

Cameron Park Community Services District  
2502 Country Club Drive  
Cameron Park, CA 95682



**Parks & Recreation Committee**  
**Monday, July 6, 2020**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**TELECONFERENCE ZOOM MEETING**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82482169670>

**Meeting ID: 824 8216 9670**

(Teleconference/Electronic Meeting Protocols are attached)

**Agenda**

Members: Chair Director Ellie Wooten (EW), Vice Chair Director Felicity Carlson (FC)  
Alternate Director Holly Morrison (HM)

Staff: General Manager Jill Ritzman, Recreation Supervisor Whitney Kahn,  
Parks Superintendent Mike Grassle

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF CONFORMED AGENDA**

**OPEN FORUM**

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**DEPARTMENT MATTERS**

- 1. Report Back - Park Improvement Plan, Survey Results, and Funding Strategies (J. Ritzman, Callander Associates)**

**2. Pickleball Concerns (M. Grassle)**

**3. Staff Oral & Written Updates**

- a. Parks & Facilities Report (M. Grassle)
  - Fishing line debris
- b. Recreation Report (W. Kahn)

**4. Items for August & Future Committee Agendas**

**5. Items to take to the Board of Directors**

**MATTERS TO AND FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**ADJOURNMENT**



# Teleconference/Electronic Meeting Protocols

## Cameron Park Community Services District

(Effective April 2, 2020)

*WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsome proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and*

*WHEREAS, March 17, 2020, Governor Newsome issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending parts of the Brown Act that required in-person attendance of Board members and citizens at public meetings; and*

*WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsome issued Executive Order N-33-20 directing most individuals to shelter at home or at their place of residence.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, the Cameron Park Community Services District will implement the following protocols for its Board and committee meetings.*

The guidance below provides useful information for accessing Cameron Park Community Services District (“District”) meetings remotely and establishing protocols for productive meetings.

### **BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

- **Attendance.** Board and Committee Members should attend District meetings remotely from their homes, offices, or an alternative off-site location. As per the Governor’s updated Executive Order N-29-20, there is no longer a requirement to post agendas at or identify the address of these locations.
- **Agendas.** Agenda packages will be made available on the District’s website. They will also be sent by email to all Board and Committee Members. Note that under the circumstances, District staff may not be able to send paper packets.
- **Board and Committee Member Participation.** Meeting Chair(s) will recognize individual Board and Committee Members and unmute their device so that comments may be heard or will read comments if they are provided in writing only.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

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We anticipate that this process of moving to remote meetings will likely include some challenges. Please bear with us as we navigate this process.

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**DEPARTMENT MATTERS**

**1. Presentation – Draft Park Improvement Plan** (Callander Associates)

- *Reviewed and discussed options for park improvements funding strategies. Committee provided feedback on project priorities. Bring back to Committee in June.*

**2. Staff Oral & Written Updates**

- a. Parks & Facilities Report (M. Grassle)
- b. Recreation Report (W. Kahn)

**3. Items for June & Future Committee Agendas**

- *Park Improvement and Implementation Plan*

**4. Items to take to the Board of Directors**

**MATTERS TO AND FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**ADJOURNMENT** – 8:30pm



## Agenda Transmittal

**DATE:** July 6, 2020

**FROM:** Jill Ritzman, General Manager

**AGENDA ITEM #1:** **REPORT BACK – PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN, SURVEY RESULTS AND FUNDING STRATEGIES**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** **PROVIDE INPUT FOR THE PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN, PROJECT PRIORITIES, AND A FUNDING STRATEGY**

### **Introduction**

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, the Parks and Recreation Committee received a presentation from Callander Associates (CALA) regarding proposed park improvement ideas for the District's park system. The District's contract grant writer participated in the meeting as well. A community survey was released after the Committee meeting to gather feedback from residents (Attachment 1A). A Funding Strategy Chart was also developed to identify grant and funding opportunities (Attachment 1B).

### **Discussion**

District staff and CALA team will be providing a presentation to the Parks and Recreation Committee that includes an overview of survey results, funding opportunities, programmatic plans for the high priority parks, and an explanation of project costs (including permitting costs). Due to the volume of information provided, staff is seeking to educate Committee Members and the community about the work completed to date, and to gather input to formulate a final report and recommendation.

### Big Picture Strategies

Staff is recommending the following strategies for consideration:

- Use Park Development Impact Fees & Proposition 68 Per Capita Grant to leverage additional funds;
- Improvements should encourage use of all District parks to alleviate pressure on Cameron Park Lake;



- Advance construction of one large project at a time;
- Consider future maintenance and operations costs;
- Consider potential impacts to the park's neighborhoods.

These recommendations are being put forth for several reasons.

- Use existing funds to leverage additional funds;
- Alleviate pressure on Cameron Park Lake and expand amenities to all areas of the community;
- Demonstrate success with project completion using competitive grant funding to better position the District for future competitive grant funds;
- Construct an improvement that can be maintained and operated by the District into the future;
- Use best efforts for an impactful improvement for all residents.

### Project Priorities

Staff applied these strategies and developed the following project priorities:

1. Cameron Park Lake Splash Pad and adjacent improvements to replace the Lagoon with a less costly and more accessible facility;
2. Rasmussen Park to alleviate pressure on Cameron Park Lake;
3. Gateway trail to expand multi-use trail opportunities and connectivity in the District.
4. Dunbar Park

### **Conclusion**

The District has a great opportunity to make meaningful improvements in the park system to benefit all Cameron Park residents with funding that is readily available, and possibly with additional competitive grants. Approving a Park Improvement Plan and designating priorities will guide staff in pursuing the community's highest priority projects in an efficient and effective manner.

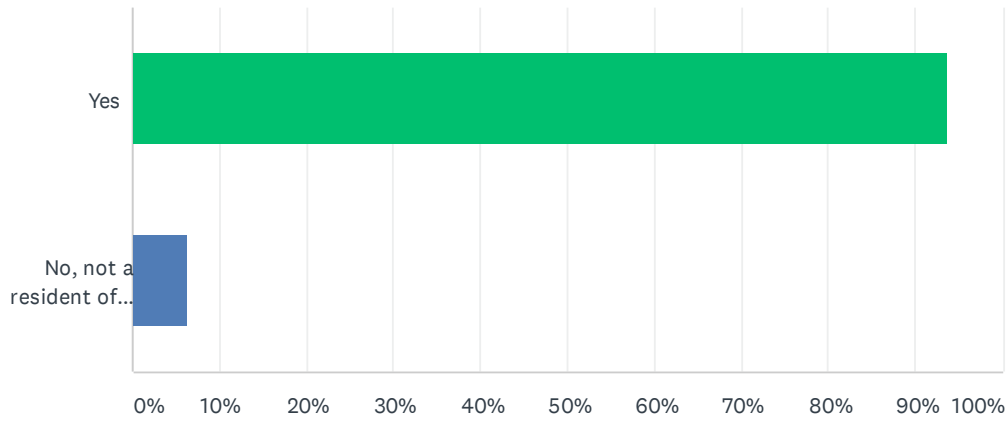
### Attachments:

1A – Survey Results

1B – Funding Strategy Chart

### Q1 Are you a resident of Cameron Park?

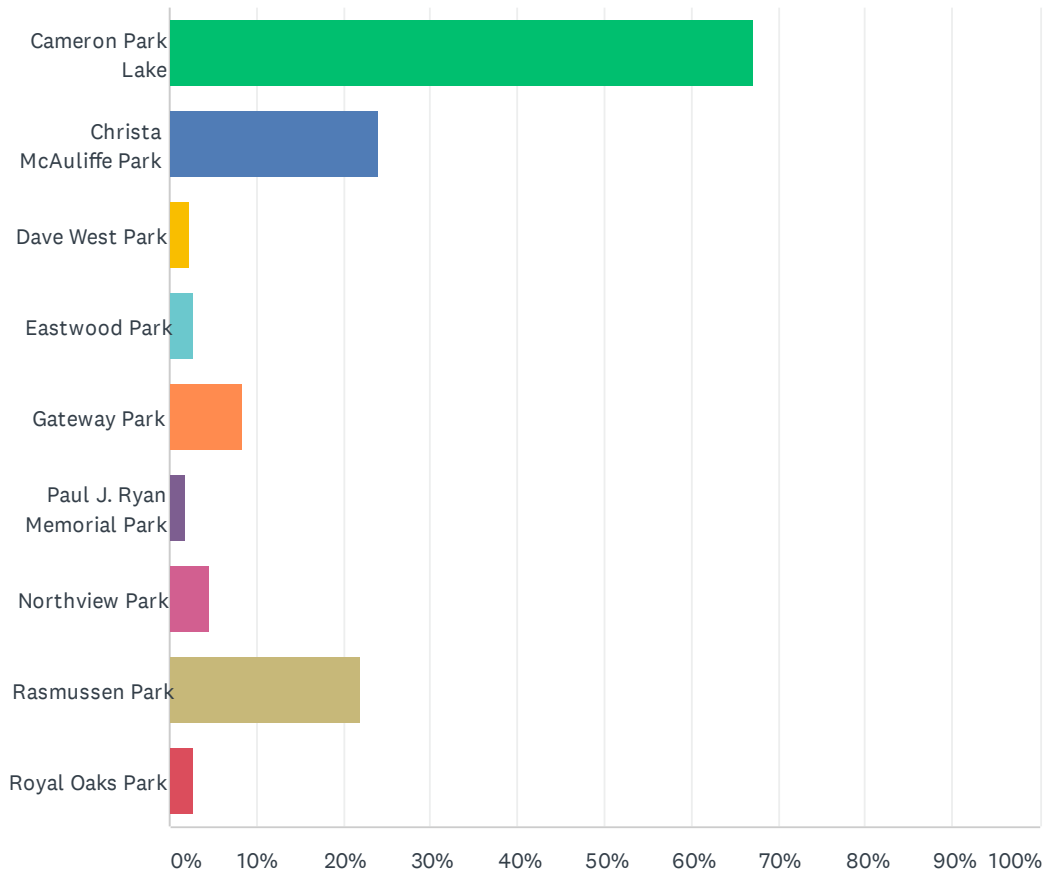
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	93.73%	254
No, not a resident of Cameron Park	6.27%	17
TOTAL		271

