

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS**  
Regular Meeting  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
City Hall  
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

**AGENDA**

December 4, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL:

Jeff Yager \_\_\_\_\_ Mike Bradbury \_\_\_\_\_ Eric Brenton \_\_\_\_\_

Paula Mielke \_\_\_\_\_ Tom Faust \_\_\_\_\_ Randi Lundell \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL LIAISON:

James Wassenberg \_\_\_\_\_

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelly Nelson \_\_\_\_\_

C. PRESENTATION:

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. November 6, 2023 - Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

E. AGENDA:

1. Draft of Proposed 2024 Parks and Recreation Budget
2. Community Park Renovation Survey Discussion

F. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENT

G. ADJOURNMENT:

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C. PRESENTATION:

1. Presentation on the Community Park Remodel by WSB and HCM Architects

Commissioner  
Mielke motioned to approve the presentation;  
Approved 4-0  
(Commissioners Faust and Yager arrived just after the motion)

WSB, a civil engineering and planning firm, was hired by the City to act as project manager on the Community Park remodel. Bob Slipka from WSB presents four park layouts, all with the understanding that the concepts have flexibility; the amenities and structures can be rearranged, amended and omitted, as desired. The goal of looking at the four concepts is to discuss the optimal layout and amenities from the materials presented.

City Administrator Linehan states that the redesign has been in motion for the last ten years but will now pick up speed and move fairly quickly.

While looking at the park layouts and the parking lot examples, in particular, Linehan adds context to say the Community Park's current parking lot is approximately 20,000 square feet with 55 or so parking spots.

Lundell would like to see the proposed splash pad have more distance between it and the parking lot.

Yager asks about adding lighting to the ball and soccer field area. Although lighting has not yet been discussed, Bob responds that they will take into consideration how to power the park for future use even if lights are not installed immediately.

Faust wonders if live music from a band shell would overpower the adjacent playground as show Mielke asks where the outdoor picnic tables would be located and Bob points out a trellis icon on the concepts; whether there is a stand-alone space or a roof overhang, tables would be just off of there.

A resident asked why proposed layouts showed no amenities in the northwest area of the park. Linehan explained that grading in that area is challenging due to slopes and marshy areas west of the community

garden. Georgiana May stressed keeping the community garden in the current location because the soil is well amended.

Lundell asks if there is a plan for trees and Bob says the landscaping will be incorporated into the design at a later date. For now, this is the mile-high view. But, they will navigate around existing trees as best they can.

Faust asks about a buffer space between east side of the park and the Falcon Woods neighborhood. Bob suggests that there is probably 60 or 70 feet from the property line to the edge of the basketball court (when looking at concept 2, for example).

A Falcon Woods neighbor says the existing buffer is 50-feet, at best.

Linehan explains that the objective of the project was not to move amenities (i.e. the tennis court) just to move them. The tennis court doesn't need replacing at this time so the City would prefer not to do that just to move it to another area.

A resident asks if the trails will remain. Bob explains that the paths may or may not undergo changes if the City considers paving or widening them, for example, but the paths will remain. Additionally, the majority of the remodel happens north of the current baseball and soccer fields.

Resident, Mike Tracy, suggests putting the majority of the dollars into the building and not into redoing areas that have been working and are working now.

Resident, Eric Meyer, asks about the baseball field's current use. And, wonders if disc golf would be an option there.

Bob says disc golf takes a significant amount of space and this park may only allow for 3 to 6 holes; he wonders if it would be a good fit then.

A Falcon Woods resident says that she never sees the baseball field being used.

A resident asks how many acres Community Park sits on as compared to the 45 acres at Acorn Park where disc golf is played.

Linehan responds that it is 15.6 acres.

Resident, Kris Grangaard, says that soccer is important.

Next, Matt Lynse of HCM Architects presents four architectural styles to depict the general roof lines and architectural details rather than a final image of the park building. He also presents two layouts to help illustrate the general size of the building and the rooms within. Both feature a community room that can accommodate 50 to 60 people at tables or 80 to 100 with rows of chairs/auditorium seating.

In layout one, there is a room labeled "Warming Room," which is a flex space. It can be used as a warming room, a conference room, etc.

In layout two, there is potential to have an operable wall, which either seals off the community room, or, opens to allow the space to spill out into the other parts of the building. The warming house area utilizes the entryway.

Yager asks if either building layout works better or worse with the park layouts shown.



Matt feels both will work well but it comes down to the orientation of the building and are there overhangs or add-ons?

Lundell wonders if they've used operable walls elsewhere and how they've worked.

Matt describes a library that utilizes an operable wall. He adds that a con of them is that acoustics suffer.

Discussion of a splash pad brings up discussion of their necessary water/utility room. Matt says that Hugo has an approximately 140 square feet water utility room devoted to their splash pad.

Bob adds that a metal cabinet can also be used outdoors to house the plumbing mechanicals with electrical on the inside of the building.

Kris Grangaard and other residents asked that the City consider environmentally friendly and efficient heating and cooling options, despite a higher upfront cost.

A resident asked that the bathrooms be gender neutral.

Lundell asks if solar panels are possible.

Matt shows where solar panels are possible on each of the four styles of buildings.

Bradbury wonders if all four architectural styles require the same amount of maintenance.

Matt says the rustic design would require regular treatment/stain of the wood elements, the windows shown on the modern design concept would require new gaskets, and a roof would be needed every 20 years or so on any of them.

Yager likes the extended roof idea to help provide shade and to also help control weather from completely ending an outdoor gathering.

Brenton adds that an extended roofline adds to the park's flex space. It can be an overflow area from an indoor room to the outdoors and it could be rented as a separate picnic area.

Resident, Eric Meyer, asks how square footage is determined. And, what is the price per square foot?

Matt says that you can look at it two ways. How big of a gathering space do you want? And, what is your budget? A 50 to 60-person community room at our budget then equals an approximately 2,500 square feet building. The current pricing is between \$500 and \$550/square foot.

Resident, Rice' Davis, asks if the City is staffed to take on the maintenance of the new park building. Linehan says that we may not necessarily have someone on staff to currently lock the doors of the new building at night and that it may take a bit of figuring out.

Yager mentions that when the Parks and Recreation Commission toured the Roseville park building at Lexington and Co. Rd. B. a couple of years ago, that building had automatic locking doors and no warming house staff onsite.

A general discussion of amenities takes place for a few minutes and Bob says that the City and residents will have to decide which amenities they want because the budget will not allow for everything shown on the concepts.

Resident, Eric Meyer, asks about the potential for indoor basketball.

Linehan shares that we have approximately \$2.75 million total in the budget to build the new park building and desired amenities with.

Bob says that indoor basketball drives the price up very quickly and a building like that would exceed the City's total budget.

Lundell mentions the Appétu Téča Education Center nearby in Roseville and the fact that they have a basketball court, pool, etc. She points out that maybe we don't have a need for similar amenities within a certain geographical area.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. October 2, 2023 - Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner  
Lundell motioned to approve the minutes;  
Approved 6-0

E. AGENDA:

F. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission talks about what they'd like to discuss at their upcoming December meeting. There may be preliminary survey data from the public on the Community Park renovation that would be discussed at that time and they will focus on that. Staff Liaison Nelson will also share the 2024 Parks and Recreation budget then.

Commissioners also determine that the park layout labeled #3 that was presented has too many things working against it and feel that concept should be eliminated; they would prefer to have tweaks made to the other three concepts since they are mostly on the right track.

G. ADJOURNMENT: 8:55 PM

Commissioner Yager motioned to  
adjourn;  
Approved 6-0

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## REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION

<b>Meeting Date</b>	December 4, 2023
<b>Agenda Item</b>	E1
<b>Attachment</b>	2024 Parks and Recreation Budget (draft)
<b>Submitted By</b>	Kelly Nelson, Assistant to the City Administrator

<b>Item</b>	2024 - Preliminary Parks and Recreation Budget
<b>Description</b>	The Parks and Recreation Commission asked to see the preliminary, unapproved 2024 budget to get an idea of funds available so that they can better plan City events, etc. in 2024.
<b>Budget Impact</b>	N/A
<b>Attachment(s)</b>	2024 Parks and Recreation Budget (unapproved draft)
<b>Action(s) Requested</b>	N/A

## PARK PROGRAMS (201)

### BUDGETARY OBJECTIVE:

This fund is responsible for providing leisure time programs and activities in Falcon Heights, while deriving revenue from recreation fees.

### ACCOUNT HIGHLIGHTS:

#### *REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES*

- ⇒ Recreation Fees (34310): The city collects revenue from fees charged for recreation programs.
- ⇒ Transfers (39200): A transfer from the general fund park and recreation administration department (141) is used to support city recreational activities. See Appendix 2 for the schedule of transfers.

