

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
City Council Workshop
Joint Meeting
Parks & Recreation Commission
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

AGENDA
January 3, 2024
6:30 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER:
- B. ROLL CALL: GUSTAFSON_____ LEEHY_____ MEYER_____
WASSENBERG_____ MIELKE_____
- MIELKE_____ YAGER_____ BRADBURY_____ BRENTON_____
FAUST_____ LUNDELL_____
- STAFF PRESENT: LINEHAN_____ NELSON_____
- C. POLICY ITEMS:
1. Community Park Renovation
- D. ADJOURNMENT:

DISCLAIMER: City Council Workshops are held monthly as an opportunity for Council Members to discuss policy topics in greater detail prior to a formal meeting where a public hearing may be held and/or action may be taken. Members of the public that would like to make a comment or ask questions about an item on the agenda for an upcoming workshop should send them to mail@falconheights.org prior to the meeting. Alternatively, time is regularly allotted for public comment during Regular City Council Meetings (typically 2nd and 4th Wednesdays) during the Community Forum.

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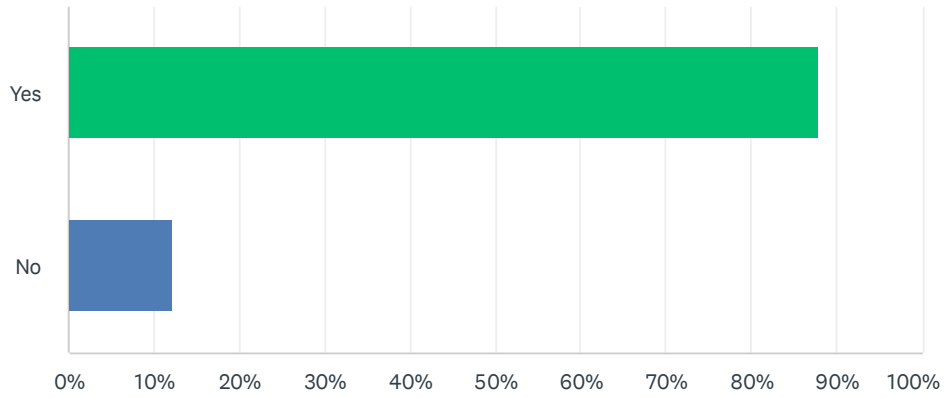
Meeting Date	January 3, 2024
Agenda Item	Agenda C1
Attachment	Survey results; drafts of park layouts; (drafts of building design and layouts are not yet ready from HCM Architects and will be provided at meeting)
Submitted By	Kelly Nelson, Assistant to the City) Administrator

Item	Community Park Renovation Discussion
Description	<p>The City purchased Community Park from the University of Minnesota this past May.</p> <p>In August, the City hired WSB, a civil engineering and planning firm as project manager, and HCM Architects to act as architects for the park’s renovation. The City had previously worked with WSB to develop a parks master plan in 2014; both firms have extensive municipal park renovation experience.</p> <p>The public was invited to attend the November 6, 2023 Parks and Recreation meeting to share their initial feedback after a presentation by WSB and HCM Architects. WSB and HCM took this feedback and made revisions and clarifications to their presentation decks, which the city included as part of an online survey, made available to the public on November 20, 2023.</p> <p>The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the public’s additional feedback, which was provided in the online survey, during their December 4, 2023 meeting in order to make suggestions to the Council in regards to the proposed park layouts and amenities.</p> <p>The Council then considered those suggestions from the Parks and Recreation Commission and made their recommendations to WSB and HCM Architects so that revised drafts could be drawn up.</p> <p>The Council has now invited the Parks and Recreation Commission to join them at this January 3, 2024 Workshop Meeting so that both groups can look at final survey data (the survey closed on 12/27/23) and discuss the updated drafts of the park layout and park building so that recommendations can be made to WSB and HCM Architects in order for semi-final plans to be created.</p>
Budget Impact	TBD

Attachment(s)	Final survey results through December 27, 2023; updated drafts of the park layout. Drafts of park building to be provided at meeting.
Action(s) Requested	Staff requests that the Council and Parks and Recreation Commission review survey feedback from the general public and discuss the updated drafts from WSB and HCM Architects in order to make their semi-final recommendations for park and building layouts and amenities.

Q2 Are you a Falcon Heights resident?

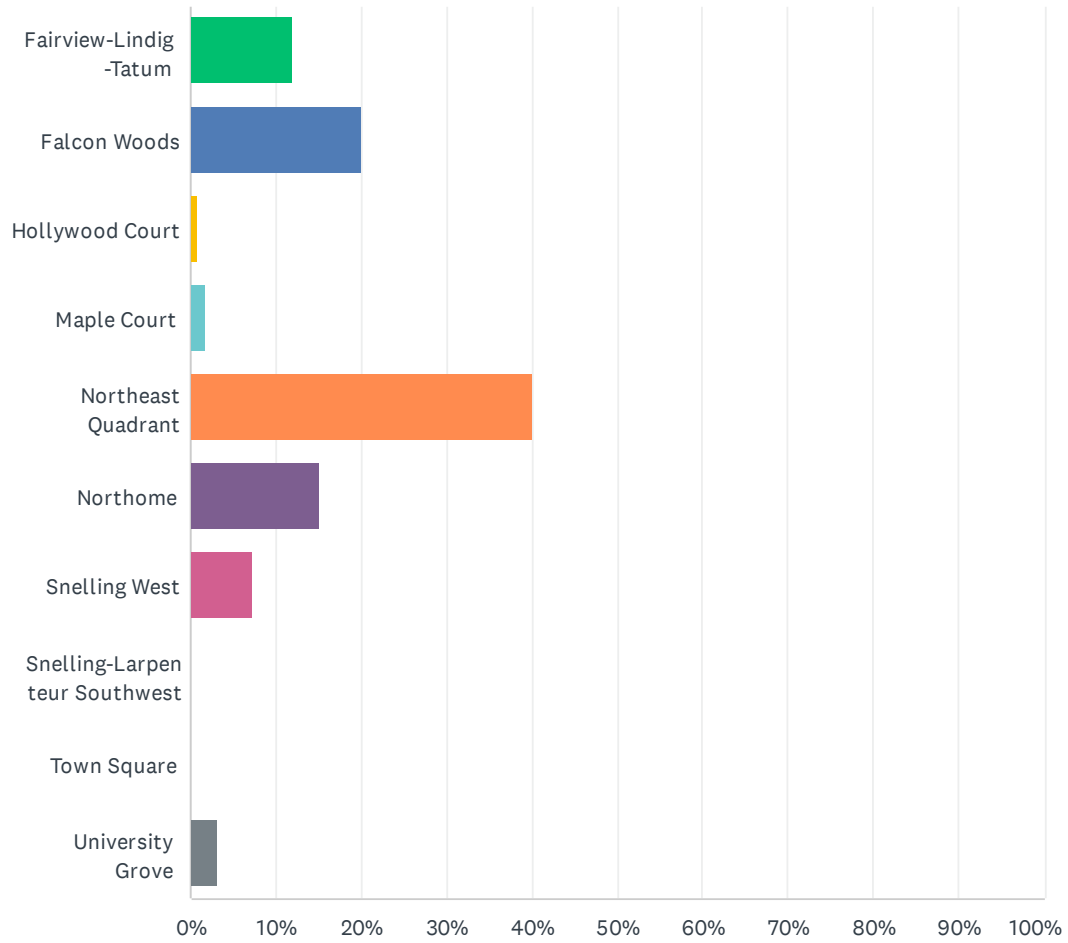
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	87.94%	124
No	12.06%	17
Total Respondents: 141		

Q3 If you reside in Falcon Heights, which neighborhood do you reside in? See map above.

Answered: 125 Skipped: 18

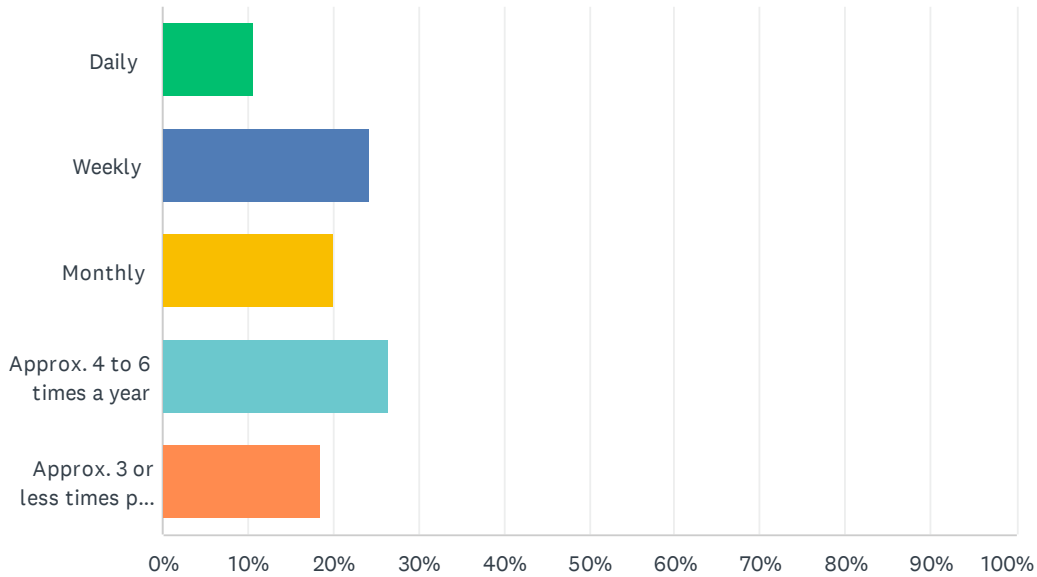


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Fairview-Lindig-Tatum	12.00%	15
Falcon Woods	20.00%	25
Hollywood Court	0.80%	1
Maple Court	1.60%	2
Northeast Quadrant	40.00%	50
Northome	15.20%	19
Snelling West	7.20%	9
Snelling-Larpenteur Southwest	0.00%	0
Town Square	0.00%	0
University Grove	3.20%	4
Total Respondents: 125		

Q4 Which answer most closely reflects how often you visit Community Park?

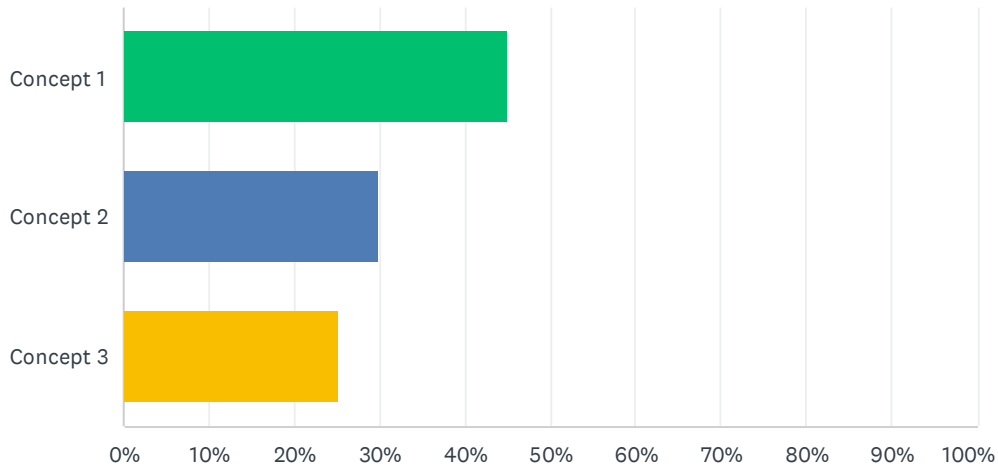
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


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	10.71%	15
Weekly	24.29%	34
Monthly	20.00%	28
Approx. 4 to 6 times a year	26.43%	37
Approx. 3 or less times per year	18.57%	26
TOTAL		140

Q5 Of the following three proposed layouts, which do you prefer? You may also add comments if you prefer a combination of the concepts or want to make a suggestion. Please note that the amenities shown on the proposed park layouts are renderings only, not final plans.

Answered: 131 Skipped: 12



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
 Concept 1	45.04% 59
 Concept 2	29.77% 39
 Concept 3	25.19% 33
TOTAL	131

#	ADD COMMENT	DATE
1	Love that the playground is away from the parking lot in option 1, but don't need additional parking	12/26/2023 8:49 PM
2	Would love to see the tennis courts converted to Pickleball courts. I don't know what a "hard play court" is, or what it would be used for.	12/26/2023 1:29 PM
3	I do not want a splash pad in the park because there is such a limited season for its use and I believe it will cause issues with noise and mud as kids move between the splash pad and the playground. If there has to be one, it should not be located next to the parking lot for safety reasons.	12/21/2023 9:57 PM
4	I like the idea of the playground being by some of the wooded/natural area, for easy transitions between play settings. It's important that kids play in "woods" as they grow up! I also like the idea of having garden / open space views out of the windows of the building. These are the reasons I selected concept 1.	12/19/2023 5:06 PM
5	With growing numbers of pickleball players, would love to see pickleball courts put in and no	12/18/2023 10:00 PM

