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Detailed Needs Assessment Information *2005 Needs Assessment*

City of College Station

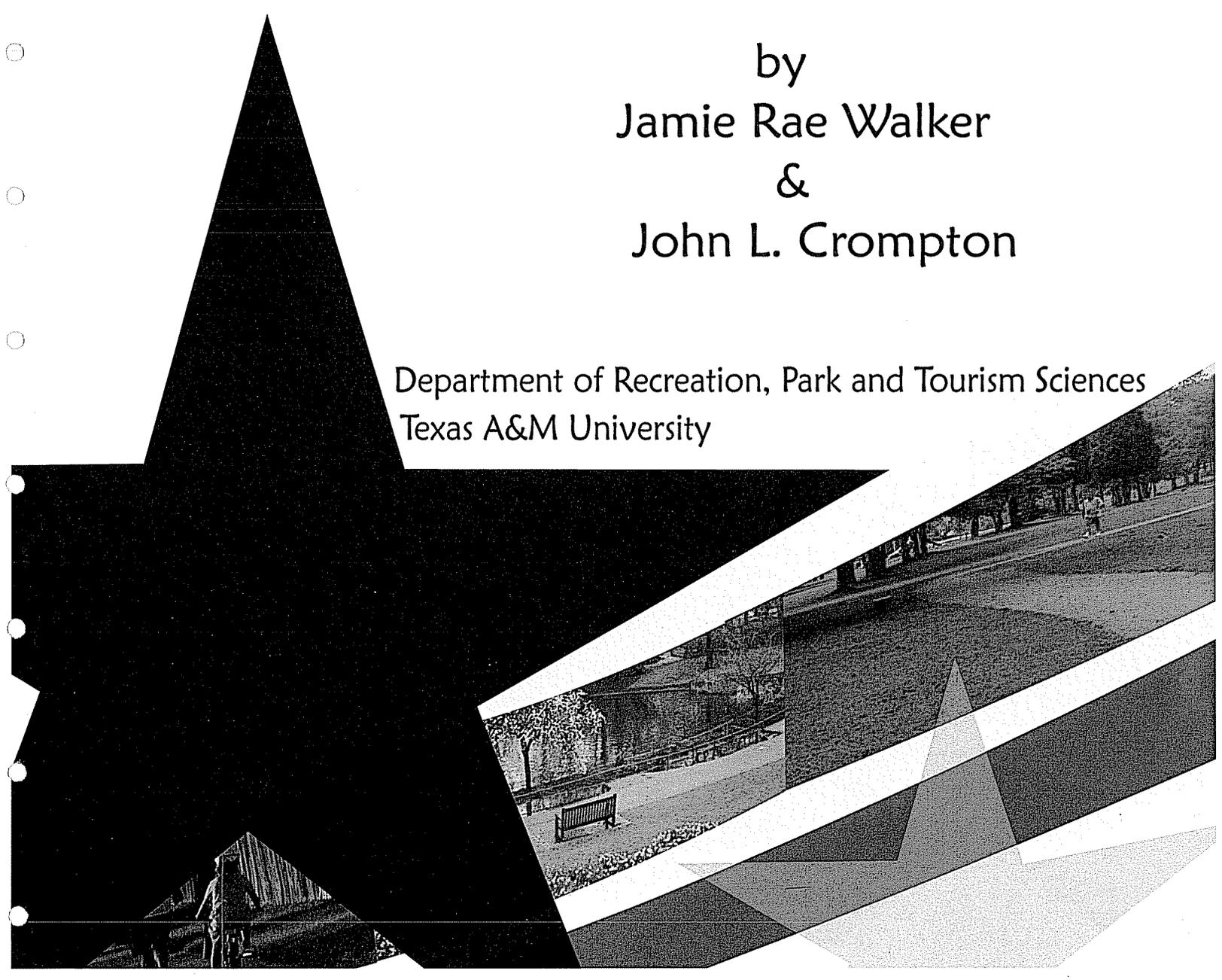
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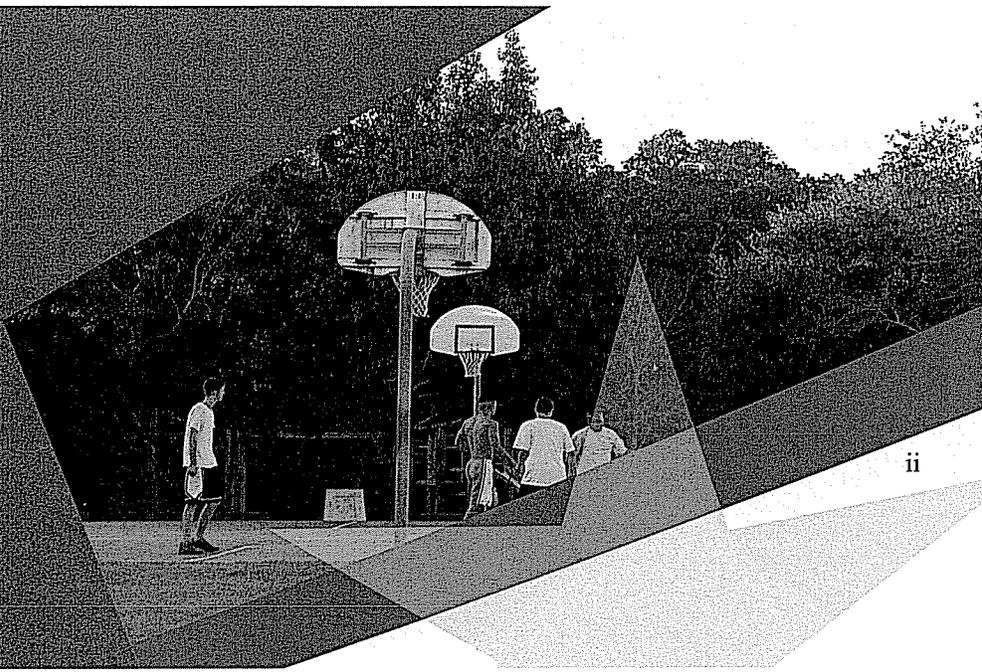
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Introduction

This Needs Assessment was developed to provide the City of College Station Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) staff, community leaders, and citizens with guidelines for investment decisions designed to address the city's park and recreation needs for the next 10 years.

As part of its process to update the current Master Plan, the College Station PARC contracted with the Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences at Texas A&M University to conduct a city-wide needs assessment. Focus

groups, a public meeting, and a community wide survey were administered to ascertain and prioritize the needs presented in this report.

The focus groups were held in January through March 2005. Input from these sessions was used as the basis for formulating a questionnaire which was mailed to city residents in June.

In July, reduced versions of the

questionnaire was delivered to

PARC and to city employees in other

departments. After two follow-up mailouts to

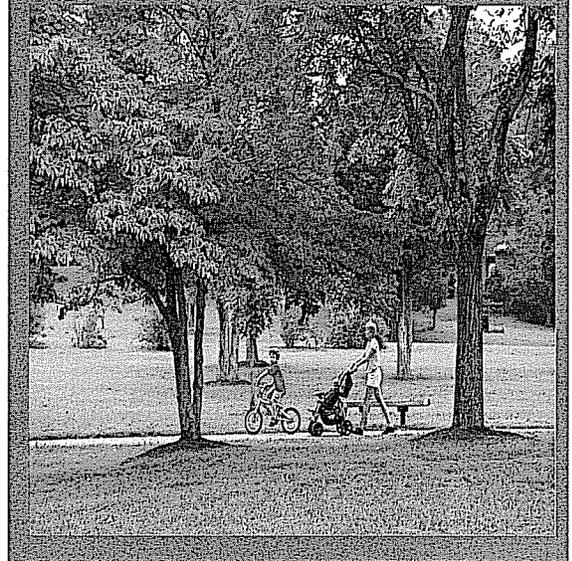
residents who had not responded and one follow-up post

card delivered to employees, the data from the questionnaire

were analyzed in September/October and results

were presented to the Park Board

in October 2005.



Focus Group Procedures

Twelve focus groups were facilitated between January and March. Local Citizens were invited by PARD staff members to one of these twelve groups:

Neighborhood Associations	External Athletics	Environmental Groups
Aquatics	Lincoln Center	Internal Athletics
Citizens with Disabilities	Teens	PARD Advisory Board
Senior Citizens	Special Interests	

The 128 citizens who participated in the focus groups utilizing a Nominal Group Technique (NGT) provided and ranked responses to the question:

“Which park and recreation facilities and services are lacking in the College Station area which are necessary to support the needs of your family or the organization you represent?”

Representatives from each group, excluding the Teens and the Park Board groups, were invited to a wrap-up focus group to participate in a combined NGT. In addition to the focus groups, 36 citizens who attended the public meeting also participated in a NGT.

Focus Group Findings

The NGT unveiled five major themes: a need for trails and linkages, more non-designated open space, improved communication, additional pools, and a community center.

Residents who participated in the NGT felt that the city needed more trails; needed to link trails to each other; and needed to link trails to schools, work places, residential neighborhoods, recreation centers, and restaurants.

They believed that the city needed additional open space for non-planned, non-scheduled play. Residents felt that neighborhood ballfields and larger open spaces are continuously set-aside for scheduled practices and games in the evenings and on weekends. They articulated a need to increase the amount of landscaped open space which incorporated flowers, gardens, and trees.

There was an expressed desire for the city to enhance communication

especially by improving the web page. Concerns were voiced about overcrowding at, and accessibility to, pools. Several of the groups also gave priority to building a water park in College Station.

These data were used as input for developing the city-wide survey which was used to obtain a representative view of the priorities of College Station residents.

Additional information on the NGT process, participation, and detailed results from each of the focus groups is available in Appendix A.

Survey Procedures

The survey was developed from the focus group data and included questions on respondents' frequency of use and on the perceived contributions of parks and recreation to overall community goals.

The survey was mailed to 1200 College Station residents. It was structured so that 800 would be delivered to single family homes and 400 would go to multiple dwelling units. The assumption was that single family homes were more likely to contain permanent College Station residents, while multiple dwelling units were more likely to reflect the community's college population. Greater emphasis was given to the permanent resident group since they are likely to have most invested in the community.

The two groups of 800 and 400 residents were drawn from the city's list of utility customers. Every nth name was drawn from the list so it was a probability (representative) sample. The 1200 total number was used because based on past surveys of this nature, the research team anticipated receiving a 40% return rate and 450-500 was viewed as the minimum number of responses needed to undertake analyses of any sub-groups that may be requested.

Every survey included a cover letter offering two incentives: (1) a buy one admit one free ice skating pass, and (2) a chance to win 1 of 4 family summer pool passes. Three days after mailing the surveys, reminder post cards were sent to every resident. Two weeks later, a second survey was sent to all non-respondents. Four weeks after the first mail-out, a final survey was sent to the remaining non-respondents.

In July, a representative from each city department was asked to serve as a liaison for distribution of the city employee survey. Steve Beachy, the Director of Parks and Recreation, sent an e-mail to all city



staff members which requested their time and assistance in completing the surveys, and described the importance of their responses. Each department liaison received a packet comprised of surveys and reminder post cards for each employee in his/her department. Liaisons were instructed to distribute the surveys first, followed by the post cards.

The reduced versions of the survey instruments that were sent to all city employees and to all PARD staff are included in Appendix B.

Survey Results -- Participants

Five hundred and forty-six (546) residents, 58 PARD employees, and 286 employees from other city departments returned usable surveys, which represented 45%, 81%, and 46% percent response rates, respectively. A profile of the residents who completed the questionnaire was compared with the profile of College Station's total population which was provided by the city's planning department. The data in Figure 1 show that the youngest age cohort, 18-34, was underrepresented in the sample, while the 35-64 and 65+ age groups were overrepresented. The underrepresentation among 18-34 year olds presumably reflects the much smaller university enrollments in the summer and, hence, the fewer young people resident in the city at the time of the survey. This interpretation is supported by the imbalance in profiles shown between students and non-students in Table 1C. This probably also explains some of the underrepresentation of apartment dwellers and overrepresentation of single family home owners (Table 1B).

However, some of this imbalance was deliberately structured into the survey by selecting twice as many single family homes as apartments to be surveyed in order to avoid apartment respondents' priorities from dominating the results.

The ethnic, gender, and rental/owner profiles of the sample's respondents were reasonably compatible with those of the city (Tables 1D, 1E and 1F in Appendix C). Additional data on response rates and demographics are available in Appendix C.

Figure 1A Age

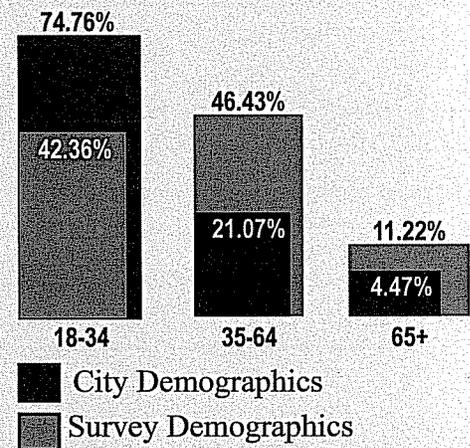


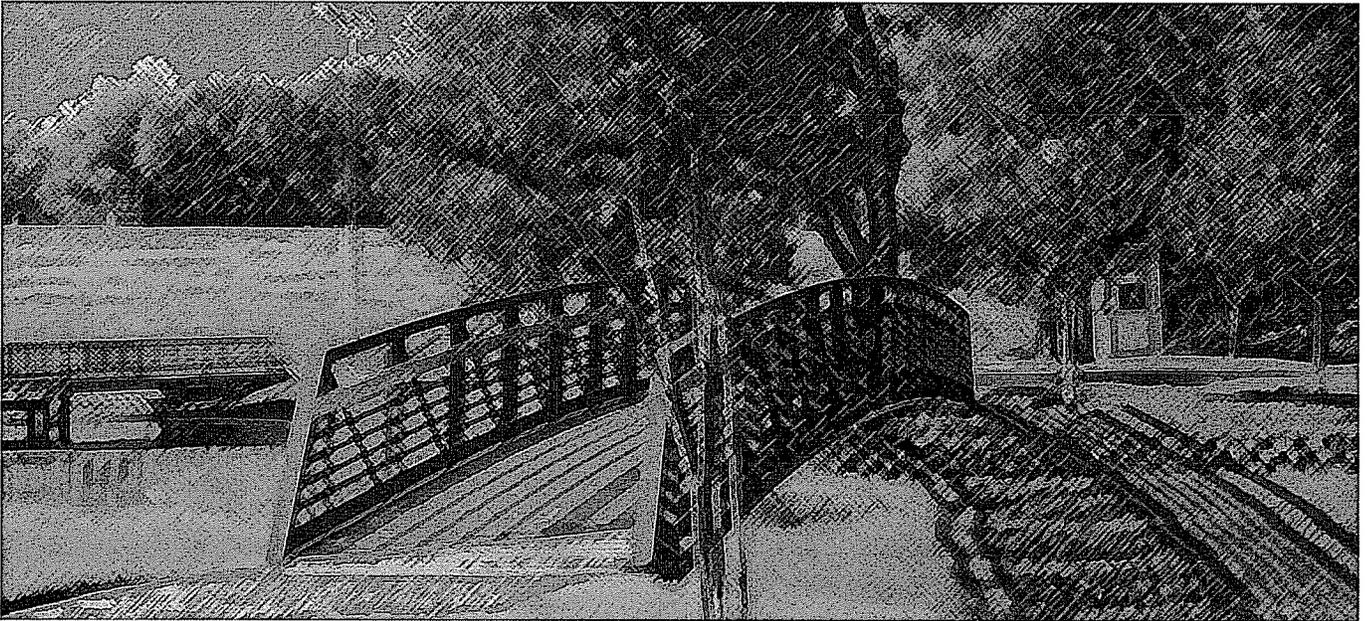
Table 1B Dwelling Type

	Survey	CS*
	%	%
Mobile Home	1.01	1.62
Apartment	17.71	52.02
Town House/Condo	6.84	5.37
Single Family	74.45	40.98
Total	100	100

Table 1C Student Population

	Survey	CS*
	%	%
Student	25.75	53.5
Non Student	74.25	46.5
Total	100	100

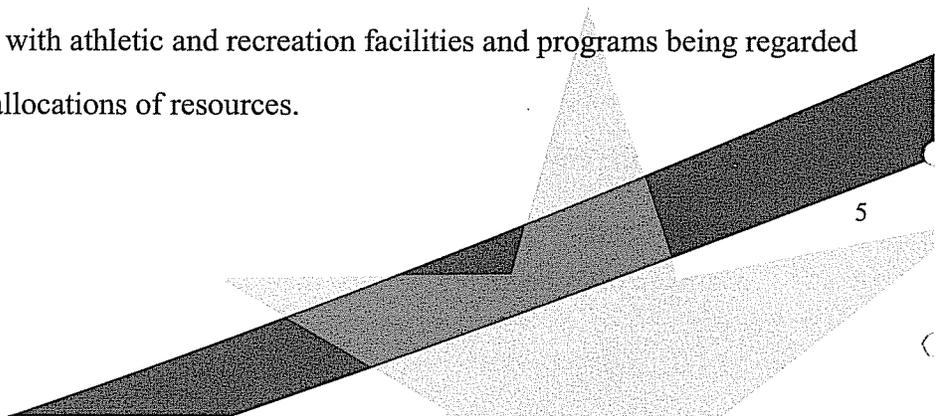
Survey Results-- Frequency of Use



Neighborhood/Community Parks and Trails/Paths were the most used amenities among College Station Residents.

Frequency of use data are presented in Table 2. Neighborhood/Community Parks and Walking Trails/Bike Trails were by far the most used amenities with 40% and 34% of College Station residents reporting that someone in their household used them once a week or more (Table 2). The dominance of Neighborhood/Community Parks was reinforced by the relatively high levels of use reported for Playgrounds, Ponds/Lakes and Picnic Tables/Pavilions which were ranked third (27.8%), fifth (25.3%) and sixth (19.5%), respectively, when aggregating daily, weekly, and monthly use, since these elements are located in parks.

Swimming pools were ranked third with 27.6% of College Station households reporting that someone in their household used them at least once a month during the open season (Table 2). With the exception of the Lincoln Center, outdoor basketball courts, tennis courts and festivals/events, other recreation services, for the most part, were used by fewer than 20% of the households in College Station during the course of the year. These data suggest that the department's emphasis should be on the development of parks and greenways, with athletic and recreation facilities and programs being regarded as of secondary importance in future allocations of resources.



Survey Results-- Table 2 Frequency of Use

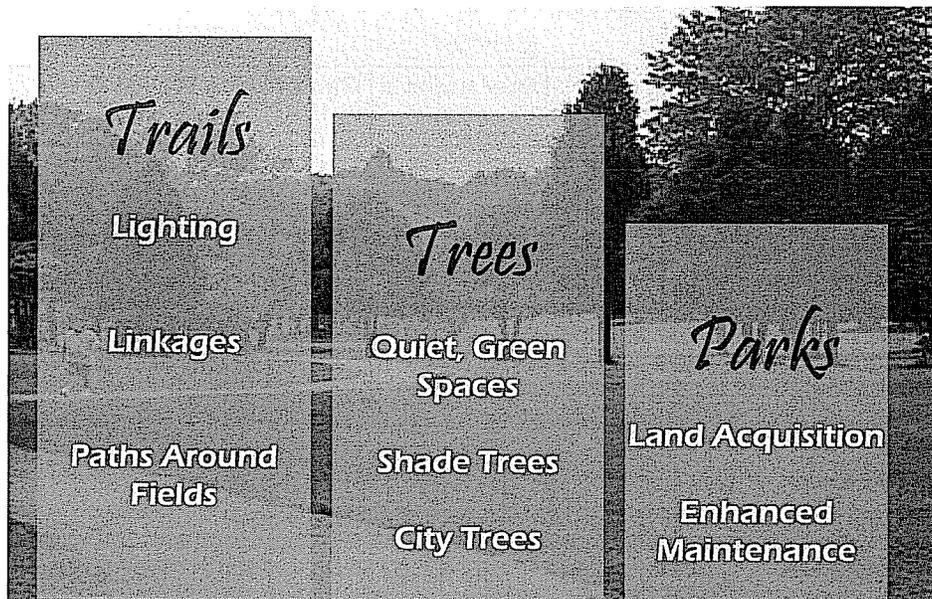
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	Not at all		Few times a year		Once Month		About Once a Week		Almost Daily	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
PARKS RELATED										
Neighborhood/Community Parks	61	11.60	159	30.23	93	17.68	141	26.81	72	13.69
Walking Trails/ Bike Paths	131	24.86	137	26.00	81	15.37	105	19.92	73	13.85
Playgrounds	243	46.29	136	25.90	60	11.43	61	11.62	25	4.76
Ponds/ Lakes	209	39.81	183	34.86	95	18.10	30	5.71	8	1.52
Picnic Tables/Pavilions	199	38.12	221	42.34	71	13.60	26	4.98	5	0.96

RECREATION RELATED

Swimming Pools	261	50.10	116	22.26	42	8.06	68	13.05	34	6.53
Wolf Pen Amphitheatre	202	38.55	249	47.52	58	11.07	12	2.29	3	0.57
Kids Klub	473	90.27	13	2.48	3	0.57	6	1.15	29	5.53
Recreation Center	347	66.86	102	19.65	34	6.55	21	4.05	15	2.89
Fitness Programs	446	85.44	44	8.43	15	2.87	7	1.34	10	1.92
Youth Soccer Fields	428	81.52	37	7.05	21	4.00	32	6.10	7	1.33
Outdoor Basketball Courts	320	61.30	116	22.22	55	10.54	25	4.79	6	1.15
Tennis Courts	360	68.57	95	18.10	42	8.00	22	4.19	5	0.95
Youth Baseball Fields	451	86.07	44	8.40	11	2.10	13	2.48	5	0.95
Adult Soccer Fields	460	87.62	30	5.71	18	3.43	14	2.67	3	0.57
Xtra Education	440	83.81	69	13.14	9	1.71	4	0.76	3	0.57
Youth Softball Fields	468	89.31	32	6.11	7	1.34	14	2.67	3	0.57
Lincoln Center	454	86.64	52	9.92	14	2.67	1	0.19	3	0.57
Teen Activities	484	92.37	20	3.82	11	2.10	6	1.15	3	0.57
Festivals/Events	228	43.59	247	47.23	40	7.65	6	1.15	2	0.38
Adult Baseball Fields	442	84.67	48	9.20	19	3.64	11	2.11	2	0.38
EXIT Teen Center	493	93.90	22	4.19	4	0.76	4	0.76	2	0.38
Adult Softball Fields	418	79.77	66	12.60	16	3.05	23	4.39	1	0.19
Youth Flag Football Fields	485	92.56	28	5.34	4	0.76	6	1.15	1	0.19
Volleyball Courts	410	78.24	81	15.46	23	4.39	10	1.91	0	0.00
Senior Programs	481	91.62	32	6.10	11	2.10	1	0.19	0	0.00

Survey Results -- Priorities



Residents ranked Trails, Trees, and Neighborhood/Community Parks as the three top priorities.

Respondents were presented with the set of items listed in Table 3 and asked to indicate for each of them whether they should be a high, medium or low priority in future investment decisions. Three major investment priorities emerged. First, were items related to trails, reflecting the widespread use of Walking Trails/Bike Paths reported in Table 2. By far the highest priority was to provide lighting for walking and jogging paths. This was complemented with the request for more hike and bike trails linking parks, neighborhoods and schools, which was ranked fourth, and more walking paths around parks and athletic fields which was ranked seventh. Among city employees, the trails' items also emerged as highest priority being ranked first, fourth and eighth. These also appeared prominently in respondents' open-ended responses which are reported in Appendix D.

The second investment priority was trees. Providing more shade trees at parks was ranked third and providing more trees along city streets was ranked fifth. This was complemented by the second ranked more generic landscaping priority of providing quiet, green spaces throughout the city. Together these three items make a strong case for prioritizing investment in "greening the city". City employees ranked the three "greening the city" items third, seventh and tenth.

The third major theme reflected the relatively high frequency of use reported in Table 2 for Neighborhood/Community Parks. Ranked eighth and ninth, respectively, were acquisition of more parkland and enhancement of maintenance at existing parks.

There was strong sentiment expressed by 28% of the sample as a high priority that there should be more investment in improving accessibility for those with disabilities. Among the programmatic, as opposed to facility items, priority was given to providing more art and music programs.

Like the residents, PARD and city staff regarded improving access for those with disabilities as a high priority (2). There was a higher PARD staff priority given to

offering Xtra Education classes at weekends (7) and, providing personal growth classes (10).

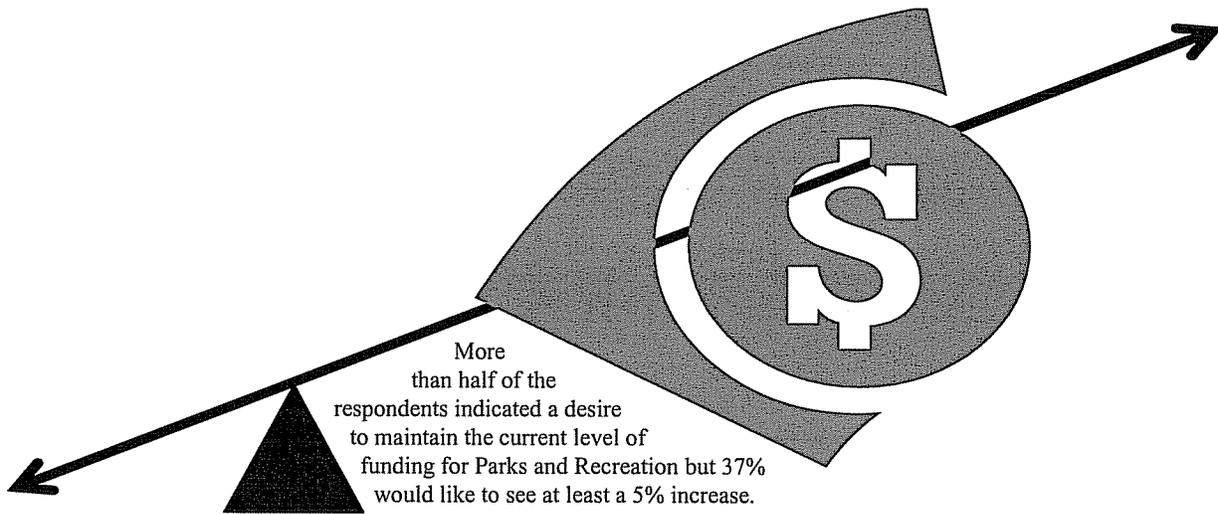
The PARD employees' dominant priority was the allocation of more funds to enhance the maintenance of existing parks which probably reflects both the predominance in numbers of the park staff among those who completed the survey and their pride in what they do (maintenance incorporates trees, flower beds, irrigation systems, cleaning, mowing, painting, building maintenance, et al.). The city staff gave relatively high priority to developing a senior center (5) and providing playgrounds at athletic fields (6).