#### *EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES*

- ⇒ Seasonal Employees (60530): Part-time help is obtained to lead and/or assist with programs in the parks and recreation department. See Appendix 1 for the personnel compensation distribution.
- ⇒ Recreation Supplies & Equipment (70100, 73000): Non-capital items used to assist with the park programs and activities.
- ⇒ Insurance & Bonds (88000): Premiums for park program workers' compensation are included here.

PARK PROGRAMS (201)

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	ACTUAL 2021	ACTUAL 2022	BUDGET 2023	ESTIMATED 2023	BUDGET 2024
<b>REVENUES:</b>						
<i>INTERGOVERNMENTAL</i>						
33610	GRANTS	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL	0	0	0	0	0
<i>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</i>						
34310	RECREATION FEES	5,449	10,269	9,000	12,000	12,000
34340	NON-RESIDENT FEES	0	0	0		
	TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES	5,449	10,269	9,000	12,000	12,000
<i>MISCELLANEOUS</i>						
36211	INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	412	688	150	2,000	1,500
36213	CHANGE IN FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS	(237)	(749)	0	0	0
36232	CONTRIBUTIONS - SCHOLARSHIP	19	0	0	0	0
36233	CONTRIBUTIONS - FRIENDS OF REC SPORT PROG	5	0	0	0	0
36235	CONTRIBUTIONS LUTHERAN CHURCH REC ON GO	0	0	0	0	0
36236	CONTRIBUTION - PROGRAM SUPPORT	0	0	0	0	0
34350	CONTRIBUTION - 5 K RUN	0	0	0	0	0
36400	MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	199	(61)	150	2,000	1,500
201	TOTAL REVENUES	5,648	10,208	9,150	14,000	13,500
<i>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</i>						
39200	TRANSFERS	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000
	TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000
	TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	31,648	36,208	35,150	40,000	39,500
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>						
<i>COMPENSATION</i>						
60100	REGULAR SALARIES	11,935	17,113	16,500	17,000	20,500
60520	PART-TIME EMPLOYEES	0	0	0	0	0
60530	SEASONAL EMPLOYEES	3,393	3,932	8,100	4,000	8,100
64011	PERA CONTRIBUTIONS	845	1,199	1,230	1,300	1,550
64012	FICA CONTRIBUTIONS	1,173	1,609	1,750	1,830	2,200
64031	HOSPITALIZATION	0	(5)	900	100	800
64032	DENTAL	0	0	120	0	0
64033	LONG-TERM DISABILITY	22	26	30	50	50
64034	LIFE INSURANCE	20	30	30	47	50
	TOTAL COMPENSATION	17,388	23,904	28,660	24,327	33,250
<i>MATERIALS &amp; SUPPLIES</i>						
70100	SUPPLIES	356	0	600	500	600
70300	RECREATION SUPPLIES	0	0	550	550	550
70440	PRINT & PUBLISHING & ADVERTISING	0	0	500	100	500
73000	RECREATION EQUIPMENT	0	0	1,000	400	1,000
	TOTAL MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	356	0	2,650	1,550	2,650
<i>OTHER SERVICES &amp; CHARGES</i>						
80310	AUDIT	722	758	800	710	800
86010	MILEAGE	17	0	100	50	100
86100	CONFERENCES / EDUCATION/BACKGROUND CKS	75	0	400	200	400
87500	RENTAL OF EQUIP/FACILITIES OPEN GYM	0	0	0	0	0
87700	INSTRUCTOR - SPECIALTY	3,021	5,932	5,500	11,000	10,000
88000	INSURANCE & BONDS	0	0	0	0	0
88500	PAYPAL EXPENSES	0	0	0	0	0
88600	RECREATION - SCHOLARSHIP	0	0	0	0	0
88700	TARGET GRANT EXPS	0	0	0	0	0
89000	MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	3,835	6,690	6,800	11,960	11,300
-201	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	21,579	30,595	38,110	37,837	47,200
	FUND BALANCE - JANUARY 1	42,035	52,104	57,717	57,717	59,880
	CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	10,069	5,614	(2,960)	2,163	(7,700)
	FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER 31	52,104	57,717	54,757	59,880	52,180

## PARK MAINTENANCE & ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURES (141)

BUDGETARY OBJECTIVE:

The park maintenance and administration department is responsible for planning and programming recreational activities and also coordinates park maintenance and development of city parks, playgrounds, and related structures.

ACCOUNT HIGHLIGHTS:

*EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES*

- ⇒ Regular Salaries & Part-time Employees (60100, 60520): See Appendix 1 for the personnel compensation distribution.
- ⇒ Supplies (70100): Non-capital supplies used for the maintenance of the parks are recorded here.
- ⇒ Telephone, Electric, Water, & Sewer (85010, 85020, 85040, 85070): Charges for utility expenditures incurred by the maintenance and administration of the city's parks.
- ⇒ Conferences/Education/Associations (86100): Expenditures for conferences & schools and memberships are located here.
- ⇒ Repairs & Maintenance (87120): This account includes repairs and building maintenance on park structures and equipment, in addition to open space landscaping (such as prairie restoration and maintenance of city park trails).
- ⇒ Insurance & Bonds (88000): Premiums for equipment, municipal liability, and parks and recreation workers' compensation are included here.
- ⇒ Transfers (97000): These funds are transferred into the Park Programs fund (201) to help support the parks and recreation activities of the city. See Appendix 2 for the schedule of transfers.

Indicator	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Estimate
Number of ice rinks flooded	2	2	2
Number of facility rentals	0	0	0

**PARK MAINTENANCE & ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURES (141)**

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2021	ACTUAL 2022	BUDGET 2023	ESTIMATED 2023	PROPOSED 2024
<i>COMPENSATION</i>							
60100	REGULAR SALARIES	35,177	34,921	41,596	52,000	54,000	50,000
60520	PART-TIME EMPLOYEES	9,383	2,000	2,700	0	3,000	0
60540	RINK ATTENDENTS-SEASONAL	1,003	0	2,237	4,000	4,000	4,000
64011	PERA CONTRIBUTIONS	2,536	2,579	3,254	3,100	4,100	3,750
64012	FICA CONTRIBUTIONS	3,390	2,710	3,465	3,600	5,000	4,150
64031	HOSPITALIZATION	4,172	5,425	5,157	9,700	9,700	9,000
64032	DENTAL	187	191	227	400	300	550
64033	LONG-TERM DISABILITY	67	74	104	100	100	150
64034	LIFE INSURANCE	90	85	90	90	90	135
	<i>TOTAL COMPENSATION</i>	<u>56,005</u>	<u>47,985</u>	<u>58,829</u>	<u>72,990</u>	<u>80,290</u>	<u>71,735</u>
<i>MATERIALS &amp; SUPPLIES</i>							
70100	SUPPLIES	4,371	422	1,331	5,000	2,500	5,000
74000	MOTOR FUEL & LUBRICANTS	287	368	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,500
	<i>TOTAL MATERIALS &amp; SUPPLIES</i>	<u>4,658</u>	<u>790</u>	<u>2,331</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>6,500</u>
<i>OTHER SERVICES &amp; CHARGES</i>							
82010	WASTE REMOVAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
85010	TELEPHONE	0	0	0	0	0	0
85011	TELEPHONE - LANDLINE	318	583	766	800	800	800
85015	CELL PHONE	0	0	0	0	0	0
85020	ELECTRIC	1,502	2,203	2,762	3,200	4,600	4,600
85030	NATURAL GAS	678	0	1,139	2,000	1,200	2,000
85040	WATER	550	1,013	530	1,000	530	1,000
85070	SEWER	275	125	12	0	0	0
86100	CONFERENCES/EDUCATION/ASSOCIATIONS	0	0	0	300	100	100
86101	MILEAGE	0	0	0	0	0	0
86105	TEMPORARY WARMING HOUSE	300	0	3,596	4,000	4,000	4,000
86110	MEMBERSHIPS	0	0	0	0	0	0
87120	<b>FACILITIES &amp; GROUNDS MAINTENANCE</b>	2,732	8,956	3,168	8,000	3,000	<b>8,000</b>
87130	MINI WARMING HOUSE	0	0	0	0	0	0
88000	INSURANCE & BONDS	5,275	10,241	9,489	10,000	7,401	8,000
89000	MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<i>TOTAL OTHER SERVICES &amp; CHARGES</i>	<u>11,630</u>	<u>23,120</u>	<u>21,462</u>	<u>29,300</u>	<u>21,631</u>	<u>28,500</u>
141	<i>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</i>	<u>72,293</u>	<u>71,895</u>	<u>82,622</u>	<u>108,290</u>	<u>105,921</u>	<u>106,735</u>
<i>OTHER FINANCING USES</i>							
97000	TRANSFERS	26,000	26,000	526,000	126,000	126,000	26,000
	<i>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES</i>	<u>26,000</u>	<u>26,000</u>	<u>526,000</u>	<u>126,000</u>	<u>126,000</u>	<u>26,000</u>
	<i>TOTAL EXPENDITURES &amp; OTHER FINANCING USES</i>	<u>98,293</u>	<u>97,895</u>	<u>608,622</u>	<u>234,290</u>	<u>231,921</u>	<u>132,735</u>



## COMMUNICATIONS EXPENDITURES (116)

BUDGETARY OBJECTIVE:

The communications department is responsible for informing city residents of municipal affairs. This includes public notices, city newsletters, and cable television broadcasts.

