



Appendix A: Community Workshop
Comments and Survey Results

Appendix A: Introduction

An online survey was posted independently and on the City website and Facebook Page from August 29, 2011 through October 5, 2011. It was also advertised through direct emails to email lists and announced in two front page articles with links in the Wenatchee World. Written comments included in this section are typed as they were written. Spelling, punctuation and grammar have not been corrected to maintain accuracy.

A.1 SURVEY RESULTS

1. How often in the past 12 months have you or members of your household visited a City of Wenatchee Park? City parks are: Chase, Centennial, Lincoln, Pioneer, Methow, Memorial, Pennsylvania, Saddle Rock, Washington, Rotary, Wenatchi, Western Hills, Locomotive, Skyline Drive Overlook.

0	0.0%
1-5	16.1%
6-10	29.0%
11-15	9.7%
15+	45.2%

2. How would you rank the general maintenance of the parks?

Excellent	25.8%
Good	54.8%
Fair	19.4%
Poor	0.0%
No Opinion	0.0%

3. In your opinion are additional parks needed?

Yes	56.7%
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No 43.3%

4. Please rank in order of importance the following projects:

	Top Priority	Second Most Important	Third Most Important	Fourth Most Important	Fifth Most Important
Build a community recreation center	14.3%	14.3%	28.6%	14.3%	14.3%
Improve picnic facilities	0.0%	11.1%	33.3%	22.2%	33.3%
Replace the City Pool with a new Aquatic Center	37.5%	37.5%	18.8%	6.3%	0.0%
Renovate Recreation Park	25.0%	50.0%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%
Construct outdoor tennis courts	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%
Build more soccer fields	66.0%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Construct additional splash pads	11.1%	22.2%	11.1%	44.4%	11.1%
Renovate the park wading pools	0.0%	14.3%	14.3%	28.6%	42.9%
Improve Park Maintenance	28.6%	0.0%	14.3%	42.9%	14.3%
Construct a dog off leash area	53.8%	7.7%	15.4%	7.7%	15.4%
Improve existing park areas	16.7%	16.7%	8.3%	25.0%	33.3%
Construct trails	6.7%	33.3%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%

Develop additional skate spots	0.0%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%
Construct Youth Baseball Fields	0.0%	25.0%	75.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Acquire neighborhood parks	18.2%	9.1%	36.4%	18.2%	18.2%
Protect additional open space areas	27.3%	27.3%	9.1%	9.1%	27.3%

- Maintain what you have
- Nature oriented play areas
- 18 hole disc golf course
- bmx bicycle track or trails/riding area
- Under the current economic circumstances and the ridiculous decisions by the city involving the Town Toyota Center (TTC), none of the above projects are important and should be put on hold until we have adequate leadership and the TTC has been appropriately dealt with

5. Would you be willing to pay additional property taxes to fund parks and recreation facilities and services? If so, how much you be willing to pay each year?

\$0	16.7%
\$24	20.0%
\$48	16.7%
\$60	10.0%
\$75	0.0%
\$100	26.7%
\$120	3.3%
\$150	3.3%
\$200	0.0%
\$250	0.0%

\$250+ 3.3%

6. What do you feel would be the best way to pay for the projects?

- Mix of user fee and a steady tax base
- The city has plenty of taxpayer money. The city has spent the money foolishly on the TTC. Why would we give them more money since they have failed in their fiduciary responsibilities?
- A special purpose district involving the greater Wenatchee-East Wenatchee area.
- Form a Metropolitan Park District.
- Charge admission-- nominal yearly fee for residents, more for visitors.
- Property Tax Increase
- Sales tax.
- I really don't care. I am willing to pay for them in any way. It is sad we have to drive to Moses Lake, Pendleton, Cashmere, or Chelan for a nice pool experience.
- A regional tax would be most appropriate as the community as a whole has the ability to enjoy all public parks. In addition to fees for use/reservation.
- property taxes
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- taxes
- revenue generated from hotel/motel tax, also local soccer clubs have offered to assist in the past with little to no interest from city/county
- Trails - volunteers, Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance, other user groups
- property taxes
- nothing they shouldn't do it we can't pay for what we have now.
- taxes and city money; adopt a park
- Metropolitan Parks District with taxing authority
- Create metro parks district
- Sell or default (bankruptcy) on the Town Toyota Center. To bad if this destroys the cities credit rating. The city should not be able to borrow any more monies for future projects especially with their poor history and inadequate leadership. Live within your means and knock off on asking the tax payer to pony up more cash with tax increases.
- Community donations (business and personal), property tax
- increase taxes on the wealthiest citizens

7. Have you or a member of your household participated in a City of Wenatchee Parks and Recreation Program in the Past year? Programs include: 4th of July Fireworks, Summer Concert Series, Movies in the Park, Halloween Carnival, Flake Festival, Youth Basketball, Youth Tennis, Skyhawks Sports Camp, Women's Volleyball, Hershey Track and Field, Special Needs Social Program, Special Olympics, After School Action, Summer Day Camp, Indoor Playground, Park Wading Pool Program, Rowing Camp, Show Shoe Hikes, Family Outdoor Adventures.