Table 3 Level of Priority

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	None		Low		Medium		High	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Provide lighting for walking and jogging paths	15	2.86	72	13.74	159	30.34	278	53.05
Provide quiet, green spaces throughout the city	20	3.81	116	22.10	196	37.33	193	36.76
Provide more shade trees at parks	17	3.24	107	20.38	210	40.00	191	36.38
Link parks, neighborhoods, and schools with hike and bike trails	23	4.40	113	21.61	203	38.81	184	35.18
Provide more trees along city streets	44	8.38	140	26.67	177	33.71	164	31.24
Improve accessibility for those with disabilities (e.g., pool lifts, sidewalks,	24	4.59	133	25.43	216	41.30	150	28.68
Provide more walking paths around parks and athletic fields	24	4.58	141	26.91	226	43.13	133	25.38
Acquire additional park land	49	9.35	167	31.87	187	35.69	121	23.09
Allocate more funds to enhance the maintenance of existing parks	27	5.17	111	21.26	268	51.34	116	22.22
Provide more art and music programs	61	11.71	183	35.12	176	33.78	101	19.39
Provide a designated Senior Center	61	11.60	194	36.88	183	34.79	88	16.73
Provide more directional signs identifying the way to parks	65	12.38	213	40.57	164	31.24	83	15.81
Provide playgrounds at athletic fields	38	7.29	188	36.08	221	42.42	74	14.20
Provide personal growth classes (e.g., car maintenance, career development)	73	14.01	198	38.00	176	33.78	74	14.20
Improve public bus transportation to existing park and recreation facilities	73	14.01	198	38.00	176	33.78	74	14.20
Place more benches in parks and along trails	39	7.46	166	31.74	246	47.04	72	13.77
Provide more seasonal color and landscaping in parks	46	8.81	216	41.38	188	36.02	72	13.79
Offer Xtra Education Classes on weekends	111	21.31	220	42.23	123	23.61	67	12.86
Provide more access to the indoor pool at the Junior High School during school vacations	91	17.50	211	40.58	158	30.38	60	11.54
Provide more undesignated, open play space at neighborhood parks	42	8.03	231	44.17	191	36.52	59	11.28
Provide technology in parks (wireless access, geocoding)	169	32.31	199	38.05	97	18.55	58	11.09
Provide a wider variety of aquatic classes	74	14.20	270	51.82	130	24.95	47	9.02

Survey Results -- Level of Tax Support



When respondents were asked if they wanted to increase or decrease the amount of tax they paid for existing and new park and recreation services, the dominant response by slightly more than half of them was to retain the same level of investment. Slightly over 10% of the sample indicated they would prefer to decrease tax support for both existing and new amenities. However, approximately 37% indicated they would be willing to increase their support for parks, although for the most part this increase was limited to a 5% increase. These data suggest there is strong citizen support for parks. In an era in which advocacy of tax cuts is a dominant feature of political dialog, almost 90% of residents indicated a preference for maintaining or increasing funding for parks and recreation.

Table 4 -- Level of Tax Support

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	-20%		-15%		-10%		-5%		Remain the		+5%		+10%		+15%		+20%		Total
Would you like to see the level of tax support for EXISTING park and recreation services changed?	16	3.13	5	0.98	12	2.35	21	4.11	271	53.03	122		51	9.98	4	0.78	9		511
Would you like to see the city's tax investment in NEW park and recreation facilities change?	18	3.54	3	0.59	11	2.16	23	4.52	260	51.08	124		51		8	1.57	9		509

Survey Results -- Priority Investment Areas



Residents were provided with a list of potential investment areas determined from the focus groups data and asked to prioritize investments for the next ten years (See Table 5). Trails were the dominant request ranking first, second and seventh. Indeed, if they were aggregated into a single category, they would overwhelm all other categories.

This reflects the changing way in which people now use park-like facilities. Prior to the 1990s, parks were used primarily for picnicking and social activities. While this use is still important, the primary uses over the past decade have been walking, jogging, biking, skateboarding et al., i.e., linear activities which use the periphery of the park area only. The enhanced interest in these activities is reflected in the prioritization shown here for trails which will accommodate them.

The second prioritization is for neighborhood parks, ponds/lakes, and gardens/arboretum. Again, these reflect dominant use patterns reported in Table 2. However, the prominence of ponds/lakes and gardens/arboretum suggest a desire to invest more in water and horticultural features in our parks. For the most part, neighborhood parks are minimally landscaped, (they are not equipped with sprinkler systems) and these responses indicate a higher level of landscaping should be incorporated. The primary challenge in responding to this prioritization

Survey Results -- Priority Investment Areas

is that in times of drought, the city by ordinance is required to shut off its landscape sprinkler systems. Hence, the landscaping dies. The solution to this conundrum may be for the city to develop a network of pipes that delivers recycled water to landscapes. This is being actively considered by the city. Another barrier to enhanced landscaping is the availability of additional horticultural and forestry staff to undertake the work, but some of this requirement may be met by soliciting neighborhood residents to volunteer their labor.

The major surprise in these data was the widespread interest in developing a Zoo and a Water Park. These may reflect a desire for something that is “different” to enhance the variety of experiences that can be offered. It is unlikely to be feasible for the city to develop a Zoo, even one that features only Texas species. Both the capital and operating expenses involved are substantial- -far higher than those associated with any of the city’s other facilities. If those identifying a zoo as one of their priorities were aware of the costs involved, it seems likely that their level of enthusiasm for the project would drop.

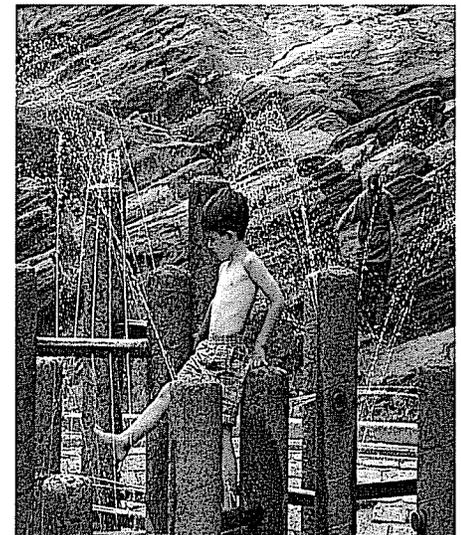
The **Water Park** prioritization is something the city should explore with a feasibility study to ascertain the capital and operational expenses associated with such a facility, and the potential of partnering with a private operator to provide it as was done with the ice rink.

Successful efforts have been made to convert Bee Creek into a pseudo water park, but the pool’s formal, traditional “tank” design limits what can be done there. Residents have responded with enthusiasm to the play features that have been included at Bee Creek, which suggests a water park would be well-received. Three points should be made about the water park option:

- 1 If such a facility was built, it would probably usurp much of Bee Creek’s demand (and perhaps that of Thomas and Southwood also).
- 2 The capital and operating costs of a water park substantially exceed that of a traditional pool. However, these are likely to be partially off-set by increased revenues. Users expect to pay higher admission prices for a water park, and it will attract more users by drawing from the region rather than only from College Station.
- 3 Southwood Park was intended to be a water park when it was constructed in the mid-1980s. However, vigorous opposition to the concept emanated from the neighborhood, so the decision was made to construct a traditional pool.

Table 5--Top Priorities

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	#	%
Walking/Biking Trails	204	38.20
Nature Trails	157	29.40
Zoo	152	28.46
Water Park	145	27.15
Ponds/Lakes	140	26.22
Neighborhood Parks	124	23.22
Extensive regional trail system	123	23.03
Gardens/ Arboretum	110	20.60
Art/Music Facilities	106	19.85
Dog Park	101	18.91
Senior Center	100	18.73



Respondents ranked Trails, Neighborhood Parks, and a Water Park as Priority Investment Areas over the next 5-10 years.

Survey Results -- Priority Investment Areas



Other elements that received prominent prioritization were Art/Music facilities, Dog Park, and Senior Center. The art/music facilities prioritization probably reflects discussion in the community for over a decade relating to developing an arts center. At this time, this appears to be the remit of the Arts Council rather than the PARD. However, the PARD could perhaps explore the potential of expanding its offerings in arts/music. A Dog Park is being incorporated at Steeplechase Park and being considered for inclusion at University Park. Their availability is likely to make it possible to more vigorously encourage dog hygiene in other parks.



There is growing momentum to create more space that can be used by senior citizens. The PARD's seniors' programs are expanding and the council has authorized the exploration of more space to accommodate their needs. However, it is unlikely that a specialist senior citizen center designed for their exclusive use is the solution. A more feasible option may be the creation of a community-oriented center (perhaps similar in concept to the existing conference center on George Bush Drive which is nearing the end of its useful life) that can be used by a multitude of community groups, including seniors.

PARD and city employees gave similar prioritization to the Water Park and Zoo (see Tables 5B and 5C in Appendix C). Their support for the Water Park offers further evidence that the feasibility of this facility should be explored.

The PARD employees' substantial support for camping areas, adult softball fields, skate park and indoor recreation center were all items not recognized as high priorities by residents. This may indicate that staff have insights derived from their professional training which elude residents who are not intimately involved in providing services. Like residents, city employees also identified ponds/lakes and trails as prominent priorities.

Survey Results -- Service Quality Issues



Respondents were particularly complimentary about the maintenance quality of parks and the quality of facilities provided.

Most residents reported being satisfied with most of the service quality issues. They were particularly complimentary about the maintenance quality of the parks and the quality of facilities and services provided. Approximately 10% of those who considered themselves to be “knowledgeable” about the issue reported not being satisfied with the PARD’s offerings (see Table 6).

The issue which appears to warrant additional effort by the PARD relates to *communicating with residents*. A majority of respondents who had knowledge of the issue reported they did not find it easy to offer feedback to the PARD or to obtain answers to questions. This was reinforced somewhat by one-third of the sample indicating they were not well-informed about the PARD’s offerings. The substantial turnover in the city’s population, especially that associated with college students, makes this a particularly difficult challenge. However, this community is technology oriented and much more could be done to communicate with residents via use of a website. The city’s website is not easily accessible by the PARD because the department lacks the employee capacity to insert daily updates on the site. It seems unlikely that the communication problem will be improved until such a position is established in the department. Residents’ concerns regarding communication and knowledge of programs were also discussed in the open-ended responses. These responses confirmed the need to better communicate with new residents (see Appendix D).

There appeared to be widespread support for the contentions that the PARD needed to work most closely with the College Station Independent School District, police and fire on safety in the neighborhoods, and with neighborhood groups. Responding affirmatively does not necessarily mean the PARD is inadequate in its current levels of collaboration. However, open-ended responses indicated that working with Police on safety and security, and working with city-wide groups on health and activity issues could further improve citizen’s appraisals of PARD services and contributions to city-wide goals.

City employees concurred with residents' views that the PARD should endeavor to improve its level of communication with residents. As city employees, it was anticipated that they would not perceive there to be difficulty in offering feedback to the PARD but 74% who had experience with the PARD reported such a difficulty. Perhaps, most surprisingly, two-thirds of city employees indicated they were not well-informed about plans for parks in their neighborhood. This was a much larger proportion than in the residents' sample. Almost one-third claimed not to be well-informed about the PARD's offerings. If the 57% of the sample who checked "I have no knowledge" on this question are included, then the magnitude of the communication challenge is accentuated (See Tables 6B and 6C in Appendix C).

Table 6 Service Quality Issues

	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Agree		Strongly Agree		I have no knowledge		N (534)
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	% ^b	
I am well-informed about College Station's park facilities and recreation programs	28	6.25	117	26.12	280	62.50	23	5.13	83	15.63	531
The Department should work more closely with schools to develop parks and offer programs	4	1.08	30	8.09	286	77.09	55	14.82	151	28.93	522
College Station parks and recreation facilities are accessible to people with disabilities	1	0.38	24	9.06	212	80.00	29	10.94	263	49.81	528
College Station Parks are well maintained and clean	4	0.88	42	9.19	341	74.62	74	16.19	67	12.79	524
In general, I am satisfied with the facilities and services provided by the Parks & Recreation Department	7	1.54	42	9.25	366	80.62	46	10.13	68	13.03	522
The Department should work more closely with police and fire departments on safety in parks/neighborhoods	2	0.58	51	14.70	228	65.71	68	19.60	178	33.90	525
Overall, the City of College Station has a "park-like" ambiance about it	22	4.89	132	29.33	283	62.89	35	7.78	57	11.24	507
The swimming pools are too crowded	8	2.19	87	23.84	249	68.22	29	7.95	155	29.81	520
I am well-informed about plans for parks in my neighborhood	4	1.67	45	18.75	130	54.17	65	27.08	285	54.29	525
It is easy for me to offer feedback to the park department and to obtain answers from them to any questions	38	14.73	153	59.30	94	36.43	11	4.26	235	47.67	493
The Department should work more closely with neighborhood groups to plan and maintain parks	10	4.50	60	27.03	149	67.12	13	5.86	297	57.23	519
Automobile traffic around parks should be diverted or slowed down	2	0.53	21	5.57	300	79.58	56	14.85	150	28.46	527
I can get to my favorite park facilities on foot or by bicycle	7	1.66	90	21.38	244	57.96	87	20.67	100	19.19	521

Survey Results -- Relative Importance of Alternate Community Goals

In addition to providing enjoyable opportunities for individuals, park and recreation services have the potential to contribute to a wider set of community goals. Respondents were presented with a list of items which represented dimensions of eight broad community goals and were asked how important they viewed these issues. The eight broad goals are shown in the bold type in Table 7, while dimensions of them are listed underneath each goal in Appendix D. The scores for each goal shown in bold are the averages derived from the dimension items underneath the goal. The scales ranged from 1 through 7. By far the most important goal of the eight listed was **preventing youth crime**, with 72% rating it 6 or 7 at the extremely important end of the scale. The other item which received higher than average support was **enhancing real estate values**, which 60% rated at the 6 or 7 level. Support for the other goals at the 6 or 7 level was consistently around 50%, with the exception of attracting and retaining retirees and addressing the needs of people who are unemployed which were viewed as being of lesser importance and received approximately 41% and 36%, respectively.

The perceived importance of preventing youth crime provides a strong rationale for the PARD's youth sports, and teen after-school programs such as those at Kids Klub, the EXIT Teen Center and the Lincoln Center. The support for enhancing real estate programs, provides a rationale for the interest in parks, trails and "greening the city" which emerged in the earlier questions because these features are known to have a substantial positive effect on residents' property values.

Like residents, the PARD staff rated preventing youth crime as the most important of the eight goals listed. However, it was essentially ranked equal with attracting



tourists. In the past decade, the PARD has emphasized its central role in tourism and the staff's high ranking probably reflects this emphasis. Enhancing real estate values was also ranked highly.

City employees like the other two groups ranked preventing youth crime first, followed by attracting tourists and enhancing real estate values. Like PARD staff, they gave a much higher ranking to attracting tourists than did residents. These results suggest that staff as a whole have an appreciation of the economic development contribution of tourism to the city that is not yet shared by residents.

Table 7-- Performance

	6.0&7.0	
	#	%
Preventing Youth Crime	379	72.16
Environmental Stewardship	280	53.27
Enhancing Real Estate Values	314	59.67
Attracting and Retaining Businesses	268	50.85
Improving Community Health	278	52.82
Attracting and Retaining Retirees	213	40.61
Attracting Tourists	257	48.86
Addressing the Needs of People who are Underemployed	192	36.48

Survey Results -- PARD's Perceived Contribution to Alternate Community Goals



When respondents were presented with the same set of eight goals and dimensions, and asked their perceptions of the PARD's current contributions to each of them, the scores were disappointingly low. Although 72% had indicated preventing youth crime was an important community goal, only 21% considered the PARD made a large or very large contribution (6 or 7 on the 7 point scale) to that goal (see Table 8A, Appendix C). The highest ranking of the PARD's contributions to these goals was enhancing real estate values where 30.5% rated them 6 or 7. In the past decade the PARD has frequently communicated its central role in attracting tourists through its hosting of sports

Table 8-- Contribution

	6.0&7.0	
	#	%
Preventing Youth Crime	108	20.99
Environmental Stewardship	66	12.89
Enhancing Real Estate Values	156	30.49
Attracting and Retaining Businesses	108	21.05
Improving Community Health	82	16.05
Attracting and Retaining Retirees	59	11.47
Attracting Tourists	139	26.98

tournaments and festivals/special events, but this role was recognized as being large or very large by only 27%. The PARD is viewed by relatively few residents as having an impact on community health. Given the recent concerns about obesity and lifestyle health problems; their costs to society; the leadership role that PARDs in other communities have exerted in the area of community health; and the potential of the PARD's programs to contribute to alleviating the problem, it may be desirable for the PARD to explore opportunities for expanding its community health role. To strengthen widespread community support, the PARD should make an effort to reposition their youth recreation

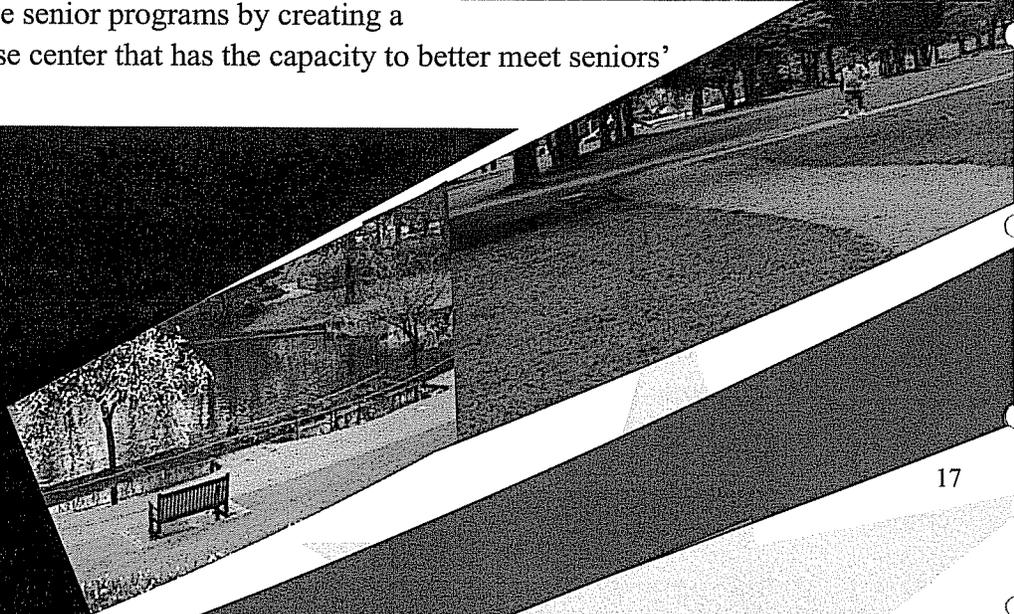
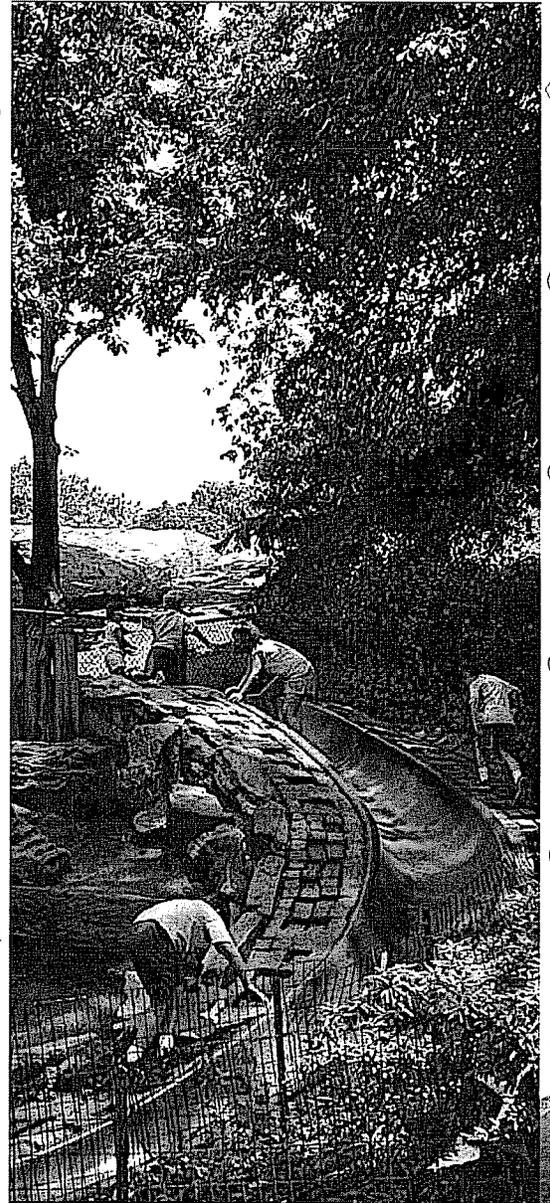
services so they align directly with young crime prevention and align their "greening of the city" programs with enhanced real estate values and consider expanding their community health role. These are the most important issue to residents and aligning services more closely with them will reinforce and solidify the community's support for parks and recreation.

The responses of PARD staff were higher than those of residents reflecting their professional awareness that what the PARD offers contribute more than only an opportunity to participate in "fun and games." Further, the three highest ranked were the same three that the staff perceived to be most important in Table 7A, i.e., enhancing real estate, attracting tourists and preventing youth crime. The city employees' perceptions of the PARD's contribution to these community goals typically were higher than those of residents and lower than those of PARD staff. Their highest ranking was for the PARD's contribution to enhancing real estate values, followed closely by attracting tourists, and then preventing youth crime.

Overview -- Planning for the next 5-10 years

The needs assessment results suggest that for the next ten years the Recreation, Parks and Open Space Master Plan should guide and develop the city's landscape so it becomes more park-like. The findings suggest the PARD should:

- Concentrate on “greening the city” by acquiring more park-land and increasing tree plantings, vegetation, and color throughout the city.
- Improve the trail network by adding additional trail infrastructure and connecting existing trails to each other, schools, residential neighborhoods, and businesses.
- Maintain high levels of maintenance at community and neighborhood Parks.
- Continue to offer high quality youth programs that residents feel support the community-wide goal of alleviating juvenile delinquency.
- Review the feasibility of building a Water Park in College Station.
- Improve existing, and create new, communication mechanisms with residents.
- Work with other city agencies, neighborhood associations, and citywide groups to address safety and health issues.
- Improve senior programs by creating a multi-use center that has the capacity to better meet seniors' needs.



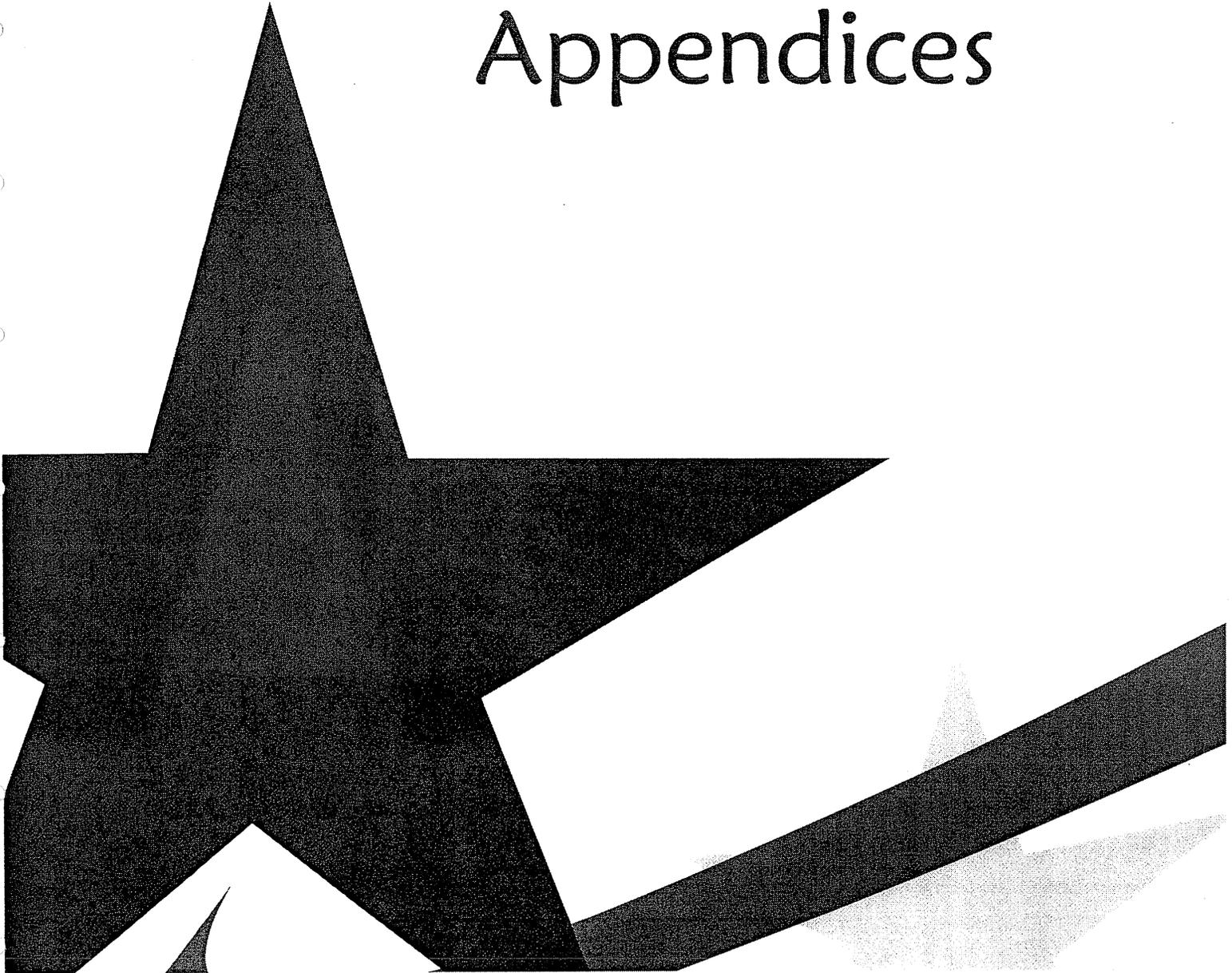
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Appendices



Appendix A

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THE NGT PROCESS

The Resident's Role

It was explained to participants that their role was to assist in a discovery process to help the PARD better understand:

“What park and recreation facilities and services are lacking in the College Station area which are necessary to support the needs of your family or the organization you represent. “

Participants answered the question for themselves, their family, and the group they represented.