## Q2 What is your favorite park in Cameron Park?

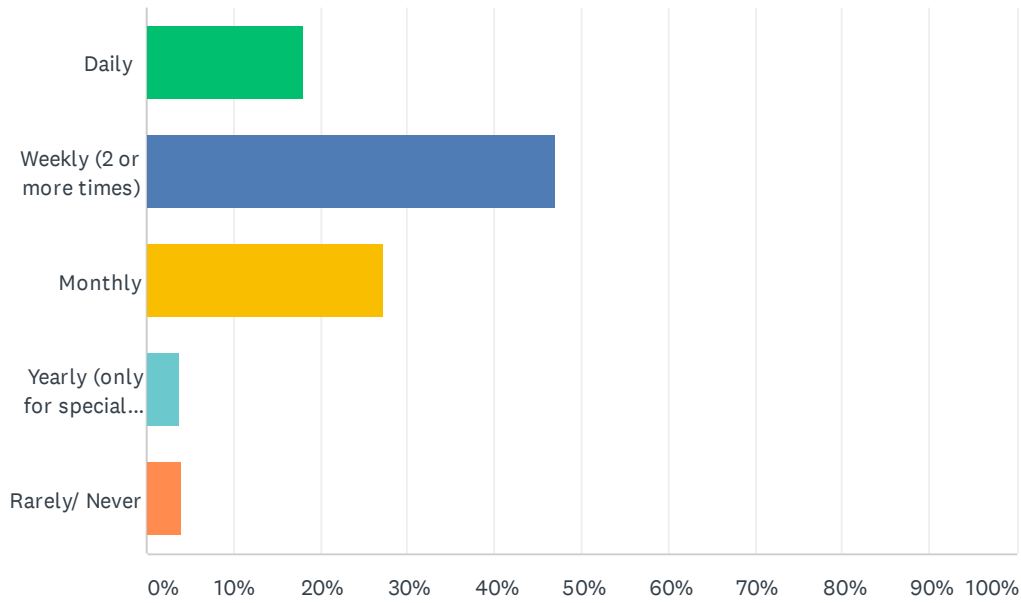
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Cameron Park Lake	67.17% 178
Christa McAuliffe Park	24.15% 64
Dave West Park	2.26% 6
Eastwood Park	2.64% 7
Gateway Park	8.30% 22
Paul J. Ryan Memorial Park	1.89% 5
Northview Park	4.53% 12
Rasmussen Park	21.89% 58
Royal Oaks Park	2.64% 7
Total Respondents: 265	

### Q3 How often do you visit Cameron Park parks?

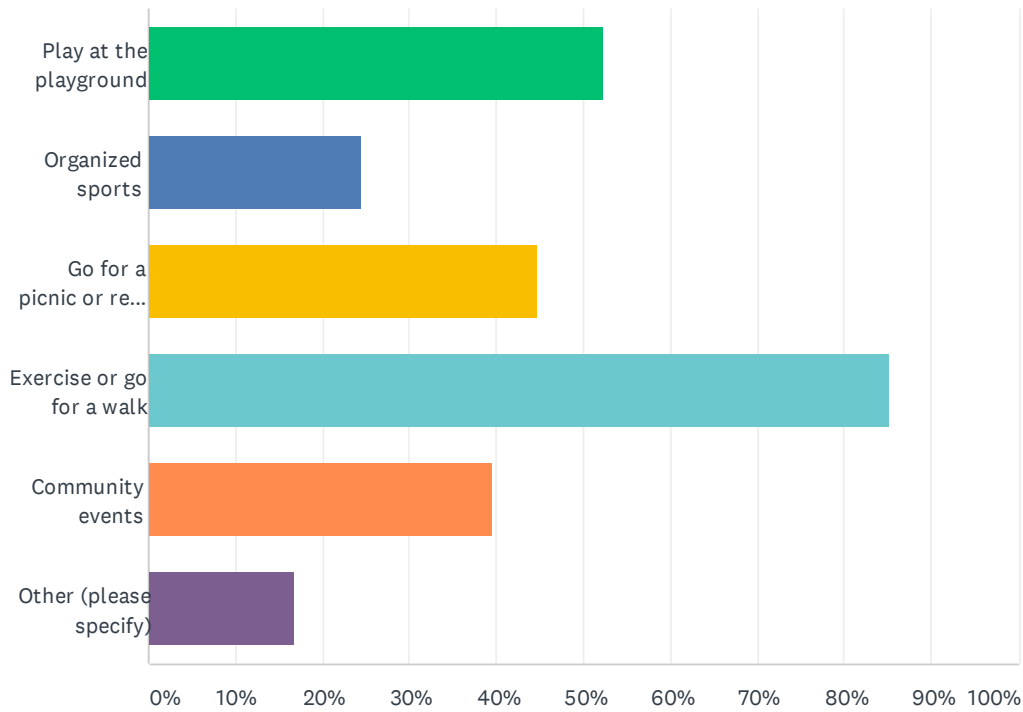
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	18.01%	49
Weekly (2 or more times)	47.06%	128
Monthly	27.21%	74
Yearly (only for special events or holidays)	3.68%	10
Rarely/ Never	4.04%	11
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>272</b>

## Q4 What type of activities and amenities do you participate in at Cameron Park parks?

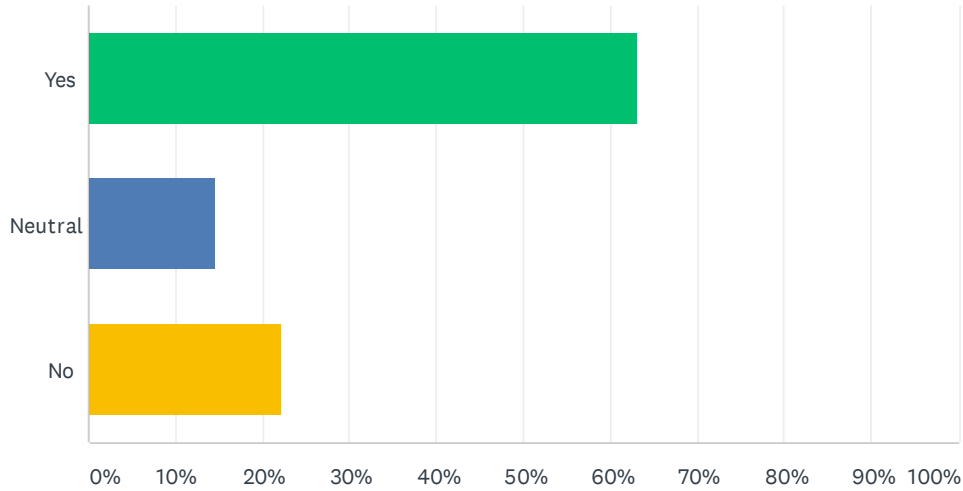
Answered: 270 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Play at the playground	52.22%	141
Organized sports	24.44%	66
Go for a picnic or relax outside	44.81%	121
Exercise or go for a walk	85.19%	230
Community events	39.63%	107
Other (please specify)	16.67%	45
Total Respondents: 270		

Q5 The District is looking to replace the Swimming Lagoon with a use that uses much less energy. One option to better utilize the space includes a splash pad play area. Do you like this idea?