Yes 64.5%

No	35.5%
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8. If you answered yes to Question 7, how would you rank the general quality of the program?

Excellent	35.0%
Good	55.0%
Fair	10.0%
Poor	0.0%

9. Please rank the types of recreation programs the City provides in order of importance:

	Most Important					Least Important
Special Community Events (park concerts, fireworks etc.)	16.0%	24.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	12.0%
Aquatics (swimming lessons)	28.0%	16.0%	12.0%	24.0%	16.0%	4.0%
Athletics (youth basketball, sports camps etc.)	16.0%	16.0%	40.0%	12.0%	12.0%	4.0%
Special Needs Programs (Special Olympics, social program)	8.3%	16.7%	12.5%	20.8%	16.7%	25.0%
Youth Recreation (day camp, after school program etc.)	29.2%	20.8%	8.3%	20.8%	12.5%	8.3%
Outdoor Programs (show shoe hikes, wading pool program etc.)	7.7%	11.5%	15.4%	7.7%	23.1%	34.6%

10. What are your improvement ideas for the Parks and Recreation Department?

- Develop a rec program. The current options are club sport and can be cost prohibitive
- There is no money. The city foolishly spent it. Try to maintain what you have.
- Buy or trade Recreation Park with the Wenatchee School District and remodel it. Move the Wenatchee AppleSox into that facility and charge an admissions tax per person to help pay for it.
- Keep it up. You are doing an excellent job w/ limited funds. Love the special events. Would be willing to have a tax hike-- these are such an important part of our lives. Our parks look dated and some are downright shabby. We need to show more community pride through our parks, and we need more small parks in more neighborhoods.
- It would be nice for the wading pools to be open rotating/more/different hours that would accommodate parents who both work an 8-5 job. We don't get to utilize this service. Should be available to EVERYONE, not just those that don't work/have night or weekend jobs... It's a service you don't make available to everyone.
- Make the loop trail safer Keep Saddlerock wild; don't require leashes.
- lighting, safety, repairs/maintenance, parking
- Turn wading pool areas into splash pads (been done in Tacoma) and allow them to be open all day instead of only when lifeguards are present.
- Stop trying to develop everything. Just let it be natural. There is already too many people up there right now. Kids partying and people sleeping not good. If you want to do something just clean it up from all the people that camp up there and make a mess.
- more appropriate nature oriented play equipment, Rotary and Methow play equipment does not seem fun for kids
- keep up the good work.
- 1. Just maintain what we have. 2. If unable, restructure city organization and layoff unnecessary employees (This is what the private sector does to streamline and remain a viable business). 3. If still not viable, temporarily shut down least important programs until fiscally able. 4. Do not go to the tax payer for more revenue. We are tapped out!!
- Flat dedicated soccer fields, more xeriscaping, more action oriented parks. We are in a fabulous area for outdoor activity
- improve the play structures for children...Avalon and Spencer Butte Parks in Eugene, OR are excellent example of parks this city desperately needs -- research/visit them when you get the chance. And thank you for asking/considering

A2. PUBLIC MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan was discussed at multiple public meetings and Workshops throughout the year. The meetings and workshops were advertised on the radio, newspaper and city web site. The following is a listing of the meetings:

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meetings

May 17, 2011

June 21, 2011

July 19, 2011

August 16, 2011
September 20, 2011
October 18, 2011
November 15, 2011
December 20, 2011

Comprehensive Plan Workshops

September 14, 2011
September 26, 2011
September 27, 2011
September 29, 2011

Planning Commission Meeting

November 15, 2011

City Council Work Session and Meeting

November 3, 2011
January 5, 2012
January 12, 2012

The following is a tabulation of comments received during the plan workshops.

- Saddle Rock parking blocks gate.
- Bicycles are an issue and shouldn't be allowed on Saddle Rock
- Need to implement the skate system master plan
- Leash laws in parks are not enforced.
- Construct a dog off leash area
- Dogs must be on leash at Saddle Rock.
- Dog owners can be verbally abusive
- Parking lot at Circle Street should have limited parking time
- Gang activity, vandalism and graffiti at Saddlerock.
- Saddle rock users are dangerous for Appleatchee
- Rotary Park is awesome
- There should be another water feature in town
- Disc golf and shelter are good
- City needs to stop using children to raise money
- Add a restroom to Locomotive Park.
- Complete circulation plan at Linden Tree Park including an urban connector, parking plan for annex building, dock study for safety boat use and rowing shell access.
- Develop long term lease with Wenatchee Row and Paddle Club for building at end of 5th Street to allow for long term planning and upgrading.