The Focus Group Process

To gather this information:

Residents were given time to think over the question and brainstorm ideas.

Each idea was listed on a single sheet of paper, numbered, and displayed for all participants to read.

Next, participants collectively combined the responses which they felt conveyed the same ideas.

After the combining phase, participants were provided with five post-it notes and were asked to choose their top five priorities. They were asked to distribute 10 points across these five priorities in any denomination (i.e., they could put ten points on one and zero on the other four or put 2 points on each).

What park and recreation facilities and services are lacking in the College Station area which are necessary to support the needs of your family or the organization you represent?

Neighborhood Associations

January 20, 2005

3 Participants

Number	Responses	Votes
101	More off-street bike trails. City Wide network. Connect Bee Creek and Central Park.	8
102	More safe bike trails - be able to traverse town on bike.	0
103	Maintenance on other parks other than Vet, Cent, S.W.V.	5
104	Keep developing Central Park. Better lighting at night.	0
105	Good Plan for small park near Chimney Hill.	2
106	A park that has a lot of activities to do with my family. Frisbee, Roller-skate, Basketball, etc.	3
107	More pedestrian friendly sidewalks.	0
108	How about a nature trail (long) walk/bike?	2
109	Expansion on all parks in addition to playing fields.	3
110	Rework drainage in Lick Creek.	0
111	Skate board / Rollerblade park.	2
112	Another Public Pool.	0
113	Small Lake? Canoeing?	2
114	I like the Greenbelt trails in some Houston Neighborhoods - more green around our neighborhoods.	3

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What park and recreation facilities and services are lacking in the College Station area which are necessary to support the needs of your family or the organization you represent?

External Athletics

January 24,2005

6 Participants

Number	Responses	Votes
101	Rising need for HS Lacrosse fields (Most often shared with soccer & football).	c103
102	Cricket Field.	c103
103	Access to multi-use fields for Cricket, Lacrosse, and Rugby. Field Use - Open Space.	19
104	No summer youth softball program or clinics.	0
105	Fees charged for field & lights reservations are too high and not equally applied.	22
106	Being assessed a fee to use city parks and fields.	1
107	Lack of softball fields that are available.	7
108	Girl softball fields are locked so often, just not being used.	c109
109	Lack of Free & Unlocked softball fields.	8
110	Need for more batting cages & backstops at softball complex.	1
111	Boys little league fields are not locked.	0
112	Fees to use lights only for softball equalized.	c105
113	Softball, "select" or "tournament", teams are not encouraged or supported.	0
114	More local softball tournaments.	0
115	Need more backstops.	c110
116	Year round use of facilities.	2
117	The City of College Station is a melting pot of different cultures. Because of A&M University we have people from all over the world living in our town. I represent "Brazos Valley Cricket Club". College Station & Texas A&M both have four cricket teams but no cricket ground facilities. I along with thousands of other Asian & European cricket fans would like to have a cricket field for our town.	c103

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Environmental Interests

February 8, 2005

4 Participants

Number	Responses	Votes
101	Programs to adopt specific parks to care for trees, clean, etc.	c126
102	Park land dedication should connect to greenways and school campuses where ever possibility.	5
103	Corridors connecting all parks.	c108
104	Parks as needed as nodes of natural areas along proposed connectivity hike and bike trails. These are open space/green parks, not athletic parks (such as connects along city boundaries or long proposed bike thoroughfares).	c108
105	Parkland connected to school campuses.	c102
106	Recreation opportunities other than softball and soccer. Trails for running, hiking, bicycling.	c108
107	more Create nature centers interpretive nature trails at appropriate parks	7
108	Every park and school should be connected w/ every other park by bike paths, trails, or along greenways	8
109	Lick creek (1) park interpretation center (2) signage describing flora and fauna.	c107
110	Education programs on public tree care.	c126
111	A joint effort with TAMU and Texas Cooperative Wildlife Collection for a nature trail. Joining Veteran's Memorial Park is important for use of citizens and visitors and possible center.	c108
112a	Environmental camp in summer	
112b	Tree planting programs for parks should allow long term implement by HOAs or other organizations	0
113	More adult arts and nature based programs.	c128
114	Gardens of any type (1)community veg. garden (2)Native plant gardens (3)Water Features	3
115	Public celebrations - art/nature festivals.	1
116	Children's museum- overview of nature in parks.	c107
117	Classes and requirements protection of trees in parks and open spaces.	c126
118	Dog park.	1
119	Every park should have wireless connections.	1
120	More public music events in neighborhood parks.	0
121	Can we have a Junior Park Ranger program?	c127
122	All drainage ways and storm detention basing should be "public access" parks or open space.	1
123	Involve youth in planning park development plans and programs.	0
124	College Station park mascot.	0
125	City tree farm/nursery for park planting.	0
126	Encourage citizen/HOA ownership of parks through education, adoption, hands on activities.	4
127	Create youth education programs such as summer camps, junior park ranger, children's and BVM museum.	5
128	Offer more diverse adult education programs on local environmental systems (creeks, trees).	4
129	More diverse and advanced art, music, dance adult education.	
130	City Forester to come to neighborhood parks with local neighbors present to learn about care of trees and plants there (or possible ones to plant in park).	0

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What park and recreation facilities and services are lacking in the College Station area which are necessary to support the needs of your family or the organization you represent?

Aquatics

February 10, 2005

24 Participants

Number	Responses	Votes
101	Classrooms.	0
102	It would be good if the Middle School natatorium could have water temp to be consistently 84 degrees F.	3
103	High School and USS swimmers and water polo players have become over heated - no air flow - hot H2O.	0
104	CSMS- water temperature is TOO hot.	4
105	Improve maintenance at pools (i.e. reliable heater for pool, non-slip floors in dressing rooms, water faucets which are manually controlled, more room!). Certified plumbers and yearly scheduling.	17
106	Pool temperature conflicts compare 20 athletes vs. 220 athletes.	0
107	H2O temp too hot for high school team.	0
108	Grounding correcting or whatever is necessary to use the natatorium. during thunderstorms.	0
109	Safety mats for the women's & men's rooms at natatorium and Hallaran pool	0
110	Separate areas for lap and water aerobic swimmers and or different schedules.	0
111	I would like to see exercise machines in conjunction with aerobics (H2O) to aid in health issues.	0
112	What do other pools do for different pool temperature needs?	0
113	Year round indoor/outdoor aquatic facility w/ multiple uses (i.e. lap lanes - zero depth).	18
114	Year round pool.	c
115	Party rooms	c203
116	More swimming pools.	4
117	Indoor outdoor water park.	c203
118	Deep H2O needs for polo and diving (HS and Club).	0
119	Incorporate "Lazy River" aquatic facility.	c203
120	More swimming at the Middle School indoor pool so we don't have to go to A&M Recreation Center.	0
121	All season outdoor pool (like Bryan Aquatics) (year long open).	c113
122	Indoor lap facility open all day, year around.	c113
123	Aquatic facility geared towards families with small children.	c203
124	Larger or another indoor pool - public lap use & swim team.	c113
125	Year-round swimming facility for adults open at 6am.	3
126	Year round family fun swimming opportunities open in the summer and enclosed and heated in the winter pool for open swims, pool parties,...	c203
127	Put a "dome" over an outdoor pool to facilitate "outdoor" swimming year-round.	0
128	More lap swimming opportunities (lanes, locations, hours, am and pm).	1

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Aquatics Continued

February 10, 2005

24 Participants

Number	Responses	Votes
130	Year-round deep water pool for hydro fit/water aerobics.	0
131	More water aerobic classes (i.e. prenatal classes).	c133
132	More water slides.	c203
133	Variety of water aerobic classes at different times of the day, morning and afternoon, to include prenatal classes.	14
134	Would like to see more water aerobic classes.	c133
135	Add an early afternoon water aerobic class.	c133
136	Change of current aquatic facilities into non swim/polo facilities (not good).	0
137	Consider closing outdated pools and rebuild H2O park with future expansion.	0
138	More pool facilities in Southern C.S. (include lap swimming pool). Southwood pool is getting too crowded.	0
139	Water park at lazy river, etc.	c203
140	Pool open in AM for lap swimmers (at least 3 mornings a week).	c128
141	Extend hours for adult lap swimmers	c128
142	A water park like Shlitterbahn	c203
143	Keep the children's swim programs. They are great!	0
144	Keep the special family swim nights or days (they're fun).	0
145	More water exercise times beside 9am and 7pm.	c133
146	More shower space needed at all pools.	0
147	With large shower, etc.	0
148	Another Natatorium with grounded pool.	c203
149	Enlarge dressing rooms at Southwood pool & add ventilation.	c154
150	Master's swim program.	0
151	Separate water exercise classes and swim team from same pool. This would solve heating pool problem.	6
152	Compare Bryan Aquatic center w/College Station w/regard to H.S. practice space.	0
153	Slippery deck for athletes & officials.	c154
154	Improved safety features at existing pool facilities (decks and showers, grounded, ventilation, lights (overhead and pool), lifeguard chair in way, slippery deck).	17
155	Pool lighting at Junior High.	0
156	Pool lightening/ grounding electrical problems.	0
157	Deep H2O competition is faster in swimming- we have no fast competition pool.	0
158	Long course venue needed.	1
159	CSMS- improve ventilation in pool area.	1
160	Showers don't always work or are cold.	0
161	CSMS- Deck at pool needs better surface (too slick).	c203
162	Not enough indoor pool space for users during cold months.	c203
163	CSMS- seating area not adequate.	0

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Aquatics Continued

February 10, 2005

24 Participants

Number	Responses	Votes
164	Longer pool hours/duration during year for Thomas Park.	0
165	Swimming facility for High School and Middle Scholl - current facility poorly designed.	0
166	When new pool is built, include adequate seating for spectators.	0
167	Pool with moveable bulkhead.	0
168	Shower/locker room issues - cold showers, no AC, inadequate toilet facilities for swim meets, swim practice, and public recreation use.	7
169	Little deck space for spectators, officials, athletes.	0
170	Pool facilities with much needed shading @ all pools.	1
171	Another golf frisbee course and scenic walking area (like Research Park) with pond/dog walking, etc. Research park is crowded with students.	c203
172	Development of running multiuse trails.	0
173	Aquatic park with scenic sunken gardens.	c203
174	City Bike Trails.	c180
175	Hiking area.	0
176	More bike trails.	c180
177	More nature walks-hikes.	3
178	Disc golf course.	c203
179	Better biking paths.	c180
180	Improved and continuous bike trails (Austin, TX).	13
181	How about a city zoo in the parks (we have Vet School to assist).	0
182	Parks with a teeter-totter.	0
183	Irrigation/watering on multi-use fields.	0
184	Continue improvements to Parkway Park.	0
185	Use certified plumbers to do pool yearly maintenance.	c
186	Development of neighborhood parks (set asides).	0
187	Planned maintenance at appropriate time.	c
188	Pool for High School program after school begins.	0
189	Pool H2O clarity @ high school swim meets.	0
190	Velodrome	0
191	Summer competitive swim program that runs <u>All</u> summer (April-Aug) not just for those going to state.	0
192	Better cooperation between summer league and club swim team(s).	0
193	More training opportunities to develop officials for swim meets.	0
194	Skate board park.	0
195	More activities for children and teens (more outdoor theater or concerts).	0
196	Soccer for many age groups at the same area.	0
197	Family soccer.	0
198	Scheduling tension between pool management and swim programs.	0
199	User friendly atmosphere @ parks and rec. with regard to scheduling.	0
200	H2O polo club added.	0
201	Exercise program friendly to Seniors.	1
202	Keep pool open during Christmas and Spring Break.	9
203	New Indoor/Outdoor water park with multiple uses (frisbee golf, water gardens, picnic grounds, lazy river and slides) all day activities and party rooms.	17
204	After hours phone number where can reach a person (like calling service).	0
205	Compare chemical, employee, heating budgets of CS and other cities.	0

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What park and recreation facilities and services are lacking in the College Station area which are necessary to support the needs of your family or the organization you represent?

Lincoln Center

February 23, 2005

14 Participants

Number	Responses	Votes
101	To establish parent groups for the recreation centers examples: parenting groups (communication parent/child): (1) families (2) volunteers; special events: (1) snacks; (2) banquets; (3) monthly meetings.	0
102	Parent education services link between Lincoln Center and school (1) GED prep; (2) Parenting classes; (3) Communication; with school district; (4) Academic scores.	1
103	Safer parks - keep drugs out- (1) cameras; (2) security full time; (3) posted; curfew awareness.	19
104	More, better traffic control around Holleman St. (traffic lights, speed bumps on Eleanor).	c105
105	Speed bumps on public streets. Speed bumps in residential areas.	18
106	Fitness center for locals who can't afford gym prices.	2
107	Need fitness room with adequate exercise equipment (1) treadmills (2) bikes.	8
108	I would like to see a better walking track in the area of the LRC and more activities for Seniors (1) exercise program/ swim pool (2) better walking paths.	7
109	Diversity training within the agencies (1) training class (2) education in diversity all year especially Black history. Mature, adult supervisors or instructors tearing down stereotypes.	0
110	Better/increased community-school relations (this should be the place for it).	
111	Real swimming pool for Lincoln Center and W.A. Tarrow Park.	14
112	Dedicated teen space min. 8,000 sq ft.	18
113	Dedicated teen staff.	5
114	More activities for teenagers at Lincoln Rec. Center.	1
115	Weekend education programs to increase and support school requirements (TAKs, SAT, PSAT).	5
116	Summer basketball programs.	1
117	Free SAT testing help at LRC and AMCHS.	0
118	Character building (1) Bullying (2) Anger Mgt. [students] (3) Social skills, etc.	0
119	Horse shoe pits.	5
120	Program space for performing arts.	3
121	Transportation to/from facilities. Buses for Center.	0
122	More, better transportation from places like LRC that's a reasonable price...50c or so.	0
123	Better gym facility - goals - equipment -utilities at LRC.	1
124	Permanent <u>full time</u> security for this park. Keep Drugs Out!!!	0
124b	Better Equipment/utilities.	0
125	More career fairs (1) truck drivers (2) business ownership.	0
126	More guest speakers at LRC to talk about everyday life at LRC for teens. People who we can interact with.	4
127	Grants- better connections with school; technology- adequate network/ internet service; instruction for senior citizens; access to sources available through school district subscriptions.	5

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What park and recreation facilities and services are lacking in the College Station area which are necessary to support the needs of your family or the organization you represent?

Lincoln Center Continued

February 23,2005

14 Participants

Number	Responses	Votes
128	Adult book groups and/or book share studies.	
129	Tutorials via technology or online resources: cooking, sewing, tire, oil, tutor.com, and available databases for grant money.	7
130	Teach parents how to use computers.	0
131	Tire/oil changing classes, cooking classes all year round at LRC for everyone.	35
132	Acoustics for musical theater productions.	0
133	Outdoor staging for performances (1) plays (2) musical.	0
134	State-of-the-art audio/visual equipment.	0
135	Better healthier activities for kids at rec.	0
136	More shade over outside play area.	0
137	Better restroom facilities at AMCHS and LRC.	0
138	Better sound system in game room at LRC: speakers, TV., teen room, gym, community room, weight room...etc.	0
139	Other programs for medical payment help.	0
140	Better sound system in teen room at Lincoln center rec.	0
141	More grouping opportunities (1) single parents (2) readers clubs [books] (3) abuse groups etc.	2
142	Employment for younger students (teens).	7
143	Advanced notice for activities and programs being held at the LRC.	0

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What park and recreation facilities and services are lacking in the College Station area which are necessary to support the needs of your family or the organization you represent?

Internal Athletic Programs

February 15, 2005

13 Participants

Number	Responses	Votes
101	Baseball Field of dimensions sufficient for adults. Lights preferable.	8
102	Better Maintenance, upkeep of Softball Fields including light replacement on a regular basis.	4
103	Additional fields which include well lit warm-up area. Girl's Softball.	5
104	Pony Sized baseball fields.	12
105	Softball fields with fences more than 300' in distance. Concessions stand at Veteran's Park.	16
106	More Soccer practice fields.	c125
107	Volleyball facility for city teams.	2
108	1 roller hockey rink, 1 covered basketball court.	1
109	Umpire facilities to dress & cool down at Veteran's Park.	4
110	Continue Speed up with Veteran's Park Phase II & III Plans.	21
111	Covered area for practice during rain.	2
112	Walking/Jogging track/path multi-mile in length.	1
113	Secure online payment & registration.	c115
114	Marketing / Advertising.	c115
115	Athletics Portal. 1 stop shop (website). Community Sports Bulletin Board w online secure registration.	9
116	Increase safety & security particularly Adult Softball.	1
117	More parking @ Central Park - cars in street.	3
118	Storage area at soccer fields (equipment).	1
119	Better communication of field status, 4:30 too late, 4:00 would be better.	0
120	Softball practice facilities.	c125
121	Continue with lighting Central Park & Veteran's Park - plans in place to provide practice & game fields.	18
122	Improve surface at neighborhood parks - used for little league & soccer.	c125
123	Permanent, changeable signage for groups using city facilities.	7
124	Baseball batting cages (such as at Southwood Valley).	0
125	More multi-sport lighted practice fields.	13
126	Keep Pete Lamont!! Pay him well!!!	0
127	Concessions and pavilions at VPAC & Southwood.	3
128	Soccer practice fields need goals.	c125

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What park and recreation facilities and services are lacking in the College Station area which are necessary to support the needs of your family or the organization you represent?

Citizens with Disabilities

February 3, 2005

3 Participants

Number	Responses	Votes
101	Bocce Courts.	4
102	Handicap lifts at all pools.	11
103	Indoor <u>heated</u> pool with reasonable hours available to public.	2
104	Parking lots at parks.	c106
105	Reduced speed zones around parks.	0
106	More park parking lots to allow limited on street parking and limit set time - 3 hours.	0
107	Wheel chair accessibility (restrooms/stands/ facilities).	7
108	Triathlon facilities close (swim/run/cycling).	0
109	Unisex/handicapped bathrooms change & showers (pool).	7
110	Side walks to most soccer fields.	1
111	Connecting bicycle/walking paths.	2
112	More swings including wheelchair.	2
113	Mountain bike trails.	0
114	Pavilions w/ garage doors.	2
115	More Oak trees (shade).	0
116	Reduce/remove unused/useless parks - Eastgate.	0
117	More pools (kids club fills Thomas Park every day in the summer).	0

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Teens Group 1

February 17, 2005

18 Participants

Number	Responses	Votes
1	0 gravity wind tunnel	0
2	Better basketball and sport tools for basket ball games Better goals, uniforms, shoes	4
3	Indoor basketball court at exit. More 3-balls, glass back boards, good refs, coaches	32
4	Indoor B-Ball Court at the teen center - AKA Exit	c7
5	Zero Gravity tunnel	c12
6	Better team sports to let young kids and older kid get interested in, instead of drugs and etc.	2
7	Better gym at Lincoln center	0
8	Chair link nets for basketball	0
9	Indoor softball field and batting cages	5
10	Indoor football exit	0
11	Indoor swimming pool with water! So you can swim year round and swim in the pool.	0
12	Indoor Track Exit	0
13	Indoor softball field	0
14	Indoor airsoft course	0
15	Hockey team Arctic skate.	0
16	Indoor football area at LRC	2
17	Airsoft Gun Course (indoor)	0
18	Indoor Swimming pool and hot tub at LRC	0
19	Indoor paint-ball court and airsoft	0
20	Indoor Airsoft	0
21	Paint ball and airsoft teen center	0
22	Indoor pool, at the Lincoln center	0
23	Indoor and out door pools	0
24	Airsoft course	0
25	Teen Center indoor weights room 100-200 exit	0
26	Air-soft Teen center	0
27	Zoo a big zoo	18
28	Aquarium with fish	14
29	Tree house at teen center	23
30	Pool	0
31	Red Tree house in tree with ladder and bathroom & rug & window	0
32	Swimming and kickball at the exit	c33
33	Indoor water park	17
34	Better TV at LRC Exit	0
35	Better sound system in teen room and better games/ more other games we can play with at LRC	0
36	BMX Track	0
37	Strictly high school hang out. Teen ctr. LRC	0
38	Flat-screen computer with internet yahoo.aol.hotmail	0
39	New skate park (skateboard in C.S.)	4
40	Go-Carts at the exit	2
41	More events for teens at L.R.C Comm. Sport teams	9
42	Better Snacks	2
43	A big part room at LRC for social events	0
44	Snacks LRC available for teens/kids w/out enough money! (w/membership)	0
45	Better and other snack foods machines @ LRC	c45
46	More events dealing with Christ and other religions mostly Christ...	3
47	Jungle gym for 7th - 10th graders	0
48	Make the exit bigger	1
49	More money for the exit teen center	0
50	Scuba-Diving places	0
51	Arcade	0
52	Free Huge Rock Climbing wall	2
53	Scuba Diving Pool (with and without fish)	0
54	Go-carts at the exit	0

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Teens Group Two

February 17, 2005

19 Participants

Number	Responses	Votes
101	Vocal studio	14
102	Add a good zoo	5
103	Need new shot rings	0
104	Need new track	6
105	Better or new track	0
106	Six Flags	9
107	Water park	3
108	Amusement or water park	10
109	Free six flags for people	2
110	Paint Ball courses	11
111	Arena F-ball team, Arena	7
112	More football fields	10
113	Arena F-ball team, Arena	6
114	Water park at lazy river, etc.	c121
115	Improve Aggie Football team	1
116	Girls football	4
117	Juice bar	4
118	Domed B-ball court	6
119	Basket ball courts	15
120	Teen Dance Club	11
121	More places for teens to go!	c158
122	More concerts	10
123	Aquatic park with scenic sunken gardens	0
124	More light shows/more concerts free admission	0
125	More things to play on at parks	4
126	Free Food (Mc Donalds)	0
127	Food stores	0
128	Skate park at least 5 miles big	17
129	A decent skate park. Flat-land	0
130	Decent skate park 5 miles big.	0
131	Another skatetopia! It's a must!	0
132	In-door swimming pools	0
133	More movie theaters	2
134	Cheaper movies / Drive in movies	15
135	More pools	0
136	Skate park	0
137	Improvement of CSMS	0
138	CSMS 2-stories	2
139	Fat Burger (Huge)	0
140	Skate board park	0
141	More pools	0
142	A go-cart course	2
143	The exit needs more games	3
144	Dirt bike track free admission	8
145	An Ice-skating rink; Free admission	0
146	Free teen night for ice-skating rink	1
147	Dirt bike track	0
148	Go-cart track	0
149	Have more neighborhood protection for bad people	0
150	Beach	0
151	New and better skating ring	0
152	One big arcade	2
153	Bonfire	1
154	More park benches	0
155	More basketball goals at parks!	0
156	Bigger park more space	0
157	Mary Oaks park is lacking: Restrooms people walk down there then they need to go to the bathroom. Monkey Bars - slide	0
158	Mary Oaks park needs more water fountains.	0
159	More parks	0
160	Better parks	0

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Park Board and Staff Members

March 8, 2005

Number	Responses	Votes
101	Indoor walking/jogging track.	c107
102	Hike and bike trails additions (to what we have).	2
103	Indoor recreation (playground etc.) for small children.	c125
104	Indoor pool heated senior water aerobics.	c106
105	Indoor play area.	c103
106	Dedicated lap pool/ fitness pool (indoor).	2
107	A full service community multi-generational recreation center indoor pool, jogging track, climbing wall.	38
108	Senior/ multi-purpose center.	c107
109	Group meeting facilities (indoor).	c107
110	Community education space.	c107
111	Lap pools.	c107
112	Large meeting facility for seniors.	c107
113	Indoor tennis facility.	c107
114	Education space classrooms, meetings.	c107
115	Pools outdoors for lessons and teens indoors for fitness and teams.	c107
116	Gyms for basketball/Volleyball.	c107
117a	Storage for equipment for facilities.	c107
117b	X-tra Ed facility w/l community center.	c107
118	Full service multi-generation recreation center.	c107
118b	Offices for admin for the facility.	c107
119	Indoor/outdoor water recreation facility.	0
119b	Senior Center.	c107
120	Gyms for basketball/Volleyball.	c107
120b	Venue or facility for concert or performance arts and cultural arts.	0
121	Additional recreating centers offices, class rooms, basketball/ volley, game rooms, kitchen, weight room.	c107
122	Large indoor rec. center with fitness rooms, weight room, etc.	0
123	Multi-purpose recreation center w/rooms for classes (X-tra Ed.).	c107
124	Senior Center.	c107
125	Managed indoor play area (staffed) to coincide with classes etc. for ages 2-10.	0
125b	Senior center	c107
125c	Recreation center.	c107
126	Senior citizen center.	c107
126b	Senior Center.	c107
127	Multi-use recreation center.	c107
128	More swimming pools in outlying areas.	0
129	Multi-purpose recreation center.	c107
130	Indoor tennis facility (one in Austin Colony park).	c107
130b	Extreme sports park "yes skate board park".	3

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Park Board and Staff Members Continued

March 8, 2005

Number	Responses	Votes
131	Skate board park.	c130b
132	Skate board park.	c130b
133	A community park for R/C models, go carts, skateboards, model airplane, model boating, spectator accommodations.	6
134	Longer (1 mi +) cushioned jogging trail.	3
135	Dirt bike trails with motor jumps.	0
136	Off-road bike trails for seniors (not mountain biking trails).	2
137	Adult regulation size baseball field.	0
138	Model airplane flying area/park with spectator accommodations.	c133
139	Model boating area/pond/park with spectator accommodations.	c133
140	Access to the Brazos River for fishing, boating, canoeing.	2
141	Additional open spaces.	c143
142	Skate park.	c130b
143	Additional swimming pools.	0
143b	Acquire and develop the regional nature park with campgrounds.	21
144	Large open general use/ multi use area.	2
145	Fenced area for pet/people exercise.	4
146	Outdoor gathering areas not playgrounds i.e. to play games, talk, snack, etc. (tables with chess boards).	c180
147	Horseback riding trails.	0
148	A small lake for non-powered water craft.	0
149	Fishing pond.	0
150	Increased park amenities such as landscape, ponds, trails, benches, shelters, color.	4
151	Additional picnic areas/facilities in or near parks, pod picnic areas.	0
152	Covered picnic areas (1-4 tables) for parties etc. (but not as big as pavilions).	c151
153	Picnic units in parks with heavy usage (additional).	c151
154	Skate and skate board park.	c130b
155	Multi-entertainment facility.	c120
155b	Large non-specific sports field.	c144
156	Adult size baseball fields.	c137
157	Dog Park areas.	c145
158	Dog Park areas.	c145
159	Spray park.	3
160	Colorful landscaping at parks (shrubs/flowers).	c150
161a	A community water park.	4
161b	A community botanical garden similar to horticulture w/nature trails.	5
162	Nature trails.	c161
163	Community vegetable garden.	0

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Park Board and Staff Members Continued

March 8, 2005

Number	Responses	Votes
164a	Multi-sport youth camps.	
164b	Additional maintenance resources. Money to keep up with costs for existing and new facilities.	32
165a	Better method to increase maintenance response w/increases in responsibilities and money.	c164
165b	More classes for citizens.	1
166a	Maintenance money included with each new park added.	c164
166b	Education classes Saturday mornings vs. weeknights	1
167	Day camps.	
167b	Repair funds for existing facilities.	c164
168	Maintenance shops.	0
168b	Cultural art center	c120
169a	Trap and skeet range.	0
169b	More visible marquees at strategic city parks.	0
170a	Archery arena/area.	0
170b	Additional staff for ground maintenance crews.	c164
171	Keep trees along roadways to screen litter, etc. from businesses.	1
171b	Additional maintenance/support facilities.	c168a
172a	Proactive urban forest management.	5
172b	Forestry tree removal.	c172a
173	Improved turf mowing equipment (i.e. reel mowers).	0
174	Better balance between maintenance of existing and additions of large scale features (i.e. water features around \$1.1 million).	0
175	Completion of additional softball fields.	0
176	Additional neighborhood parks less than 3 acres.	1
180	Urban park settings- i.e. café/ playground multi-generational .	2
181	Parking availability around parks.	0
182	Mass transit.	0
183	Bike connectors.	0
184	Light truss system for WPC amplitherer.	2
185	Cricket green.	0
186	Bocce ball courts.	0
187	Campgrounds.	c143
188	Tot playgrounds.	1
189	Lights in cemetery.	0
190	Compete UPAC.	3

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What park and recreation facilities and services are lacking in the College Station area which are necessary to support the needs of your family or the organization you represent?