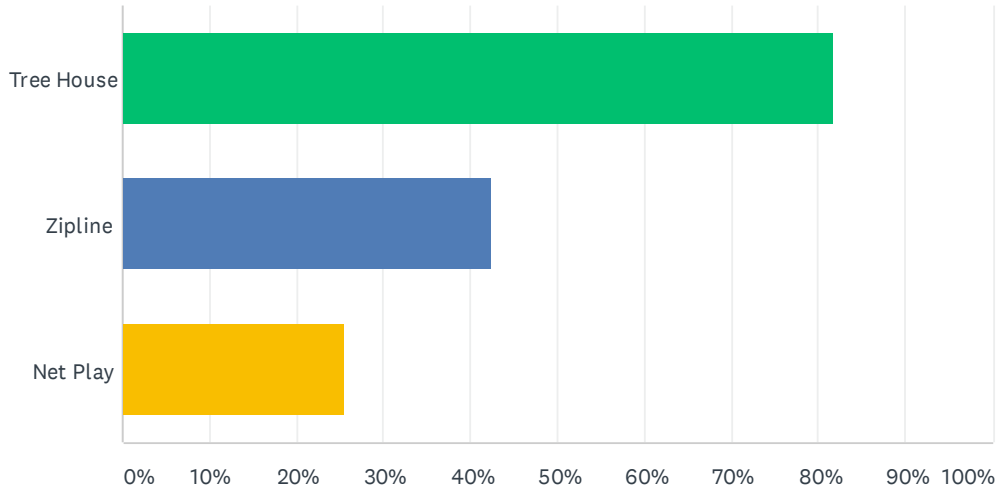
Answered: 231 Skipped: 41



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	63.20% 146
Neutral	14.72% 34
No	22.08% 51
TOTAL	231

### Q6 Please select the images that best describe what you would like to see in the nature themed playground.

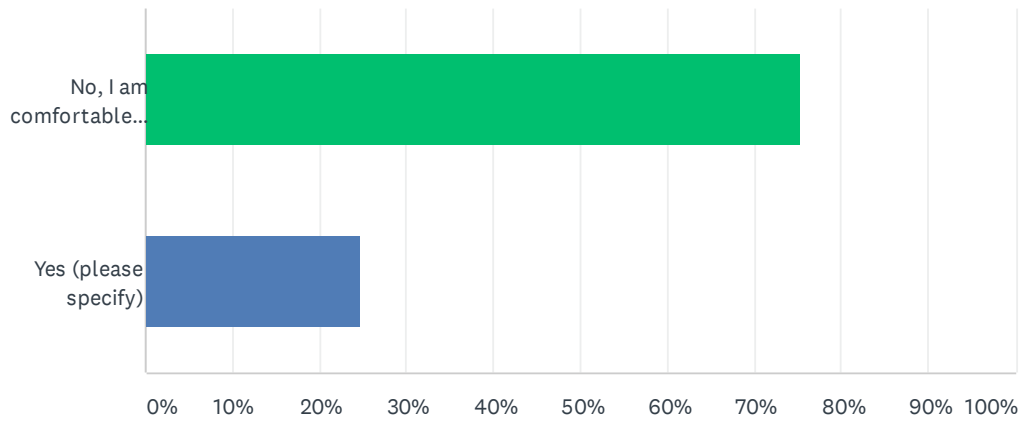
Answered: 219 Skipped: 53



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Tree House	81.74%	179
Zipline	42.47%	93
Net Play	25.57%	56
Total Respondents: 219		

### Q7 Is there a proposed amenity shown on the opportunity plan that you dislike?

Answered: 231 Skipped: 41



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No, I am comfortable with all of the proposed amenities shown	75.32%	174
Yes (please specify)	24.68%	57
TOTAL		231



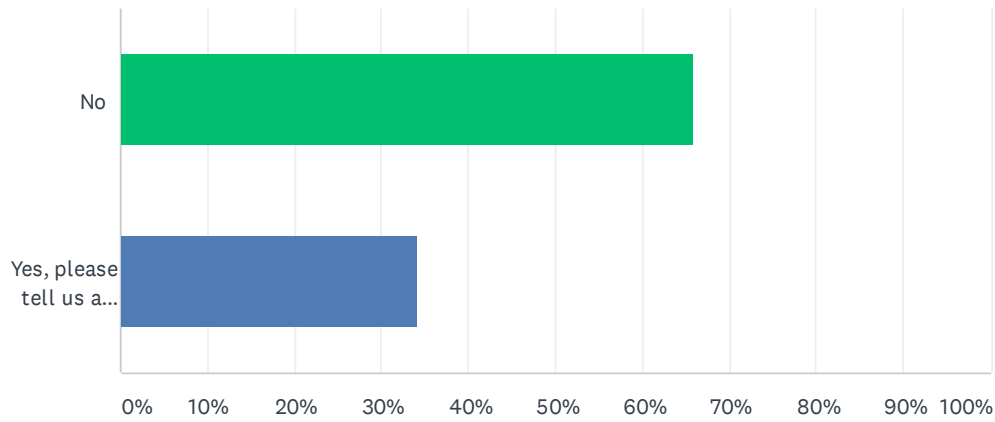
Q8 Are there any existing amenities at the park, not listed in the opportunity plan, that you think need improving? (please list in priority)

Answered: 98 Skipped: 174

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Priority 1	100.00%	98
Priority 2	40.82%	40

### Q9 Any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the proposed improvements to Cameron Park Lake?

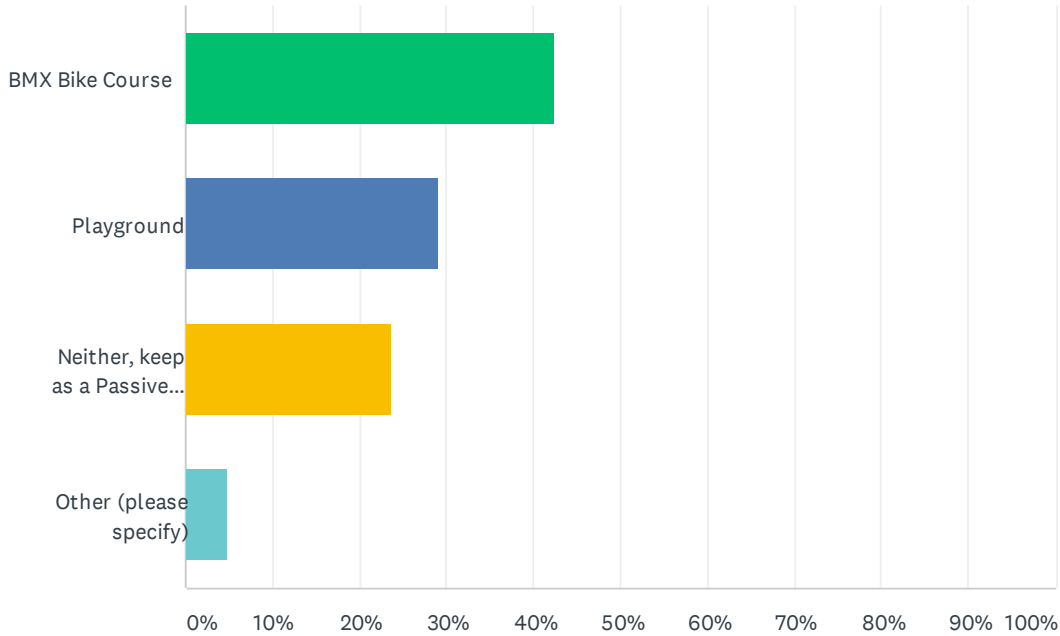
Answered: 229 Skipped: 43



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	65.94%	151
Yes, please tell us a little more about your concerns	34.06%	78
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>229</b>

Q10 The large turf area along Cambridge Road would provide a great opportunity area for active recreation. Which of the following options would best utilize this space?

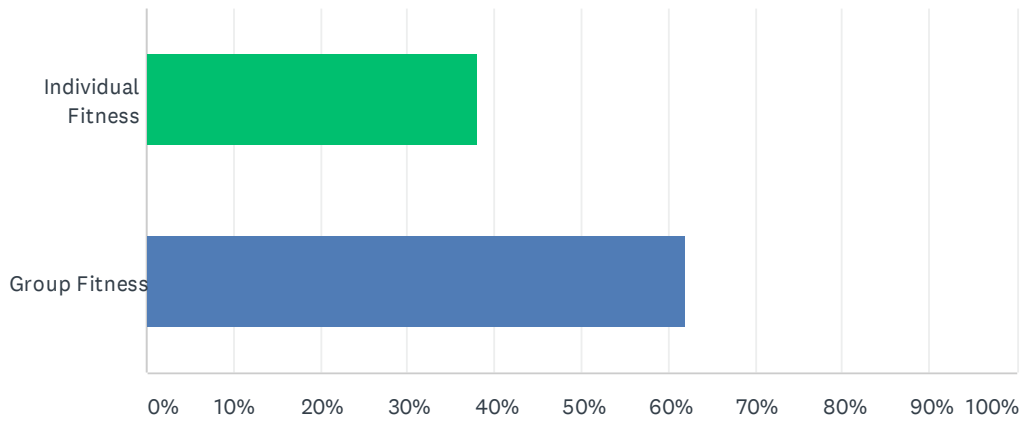
Answered: 224 Skipped: 48



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
BMX Bike Course	42.41%	95
Playground	29.02%	65
Neither, keep as a Passive Turf Area	23.66%	53
Other (please specify)	4.91%	11
TOTAL		224

### Q11 Please select the image that best describes what you would like to see in the fitness areas.

Answered: 207 Skipped: 65



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Individual Fitness	38.16%	79
Group Fitness	61.84%	128
TOTAL		207

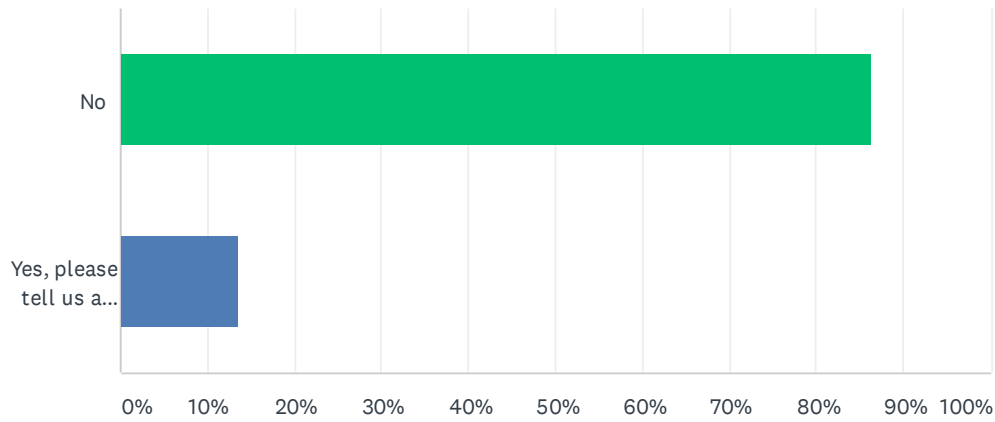
Q12 Are there any existing amenities at the park, not listed in the opportunity plan, that you think need improving? (please list in priority)