ACCOUNT HIGHLIGHTS:

*EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES*

- ⇒ Regular Salaries (60100): These expenditures include the salary support for the Community Development Coordinator, Administrative Services Director, and Administrative & Communications Coordinator. See Appendix 1 for the personnel compensation distribution.
- ⇒ Part-time Employees (60520): These expenditures include part-time salary support for special events.
- ⇒ Newsletters (70420): The city publishes a newsletter for city residents two times a year and sends out several miscellaneous communications during the year.
- ⇒ Postage (70500): This expenditure is for the bulk-rate mailing of newsletters.
- ⇒ Cable TV (85050): This is the city's portion of contributions to the North Suburban Cable Commission, and payments for cable and web streaming of council meetings.
- ⇒ Website (85060): Funds to upgrade and maintain the website.
- ⇒ Special Events (89010): Community events with the exception of a staff event are included in the communications budget. City special events include:

Recognizing volunteers, Ice Cream Social, Winter Fest, informal park gatherings, Spring Ahead, community initiatives, Human Rights Day, Touch-a-Truck, and miscellaneous others.

The estimated costs for the above do not include full-time and part-time staff time allocated for special events.

Indicator	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Estimate
Website page views per month	86,200	10,082	34,000
Unique website visitors per month	29,854	7,694	27,000
Number of registered emails for alerts	1,259	1,788	2,100

**COMMUNICATIONS EXPENDITURES (116)**

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2021	ACTUAL 2022	BUDGET 2023	ESTIMATED 2023	PROPOSED 2024
	<i>COMPENSATION</i>						
60100	REGULAR SALARIES	13,130	18,540	26,900	46,500	35,000	52,000
60520	PART-TIME EMPLOYEES (Special Events)	0	84	0	900	0	900
64011	PERA CONTRIBUTIONS	912	1,327	1,752	3,500	2,625	3,900
64012	FICA CONTRIBUTIONS	986	1,425	2,058	3,800	2,700	4,000
64031	HOSPITALIZATION	3,854	31	28	1,650	1,650	1,050
64032	DENTAL	160	0	0	600	0	600
64033	LONG-TERM DISABILITY	37	25	19	35	35	60
64034	LIFE INSURANCE	71	43	32	45	30	50
	<i>TOTAL COMPENSATION</i>	<u>19,150</u>	<u>21,473</u>	<u>30,789</u>	<u>57,030</u>	<u>42,040</u>	<u>62,560</u>
	<i>MATERIALS &amp; SUPPLIES</i>						
70100	SUPPLIES	2,736	3,487	219	1,000	200	1,000
70420	NEWSLETTERS/INFORMATION	316	6,384	6,303	5,000	6,500	6,500
70500	POSTAGE	5,231	1,953	3,104	1,000	3,000	3,000
	<i>TOTAL MATERIALS &amp; SUPPLIES</i>	<u>8,283</u>	<u>11,824</u>	<u>9,627</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>9,700</u>	<u>10,500</u>
85010	TELEPHONE	309	221	379	300	700	800
85040	VIRTUAL COMMUNICATION	847	2,596	3,295	3,000	2,650	2,800
85050	CABLE TV	16,378	28,518	19,694	20,000	22,000	23,100
85060	WEBSITE	11,500	1,600	4,244	4,120	4,244	4,500
85070	TECHNICAL SUPPORT	16,541	45,703	38,252	42,330	42,330	49,584
85080	LASERFICHE/FIBER CABLE MAINTENANCE	0	0	0	0	0	0
86010	MILEAGE	0	0	0	0	0	0
86100	COMMISSIONS/MEMBERSHIPS/TRAINING	0	0	0	0	0	0
87090	REPAIR EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
88000	INSURANCE & BONDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
89010	SPECIAL EVENTS	1,119	1,372	2,916	7,000	6,000	10,000
	<i>TOTAL OTHER SERVICES &amp; CHARGES</i>	<u>46,694</u>	<u>80,010</u>	<u>68,779</u>	<u>76,750</u>	<u>77,924</u>	<u>90,784</u>
116	<i>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</i>	<u>74,127</u>	<u>113,307</u>	<u>109,196</u>	<u>140,780</u>	<u>129,664</u>	<u>163,844</u>
	<i>OTHER FINANCING USES</i>						
97000	TRANSFERS	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<i>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<i>TOTAL EXPENDITURES &amp; OTHER FINANCING USES</i>	<u>74,127</u>	<u>113,307</u>	<u>109,196</u>	<u>140,780</u>	<u>129,664</u>	<u>163,844</u>

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## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

<b>Meeting Date</b>	December 4, 2023
<b>Agenda Item</b>	Agenda E2
<b>Attachment</b>	Survey results (updated results may be provided onsite, if applicable)
<b>Submitted By</b>	Kelly Nelson, Assistant to the City Administrator

<b>Item</b>	Community Park Renovation Survey Results
<b>Description</b>	<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 total park renovation budget is between \$2.5 million to \$3 million. The new park building will take approximately \$1 million to 1.3 million. The new parking lot, design fees, site features, and to-be-determined park amenities will take up the other half of the budget.</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 should now review the public’s additional feedback, which was provided in the online survey, in order to make suggestions to the Council in regards to the proposed park layouts and amenities.</p>
<b>Budget Impact</b>	TBD
<b>Attachment(s)</b>	Survey results through December 1, 2023; updated survey data will be printed and handed out in-person, if applicable.
<b>Action(s) Requested</b>	Staff requests that the Parks and Recreation Commission review survey feedback from the general public to then make their recommendations for park layouts and amenities.

## Q1 What is your name? (OPTIONAL - You may remain anonymous if you prefer)

Answered: 34 Skipped: 41

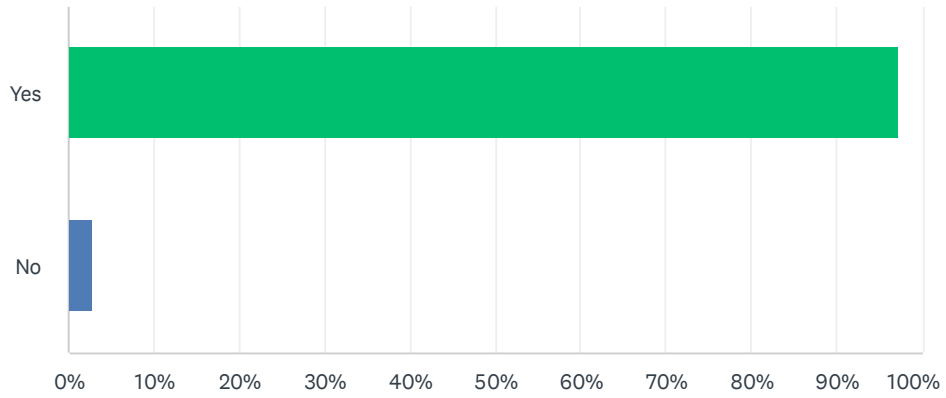
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2	Bob Tomlinson	11/29/2023 8:58 PM
3	Ricé Davis	11/29/2023 5:15 PM
4	Tina Yager	11/29/2023 2:25 PM
5	Josh Hammar	11/27/2023 8:20 PM
6	Samantha Ross	11/27/2023 7:05 PM
7	Mark Hove	11/27/2023 5:31 PM
8	John Larkin	11/27/2023 4:43 PM
9	KMW	11/27/2023 4:12 PM
10	Roxanne Johnson	11/27/2023 4:00 PM
11	Stephen Sunderland	11/26/2023 1:13 PM
12	Scott Norris	11/26/2023 9:49 AM
13	Patricia Holmes	11/25/2023 12:03 PM
14	Randy Singer	11/23/2023 9:50 AM
15	Georgiana May	11/22/2023 8:28 PM
16	Laura Gilchrist	11/22/2023 2:17 PM
17	Jenna Robert	11/22/2023 1:26 PM
18	Beth Nault-Warner	11/21/2023 10:09 PM
19	Emily Stripe	11/21/2023 8:34 PM
20	Noa Maeker	11/21/2023 8:34 PM
21	Paul	11/21/2023 8:07 PM
22	Jennifer Stokes	11/21/2023 7:24 PM
23	Linda Barnes	11/21/2023 5:17 PM
24	Joe	11/21/2023 5:04 PM
25	Kelly Hart	11/21/2023 4:58 PM
26	Anonymous	11/21/2023 3:21 PM
27	Jaclyn Barnes	11/21/2023 12:47 PM
28	Mary Jacobson	11/21/2023 11:01 AM
29	Jeannette Bach	11/21/2023 9:34 AM
30	Anna Milone	11/20/2023 6:18 PM
31	Jean Wolfe	11/20/2023 6:14 PM