Seniors

February 7, 2005

16 Participants

Number	Responses	Votes
101	Activity Center (Intergenerational activity center all would take part in - mix generations).	c102
102	Intergenerational Center where Seniors can meet for a variety of activities (excellent example @ Round Rock) exercise, gym, bridge, group meeting rooms, arts & crafts, exercise programs & facilities, storage & lockers, swimming, a gym, showers, educational classes.	44
103	An exercise program center (especially for seniors).	c102
104	Meeting place for senior citizens to gather to visit, express their needs, & socialize with satellite locations all kinds of places across town, benches in parks.	c102
105	Senior Center	c102
106	Community center with Senior Area	c102
107	Community room where Seniors can gather for lectures, meetings, games, & various functions.	c102
108	Exercise Facilities	c102
109	Senior Center	c102
110	Exercise Area	c102
111	Senior Service Headquarters	c102
112	Senior Center	c102
113	Sr. Activity Center, gym, swimming, classes - educational	c102
114	A central center for all seniors for Brazos County - Central Location such as Central Park when the Park Department moves.	7
115	A city operated web site for seniors to access - find out what's going on.	3
116	Opportunities to learn new things.	c102
117	Information center for all local senior activities.	c102
118	Learn with other seniors. Learn to read & fill out forms.	c102
119	Rooms for group meetings.	c102
120	We need a Sr. Center were we can leave our things out.	c102
121	Transportation to Senior Center, doctor appointments, shopping, any activities for seniors, bank, church, gym, & for events, field trips, activities). Match transportation times to program times.	30
122	Transportation for events.	c121
123	Transportation for seniors to various locations.	c121
124	Transportation	c121
125	Public Transportation	c121
126	Transportation to Doctor office, gym, shopping, Post Office, bank, church.	c121
127	Transportation from the various retirement communities in College Station to our future Sr. Citizen center.	c121
128	Extended time at Sr. Center and better transportation support.	c121
129	Extended time at center (transportation times do not match programs/needs - sometimes only there 30 minutes).	c121
130	Short loop, walking & handicap paved trails & benches along the path to enjoy the parks (Biking trails to long).	2
131	Walking Paths for seniors, shorter with benches.	c130
132	Handicap accessibility to parks.	2

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Seniors Continued

February 7, 2005

16 Participants

Number	Responses	Votes
133	Walking / Exercise program at Central park.	0
134	More field trips for seniors.	c135
135	Day Trips & activities using CS buses & vans w/ more field trips.	c121
136	Walking tour of Northgate & historic places.	1
137	Full-time Senior Coordinator with good accessible office seniors can get to easily.	18
138	Softball fields with 300 ft lines for statewide tournaments.	0
139	Year-round fishing at Central Park.	0
140	Advertising Senior programs on calendar, utility bill, & Channel 19. Calendar print too small.	1
141	Tables for picnics at parks.	0
142	Pavilions (only 2 accessible in city). Covered for Seniors.	2
143	Senior Center	c102
144	Better coordination between seniors, Gold Medal, Active Adventures.	2
145	Ways for retired people to volunteer or use their particular talents to better others in the city.	c147
146	Programs that make it easy for seniors to give back to the community.	c147
147	City run talent pool & programs to volunteer.	2
148	Arts & Crafts @ center	c102
149	In Tulsa, OK they had a creek that flooded. They made a holding pond, when the pond was dry it was a soccer field.	0
150	City wide tournaments for seniors - Dominoes, Bridge.	0
151	Some one available to give blood pressure checks, free notary public service, claim information help, help with taxes, bill payment, etc.. Set times available to seniors.	c102
152	Use the special talents of the seniors to help seniors. For example, if you were an accountant, volunteer your time to help your fellow seniors with taxes/bill payments. Seniors share talents w/ seniors at center.	c147
153	Need museum on WWII with tape of people who live here and were there. Pictures, Stories.	2
154	Something beside Bush Library to bring in people to BCS. Maybe a outlet mall.	0
155	Volunteer to share your history w/ school children.	0
156	Places for unorganized activity, play dominoes, park benches, for non-joiners.	3
157	Build a number of small lakes for flooding. The lakes could be used for fishing. The core of Engineers will give money and the Texas Fish & Game would stock the Lake with fish.	1

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Special Interests

January 28, 2005

9 Participants

Number Responses		Votes
101	Equestrian trails adequate for wagon rides.	c106
102	Converting greenway R.O.W. to aerobic trails.	c106
103	Equestrian facilities.	c106
104	Equestrian facilities that are easily accessible to college students.	2
105	Trails with equestrian camping.	c106
106	15 - 20 mile equestrian trails with a varied terrain with multiple access points for wagon's and riders with campgrounds and water.	18
107	World class R/C aircraft facility 75x1000' RW, clubhouse, lights, restrooms, water, covered pavilion, bleachers, spectator area, BBQ, taxiway, pilot stations, maint. and storage shed, paved parking, with controlled access.	19
108	Flying club needs 50-60 acre for field. Flyover area could be leased for grazing.	7
109	R/C large un-occupied flyover area.	c107
110	Flying club needs clubhouse.	0
111	R/C area needs electricity and lights.	c107
112	Including covered pavilion with electricity.	c107
113	Water and restrooms.	c107
114	R/C paved runway 75'x1000.	c107
115	R/C club needs bleachers for spectators.	c107
116	With paved runway, taxiways, pilot stations, and parking lot.	c107
117	R/C needs maintenance shed/garage for storage.	c107
118	Arena facilities for equestrians use with adequate parking.	11
119	R/C Club needs concession stand and BBQ pit for events.	c107
120	There needs to be more recreations facilities appealing to disenfranchised youth.	6
121	Skate board/bladers/bike (bmx) park with stunt ramps and 1/2 barrels, and high and low appear.	0
122	Incorporating design changes in new /rebuild roadways.	0
123	Linking rec. areas and schools w/ bike trails/routes/paths.	4
124	Common parking for needs of RVs with hookups/parking for events and adequate for large rigs.	4
125	Parking for large Rigs at Equestrian areas.	c124
126	15-20 several miles of Equestrian trails.	c106
127	One day of auto free roads.	0
128	Parking for large Equestrian functions.	c107
129	R/C club needs controlled access.	c107
130	Cyclo-cross training course (unpaved path 1-3 km in length with grade changes).	1
131	Paved bike trail in recovered landfill example: Austin Veloway.	0
132	Need temporary area to fly until landfill is opened as flying field.	0
133	Incorporate equestrian/multiuse trails into Greenbelt R.O.W.	3
134	Have C.S. develop position/stand promoting the linkage of linear parks in the county & region.	0
135	Horse holding pens adjacent to RV parking.	5
136	Equestrian trails with water access to water along them.	c106

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Combined NGT

February 24,2005

16 Participants

Number	Responses	Votes
501	Create youth education programs such as summer camps, junior park ranger, children's and BVM museum & life skills classes.	10
502	Full-time senior coordinator with good accessible office seniors can get to easily.	c509
503	Park land dedication should connect to greenways and school campuses wherever possibility.	c514
504	Improved continuous bike trails.	c521
505	Lack of free & unlocked softball fields.	c512
506	Match transportation times to program times (transportation to senior center, doctor appointments,	0
507	Variety water aerobic classes at different times of the day morning and afternoon to include prenatal.	0
508	Access to Multi Use Fields for Cricket, Lacrosse, Rugby - Field Use - Open Space.	22
509	Intergenerational Center Where Seniors can meet for a variety of activities (excellent example @ Round Rock) exercise, gym, bridge, group meeting rooms, arts & crafts, exercise programs, & facilities, storage	20
510	Create nature centers and interpretive nature trails at appropriate parks.	4
511	Improved safety features for existing pool facilities, decks, and showers, grounded, ventilation, lights (overhead and pool), lifeguard chair in way, slippery deck.	4.5
512	More free and unlocked softball and other fields. Fees charged for field & lights reservations are too high	16
513	Flying club needs 50-60 acres for field flyover area --could be leased for grazing.	0
514	Every park and school should be connected by bike paths, trails, or greenways. Zoned if possible.	3
515	New Indoor/Outdoor water park with multiple uses (Frisbee golf, water gardens, picnic grounds, lazy river and slides). All day activities and party rooms.	9
516	A park that has a lot of activities to do with my family. Frisbee, Roller-skate, Basketball, etc.	0
517	Arena facilities for equestrians use with adequate parking.	6
518	Maintenance on other parks other than Vet, Cent, S.W.V.	0
519	Year round indoor/outdoor aquatic facility w/multiple uses (i.e. lap lanes - zero depth).	29
520	15 - 20 mile equestrian trails with a varied terrain with multiple access points for wagon's and riders with equips. camp grounds and water.	13
521	More off-street bike trails. City-wide network. Connect Bee Creek and Central Park. Make trails continuous.	22
522	Improve maintenance at pool (i.e. reliable heater for pool, non-slip floors in dressing room, water faucets which are manually controlled, more room!).	5.5
523	World class R/C aircraft facility 75x1000 RW club house lights, restrooms, water, covered pavilion, bleachers, spectator area, and BBQ.	15
524	Keep drugs out of parks. Safer parks. Need cameras, full-time security, and posted curfews.	19.5
525	Dedicated space for teens only at LRC (800 sq. ft.).	4
526	Speed bumps in residential areas around LRC.	3.5
527	Swimming pool for W.A. Tarrow Park.	19
528	Classes for tire changes. oil changes, sewing, cooking classes. Hands on training.	c501
529	Wheel chair accessibility RR/Stands/ facilities.	4
530	Handicap lifts at all pools.	4
531	Unisex bathrooms/ change rooms/ showers at pools.	4
532	Speed up with Veteran's Park Phase II & III Plans.	4
533	Continue with Lighting Central Park & Veteran's Park. Plans in Place to provide practice & game fields.	4

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Public Meeting Group 1

March 3, 2005

18 Participants

Number	Responses	Votes	Comb. Votes*
101	Youth center for Junior high and high school students for after school	5	
102	Summer day camp program (currently only in June)	4	
103	Craft programs for kids	0	
104	More neighborhood swim pools with ample lap areas	19	20
105	Adult swim league	0	
106	Swim pools	0	
107	Another pool with separate areas for different ages that will be large enough for laps and exercise	0	
108	More lap pool areas	0	
109	Park connectivity (i.e.). hiking and biking trails	5	
110	More natural parks with longer trails	21	18
111	Park and trail connectivity	0	
112	Bicycle routes (continuous and safer)	0	
113	jogging trails with fitness stations	0	
114	More bike paths	0	
115	Mountain bike trails near town	0	
116	Walking paths thru town	0	
117	Areas near athletic fields so that families can exercise while some members participate in group activities	0	
118	greenways connecting parks in Bryan and College Station (Utility R.O.W?)	0	
119	Make the parks bike friendly. Not all parks are reachable by bike.	0	
120	Green space trails (biking, hiking, wildlife, etc.)	0	
121	Non-developed quiet green space - walking areas	0	
122	Hike and bike trails	0	
123	More areas for wildlife (without dogs and bikes) Like Lick Creek when it first opened	0	
124	Large regional multi-use park closer than Lake Summerville	12	11
125	To attract outdoor activities: kites, Frisbees, etc. festivals	0	
126	Use flood plain/creeks for connections between and among homes	0	
127	Get ready for golf-cart size vehicles- they'll make more and more sense- are green spaces- trails designed to accommodate	0	
128	Boating lakes	0	
129	After School programs for kids with crafts etc.	0	6
130	Grills and tables picnics and reunions	0	
131	Clean-up local park	0	
132	Repair Gabbard Park Deck	0	
133	Install better lights (Winwood)	0	
134	Make each development have a real park- don't count the medium as in Pebble Creek. Green space is important.	0	
135	Alexandria subdivision area, north of Barron Rd. playground	5	

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Public Meeting Group 1 Continued

March 3, 2005

18 Participants

Number	Responses	Votes	Comb. Votes*
136	More Recreation equipment for toddlers	4	
137	Improve Central Park facility for Seniors meeting area- for the immediate use	0	
138	Make preliminary drawing of the city center and position a Senior ?? And recreation within that city center plot	5	
139	Safety City	10	
140	Dog Park	18	
141	Dog Park	0	
142	Dog Park	0	
143	Frisbee Golf Course	0	
144	Re-open/create rest area on Hwy 6- greeting center	0	
145	Walking clubs	0	
146	More canvas covered play areas	0	
147	Transportation to recreation facilities for people who can't drive themselves	3	
148	Community venue for music and theater	0	
149	Horse and pony cart driving access to roads - not just parades but by arrangement	0	
150	Build non-waste into the facilities- sustainability	12	11
151	R.V. Parks - Football other events need parking	0	
152	Environmentally friendly landscaping at all parks (Xeriscape, water wise, native, etc.)	5	
153	More physical beauty when planning parks	0	
154	More and bigger meeting space (with parking, space for weddings, etc)	0	
155	rock climbing wall	0	
156	Diaper changing station at WPC amphitheater	0	
156b	Future parks have ample parking	0	
157	Japanese Flower/Botanical Garden	0	
158	Flower Gardens	0	

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Public Meeting Group 2

March 3, 2005

18 Participants

Number	Responses	Votes	Comb. Votes*
201	More disc Golf courses	c203	
202	Frisbee Golf	c203	
203	Kite and open field parks for Frisbee golf, practice fields	10	7
204	More Driving Ranges	0	
205	Horse-shoe pit	0	
206	An actual designated dog park fenced	c207	
207	Fenced local pet play areas for exercising dogs, turtles, etc.	18	44
208	Dog Park	c207	
209	Fenced dog park	c207	
210	Indoor/Outdoor water park / rec center	8.5	
211	Pool	0	
212	Integrate parks and water bodies	4	
213	Swimming pool Lincoln center	3	
214	Sr. Aquatics facility	0	
215	Year round stocked fishing ponds or lakes	12	15
216	Lake or a great place to fish	0	
217	Stocked fishing pond	c215	
218	More ponds stocked for fishing	c215	
219	Fishing most of year	c215	
220	Sculpture garden variety in parks like a rock garden etc. and butterfly garden	4	
221	Have nature programs -events at Bee Creek Arboretum, Hansel Park, Lick Creek Park, Wolf Pen Creek Park, etc.	1	
222	Wolf Pen Park free of swamp conditions improve drainage	0	
223	Butterfly garden	c220	
224	Wolf creek drainage	c222	
225	Indoor and or outdoor facilities for students to jog/walk/ride biked safely at night	10	12
226	Bike pathways on all roads	2.5	
227	Exercise trail sidewalks around perimeter of High Scholl for walkers/joggers (so we don't have to walk in street or mud and grass)	3	
228	Walking trails with designated lengths in path and public areas (for walk across Texas,	c231	
229	Exercise trail around CS High School	c227	
230	More running trails	c231	
231	All weather jogging/bike trails with trees with mile markers	9	9
232	Hiking trails with rocks, terrain, and topography	2	
233	Hiking Park	c233	
234	A jogging trail over 4 miles long (no street crossing)	c234	
235	Skate park	0	
236	Equestrian Trails	6	
237	Horse Trailer Turn-around and wash rack	0	
238b	Wireless internet in the whole city	0	
238	Horse trails	0	
239	Horse Trails	c238	

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239	Wireless internet in the parks	c245	
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242	Another movie theater and perhaps a drive in	2	
243	More public open services- drinking water, rest rooms, upgrade maintenance etc.	0	
244	W.A. Tarrow Park restrooms, pavilions, water fountain, at Lincoln center	6	
245	Create opportunities for using electronic equipment, for example, orienteering games using GPS receivers wireless internet parks	9	13
246	Put more niches along trails in Lick Creek Park	0	
247	Softball fields with 300 ft. lines	0	
248	Need Senior Center	5	
249	Extra Ed classes in one place	0	
250	Make the current city hall onto a site for classes that the city provides for all ages and for \$	4	
251	Park Facilities more handicap friendly	3	
252	Aquarium	0	
253	Have "visit a park day" every other month with special activities at the chosen park	0	
254	Pedestrian walkways across roads [either over or under]	1	
255	Book crossing site	0	
256	Central place for indoor recreational meetings	1	
257	Camping gear for rent	3	
258	Rock Bouldering	0	
259	Sculpture Gardens	c220	
260	More sporting fields (e.g. football, soccer, etc.) in the south part of town)	0	
261	Another amphitheatre equipped with seating so it is more comfortable for the handicapped and older people	0	
262	Mountain bike trails	0	
263	Ample parking space for all vehicles (off street)	2	
264	Upgrade Park maintenance	c243	
265	Restrooms at parks that are open and upgrade maintenance	c243	
266	Weed control poison ivy bahigrass	0	

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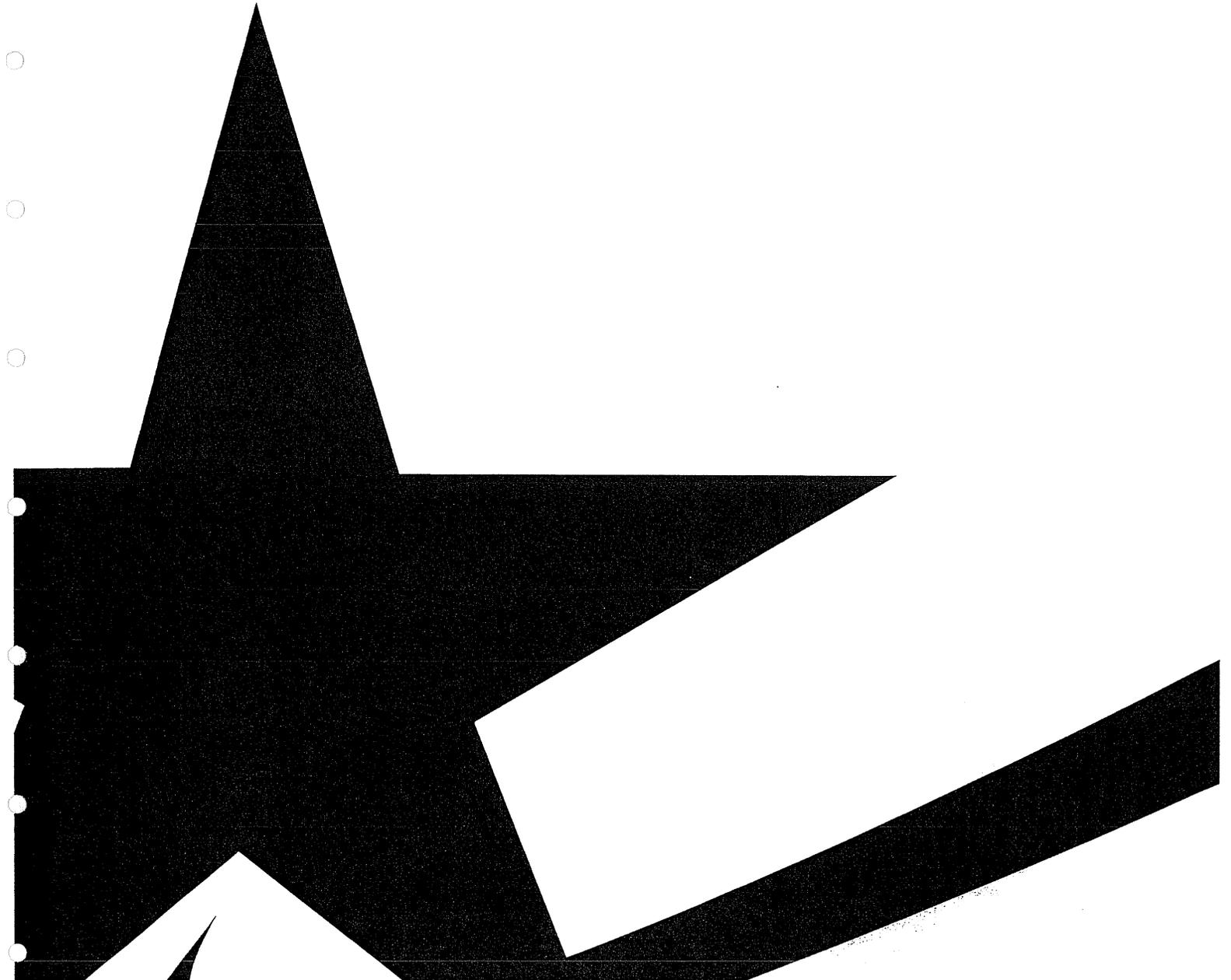
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Community Wide Survey Instruments

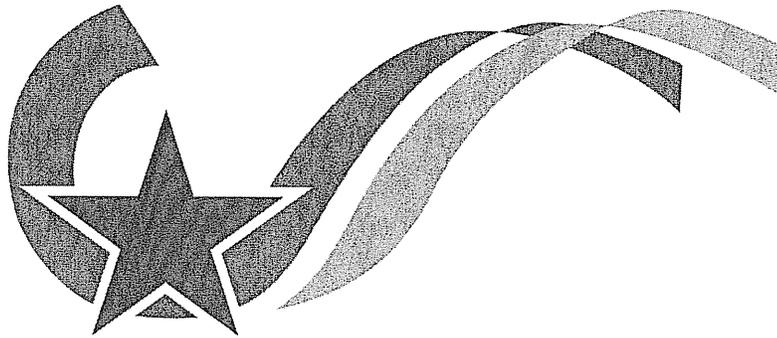
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CITY OF COLLEGE STATION

Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment Survey

Conducted for the City of College Station

by

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Texas A&M University

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1. How often do you and/or someone in your household use each of the following College Station park facilities and recreation programs? (Circle one on each line)

	<u>Almost Daily</u>	<u>About Once a Week</u>	<u>About Once a Month</u>	<u>A few Times a Year</u>	<u>Not at All</u>
Neighborhood/Community Parks..	D	W	M	Y	N
Walking Trails/ Bike Paths.....	D	W	M	Y	N
Recreation Center	D	W	M	Y	N
Outdoor Basketball Courts	D	W	M	Y	N
Wolf Pen Amphitheatre.....	D	W	M	Y	N
Lincoln Center.....	D	W	M	Y	N
Picnic Tables/Pavilions	D	W	M	Y	N
Ponds/ Lakes.....	D	W	M	Y	N
Swimming Pools	D	W	M	Y	N
Playgrounds	D	W	M	Y	N
Volleyball Courts	D	W	M	Y	N
Tennis Courts	D	W	M	Y	N
Adult Baseball Fields	D	W	M	Y	N
Adult Softball Fields	D	W	M	Y	N
Adult Soccer Fields	D	W	M	Y	N
Adult Flag Football Fields.....	D	W	M	Y	N
Youth Baseball Fields	D	W	M	Y	N
Youth Softball Fields	D	W	M	Y	N
Youth Soccer Fields	D	W	M	Y	N
Youth Flag Football Fields	D	W	M	Y	N
Senior Programs.....	D	W	M	Y	N
Kids Klub	D	W	M	Y	N
Xtra Education	D	W	M	Y	N
Teen Activities	D	W	M	Y	N
Fitness Programs	D	W	M	Y	N
Festivals/Events	D	W	M	Y	N
EXIT Teen Center.....	D	W	M	Y	N

2. The Parks Department has a limited amount of resources and seeks guidance on where best to invest them. Please circle the PRIORITY LEVEL you feel should be associated with each of the following items (Circle one on each line).

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Provide playgrounds at athletic fields	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide more walking paths around parks and athletic fields.....	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
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Provide more access to the indoor pool at the Junior High School during school vacations.....	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide more art and music programs	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
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Provide more seasonal color and landscaping in parks	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide tables in parks for chess, checkers, cards etc.	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide space for new activities such as cricket, lacrosse, rugby	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Improve public bus transportation to existing park and recreation facilities.....	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide more directional signs identifying the way to parks.....	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Place more benches in parks and along trails	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide technology in parks (wireless access, geocoding)	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Allocate more funds to enhance the maintenance of existing parks.....	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide more undesignated, open play space at neighborhood parks ...	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide more trees along city streets	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide a dedicated Senior Center	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH

3. The quality of the city's park and recreation services is primarily determined by the magnitude of funds the city invests in them. It is likely that increases in tax support would enhance the quality of EXISTING park and recreation services, while decreases would reduce it. Would you like to see the level of tax support for park and recreation services changed? If so, by how much? (Please check one of the following.)

Reduce the tax support by:

Increase tax support by:

- 20%
- 15%
- 10%
- 5%
- Remain the same
- +5%
- +10%
- +15%
- +20%

Would you like to see the city's tax investment in NEW park and recreation facilities change? If so, by how much? (Please check one of the following.)