Answered: 59 Skipped: 213

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Priority 1	100.00%	59
Priority 2	25.42%	15

### Q13 Any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the proposed improvements to Gateway Park?

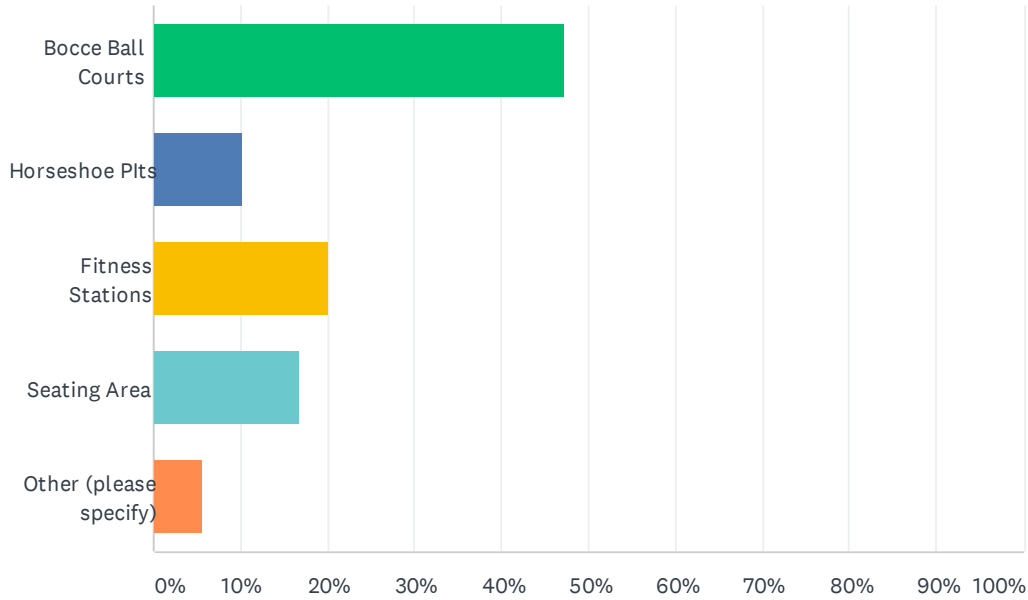
Answered: 213 Skipped: 59



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	86.38%	184
Yes, please tell us a little more about your concerns	13.62%	29
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>213</b>

Q14 The large area southwest of the baseball field would provide a great opportunity area for passive recreation. Which of the following options would best utilize this space?

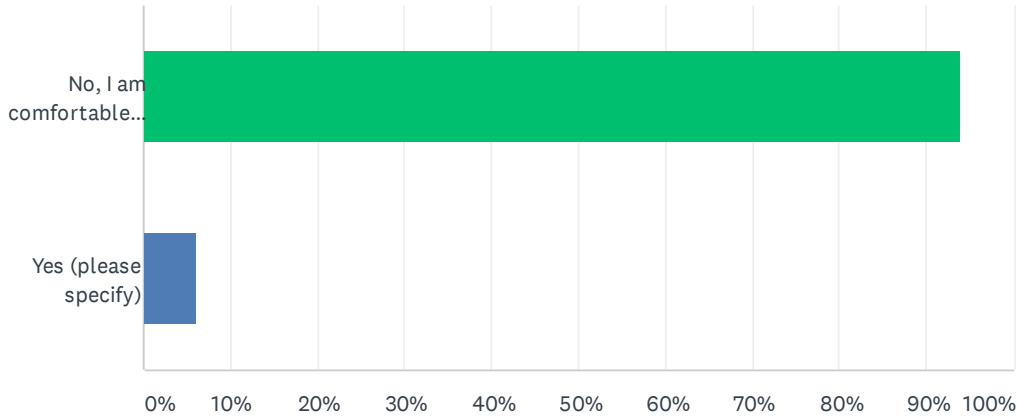
Answered: 214 Skipped: 58



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bocce Ball Courts	47.20%	101
Horseshoe Plts	10.28%	22
Fitness Stations	20.09%	43
Seating Area	16.82%	36
Other (please specify)	5.61%	12
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>214</b>

### Q15 Is there a proposed amenity shown on the opportunity plan that you dislike?

Answered: 216 Skipped: 56



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No, I am comfortable with all of the proposed amenities shown	93.98%	203
Yes (please specify)	6.02%	13
TOTAL		216



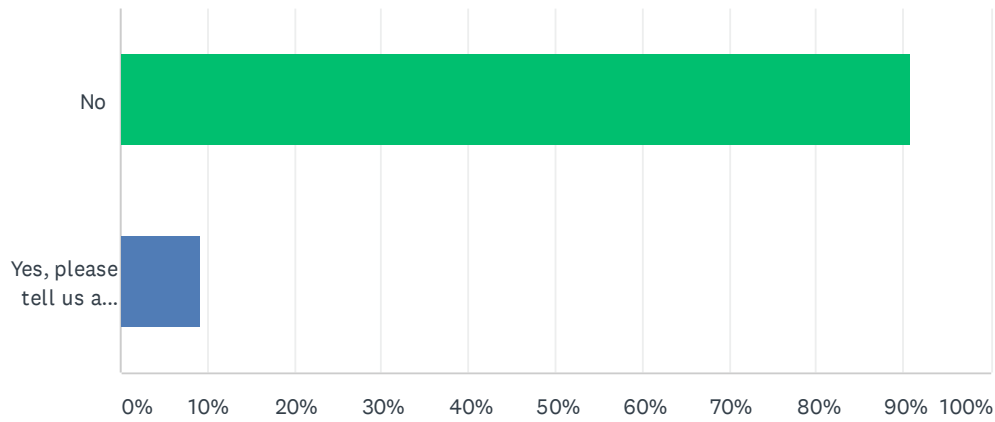
Q16 Are there any existing amenities at the park, not listed in the opportunity plan, that you think need improving? (please list in priority)

Answered: 58 Skipped: 214

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Priority 1	100.00%	58
Priority 2	13.79%	8

### Q17 Any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the proposed improvements to Rasmussen Park?

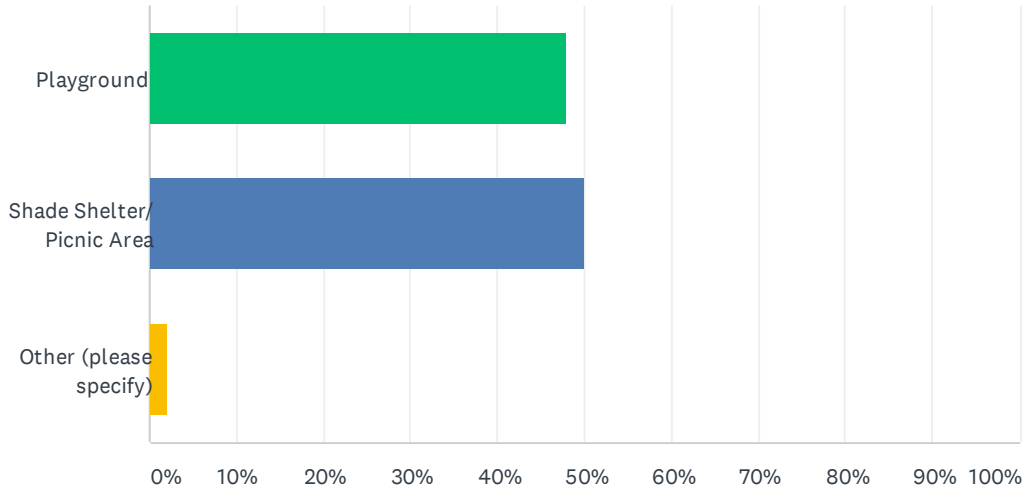
Answered: 216 Skipped: 56



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	90.74%	196
Yes, please tell us a little more about your concerns	9.26%	20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>216</b>

Q18 The large area east of the proposed youth soccer field would provide a great opportunity area for active recreation. Which of the following options would best utilize this space?