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	tennis courts.	
6	Would like Pickleball courts, would come to Community Park if there were pickleball courts. Prefer dedicated PB courts, OK to change tennis courts to PB courts, but if must keep tennis courts, please paint PB lines so can be used for PB too	12/18/2023 8:16 PM
7	Add Pickleball court	12/18/2023 7:54 PM
8	you need to limit the scope, there is no way you are going to make the budget in this high priced construction environment.	12/12/2023 9:55 AM
9	concept 2 with addition of hard play court from concept 3	12/11/2023 5:07 PM
10	Keep the kids area away from the parking/cars.	12/11/2023 4:41 PM
11	Pickleball instead of tennis	12/5/2023 9:45 PM
12	Please add pickleball lines to the courts or convert to pickleball.	12/5/2023 2:30 PM
13	I am torn between 2 and 3. I like the division of the playground and splashpad on one side and the sports on another side for concept 3. However I do like the community garden layout from concept 2 and for safety reasons it concept 2 is a nice visual for parents how can have children playing on the playground and some on the basketball court. All eyes are in one direction.	12/5/2023 1:57 PM
14	Will the splash and playground have any equipment for children in a wheelchair?	12/5/2023 9:50 AM
15	I can't pick. So, I'll write as I look at the Concepts. People love the community gardens, and if more people want them, an expansion would be great. I've thought about the property around City Hall for that, too, so maybe there are some options there. I don't think I'd care much about a splash pad, even if I had kids that would appeal to. It's a lot of water use and a temptation I don't care enough about to have to object to when we went to the park. We loved the playground. Nice location, nice shade, nice pavilion; I didn't ever feel like the "far-away" bathrooms were a problem. I do LOVE the idea of some adult sized swings and maybe adaptive playground equipment, so adults with disabilities could participate. Highland Friendship Club and LAHBNSPs could provide some advice. I think the nature trail idea is terrific.	12/4/2023 8:02 PM
16	I don't think #3 will work for community garden - too much shade.	12/4/2023 6:24 PM
17	Has the possibility of pickleball courts been asked? There is a lot of demand at Evergreen park outside and reasonably priced indoor pickleball in the cold weather.	12/4/2023 6:07 PM
18	PLEASE DO NOT PUT IN PICKLE-BALL COURTS , TOO MUCH NOISE AND INJURIES. SMALLER PARKING AREA WOULD BE BETTER.	12/4/2023 10:37 AM
19	Please, no pickle ball. My house is right next to the current basketball court. The noise would be unbearable!	12/3/2023 7:57 PM
20	I don't prefer any of the Concepts but 2 at least keeps the best existing footprint while minimizing changes (noise, parking, no pickleball) that would impact the Falcon Woods neighborhood the most.	12/3/2023 7:25 PM
21	Concept #2 appears most practical with new structure and playground areas further from Roselawn Ave. Question inclusion of splash pad (maintenance and usage) - and would oppose another hard play court which would most likely accommodate pickle ball inclusion due to the considerable noise factor associated with it. Would support larger expansion of community garden concepts or additional prairie areas rather than space for additional parking.	12/3/2023 2:39 PM
22	#1 allows the Lions Club to continue their tree sales!	12/1/2023 9:04 PM
23	Without the additional parking. Keep the space green.	12/1/2023 11:59 AM
24	I like Concept 3 the best for it's compactness of layout and maximization of the available lawn area. I'm not sure what the hard play court area is though. Space for Gaga ball?	11/30/2023 3:06 PM
25	Concept 1 would allow the Lions Club to continue selling trees at this space as they have for so many years	11/29/2023 11:24 PM
26	Dislike option 1. Splash pad and playground need adjacency to bathroom and parking.	11/29/2023 2:25 PM

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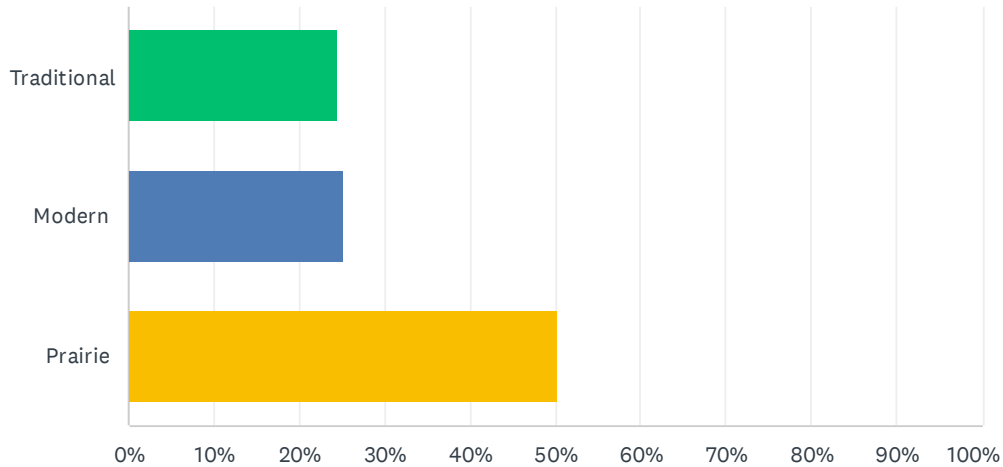
27	What is a hard play court? I like concept 1 because the activity areas are mostly away from the parking lot.	11/28/2023 12:55 PM
28	I prefer concept 2 more due to the playground and splash pad setup near the new building and bathrooms. I also like the setup of the community garden. Unfortunately, I like the parking lot structure in concept 3 better as it spreads out the traffic exits / entrances a bit more and looks better in my mind.	11/27/2023 7:05 PM
29	Concept 1 is preferred because it keeps "installed" buildings and play activities together (building, courts, playground, etc). There is a lot of flex space while allowing for future additions to the community garden. The natural trails and garden are critical pieces of the park. Consider expanding the community garden or adding a small greenhouse.	11/27/2023 6:25 PM
30	I strongly prefer Concept 1. The Falcon Heights/Lauderdale Lions has held there Christmas tree lot on the west side of the building for decades. I'd like to see that continue. Concept 1 seems to be the only layout that would allow for a lot on the west side of the building. Also, I like the large lawn to the south. I've played pick up soccer for ≈20 years in that area and I'd like to see space for that to continue.	11/27/2023 5:31 PM
31	like having some flex lawn near the parking area - that can be used for other activities.	11/27/2023 4:43 PM
32	What is hard play court? If pickleball too noisy and close to existing houses.	11/27/2023 4:20 PM
33	Like the larger flex lawn area, and playground needs to be within eyesight of the building	11/27/2023 4:12 PM
34	No basketball courts	11/27/2023 4:03 PM
35	Safer to keep the splash pad and playground further from the parking lot	11/25/2023 8:07 AM
36	I like Concepts 1 and 2, but I have to ask why we need a splash pad. It seems a waste of space, given the park and the amount of time it can be used. I would make the playground bigger and skip the splash pad.	11/23/2023 9:50 AM
37	All these look good to me.	11/22/2023 8:28 PM
38	I don't have small kids but it appears wise to keep the playground closer to the parking area. I support the expansion of the community garden but prefer it as one long design vs L-shaped. Not clear what the hard court is for. If pickleball, then it would be great.	11/22/2023 8:09 AM
39	Please fence the playground/splash pad!	11/21/2023 8:34 PM
40	Concept 3 is problematic in that it has parking immediately adjacent to Falcon Woods homes and backyards. Potential for automotive noise at night is high, especially with it being right in front of the basketball court.	11/21/2023 8:07 PM
41	I love the pickleball hard court, however, it might be too loud for the residents next to it. Unless it was moved to the west side by garden.	11/21/2023 5:17 PM
42	Don't like any of them, where is the disc golf course?	11/21/2023 5:04 PM
43	Where is the pickle all?	11/21/2023 4:08 PM
44	Wet kids track stuff. If the playground is right next to the splash pad, there will be sand, rocks and wood chips in it. A fence is really helpful to keep toddlers away from traffic, especially if the playground is by the parking lot. Just a short fence to slow kids down. This is really helpful for neurodivergent kids. Otherwise their families can't use the playground.	11/21/2023 3:21 PM
45	Please try to save as many of the larger mature trees as possible as this is a huge park feature not only for aesthetics, but its also important to preserve park ecosystems..	11/21/2023 12:47 PM
46	I used to visit more often when my kids were young. Parents with young kids like to be able to use the bathroom for 1 of the kids and still see the other at the playground. Nice to keep them close (bldg, kid areas) Nice to separate adult areas from kid areas so that's why I chose #3. Not sure what hard surface is? (Pickleball?)	11/21/2023 11:01 AM
47	To maintain the curb appeal and to see as much green space as possible, option one is good as it clumps the buildings/courts together vs spreading them out across the front blocking the view of the rest of the area.	11/21/2023 10:58 AM
48	I like the idea of the playground being within view of the community garden -- for any parents that may want to garden while their kids play.	11/21/2023 9:45 AM




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49	love the addition of a splashpad! please include a park design with multiple swings and monkey bars	11/20/2023 6:18 PM
50	I think that the splash pad doesn't seem all that important	11/20/2023 6:14 PM
51	I think the splash pad is not needed. It will be a maintenance item and a high consumer of energy and water. I think there are many splash pads around that serve the purpose more, and such a small one will be under utilized and disappointing compared to the larger available splash pads. In short, I think the added cost of the splash pad would be better saved or used elsewhere in the project.	11/20/2023 5:37 PM

Q6 Of the following three examples of architectural design styles, which would you prefer the new park building to have elements of and resemble?

Answered: 139 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
 Traditional	24.46% 34
 Modern	25.18% 35
 Prairie	50.36% 70
TOTAL	139

#	ADD COMMENT	DATE
1	I don't feel strongly about style, but I do hope we incorporate sustainable practices in the design where we can: stormwater management, efficiency, low-footprint materials, etc.	12/19/2023 5:06 PM
2	Made choices of building design style and park layout with assumptions re: flexibility and efficiency to use and maintain.	12/5/2023 2:58 PM
3	I said "Modern," but the photos almost seem more mid-century modern. I wonder if someone at the U could tell us how to match some of the architecture of The Grove and the architects who drew up those plans. Also, I think there should be little sod/grass. Native plants, water/raingardens, etc work fine.	12/4/2023 8:02 PM
4	Fits best with the environment	12/4/2023 6:24 PM
5	WE DO NOT LIKE ANY OF THE PLANS, ALL TOO BIG, A 800 SQ FT STEEL SIDING AND STEEL ROOF STRUCTURE WOULD BE WAY CHEAPER AND BE VERY MODERN. YOU ALREADY HAVE THE FALCON HEIGHTS CITY HALL TO USE FOR INDOOR MEETINGS, WHY DOES EVERYTHING HAVE TO LOOK COMMERCIAL , WE ALL NEED TO SPEND LESS AND BE MORE RUSTIC AND MORE OF A CLEAN SIMPLE DESIGN , THE PARK SHOULD BE A PLACE TO VISIT FOR NATURE, PEACE AND QUIET, WATCH THE DUCKS,	12/4/2023 10:37 AM

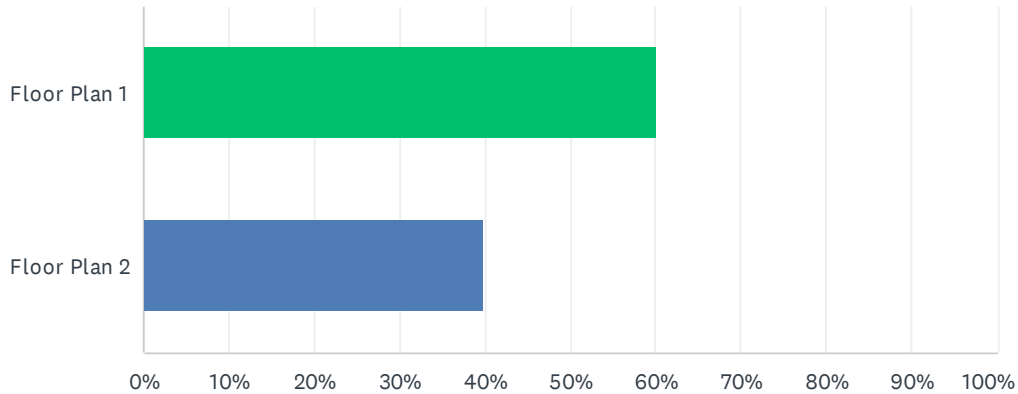
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BIRDS, BUTTERFLIES AND NO NOISE. THIS WOULD BE MORE GREEN, LESS COMMERCIAL AND A BETTER FIT FOR PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT YOU DONT NEED TO HAVE EVERYTHING. I REMEMBER WHEN I WAS GROWING UP IN FALCON HEIGHTS HOW QUIET THE PARK WAS AND WE HAD A SMALL 10'X8' WOOD BUILDING WARMING HOUSE WHEN WE WENT SKATING IN THE WINTER, THAT WAS GOOD MEMORY AND ITS ALL WE NEEDED.

6	As simple as possible.	12/3/2023 7:57 PM
7	This has been and will remain a small community park - new facilities should respect and reflect that. There are plenty of venues for large gatherings	12/3/2023 2:39 PM
8	Which ever is cheapest. They all look nice	12/2/2023 9:35 AM
9	The traditional style looks more natural and fitting for a park. Also, I think that generally, flat rooftops are a bad idea in Minnesota. (snow load and leaky roofs)	11/30/2023 3:06 PM
10	Keep it simple. Critical for maintenance reasons. Less is best.	11/29/2023 5:15 PM
11	The modern option fits with many homes in FH and I like Prairie second	11/28/2023 12:58 PM
12	The last thing we need is more Traditional in this city. Prairie seems like a good compromise between Traditional and Modern.	11/28/2023 12:55 PM
13	I like sustainability and energy efficiency. I don't want it to stand out in an intrusive way. Natural flow and materials.	11/27/2023 7:05 PM
14	Prefer traditional but with organic, natural building	11/27/2023 6:25 PM
15	I think Traditional best fits the feel of the park and neighborhood. However, Prairie could also be nice. Modern does not fit at all.	11/23/2023 9:50 AM
16	Prairie style would be a good fit to the environment.	11/22/2023 8:28 PM
17	Given the mostly 50s-60s (and some 80s) neighborhood area, the modern design would stick out too much, like the Bell museum sticks out. I prefer a design that blends in with the natural surroundings.	11/22/2023 8:09 AM
18	We live in a traditional neighborhood we should stick with the look of the neighborhood	11/21/2023 5:04 PM
19	Which ever is cheapest.	11/21/2023 4:08 PM
20	They are all good. Less maintenance and most interior light is best.	11/21/2023 11:01 AM
21	Also like the prairie style	11/21/2023 9:54 AM
22	I like the windows of modern and the connection to the natural environment/outdoors of prairie.	11/20/2023 8:31 PM
23	I think the modern style is closest to the city hall style. I think it is also a more energy efficient design.	11/20/2023 5:37 PM
24	Reduce windows on modern design. It has too many.	11/20/2023 9:10 AM

Q7 Of the two proposed layouts, which do you prefer? See notes on righthand side of plans for estimated room capacity and details.