Reduce the tax support by:

Increase tax support by:

- 20%
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- 10%
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- +20%

4. Please identify the top 5 facilities from the following list on which you would like to see College Station give priority in its investments over the next ten years. Please ONLY SELECT 5 facilities and put a check alongside each of them.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Extensive regional trail system (15 - 20 miles) | |

5. In the following section, please read each statement and CIRCLE the response which indicates how much you agree or disagree with each statement regarding College Station Park and Recreation Services.

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>I have no Knowledge</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>
I am well-informed about College Station's park facilities and recreation programs	SA	A	NK	D	SD
The Department should work more closely with schools to develop parks and offer programs.....	SA	A	NK	D	SD
College Station parks and recreation facilities are accessible to people with disabilities	SA	A	NK	D	SD
College Station Parks are well maintained and clean.....	SA	A	NK	D	SD
In general, I am satisfied with the facilities and services provided by the Parks & Recreation Department.....	SA	A	NK	D	SD
The Department should work more closely with police and fire personnel on safety in parks/neighborhoods.....	SA	A	NK	D	SD
Overall, the City of College Station has a "park-like" ambiance about it.....	SA	A	NK	D	SD
I am satisfied with the availability of fields and open spaces for unscheduled use	SA	A	NK	D	SD
The swimming pools are too crowded.....	SA	A	NK	D	SD
I am well-informed about plans for parks in my neighborhood.....	SA	A	NK	D	SD
It is easy for me to offer feedback to the park department and to obtain answers from them to any questions.....	SA	A	NK	D	SD
The Department should work more closely with neighborhood groups to plan and maintain parks	SA	A	NK	D	SD
Automobile traffic around parks should be diverted or slowed down.....	SA	A	NK	D	SD
I can get to my favorite park facilities on foot or by bicycle	SA	A	NK	D	SD

Residents

6. To help the city prioritize future investment decisions we would like you to please indicate, how **IMPORTANT** you view each of the following issues in the City of College Station:

In College Station:	Not at all Important		Neutral		Extremely Important			
Helping youth to develop into productive citizens is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
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Ensuring that parks are easily accessible to residents from their homes is.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Convincing businesses to locate in this community is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Providing role models for adolescents is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Supporting and working with community health organizations is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Providing amenities in the community that older adults want is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Reducing the amount of energy consumed by residents is..	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Designing programs specifically for older adults is.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Getting tourists to spend money in the city is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Helping people build healthy lifestyles is.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Developing attractions that draw people from other cities is...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Providing youth with positive ways to fill their free time is ...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Requiring that developers provide park space for people in their developments is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
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Educating residents on the benefits of healthy activity is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
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Providing programs at which retired people can socialize together is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
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Residents

In this section, we are interested in your perceptions of the College Station Parks and Recreation Department's CURRENT CONTRIBUTIONS to each of the items:

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Are you? (Check one)

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NUMBER
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American Indian _____ Asian _____ Black /African American _____
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Is there anything else you would like to tell us regarding College Station's Park and Recreation Services?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE!

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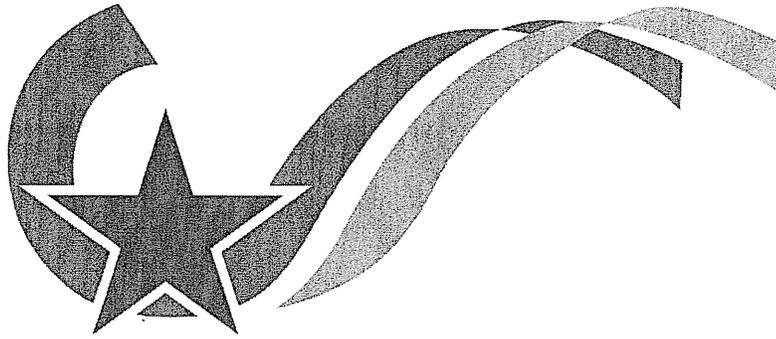
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Keeping neighborhood parks well maintained is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Offering programs that meet the needs of people who are unemployed is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Encouraging Senior Citizens to become involved in the community is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Educating residents on the benefits of healthy activity is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Protecting environmentally sensitive areas is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Encouraging executives and professionals to live in this community is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Supporting and working with community welfare and employment agencies is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Providing programs at which retired people can socialize together is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Hosting events that bring tourism revenue to local businesses is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

4. In this section, we are interested in your perceptions of the College Station Parks and Recreation Department's CURRENT CONTRIBUTIONS to each of the items

The College Station Parks and Recreation Department's Contribution to:	Very Small		Neutral			Very Large	
Helping youth to develop into productive citizens is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Improving air quality is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Ensuring that parks are easily accessible to residents from their homes is.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Convincing businesses to locate in this community is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Providing role models for adolescents is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Supporting and working with community health organizations is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Providing amenities in the community that older adults want is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Reducing the amount of energy consumed by residents is..	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Designing programs specifically for older adults is.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Getting tourists to spend money in the city is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Helping people build healthy lifestyles	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Developing attractions that draw people from other cities is...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

**The College Station Parks and Recreation
Department's Contribution to:**

	Very Small			Neutral			Very Large
Providing youth with positive ways to fill their free time is ...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Requiring that developers provide park space for people in their developments is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Helping adults build skills that can be used in the workplace is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Keeping neighborhood parks well maintained is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Offering programs that meet the needs of people who are unemployed is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Encouraging Senior Citizens to become involved in the community is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Educating residents on the benefits of healthy activity is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Protecting environmentally sensitive areas is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Encouraging executives and professionals to live in this community is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Supporting and working with community welfare and employment agencies is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Providing programs at which retired people can socialize together is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Hosting events that bring tourism revenue to local businesses is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

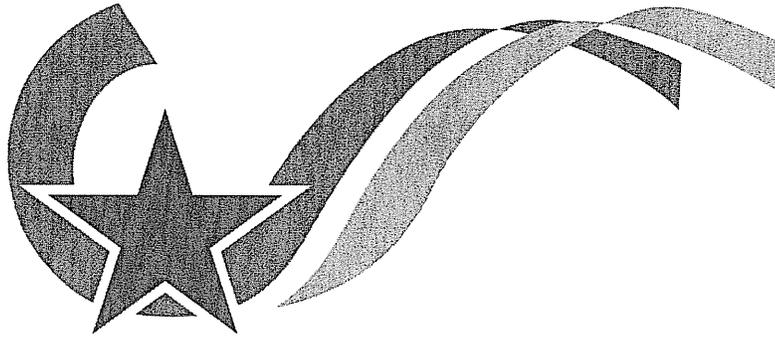
5. We are collecting the following information in order to understand the characteristics of our study participants. All of the information will be kept confidential and only reported at the group level.

Which of the following best represents your employment category with the PARD? (check one)

- Part-time
- Front-line, support staff
- Supervisors
- Senior Manager (Superintendents/ Directors)

Is there anything else you would like to tell us regarding College Station's Park and Recreation Services?

PARD Employee Survey



CITY OF COLLEGE STATION

Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment Survey

Conducted for the City of College Station

by

The Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences

Texas A&M University

2005

1. How often does your department work with or on the following College Station Park facilities and programs? (Circle one on each line)

	<u>Almost Daily</u>	<u>About Once a Week</u>	<u>About Once a Month</u>	<u>A few Times a Year</u>	<u>Not at All</u>
Neighborhood/Community Parks..	D	W	M	Y	N
Walking Trails/ Bike Paths.....	D	W	M	Y	N
Recreation Center	D	W	M	Y	N
Outdoor Basketball Courts	D	W	M	Y	N
Wolf Pen Amphitheatre.....	D	W	M	Y	N
Lincoln Center.....	D	W	M	Y	N
Picnic Tables/Pavilions	D	W	M	Y	N
Ponds/ Lakes.....	D	W	M	Y	N
Swimming Pools	D	W	M	Y	N
Playgrounds	D	W	M	Y	N
Volleyball Courts	D	W	M	Y	N
Tennis Courts	D	W	M	Y	N
Athletic Fields	D	W	M	Y	N
Senior Programs.....	D	W	M	Y	N
Kids Klub	D	W	M	Y	N
Xtra Education	D	W	M	Y	N
Teen Activities	D	W	M	Y	N
Fitness Programs	D	W	M	Y	N
Festivals/Events	D	W	M	Y	N
EXIT Teen Center.....	D	W	M	Y	N
Urban Forests	D	W	M	Y	N
City Tree Streets	D	W	M	Y	N
City Right of Ways	D	W	M	Y	N
City Visual Quality.....	D	W	M	Y	N
Greenways.....	D	W	M	Y	N

2. The Parks Department has a limited amount of resources and seeks guidance on where best to invest them. Please circle the PRIORITY LEVEL you feel should be associated with each of the following items (Circle one on each line).

Provide lighting for walking and jogging paths	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide more shade trees at parks	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide quiet, green spaces throughout the city	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide storage for sports leagues equipment	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide playgrounds at athletic fields	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide more walking paths around parks and athletic fields.....	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Improve accessibility for those with disabilities (e.g., pool lifts, sidewalks, parking, bathrooms)	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Link parks, neighborhoods, and schools with hike and bike trails	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide a wider variety of aquatic classes	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Acquire additional park land	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Offer Xtra Education Classes on weekends	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide more access to the indoor pool at the Junior High School during school vacations.....	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide more art and music programs	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide personal growth classes (e.g., car maintenance, career development).....	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide more seasonal color and landscaping in parks	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide tables in parks for chess, checkers, cards.....	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide space for new activities such as cricket, lacrosse, rugby	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Improve public bus transportation to existing park and recreation facilities.....	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide more directional signs identifying the way to parks.....	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Place more benches in parks and along trails	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide technology in parks (wireless access, geocoding)	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Allocate more funds to enhance the maintenance of existing parks.....	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide more undesignated, open play space at neighborhood parks ...	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide more trees along city streets	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Provide a designated Senior Center	NONE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH

3. Please identify the top 5 facilities from the following list on which you would like to see College Station give priority in its investments over the next ten years. Please ONLY SELECT 5 facilities and put a check alongside each of them.

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space Fields | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural/Art Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Large Regional Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Neighborhood Pools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art/Music Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor pool | <input type="checkbox"/> Frisbee Golf Course |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skate Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor Recreation Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Archery fields |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ponds/Lakes | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor Tennis Courts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Tennis Courts | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardens/ Arboretum | <input type="checkbox"/> Remote Control Model Airplane Facility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking/Biking Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Baseball Fields |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Softball Fields | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Soccer Fields | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Football Fields |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness Stations | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Baseball Fields |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Softball Fields | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Soccer Fields | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Football Fields |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping Areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor Play Areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseshoe pits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pavilions | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic Areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Bocce courts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Extensive regional trail system (15 - 20 miles) | |

4. In the following section, please read each statement and CIRCLE the response which indicates how much you agree or disagree with each statement regarding College Station Parks.

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>I have no Knowledge</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>
I am well-informed about College Station's park facilities and recreation programs	SA	A	NK	D	SD
The Department should work more closely with schools to develop parks and offer programs.....	SA	A	NK	D	SD
College Station parks and recreation facilities are accessible to people with disabilities	SA	A	NK	D	SD
College Station Parks are well maintained and clean.....	SA	A	NK	D	SD
In general, I am satisfied with the facilities and services provided by the Parks & Recreation Department.....	SA	A	NK	D	SD
The Department should work more closely with police and fire departments on safety in parks/neighborhoods	SA	A	NK	D	SD
Overall, the City of College Station has a "park-like" ambiance about it.....	SA	A	NK	D	SD

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	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>I have no Knowledge</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>
The swimming pools are too crowded.....	SA	A	NK	D	SD
I am well-informed about plans for parks in my neighborhood.....	SA	A	NK	D	SD
It is easy for me to offer feedback to the park department and to obtain answers from them to any questions.....	SA	A	NK	D	SD
The Department should work more closely with neighborhood groups to plan and maintain parks	SA	A	NK	D	SD
Automobile traffic around parks should be diverted or slowed down.....	SA	A	NK	D	SD
I can get to my favorite park facilities on foot or by bicycle	SA	A	NK	D	SD

5. To help the city prioritize future investment decisions we would like you to please indicate, how IMPORTANT you view each of the following issues in the City of College Station?

In College Station,	Not at all Important		Neutral			Extremely Important	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Helping youth to develop into productive citizens is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Improving air quality is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Ensuring that parks are easily accessible to residents from their homes is.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Convincing businesses to locate in this community is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Providing role models for adolescents is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Supporting and working with community health organizations is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Providing amenities in the community that older adults want is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Reducing the amount of energy consumed by residents is..	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Designing programs specifically for older adults is.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Getting tourists to spend money in the city is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Helping people build healthy lifestyles	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Developing attractions that draw people from other cities is...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Providing youth with positive ways to fill their free time is ...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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In College Station,	Not at all		Neutral			Extremely	
	Important					Important	
Requiring that developers provide park space for people in their developments is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Helping adults build skills that can be used in the workplace is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Keeping neighborhood parks well maintained is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Offering programs that meet the needs of people who are unemployed is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Encouraging Senior Citizens to become involved in the community is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Educating residents on the benefits of healthy activity is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Protecting environmentally sensitive areas is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Encouraging executives and professionals to live in this community is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Supporting and working with community welfare and employment agencies is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Providing programs at which retired people can socialize together is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Hosting events that bring tourism revenue to local businesses is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

6. In this section, we are interested in your perceptions of the College Station Parks and Recreation Department's CURRENT CONTRIBUTIONS to each of the items

The College Station Parks and Recreation Department's Contribution to:	Very Small		Neutral			Very Large	
Helping youth to develop into productive citizens is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Improving air quality is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Ensuring that parks are easily accessible to residents from their homes is.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Convincing businesses to locate in this community is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Providing role models for adolescents is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Supporting and working with community health organizations is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Providing amenities in the community that older adults want is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Reducing the amount of energy consumed by residents is..	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Designing programs specifically for older adults is.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Getting tourists to spend money in the city is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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**The College Station Parks and Recreation
Department's Contribution to:**

	Very Small			Neutral			Very Large
Helping people build healthy lifestyles	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Developing attractions that draw people from other cities is...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Providing youth with positive ways to fill their free time is ...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Requiring that developers provide park space for people in their developments is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Helping adults build skills that can be used in the workplace is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Keeping neighborhood parks well maintained is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Offering programs that meet the needs of people who are unemployed is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Encouraging Senior Citizens to become involved in the community is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Educating residents on the benefits of healthy activity is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Protecting environmentally sensitive areas is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Encouraging executives and professionals to live in this community is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Supporting and working with community welfare and employment agencies is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Providing programs at which retired people can socialize together is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Hosting events that bring tourism revenue to local businesses is	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

We are collecting the following information in order to understand the characteristics of our study participants. All of the information will be kept confidential and only reported at the group level.

Which of the following best represents your employment category with the city of College Station? (check one)

- Part-time
- Front-line and support staff
- Middle Management
- Senior Management

What Department are you employed in?

Is there anything else you would like to tell us regarding College Station's Park and Recreation Services?

Appendix C-- Tables

The tables without a letter denote results of the citizen survey
The letter A denotes results of the citizen survey
The letter B denotes results of the citizen survey

Tables 1A-1F

Table 3A

Table 3B

Table 5

Table 5A

Table 5B

Table 6B

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Table 7A

Table 7B

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Table 8A

Table 8B

Table 9B

TABLES 1D-1F

TABLE 1D
N=534

What ethnicity do you consider yourself?

	Survey		CS*	
	#	%	#	%
Hispanic	31	6.09	6,812	9.70
Caucasian/An	428	84.09	54,489	77.60
Black/African American	12	2.36	3,513	5.00
Asian	36	7.07	5,160	7.35
American Indian	2	0.39	246	0.35
Total	509	100	70,220	100

* 3,032 consider themselves some other race and 1,365 consider themselves two or more

TABLE 1E
N=534

Gender

	Survey		CS
	#	%	%
Female	270	50.75	48.80
Male	262	49.25	51.20
Total	532	100.00	100.00

TABLE 1F
N=534

Do you own or rent your home in College Station?

	Survey		CS	
	#	%	#	%
Rent	179	33.58	7,573	30.7
Own	354	66.42	17,084	69.3
Total	533	100.00	24,657	100

TABLE 3A--PARD EMPLOYEES

The Parks Department has a limited amount of resources and seeks guidance on where best to invest them. Please circle the PRIORITY LEVEL you feel should be associated with each of the following items.

N=58

	None #	%	Low #	%	Medium #	%	High #	%	Total	Score
Allocate more funds to enhance the maintenance of existing parks	1	1.79	6	10.71	16	28.57	31	55.36	56	125
Improve accessibility for those with disabilities (e.g., pool lifts, sidewalks, parking, bathrooms)	2	3.51	8	14.04	25	43.86	22	38.60	57	116
Link parks, neighborhoods, and schools with hike and bike trails	2	3.57	13	23.21	24	42.86	17	30.36	56	99
Provide playgrounds at athletic fields	3	5.26	14	24.56	23	40.35	17	29.82	57	97
Offer Xtra Education Classes on weekends	5	8.77	13	22.81	24	42.11	15	26.32	57	93
Provide lighting for walking and jogging paths	3	5.26	9	15.79	31	54.39	14	24.56	57	104
Provide more undesignated, open play space at neighborhood parks	4	7.14	11	19.64	29	51.79	14	25.00	56	100
Provide more walking paths around parks and athletic fields	4	7.27	16	29.09	21	38.18	14	25.45	55	84
Provide quiet, green spaces throughout the city	3	5.36	18	32.14	22	39.29	13	23.21	56	83
Place more benches in parks and along trails	6	10.53	10	17.54	29	50.88	12	21.05	57	94
Provide personal growth classes (e.g., car maintenance, career development)	3	5.17	19	32.76	24	41.38	12	20.69	58	84
Acquire additional park land	4	7.14	14	25.00	26	46.43	12	21.43	56	88
Provide more shade trees at parks	6	10.53	19	33.33	20	35.09	12	21.05	57	76
Provide more access to the indoor pool at the Junior High School during school vacations	6	10.53	17	29.82	23	40.35	11	19.30	57	79
Provide more seasonal color and landscaping in parks	5	8.77	16	28.07	26	45.61	10	17.54	57	82
Provide more art and music programs	6	10.34	24	41.38	18	31.03	10	17.24	58	66
Provide space for new activities such as cricket, lacrosse, rugby	11	18.97	30	51.72	7	12.07	10	17.24	58	44
Provide more directional signs identifying the way to parks	5	8.77	17	29.82	26	45.61	9	15.79	57	79
Provide technology in parks (wireless access, geocoding)	10	18.18	27	49.09	10	18.18	8	14.55	55	44
Improve public bus transportation to existing park and recreation facilities	8	13.79	15	25.86	28	48.28	7	12.07	58	77
Provide tables in parks for chess, checkers, cards	12	21.43	14	25.00	23	41.07	7	12.50	56	67
Provide storage for sports leagues equipment	9	16.07	26	46.43	17	30.36	4	7.14	56	46
Provide a wider variety of aquatic classes	0	0.00	33	56.90	22	37.93	3	5.17	58	53
Provide more trees along city streets	8	14.29	28	50.00	19	33.93	3	5.36	56	47

TABLE 3B--EMPLOYEES
 The Parks Department has a limited amount of resources and seeks guidance on where best to invest them.
 Please circle the priority level you feel should be associated with each of the following items

N=283

	None		Low		Medium		High		Total	Points
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	Total	Points
Provide lighting for walking and jogging paths	9	3.25	32	22.22	103	71.53	133	48.01	277	605
Improve accessibility for those with disabilities (e.g., pool lifts, sidewalks, parking, bathrooms)	11	3.99	49	24.87	137	69.54	79	28.62	276	511
Provide more shade trees at parks	15	5.43	73	36.68	111	55.78	77	27.90	276	453
Link parks, neighborhoods, and schools with hike and	13	4.69	71	34.47	122	59.22	71	25.63	277	457
Provide a designated Senior Center	19	6.91	96	43.64	105	47.73	55	20.00	275	375
Provide playgrounds at athletic fields	14	5.04	64	28.57	146	65.18	54	19.42	278	454
Provide quiet, green spaces throughout the city	21	7.61	94	41.96	109	48.66	52	18.84	276	374
Provide more walking paths around parks and athletic fields	15	5.43	83	36.73	128	56.64	50	18.12	276	406
Allocate more funds to enhance the maintenance of existing parks	17	6.12	80	34.63	134	58.01	47	16.91	278	409
Provide more trees along city streets	37	13.36	100	42.19	100	42.19	40	14.44	277	320
Place more benches in parks and along trails	14	5.07	95	39.42	132	54.77	35	12.68	276	369
Offer Xtra Education Classes on weekends	26	9.39	122	50.21	95	39.09	34	12.27	277	292
Provide more access to the indoor pool at the Junior High School during school vacations	25	9.03	110	45.08	109	44.67	33	11.91	277	317
Provide personal growth classes (e.g., car maintenance, career development)	24	8.70	115	47.33	104	42.80	33	11.96	276	307
Acquire additional park land	42	15.16	101	41.22	102	41.63	32	11.55	277	300
Provide more directional signs identifying the way to parks	27	9.78	123	49.40	99	39.76	27	9.78	276	279
Provide more undesignated, open play space at neighborhood parks	17	6.25	126	51.22	103	41.87	26	9.56	272	284
Provide more art and music programs	33	11.91	126	49.80	94	37.15	24	8.66	277	260
Provide more seasonal color and landscaping in parks	31	11.19	119	46.85	104	40.94	23	8.30	277	277
Provide technology in parks (wireless access, geocoding)	76	27.34	116	45.31	64	25.00	22	7.91	278	194
Provide a wider variety of aquatic classes	25	8.99	141	54.86	91	35.41	21	7.55	278	245
Improve public bus transportation to existing park and recreation facilities	33	11.96	105	40.54	121	46.72	17	6.16	276	293
Provide tables in parks for chess, checkers, cards	45	16.25	126	48.46	89	34.23	17	6.14	277	229
Provide space for new activities such as cricket, lacrosse, rugby	45	16.19	141	53.01	80	30.08	12	4.32	278	196
Provide storage for sports leagues equipment	60	21.90	136	51.32	69	26.04	9	3.28	274	165

TABLE 5 -- RESIDENTS

Please identify the top 5 facilities from the following list on which you would like to see College Station give priority in its investments over the next ten years.

Please ONLY SELECT 5 facilities and put a check alongside each of them.

N=534

	#	%
Walking/Biking Trails	204	38.20
Nature Trails	157	29.40
Zoo	152	28.46
Water Park	145	27.15
Ponds/Lakes	140	26.22
Neighborhood Parks	124	23.22
Extensive regional trail system (15 - 20	123	23.03
Gardens/ Arboretum	110	20.60
Art/Music Facilities	106	19.85
Dog Park	101	18.91
Senior Center	100	18.73
Indoor pool	96	17.98
Nature Center	91	17.04
Outdoor Neighborhood Pools	77	14.42
Playgrounds	74	13.86
Indoor Recreation Center	71	13.30
Camping Areas	70	13.11
Picnic Areas	65	12.17
Cultural/Art Center	62	11.61
Skate Park	52	9.74
Fitness Stations	49	9.18
Large Regional Park	38	7.12
Frisbee Golf Course	37	6.93
Indoor Play Areas	36	6.74
Open Space Fields	35	6.55
Pavilions	31	5.81
Indoor Tennis Courts	28	5.24
Outdoor Tennis Courts	26	4.87
Horseshoe pits	25	4.68
Adult Softball Fields	24	4.49
Youth Soccer Fields	23	4.31
Equestrian Trails	22	4.12
Youth Baseball Fields	22	4.12
Youth Softball Fields	17	3.18
Archery fields	13	2.43
Remote Control Model Airplane		
Facility	13	2.43
Adult Football Fields	9	1.69
Bocce courts	9	1.69
Adult Baseball Fields	7	1.31
Adult Soccer Fields	6	1.12
Youth Football Fields	6	1.12

TABLE 5A--PARD EMPLOYEES

Please identify the top 5 facilities from the following list on which you would like to see
College Station give priority to in its investments over the next ten years.

N=58

	#	%
Water Park	34	58.62
Camping Areas	19	32.76
Zoo	19	32.76
Adult Softball Fields	15	25.86
Ponds/Lakes	14	24.14
Dog Park	13	22.41
Skate Park	13	22.41
Indoor Recreation Center	13	22.41
Large Regional Park	9	15.52
Walking/Biking Trails	9	15.52
Nature Center	8	13.79
Indoor pool	8	13.79
Senior Center	8	13.79
Neighborhood Parks	8	13.79
Remote Control Model Airplane Facility	6	10.34
Playgrounds	6	10.34
Indoor Play Areas	6	10.34
Horseshoe pits	6	10.34
Pavilions	6	10.34
Picnic Areas	6	10.34
Art/Music Facilities	5	8.62
Gardens/ Arboretum	5	8.62
Nature Trails	5	8.62
Cultural/Art Center	4	6.90
Outdoor Neighborhood Pools	4	6.90
Extensive regional trail system (15 - 20 miles)	4	6.90
Frisbee Golf Course	3	5.17
Equestrian Trails	3	5.17
Fitness Stations	3	5.17
Open Space Fields	2	3.45
Archery fields	2	3.45
Indoor Tennis Courts	2	3.45
Adult Football Fields	2	3.45
Bocce courts	2	3.45
Adult Baseball Fields	1	1.72
Adult Soccer Fields	1	1.72
Youth Softball Fields	1	1.72
Youth Soccer Fields	1	1.72
Outdoor Tennis Courts	0	0.00
Youth Baseball Fields	0	0.00
Youth Football Fields	0	0.00

TABLE 5B--EMPLOYEES

Please identify the top 5 facilities from the following list on which you would like to see College Station give priority in its investments over the next ten years.