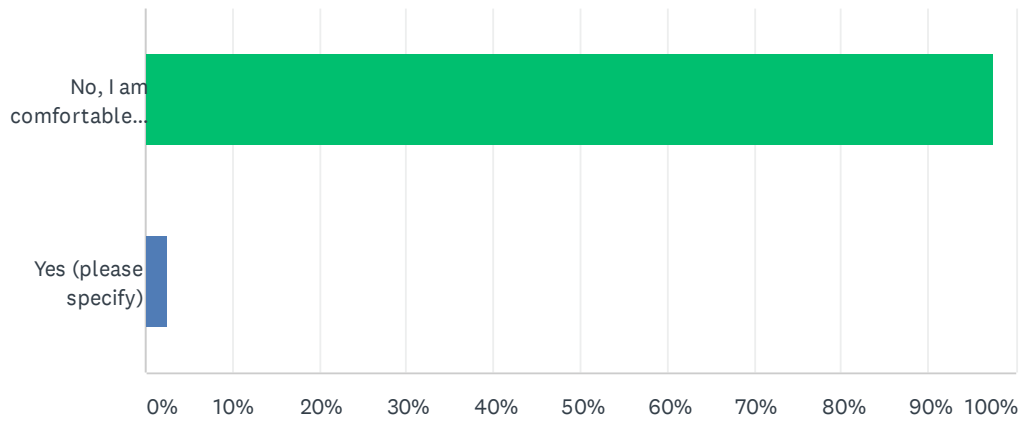
Answered: 196 Skipped: 76



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Playground	47.96% 94
Shade Shelter/ Picnic Area	50.00% 98
Other (please specify)	2.04% 4
TOTAL	196

### Q19 Is there a proposed amenity shown on the opportunity plan that you dislike?

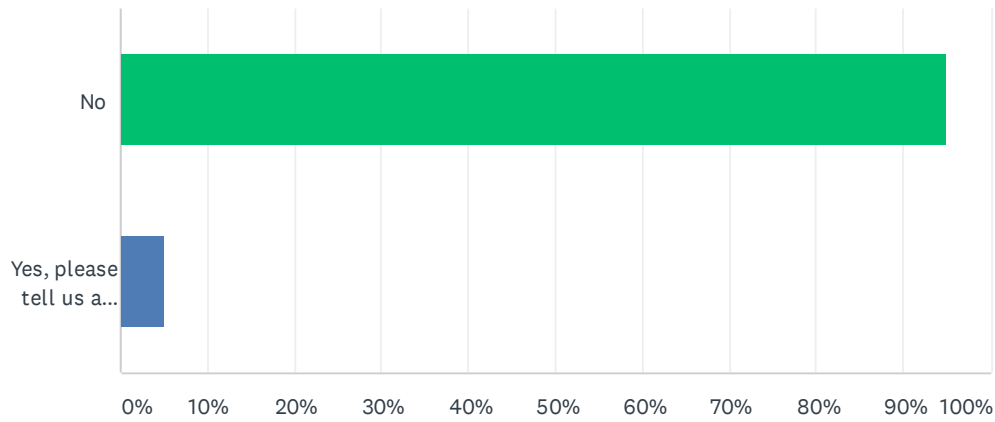
Answered: 198 Skipped: 74



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No, I am comfortable with all of the proposed amenities shown	97.47%	193
Yes (please specify)	2.53%	5
TOTAL		198

### Q20 Any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the proposed improvements to David West Park?

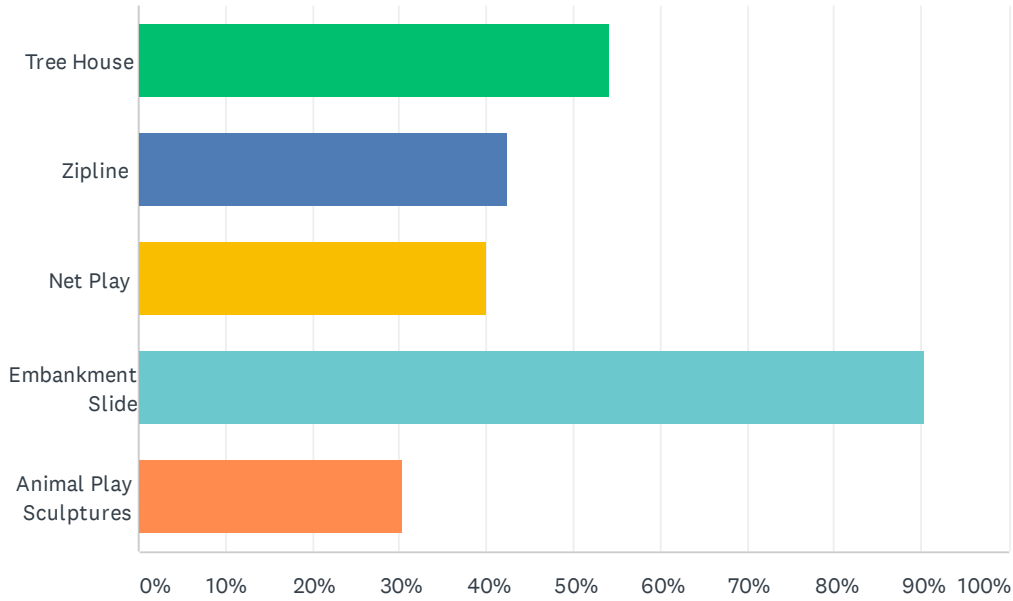
Answered: 196 Skipped: 76



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
No	94.90% 186
Yes, please tell us a little more about your concerns	5.10% 10
TOTAL	196

### Q21 Please select up to 3 images that best describe what you would like to see in the nature play area.

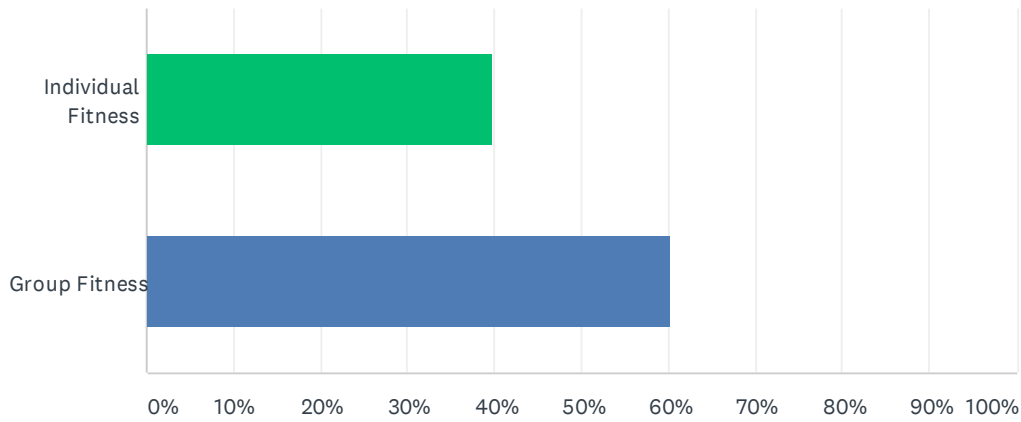
Answered: 188 Skipped: 84



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Tree House	54.26%	102
Zipline	42.55%	80
Net Play	39.89%	75
Embankment Slide	90.43%	170
Animal Play Sculptures	30.32%	57
Total Respondents: 188		

### Q22 Please select the image that best describes what you would like to see in the fitness areas.

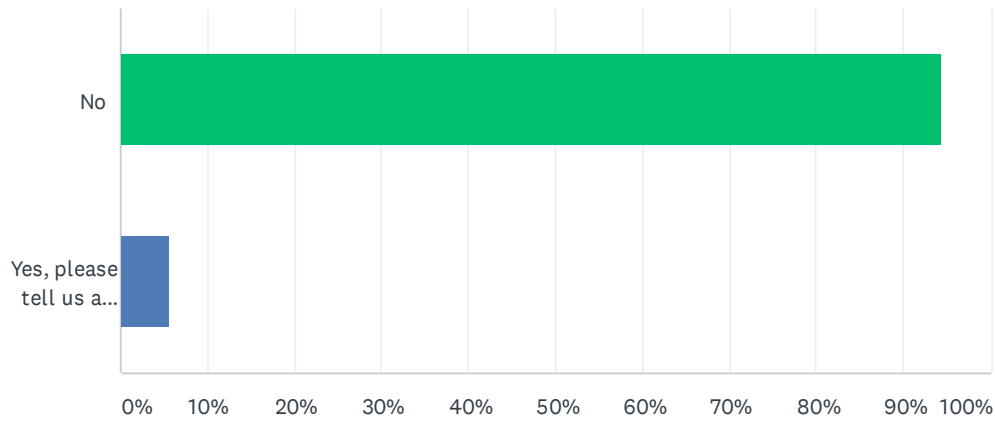
Answered: 184 Skipped: 88



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Individual Fitness	39.67% 73
Group Fitness	60.33% 111
TOTAL	184

### Q23 Any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the proposed improvements to Dunbar Park?

Answered: 198 Skipped: 74

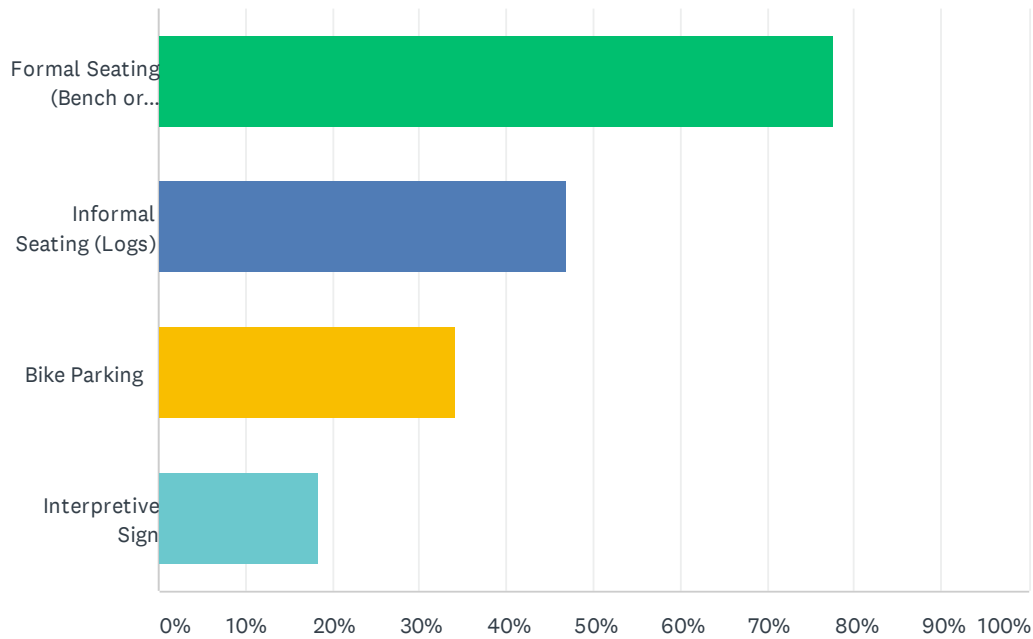


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
No	94.44% 187
Yes, please tell us a little more about your concerns	5.56% 11
TOTAL	198