Answered: 123 Skipped: 20



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
 Floor Plan 1	60.16% 74
 Floor Plan 2	39.84% 49
TOTAL	123

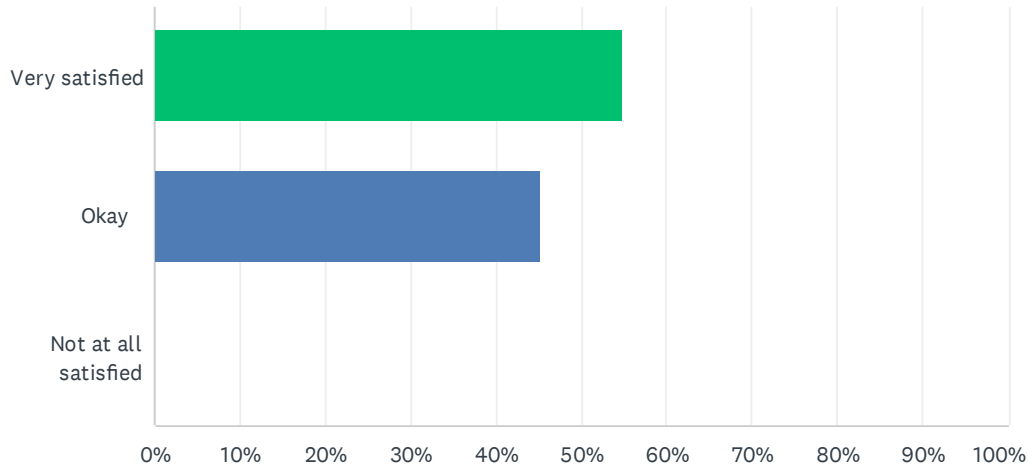
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1	There should be a serving pass through to the community room. Why is there not a stove/oven and microwave in the kitchen? Those are useful for warming things up when having an event.	12/26/2023 11:52 AM
2	I like the extra square footage of #2. Please build a quality building that won't have to be razed in 25 years.	12/21/2023 9:57 PM
3	Group the Flex Room next to the Community room for better synergy. Yes, to outdoor eating/grilling spaces.	12/12/2023 9:55 AM
4	the community room and the flex room should have their own storage section.	12/5/2023 1:57 PM
5	Again, I can't pick. I think bright light is important, since winters are long. I think it should look nice, and I think the building should be VERY sustainable. Induction stove, geothermal or only-electric power, etc. Rooms for people to meet, and a place to cook a little and serve a nice meal.	12/4/2023 8:02 PM
6	No preference - either is good	12/4/2023 6:24 PM
7	I'm in favor of whichever design would suit indoor pickleball for the winter months	12/4/2023 6:07 PM
8	ALL WAY TOO BIG FOR NATURE PARK, NO MORE ADDED BLACKTOP PARKING AREA, THIS IS NOT NATURE.	12/4/2023 10:37 AM
9	Not a strong feeling. Both have good space. Layout 2 looks like it might be a more efficient use of space. Really whatever fits well into the overall park layout with entries at the proper approaches. (parking lot and field)	11/30/2023 3:06 PM
10	Both work. Prefer layout of option 1. Like 3 exterior main entry points on option 2.	11/29/2023 2:25 PM

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11	Honestly, I don't really see a reason I would use a space like this. If there could be a gym space or a space to play for the winter that would be ideal.	11/28/2023 11:08 PM
12	Don't have strong opinions on the layout	11/28/2023 12:58 PM
13	I like floor plan 2 because there are more entries into the lobby. I also like the large entry overhang behind the community room which could provide other uses during warmer months.	11/28/2023 12:55 PM
14	Expand the area between the left and right side rooms to create a central atrium. The outdoor awning with usable sitting areas gathering areas.	11/26/2023 1:13 PM
15	Prefer at least one women's restroom. All gender restrooms get disgustingly messy. It would be helpful to include the location of the parking area and band shell in relation to the building.	11/22/2023 8:09 AM
16	Prefer whichever model preserves the most mature trees.	11/21/2023 12:47 PM
17	I like the hub and spoke feeling to the first design rather than having the two main activity rooms on opposite sides of the building.	11/20/2023 5:37 PM

Q8 How satisfied are you with the current walking trails at Community Park?

Answered: 126 Skipped: 17



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	54.76%	69
Okay	45.24%	57
Not at all satisfied	0.00%	0
TOTAL		126

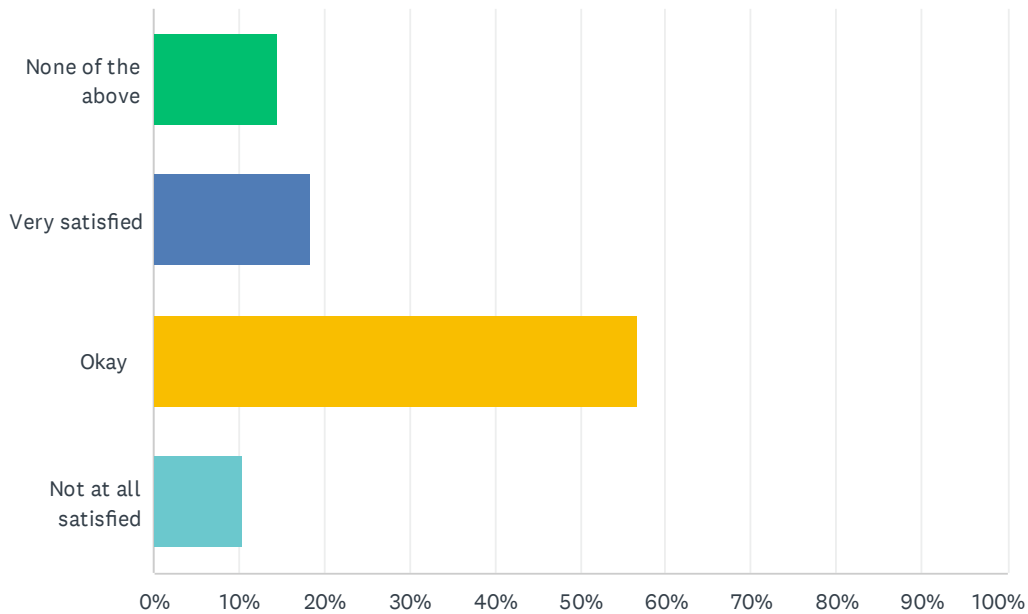
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1	I walk on the trails often and they are usually maintained in excellent condition. I appreciate the snow plowing of the trails in the winter.	12/21/2023 9:57 PM
2	never visited them	12/20/2023 10:48 PM
3	More trees around the path would be nice	12/11/2023 8:54 PM
4	Please do NOT pave them, they are a delight as gravel trails!	12/11/2023 5:08 PM
5	do not use	12/7/2023 11:57 AM
6	Keep them natural	12/5/2023 9:45 PM
7	With the design	12/5/2023 2:58 PM
8	I'm very satisfied, but could see lots of opportunities for more. Like wheelchairs could go on the trails?	12/4/2023 8:02 PM
9	Love the pond and the habitat for animals. The self exercise stations need some updating.	12/4/2023 6:07 PM
10	IT CAN BE VERY UNCOMFORTABLE WHEN PEOPLE WITH LARGE AGGRESSIVE DOGS ARE WALKING ON THE TRAIL, WOULD BE BETTER NO DOGS OR ONLY A SPECIAL HOUR OF THE DAY.	12/4/2023 10:37 AM
11	Please leave a soft surface to run on.	12/3/2023 7:57 PM
12	Would just like a few more benches along the trails.	12/3/2023 7:25 PM

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13	Exercise equipment needs to be kept but updated.	12/1/2023 9:25 AM
14	The exercise equipment needs to be updated though.	11/30/2023 3:06 PM
15	Do not use/know about them	11/29/2023 2:47 PM
16	Did not know Community Park had walking trails.	11/28/2023 12:55 PM
17	We enjoy walking around them with our dogs. We just wish there were more garbage spots and / or pet stops!	11/27/2023 7:05 PM
18	More tree coverage would be nice. The trail can be quite sunny/windy at times.	11/27/2023 6:40 PM
19	Must keep and maintain the natural walking trails in the south of the park	11/27/2023 6:25 PM
20	They get very gooey when wet. I don't walk there after a rain or thawing snow also it should go to meet the trip from the U fieldw. They need to be plowed too	11/27/2023 4:00 PM
21	There are areas in this park that could be landscaped to create additional gardens and walking areas. This plan does not look at the entire park property.	11/26/2023 1:13 PM
22	The trails are great. Best part of the park.	11/23/2023 9:50 AM
23	Add seating, places to observe wildlife, educational signs, make the path loop all the way around the park (better connect the natural area with the play area)	11/21/2023 8:34 PM
24	I love walking on the trails weekly, sometimes multiple times a week.	11/21/2023 8:18 PM
25	Great trail, however, around the pond, it will erode with heavy rain. Please look at the pavement used around east side of Keller Lake off 36/61.	11/21/2023 5:17 PM
26	Don't like the dirt path would prefer another material	11/21/2023 4:58 PM
27	Limited space	11/21/2023 4:08 PM
28	Love the trails. Maybe worth considering paving them so Falcon Heights city does not have to level the gravel path so often, especially after the rain.	11/21/2023 12:47 PM
29	Trails are OK. Would love to be able to walk around UM fields to see what they are doing/experimenting with. Connect trails to Soccer stadium and neighborhoods so that its not just a circle.	11/21/2023 11:01 AM
30	Wish they were wider and either paved or better covered; paths get gross and muddy easy	11/21/2023 9:54 AM
31	They're good, intent to keep the calisthenics equip?	11/20/2023 8:31 PM

Q9 How satisfied are you with the current playground at Community Park?

Answered: 125 Skipped: 18



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
None of the above	14.40% 18
Very satisfied	18.40% 23
Okay	56.80% 71
Not at all satisfied	10.40% 13
TOTAL	125

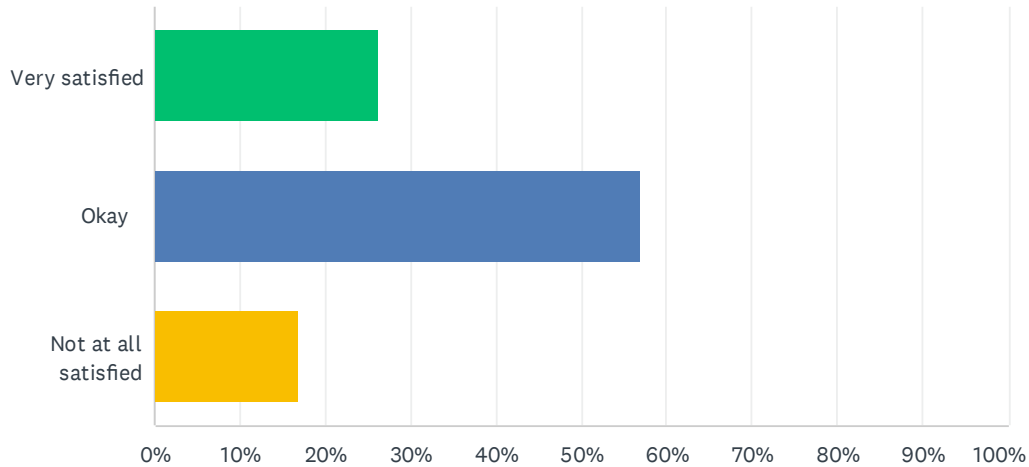
#	ADDITIONAL COMMENT:	DATE
1	A large rope climbing structure would be good, preserve merry-go-round	12/26/2023 8:49 PM
2	i don't use the playground, so don't have an opinion	12/26/2023 1:29 PM
3	never visited/used	12/20/2023 10:48 PM
4	N/A	12/18/2023 5:07 PM
5	is this part of the budget?	12/12/2023 9:55 AM
6	Needs updating!	12/11/2023 5:08 PM
7	Needs upgrade	12/5/2023 9:45 PM
8	it would be nice to have a toddler section and bigger kid section	12/5/2023 1:57 PM
9	Equipment is aging rapidly specially the swings. Ok otherwise	12/4/2023 6:24 PM
10	More accessibility would be nice. Also the swings are nice and long, but every spring they become mud puddles to delight of the children and the dismay of the adults needing to clean them.	12/4/2023 6:07 PM

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11	Have never used!	12/4/2023 1:35 PM
12	ITS JUST FINE AS IS NOW, NO IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED.	12/4/2023 10:37 AM
13	Would be nice to be fenced completely for (autistic, etc.) kids.	12/3/2023 7:25 PM
14	I dont use it	12/2/2023 6:58 AM
15	It is nice if there are some things that would physically challenge older kids as well 10-12 yr olds. Many playgrounds are designed for very small children only.	11/30/2023 3:06 PM
16	Do not use/ know about playground	11/29/2023 2:47 PM
17	My kids love that it has a ship theme. A new theme is okay too, please consider including a theme of sorts.	11/29/2023 2:25 PM
18	Have never used it	11/27/2023 9:39 PM
19	Don't have children -- does look like it could use updating. I like that there is a gazebo spot so people can sit out of the elements a bit.	11/27/2023 7:05 PM
20	N/A	11/27/2023 6:25 PM
21	dont know	11/27/2023 4:43 PM
22	No kids	11/27/2023 4:00 PM
23	Parents love this playground. Remediating the issues and leaving the playground and the basketball court could save money. I am surprised there is not more discussion of this option.	11/26/2023 1:13 PM
24	Needs to be updated for accessibility	11/23/2023 2:55 PM
25	Don't use it	11/22/2023 8:28 PM
26	I don't use it but it seems dark. Would prefer to keep it farther away from the building due to noisy kids, but it makes sense to keep it fairly close to parking.	11/22/2023 8:09 AM
27	Please check out the new Shoreview playground. Amazing!	11/21/2023 5:17 PM
28	Needs a fence	11/21/2023 3:21 PM
29	Its nice for kids to have a couple options, the pirate ship play area is nice for young kids, and the other bigger green playset is great for older kids. So they arent stepping over eachother. It would be nice to preserve some separate play spaces that appeal to children of different ages.	11/21/2023 12:47 PM
30	Don't use it anymore but when we did 10 years ago, it was fine. I would imagine outdated now.	11/21/2023 11:01 AM
31	N/a	11/20/2023 8:31 PM
32	Out of date.	11/20/2023 9:10 AM

Q10 How satisfied are you with the current amount of parking available at Community Park?