N=283

	#	%
Water Park	138	48.42
Zoo	98	34.39
Ponds/Lakes	67	23.51
Walking/Biking Trails	66	23.16
Indoor pool	61	21.40
Nature Trails	55	19.30
Extensive regional trail system (15 - 20 miles)	54	18.95
Senior Center	53	18.60
Camping Areas	48	16.84
Dog Park	45	15.79
Gardens/ Arboretum	43	15.09
Horseshoe pits	38	13.33
Archery fields	36	12.63
Playgrounds	34	11.93
Outdoor Neighborhood Pools	33	11.58
Pavilions	33	11.58
Nature Center	32	11.23
Large Regional Park	32	11.23
Indoor Play Areas	32	11.23
Picnic Areas	32	11.23
Art/Music Facilities	31	10.88
Fitness Stations	31	10.88
Remote Control Model Airplane Facility	28	9.82
Skate Park	27	9.47
Adult Baseball Fields	23	8.07
Adult Softball Fields	23	8.07
Equestrian Trails	22	7.72
Frisbee Golf Course	21	7.37
Indoor Recreation Center	20	7.02
Neighborhood Parks	18	6.32
Youth Baseball Fields	17	5.96
Open Space Fields	13	4.56
Indoor Tennis Courts	10	3.51
Adult Football Fields	9	3.16
Youth Softball Fields	8	2.81
Cultural/Art Center	7	2.46
Outdoor Tennis Courts	6	2.11
Adult Soccer Fields	6	2.11
Youth Soccer Fields	6	2.11
Youth Football Fields	6	2.11
Bocce courts	5	1.75

TABLE 6B--EMPLOYEES

In the following section, please read each statement and CIRCLE the response which indicates how much you agree or disagree with each statement regarding College Station Parks
N=283

	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Agree		Strongly Agree		I have no knowledge		Total
	#	% ^A	#	% ^A	#	% ^A	#	% ^A	#	% ^B	
I am well-informed about College Station's park facilities and recreation programs	9	3.59	35	13.94	174	69.32	36	14.34	26	9.39	277
The Department should work more closely with schools to develop parks and offer programs	5	2.50	20	10.00	143	71.50	37	18.50	73	26.74	273
College Station parks and recreation facilities are accessible to people with disabilities	2	1.25	5	3.13	140	87.50	17	10.63	115	41.82	275
College Station Parks are well maintained and clean	3	1.16	11	4.26	153	59.30	96	37.21	15	5.49	273
In general, I am satisfied with the facilities and services provided by the Parks & Recreation Department	0	0.00	15	5.77	168	64.62	80	30.77	17	6.14	277
The Department should work more closely with police and fire departments on safety in parks/neighborhoods	1	0.50	18	8.96	135	67.16	51	25.37	74	26.91	275
Overall, the City of College Station has a "park-like" ambiance about it	7	2.83	42	17.00	156	63.16	46	18.62	28	10.18	275
The swimming pools are too crowded	38	21.35	99	55.62	42	23.60	1	0.56	101	36.20	279
I am well-informed about plans for parks in my neighborhood	14	11.76	64	53.78	43	36.13	2	1.68	156	56.73	275
It is easy for me to offer feedback to the park department and to obtain answers from them to any questions	9	5.33	24	14.20	117	69.23	24	14.20	104	38.10	273
The Department should work more closely with neighborhood groups to plan and maintain parks	1	0.51	9	4.62	161	82.56	27	13.85	82	29.60	277
Automobile traffic around parks should be diverted or slowed down	6	2.61	47	20.43	134	58.26	45	19.57	49	17.56	279
I can get to my favorite park facilities on foot or by bicycle	22	10.89	57	28.22	105	51.98	22	10.89	73	26.55	275

^A The percentage of respondents within those with knowledge.

^B The percentage of overall respondents whom had no knowledge.

TABLE 7--RESIDENTS
 To help the city prioritize future investment decisions, we would like you to please indicate, how important you view each of the following issues in the City of College Station?
 N=534

In College Station,	Not at all important			2.0			3.0			Neutral			5.0			6.0			Extremely important			Total			
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Preventing Youth Crime	5	0.95	7	1.33	8	1.46	43	8.18	60	11.41	140	26.57	240	45.59	379	72.16	526								
Helping youth to develop into productive citizens	8	1.52	8	1.52	5	0.95	44	8.37	5	0.95	129	24.52	256	48.67	385	73.19	526								
Providing role models for adolescents	6	1.14	7	1.33	11	2.09	56	10.65	88	16.73	136	25.86	222	42.21	358	68.06	526								
Providing youth with positive ways to fill their free time	1	0.19	6	1.14	7	1.33	29	5.52	87	16.57	154	29.33	241	45.90	395	75.24	526								
Environmental Stewardship	7	1.33	12	2.22	17	3.17	84	15.92	128	24.32	127	24.16	153	29.11	280	53.27	527								
Improving air quality	7	1.33	12	2.22	17	3.17	86	16.29	121	22.92	127	24.05	162	30.68	289	54.73	527								
Reducing the amount of energy consumed by residents	10	1.90	16	3.04	21	3.98	98	18.60	146	27.70	103	19.54	133	25.24	236	44.78	527								
Protecting environmentally sensitive areas	5	0.95	7	1.33	16	3.04	67	12.71	117	22.20	151	28.65	164	31.12	315	59.77	527								
Enhancing Real Estate Values	4	0.76	6	1.08	10	1.97	65	12.43	127	24.10	167	31.77	147	27.90	314	59.67	526								
Ensuring that parks are easily accessible to residents from their homes	4	0.76	5	0.95	19	3.62	97	18.48	162	30.86	148	28.19	90	17.14	238	45.33	525								
Requiring that developers provide park space for people in their developments	7	1.33	11	2.09	8	1.52	74	14.07	113	21.48	141	26.81	172	32.70	313	59.51	526								
Keeping neighborhood parks well maintained	1	0.19	1	0.19	4	0.76	25	4.75	105	19.96	212	40.30	178	33.84	390	74.14	526								
Attracting and Retaining Businesses	17	3.13	13	2.47	22	4.17	87	16.51	121	22.87	146	27.70	122	23.15	268	50.85	527								
Convincing businesses to locate in this community	17	3.23	9	1.71	26	4.93	81	15.37	125	23.72	125	23.72	144	27.32	269	51.04	527								
Encouraging executives and professionals to live in this community	16	3.04	17	3.23	18	3.42	93	17.65	116	22.01	167	31.69	100	18.98	267	50.66	527								
Improving Community Health	11	2.09	8	1.58	18	3.48	73	13.81	138	26.22	147	27.99	131	24.83	278	52.82	526								
Supporting and working with community health organizations	6	1.14	8	1.52	22	4.17	69	13.09	165	31.31	146	27.70	111	21.06	257	48.77	527								
Helping people build healthy lifestyles	12	2.28	5	0.95	11	2.09	62	11.76	103	19.54	156	29.60	178	33.78	334	63.38	527								
Educating residents on the benefits of healthy activity	15	2.86	12	2.29	22	4.19	87	16.57	146	27.81	140	26.67	103	19.62	243	46.29	525								
Attracting and Retaining Retirees	7	1.27	11	2.03	22	4.12	113	21.45	160	30.52	128	24.30	86	16.31	213	40.61	525								
Providing amenities in the community that older adults want	5	0.95	5	0.95	17	3.24	92	17.56	167	31.87	144	27.48	94	17.94	238	45.42	524								
Designing programs specifically for older adults	8	1.52	18	3.43	23	4.38	145	27.62	156	29.71	105	20.00	70	13.33	175	33.33	525								
Encouraging Senior Citizens to become involved in the community	7	1.33	9	1.71	25	4.74	101	19.17	158	29.98	134	25.43	93	17.65	227	43.07	527								
Providing programs at which retired people can socialize together	12	2.28	12	2.28	27	5.13	134	25.48	157	29.85	109	20.72	75	14.26	184	34.98	526								
Attracting Tourists	21	3.93	14	2.60	25	4.69	83	15.84	127	24.08	129	24.46	128	24.40	257	48.86	526								
Getting tourists to spend money in the city	17	3.24	15	2.86	24	4.57	83	15.81	121	23.05	120	22.86	145	27.62	265	50.48	525								
Developing attractions that draw people from other cities	24	4.56	16	3.04	23	4.37	92	17.49	128	24.33	120	22.81	123	23.38	243	46.20	526								
Hosting events that bring tourism revenue to local businesses	21	3.98	10	1.90	27	5.12	75	14.23	131	24.86	146	27.70	117	22.20	263	49.91	527								
Addressing the Needs of People who are Underemployed	20	3.86	21	3.99	38	7.16	120	22.80	135	25.71	110	20.84	82	15.64	192	36.48	526								
Helping adults build skills that can be used in the workplace	22	4.17	13	2.47	36	6.83	106	20.11	140	26.57	118	22.39	92	17.46	210	39.85	527								
Offering programs that meet the needs of people who are unemployed	21	3.99	30	5.70	41	7.79	126	23.95	125	23.76	95	18.06	88	16.73	183	34.79	526								
Supporting and working with community welfare and employment agencies	18	3.42	20	3.80	36	6.84	128	24.33	141	26.81	116	22.05	67	12.74	183	34.79	526								

TABLE 7A--PARD EMPLOYEES
 To help the city prioritize future investment decisions we would like you to please indicate, how **important** you view each of the following issues in the City of College Station
 N=58

	Not at all Important 1.0			2			3.0			Neutral			5.0			6.0			Extremely Important 7.0			Total 6.0+7.0			
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Preventing Youth Crime																									
1 Helping youth to develop into productive citizens is	1	1.15	0	0.00	1	1.72	5	9.20	8	13.22	14	23.56	29	50.57	43	74.57	58								
1 Providing role models for adolescents is	2	3.45	0	0.00	1	1.72	8	13.79	10	17.24	10	17.24	27	46.55	37	63.79	58								
1 Providing youth with positive ways to fill their free time is	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	1.72	7	12.07	6	10.34	17	29.31	26	44.83	43	75.44	57								
	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	1.72	7	12.07	7	12.07	14	24.14	35	60.34	49	84.48	58								
Environmental Stewardship																									
2 Improving air quality is	1	1.15	2	3.45	4	6.32	12	20.69	13	21.84	15	25.29	12	20.11	26	45.93	57								
2 Reducing the amount of energy consumed by residents is	2	3.45	1	1.72	4	6.90	12	20.69	12	20.69	15	25.86	15	25.86	27	46.55	58								
2 Protecting environmentally sensitive areas is	0	0.00	3	5.17	5	8.62	13	22.41	15	25.86	13	22.41	8	13.79	21	36.84	57								
	0	0.00	2	3.45	2	3.45	11	18.97	11	18.97	16	27.59	15	25.86	31	54.39	57								
Enhancing Real Estate Values																									
3 Ensuring that parks are easily accessible to residents from their homes is	0	0.57	1	1.72	3	4.60	7	11.49	9	14.94	16	27.01	23	39.08	38	66.47	58								
3 Requiring that developers provide park space for people in their developments is	1	1.72	2	3.45	3	5.17	12	20.69	14	24.14	16	27.59	10	17.24	26	44.83	58								
3 Keeping neighborhood parks well maintained	0	0.00	1	1.72	4	6.90	7	12.07	8	13.79	17	29.31	21	36.21	38	65.52	58								
	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	1.72	1	1.72	4	6.90	14	24.14	37	63.79	51	89.47	57								
Attracting and Retaining Businesses																									
4 Convincing businesses to locate in this community is	0	0.00	2	3.45	2	3.45	9	14.66	12	20.69	17	29.31	17	28.45	34	57.76	58								
4 Encouraging executives and professionals to live in this community is	0	0.00	2	3.45	1	1.72	8	13.79	7	12.07	18	31.03	22	37.93	40	68.97	58								
	0	0.00	2	3.45	3	5.17	9	15.52	17	29.31	16	27.59	11	18.97	27	46.55	58								
Improving Community Health																									
5 Supporting and working with community health organizations is	0	0.00	1	1.72	2	2.87	12	20.69	15	26.44	15	25.29	13	22.99	28	48.28	58								
5 Helping people build healthy lifestyles	0	0.00	1	1.72	2	3.45	16	27.59	13	22.41	14	24.14	12	20.69	26	44.83	58								
5 Educating residents on the benefits of healthy activity is	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	1.72	8	13.79	18	31.03	15	25.86	16	27.59	31	53.45	58								
	0	0.00	2	3.45	2	3.45	12	20.69	15	25.86	15	25.86	12	20.69	27	46.55	58								
Attracting and Retaining Retirees																									
6 Providing amenities in the community that older adults want is	0	0.57	1	1.15	3	5.75	8	13.22	15	26.44	19	32.76	12	20.11	31	52.87	58								
6 Designing programs specifically for older adults is	1	1.72	0	0.00	4	6.90	9	15.52	13	22.41	18	31.03	13	22.41	31	53.45	58								
6 Encouraging Senior Citizens to become involved in the community is	0	0.00	2	3.45	3	5.17	4	6.90	17	29.31	20	34.48	12	20.69	32	55.17	58								
6 Providing programs at which retired people can socialize together is	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	5.17	10	17.24	16	27.59	19	32.76	10	17.24	29	50.00	58								
	0	0.00	2	3.45	3	5.17	10	17.24	12	20.69	17	29.31	14	24.14	31	53.45	58								
Attracting Tourists																									
7 Getting tourists to spend money in the city is	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.57	4	7.47	10	17.24	15	25.86	28	48.28	43	74.57	58								
7 Developing attractions that draw people from other cities is	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	6	10.34	10	17.24	13	22.41	29	50.00	42	72.41	58								
7 Hosting events that bring tourism revenue to local businesses is	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	6.90	9	15.52	17	29.31	27	46.55	44	77.19	57								
	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	1.72	3	5.17	11	18.97	15	25.86	28	48.28	43	74.14	58								
Addressing the Needs of People who are Underemployed																									
8 Helping adults build skills that can be used in the workplace is	2	2.87	3	4.60	4	6.32	14	24.14	13	22.41	13	21.84	10	17.24	23	39.08	58								
8 Offering programs that meet the needs of people who are unemployed is	0	0.00	3	5.17	2	3.45	9	15.52	17	29.31	15	25.86	11	18.97	26	44.83	58								
8 Supporting and working with community welfare and employment agencies is	3	5.17	2	3.45	6	10.34	15	25.86	11	18.97	11	18.97	10	17.24	21	36.21	58								
	2	3.45	3	5.17	3	5.17	18	31.03	11	18.97	12	20.69	9	15.52	21	36.21	58								

TABLE 7B-- EMPLOYEES

To help the city prioritize future investment decisions we would like you to please indicate, how **important** you view each of the following issues in the City of College Station?

N=283

	Not at all important			Neutral			Extremely important			Total							
	#	%		#	%		#	%		#	%						
Preventing Youth Crime	2	0.60	2	0.72	7	2.63	31	10.98	37	13.13	67	23.98	134	47.96	201	71.96	279.33
Helping youth to develop into productive citizens is	2	0.71	3	1.07	9	3.21	32	11.43	36	12.86	65	23.21	133	47.50	198	70.71	280
Providing role models for adolescents is	3	1.08	2	0.72	7	2.52	38	13.67	38	13.67	65	23.38	125	44.96	190	68.35	278
Providing youth with positive ways to fill their free time is	0	0.00	1	0.36	6	2.14	22	7.86	36	12.86	71	25.36	144	51.43	215	76.79	280
Environmental Stewardship	9	3.10	7	2.62	12	4.17	56	20.15	57	20.26	65	23.12	74	26.58	139	49.70	279.67
Improving air quality is	10	3.58	9	3.23	14	5.02	56	20.07	53	19.00	58	20.79	79	28.32	137	49.10	279
Reducing the amount of energy consumed by residents is	6	2.15	5	1.79	12	4.30	62	22.22	60	21.51	68	24.37	66	23.66	134	48.03	279
Protecting environmentally sensitive areas is	10	3.56	8	2.85	9	3.20	51	18.15	57	20.28	68	24.20	78	27.76	146	51.96	281
Enhancing Real Estate Values	4	1.31	4	1.42	13	4.51	47	16.64	59	21.03	70	24.94	85	30.15	155	55.11	280.67
Ensuring that parks are easily accessible to residents from their homes is	3	1.07	3	1.07	17	6.07	72	25.71	85	30.36	57	20.36	43	15.36	100	35.71	280
Requiring that developers provide park space for people in their developments is	8	2.85	7	2.49	14	4.98	43	15.30	51	18.15	63	22.42	95	33.81	158	56.23	281
Keeping neighborhood parks well maintained	0	0.00	2	0.71	7	2.49	25	8.90	41	14.59	90	32.03	116	41.28	206	73.31	281
Attracting and Retaining Businesses	5	1.97	6	2.50	14	5.19	52	18.23	61	19.13	67	22.89	75	30.09	142	50.65	279.5
Convincing businesses to locate in this community is	5	1.80	5	1.80	13	4.68	43	15.47	48	17.27	62	22.30	102	36.69	164	58.99	278
Encouraging executives and professionals to live in this community is	6	2.14	9	3.20	16	5.69	59	21.00	59	21.00	66	23.49	66	23.49	132	46.98	281
Improving Community Health	4	1.31	4	1.43	14	5.12	54	19.17	76	27.02	73	25.95	56	20.00	129	45.95	280
Supporting and working with community health organizations is	2	0.71	5	1.79	14	5.00	62	22.14	86	30.71	67	23.93	44	15.71	111	39.64	280
Helping people build healthy lifestyles	4	1.43	0	0.00	8	2.86	44	15.71	56	20.00	87	31.07	81	28.93	168	60.00	280
Educating residents on the benefits of healthy activity is	5	1.79	7	2.50	21	7.50	55	19.64	85	30.36	64	22.86	43	15.36	107	38.21	280
Attracting and Retaining Retirees	2	0.71	3	0.95	10	3.69	52	18.69	88	31.55	75	26.90	49	17.50	124	44.40	280
Providing amenities in the community that older adults want is	2	0.71	1	0.36	9	3.21	40	14.29	87	31.07	85	30.36	56	20.00	141	50.36	280
Designing programs specifically for older adults is	2	0.71	3	1.07	11	3.93	60	21.43	97	34.64	64	22.86	43	15.36	107	38.21	280
Encouraging Senior Citizens to become involved in the community is	2	0.71	4	1.43	11	3.93	57	20.36	81	28.93	77	27.50	48	17.14	125	44.64	280
Providing programs at which retired people can socialize together is	3	1.07	6	2.14	13	4.63	49	17.44	100	35.59	74	26.33	36	12.81	110	39.15	281
Attracting Tourists	5	1.78	5	1.90	11	3.80	35	12.60	46	16.29	74	26.40	104	37.22	178	63.61	280.33
Getting tourists to spend money in the city is	4	1.43	4	1.43	9	3.21	37	13.21	41	14.64	74	26.43	111	39.64	185	66.07	280
Developing attractions that draw people from other cities is	6	2.14	6	2.14	10	3.57	33	11.79	48	17.14	78	27.86	99	35.36	177	63.21	280
Hosting events that bring tourism revenue to local businesses is	5	1.78	6	2.14	13	4.63	36	12.81	48	17.08	70	24.91	103	36.65	173	61.57	281
Addressing the Needs of People who are Underemployed	17	5.94	13	4.52	20	7.14	68	24.38	70	24.96	51	18.08	42	14.99	93	33.06	280.33
Helping adults build skills that can be used in the workplace is	8	2.86	10	3.57	16	5.71	64	22.86	63	22.50	64	22.86	55	19.64	119	42.50	280
Offering programs that meet the needs of people who are unemployed is	22	7.86	17	6.07	26	9.29	72	25.71	60	21.43	43	15.36	40	14.29	83	29.64	280
Supporting and working with community welfare and employment agencies is	20	7.12	11	3.91	18	6.41	69	24.56	87	30.96	45	16.01	31	11.03	76	27.05	281

TABLE 8--RESIDENTS
 In this section, we are interested in your perceptions of the College Station Parks and Recreation Department's current contributions to each of the items
 N=534

The College Station Parks and Recreation Department's Contribution	Very Small 1.0		2.0		3.0		Neutral		5.0		6.0		Very Large 7.0		Total 6.0&7.0		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Preventing Youth Crime	16	3.17	24	4.61	43	8.35	193	37.42	131	25.46	64	12.51	44	8.49	108	20.99	515
Providing role models for adolescents	18	3.50	29	5.64	54	10.51	228	44.36	100	19.46	46	8.96	39	7.59	85	16.54	514
Helping youth to develop into productive citizens	17	3.28	15	2.89	41	7.90	196	37.76	142	27.36	64	12.33	44	8.48	108	20.81	519
Providing youth with positive ways to fill their free time	14	2.74	27	5.28	34	6.65	154	30.14	151	29.55	83	16.24	48	9.39	131	25.64	511
Environmental Stewardship	25	4.81	32	6.32	56	10.87	226	44.13	107	20.97	41	8.08	25	4.82	66	12.89	512
Reducing the amount of energy consumed by residents is	31	6.05	40	7.81	83	16.21	214	41.80	92	17.97	37	7.23	15	2.93	52	10.16	512
Improving air quality	27	5.25	27	5.25	45	8.75	251	48.83	96	18.68	37	7.20	31	6.03	68	13.23	514
Protecting environmentally sensitive areas	16	3.14	30	5.88	39	7.65	213	41.76	134	26.27	50	9.80	28	5.49	78	15.29	510
Enhancing Real Estate Values	11	2.08	26	5.00	39	7.67	147	28.58	134	26.18	102	19.82	55	10.66	156	30.49	513
Ensuring that parks are easily accessible to residents from their homes is	16	3.12	41	7.99	54	10.53	179	34.89	119	23.20	60	11.70	44	8.58	104	20.27	513
Requiring that developers provide park space for people in their developments is	11	2.14	26	5.06	40	7.78	153	29.77	154	29.96	96	18.68	34	6.61	130	25.29	514
Keeping neighborhood parks well maintained	5	0.98	10	1.95	24	4.69	108	21.09	130	25.39	149	29.10	86	16.80	235	45.90	512
Attracting and Retaining Businesses	19	3.61	30	5.75	35	6.73	214	41.62	109	21.25	59	11.40	50	9.65	108	21.05	513
Convincing businesses to locate in this community	19	3.70	26	5.07	30	5.85	203	39.57	113	22.03	69	13.45	53	10.33	122	23.78	513
Encouraging executives and professionals to live in this community is	18	3.51	33	6.43	39	7.60	224	43.66	105	20.47	48	9.36	46	8.97	94	18.32	513
Improving Community Health	12	2.41	25	4.81	57	11.06	212	41.43	124	24.25	54	10.46	29	5.59	82	16.05	513
Supporting and working with community health organizations	13	2.53	22	4.29	54	10.53	255	49.71	104	20.27	37	7.21	28	5.46	65	12.67	513
Helping people build healthy lifestyles	13	2.52	29	5.63	52	10.10	174	33.79	136	26.41	77	14.95	34	6.60	111	21.55	515
Educating residents on the benefits of healthy activity	11	2.16	23	4.51	64	12.55	208	40.78	133	26.08	47	9.22	24	4.71	71	13.92	510
Attracting and Retaining Retirees	16	3.12	28	5.47	57	11.08	242	47.19	111	21.66	38	7.42	21	4.05	59	11.47	512
Providing amenities in the community that older adults want	18	3.53	33	6.47	65	12.75	241	47.25	97	19.02	36	7.06	20	3.92	56	10.98	510
Designing programs specifically for older adults is	17	3.32	24	4.69	53	10.35	247	48.24	105	20.51	43	8.40	23	4.49	66	12.89	512
Encouraging Senior Citizens to become involved in the community	16	3.12	24	4.68	51	9.94	232	45.22	127	24.76	45	8.77	18	3.51	63	12.28	513
Providing programs at which retired people can socialize together is	13	2.53	31	6.03	58	11.28	247	48.05	115	22.37	28	5.45	22	4.28	50	9.73	514
Attracting Tourists	23	4.48	32	6.23	48	9.34	162	31.58	110	21.40	81	15.69	58	11.28	139	26.97	514
Getting tourists to spend money in the city	24	4.67	35	6.81	46	8.95	152	29.57	109	21.21	90	17.51	58	11.28	148	28.79	514
Developing attractions that draw people from other cities is	24	4.68	35	6.82	55	10.72	173	33.72	104	20.27	66	12.87	56	10.92	122	23.78	513
Hosting events that bring tourism revenue to local businesses	21	4.08	26	5.05	43	8.35	162	31.46	117	22.72	86	16.70	60	11.65	146	28.35	515
Addressing the Needs of People who are Underemployed	23	4.42	41	8.07	61	11.97	262	51.07	80	15.55	22	4.36	23	4.55	46	8.91	512
Helping adults build skills that can be used in the workplace	30	5.86	42	8.20	60	11.72	281	54.88	54	10.55	24	4.69	21	4.10	45	8.79	512
Offering programs that meet the needs of people who are unemployed is	20	3.90	31	6.04	57	11.11	262	51.07	99	19.30	22	4.29	22	4.29	44	8.58	513
Supporting and working with community welfare and employment agencies	18	3.52	51	9.96	67	13.09	242	47.27	86	16.80	21	4.10	27	5.27	48	9.38	512

TABLE 8A--PARD EMPLOYEES
In this section, we are interested in your perceptions of the College Station Parks and Recreation Department's current contributions to each of the items being
N=58