### Q24 Which of the following amenities should be included in the seating areas? Please select up to 3.

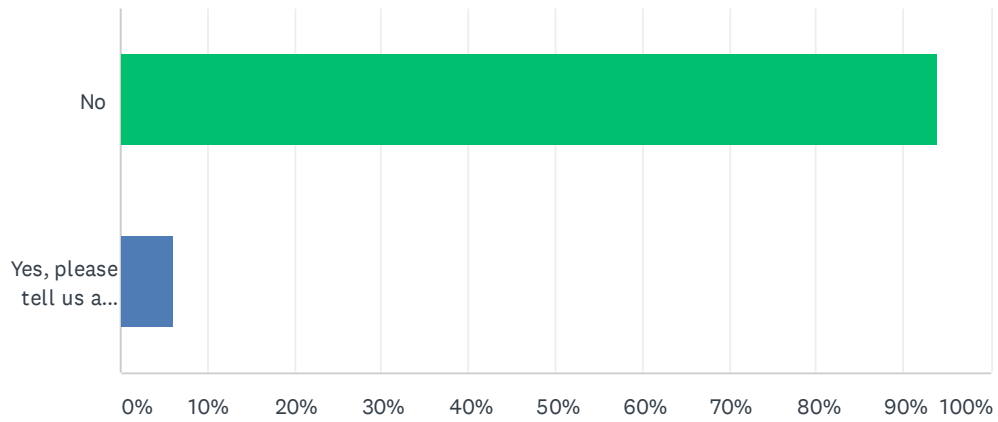
Answered: 196 Skipped: 76



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Formal Seating (Bench or Picnic Table)	77.55%	152
Informal Seating (Logs)	46.94%	92
Bike Parking	34.18%	67
Interpretive Sign	18.37%	36
Total Respondents: 196		

## Q25 Any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the proposed improvements to Royal Oaks?

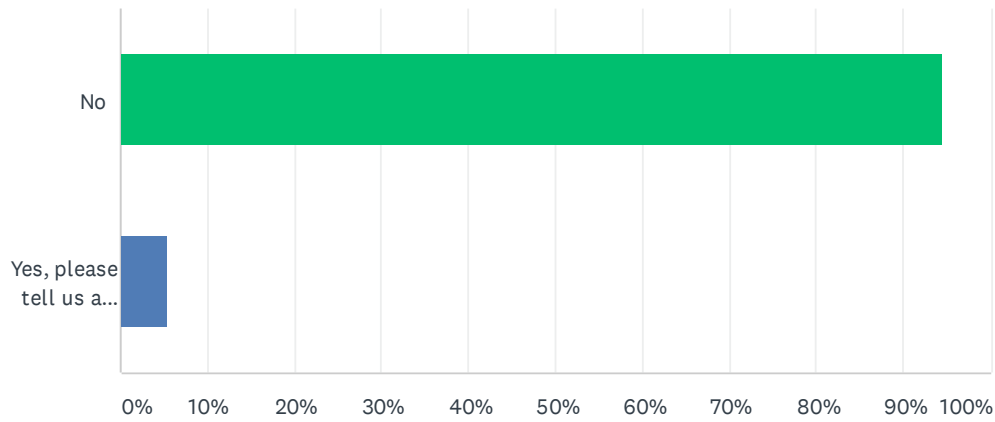
Answered: 201 Skipped: 71



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	94.03%	189
Yes, please tell us a little more about your concerns	5.97%	12
TOTAL		201

### Q26 Any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the proposed improvements to Paul J. Ryan Memorial Park?

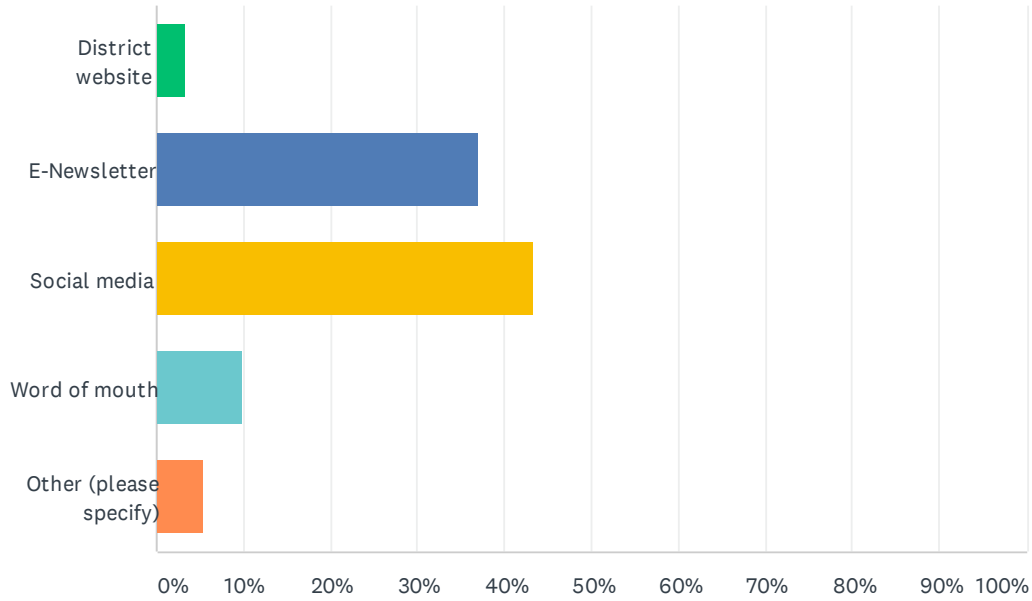
Answered: 201 Skipped: 71



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	94.53%	190
Yes, please tell us a little more about your concerns	5.47%	11
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>201</b>

## Q27 How did you hear about this planning project?

Answered: 203 Skipped: 69



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
District website	3.45%	7
E-Newsletter	36.95%	75
Social media	43.35%	88
Word of mouth	9.85%	20
Other (please specify)	5.42%	11
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>203</b>

## Q28 If you would like more information, please provide your contact information below:

Answered: 70 Skipped: 202

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	100.00%	70
Company	0.00%	0
Address	0.00%	0
Address 2	0.00%	0
City/Town	0.00%	0
State/Province	0.00%	0
ZIP/Postal Code	0.00%	0
Country	0.00%	0
Email Address	91.43%	64
Phone Number	68.57%	48

## Q29 Any other comments, questions, or concerns?

Answered: 52 Skipped: 220

CAMERON PARK CSD  
PARK IMPROVEMENT FUNDING STRATEGY CHART

Grant Name	District Park Project	Funding Available	Maximum Grant per application	Cost Share	Application Due Date	Notes
Per Capita Grant (Prop. 68)	1.Cameron Park Lake 2. Rasmussen Park 3. Dunbar Park, (due to funding amount)	\$185,000,000	TBD, Estimated \$178,000	20%	Resolution due Dec 2020	Non-competitive one-time allocation based on population. <b>Eligible projects:</b> park rehabilitation, creation, and improvements. Rehabilitation of existing infrastructure recommended.
Park Development Impact Fees	All District Parks*	\$860,000	n/a	n/a	available now	Non-competitive ;must be use to expand services
Land and Water Conservation Fund (likely)	All District Parks*	Varies	\$6M	50%	February annually	State grant funds can be match. Section 106 post-award (cultural assessment). Deed restriction to maintain as park in perpetuity. *Depending on location, parkland/1,000 and MHI to be competitive.
Recreational Trails Program (likely)	Rasmussen Park Gateway Park	\$1.5M to \$2M	Up to total funds available	12%	February annually	State grant funds can be match. Recreation trails, motorized or non-motorized. Extra points for connectivity.
Statewide Park Program, Round 4 (may not qualify, very competitive)	Cameron Park Lake	\$395,000,000	\$8.5M	none	2021	Must have MHI of \$56,982 or less, OR < 3 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents w/in 1/2 mile of the park.
Regional Park Program (Prop. 68)	Cameron Park Lake	\$23,125,000	\$3M Maximum, \$200,000 minimum	None	2021	Competitive grant to create new, expand existing, or improve regional parks and regional park facilities. New Program, draft guidelines under development. Five (5) months will be provided to complete the application. <b>Eligible projects:</b> Multi-use Trails, Regional sport complexes, basically any recreation in a regional park. <b>Note:</b> Significant Regional Attraction (20 points) Community Engagement 28 points), including 5 pts for employment or volunteer opportunities targeting residents with MHI below \$51,026.