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32	Doug wolfe	11/20/2023 6:06 PM
33	Bjorn Gangeness	11/20/2023 5:37 PM
34	Randi Lundell	11/20/2023 9:10 AM

## Q2 Are you a Falcon Heights resident?

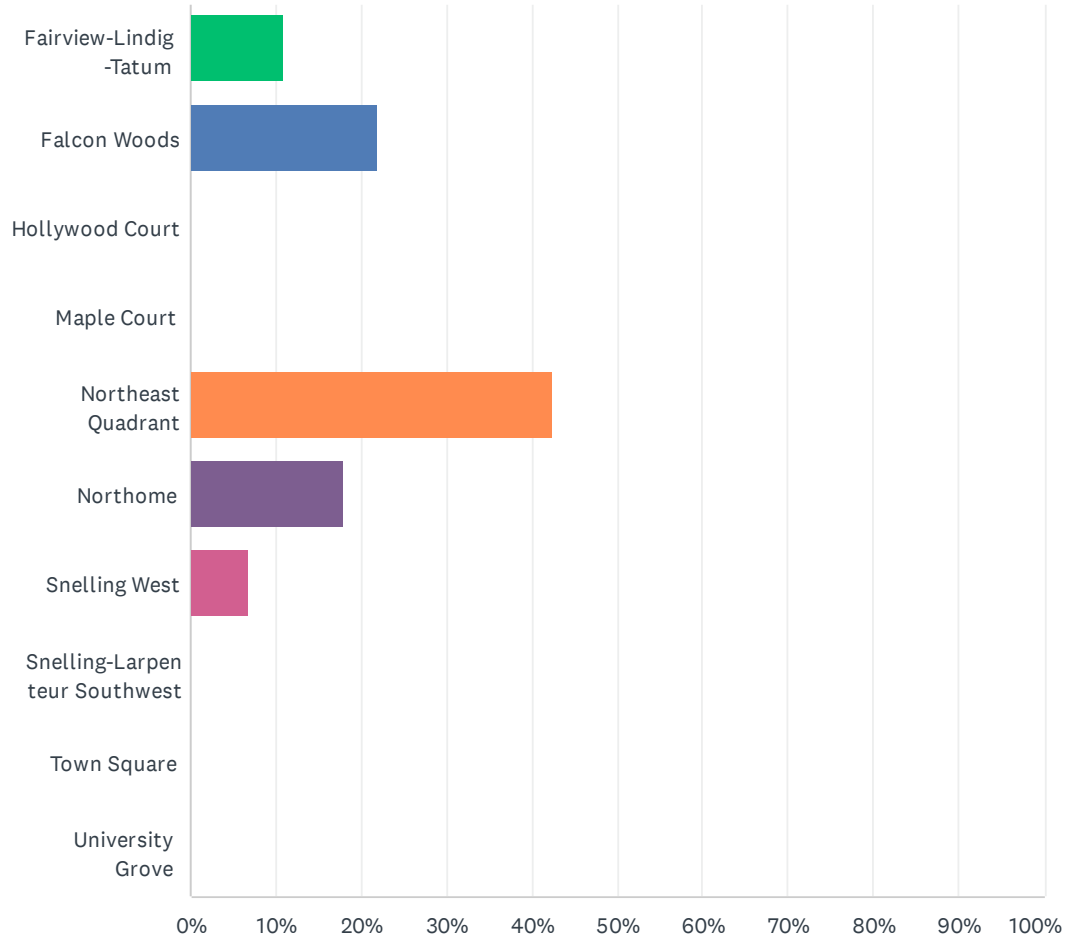
Answered: 75 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	97.33% 73
No	2.67% 2
Total Respondents: 75	

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

Answered: 73 Skipped: 2



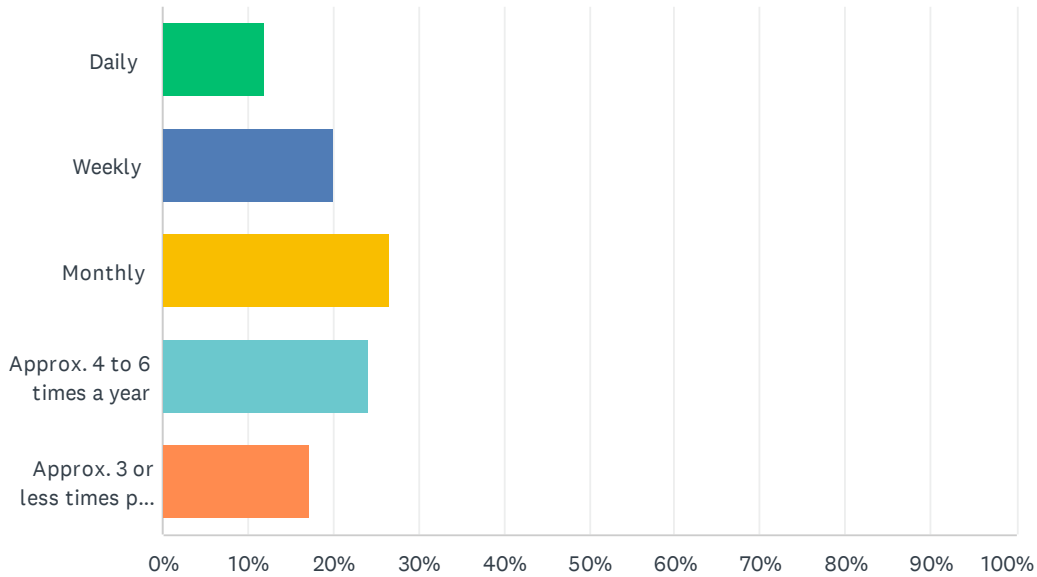


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Fairview-Lindig-Tatum	10.96%	8
Falcon Woods	21.92%	16
Hollywood Court	0.00%	0
Maple Court	0.00%	0
Northeast Quadrant	42.47%	31
Northome	17.81%	13
Snelling West	6.85%	5
Snelling-Larpenteur Southwest	0.00%	0
Town Square	0.00%	0
University Grove	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 73		

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

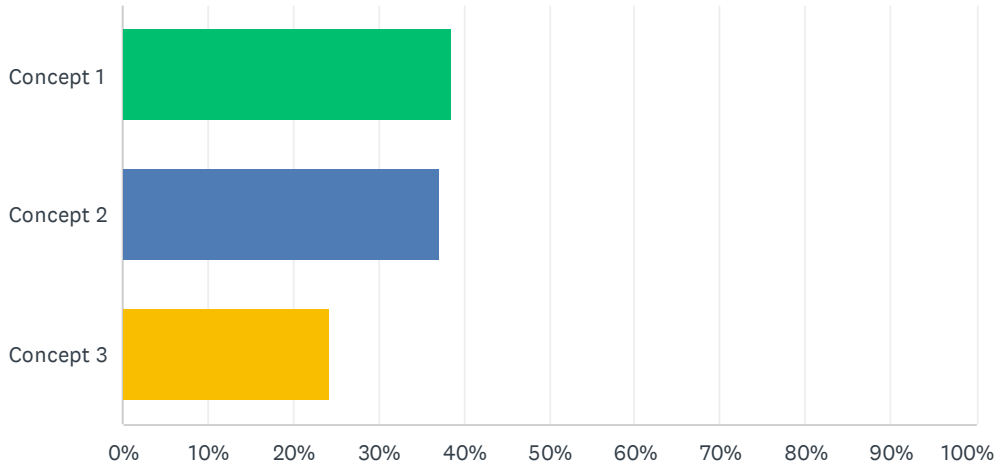
Answered: 75 Skipped: 0






ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	12.00%	9
Weekly	20.00%	15
Monthly	26.67%	20
Approx. 4 to 6 times a year	24.00%	18
Approx. 3 or less times per year	17.33%	13
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>75</b>

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: 70 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
 Concept 1	38.57% 27
 Concept 2	37.14% 26
 Concept 3	24.29% 17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70</b>

#	ADD COMMENT	DATE
1	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
2	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
3	Dislike option 1. Splash pad and playground need adjacency to bathroom and parking.	11/29/2023 2:25 PM
4	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
5	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
6	Concept 1 is preferred because it keeps "installed" buildings and play activities together	11/27/2023 6:25 PM

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(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.