Answered: 130 Skipped: 13



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Very satisfied	26.15% 34
Okay	56.92% 74
Not at all satisfied	16.92% 22
TOTAL	130

#	ADDITIONAL COMMENT:	DATE
1	i like the idea of more parking.	12/26/2023 1:29 PM
2	The parking lot is used by people attending women's soccer games and cross country meets. Once the university no longer owns the park land, I believe the university should pay an annual fee to cover this use.	12/21/2023 9:57 PM
3	never visited/used	12/20/2023 10:48 PM
4	I walk	12/18/2023 5:07 PM
5	re-pave	12/12/2023 9:55 AM
6	Parking is only an issue during soccer games	12/5/2023 6:40 PM
7	Good idea to increase capacity.	12/5/2023 2:58 PM
8	Only gets congested during events (ex. soccer games)	12/5/2023 10:26 AM
9	Only a few times a year does it overflow. Seems like it mostly fits. Visibility can be a problem, since cars are angled.	12/4/2023 8:02 PM
10	Plenty of parking even when park is busy	12/4/2023 6:24 PM
11	Rarely can we not find a place to park	12/4/2023 6:07 PM
12	IF A GROUP LARGER NEEDS MORE SPACE THEY SHOULD USE THE AREA OF FALCON HEIGHTS CITY HALL FOR THEIR PARKING AND THEIR LARGE GROUP SHOULD USE	12/4/2023 10:37 AM

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13	I'm not a huge fan of lots of parking, but community park could use a bit more.	11/30/2023 3:06 PM
14	Fine when the park isn't busy but quickly gets crowded when there is an event or game	11/28/2023 12:58 PM
15	I have never been to Community Park.	11/28/2023 12:55 PM
16	There isn't a ton and it fills up some days when there are sporting events. We walk to the park since we are so close. Definitely needs resurfacing and new lines.	11/27/2023 7:05 PM
17	I walk so don't use the lot	11/27/2023 4:00 PM
18	I only use it when transporting items to or from the garden, otherwise I walk. The parking seems very tight when there are events in the area or even just a soccer game on the lawn. If parking is not enforced, then there are cars from the stadium there too, and spilling over into the neighborhood.	11/22/2023 8:09 AM
19	(Just fyi, this form doesn't allow for marking satisfaction level together with a comment; it's one or the other.) I am very satisfied with amount of parking. 96% of the time, the lot is almost completely empty, even when the building was in use. There are occasional evenings where the lot is fuller, but it's only on very rare occasions when you must park on the street. With it being a community park, we should encourage walking or biking to the park. A larger parking lot encourages its use as a driving destination and potential overuse. A larger parking lot also takes away from green space.	11/21/2023 8:07 PM
20	Overflow parking goes on Autumn and Moore St. Parking needed.	11/21/2023 5:17 PM
21	See a lot of people who park on the street during events	11/21/2023 4:58 PM
22	Seems like there could be more, also gets used during u of mn soccer games	11/20/2023 8:31 PM
23	But I don't like the length of the longest parking lot.	11/20/2023 5:37 PM
24	Need paving.	11/20/2023 9:10 AM

Q11 Please tell us what you currently like most about Community Park.

Answered: 117 Skipped: 26

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The soccer fields	12/26/2023 8:56 PM
2	The walking path was nice to go on and the exercise machines	12/26/2023 8:49 PM
3	Love the trails and pond!	12/26/2023 8:49 PM
4	I like the walking path.	12/26/2023 1:29 PM
5	The walking trails and the nature.	12/26/2023 11:52 AM
6	I can walk to the park from my house and I enjoy walking in nature on the trails. It is always interesting to see what is going on at the pond. The community gardens are an asset that I don't need but it is great to have the gardens available for people who live in apartments.	12/21/2023 9:57 PM
7	The nature and walking trails.	12/19/2023 5:40 PM
8	I like the variety of uses, and that it includes some natural prairie/pond/tree areas.	12/19/2023 5:06 PM
9	Openness, walking trail	12/19/2023 5:04 PM
10	Having dedicated park space and a walking trail	12/19/2023 1:35 PM
11	Location	12/18/2023 7:54 PM
12	Tennis Courts and public restrooms	12/18/2023 7:09 PM
13	The park's simplicity, beautiful nature, and trails.	12/18/2023 5:07 PM
14	The community gardens and tennis courts	12/12/2023 11:11 AM
15	open flex green spaces that can be used for a variety of uses	12/12/2023 9:55 AM
16	Walking path	12/11/2023 8:54 PM
17	Community garden, open nature areas, walking path	12/11/2023 8:05 PM
18	trails, wetland, and pond	12/11/2023 6:34 PM
19	The community garden.	12/11/2023 5:14 PM
20	My family enjoys the gravel trails for walking and running. Love the pond as well.	12/11/2023 5:08 PM
21	walking trail	12/11/2023 5:07 PM
22	Enjoy the space for kids using the playground.	12/11/2023 4:41 PM
23	accessibility	12/10/2023 2:37 PM
24	Closeness to parking for the people using the playground.	12/10/2023 12:23 PM
25	large size for multiple activities	12/7/2023 11:57 AM
26	Trails	12/5/2023 9:45 PM
27	The nature-based trails	12/5/2023 6:40 PM
28	The multiple components in a relatively small space and the ways the physical geography has been used - recreational use areas distinct from the more "natural" areas to the south, the walking path alternatives, the various wooded and bush areas, the pond, the "moraine" on the south that offers a sense of separation from the northern section, the open view from the north to some distance to the south, the breezes that are often present in the area south of the existing building.	12/5/2023 2:58 PM

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29	I love the field space that is used for soccer	12/5/2023 1:57 PM
30	Community garden, nature, trails, picnic area	12/5/2023 11:43 AM
31	The trail!	12/5/2023 10:40 AM
32	The walking trails are wonderful. I appreciate that they are part of nature (grave/dirt paths) and flow into nature without feeling like you're in the city. I also love the pond/water feature and wooded area on the south side of the park. I want to keep the secluded/one-with-nature feel to the paths.	12/5/2023 10:26 AM
33	Walking paths	12/5/2023 9:50 AM
34	I've liked the building best. Had 3 family reunions there, met for crafts and fun when kids were little, lots of Park and Rec chances for activities, feels local and homey. Maybe it's just because I seem to bump into familiar people all the time.	12/4/2023 8:02 PM
35	Community garden is awesome!	12/4/2023 6:24 PM
36	The community garden gets a lot of use by my family. My son would say either the pirate play structure or the twisty wooden walking block part of the playground.	12/4/2023 6:07 PM
37	Walking trails	12/4/2023 1:35 PM
38	NOT TOO COMMERCIAL, IT JUST FINE AS IS.	12/4/2023 10:37 AM
39	The trails and nature area.	12/3/2023 7:57 PM
40	The feel that it's enjoyable to use but isn't overtaken by any particular group/sport/etc. It's truly widely used and has a homey feel to it.	12/3/2023 7:25 PM
41	The walking trails	12/3/2023 7:24 PM
42	The trees, the trails, the community garden!	12/3/2023 7:14 PM
43	Accessibility	12/3/2023 2:41 PM
44	It's a small yet heavily used and generally well maintained amenity to the area. The walking trails, particularly those around the pond are refreshing, the open field of play is inviting and, being in close proximity to significant residential development, prohibiting after dark usage is appreciated (exception might include limited winter ice skating).	12/3/2023 2:39 PM
45	There's lots of outdoor space	12/3/2023 12:07 AM
46	Walking trails, playground, community gardens.	12/2/2023 10:24 AM
47	Local events held there.	12/2/2023 9:35 AM
48	I'm in the Lions Club and the park offers a perfect setup and location for our Christmas tree sales. The option I've chosen will allow us to continue using the park for our sales which also benefits the local community. Many of our customers appreciate our location and feel good about supporting our cause.	12/2/2023 8:00 AM
49	The existing layout	12/2/2023 7:15 AM
50	Location and access with reasonable amenities.	12/1/2023 8:44 PM
51	Amount of space, variety of possible activities	12/1/2023 5:49 PM
52	Lots of more natural green space, minimal impervious hard surfaces.	12/1/2023 11:59 AM
53	Community Gardens	11/30/2023 8:10 PM
54	Easy accessibility from major roads and the walking trail.	11/30/2023 3:06 PM
55	Ice Cream Socials! Christmas tree sales! Perhaps even a mini-Christmas market?	11/30/2023 1:40 AM
56	The multifunctional uses of the space	11/29/2023 11:24 PM
57	location, expansive fields and walking trails	11/29/2023 8:58 PM
58	Walking paths. Community garden.	11/29/2023 5:15 PM
59	Community building--nice to have for events.	11/29/2023 2:47 PM

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60	Open fields and playground	11/29/2023 2:25 PM
61	Big space with room to walk and roam in a natural setting.	11/28/2023 11:08 PM
62	All the amenities- playground, tennis, basketball and soccer and baseball fields	11/28/2023 12:58 PM
63	Community garden, proximity of the playground to the parking lot, great trails, and the pond.	11/28/2023 6:11 AM
64	Green space and walking path	11/28/2023 5:35 AM
65	Walking path, tennis courts, very pleasant natural surroundings, it is peaceful there	11/27/2023 11:54 PM
66	gathering outside the shelter for lunch, and the walking trails	11/27/2023 9:39 PM
67	The walking paths & trails. Open green spaces, the back prairie area.	11/27/2023 7:05 PM
68	I like both the trails and the playground, so that I can take the kids for a walk and then let them play.	11/27/2023 6:40 PM
69	The community garden and natural space in the south part of the park.	11/27/2023 6:25 PM
70	I like the large amount of flexible green space available for sports, and other activities.	11/27/2023 5:31 PM
71	being able to host a number of different type of events.	11/27/2023 4:43 PM
72	Proximity	11/27/2023 4:21 PM
73	Walking and nature paths. Like to see spaces used.	11/27/2023 4:20 PM
74	Location, mature trees with natural vegetation	11/27/2023 4:12 PM
75	Nature trails, tennis courts, community garden and open fields	11/27/2023 4:03 PM
76	The trail.	11/27/2023 4:00 PM
77	Walking trails	11/27/2023 3:41 PM
78	The highest and best use of this park are the trails and the ponds. This is a walking park. It is generally quiet and used by walkers and dog walkers. Most of the successful parks emphasize walking and nature. There is an opportunity for the city to demonstrate it's commitment it's local residents and to the natural features of this park. Look closely at additional tree planting and the southern portion of the open fields could become an area to design open plantings and sitting areas for quiet small group gatherings. You could design a walking path here as well. Bird watching natural areas around the pond are the central feature in this park.	11/26/2023 1:13 PM
79	Enough room to handle many activities simultaneously without crowds bumping into each other	11/26/2023 9:49 AM
80	Walking trail that goes around perimeter of park.	11/25/2023 12:03 PM
81	Ease of access, trails, playground	11/25/2023 8:07 AM
82	Trails	11/23/2023 5:49 PM
83	The tranquility of the park. For a small park, it offers a ton, but the trails around the pond are fantastic. Please keep the small park feel and maintain the tranquil experience.	11/23/2023 9:50 AM
84	Community garden, green and natural spaces.	11/22/2023 8:28 PM
85	Trail and natural feel, lots of green space, area for community gardens	11/22/2023 5:49 PM
86	Trails and parkland	11/22/2023 2:17 PM
87	The playground	11/22/2023 1:26 PM
88	The community garden is awesome.	11/22/2023 9:38 AM
89	Community garden and walking trails close to my home.	11/22/2023 8:09 AM
90	The native plants and community garden. It is a good place to observe birds and butterflies, but the way it's set up isn't inviting to do those things.	11/21/2023 8:34 PM
91	Paths to explore with things to find and areas to sit in nature	11/21/2023 8:34 PM
92	Walking trails (and watching the birds that are around the trails), open field space	11/21/2023 8:18 PM

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93	I enjoy the combination of large open space with trail paths that are cozy and lined with flora. I enjoy being able to look across the open space and watch a sunset or oncoming clouds and storms. I enjoy seeing people picnic on the field and using the open space for games.	11/21/2023 8:07 PM
94	We use the playground and trails.	11/21/2023 7:48 PM
95	Tennis courts, has a building	11/21/2023 7:47 PM
96	Nature that is close to home	11/21/2023 7:24 PM
97	The trails and nature are so beautiful! Very safe area!	11/21/2023 5:17 PM
98	I love the wide open field and all the nature around the paths	11/21/2023 4:58 PM
99	Trails meander through natural environment (reeds, pond, trees).	11/21/2023 3:41 PM
100	The walking path around the pond	11/21/2023 3:21 PM
101	Love the nature trails. I use it every day to walk the dogs. During the pandemic was always saying how lucky we were to have this oasis so close. Please preserve this area.	11/21/2023 12:47 PM
102	Playground is fenced in from road/parking lot. Lots of space and fun things for my kids to play on. Good for multiple ages.	11/21/2023 12:32 PM
103	The location	11/21/2023 12:03 PM
104	Open spaces. Walking trail. When I had kids, I liked the picnic shelters near the playground to unpack lunch w/kids were playing.	11/21/2023 11:01 AM
105	The mix of man made structures and native areas, pond, green areas.	11/21/2023 10:58 AM
106	Shade by playground	11/21/2023 10:10 AM
107	Having a nature path and adult workout gym pieces	11/21/2023 9:54 AM
108	Low traffic area compared to other city parks.	11/21/2023 9:48 AM
109	Access to green space and nature	11/21/2023 9:45 AM
110	The walking trail	11/21/2023 9:34 AM
111	Flexible, community garden - is there a way to make that accessible? Natural spaces (pond, plantings, etc), like that there is a connection into the neighborhood right next to it	11/20/2023 8:31 PM
112	The playground. Lots of swings! shaded benches near the playground.	11/20/2023 6:18 PM
113	Trails , community gardens, playgrounds , picnic shelters , both, Trees. Natural terrain	11/20/2023 6:14 PM
114	Trails	11/20/2023 6:06 PM
115	Green space and outdoor feel with walking path	11/20/2023 6:03 PM
116	Proximity to the neighborhood where I live, and the amount of green space and trees there are.	11/20/2023 5:37 PM
117	I like the bucolic atmosphere. The walking trails, the pond, and trees. It is a peaceful, serene place to talk a walk.	11/20/2023 9:10 AM

Q12 Please tell us what you currently like the least about Community Park.