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PARK IMPROVEMENT FUNDING STRATEGY CHART

Grant Name	District Park Project	Funding Available	Maximum Grant per application	Cost Share	Application Due Date	Notes
Rural Recreation and Tourism Program	1. Gateway Park (BMX course for local and competition) 2. Royal Oaks Park (Mining Interpretative)	\$23,125,000	\$3M Maximum, \$200,000 minimum	20%, unless project is located in DAC, then none	2021	Competitive grant for projects that create new recreation opportunities in support of economic and health-related goals in rural communities and attract out of town visitors. Non-urbanized counties with populations less than 500,000, and city/town less than 50,000, and low population densities per square mile. <b>Eligible Projects:</b> Accessible trails/bikeways for wildlife viewing or other significant draws; sports complexes for travel ball tournaments; Visitor center that interprets significant historic/natural resources; amphitheaters; campgrounds; access to waterways; aquatic centers, and more Note: Must estimate number of visitors/season/year
Habitat Conservation Fund:Trails	Gateway Park	\$2,000,000	None, however awards are often \$200k - \$400k.	50%	10/1/2020	Trails to bring urban residents into parks. <b>CEQA must be completed to submit application.</b>
Boating & Waterways	CP Lake boat ramp					non-motorized boat ramps

Note: Additional funds may be available to address stormwater flooding, however, it may require partnering and could not be used for recreational elements.



From: Liz Gates  
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:08 AM  
To: Jill Ritzman <jritzman@cameronpark.org>  
Cc: Dave Gates  
Subject: pickleball noise

Hello Jill,

Thank you for our phone conversation yesterday. As you suggested, I am emailing you my concerns and request for establishing amenities and enforcing park policy in consideration of neighbors of Cameron Park Lake. I have attached above a recently made a video to help convey our experience as homeowners that have bedroom windows just 70 feet from the pickleball courts. When it was announced a few years ago that pickleball was coming to Cameron Park, we had never before heard of the game and certainly never heard THE NOISE that this now very popular activity frequently generates. We sure know now, and very much miss the peace we have enjoyed in our backyard and in our own home until pickleball was introduced literally on the other side of our fence.

We have lived right behind the CP Lake tennis courts since 2000. We enjoyed relative quiet and the happy sounds of children playing at the park and never had a problem with noise from tennis. Since pickleball has come to CP lake, we have been awakened as early as 6:20am and regularly by 7am. (My husband is an airline pilot and often doesn't get home from the airport until 1am or later). During the months that leaves and water collect on the courts, pickleball players have brought their own leaf blowers and begun using them before play as early as 7am. Everyday the whether allows, we hear the annoying thwack of the paddle and balls, even with our windows shut. Occasionally, someone brings a boombox to the courts and turns the volume up so they can hear their music above the game noise and conversations. As pickleball is a very social activity, there are often many people... I have counted 19 people (players and those waiting to rotate in to play) on a single tennis court. This was next to two additional tennis courts with about another 20 pickleballers. A couple of weeks ago, my husband got out of bed at 7am to pop his head over our back fence (as we have done many times before and are weary of having to do) to ask the players to please wait until after 8am to begin playing pickleball. Ultimately, one of the players replied that they would continue to play regardless of his request and he was quite unpleasant. It was aggravating to say the least and not the first moment I realized a solution is needed. Over the past couple of years with these concerns, both my husband Dave and I have both been in communication by email, phone and in the Parks Superintendent office of Mike Grassle.

The problem is that pickleball courts should never be in close proximity to homes, as the associated noise is a significant issue. I understand that it is a cost saving measure to retrofit tennis courts for pickleball. Tennis does not generate anywhere near the noise level that pickleball does. So, it is most unfortunate and very inappropriate to have planned and spent taxpayer dollars for the pickleball courts in their present location. Moreover, we were surprised to see the installation of permanent pickleball courts without the CP CSD informing or requesting input from neighbors who would be directly impacted.

I am requesting a longterm resolution to relocate the pickleball courts to another place where neighbors will not have their daily lives negatively impacted and their property values adversely affected. In the near term, we request that pickleball playing is restricted before 8am and would like to implement the use of noise mitigating measures such as requiring quieter balls or paddles. Please post a sign at the court gates to inform players of the policy. Since some individuals may ignore a clearly posted policy sign, it would make sense to keep the courts locked until at least 8am.

I would be happy to participate in a committee meeting and bring this matter to the board. I want to help keep Cameron Park a "special place to live" and be a part of the solution to this very frustrating issue. Parks and recreation activities are wonderful and for the enjoyment of all community members, but should not negatively and disproportionately affect neighbors in the community. I am grateful for your attention to this matter and eager to seek a solution.

Best,  
Liz Gates

PS,  
Now that I know all to personally about the noise of pickleball, I am not surprised to find a significant number of internet sources that indicate that this is a very common complaint across the country. I have found several articles that discuss various ways to mitigate pickleball noise and want to share a website [acousticalnoise.com](http://acousticalnoise.com) from which I have copied and pasted this:

"We recommend that pickleball courts to be located within 500 to 600 feet of residential properties or other noise sensitive areas be reviewed by an acoustical engineer during the site selection phase in order to avoid choosing a site that is expensive to mitigate, results in unexpected limitations on court use, or leads to ongoing disputes with neighbors...

If you are in the process of planning pickleball for your site, consulting an acoustician can reveal unforeseen issues with the selected courts site or the site plan before investing tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars in design and construction. Preparing a formal abatement plan can also ease concerns of neighbors about the community noise impact of the courts."

Also I am sharing a portion of a particular blog discussion from [blog.pickleballcentral.com](http://blog.pickleballcentral.com) article and comments:

The Never-Ending Pickleball Noise Issue  
posted in Choosing a Paddle, Growing Pickleball, Improve Your Game, Pickleball Noise by MirandaJeff Green

November 18, 2016 at 5:23 pm

The big noise controversy hit home in our 55+ community in NJ. I play pickleball a lot both in NJ and in Florida and have won a couple of trophies in tournaments. I love the game and while playing concur that the popping sound of the ball on the racquet confirms a good solid hit. Everyone on the court knows it is coming and it is not a bother. But I also own a home within 150 feet of the tennis/PB courts and had no trouble with tennis being played there for 10 years when I gardened in my backyard, read the paper or ate a meal on the patio. When PB came along and began sharing the tennis courts and gaining more and more court time the high frequency sound became a real problem. One 2 hour session

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delivers over 2000 loud, piercing, penetrating, intermittent pops that is very bothersome and disturbing to the peace and quiet that people deserve to have on their own property in a retirement community. And then another session came in the afternoon and another could also come. For a while quiet foam balls were mandated but many players objected to the difference in the game. The game was still fun, competitive, good exercise and promoted camaraderie but it was, in fact, different like softball is to hard baseball.

After much back and forth with the community Board of Directors A SOLUTION WAS FOUND. A member had traveled to the west coast and saw a wooden PB racquet there that was drilled with 64 holes about 3/8 inch each in diameter. RESULT—hardly any noise when that racquet hits the hard plastic balls (Onix Pure Outdoor 2 ball.) Some players still do not like playing with the wooden racquets instead of their own graphite or composite racquets but the drilled wooden racquets are now required in our community. The PB club bought and drilled 8 wooden racquets that are available for use on our two courts. Those who do not like them go to the park to play. At this point almost everyone seems to be mostly OK with that solution.

*Cameron Park  
Community Services District*



## **Agenda Transmittal**

**DATE:** July 6, 2020

**FROM:** Michael Grassle, Parks and Facilities Superintendent

**AGENDA ITEM #3A:** Parks & Facilities Department Report

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** **RECEIVE AND FILE**

### **General Information**

- The Community Center has opened on a limited basis for team sports in the gymnasium and Cal Fire training in Assembly Hall.
- Facilities staff are slowly being added back to the work schedule.
- The District continues to touch up open space areas to limit the debris and fuel on the ground.
- The Lake Kiosk has opened for the summer.
- Full time staff have been furloughing every other Friday since early April. Staff's last furlough Friday was on June 19<sup>th</sup>. The furloughs came to an end due to the increasing workload during the summer.

### **Cameron Park Lake**

- Staff sprayed the aquatic weeds out of the lake on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Staff created handouts explaining the fishing rules that are being handed out to all the anglers who come to the lake. They specifically address the ongoing fishing line issue.
- Staff installed a solar light on the flag pole. Having the flag lit up at night allows staff to leave the flag raised daily.

## **Parks and LLADs**

- The majority of the work is maintaining the existing landscape and park amenities. Keeping up with the weeds, mowing the lawns, directing Growlersberg and repairing the irrigation systems are keeping staff plenty busy this time of year.
- Staff spent time repairing and rebuilding all of the power equipment the district owns. Maintaining the current equipment is a priority for the department moving forward.

## **Community Center**

- Staff installed Plexiglas sneeze guards in and around the office space.
- All District staff have been provided sanitizer and cleaning products specifically designed to kill COVID-19.
- National Aquatics Service will be assisting the District with various maintenance and mechanical maintenance and repairs that need to be addressed. The issues include the solar heater, chemical controller, and chlorine pump.
- Brighton Energy began installing the new LED lights throughout the Community Center. This project should be wrapping up soon.

