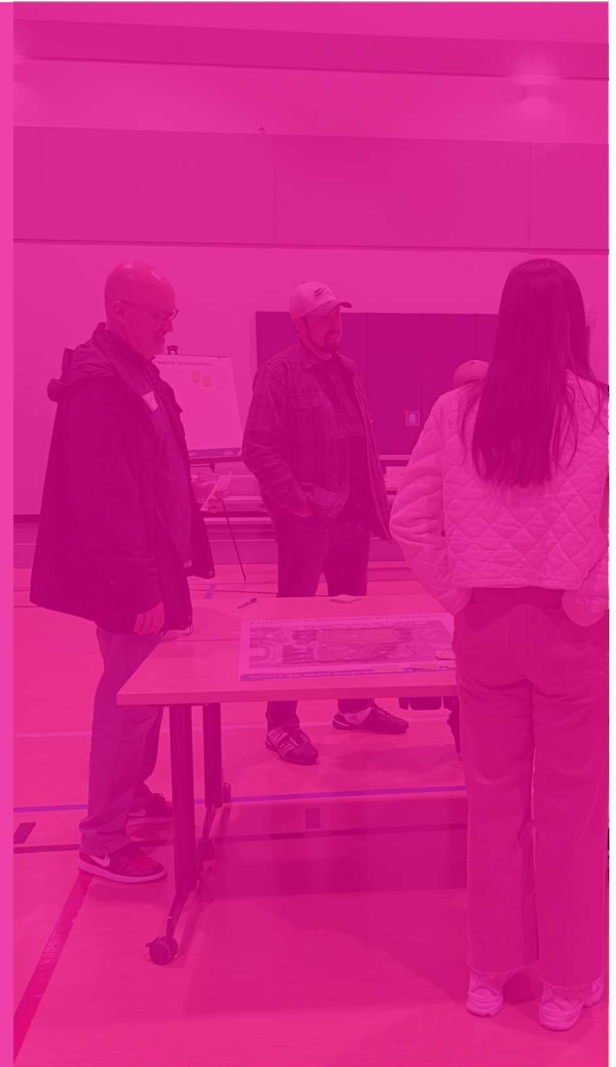
Existing Conditions

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Thank You!

Comments? Questions?



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