7	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
8	like having some flex lawn near the parking area - that can be used for other activities.	11/27/2023 4:43 PM
9	What is hard play court? If pickleball too noisy and close to existing houses.	11/27/2023 4:20 PM
10	Like the larger flex lawn area, and playground needs to be within eyesight of the building	11/27/2023 4:12 PM
11	No basketball courts	11/27/2023 4:03 PM
12	Safer to keep the splash pad and playground further from the parking lot	11/25/2023 8:07 AM
13	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
14	All these look good to me.	11/22/2023 8:28 PM
15	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
16	Please fence the playground/splash pad!	11/21/2023 8:34 PM
17	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
18	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
19	Don't like any of them, where is the disc golf course?	11/21/2023 5:04 PM
20	Where is the pickle all?	11/21/2023 4:08 PM
21	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
22	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
23	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
24	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
25	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
26	love the addition of a splashpad! please include a park design with multiple swings and monkey bars	11/20/2023 6:18 PM
27	I think that the splash pad doesn't seem all that important	11/20/2023 6:14 PM
28	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	11/20/2023 5:37 PM

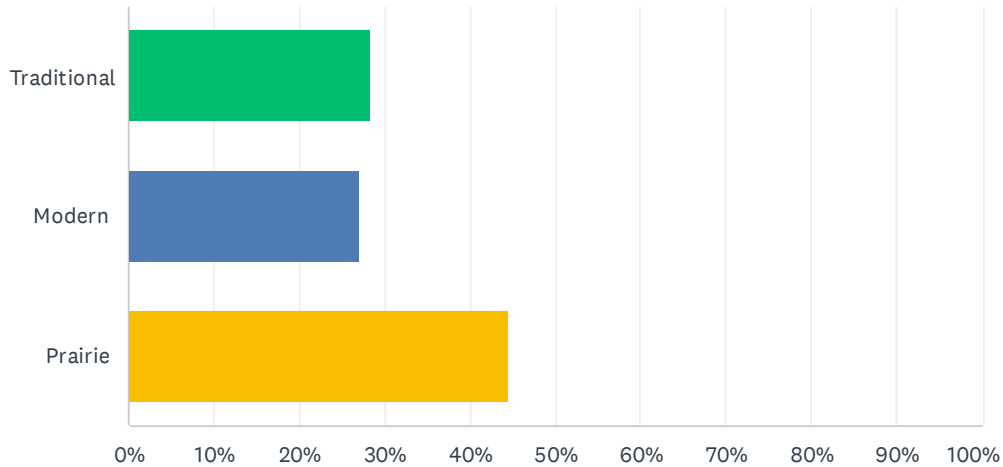
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splash pads. In short, I think the added cost of the splash pad would be better saved or used elsewhere in the project.

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## 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: 74 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
 Traditional	28.38%	21
 Modern	27.03%	20
 Prairie	44.59%	33
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>74</b>

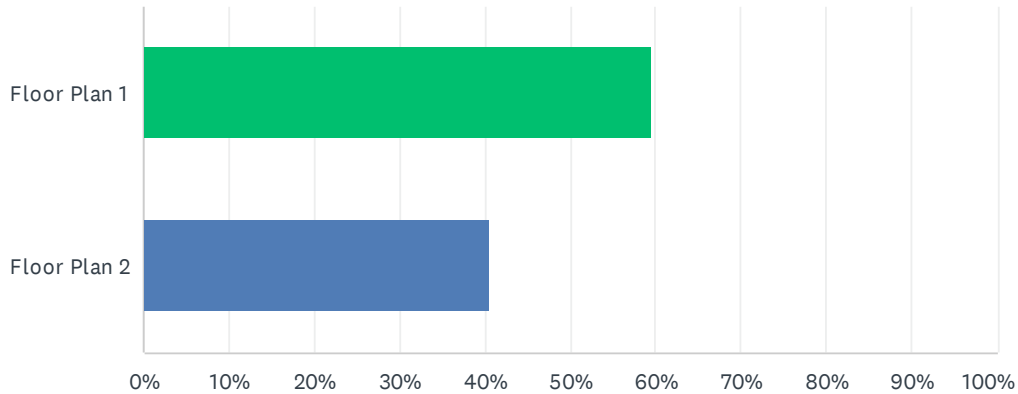
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1	The traditional style looks more natural and fitting for a park. Also, I think that generally, flat rooftops are a bad idea in Minnesota. (snow load and leaky roofs)	11/30/2023 3:06 PM
2	Keep it simple. Critical for maintenance reasons. Less is best.	11/29/2023 5:15 PM
3	The modern option fits with many homes in FH and I like Prairie second	11/28/2023 12:58 PM
4	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
5	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
6	Prefer traditional but with organic, natural building	11/27/2023 6:25 PM
7	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
8	Prairie style would be a good fit to the environment.	11/22/2023 8:28 PM



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9	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
10	We live in a traditional neighborhood we should stick with the look of the neighborhood	11/21/2023 5:04 PM
11	Which ever is cheapest.	11/21/2023 4:08 PM
12	They are all good. Less maintenance and most interior light is best.	11/21/2023 11:01 AM
13	Also like the prairie style	11/21/2023 9:54 AM
14	I like the windows of modern and the connection to the natural environment/outdoors of prairie.	11/20/2023 8:31 PM
15	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
16	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: 69 Skipped: 6



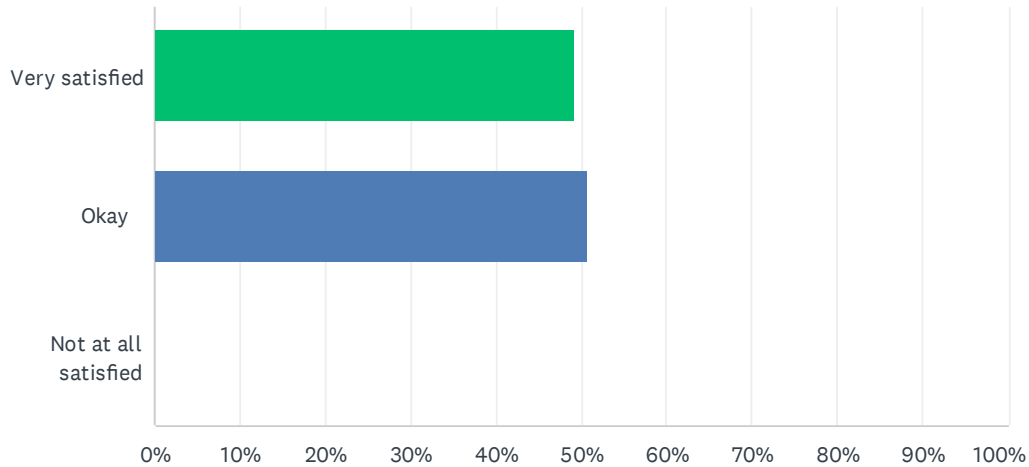
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
 Floor Plan 1	59.42% 41
 Floor Plan 2	40.58% 28
TOTAL	69

#	ADD COMMENT	DATE
1	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
2	Both work. Prefer layout of option 1. Like 3 exterior main entry points on option 2.	11/29/2023 2:25 PM
3	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
4	Don't have strong opinions on the layout	11/28/2023 12:58 PM
5	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
6	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
7	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
8	Prefer whichever model preserves the most mature trees.	11/21/2023 12:47 PM
9	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: 63 Skipped: 12



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	49.21%	31
Okay	50.79%	32
Not at all satisfied	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>63</b>

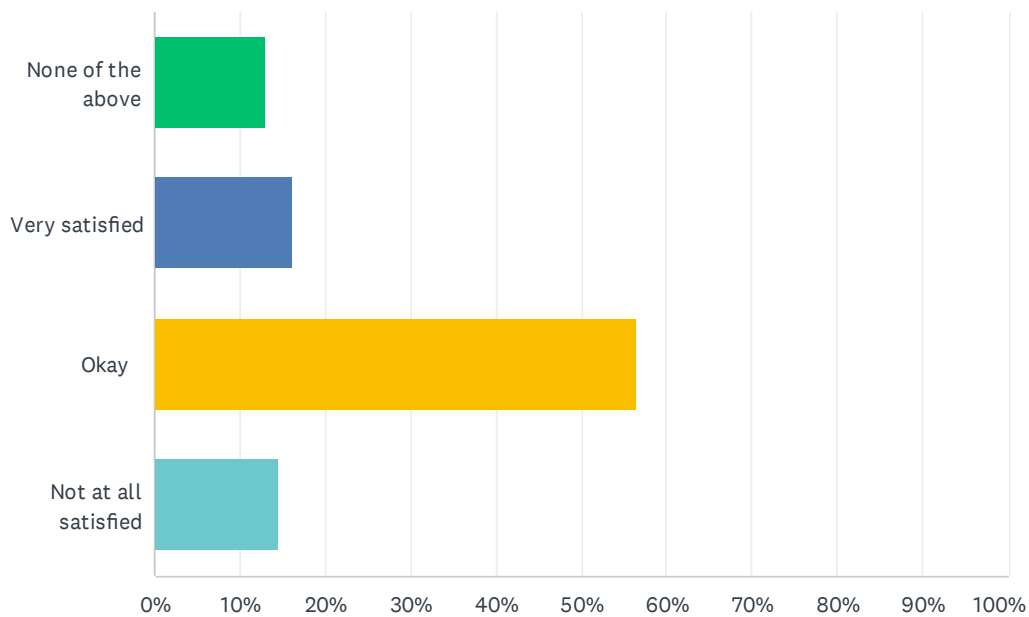
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1	The exercise equipment needs to be updated though.	11/30/2023 3:06 PM
2	Do not use/know about them	11/29/2023 2:47 PM
3	Did not know Community Park had walking trails.	11/28/2023 12:55 PM
4	We enjoy walking around them with our dogs. We just wish there were more garbage spots and / or pet stops!	11/27/2023 7:05 PM
5	More tree coverage would be nice. The trail can be quite sunny/windy at times.	11/27/2023 6:40 PM
6	Must keep and maintain the natural walking trails in the south of the park	11/27/2023 6:25 PM
7	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
8	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
9	The trails are great. Best part of the park.	11/23/2023 9:50 AM
10	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
11	I love walking on the trails weekly, sometimes multiple times a week.	11/21/2023 8:18 PM
12	Great trail, however, around the pond, it will erode with heavy rain. Please look at the	11/21/2023 5:17 PM