	Very Small 1.0			2.0			3.0			Neutral			5.0			6.0			Very Large 7.0			Total 6.0+7.0				
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
The College Station Parks and Recreation Department's Contribution to:																										
Preventing Youth Crime																										
1	1.78	3	4.60	2	4.02	10	16.67	13	21.84	13	22.99	15	25.86	28	50.00	57										
1	3.57	3	5.17	1	1.72	8	13.79	12	20.69	14	24.14	16	27.59	30	53.57	56										
1	1.75	3	5.17	2	3.45	16	27.59	12	20.69	10	17.24	13	22.41	23	40.35	57										
1	0.00	2	3.45	4	6.90	5	8.62	14	24.14	16	27.59	16	27.59	32	56.14	57										
Environmental Stewardship																										
2	7.70	4	6.32	4	6.90	16	27.59	15	25.29	8	13.22	6	9.77	13	23.81	56										
2	5.56	5	8.62	3	5.17	16	27.59	11	18.97	9	15.52	7	12.07	16	29.83	54										
2	12.28	4	6.90	5	8.62	17	29.31	16	27.59	4	6.90	4	6.90	8	14.04	57										
2	5.26	2	3.45	4	6.90	15	25.86	17	29.31	10	17.24	6	10.34	16	28.07	57										
Enhancing Real Estate Values																										
3	0.00	3	4.60	2	3.45	8	13.79	11	18.97	16	27.59	16	27.59	32	57.49	56										
3	0.00	3	5.17	1	1.72	12	20.69	16	27.59	15	25.86	8	13.79	23	41.82	55										
3	0.00	5	8.62	2	3.45	6	10.34	12	20.69	16	27.59	16	27.59	32	56.14	57										
3	0.00	0	0.00	3	5.17	6	10.34	5	8.62	17	29.31	24	41.38	41	74.55	55										
Attracting and Retaining Businesses																										
4	3.54	3	4.31	2	3.45	9	14.66	18	31.03	15	25.86	9	14.66	24	41.59	57										
4	3.51	1	1.72	2	3.45	7	12.07	18	31.03	14	24.14	13	22.41	27	47.37	57										
4	3.57	4	6.90	2	3.45	10	17.24	18	31.03	16	27.59	4	6.90	20	35.71	56										
Improving Community Health																										
5	1.17	3	5.17	5	8.62	14	23.56	14	24.71	12	21.26	7	12.64	20	34.71	57										
5	0.00	3	5.17	5	8.62	20	34.48	11	18.97	12	20.69	5	8.62	17	30.36	56										
5	0.00	2	3.45	5	8.62	8	13.79	17	29.31	16	27.59	9	15.52	25	43.86	57										
5	3.51	4	6.90	5	8.62	13	22.41	15	25.86	9	15.52	8	13.79	17	29.82	57										
Attracting and Retaining Retirees																										
6	0.58	3	4.60	7	12.07	10	17.24	21	35.63	9	16.09	7	12.07	16	28.65	57										
6	1.75	4	6.90	5	8.62	13	22.41	20	34.48	7	12.07	7	12.07	14	24.56	57										
6	0.00	2	3.45	9	15.52	10	17.24	18	31.03	11	18.97	7	12.07	18	31.58	57										
6	0.00	2	3.45	7	12.07	7	12.07	24	41.38	10	17.24	7	12.07	17	29.82	57										
6	3.51	3	5.17	5	8.62	9	15.52	23	39.66	7	12.07	8	13.79	15	26.32	57										
Attracting Tourists																										
7	2.34	2	1.72	3	5.17	7	12.07	14	23.56	17	28.74	14	24.71	31	54.39	57										
7	1.75	0	0.00	5	8.62	5	8.62	15	25.86	16	27.59	15	25.86	31	54.39	57										
7	1.75	3	5.17	3	5.17	10	17.24	14	24.14	17	29.31	9	15.52	26	45.61	57										
7	3.51	0	0.00	1	1.72	6	10.34	12	20.69	17	29.31	19	32.76	36	63.16	57										
Addressing the Needs of People who are Underemployed																										
8	5.88	7	12.07	8	13.22	16	27.01	12	21.26	5	9.20	5	9.20	11	18.82	57										
8	3.51	6	10.34	5	8.62	17	29.31	17	29.31	3	5.17	7	12.07	10	17.54	57										
8	8.77	7	12.07	12	20.69	13	22.41	9	15.52	8	13.79	3	5.17	11	19.30	57										
8	5.36	8	13.79	6	10.34	17	29.31	11	18.97	5	8.62	6	10.34	11	19.64	56										

TABLE 8B--EMPLOYEES
In this section, we are interested in your perceptions of the College Station Parks and Recreation Department's current contributions to each of the items being

N=283

	Very Small 1		2		3		Neutral 4		5		Very Large 6		Total 6&7			
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
Preventing Youth Crime	8	2.91	9	3.27	19.7	7.16	78.7	28.60	27.89	10.21	45	16.36	38	13.82	83	30.18
Helping youth to develop into productive citizens is	8	2.89	8	2.89	16	5.78	86	31.05	72	25.99	47	16.97	40	14.44	87	31.41
Providing role models for adolescents is	9	3.28	11	4.01	24	8.76	94	34.31	66	24.09	41	14.96	29	10.58	70	25.55
Providing youth with positive ways to fill their free time is	7	2.55	8	2.92	19	6.93	56	20.44	92	33.58	47	17.15	45	16.42	92	33.58
Environmental Stewardship	13	4.72	14.7	5.33	26.7	9.71	106	38.54	64	23.40	27	9.75	23.3	8.54	50	18.25
Improving air quality is	16	5.82	15	5.45	19	6.91	115	41.82	64	23.27	29	10.55	17	6.18	46	16.73
Reducing the amount of energy consumed by residents is	20	7.25	23	8.33	41	14.86	110	39.86	47	17.03	17	6.16	18	6.52	35	12.68
Protecting environmentally sensitive areas is	3	1.11	6	2.21	20	7.38	92	33.95	81	29.89	34	12.55	35	12.92	69	25.46
Enhancing Real Estate Values	4.67	1.70	5.67	2.06	18.3	6.67	65.3	23.79	73	26.69	55	23.54	42.7	15.54	107	39.08
Ensuring that parks are easily accessible to residents from their homes is	4	1.45	7	2.54	25	9.06	74	26.81	85	30.80	56	20.29	25	9.06	81	29.35
Requiring that developers provide park space for people in their developments is	7	2.56	5	1.83	21	7.69	75	27.47	71	26.01	58	21.25	36	13.19	94	34.43
Keeping neighborhood parks well maintained	3	1.09	5	1.82	9	3.27	47	17.09	64	23.27	80	29.09	67	24.36	147	53.45
Attracting and Retaining Businesses	7.33	2.66	12.4	4.52	22.9	8.31	105	38.11	26.79	9.73	32	11.70	21.8	7.90	54	19.60
Convincing businesses to locate in this community is	6	2.17	12	4.33	21	7.58	99	35.74	78	28.16	31	11.19	30	10.83	61	22.02
Encouraging executives and professionals to live in this community is	12	4.36	14	5.09	24	8.73	115	41.82	59	21.45	33	12.00	18	6.55	51	18.55
Improving Community Health	4	1.46	11.3	4.13	23.7	8.63	101	36.79	84	30.76	33	11.92	17.3	6.32	50	18.23
Supporting and working with community health organizations is	4	1.45	16	5.80	22	7.97	122	44.20	70	25.36	29	10.51	13	4.71	42	15.22
Helping people build healthy lifestyles	3	1.10	8	2.93	25	9.16	74	27.11	98	35.90	44	16.12	21	7.69	65	23.81
Educating residents on the benefits of healthy activity is	5	1.82	10	3.65	24	8.76	107	39.05	85	31.02	25	9.12	18	6.57	43	15.69
Attracting and Retaining Retirees	5.33	1.94	13.7	4.96	26.7	9.70	96	34.91	86	31.16	30	11.03	17.3	6.30	48	17.33
Providing amenities in the community that older adults want is	5	1.81	16	5.80	26	9.42	97	35.14	84	30.43	31	11.23	17	6.16	48	17.39
Designing programs specifically for older adults is	8	2.90	15	5.43	29	10.51	94	34.06	81	29.35	32	11.59	17	6.16	49	17.75
Encouraging Senior Citizens to become involved in the community is	3	1.10	10	3.66	25	9.16	97	35.53	92	33.70	28	10.26	18	6.59	46	16.85
Providing programs at which retired people can socialize together is	2	0.73	19	6.91	21	7.64	111	40.36	72	26.18	34	12.36	16	5.82	50	18.18
Attracting Tourists	6.33	2.30	10	3.64	20.7	7.51	69.3	25.18	69	25.07	55	19.97	45	16.33	100	36.32
Getting tourists to spend money in the city is	6	2.17	8	2.89	19	6.86	73	26.35	63	22.74	58	20.94	50	18.05	108	38.99
Developing attractions that draw people from other cities is	8	2.92	13	4.74	26	9.49	64	23.36	86	31.39	44	16.06	33	12.04	77	28.10
Hosting events that bring tourism revenue to local businesses is	5	1.82	9	3.27	17	6.18	71	25.82	58	21.09	63	22.91	52	18.91	115	41.82
Addressing the Needs of People who are Underemployed	13.7	4.97	16.7	6.07	39.7	14.44	122	44.54	53	19.30	18	6.68	11	4.01	29	10.68
Helping adults build skills that can be used in the workplace is	9	3.28	12	4.38	41	14.96	117	42.70	57	20.80	26	9.49	12	4.38	38	13.87
Offering programs that meet the needs of people who are unemployed is	18	6.55	22	8.00	37	13.45	130	47.27	45	16.36	13	4.73	10	3.64	23	8.36
Supporting and working with community welfare and employment agencies is	14	5.09	16	5.82	41	14.91	120	43.64	57	20.73	16	5.82	11	4.00	27	9.82

PERCEIVED EXTENT OF COLLABORATION

Table 9 reveals the extent to which staff in other departments perceive they collaborate with the PARD. The scoring system assigned 1, 2, 3 or 4 points to few times a year, about once a month, about once a week and almost daily, respectively. The range of services in which there is perceived collaboration is remarkable, although for the most part it is relatively infrequent. The data illustrate the extent to which the PARD reaches out to other departments for assistance, and the importance of PARD staff integrating their efforts with others across departmental boundaries. The three areas in which most collaboration occurred were city rights of way, neighborhood/community parks, and visual quality.

TABLE 9B--EMPLOYEES

How often do you as a city employee or your department work with or on the following College Station Park facilities and programs?

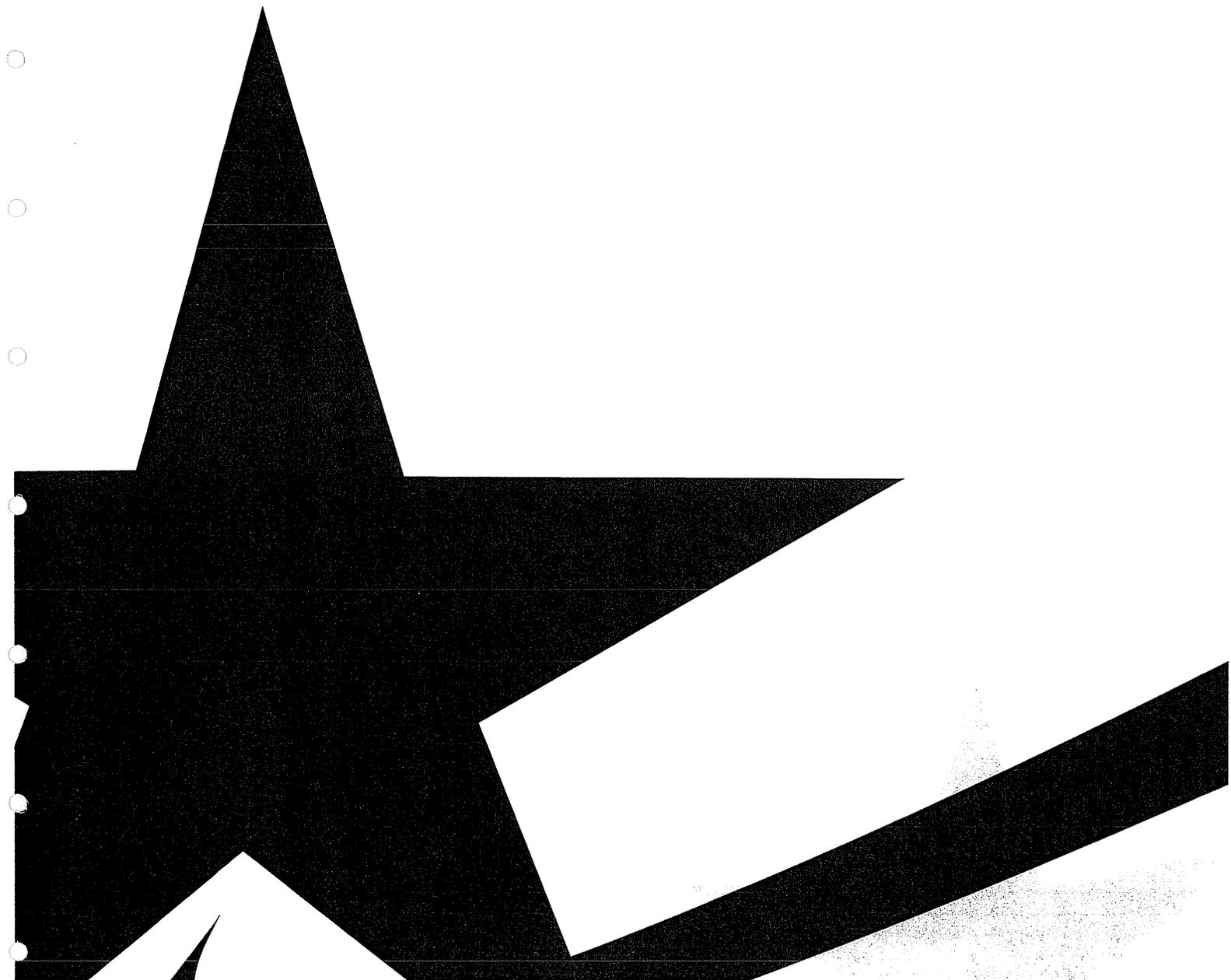
N=283

	Not at all # %	Few times a year # %	Once Month # %	About Once a Week # %	Almost Daily # %	Total	Score
City Right of Ways	118 44.36	72 27.07	23 8.65	15 5.64	48 18.05	266	355
City Visual Quality	147 54.04	58 21.32	18 6.62	11 4.04	38 13.97	272	279
Greenways	157 56.68	68 24.55	20 7.22	12 4.33	20 7.22	277	224
City Tree Streets	167 60.73	65 23.64	15 5.45	10 3.64	18 6.55	275	197
Neighborhood/Community Parks	89 32.25	115 41.67	31 11.23	24 8.70	17 6.16	276	317
Lincoln Center	128 46.21	95 34.30	21 7.58	23 8.30	10 3.61	277	246
Walking Trails/ Bike Paths	153 55.04	89 32.01	11 3.96	17 6.12	8 2.88	278	194
Athletic Fields	151 54.51	87 31.41	24 8.66	9 3.25	6 2.17	277	186
Wolf Pen Amphitheatre	109 39.21	131 47.12	21 7.55	12 4.32	5 1.80	278	229
Urban Forests	200 72.46	60 21.74	8 2.90	3 1.09	5 1.81	276	105
Recreation Center	142 51.08	90 32.37	17 6.12	26 9.35	4 1.44	278	218
Outdoor Basketball Courts	196 71.27	58 21.09	7 2.55	10 3.64	4 1.45	275	118
Fitness Programs	209 75.45	57 20.58	5 1.81	2 0.72	4 1.44	277	89
Swimming Pools	129 46.40	111 39.93	19 6.83	16 5.76	3 1.08	278	209
Ponds/ Lakes	189 68.23	67 24.19	12 4.33	6 2.17	3 1.08	277	121
Festivals/Events	115 41.52	129 46.57	20 7.22	11 3.97	2 0.72	277	210
Playgrounds	183 66.30	68 24.64	14 5.07	9 3.26	2 0.72	276	131
Kids Klub	187 67.27	65 23.38	19 6.83	5 1.80	2 0.72	278	126
Teen Activities	202 73.19	58 21.01	11 3.99	3 1.09	2 0.72	276	97
Picnic Tables/Pavilions	175 63.18	82 29.60	12 4.33	7 2.53	1 0.36	277	131
EXIT Teen Center	188 68.36	60 21.82	17 6.18	9 3.27	1 0.36	275	125
Senior Programs	189 68.23	64 23.10	18 6.50	5 1.81	1 0.36	277	119
Xtra Education	205 73.74	55 19.78	13 4.68	4 1.44	1 0.36	278	97
Tennis Courts	210 76.09	52 18.84	10 3.62	3 1.09	1 0.36	276	85
Volleyball Courts	222 80.14	41 14.80	7 2.53	6 2.17	1 0.36	277	77

Appendix D-- Open Ended Responses

Citizen Surveys

Employee Surveys



Residents' Open-ended Responses

Trails and Greenways

- Walking trail is nice
- Develop hike, bike, jogging trails interconnected throughout the city, also bike lanes in traffic areas, buy parkland outside city that could be annexed in a few years
- Do the bike trail linking neighborhoods on the EAST side of hwy 6.
- Need to develop a greenways program that has "protected" lands. Not allowed to be changed to a developed road or city hall.
- We need safe bike trails all over CS so people can bike to school for their own health, environment, and for economic reasons.
- I feel the community has been well planned with parks within walking distance for many people and nice public pools. It would be nice to have more safe bike paths (off roadways).
- Nice job with Central Park & with advertising community classes & summer activities for youth. I would really like to see longer (5-10mi) jogging trails w/ gravel or soft surface, not concrete. Thank you.
- Many states and communities have tremendous bike trails (50-100 mi) utilizing the rails to trails program. College Station and Bryan are sorely lacking safe bike trails off the traveled roads. I believe this is one area that is extremely healthy and would enhance the community.
- A hiking trail/state park would be a great addition to this community.
- Greenways should be protected and not called greenways unless they are protected and can not be used for other building sites. (i.e. not be able to turn a so called "greenway" into the new city hall property.)
- There are way too few sidewalks & the street layout in my new neighborhood is an impediment to my using the few businesses within walking distance. The layout of the town in general is unfortunate.
- Put in bike lanes and more trees on all major streets. Texas Ave can be improved.
- I would like to see more emphasis on running/biking trails and less on softball fields used only by those outside the community.
- Improve bike trails for cyclists.
- The city needs to be completely accessible to pedestrians. This means sidewalks everywhere and it means not allowing cars to be parked on the few existing sidewalks even if the sidewalk crosses a driveway. Children, the elderly, parents with strollers, wheelchairs, runner, walkers--we all should have access to safe sidewalks in our neighborhoods and in the community. That contributes to building community, encouraging healthy lifestyle, and improved air quality through less car use!
- Bike lanes should be used only on roads where they are needed and used.
- More access for bikes and areas in the parks where dogs could be off leash.
- Please get us some decent bike & walking paths! Please stop attracting more business & people to town if you're doing nothing to improve traffic, streets, etc. This city is growing too quickly.
- Need more walking & jogging tracks that are safe to be at & are made of high quality.
- Need more long trails for hiking/biking/jogging.
- We need more bike lanes and/or trails.
- Provide walking paths, bike paths, trees along (People don't go to park everyday. City needs to be a big park) the city streets.
- I would like to have longer bike trails/hiking trails.
- You are missing one vital thing-a long bike trail that you can go 10-20 miles on. It's scary to bike in this town and for those of us who don't want a mountain bike trail-the streets are our only choice.
- Disappointed by the lack of sidewalk. Disappointed by the lack of safe crosswalks.
- More would be welcome also.

Residents' Open-ended Responses

Teens and Youth Programs

- Teens over 14 needs more options for city sponsored activities.
- I think we need more programs for 15-17 yrs old, I don't see anything, unless I'm missing out on it.
- Youth are extremely important. Developing programs & spending tax dollars on our "next generation" will bring the greatest return in the long run. Let's build future citizens that will positively impact the world!
- I would like programs for "all" children to be able to participate in. I feel the turn out of all sports camps, etc. would be awesome (turnout) if every young adult could join.
- We need activities for pre-k to 7 kids scheduled activities-nature walks, swimming lessons, reading groups, outside painting contests, art contests, summer reading programs-out of doors.
- Teen over 14 needs more options for city sponsored activities.
- The challenger programs are outstanding! Including the little league boys baseball teams as helpers was a wonderful experience for my 11 year old, in fact my 9 year old daughter wanted to help too! Maybe the softball girls could be included too.
- Woodland Hills needs a park for the children!
- The Exit is not as well supervised as it should be. I have talked to several mothers of friends of my granddaughters who are somewhat concerned about this also. They need more help, particularly at night-not an easy job for anyone. The staff is not to blame. Somewhat young and inexperienced-appeared to be college students.
- We recently moved back to CS. We went to A&M 10+ years ago. I have been very impressed w/ the # of parks in CS but disappointed by the size of playgrounds. They are all easy to get to, but once you get there, young children bore easily. I would love to see more elements added or at least one playground that is very large.

Constraints and Accessibility

- If new parks are added take care to keep tree canopies high, make certain parks are surrounded by residences, or in commercial areas where many people locate themselves, don't make another Hensel Park
- facilities are too expensive-hard for college students and young, working adults to afford
- I am a single mother of 5 and very low income. I have 4 boys, 2 are at the age to play sports. I think there should be programs to help the less fortunate children enjoy and play sports as well. Every one who lives here is not rich nor wealthy.
- Swimming pools are too expensive. Use of athletic facilities-i.e.-rentals of youth fields is just outrageous. We drive to nearby cities to practice to avoid field rentals.
- Not enough if any parking at neighborhood parks forces parking on neighborhood streets, in front of houses, blocking driveways and emergency vehicles. All parks should have a designated parking area. Especially neighborhood parks. Team or league sports should not be scheduled or allowed at neighborhood parks at all.
- Provide enough spaces for parking cars around parks. It is so bad on St. Paul street where it is dangerous. How cars park in two lines in front of the Thomas Park swimming pool-it is very inconvenient for neighbors.
- I think that retired city employees should receive a lifetime pool pass for themselves and their wife or spouse. This would improve their health and encourage physical activities. Also use of the indoor pool and other pools during designated times when they do not have to fight for spool space with younger people who push them aside! This would make the City of College Station a more quality employer.
- There are no rides for children that are handicapped to ride on.
- There needs to be more cheap entertainment for families to do.
- I would like to see more interaction between different ethnicities especially in youth sports leagues. Maybe local businesses or associations could sponsor kids who may not be able to afford the registration fee.

Residents' Open-ended Responses

Constraints and Accessibility Cont.

- We do not use any P&R facilities and plan to move to a county with an affordable tax structure. The cost of living is too expensive for retired citizens. All service, utility, and overall expenses are more than most retirees can reasonably maintain. Our friends (most of them have moved) or like us-planning to move to lower cost of living states.
- I do not feel that the residents of College Station should be fined for using the fields at Central Park.
- Decisions on where to place parks do not always seem fair/impartial.
- Austin's parks are a wonderful example for us to follow. Very accessible to many neighborhoods across the capitol city.
- Overall-good quality. If there is any way to get usage fees and entry fees to athletic programs (adult sb-flag fb) lowered I feel more teams would get involved. High fees do not allow some individuals to participate due to financial concerns.
- Need to concentrate on neighborhood parks and open spaces. Have developers provide parks within walking distance for all residents. For example, Pebble Creek has one (less than adequate) park for the entire development-not acceptable.
- I think it is a very good place for families with children. There does need to be more for the youth to do at either low or no cost.
- C.S. needs to host softball tournaments for all organizations, not just scv asa.
- We need more parks in subdivisions. Example: Pebble Creek has more than 1000 homes yet almost no real park space for non-club members and their families.
- The prices at the ice rink are too high for us to enjoy it often.

Maintenance and Upkeep

- Spray city for mosquitoes! The city needs to keep gullies mowed.
- Fix docks at Gabbard Park! It has needed repairs for over a year. Plant Cyrus like you cut down, remove rule on hitting golf balls in the park or stop hitting base balls.
- Keep any kind of animal droppings out of the park.
- Yes, please make a complete rubber track at Thomas Park-the only good walking track (but very in need of repair) in CS. Please kill all poison ivy at Wolf Pen & all other city areas. Please, please repair track at Thomas Park!
- I recommend providing trash cans on the Frisbee golf course (i.e. Lemontree Park). I believe this would cut down on the amount of litter in the area. Also, I would be interested in participating in a committee involved in Parks & Recreation.
- The park that I spend the most time at is Brothers Pond Park. There needs to be a better place for people to park, or people should not be allowed to park on Rio Grande Blvd. It's a problem for bikers & drivers alike. Also, the wooded area needs more lights. The park does not close until 11 pm, so those who want to run/walk through the woods have to do so in darkness.
- Fire ant control around play areas in parks needs to be improved. Fire ants regularly make mounds/trails near play structures at Brother Pond Park & many other parks visited!
- Work on Central Park's look and feel...it seems a little run down the last time I was there.
- Lighting is important!
- Some recent efforts to improve existing parks (lighting and playgrounds) were done by workers who drove trucks over playing fields on wet ground, leaving deep tracks in which ankles get sprained. Need to "think" carefully about projects so don't mess up what is already there. Overall, we have some excellent facilities, and many good ones.
- I would like to see more of C.S. parks & playgrounds have restroom facilities and shade coverings and working water fountains.
- Although the parks dept makes an effort to plant landscaping around the pools, the plants, grass and shrubs are barely watered and horrible in appearance within a few weeks.
- I enjoy running at Wolf Pen Amphitheatre, but I also find that on most days the water fountains aren't on. It being summer and an increase in temperature, I feel it's necessary for them to be working.

Residents' Open-ended Responses

Maintenance and Upkeep Continued

- Need improved maintenance in Lick Creek Park. Mowing along trails. Repair low spots in nature trails that stand in water too long after rains.
- Yes, can you add more water fountains and soda machines around?
- Woodcreek Park has always been very poorly maintained since I moved to the neighborhood in 1999. It has such wonderful possibilities if someone would take the time. The switch to high-power halogens in the park intrudes in our living room.
- More & nicer water fountains needed to ensure proper hydration to citizens at parks.
- Having properly maintained water/drinking fountains would be a good addition to all current and forthcoming parks.
- To Whom It May Concern: There really needs to be a restroom facility at Edelweiss Park on Victoria St. in College Station. There needs to be adequate working restrooms at every park, large or small.
- The water fountains need to work at the trails surrounding Wolf Pen Amphitheatre. They are serving no purpose!
- Why hasn't Bee Creek Park next to Adamson pool had a face lift. All the other parks had one.
- Q3: except make sure that these are well-planned with consideration of possible effects of erosion, increased water flow, contamination. Don't want anymore fiascos like the one associated with Wolf Pen Creek water (pond?) project.
- College Station Conference Center needs to be replaced soon or fixed up. The building is in really bad shape.
- Please maintain Carter Park on Glenhaven; it's a sad little place.
- Regarding trees along city streets-In some places, it's already hard to see.
- 3) The CS cemetery needs better grounds care.
- I was disappointed to see that Thomas Park trail was recently paved with concrete.
- I think that lighting in parks is especially important. The lighting addition at the park behind Rock Prairie school has been a real asset.
- My spouse believes too much time is spent manicuring the baseball fields and should not be a round the year job.
- Central Park needs to be cleaned up.
- I would like to see Carter Park developed and/or maintained at a higher level.
- It would be great if fire ants could be eliminated or frequently controlled in parks.

Aquatics

- It would be nice if there were more swimming classes available after 5 for children; A pool in newly developed areas and a park. Thank you.
- I like the swings and the pools are quite crowded and old. Adamson Lagoon is the only one with a good slide.
- Please put a diaper changing table at Southwood Pool. A family pool but I have to change my slippery toddler on a picnic table (yum) or on a bench. Have left two surveys with pool management but never a reply. Otherwise you guys do a good job!
- I think a water park such as Six Flags, Schlitterbahn, or Splash Town would be a great income for the city of College Station because it will make the city grow even more than it already is.
- I'd like to see more pools. Thank you. Bye. Preferably in neighborhoods.
- Cut down on time swimming clubs exclusively reserve the pools. It is ok to limit activity to say "laps" but let anyone who shows up participate.
- Pools are overcrowded-need pools in South College Station.
- And the way the pools are run and access to pool times is terrible. Why don't the pools have greater access during the year when you can start enjoying it in early spring and into early fall. And the costs are ridiculous.
- We need places for adults to swim laps before work.
- Adamson Lagoon needs a better toddler swimming area.