## **Cal Fire / Growlersburg**

- *June 9<sup>th</sup>* – Crew trimmed hedges at Bar J A & B.
- *June 16<sup>th</sup>* – Crew cleaned up the open space at Northview Park
- *June 18<sup>th</sup>* - Crew finished cleaning the open space at Northview Park and continued trimming the hedges at Cameron Valley
- *June 23<sup>rd</sup>* - Crew trimmed trees and hedges at Rasmussen Park
- *June 25<sup>th</sup>* – Crew removed vegetation at Gateway Park
- *June 30<sup>th</sup>* - Crew trimmed trees and removed vegetation at Cameron Park Lake.

District staff and Growlersburg installed the final 3 fire fuel reduction signs at Paul J. Ryan, Rasmussen, and Cameron Park Lake.



## Agenda Transmittal

**DATE:** July 6, 2020

**FROM:** Whitney Kahn, Recreation Supervisor

**AGENDA ITEM #3B:** Recreation Department Report

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE**

The Recreation Department spent the month of June testing out new virtual programming, preparing to re-open our sports facilities to our rental user groups, as well as developing an Aquatics Phased Re-Opening Plan for the Community Pool, which will be outlined later in this report. In addition to that, Recreation staff spent time:

- Continuing as **Communication Coordinator** for the District, the Recreation Supervisor has continued to dedicate time to this responsibility. Some things of note for this role since the last Recreation Report include:
  - ✓ Developing new signage for sports fields that will be prominently displayed reminding users that organized sports are not permitted at this time and people or groups may rent the field from the CSD if they want to use them for drills and conditioning.
  - ✓ Developing new signage and messaging about the Lake Kiosk – we are only accepting passes and card payment transactions, but not taking cash at the kiosk.
  - ✓ Release of the June e-newsletter.
  - ✓ Updates on social media and the website on everything from the Lake, our Virtual Rec Center, the Candidate Forum, etc... any and all District communication needs that needed to be promoted or placed on our website.
  - ✓ Messaging to all of our sports user groups as it relates to new COVID-19 protocols on our fields and development of a new waiver for all user to sign and adhere to while using our facilities.

- ✓ Zoom Meetings with our swim user groups, with both the team's management as well as joined in their Virtual Town Hall Meeting prior to them getting back in the water, so that Recreation Staff could prepare them with what the new protocols are and how they impact them
- ✓ Development of the July e-newsletter just finished and should be in email inboxes by the time this agenda is published
- ✓ Development of a July is Parks and Rec Month Social Media campaign:
  - NRPA creates a theme each year for this month long celebration and this year's theme is "We are Parks & Recreation" and it is meant to highlight this industry and profession, so we will be highlighting our staff as well as our parks throughout the month.
- **Adapting and adjusting summer programming**
  - ✓ In light of the recent uptick in cases in El Dorado County and across the country, we have yet to resume in person programming as we not received guidelines to specific to Community Centers and recreation programming.
    - As mentioned previously, guidelines from the State that we vetted with the County were released for Youth Sports and Public Pools, so we have begun scheduling rentals under that guidance.
  - ✓ We had success with our Virtual Camp trials at the beginning of June, averaging about a half dozen users per session and positive feedback from families that participated. For July we will continue them with a more specific focus on each session (see programming breakdown further into this report).
  - ✓ Staff put together a really great "Virtual Recreation Center" that launched in the first week of June. We have seen close to 450 page views with about 350 unique users.
    - We will use the Virtual Recreation Center page as a landing site to promote everything we have planned for this month where we can list supplies and additional information for each activity.
    - All of the resources will also remain for our residents to be able to use as a "one stop shop" for ideas to keep their whole family busy.

- ✓ We have a great lineup of activities planned for this Month:
  - Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-3:30p Summer Camp staff will be hosting a FREE live, interactive Cartooning Lesson – participants will learn how to draw Olaf with easy step-by-step instructions.
  - Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-3:30p we will have a LIVE cookie decorating competition!
  - Beginning the week of July 20<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our first ever “Do It Yourself Fishing Tournament” where anglers can head out to Cameron Park Lake and try to catch the biggest fish.
  - Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:30-3:30p we will have a “Minute to Win It” Virtual Camp session with prizes awarded to the first place finishers in each game!
  - Beginning the week of July 27<sup>th</sup> we will have our first ever “All Around Town” Photo Scavenger Hunt that will encourage people to recreate in our parks as well as visit local businesses.
  - Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00p we will attempt to host the Puzzle-Palooza event we had planned for late June and cancelled due to not being able to program in person events. We are hoping that people who have been working on mastering the art of puzzling during this time of sheltering in place will want to join us in a FUN event to put their puzzle skills to the test! Everyone who registers for the event will be given the same 300 piece puzzle (to be picked up at the CSD on Monday July 27<sup>th</sup>) and will race other families to see who can put it together the fastest. We hope this event can happen in person, but have a back-up plan to run it virtually, if need be.
- ✓ We remain fluid and flexible in our programming as we are still trying to learn what people are going to enjoy doing.
- ✓ We learned in June that offering Virtual Bingo and Virtual Family Game Night did not seem to resonate, as we did not have enough participation for these events to run. This month we are trying to offer more things that people can do on their own as well as more structured, virtual programming for kids.



- ✓ We are working on contacting local businesses to see if they would like to donate prizes that we can use as incentives for participating in our programming. We hope to be able to offer prizes that would give the participant something for free, but also then drive business and additional sales to the business. A win-win-win for the resident, us, and the businesses.
- **Developing a new Pool Operational Plan and Aquatics Phased Re-Opening Plan**
  - ✓ Our new Recreation Coordinator joined us and began the time consuming task of developing an all new Operational Plan for the Pool with new COVID-19 considerations. In using information from the CDC, the State Public Health Department, as well as from California Parks and Recreation Society, the plan was developed and vetted through our Safety Officer and General Manager. Some things of note include:
    - Operating at 25% capacity (allowing no more than 50 people within the pool gates at any one time)
    - Not allowing spectators on the pool deck to increase the number of swimmers that can utilize the pool at a time, while maintaining safe physical distancing and decreasing the number of swimmers per lane
    - Lifeguard schedules to include sanitizing between user groups as well as the Facilities staff to deep clean the restrooms and locker rooms daily
    - Staging areas designated around the pool for groups to assign swimmers an area with well-marked spaces with masks required until swimmers are ready to get into the pool.
    - Swim team members are required to come to the pool ready to swim to reduce the amount of time and people in the locker rooms
    - New pick-up/drop-off procedures to maximize entrance/exit efficiencies at the pool gates to ensure we are minimizing paths crossing for people coming and going

- ✓ Our Phased Re-Opening Plan has already begun and includes:
- **Phase 1 – Swim Teams:** Currently, we are in Phase 1, which we kicked off by re-opening the pool to our year-round swim team, AquaSol for their practices beginning on June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6-10a Monday - Saturday.
    - Beginning on July 6<sup>th</sup>, the Sierra Sharks Swim Team will begin week long Swim Clinics offered in the afternoons Monday – Friday through August.
  - **Phase 2 – Adult Exercise Programming:** Beginning the week of July 6<sup>th</sup> we will begin taking reservations for Lap Swim for people ages 16 & up. Soon after we hope to offer our new AquaBody Strong classes using our new Marshall Medical sponsored aquatic exercise boards that will be a wonderful way for people to exercise in a safe, outdoor, low-risk way. As soon as the board are delivered, we will begin to advertise and accept registration for these classes that will be offered multiple times per week. We are also working on finding a new Aquacise swim instructor so we can begin to offer that option during Phase 2 as well.
  - **Phase 3 – District Lead Swim Lessons:** Moving in to this Phase will require additional conversations with the County to make sure they are in agreement that we can safely offer swim lessons with the plans we have created to keep our guards and our swimmers safe. We assume there will be an increase in demand for private lessons and will plan our schedule accordingly.
  - **Phase 4 – Public Recreation Swim:** This phase will also rely heavily on working with the County to gain approval on bringing back Recreation Swim opportunities for our residents. Our recreation Swim times will be much different from our previous sessions and will require advanced registration and will be limited to only 50 people on deck at a time (including lifeguards); only open Friday – Sundays, once/if we get to this phase of re-opening.

- ✓ We remain hopeful, yet are very aware of the fact that the entire state is experiencing an increase in COVID-19 cases and know that this may limit our ability to move out of Phase 2. We will remain committed to keeping up with industry best practices and communicating with the County on how to best move forward. We know that providing swim lessons in a swimming pool with chlorine really limits the risk of spread of the virus as compared to other sports or activities, and with other local pools currently closed, people may be frequenting other bodies of water that do not have lifeguards. Providing life-saving courses to non-swimmers could be a great opportunity to keep people safe.
- **Promoting and Maintaining Rental Schedules**
  - ✓ After the State and County provided us the information necessary for us to begin renting to our sports user groups we have had great success in getting our fields and gym space rented to users in need, as well as generate revenue for the first time since mid-March.
    - We have two users that have booked the gymnasium to run skills and conditioning with their basketball teams Monday – Friday through the beginning of September
    - We have a new baseball user, a new softball user and a returning soccer group that will be using our fields in the month of July and beyond
    - We have worked with two swim teams, as well as a water polo team in order to maximize pool rental usage. As we phase in more programming at the pool, we will be able to maintain space for these rentals.