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	pavement used around east side of Keller Lake off 36/61.	
13	Don't like the dirt path would prefer another material	11/21/2023 4:58 PM
14	Limited space	11/21/2023 4:08 PM
15	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
16	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
17	Wish they were wider and either paved or better covered; paths get gross and muddy easy	11/21/2023 9:54 AM
18	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: 62 Skipped: 13



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
None of the above	12.90% 8
Very satisfied	16.13% 10
Okay	56.45% 35
Not at all satisfied	14.52% 9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62</b>

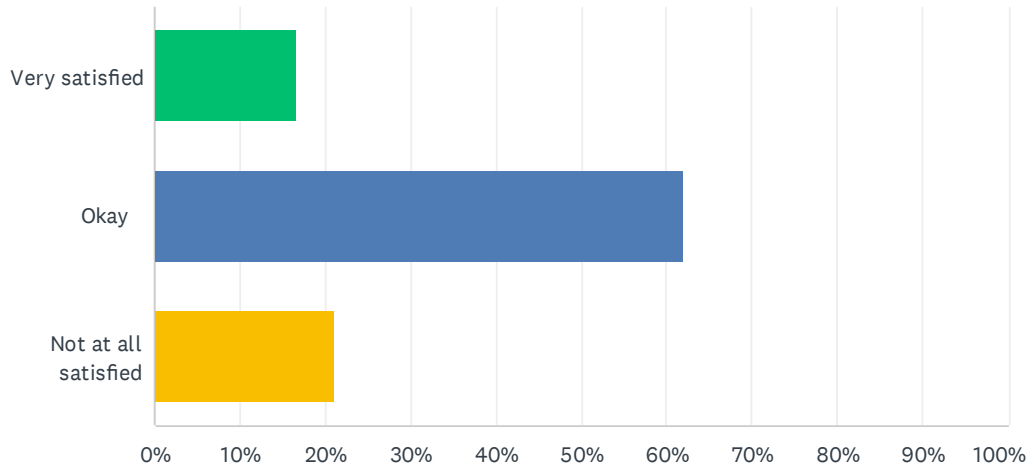
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1	It is nice if there are some things that would physically challenge older kids as well 10-12 yr olds. Many playgrounds are designed for very small children only.	11/30/2023 3:06 PM
2	Do not use/ know about playground	11/29/2023 2:47 PM
3	My kids 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
4	Have never used it	11/27/2023 9:39 PM
5	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
6	N/A	11/27/2023 6:25 PM
7	dont know	11/27/2023 4:43 PM
8	No kids	11/27/2023 4:00 PM
9	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

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10	Needs to be updated for accessibility	11/23/2023 2:55 PM
11	Don't use it	11/22/2023 8:28 PM
12	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
13	Please check out the new Shoreview playground. Amazing!	11/21/2023 5:17 PM
14	Needs a fence	11/21/2023 3:21 PM
15	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
16	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
17	N/a	11/20/2023 8:31 PM
18	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: 66 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	16.67%	11
Okay	62.12%	41
Not at all satisfied	21.21%	14
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>66</b>

#	ADDITIONAL COMMENT:	DATE
1	I'm not a huge fan of lots of parking, but community park could use a bit more.	11/30/2023 3:06 PM
2	Fine when the park isn't busy but quickly gets crowded when there is an event or game	11/28/2023 12:58 PM
3	I have never been to Community Park.	11/28/2023 12:55 PM
4	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
5	I walk so don't use the lot	11/27/2023 4:00 PM
6	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
7	(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
8	Overflow parking goes on Autumn and Moore St. Parking needed.	11/21/2023 5:17 PM
9	See a lot of people who park on the street during events	11/21/2023 4:58 PM

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10	Seems like there could be more, also gets used during u of mn soccer games	11/20/2023 8:31 PM
11	But I don't like the length of the longest parking lot.	11/20/2023 5:37 PM
12	Need paving.	11/20/2023 9:10 AM

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

Answered: 65 Skipped: 10

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Community Gardens	11/30/2023 8:10 PM
2	Easy accessibility from major roads and the walking trail.	11/30/2023 3:06 PM
3	Ice Cream Socials! Christmas tree sales! Perhaps even a mini-Christmas market?	11/30/2023 1:40 AM
4	The multifunctional uses of the space	11/29/2023 11:24 PM
5	location, expansive fields and walking trails	11/29/2023 8:58 PM
6	Walking paths. Community garden.	11/29/2023 5:15 PM
7	Community building--nice to have for events.	11/29/2023 2:47 PM
8	Open fields and playground	11/29/2023 2:25 PM
9	Big space with room to walk and roam in a natural setting.	11/28/2023 11:08 PM
10	All the amenities- playground, tennis, basketball and soccer and baseball fields	11/28/2023 12:58 PM
11	Community garden, proximity of the playground to the parking lot, great trails, and the pond.	11/28/2023 6:11 AM
12	Green space and walking path	11/28/2023 5:35 AM
13	Walking path, tennis courts, very pleasant natural surroundings, it is peaceful there	11/27/2023 11:54 PM
14	gathering outside the shelter for lunch, and the walking trails	11/27/2023 9:39 PM
15	The walking paths & trails. Open green spaces, the back prairie area.	11/27/2023 7:05 PM
16	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
17	The community garden and natural space in the south part of the park.	11/27/2023 6:25 PM
18	I like the large amount of flexible green space available for sports, and other activities.	11/27/2023 5:31 PM
19	being able to host a number of different type of events.	11/27/2023 4:43 PM
20	Proximity	11/27/2023 4:21 PM
21	Walking and nature paths. Like to see spaces used.	11/27/2023 4:20 PM
22	Location, mature trees with natural vegetation	11/27/2023 4:12 PM
23	Nature trails, tennis courts, community garden and open fields	11/27/2023 4:03 PM
24	The trail.	11/27/2023 4:00 PM
25	Walking trails	11/27/2023 3:41 PM
26	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
27	Enough room to handle many activities simultaneously without crowds bumping into each other	11/26/2023 9:49 AM
28	Walking trail that goes around perimeter of park.	11/25/2023 12:03 PM

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29	Ease of access, trails, playground	11/25/2023 8:07 AM
30	Trails	11/23/2023 5:49 PM
31	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
32	Community garden, green and natural spaces.	11/22/2023 8:28 PM
33	Trail and natural feel, lots of green space, area for community gardens	11/22/2023 5:49 PM
34	Trails and parkland	11/22/2023 2:17 PM
35	The playground	11/22/2023 1:26 PM
36	The community garden is awesome.	11/22/2023 9:38 AM
37	Community garden and walking trails close to my home.	11/22/2023 8:09 AM
38	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
39	Paths to explore with things to find and areas to sit in nature	11/21/2023 8:34 PM
40	Walking trails (and watching the birds that are around the trails), open field space	11/21/2023 8:18 PM
41	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
42	We use the playground and trails.	11/21/2023 7:48 PM
43	Tennis courts, has a building	11/21/2023 7:47 PM
44	Nature that is close to home	11/21/2023 7:24 PM
45	The trails and nature are so beautiful! Very safe area!	11/21/2023 5:17 PM
46	I love the wide open field and all the nature around the paths	11/21/2023 4:58 PM
47	Trails meander through natural environment (reeds, pond, trees).	11/21/2023 3:41 PM
48	The walking path around the pond	11/21/2023 3:21 PM
49	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
50	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
51	The location	11/21/2023 12:03 PM
52	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
53	The mix of man made structures and native areas, pond, green areas.	11/21/2023 10:58 AM
54	Shade by playground	11/21/2023 10:10 AM
55	Having a nature path and adult workout gym pieces	11/21/2023 9:54 AM
56	Low traffic area compared to other city parks.	11/21/2023 9:48 AM
57	Access to green space and nature	11/21/2023 9:45 AM
58	The walking trail	11/21/2023 9:34 AM
59	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
60	The playground. Lots of swings! shaded benches near the playground.	11/20/2023 6:18 PM
61	Trails , community gardens, playgrounds , picnic shelters , both, Trees. Natural terrain	11/20/2023 6:14 PM
62	Trails	11/20/2023 6:06 PM