Answered: 101 Skipped: 42

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The quality of the fields	12/26/2023 8:56 PM
2	The fact the building isn't open	12/26/2023 8:49 PM
3	Need major improvements on the community building. New picnic tables would be great.	12/26/2023 8:49 PM
4	1) the park building. 2) lack of ice rinks - hockey rink and pleasure ice, with an actual warming house and proper path to the rink (not a mobile mini, with a terrible "path" to the rink).	12/26/2023 1:29 PM
5	Dogs in the park, especially those off leash. This fall, I noticed a rugby league parked their cars on the grass. It should be made clear to those who rent these spaces that they are not allowed to park on the grass.	12/21/2023 9:57 PM
6	Not having drinking water and bathrooms available all year long.	12/19/2023 5:40 PM
7	Old building	12/19/2023 5:04 PM
8	That there are not event spaces in a building for the community to reserve like in Roseville.	12/19/2023 1:35 PM
9	No pickleball courts	12/18/2023 10:00 PM
10	No pickleball court	12/18/2023 7:54 PM
11	The structure.	12/12/2023 11:11 AM
12	people having group parties and making a mess. Maybe more trash receptacles and higher rental fees/deposits.	12/12/2023 9:55 AM
13	noisy basketball courts should be away from houses	12/11/2023 6:34 PM
14	In adequate bathroom facilities. Only being able to use a porta potty in the summer and no where to go in the winter.	12/11/2023 5:14 PM
15	Playground needs replaced as well as the basketball courts	12/11/2023 5:08 PM
16	baseball diamond is unused	12/11/2023 5:07 PM
17	nothing in particular	12/10/2023 12:23 PM
18	lacking pickle ball courts	12/7/2023 11:57 AM
19	Baseball field is unused. Use that area for something else. Pickleball maybe?	12/5/2023 9:45 PM
20	No public bathrooms or bathrooms or water fountains	12/5/2023 6:40 PM
21	The latest surface material that becomes mud/clinging clay when wet.	12/5/2023 2:58 PM
22	I don't like that there's no community building, yet.	12/5/2023 1:57 PM
23	Limited parking	12/5/2023 11:43 AM
24	Dated playground equipt, not enough parking	12/5/2023 10:40 AM
25	I would like to see a public bathroom vs. an outhouse. I would also like to see pickleball courts/lines added to the tennis courts or instead of tennis courts. I feel the demand for pickleball is larger than the available courts in the area. I would love to see this park do what Evergreen Park did with their courts. I'd recommend adding 6 pickleball courts like Evergreen Park did to their previous tennis courts.	12/5/2023 10:26 AM
26	Parking	12/5/2023 9:50 AM
27	Of course I don't care for the shape the building is in.	12/4/2023 8:02 PM

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28	The park building is quite dated. Bathrooms are frequently unavailable	12/4/2023 6:24 PM
29	Lack of pickleball options.	12/4/2023 6:07 PM
30	Not great for live music events	12/4/2023 1:35 PM
31	SOME DAYS THE GROUPS RENTING THE BUILDING ARE TOO BIG , WAY TOO MUCH NOISE AND MUSIC. THEASE ARE PEOPLE COMING TO THE PARK TO PARTY, THEY ARE NOT COMING TO VIST NATURE AND THEY DO NOT WANT PEACE AND QUIET. THIS PARK SHOULD BE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF FALCON HEIGHTS ONLY AND NO LARGE GROUPS.	12/4/2023 10:37 AM
32	The noise.	12/3/2023 7:57 PM
33	I would prefer more natural area especially since the ballfield is never used. Would be worth turning that into another use.	12/3/2023 7:25 PM
34	How much parking fills out into the streets	12/3/2023 7:24 PM
35	The tennis courts	12/3/2023 7:14 PM
36	Noise can be an issue at times, much of which is attributable to loud activity in the parking area post activity. Though parking is also an issue at times for immediate area residents (blocked mail boxes on area streets), it's better than more on-site surface parking.	12/3/2023 2:39 PM
37	Hhe building is really old	12/3/2023 12:07 AM
38	The community building tried to do too many things. Warming house, event space. Plexiglass windows very ugly, unpleasant. Also, over the years it seems as if the community building was not updated with paint better lighting.	12/2/2023 10:24 AM
39	Non accessible bathrooms when building closed. Ports potties are awful	12/2/2023 9:35 AM
40	The old building that can't be used	12/2/2023 7:15 AM
41	Needs drastic updating with more current playground and park building options.	12/1/2023 8:44 PM
42	Inability to use current bldg for various needs, community groups	12/1/2023 5:49 PM
43	Obviously, the existing building.	12/1/2023 11:59 AM
44	no functional building/restrooms	11/30/2023 8:10 PM
45	The building of course. The playground.	11/30/2023 3:06 PM
46	Bring back the skating rinks.	11/30/2023 1:40 AM
47	The current state doesn't feel planful	11/29/2023 11:24 PM
48	Too far away for me to use with any frequency. Crossing Snelling & Larpenteur on foot or bike could possibly be life changing. Only use it for specific reasons (ice cream social), occasional visit for playground equipment.	11/29/2023 5:15 PM
49	No bathroom and limited parking	11/29/2023 2:25 PM
50	Building being unusable, playground isn't in good shape	11/28/2023 11:08 PM
51	Aging building	11/28/2023 12:58 PM
52	Unusable building restrooms, no splash pad in FH.	11/28/2023 6:11 AM
53	The building has been condemned and can't be used. Narrow parking lot.	11/28/2023 5:35 AM
54	The portapotty	11/27/2023 11:54 PM
55	the lack of parking at events	11/27/2023 9:39 PM
56	Lack of restrooms!!! More garbage spots or pet spots. The outdoor exercise stuff would be cool to keep but they need some MAJOR upgrading.	11/27/2023 7:05 PM
57	That the building is not open to have restrooms available. (I know there are portapotties but with four little kids . . . not happening.)	11/27/2023 6:40 PM
58	Landscaping	11/27/2023 6:25 PM

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59	it looks run down	11/27/2023 4:43 PM
60	Gaps in tennis court fence let balls through. Needs some updating.	11/27/2023 4:21 PM
61	Lack of exterior bathrooms. People let dogs off leash. Can become a haven for drug dealers, and reckless behavior if inadequate policing and no enforcement of park rules.	11/27/2023 4:20 PM
62	Parking	11/27/2023 4:12 PM
63	The trails could be in better shape	11/27/2023 4:03 PM
64	Poor surface on the trail	11/27/2023 4:00 PM
65	Baseball field is never used. Soccer fields are poorly maintained. This should not become a destination playfield for organized sports. A splash pond creates an unnecessary liability. Wet kids would need more changing rooms. Bad idea. Think about a Sand Volleyball court. More art features.	11/26/2023 1:13 PM
66	Its location relative to our neighborhood makes it too far to walk there, so we don't use it as often as we would otherwise (can't be helped though)	11/26/2023 9:49 AM
67	Tennis courts should include pickleball.	11/25/2023 12:03 PM
68	Most of it. Not useful to people who don't live nearby. It's just as close for me to go to Central Park	11/23/2023 5:49 PM
69	The baseball field is never maintained and seems like a waste of space. It will be much improved in the new design.	11/23/2023 9:50 AM
70	The old building!	11/22/2023 8:28 PM
71	Playground needs improvements, needs more amenities for kids. With hotter and longer summers, a splash pad for water play would be fantastic.	11/22/2023 5:49 PM
72	The park building is far away from the playground	11/22/2023 1:26 PM
73	The big groups of people playing soccer who park in unsafe ways.	11/22/2023 9:38 AM
74	Right now, lack of restrooms or running water. Inconsistent use. Some Saturdays there were 3 different activities at the same time and zero parking, lots of traffic with erratic drivers. Need better planning for activities at the park so there is not this type of impact on the safety and noise of the neighborhood.	11/22/2023 8:09 AM
75	The playground equipment is dated and the bathroom is often locked.	11/21/2023 8:34 PM
76	Broken ground in parking lot	11/21/2023 8:34 PM
77	Outdated/unusable building, picnic areas	11/21/2023 8:18 PM
78	The signs within the park that note exercise route and flora of interest are in disrepair.	11/21/2023 8:07 PM
79	No real bathrooms. The abandoned building is for sure an eye sore.	11/21/2023 7:48 PM
80	Parking and playground	11/21/2023 7:47 PM
81	Just needs updates	11/21/2023 7:24 PM
82	Basketball nets are not regulation. Balls get stuck in ring and need another ball to get it unstuck. I can't remember when the ball field was last used.	11/21/2023 5:17 PM
83	The paths they leave my dogs paws full of dirt	11/21/2023 4:58 PM
84	Parking can be tight at times.	11/21/2023 3:41 PM
85	No fence around playground	11/21/2023 3:21 PM
86	Parking lot could use improvement.	11/21/2023 12:47 PM
87	Rocks/wood chips.	11/21/2023 12:32 PM
88	The park	11/21/2023 12:03 PM
89	Bldg of course. Trail seems disconnected from surrounding entities?	11/21/2023 11:01 AM

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90	Overflow parking into the neighborhoods	11/21/2023 10:58 AM
91	Playground is old and run down	11/21/2023 10:10 AM
92	The path gets really muddy and had to use in winter	11/21/2023 9:54 AM
93	Over crowded sometimes.	11/21/2023 9:48 AM
94	No complaints! :)	11/21/2023 9:45 AM
95	not enough places to sit and rest along the trail, or to sit by the pond and watch nature. The worst seat is on the Cleveland side of the trail opposite the pond.	11/21/2023 9:34 AM
96	Seems like it could be used more, wonder how much the Lauderdale park gets used since it's within a mile?	11/20/2023 8:31 PM
97	no place to use the bathroom	11/20/2023 6:18 PM
98	Parking lot, building , portable toilet.lighting as there isnt enough	11/20/2023 6:14 PM
99	Community center	11/20/2023 6:06 PM
100	minimal parking, condemned park building, no water features for kids, no picnic tables	11/20/2023 6:03 PM
101	Condemned building.	11/20/2023 5:37 PM

Q13 Tell the City which two park amenities you would most like added to or renovated at Community Park. The budget will determine how many amenities the City can add/replace, so provide your top two! Please note that the tennis court, walking trails, community garden and soccer field will still remain in their current locations! Therefore, they don't have to be factored into the budget the same way a new or updated amenity does. Additionally, the City will still offer picnic tables and benches within the park.

Answered: 112 Skipped: 31

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The community building, and more rentable spaces	12/26/2023 8:49 PM
2	-Community building -Playground	12/26/2023 8:49 PM
3	A new building will be so great! I also would love Pickleball courts and a great ice skating rink or two, and warming house.	12/26/2023 1:29 PM
4	Updated playground and splash pad.	12/26/2023 11:52 AM
5	Ice rink Fire pit Nice inside area that can be rented	12/22/2023 8:12 PM
6	A building that can accommodate various group sizes. For example, a room where a book club could meet, or a children's class could be held.	12/21/2023 9:57 PM
7	trees and shade	12/20/2023 10:48 PM
8	Covered outdoor pavilion with fireplace, like at Crosby Farm.	12/19/2023 5:40 PM
9	Pickle ball	12/19/2023 5:04 PM
10	Pickleball courts	12/18/2023 10:00 PM
11	Add pickleball court	12/18/2023 7:54 PM
12	Community Building and Garden	12/18/2023 5:07 PM
13	Expansion of the community garden	12/12/2023 11:11 AM
14	less amenities, just keep it an open flexible green space and let the people decide how they want to use it. Adding more permanent (specific) amenities will only destroy the natural feel of the park.	12/12/2023 9:55 AM
15	Winter skating rink. Additional walking paths for variety.	12/11/2023 8:54 PM
16	Improve the building so it can be used. Also, make the playground ADA compliant.	12/11/2023 5:14 PM
17	Playground and a water fountain that is available year round like most Roseville parks have.	12/11/2023 5:08 PM
18	I would add hard play court .	12/11/2023 5:07 PM
19	The splash pad seems fun for the parents with young children. Make sure it the water doesn't become contaminated like we have heard happen at other water parks.	12/10/2023 12:23 PM
20	Parking	12/7/2023 1:46 PM
21	pickle ball courts	12/7/2023 11:57 AM
22	Pickleball. Tennis courts don't get used. Also, the baseball field is unused space. Change to more soccer or playground.	12/5/2023 9:45 PM

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23	I wish we had pickleball courts and a nice public bathroom.	12/5/2023 6:40 PM
24	Renovated: the basketball/hard surface court space. Please do not add a pickle ball court.	12/5/2023 2:58 PM
25	shade structure and a track	12/5/2023 1:57 PM
26	Park building Additional pollinator gardens	12/5/2023 11:43 AM
27	Pool and pickle ball	12/5/2023 10:40 AM
28	I would love to see pickleball courts added to this park. Second, I would like dog water dishes/stations added.	12/5/2023 10:26 AM
29	Adaptive areas in the splash, park, playground, and walking paths that would enable those wheelchairs to get around and /or participate or utilize the areas in the park.	12/5/2023 9:50 AM
30	-I'd like to see the playground augmented, so there are some "adult" swings (or whatever works), and adaptive equipment. -I'd be fine without the baseball fields -- but maybe selfish. Our kids went for soccer instead.	12/4/2023 8:02 PM
31	I'd love the focus to be on preserving the natural walking trails and maintaining/expanding the community garden!	12/4/2023 7:28 PM
32	Add pickle ball courts but not at the expense of the tennis or b-ball courts.	12/4/2023 6:24 PM
33	Pickleball. And maybe some grills, but mostly pickleball	12/4/2023 6:07 PM
34	Warming house Band shell for music events	12/4/2023 1:35 PM
35	DO NOT ADD ANYTHING BUT A FEW MORE PINE TREES AS A BUFFER TO NEIGHBORS WHO HAVE TO LIVE NEXT TO THE PARK. LESS LARGE GROUPS, LESS COMMERCIAL, MORE QUIET, ITS A NATURE PARK?	12/4/2023 10:37 AM
36	No pickleball!	12/3/2023 7:57 PM
37	1- off leash dog area 2- multiple BBQ-gazebo areas. Like the park as is, though think the ballfield can be removed.	12/3/2023 7:25 PM
38	Playground and community center	12/3/2023 7:24 PM
39	Splash pad	12/3/2023 7:14 PM
40	Maybe an additional picnic shelter near the community garden. Without understanding the intended usage of a new building's restroom configuration (i.e. exterior access), question this concept. Seems they should only be available to those renting the space to better control maintenance. Temporary facilities seem mostly used by area commercial drivers rather than park users.	12/3/2023 2:39 PM
41	Bathrooms. Nice outdoor picnic tables	12/3/2023 12:07 AM
42	Now with new grand children, I am looking forward to a playground, places to run around, T-ball, basketball courts. And pleasant space for indoor activities/classes.	12/2/2023 10:24 AM
43	Accessible bathrooms at all times	12/2/2023 9:35 AM
44	None it is great as is.	12/2/2023 7:15 AM
45	Ice skating	12/1/2023 9:04 PM
46	Splash park and meeting spaces.	12/1/2023 8:44 PM
47	The community bldg	12/1/2023 5:49 PM
48	Basketball court and playground.	12/1/2023 11:59 AM
49	Building w/restrooms and Playground	11/30/2023 8:10 PM
50	A performance space is essential. An outdoor covered space against the building may be most practical. Some parks will put an ampitheater (rock seating) in a natural depression or hillside. That might be nice.	11/30/2023 3:06 PM
51	Ice skating rinks. Picnic Pavillons.	11/30/2023 1:40 AM

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52	Water station for humans and dogs	11/29/2023 11:24 PM
53	pickle ball court	11/29/2023 8:58 PM
54	A splash pad would be fun.	11/29/2023 5:15 PM
55	Skating rink or other winter activity, larger and/or sheltered picnic area	11/29/2023 2:25 PM
56	New playground, splash pad, indoor play space would also be AMAZING in the winter	11/28/2023 11:08 PM
57	Adding a splash pad sounds great!	11/28/2023 12:58 PM
58	Splash pad! Improved playground equipment would be great, too.	11/28/2023 6:11 AM
59	Splash pad and new modern accessible playground.	11/28/2023 5:35 AM
60	A performance area	11/27/2023 9:39 PM
61	Splash pad, playground	11/27/2023 8:20 PM
62	Restrooms, I know are already on the list but they are a MAJOR want. More pet stops / garbages would be great as there are a LOT of owners who walk the paths. An outdoor ice rink space would indeed be fun -- skate rentals? Oh my gosh a dog wash space (summer only most likely) would be an add on but that's really dreaming :D	11/27/2023 7:05 PM
63	Playground and park building	11/27/2023 6:40 PM
64	- Expanded space or a greenhouse for the community garden - Extensive native landscaping, both in the north half of the park and the southern half.	11/27/2023 6:25 PM
65	I like the current amenities	11/27/2023 5:31 PM
66	Splash pad would be great for kids.	11/27/2023 4:21 PM
67	Basketball court Compliant playground	11/27/2023 4:20 PM
68	Renting the building for family reunion, and regularly scheduled music performances in the shell.	11/27/2023 4:12 PM
69	The building	11/27/2023 4:03 PM
70	No opinion	11/27/2023 4:00 PM
71	Remove the baseball diamond, add Volleyball instead improve the soccer pitch expand the gardens, design formal gardens to the south, improve and better maintain the work out stations.	11/26/2023 1:13 PM
72	Exercise stations, EV charging station	11/25/2023 12:03 PM
73	Much bigger playground, splash pad!	11/25/2023 8:07 AM
74	Splash pad	11/23/2023 2:55 PM
75	I can't think of anything to add, other than to maintain (and improve) the trails. However, whatever you do, DO NOT add pickleball. This will ruin the quiet feel of the park. Pickleball is a nuisance, and there are many stories from across the country of how pickleball negatively impacts the enjoyment of public spaces.	11/23/2023 9:50 AM
76	Would improve natural areas possibly replacing the work out stations if no one uses them. The soccer fields bring in many diverse users so would upgrade those.	11/22/2023 8:28 PM
77	Splash pad Playground that includes a structure for upper elementary kids, such as a zip line	11/22/2023 5:49 PM
78	Wish we could have pickleball and ice skating	11/22/2023 2:17 PM
79	Splash pad	11/22/2023 1:26 PM
80	The city has to budget for trees. Many will likely be taken down for construction.	11/22/2023 9:38 AM
81	Pickleball, outdoor sheltered seating, indoor quiet area	11/22/2023 8:09 AM
82	Pickle ball.	11/21/2023 10:09 PM
83	Playground, splash pad	11/21/2023 8:34 PM

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84	Roofed gazebos	11/21/2023 8:34 PM
85	nicer, larger space for picnic areas (with tables and benches), with some shade; more benches along the walking trails	11/21/2023 8:18 PM
86	A few ideas: Shaded Areas: Plenty of shaded areas, such as under trees or covered pavilions, to protect against sun exposure. Water Fountains: Easily accessible drinking water fountains, possibly with options for filling water bottles. Social Spaces: Areas designed for socializing, chess tables. Activity Areas: Could be the same as the above social space. Designated areas for activities like tai chi, yoga. Quiet Zones: Areas designated for quiet reflection, reading, or simply enjoying the peace of the park.	11/21/2023 8:07 PM
87	I'm really loving the splash pad idea. Please no pickleball courts. 80 cars parking lot seems too much and probably invites MN sports parking squatters. There are few time I drive but when the parking lot is more than 1/2 full. So I'd prefer the smaller lot option. it would be nice to rent a space for a birthday party too.	11/21/2023 7:48 PM
88	Playground, basketball	11/21/2023 7:47 PM
89	Splashpad Pickleball	11/21/2023 7:24 PM
90	Since bathrooms are always locked, perhaps another portable toilet would be in order. They need to be checked for garbage.	11/21/2023 5:17 PM
91	Disc golf course	11/21/2023 5:04 PM
92	I would love an ice skating rink and new athletic parts	11/21/2023 4:58 PM
93	Pickle all, Fire pit	11/21/2023 4:08 PM
94	I don't have any specific opinions here. I mostly just walk on the trails.	11/21/2023 3:41 PM
95	Fence around playground. Water feature in the splash area that allows kids to build dams, bridges and ponds	11/21/2023 3:21 PM
96	Playground and basketball court I think get used most often. (Since splash pad is seasonal, it may be better money spent on a bigger playground as opposed to splash pad)	11/21/2023 12:47 PM
97	Playground and splash pad	11/21/2023 12:42 PM
98	New playground that is safer/more accessible for all people. Have rubber ground instead of rocks/wood chips/sand. Have play areas fenced in.	11/21/2023 12:32 PM
99	Access to drinking water is important, along with clean accessible restrooms. Sun shades over the playground and splash pad would be nice.	11/21/2023 12:16 PM
100	Definitely basketball Maybe a pool	11/21/2023 12:03 PM
101	I think the Splash pad and playground are important for families with young kids. Not a lot in that area to walk to so it's important. Splash pad is great for the hot (and hotter) summers in MN.	11/21/2023 11:01 AM
102	Outdoor seating/grilling areas for group gatherings	11/21/2023 10:58 AM
103	Splash pad, updated playground	11/21/2023 10:10 AM
104	Adding/improving the adult workout system. I love using it when I don't want to go to the gym	11/21/2023 9:54 AM
105	Splash pad with a wading pool.	11/21/2023 9:48 AM
106	Restrooms, obviously (which will be remedied in the new building). Exterior access to drinking water.	11/21/2023 9:45 AM
107	Play equipment, splash pad (falcon heights is aging, these might attract younger families into the area)	11/20/2023 8:31 PM
108	An expanded play area, especially one that includes play structures for older children including monkey bars and multiple swings.	11/20/2023 6:18 PM
109	Exercise equipment needs new paint. Reuse some of the playground equipment, diggers. Etc.	11/20/2023 6:14 PM
110	Basketball court Playground	11/20/2023 6:06 PM

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111	splash pad and basketball court	11/20/2023 6:03 PM
112	Outdoor picnic shelter.	11/20/2023 5:37 PM

Q14 What, if anything, can be done to improve your experience at Community Park?

Answered: 69 Skipped: 74

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	better quality soccer fields	12/26/2023 8:56 PM
2	Any kind of improvements are good, I visit Falcon Heights for walks and appreciate the walking space	12/26/2023 8:49 PM
3	These renovations would be a great start! Ice skating in the winter with skate rental.	12/26/2023 8:49 PM
4	There should be some covered area outside the building with picnic tables/benches for additional outdoor seating and grills. (Like there is now).	12/26/2023 11:52 AM
5	Bathrooms	12/22/2023 8:12 PM
6	Continue to maintain the walking paths.	12/21/2023 9:57 PM
7	Drinking water 24/7.	12/19/2023 5:40 PM
8	Add pickleball court	12/18/2023 7:54 PM
9	Concession stands	12/18/2023 7:09 PM
10	Plant trees around the walking path and the playground	12/11/2023 8:54 PM
11	The park seems divided and some of it seems inaccessible, or perhaps discontinuous. The buildings and tennis courts cut off much of the park from the north side entrance. Honestly the whole park doesn't even feel like it's part of Falcon Heights. Also, parks should include natural areas, which are very limited here and generally are not highlighted features of this park. The natural areas appear to be managed as happenstance to the primary management and design of the park.	12/11/2023 6:34 PM
12	Just keep the community garden and walking trails maintained.	12/11/2023 5:14 PM
13	Just having an available building/shelter and restrooms will such a great update! Love the idea of a band shelter/stage too.	12/11/2023 5:08 PM
14	dogs must be leashed	12/11/2023 5:07 PM
15	I am concerned about the environmental impact of having a splash pad that consumes electricity and water to provide entertainment. How will the splash pad work? I hope it doesn't need to have a constant attendant (person) there for it to be used. Would it be something parents could turn on to use as needed? How will you prevent vandals/pranksters from operating it?	12/10/2023 12:23 PM
16	Parking lot maintenance	12/7/2023 1:46 PM
17	Pickleball courts	12/5/2023 6:40 PM
18	updated benches and more picnic tables with a cover (maybe even add some grills)	12/5/2023 1:57 PM
19	Pickle ball! Pool! New playground, more parking	12/5/2023 10:40 AM
20	Pickleball courts	12/5/2023 10:26 AM
21	I'd love lots of seating and conversation areas. I could see U students wandering up and sitting to chat...	12/4/2023 8:02 PM
22	The water supply to the community garden could be buried underground and made simpler to operate.	12/4/2023 6:24 PM
23	Add pickleball courts on the outside and at least one or two pickleball courts in the community room-nets can be freestanding, they don't need to be drilled into the floor, but lines need to be	12/4/2023 6:07 PM

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	drawn on the floor.	
24	Offer bike locks for those who forget them?	12/4/2023 1:35 PM
25	AS A RESIDENT LIVING NEAR THE PARK, MAKE THE PARK LESS NOISE, AND MORE OF A QUIET NATURE ZONE BEFORE ITS TOO LATE.	12/4/2023 10:37 AM
26	I like the park as is. However, I would like to see space for Food Trucks or other summer vendors. There isn't a way to enjoy the building space without additional fees and for many, they can't afford that. Vendors and BBQ spaces would allow lower income use of the park as well.	12/3/2023 7:25 PM
27	Appreciate what it is now - maybe some additional prairie areas abutting the trails. As a golfer, I'd like to be able to practice chipping in some small area but understand the turf damage issue is prohibitive. And though I oppose heavy chemical weed control, it's an obvious issue, one that the U's turf development area should be able to help with.	12/3/2023 2:39 PM
28	I have rented spaces for events in Como Park, and in Roseville parks. Didn't consider Falcon Heights.	12/2/2023 10:24 AM
29	Affordable rental options	12/2/2023 9:35 AM
30	It is really nice as is.	12/2/2023 7:15 AM
31	A holistic design that ties things together.	12/1/2023 8:44 PM
32	More programming for kids and/or families offered	11/30/2023 8:10 PM
33	Proper upkeep of the equipment.	11/30/2023 3:06 PM
34	More and better spaces for kids to play!	11/28/2023 11:08 PM
35	Easier parking	11/28/2023 12:58 PM
36	Bathrooms!	11/28/2023 6:11 AM
37	New building and modern playground	11/28/2023 5:35 AM
38	None beyond what was already asked. It's already a beautiful space, it just needs some updating and upgrading!	11/27/2023 7:05 PM
39	The park could use a great deal more native landscaping. In the long run, this should decrease watering and maintenance labor and costs, add ecological benefits, enhance the look and feel of the park, enhance the walking nature trails that are very popular.	11/27/2023 6:25 PM
40	Fixing tennis court. Bike racks.	11/27/2023 4:21 PM
41	I appreciate the emphasis on a designing a whole new community building with updated features and amenities.	11/27/2023 4:12 PM
42	Not applicable	11/27/2023 4:00 PM
43	Maintenance of the trails and park have improved somewhat in the past year or so. There have been groups using the fields or the covered shelter that drive on the grass and leave trash behind. Monitor groups that use the park. Insure that trash and facilities are kept clean. Outhouse is not well maintained looks terrible. Keep an eye toward aesthetics.	11/26/2023 1:13 PM
44	Put up dog poop bag stations. They don't cost much and will help people pick up.	11/23/2023 9:50 AM
45	Would love to see more music or art activities at the new building.	11/22/2023 8:28 PM
46	Building that isn't condemned and such an eyesore	11/22/2023 5:49 PM
47	A shorter parking lot. Entrance in one way and exit one way.	11/22/2023 1:26 PM
48	Music events, expanded nature events, expanded garden, consistent use of water at garden (it gets turned off too often and was shut off altogether much too early this fall!)	11/22/2023 8:09 AM
49	Please consider adding shade and comfortable and ample seating around the park.	11/21/2023 8:34 PM
50	Open bathrooms and water fountains	11/21/2023 8:34 PM
51	I very much appreciate the maintenance of the trails. Warnings about Dogs off leash and noise	11/21/2023 8:07 PM

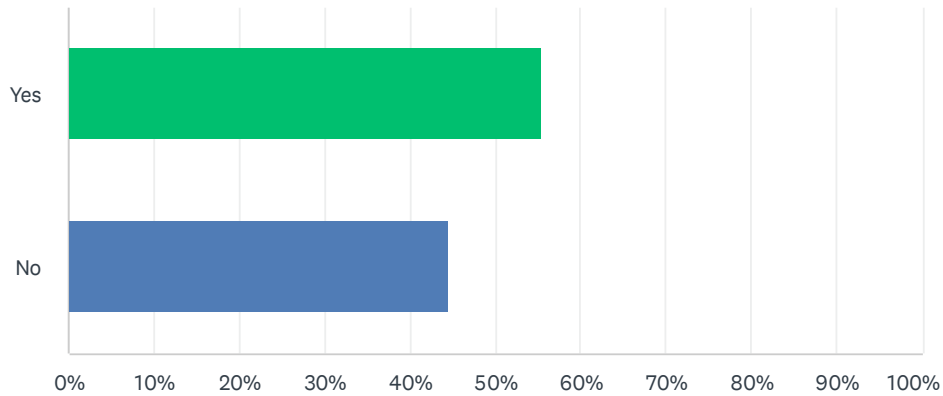
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levels are two issues that should be continued to be considered and communicated as the new design moves forward.