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63	Green space and outdoor feel with walking path	11/20/2023 6:03 PM
64	Proximity to the neighborhood where I live, and the amount of green space and trees there are.	11/20/2023 5:37 PM
65	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: 58 Skipped: 17

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	no functional building/restrooms	11/30/2023 8:10 PM
2	The building of course. The playground.	11/30/2023 3:06 PM
3	Bring back the skating rinks.	11/30/2023 1:40 AM
4	The current state doesn't feel playful	11/29/2023 11:24 PM
5	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
6	No bathroom and limited parking	11/29/2023 2:25 PM
7	Building being unusable, playground isn't in good shape	11/28/2023 11:08 PM
8	Aging building	11/28/2023 12:58 PM
9	Unusable building restrooms, no splash pad in FH.	11/28/2023 6:11 AM
10	The building has been condemned and can't be used. Narrow parking lot.	11/28/2023 5:35 AM
11	The portapotty	11/27/2023 11:54 PM
12	the lack of parking at events	11/27/2023 9:39 PM
13	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
14	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
15	Landscaping	11/27/2023 6:25 PM
16	it looks run down	11/27/2023 4:43 PM
17	Gaps in tennis court fence let balls through. Needs some updating.	11/27/2023 4:21 PM
18	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
19	Parking	11/27/2023 4:12 PM
20	The trails could be in better shape	11/27/2023 4:03 PM
21	Poor surface on the trail	11/27/2023 4:00 PM
22	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
23	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
24	Tennis courts should include pickleball.	11/25/2023 12:03 PM
25	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
26	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

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27	The old building!	11/22/2023 8:28 PM
28	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
29	The park building is far away from the playground	11/22/2023 1:26 PM
30	The big groups of people playing soccer who park in unsafe ways.	11/22/2023 9:38 AM
31	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
32	The playground equipment is dated and the bathroom is often locked.	11/21/2023 8:34 PM
33	Broken ground in parking lot	11/21/2023 8:34 PM
34	Outdated/unusable building, picnic areas	11/21/2023 8:18 PM
35	The signs within the park that note exercise route and flora of interest are in disrepair.	11/21/2023 8:07 PM
36	No real bathrooms. The abandoned building is for sure an eye sore.	11/21/2023 7:48 PM
37	Parking and playground	11/21/2023 7:47 PM
38	Just needs updates	11/21/2023 7:24 PM
39	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
40	The paths they leave my dogs paws full of dirt	11/21/2023 4:58 PM
41	Parking can be tight at times.	11/21/2023 3:41 PM
42	No fence around playground	11/21/2023 3:21 PM
43	Parking lot could use improvement.	11/21/2023 12:47 PM
44	Rocks/wood chips.	11/21/2023 12:32 PM
45	The park	11/21/2023 12:03 PM
46	Bldg of course. Trail seems disconnected from surrounding entities?	11/21/2023 11:01 AM
47	Overflow parking into the neighborhoods	11/21/2023 10:58 AM
48	Playground is old and run down	11/21/2023 10:10 AM
49	The path gets really muddy and had to use in winter	11/21/2023 9:54 AM
50	Over crowded sometimes.	11/21/2023 9:48 AM
51	No complaints! :)	11/21/2023 9:45 AM
52	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
53	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
54	no place to use the bathroom	11/20/2023 6:18 PM
55	Parking lot, building , portable toilet.lighting as there isnt enough	11/20/2023 6:14 PM
56	Community center	11/20/2023 6:06 PM
57	minimal parking, condemned park building, no water features for kids, no picnic tables	11/20/2023 6:03 PM
58	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: 64 Skipped: 11

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Building w/restrooms and Playground	11/30/2023 8:10 PM
2	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
3	Ice skating rinks. Picnic Pavillons.	11/30/2023 1:40 AM
4	Water station for humans and dogs	11/29/2023 11:24 PM
5	pickle ball court	11/29/2023 8:58 PM
6	A splash pad would be fun.	11/29/2023 5:15 PM
7	Skating rink or other winter activity, larger and/or sheltered picnic area	11/29/2023 2:25 PM
8	New playground, splash pad, indoor play space would also be AMAZING in the winter	11/28/2023 11:08 PM
9	Adding a splash pad sounds great!	11/28/2023 12:58 PM
10	Splash pad! Improved playground equipment would be great, too.	11/28/2023 6:11 AM
11	Splash pad and new modern accessible playground.	11/28/2023 5:35 AM
12	A performance area	11/27/2023 9:39 PM
13	Splash pad, playground	11/27/2023 8:20 PM
14	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
15	Playground and park building	11/27/2023 6:40 PM
16	- 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
17	I like the current amenities	11/27/2023 5:31 PM
18	Splash pad would be great for kids.	11/27/2023 4:21 PM
19	Basketball court Compliant playground	11/27/2023 4:20 PM
20	Renting the building for family reunion, and regularly scheduled music performances in the shell.	11/27/2023 4:12 PM
21	The building	11/27/2023 4:03 PM

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22	No opinion	11/27/2023 4:00 PM
23	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
24	Exercise stations, EV charging station	11/25/2023 12:03 PM
25	Much bigger playground, splash pad!	11/25/2023 8:07 AM
26	Splash pad	11/23/2023 2:55 PM
27	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
28	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
29	Splash pad Playground that includes a structure for upper elementary kids, such as a zip line	11/22/2023 5:49 PM
30	Wish we could have pickleball and ice skating	11/22/2023 2:17 PM
31	Splash pad	11/22/2023 1:26 PM
32	The city has to budget for trees. Many will likely be taken down for construction.	11/22/2023 9:38 AM
33	Pickleball, outdoor sheltered seating, indoor quiet area	11/22/2023 8:09 AM
34	Pickle ball.	11/21/2023 10:09 PM
35	Playground, splash pad	11/21/2023 8:34 PM
36	Roofed gazebos	11/21/2023 8:34 PM
37	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
38	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
39	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
40	Playground, basketball	11/21/2023 7:47 PM
41	Splashpad Pickleball	11/21/2023 7:24 PM
42	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
43	Disc golf course	11/21/2023 5:04 PM
44	I would love an ice skating rink and new athletic parts	11/21/2023 4:58 PM
45	Pickle all, Fire pit	11/21/2023 4:08 PM
46	I don't have any specific opinions here. I mostly just walk on the trails.	11/21/2023 3:41 PM
47	Fence around playground. Water feature in the splash area that allows kids to build dams, bridges and ponds	11/21/2023 3:21 PM
48	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
49	Playground and splash pad	11/21/2023 12:42 PM

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50	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
51	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
52	Definitely basketball Maybe a pool	11/21/2023 12:03 PM
53	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
54	Outdoor seating/grilling areas for group gatherings	11/21/2023 10:58 AM
55	Splash pad, updated playground	11/21/2023 10:10 AM
56	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
57	Splash pad with a wading pool.	11/21/2023 9:48 AM
58	Restrooms, obviously (which will be remedied in the new building). Exterior access to drinking water.	11/21/2023 9:45 AM
59	Play equipment, splash pad (falcon heights is aging, these might attract younger families into the area)	11/20/2023 8:31 PM
60	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
61	Exercise equipment needs new paint. Reuse some of the playground equipment, diggers. Etc.	11/20/2023 6:14 PM
62	Basketball court Playground	11/20/2023 6:06 PM
63	splash pad and basketball court	11/20/2023 6:03 PM
64	Outdoor picnic shelter.	11/20/2023 5:37 PM

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

Answered: 38 Skipped: 37

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More programming for kids and/or families offered	11/30/2023 8:10 PM
2	Proper upkeep of the equipment.	11/30/2023 3:06 PM
3	More and better spaces for kids to play!	11/28/2023 11:08 PM
4	Easier parking	11/28/2023 12:58 PM
5	Bathrooms!	11/28/2023 6:11 AM
6	New building and modern playground	11/28/2023 5:35 AM
7	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
8	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
9	Fixing tennis court. Bike racks.	11/27/2023 4:21 PM
10	I appreciate the emphasis on a designing a whole new community building with updated features and amenities.	11/27/2023 4:12 PM
11	Not applicable	11/27/2023 4:00 PM
12	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 us 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
13	Put up dog poop bag stations. They don't cost much and will help people pick up.	11/23/2023 9:50 AM
14	Would love to see more music or art activities at the new building.	11/22/2023 8:28 PM
15	Building that isn't condemned and such an eyesore	11/22/2023 5:49 PM
16	A shorter parking lot. Entrance in one way and exit one way.	11/22/2023 1:26 PM
17	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
18	Please consider adding shade and comfortable and ample seating around the park.	11/21/2023 8:34 PM
19	Open bathrooms and water fountains	11/21/2023 8:34 PM
20	I very much appreciate the maintenance of the trails. Warnings about Dogs off leash and noise levels are two issues that should be continued to be considered and communicated as the new design moves forward.	11/21/2023 8:07 PM
21	Don't go overboard. It's a nice park as it is. It just needs a little TLC.	11/21/2023 7:48 PM
22	More parking	11/21/2023 7:47 PM
23	No suggestions	11/21/2023 7:24 PM
24	Beautiful park. Colin and your maintenance crew do a wonderful job!	11/21/2023 5:17 PM
25	Disc golf course	11/21/2023 5:04 PM
26	Have some more events at the park and maybe add an ice skating rink.	11/21/2023 4:58 PM