52	Don't go overboard. It's a nice park as it is. It just needs a little TLC.	11/21/2023 7:48 PM
53	More parking	11/21/2023 7:47 PM
54	No suggestions	11/21/2023 7:24 PM
55	Beautiful park. Colin and your maintenance crew do a wonderful job!	11/21/2023 5:17 PM
56	Disc golf course	11/21/2023 5:04 PM
57	Have some more events at the park and maybe add an ice skating rink.	11/21/2023 4:58 PM
58	Unrealistic, but move it so that it is closer to the majority of residents of Falcon Heights. It is closer to many Roseville residents.	11/21/2023 4:08 PM
59	Just refreshing everything would go a long ways.	11/21/2023 3:41 PM
60	Year round bathroom access	11/21/2023 3:21 PM
61	As the saying goes, 'if its not broke don't fix it.' I think its a wonderful park and there are some areas that could use some upkeep and TLC but overall, would not make any major changes. Especially as a resident who lives a half a block from the entrance, would not want it to become an area that attracts a ton of traffic (e.g. crime, etc.).	11/21/2023 12:47 PM
62	Bathrooms that are open all the time.	11/21/2023 12:32 PM
63	A pool	11/21/2023 12:03 PM
64	New bldg will go a long way...	11/21/2023 11:01 AM
65	Improving the nature trail	11/21/2023 9:54 AM
66	Make the building available for private events.	11/21/2023 9:48 AM
67	programming for all four seasons	11/20/2023 8:31 PM
68	Overflow parking on the plans seems a waste for the handful of days needing more. I think moving the picnic shelter and the playground seems a waste.	11/20/2023 6:14 PM
69	keep the green space so we can see wildlife	11/20/2023 6:03 PM

Q15 Do you have any children that have ever participated in park programming offered by the City or would you consider enrolling your child/children in future programming?

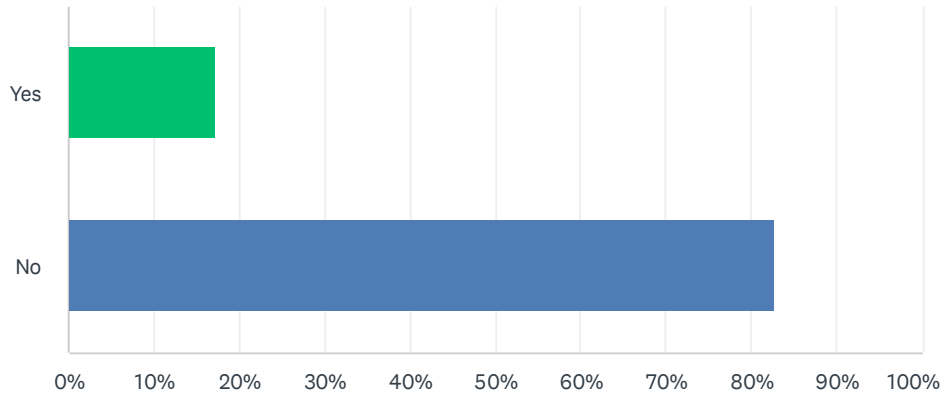
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	55.47%	76
No	44.53%	61
TOTAL		137

Q16 Have you ever rented a picnic area or other City facility within Falcon Heights?

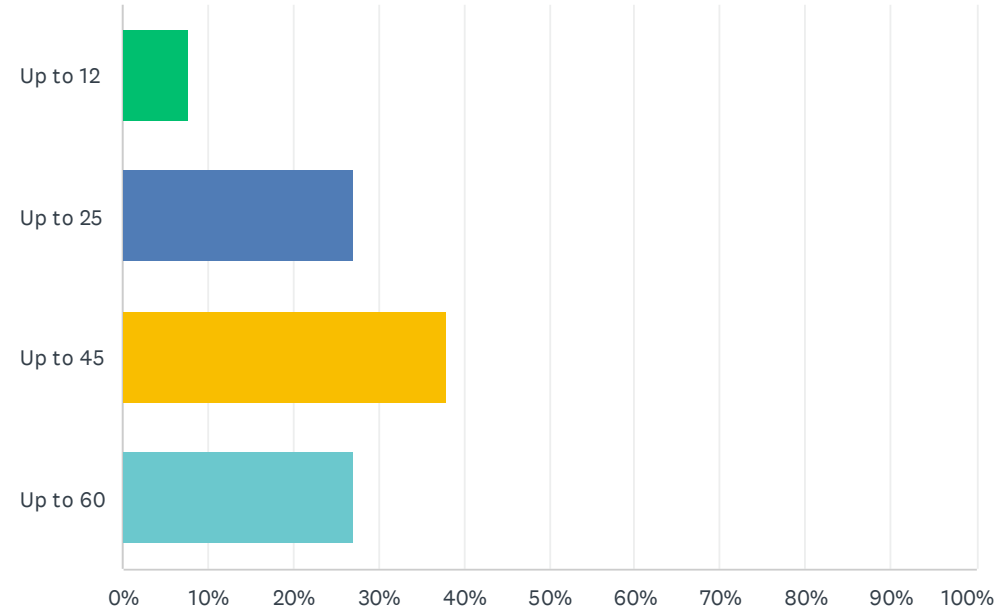
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	17.27%	24
No	82.73%	115
TOTAL		139

Q17 If the City offered event space within the new Community Park building, what seating capacity at tables is most appealing?

Answered: 129 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Up to 12	7.75% 10
Up to 25	27.13% 35
Up to 45	37.98% 49
Up to 60	27.13% 35
TOTAL	129

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	i think the more the better. A room divider is a great idea, so space can be condensed for smaller groups.	12/26/2023 1:29 PM
2	up to 100	12/5/2023 1:57 PM
3	NO SEATING , THESE EVENTS SHOULD BE AT CITY HALL AS THEY ALREADY HAVE THE SPACE NEEDED, AND ITS FAR ENOUGH AWAY FROM THE RESIDENTS NEAR THE PARK.	12/4/2023 10:37 AM
4	Small groups only.	12/3/2023 2:39 PM
5	Don't really understand the question. round tables of 8 are nice. However many can fit in the room.	11/30/2023 3:06 PM
6	Insure that this space is not used for religious purposes and that loud music or overly large groups be prohibited. Keep in mind that most people that I know who use this park enjoy the quiet use of this park. quiet	11/26/2023 1:13 PM
7	25-40	11/22/2023 1:26 PM

Q18 Do you have any other comments, questions, or concerns?

Answered: 51 Skipped: 92

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	i am really looking forward to a new park building.	12/26/2023 1:29 PM
2	Even though I play pickleball, I do not want a court added to the design because the noise from the balls carries quite far. If there is a pickleball court, it should not be located near houses, which is where the hardball court in concept 3 is located.	12/21/2023 9:57 PM
3	Please keep the tennis courts! We don't need more pickle ball courts.	12/19/2023 5:40 PM
4	It would be nice if the building provided some rain shelter even if it were closed (large overhang).	12/18/2023 5:07 PM
5	larger rental deposits to deter groups who don't clean up or abuse the facilities	12/12/2023 9:55 AM
6	The city is putting much effort into this park, while seriously lacking in basic public safety service. Who will protect this park? The Ramsey County Sheriffs Dept has been an absolute service-less failure. With that, bringing in more park users from many areas outside of Falcon Heights only increases street traffic in the area and increases the need for public safety in an already underperforming environment.	12/11/2023 6:34 PM
7	We should stop calling the garden area a "Community Garden". It's not a community garden. It's private people renting out space to grow their own stuff. They would be quite mad if I started to go and pick their vegetables for my use, so it's not a "community" garden. It's just a garden on public space.	12/10/2023 12:23 PM
8	If the city provided a large event space that would be wonderful for birthday parties, family reunions (especially for the residents that live in apartments who don't have a huge space or a community room), and even weddings receptions. It seems as if Falcon Heights is missing a nice community center that can provide a rental service.	12/5/2023 1:57 PM
9	I think pickleball courts are needed badly in this part of the Twin Cities. Currently Evergreen Park is the only outdoor court option in the area and those courts are packed in the summer. Demand is higher than supply. I think this addition would drive many new people to this park. And it would be great if we could add 6 courts like Evergreen did.	12/5/2023 10:26 AM
10	Lions love to use the space for Christmas Tree Sales. Definitely hard on sod, but less hard on native areas -- maybe thinking about that would be good. I see lots on parking spots at some local venues. Maybe? Don't know...	12/4/2023 8:02 PM
11	I love the park - been using it for over 20 years!	12/4/2023 6:24 PM
12	Pickleball options please!	12/4/2023 6:07 PM
13	WHY IS THERE NOT MORE CONCERN FOR THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE WITH IN 4 BLOCKS OF THE PARK, FOR THE NOISE AND THE LARGE GROUPS? DO WE HAVE TO MOVE?	12/4/2023 10:37 AM
14	No pickleball!	12/3/2023 7:57 PM
15	*NO PICKLEBALL PLEASE - I have serious concerns about the noise levels from the game for myself and the nearby neighbors. While many people may want to play the game, unless it's inside a building, it will cause a lot of noise complaints. The nearby Roseville courts are busy from sun-up to sun-down.	12/3/2023 7:25 PM
16	Glad the City acquired it!	12/3/2023 2:39 PM
17	I am very happy that the building is going to be renovated. It is sorely needed. It would be nice to have a building that is open a lot so people can go inside and use the bathroom.	12/3/2023 12:07 AM
18	Our park is a gem.	12/2/2023 9:35 AM
19	I am a member of the Falcon Hts Lauderdale Lions club and am interesred in maintaining	12/2/2023 6:58 AM

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space for our Christmas tree lot. Option 1 appears to be best for that.

20	Even if all the features are not able to be included, the layout of Concept 3 is by far the best layout for the park. It is balanced/allows all the amenities to have easy access to the restrooms, keeps everything accessible by keeping it closer to parking, and it would be visible from the street/draw people in.	11/30/2023 8:10 PM
21	Looking forward to a wonderfully improved park.	11/30/2023 3:06 PM
22	If you build it they will come is not an ideal planning method. Scale back expectations. Leave lots of green space. It's a park. It doesn't need every square inch covered with something.	11/29/2023 5:15 PM
23	Yes. I love that bathrooms are included. Has money been set aside to have someone open and close them daily? It does not appear that anyone will be working in the building; no staff area.	11/29/2023 2:25 PM
24	If an indoor playground or gym could be a possibility it would be so wonderful.	11/28/2023 11:08 PM
25	Incorporate native plantings and other environmental plantings where possible	11/28/2023 12:58 PM
26	Very excited about this! In the summer months, we visit the park weekly. We would likely visit it more once renovated.	11/28/2023 6:11 AM
27	- Energy efficiency and sustainability of the space is paramount (PV for electricity, geothermal, solar thermal for hot water, waste water management, are all options). - Consider a land acknowledgement - Enhance native landscaping - Expand garden space - Building events. Keep in mind the kind of events that are likely to actually occur (kids birthdays, summer concerts, etc; while weddings are highly unlikely because of the proximity to the playground, tennis court, splashpad, etc).	11/27/2023 6:25 PM
28	I'd keep playground away from parking lot or fence in between to stop kids from running into parking lot. I'd also keep playground away from courts as vile language often used at other parks with courts when competition gets going.	11/27/2023 4:21 PM
29	Enjoy the friendliness and accessibility of this community park. Especially the walking path.	11/27/2023 4:20 PM
30	We are residents of Arizona, but also rent an apartment at The Hendrickson Senior Living.	11/27/2023 4:12 PM
31	I am concerned that the entirety of the park is not included in this proposal. There are so many resources for organized sports play of all kinds in our community that this park does not have to replicate those resources. I am concerned that his proposal was not preceded by a statement of purpose by the commission. I would hope the commission is keeping an eye on liability that a splash pond would create. Maintenance of facilities and adding more parking only brings additional liabilities. There is already a late night issue with suspicious parked cars late at night. Allow more of the nature experiences into the planning. Remember less is more. I am concerned about the size of this remodel. I am concerned about how much money of community tax payer dollars are being spent on planning professional fees. Is the commission staying on top of what is being accomplished and expenses for pre planning. The first presentation to the community was the first time the commission has seen this proposal. That's a huge red flag. Are expenses getting out of hand. What are opportunities to shave cost from this proposal.	11/26/2023 1:13 PM
32	Budget is a big concern. Who is the intended audience? The intended use? Are taxes going to be raised to pay for this?	11/23/2023 5:49 PM
33	NO PICKLEBALL	11/23/2023 9:50 AM
34	Look forward to the new park! Thanks for all your planning!	11/22/2023 8:28 PM
35	I would like to have room in the park improvement budget to replace the playground at Grove so it's ADA compatible and a playground structure for upper elementary kids at Curtiss Field.	11/22/2023 5:49 PM
36	Fenced in playground :)	11/22/2023 1:26 PM
37	The city needs to renew its commitment to planting and maintaining trees! The single most important thing that the government can do to improve and maintain our quality of life is to plant trees. Higher summer temperatures, expansion of housing, bigger crowds in the state fair grounds- these are all much more acceptable if the city plants and maintains larger trees. It is short sighted to think otherwise.	11/22/2023 9:38 AM

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38	Whatever is done, please consider the impact on the residents who live nearby, including those who have yards backing up to the park. Also need better coordination of activities in the area and consider the impact on parking, traffic and noise (including U of M stadium, fairground activities, neighborhood functions like city-wide garage sales and park activities).	11/22/2023 8:09 AM
39	I hope the renovations don't drastically increase traffic in the area or make the park crowded more often.	11/21/2023 8:34 PM
40	I am very excited to know that we are updating the park. Thank you!	11/21/2023 8:18 PM
41	Thanks very much for facilitating the collection of input and thank you for your work!	11/21/2023 8:07 PM
42	No but thanks for the opportunity to share my thoughts.	11/21/2023 7:24 PM
43	Perhaps a couple Frisbee rings- which would be for all ages	11/21/2023 5:17 PM
44	No	11/21/2023 3:41 PM
45	There are too few parks in the metro with fences. Parents bring their kids to Stillwater to get to a park that's safer for kids with neurodiversity (autism, ADHD, etc) and families with multiple young children. Most parks feature traffic and water hazards that are too dangerous for these families to be able to use the park. If you need an example, "tadpole playground" in Boston, MA is great.	11/21/2023 3:21 PM
46	I work at the UMN College of Veterinary Medicine and we sometimes scope out areas off campus to rent for faculty retreats, staff functions, etc. If the Falcon Woods community park building had technology available such as screen, hdmi cords for laptop connection, and electrical outlets, etc, this could be an appealing option.	11/21/2023 12:47 PM
47	Consider asking for volunteers to help with plantings (actual plants, many of us have tons that may be used in landscaping at the park), and for labor. I'd be happy to help in the spring or fall given options/dates. Consider asking the High School Key Club (volunteer club) to help with plantings and labor to reduce costs?	11/21/2023 11:01 AM
48	We are concerned of security on the new building as well as occasional strange cars late in parking lot. Our house will be impacted by parking lot overflow and option 3 is terrible. Do not like that at all.	11/20/2023 6:14 PM
49	Looking forward to having a new functioning city park again!	11/20/2023 6:03 PM
50	Please reconsider the including the splash pad. I think it is wasteful and too small to be fun.	11/20/2023 5:37 PM
51	I love the green space and would not want to spoil it with too many additional amenities.	11/20/2023 9:10 AM

Q19 Provide optional feedback and suggestions regarding the Community Park remodel.

Answered: 37 Skipped: 106

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I could not read the map. Printing was far too small. Also the directions seemed backwards. Usually maps reflect east on the right and west on the left. The map showed the opposite making the park location confusing.	12/26/2023 4:20 PM
2	This is just a comment, about the community garden. I was on the environment commission when it was established. The intent was for the gardeners to take full responsibility for the maintenance and development of the garden. Public works staff were NOT to be responsible for the garden. The intent was to have dedicated gardeners, to work together on creating and sustaining the garden.	12/26/2023 1:29 PM
3	There should be windows in the building so that when in the building for events, you can see the playground/splash pad areas so you can keep an eye on kids from there.	12/26/2023 11:52 AM
4	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the park proposals!	12/21/2023 9:57 PM
5	keep costs low	12/20/2023 10:48 PM
6	nice work, thank you	12/19/2023 5:40 PM
7	Would appreciate Pickleball, the fastest growing sport in America, be factored in 😊	12/18/2023 8:16 PM
8	Community room seems a little small at 30' x 30'.	12/12/2023 9:55 AM
9	While I no longer have young children, I recommend fencing in the playground area - it's easier for parents to watch multiple children safely	12/11/2023 8:54 PM
10	thank you.	12/11/2023 5:07 PM
11	I would like to see pickleball courts at this park instead of or added to the current tennis courts. Demand seems to be higher than supply in the Falcon Heights area.	12/5/2023 6:40 PM
12	Can we do a pool versus splash pad? There are ZERO pools in Roseville and Surround areas, Como pool is always packed!	12/5/2023 10:40 AM
13	I think pickleball courts are needed badly in this part of the Twin Cities. Currently Evergreen Park is the only outdoor court option in the area and those courts are packed in the summer. Demand is higher than supply. I think this addition would drive many new people to this park. And it would be great if we could add 6 courts like Evergreen did.	12/5/2023 10:26 AM
14	Thank you for including residents at this level. I hope there will be a few more chances for residents to talk to the designers. This is a city full of educated folks (like in landscape and building and park design) who know design and also know FH. I hope they provide great ideas!! :)	12/4/2023 8:02 PM
15	It would be great if the exercise equipment could be retained and improved. The metal benches are easy to maintain but are pretty hard. Maybe there are more forgiving materials?	12/4/2023 6:24 PM
16	I love the Modern style option! We visit almost everyday in the summer to tend to the garden. We used to use the playground a lot, but our son may be aging out of it-maybe adding something for the 8-11 year old crowd like a zip line or things they have at Central Park like an roofed multiple person Mary go round? Thinking really big-what used to be called Chutes and Ladders now Hyland Play area would be amazing. They are very busy in the summer. It's a trek for us to go, we wish the east metro had something similar. I am happy to chat about this. I hope my comments are not too late. Please email me to talk about pickleball options. Pwd0757@gmail.com Thanks! Amy	12/4/2023 6:07 PM
17	AS I SEE THEASE PROPOSALS OF DESIGN IDEAS FOR THE NEW BUILDING THEY ARE ALL TOO BIG ,LOOK VERY COMMERCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL. THIS DOES NOT FIT A	12/4/2023 10:37 AM

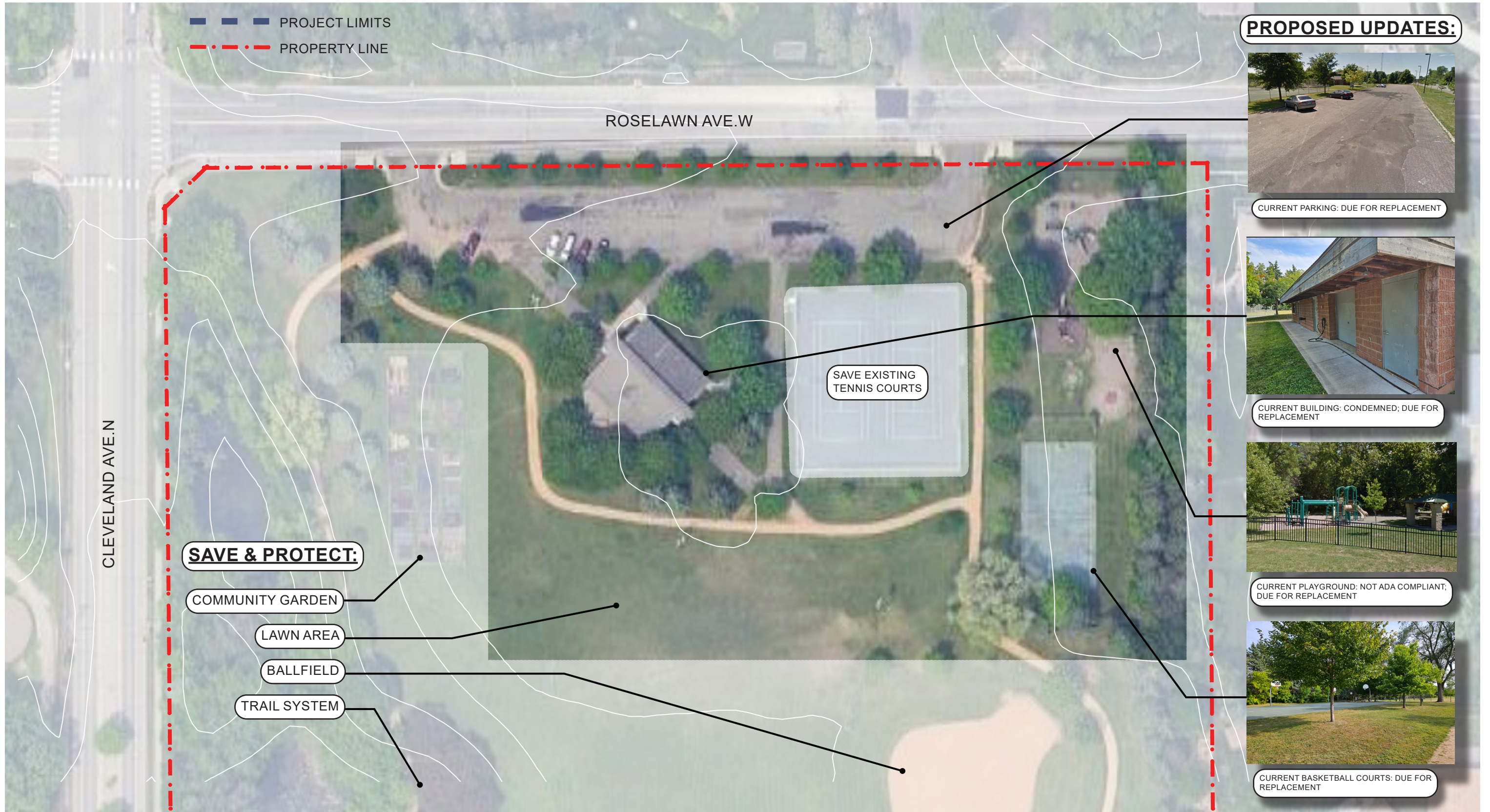
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QUIET NATURE GREEN AREA FOR PEACEFUL SPACE.

18	I'd like to see a balance of new amenities with existing amenities and phasing in changes after the building is re-built without locking in plans for the whole park now. More people may want to use the building space than expected and having no additional space for outdoor use/growth of perhaps outdoor bbq areas for example would be unfortunate. One concept design has the building being built in a space that wouldn't allow future growth.	12/3/2023 7:25 PM
19	Windows to look towards the park; be cognizant of potential noise affecting area residents; and don't try to do too much. And if a "band shelter" implies bands playing, this is out of character for this park and should be opposed.	12/3/2023 2:39 PM
20	The City needs to be realistic about the actual usage of any park equipment/space/event usage, etc.	11/29/2023 5:15 PM
21	With a splash pad and ice rink on the table, do you have plans for wet people? Will bathrooms have air dryers and floor drains? Will the warming room be on its own heating system or have a floor drain?	11/29/2023 2:25 PM
22	Love the idea of new playground and splash pad!	11/28/2023 11:08 PM
23	Retain walking path and add more amenities for children and young teens.	11/28/2023 5:35 AM
24	The sustainability and ecology of the park are extremely important in a very urban environment. Consider a variety of ways that this can be improved upon and incorporated into the new park model. Possible options: - native landscaping - waste water management / rain garden - energy usage (PV for electricity, geothermal, solar thermal for hot water, etc) - building efficiency	11/27/2023 6:25 PM
25	Thank you for requesting input into your decision-making!	11/27/2023 5:31 PM
26	We no longer have dependent children, but would use the park as grandparents when we are in MN.	11/27/2023 4:12 PM
27	Have members of the commissioned all walked this entire park to fully examine the potential to expand on the natural features of the park and witness the use of the park. It is walking, gardens, non organized outdoor recreation. I see small groups using the covered picnic shelter. Moving the playground and basketball court instead of improving what is already there is a waste of money. We have witnessed huge issues with past contract issues surrounding our police and fire. The city of Falcon Heights needs to start looking at better budget management. This couldn't be a worse time to start a multi million dollar construction project. Insure that performance guarantees and cost over runs are addressed in contracting and mitigated in contracts. There is already concern that costs are very high. There is also another option and that is to wait for current inflation to cool before moving forward. This would be sensible. The devil is in the details. Remember, residents of Falcon Heights already love this park as is.	11/26/2023 1:13 PM
28	Thank you for getting this started. I am excited to see the renovation.	11/23/2023 9:50 AM
29	Please do build in as much sustainable energy attributes as possible and if some are too expensive for now, plan for allowing them in future.	11/22/2023 8:28 PM
30	Keep it small! Retain the quiet natural area.	11/22/2023 8:09 AM
31	Incorporate native plants in landscaping	11/21/2023 8:34 PM
32	I do not think the parking lot should be expanded in size. To repeat my previous comment above, 96% of the time, the lot is almost completely empty, even when the building was in use. only on very rare occasions when you must park on the street. With it being a community park, we should encourage walking or biking to the park. A larger parking lot encourages its use as a driving destination and potential overuse. A larger parking lot also takes away from green space. Additionally, the lot should not be immediately adjacent to people's backyards.	11/21/2023 8:07 PM
33	Also once the 'Community Park building' is complete, I encourage the City of Falcon Heights to get brochures on this space or website to advertise so information can be passed around to potential groups who may be interested in renting.	11/21/2023 12:47 PM
34	Long overdue and excited for the change. So glad the city now owns it - was something we asked when I was on P&R commission but were poo poo'd. Glad to see the city making changes!	11/21/2023 11:01 AM

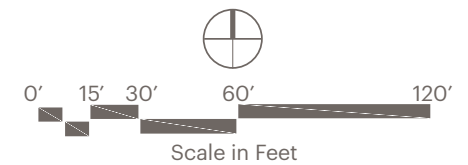
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35	I think we've got scope creep. Spend more on building and keep picnic shelters and playgrounds with updates. We are replacing some equipment that seems wasteful.	11/20/2023 6:14 PM
36	Thanks for your work on this important city project!	11/20/2023 6:03 PM
37	At least one more bench on the other side of the pond (east) and along the walking trails.	11/20/2023 9:10 AM



Falcon Heights Community Park | Precedent Map

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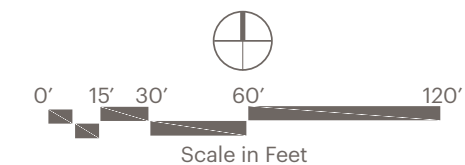


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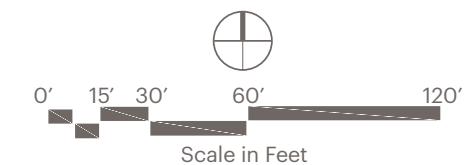


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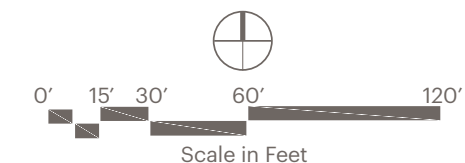


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**FALCON HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PARK
Master Plan Cost Estimate
Concept 1**

	Item	Description	Qty.	Units	Unit Cost	Subtotal	Estimated Development Cost Range	
1		Building Area (2487 s.f. building)					1,803,000	1,983,300
2		Play Area (5500 s.f.)					528,000	580,800
3		Parking Lot					465,000	511,500
Total Range of Construction Costs for Community Park Improvements							2,796,000	3,075,600

	Indirect Project Costs						374,817	374,817
Base Bid: Total Range of Project Costs for Community Park Improvements							3,170,817	3,450,417

Bid Alternates								
5		Small Shelter - 24' x 24'					119,880	131,868
6		Large Shelter - 30' x 60'					473,520	520,872
7		Splash Pad (1,000 s.f.)					228,000	250,800
8		Basketball Court Improvements					81,240	89,364
Bid Alternates Total:							902,640	992,904

Base Bid Plus Alternates:							4,073,457	4,443,321
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**FALCON HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PARK
Master Plan Cost Estimate
Concept 2**

	Item	Description	Qty.	Units	Unit Cost	Subtotal	Estimated Development Cost Range	
1		Building Area (2487 s.f. building)					1,803,000	1,983,300
2		Play Area (7500 s.f.)					672,000	739,200
3		Parking Lot					465,000	511,500
		Total Range of Construction Costs for Community Park Improvements					2,940,000	3,234,000

	Indirect Project Costs						374,817	374,817
	Base Bid: Total Range of Project Costs for Community Park Improvements						3,314,817	3,608,817

Bid Alternates								
5		Small Shelter - 24' x 24'					119,880	131,868
6		Large Shelter - 30' x 60'					473,520	520,872
7		Splash Pad (2,500 s.f.)					357,600	393,360
8		Basketball Court Improvements					81,240	89,364
		Bid Alternates Total:					1,032,240	1,135,464

	Base Bid Plus Alternates:						4,347,057	4,744,281
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		Indirect Project Costs					374,817	374,817
		Base Bid: Total Range of Project Costs for Community Park Improvements					3,170,817	3,450,417

Bid Alternates								
5		Small Shelter - 24' x 24'					119,880	131,868
6		Large Shelter - 20' x 80'					422,832	465,115
7		Non-Refrigerated Multi-Use Plaza (6,500 s.f.)					1,283,520	1,411,872
8		Basketball Court Improvements					81,240	89,364
		Bid Alternates Total:					1,907,472	2,098,219

		Base Bid Plus Alternates:					5,078,289	5,548,636
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