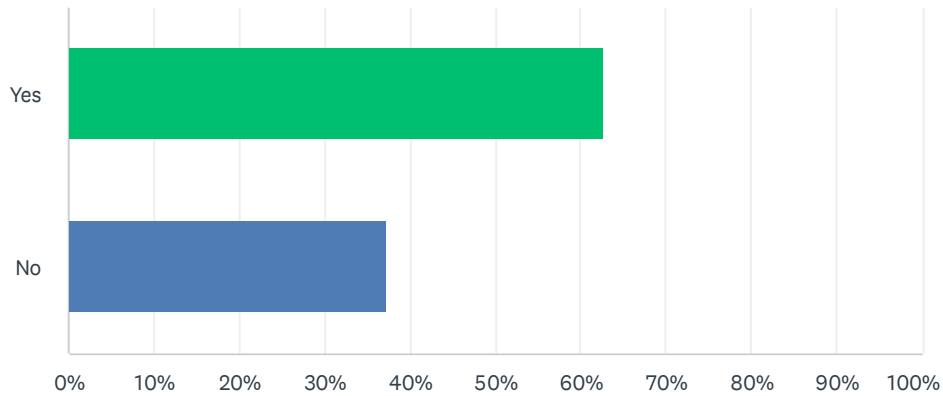
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27	Unrealistic, but move it so that it is closer to the majority of residents of Falcon Heights. It is closer to many Roseville residents.	11/21/2023 4:08 PM
28	Just refreshing everything would go a long ways.	11/21/2023 3:41 PM
29	Year round bathroom access	11/21/2023 3:21 PM
30	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
31	Bathrooms that are open all the time.	11/21/2023 12:32 PM
32	A pool	11/21/2023 12:03 PM
33	New bldg will go a long way...	11/21/2023 11:01 AM
34	Improving the nature trail	11/21/2023 9:54 AM
35	Make the building available for private events.	11/21/2023 9:48 AM
36	programming for all four seasons	11/20/2023 8:31 PM
37	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
38	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?

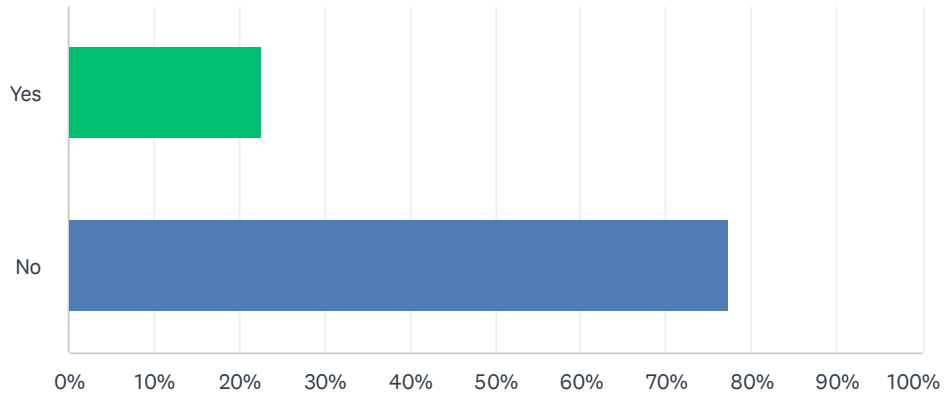
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	62.67%	47
No	37.33%	28
TOTAL		75

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

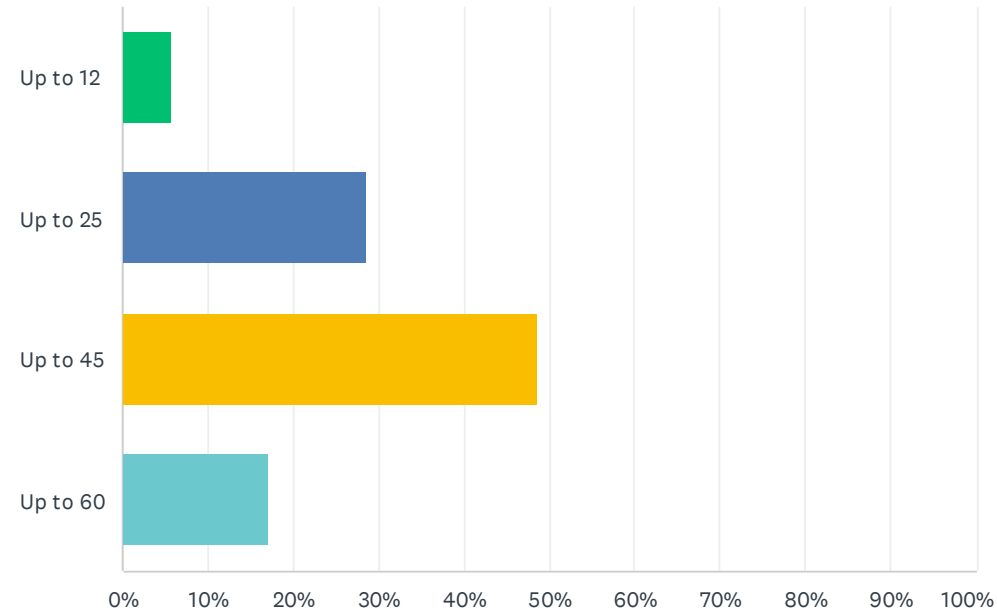
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	22.67%	17
No	77.33%	58
TOTAL		75

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

Answered: 70 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Up to 12	5.71% 4
Up to 25	28.57% 20
Up to 45	48.57% 34
Up to 60	17.14% 12
TOTAL	70

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	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
2	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
3	25-40	11/22/2023 1:26 PM
4	Not too big, please!	11/22/2023 8:09 AM

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

Answered: 32 Skipped: 43

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	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
2	Looking forward to a wonderfully improved park.	11/30/2023 3:06 PM
3	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
4	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
5	If an indoor playground or gym could be a possibility it would be so wonderful.	11/28/2023 11:08 PM
6	Incorporate native plantings and other environmental plantings where possible	11/28/2023 12:58 PM
7	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
8	- 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
9	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
10	Enjoy the friendliness and accessibility of this community park. Especially the walking path.	11/27/2023 4:20 PM
11	We are residents of Arizona, but also rent an apartment at The Hendrickson Senior Living.	11/27/2023 4:12 PM
12	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
13	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
14	NO PICKLEBALL	11/23/2023 9:50 AM
15	Look forward to the new park! Thanks for all your planning!	11/22/2023 8:28 PM
16	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

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17	Fenced in playground :)	11/22/2023 1:26 PM
18	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
19	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
20	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
21	I am very excited to know that we are updating the park. Thank you!	11/21/2023 8:18 PM
22	Thanks very much for facilitating the collection of input and thank you for your work!	11/21/2023 8:07 PM
23	No but thanks for the opportunity to share my thoughts.	11/21/2023 7:24 PM
24	Perhaps a couple Frisbee rings- which would be for all ages	11/21/2023 5:17 PM
25	No	11/21/2023 3:41 PM
26	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
27	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
28	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
29	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
30	Looking forward to having a new functioning city park again!	11/20/2023 6:03 PM
31	Please reconsider the including the splash pad. I think it is wasteful and too small to be fun.	11/20/2023 5:37 PM
32	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: 18 Skipped: 57

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The City needs to be realistic about the actual usage of any park equipment/space/event usage, etc.	11/29/2023 5:15 PM
2	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
3	Love the idea of new playground and splash pad!	11/28/2023 11:08 PM
4	Retain walking path and add more amenities for children and young teens.	11/28/2023 5:35 AM
5	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
6	Thank you for requesting input into your decision-making!	11/27/2023 5:31 PM
7	We no longer have dependent children, but would use the park as grandparents when we are in MN.	11/27/2023 4:12 PM
8	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
9	Thank you for getting this started. I am excited to see the renovation.	11/23/2023 9:50 AM
10	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
11	Keep it small! Retain the quiet natural area.	11/22/2023 8:09 AM
12	Incorporate native plants in landscaping	11/21/2023 8:34 PM
13	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
14	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
15	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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16	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
17	Thanks for your work on this important city project!	11/20/2023 6:03 PM
18	At least one more bench on the other side of the pond (east) and along the walking trails.	11/20/2023 9:10 AM