Residents' Open-ended Responses

Dog Park

- Dog Parks are very important to keep the dogs and citizens safe by providing a designated area that is enclosed where dogs are free to run without the risk of running out to the street.
- A dog park would be very nice. I realize that we have research park but a fenced in area to protect the dogs from running into the street would be even better.
- A fenced dog park would be great.
- Q4: Leash law need to be enforced in this city. Need dog park because there are too many loose dogs in the parks, esp. Research Park. Dogs not on leash getting into fights, etc. We have had numerous problems when our dogs were on leashes and other loose dogs ran up.
- We have just moved from the DC area. Our daily activities there included going to the dog park. Great opportunity for adult & pet socializing. We very much miss that here in College Station.
- Also, organize places just for animal (like dogs) so people can have fun without worried about dogs (doo-doo).

Facilities

- Consideration for a BCS golf course.
- Yes, I would like to see outside handball courts built and would gladly volunteer to teach kids and all young adults to play their perfect game of one wall and three wall handball.
- You should put a bocce court at Hensel Park soon!
- A park should be built on the other side of Chesapeake (btwn Graham and Barron Rd) with a walking/bike path.
- In the future I would like to see CS build a facility that would have a petting zoo, train ride and aquarium all in one.
- It would be very nice if the city can build a place like a small zoo or a water (splashtown) center.
- I would like to see merry go rounds and more playgrounds with swings.
- Build more tennis courts.
- We travel to cities just for their public attractions like zoos, gardens, etc-a zoo would be superb!

Open Play Spaces

- More baseball fields and make the soccer fields open more for unscheduled practice. Thanks!
- We need free, non-booking places to play football, soccer, etc. We also need places to run. Not made of concrete. But made of runner friendly material such as Town Lake in Austin as a perfect example. People I know and myself hate running in BCS because it lacks a place such as Town Lake.

Family Activities

- There needs to be many more things for young adult parents to do with younger children.
- The parks are nice but there is not enough to do for families particularly during the hot months when you can't be enjoying outside activities.

Athletics

- Sports leagues should store their own equipment unless they have to pay the city.

Residents' Open-ended Responses

Health Concerns

- Making indoor pool facilities available to our local citizens would be beneficial to those who are concerned with intense sun exposure to themselves & their children.
- An indoor, air conditioned park like the one at the mall (only bigger) would be great for the summer. It gets so hot and I baby-sit so I am always trying to think of things to do with the kids but outdoor parks are way too hot.
- Making the parks more accessible to children & promoting a healthy lifestyle is important in the fight against childhood obesity & the onset of Type 2 diabetes becoming more common in children.
- Indoor stuff is important to us-I'm allergic to the sun and we don't benefit a whole lot from outdoor stuff.
- Bring together business owners (e.g. restaurant owners) to work with community members to provide healthy food alternatives.

Beautification/ Restorative Environments

- Entirely too much emphasis on our parks being sports parks for organized team activity. Parks should provide a peaceful haven for those who want to enjoy natural surroundings-need more groves of trees, trails, and serenity than we need more blaring lights and shouting fans! Thanks for asking!
- I think you do a great job of providing parks for residents. But there is a great increase in traffic & crowding over the 4 years I have lived here-especially Wolf Pen Creek-the new shopping is RUINING the gorgeous park!
- I really enjoy Lick Creek Park and think it would be great to have other larger spaces similar to it. It's nice to go somewhere where you can get away from everything and enjoy nature without encountering anyone! Thanks!
- The Park & Recreation Services should play a role in: 1) providing and/or protecting green space in areas adjacent to residential neighborhoods and 2) providing education/encouragement regarding water conservation.
- First take care of the parks you have before creating new ones. Secondly, beautify and maintain all greenbelts and parks. Thirdly, identify what the needs are, matched with what they want (This survey!). Thanks.
- A beautiful garden with a lot of flowering plants can improve the appearance of the park. Thanks.
- I am a firm believer in having green spaces in cities for its citizens. They are important in providing a place to go and relax, de-stress, and meditate, also to escape from the worries & troubles of the world & their life. Studies have proven this to be true.
- I would love to see more parks like Lick Creek in College Station and Lake Bryan. I much prefer the nature trails to paved city parks.

Security and Safety

- More security in parks. People should feel safe to take their kids to the park. They shouldn't have to deal with some of the things that happen because there isn't good security.
- There should be better police security, dog parks, widescreen/projected TV with news or something, fountains, indoor pools in local parks.
- Lincoln Park on Eleanor and Montclair should be better policed for loud music and drug use/sale. On several occasions, I could smell marijuana a block away.
- Some type of supervision should be provided in the residential areas-even for short periods of time. Ex: 8am-12pm or 1pm-4pm

X-tra Education

- I would like to see Xtra Education classes offered during summer.
- X-tra Education is a good program-need some fitness for older adults and on weekends.

Residents' Open-ended Responses

Compliments

- Wolf Pen Creek is beautiful! Keep up the good work!
- Do good work!
- I am very pleased with the services offered by P&R. All areas are well kept and an asset to our city.
- Compared to other cities CSPR ranks highest in state. But still lots of room for improvement. Be the best and set the example for other cities to follow.
- I think overall the P&R services do a credible job with available resources.
- Everything seems to be going great with the parks and rec program, plan on the growth of the area at an early stage!
- You do a great job!
- Keep up the good work.
- Great Job!
- We (CS) used to be known for the # of parks/citizen. I don't think we are high on the list anymore. Parks add to the quality of life-Executives come here for intangibles.
- Thanks!
- Overall, the College Station Parks and Recreation Facilities do a good job. Keep it on!
- Overall, I feel parks & rec do a good job with their responsibility.
- Good job. The parks here rule!
- Keep up the good work.
- I love the parks in this town, I think they are a benefit to the community.
- I've always thought that Steve Beachy provides excellent leadership for the Parks and Recreation program in College Station.
- Great Job!
- Very satisfied with CS Park & Recreation Dept. Steve Beachy does a great job.
- You do a great job.
- We think the parks are great & getting better every day.
- Keep up the good work.
- We love College Station-it feels like "community"-safe and friendly.
- I believe the College Station Parks & Recreation Service does an outstanding job in this community.
- I think the Parks & Recreation services in College Station does a good job!
- Keep up the good work! So far so good, eh?
- I love the Lemontree Park trails-they are very peaceful and keep me healthy!
- Thanks for asking for input. I hope you use it to improve our city!
- C.S. Parks & Rec should be commended on the good job it has done. Very impressed on the everyday maintenance of the baseball/softball fields.
- You are doing a super job with limited resources.
- Great P&R department! Love the staff-great things for this community. Really enjoy it when they are involved with the university on community wide events. I apologize if this is sent so late! I have been in VT for the past month.
- You need more staff! You lose too many great parks & recreation professionals to other cities. Steve Beachy needs to hire more Aggies!
- The CS Park & Rec Services are a big part of what makes living in the area pleasant. Thanks!
- Thanks.
- For the most part I think you do a good job. There is always room for improvement & this survey may help. Thanks for asking.
- I am satisfied and appreciate the services from the department.

Residents' Open-ended Responses

Compliments Continued

- I am a life-long swimmer and for many years swam with a masters swim group at both CS and Bryan aquatic facilities (year round). Now I am privileged to have a membership at the TAMU Rec Center-so I use CS facilities for general fitness to a minimal degree. I am, and have been, extremely pleased with the quality of parks, programs provided by the City of College Station.
- College Station is a great place to raise a family.
- Good job.
- Happy with the amount of vegetation.
- I think CS Parks are one of our finest attributes. Keep up the level of quality you're at and that would be great-raise that quality level and it will be superb! Thanks!
- Both our children have been long-time participants in city swim/pool activities. This has provided them with many benefits.
- Beautiful parks & great availability! Lots of parks. Good job! Thanks.
- But I do love this area and have often commented on all the parks.
- I live in Nantucket; my recreational needs are met by that environment. It would be interesting to plot the responses using GIS.
- I just moved to CS two months ago so my input would not be of any consequence.

Other

- More cowbells!
- Not at this time.
- We enjoy the strong sports programs but would like to see more musical programs offered.
- Provide transportation to Houston & Austin. Reduce the cost of airfare to big cities. It's the big problem for the city. People won't come if it costs them a lot.
- P.S. The City of CS would have been lucky to get a person of the quality/calibre of Andy Gillres. How unfortunate that the wasn't selected.
- Programs that meet the needs of the unemployed is not parks & rec's responsibility.

Communication

- I really am not aware of what contributions the CS Parks & Rec Dept is doing. I would like to receive announcements in the mail about improvements to the community & new facilities that open up. Or maybe post it on your website.
- I would like to have information about all available bike and mountain trails all around town.
- I was studying RPTS at A&M. I enjoy parks, park programs and what goes into running a park department. However, I hear very little about CSPR and your programs. I'm interested to know more but feel that I am ill informed. I use parks and trails often. Why not put brochures in parks and along trails advertising your services. Use a container like realtors use. You may find you get better participation and more support.
- I would like to be better informed about programs offered for youth through College Station Parks and Rec Department.
- There needs to be a better way to reach parents of pre-school age children of activities available to kids. There have been times this past year my child wanted to participate, but we missed sign-up deadline because we were unaware sign-up was going on.
- Also, am impressed with teen programs in area but they need more publicity.
- And if possible, I like to see newsletter via email about city's activities.
- Need increased information circulating about services & parks besides in the CSU & newspaper.

Residents' Open-ended Responses

Knowledge/Use

- Phillip Goode died in 1990. I don't feel qualified to answer these questions. Please pass it on to another person.
- I'm completely unqualified to participate in this survey. Am unable to visit parks. Thank you.
- Col Floyd Lambert would have loved to serve on this as he loved CS. He is deceased. I'm Mrs. Margaret Lambert and love CS but I'm 87 years old and severely blind as I could not help. Thanks.
- I called (Pam) to tell you I didn't want to be a delinquent citizen, but I'm 77 and I don't use the parks now. In the 60's & 70's we lived at parks with our kids-but thanks for running the survey.
- I cannot answer these questions honestly at this time, due to the fact that I just recently moved to College Station and have not had the time to visit any public places other than the university. Sorry I am not any help to your survey at this time.
- Not a property owner, am unaware of the contributions.
- I don't get to use the public P&R services much as I am busy with school. Therefore, I don't know much about the programs offered to the community.
- I am unable to use any of the facilities and I would be doing an injustice to the ones that can.
- We have only actually lived in CS for a month...so I am not sure how accurate my evaluation is. However, we have been in this area for 12 years.
- My answers might not be what you are choosing to do. I am not familiar with College Station, haven't lived here very long.
- Although College Station seems to have numerous and nice parks, I am not at all knowledgeable about parks and recreation here-At age 85 my yard is park enough for me. Good luck.
- I have not had many experiences with the parks in the areas. I hope that my survey does not skew your results.
- I really have no knowledge of any of this information.
- I felt like I couldn't really give any meaningful response on the survey. I mainly work nights & sleep during the day so I don't use the parks as often as I'd like.
- I am a fairly new resident of College Station (less than one year) and am not completely informed of all recreational/park activities beyond my local park. Perhaps there should be a newsletter dedicated strictly to parks/recreational activities? If there is such, I would not know where to look up this info w/o internet service.
- I have lived in College Station for almost 4 years. I am an 80 year old, living alone. I have not used any of the cities facilities. I probably will not. I may walk some in my area. Age and health hinder me some. Thanks.
- Thank you for considering Spec to complete this survey. He is no longer able to use the parks. He is very limited as to the use of the golf course.
- In regards to page 9 (perceptions), I'm not familiar with any programs that I have not participated in.
- You send out info (I think) that I don't read. ? My "perceptions are ill-informed.
- Q7: really am not that informed with the content of these questions. Sorry.
- Because I am a college student and I work a lot I don't know a whole lot about the Parks and Recreation Services in College Station.
- deceased
- Thanks, but I cannot provide informed input. I do not use any city facilities!
- We just moved to CS w/in the past month, so we have not had a chance to visit these sites or to research and form an opinion.
- Q7: unanswered; no knowledge of current contribution.
- Many questions in this list are not familiar to me.

Residents' Open-ended Responses

Festivals/Events

- Too much staff time is spent on holiday display at Central Park, especially when there is a fabulous display down the road that is affordable. As noted earlier, the parks dept spends too much manpower on the Christmas in the Park event. Overall, I think the Parks Dept does a good job with what they have and just need more resources.
- We love Earth Day activities and BioBlitz.
- Stop the free concert series. Waste of money. Poor entertainment.
- The fishing pond at Central Park needs to be cleaned of trash more regular, kids going fishing don't want to catch coke cans or plastic bags their first time fishing. Keep parks cleaner and they are more inviting.
- I love the concerts in the summer at Wolf Pen Amphitheater. This type of community event is a good idea. Please continue them in the future.
- I think the events and activities of Wolf Pen are great! Very family oriented!
- Starlight Music Series Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheatre Concerts are wonderful-should be year round!

Survey/ Methodologies

- Yah, who is going to analyze these data?
- Thank you for changing the survey/postage return to proper U.S. mail permit form.
- Don't bother me anymore!
- Thank you for the invitation for me, this survey is much too long and detailed. In addition, I have no idea about most of these items. I find it impossible for most citizens to have informed/meaningful views about most of these items. I suspect most replies will reflect little more than "pooled ignorance".
- I can see the city really cares about what the community feels be I was sent 3 questionnaires. I finally made time to fill one out. I hope this is of help to the community and the city.
- Thanks for sending out the reminders on this survey. Please accept my apology for the delay in returning it to you. Thanks!
- Thank you for allowing my input.
- Did the RPTS dept charge you (i.e. us) for the survey or is it free?
- Taxes/ Fees
- We need to reduce taxes for those on fixed incomes
- Increase tax support by taking funds from arts council. 1) I drive by statues and sculptures. 2) I play in parks 3) Which gives you more for your tax money? #2 of course.
- Respondent commented on increasing tax support to keep up with growth. 10% increase in housing and commercial building increase by 10%. We baby-sit a lot it seems; 5 children ages 0-10. This impacts our needs & expectations more than normal.
- Most of the items listed should not be funded by Parks & Rec tax receipts. Focus on parks & rec-not a social agenda! It's obvious that your department feels entitled to my money!
- Q3 (tax support): This won't happen. Administration will receive raises. Very little will go toward parks.
- Q3: use lottery monies from this community to assist with park development. My property taxes are obscene. Q5: I am well-informed about plans for parks in my neighborhood...especially the desire to install lights & sidewalks in a greenspace that is almost a bird refuge. Don't do it! Rather than increasing the already high tax burden, utilize the millions & millions generated by the lottery. At legislative level, work to have a percentage of lottery monies generated by our community earmarked for parks & recreation.
- I feel overall that College Station does a good job in this area but with all things there is always room for improvement. We do have more than some places. Being in the middle class classification I definitely don't want to see taxes raised for anything. It could put me under!

Residents' Open-ended Responses

Survey/ Methodologies Continued

- College Station needs to do something about the high taxes. This is hurting people who want to buy not only for homes, but investment property.
- I am only a few years from retirement and would like to retire in College Station. However, I can hardly pay my taxes every year, and will not be able to retire here.
- Thank you for guiding CS park development. Try to use the tax \$ given to you more carefully, especially vehicles & gasoline, electricity. Private contributions are useful with continued careful control over content.
- Stop wasting money on dumb statues, such as the Bonfire Brown Pot at Northgate! What a tremendous waste of good tax dollars!
- One of the attractions for CS is its parks & trails. We are willing to pay higher taxes than other cities in Brazos Co. to maintain these.
- No additional tax money! Use what you have more efficiently. Thanks for asking my opinion.
- 2) These modern art statues around town are a waste of money & are an embarrassment to the community.
- Bring businesses in to increase the tax base.

City Concerns

- College Station's master plan development seems extremely weak. For a city with such high property taxes, I am disappointed at poor development. (i.e. mixing multi-family dwellings near schools with commercial zoning across the road) Although not directly related to you, it is a bigger part of the problems you face! Good Luck
- I would really like to see Wolf Pen Creek become an area for restaurants shops on the waterfront or somewhere in CS area. There is not much of an evening area to relax and eat or entertainment...very poor considering we have lots of space to build something. Woodlands River walk etc. bring a lot of people here.
- The concrete bumpers that have been installed in the middle of residential streets south of TAMU campus are 1)a waste of money 2)a driving hazard 3) one of the stupidest things this city has done in some years!
- River Walk atmosphere would be great around Wolf Pen...Better waterfront ambience is very attractive.
- Please keep parks & recreation facilities in the forefront of all long-range planning in the city's agenda.
- We have attractive and well maintained parks, which are well used. You discourage business & development by onerous restrictions on building, parking, lots, streets, ect.
- I own two homes in CS. My biggest concern for the city at this time is with the rampant growth and all the problems that can spring from that. I moved here from Houston for a reason. I want my neighborhood integrity maintained with zoning protection and city ordinances. I do not want urban sprawl, traffic, and general junkiness.

Recreation/Community Center

- We need to do a better job providing services to the elderly in our community. Would like to see greater diversity in persons who utilize existing programs-they sometimes have the appearance of catering to a specific population (white, middle, upper-class).
- I would like to see indoor Rec Center w/ a variety of group fitness classes offered.
- C.S. needs a dedicated Seniors Center, with continuous programming.
- I think that an indoor rec facility especially swimming would be very beneficial for senior to encourage regular exercise. Please, no more poorly planned projects that cost a lot and don't work out or don't last. The support of activity facilities should be really emphasized. There are already too many poor activity choices for young people.
- With an aging population a multi-use building that includes senior citizen programs would be great. This building could be used for xtra education programs as well.

Other City Employees' Open-ended Responses

Trails and Greenways

- We should attempt to obtain the park/recreation status of Park City, Utah, in which the city gets the developers to link mountain bike single track around all of their developments.
- We need mountain bike trails similar or better than Lake Bryan.
- Connectivity! Greenways & regional park should be priorities.
- Would like to see bike paths throughout the city that "do not" run near or next to streets.
- Pavilions, benches along trails, (more walking trails), low amperage lighted trails,
- Also, interconnecting trails & bike paths are very important.

Teen and Youth

- We need a place where our children can go, besides the mall.
- What is the plan for the 5-8 yr outlook on providing citizens with parks/attractions other than more softball or soccer fields?
- Other than teen center, there isn't much for teens 16-19 to do in this town.
- More playgrounds! Particularly for young children-traditional type parks for the whole family.
- Love to see facilities geared towards pre-schoolers.
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Contrainants and Accessibility

- Focus more on enhancing existing facilities and putting neighborhood parks in middle-low income neighborhoods.

Maintenance and Upkeep

- Veteran Park's fields during summer months are like concrete (the infold). The lights and score boards at Veteran's often malfunction.
- Need additional shade at Central Park.
- Gabbard park is a disgrace. Parks has to be more responsible for the facilities they already have. Gabbard park is not maintained properly!
- I think some of the flowers planted should be planted in a way that no flowers have to be dug up and thrown away-this is a shame. The ponds need more care such as getting garbage and moss out.
- Landscaping at new parks and city facilities, and eventually all existing parks and city facilities, should follow a systematic approach: soil improvement, plants adapted for low water use in the local area, mulch, drip irrigation, rain shutoff sensors on irrigation systems, integrated pest management practices, etc. The landscaping at City Hall, Texas & Walton, and the wastewater plant are good examples of this concept. These landscapes could be set up as "demonstration sites" to show the public a more sustainable approach to landscaping. This could become a public outreach/education opportunity between Parks, Public Works, and Utilities departments.
- Parks need bathroom facilities & water fountains in good repair. Many parks have no bathrooms & many have broken (no) water fountains.
- Keep up the good work. Build a privacy fence around the equipment area at Southwood maint. Building.
- Don't maintain parks already have. Many areas are beyond scope of parks/rec and belong to state agency(s). Other areas, if run by the city, would expose city to law suits if accident occurs on facility.
- Parks dept should not be putting in any more parks until they can take care of the parks they have. Gabbard park pond is a mess. You can't and have not been able to cross the bridge to the island now for 9 months or better! If you can't spend money to fix this you sure don't need another park. The growth in the lakes makes them have waste too!
- Would like brush cleared from parks (enhanced safety) & exercise stations at large parks.

City Employees' Open-ended Responses

Aquatics

- Need another pool south of Rock Prairie.
- The pools are not open long enough.
- Why don't we have a year-round lap-pool like Bryan?
- Management at pools needs overhaul before someone gets seriously hurt and sues the city.

Dog Park

- Please build a dog park!
- Please put in a dog park and research it and do it right.

Facilities

- Skate parks and waterparks should be built .
- I think a local zoo would draw tourists to the area, instead of having to drive to Houston, people near to the city would come here instead.
- Basketball court.
- If we build a Rec Center I would like to see a rock climbing wall. It could be a great source of revenue.
- I'd like to see more "equine friendly" areas as well as a facility added to host equine shows and competitions.
- My biggest gripe: Bathrooms in every park! I can't see taking kids to a park for an afternoon on a playground with a picnic, then there's no bathroom. Even low maintenance, open at facilities like state parks would be better than nothing.
- Would like a gun range.
- Steve, I want a zoo!
- A water park and skate park would be very beneficial to the community.
- A water park would be a great investment.
- Big water park! Why not get Splash Town or Six Flags involved? Even a joint venture? What about A&M? A water park called Aggieland with some rides too. Think of the student jobs and the attraction to the community and kids.
- Rock climbing walls are very progressive and attract great people to the city, but they don't have to be indoors. Some cities put them on the outside of buildings. How about a bouldering wall at Central Park?

Open Play Spaces

- All weather areas for kids to play ball, etc. Room for pickup games. Ball fields not closed due to rain.
- Let the kids use ball fields. When I was a kid we could get together and play ball on the local field. People cared about a safe place for us not how pretty or how much money we could siphon.

Family Activities

- The city needs a public golf course. One that is well maintained. This would help out tourism.
- I would like to see a shift to more family-oriented parks & community recreation facilities (traditional playgrounds, storyland, trees, & picnic areas, pools) & less sports fields & facilities aimed at drawing tourism to the city. I would like to see the emphasis on meeting the needs of the life-long residents that build this community.

City Employees' Open-ended Responses

Athletics

- Quit relying softball tourneys to support parks. Allow softball teams access to fields for practice time.
- Veterans Parks needs to have Phase II finished so we don't have to use porta-cans to go to the bathroom. A concession stand needs to be built and the prices being charged for condiments are outrageous.
- More batting cages like the one at Bee Creek with electricity. We need more cages at Lemon Tree & one more at Bee Creek and the park on Holleman & Wellborn.
- The city needs more baseball facilities for youth and adults. With tournament baseball as popular as it is, that is a great money maker for the City of College Station.
- Lights at Central Park softball fields are too low.
- Veteran's Park Phase II needs to go ahead and be finished up. The big softball tournaments that we hold and the park has no real concession stand or bathrooms by the field. This just does not look good for that size of tournaments.
- Water park. Zoo.
- CS has great parks, but the interest & money put into attracting tourists i.e. for soccer, baseball field use seems greater than the amount of energy put into it's own residents using these amenities. Our local team should be able to use these fields @ a much greater discount. Take care of your own, first!
- The parks dept needs to reassign certain people in order to bring a more professional management team into play. Attendance has fallen off at softball events as people have gone elsewhere to find better facilities in other areas.
- Flag football is big in the state of Texas. You have a couple of well known state ranked teams. If parks had designated fields for football so that more seasons could be played and did a better job of promoting the league it would be a great success year round. There is a demand for this. I would also like to see College Station bid on hosting the TAAF Flag Football State Championships.
- Programs should be offered instead of just the standard stick and ball games.
- Please soften up the infields at the Veteran's and Central Park softball fields. They are dangerous to dive on and slide on, esp. Veteran's fields which are not quite as hard as concrete, but up there with thin/old artificial turf.

Beautification and Restorative Environments

- Provide more shade area. Provide water ways for ascetic value.
- Providing street trees along thorough-fares to improve walkability and beautification.
- Continue to acquire additional park South & East.

Compliments

- Good job!
- I use Thomas Park a lot for walking. I'm enjoying the recent improvements there. A few more benches would be appreciated.
- Very good!
- Keep up the good work in keeping the City of College Station clean & neat.
- No other group of people in COCS is as positive & proud as parks & rec staff. Attitudes in parks are excellent. Quality is outstanding.
- Great people to work with;
- CS Parks Dept. is a very professional group. One of the best depts. In the state! CS is lucky to have the dedicated people who strive to give us their very best.
- Keep up the good work!
- Parks does a fantastic job! Everything y'all do improves CS. I love to drive by and see how well maintained our parks are. Y'all also offer more programs/classes than anywhere I have seen. Keep up the good work!
- It is a great department! Parks does a great job.

City Employees' Open-ended Responses

Compliments Continued

- Keep up the good work!
- Thanks for all you do for College Station!
- Spud rocks!
- This is probably the best park system I have ever seen.
- They're doing a good job compared to other cities.
- The overall parks dept. does a great job.
- I think you all are great!
- I'm proud of our parks. But I also see need for improvements.
- I believe you all do a tremendous job. I live in Bryan, but come to parks in C.S. I enjoy working w/ you all.
- You are doing an outstanding job! Keep up the great work.
- They rock!
- The services are excellent. The department takes great pride in their parks and they are well maintained.
- I think you all do a great job! I'm proud to live in College Station.
- Parks & Rec Services in College Station are excellent, many larger cities could learn a lot from our Parks & Rec Department.
- There are always areas to improve in but overall, you folks do a great job! Keep up the good work!
- They do an excellent job.
- Your front line/support staff are always very courteous & helpful to everyone I've sent there for questions-my friends always rave about how helpful they are & how quickly any issues get a satisfactory resolution. Thanks for helping the city look good.
- Very nice.
- Overall, I believe the COCS has excellent parks. Let's build on what we have.
- I think you are doing a great job overall. I love the extra education classes!
- It's all good...Jos' do what you do.
- I have the opportunity to travel a good bit and am constantly reminded when I see other city parks and facilities how ours really "outshines" most others in the way they look, are clean and kept well maintained. We are blessed!

Other

- Staff size in parks seems to be very large for a city our size.
- Fifteen years ago CS had a great centrally located parks system. This is no longer true. The parks department needs to catch up with development, specifically in new neighborhoods.
- Municipal court
- The parks world headquarters seems a bit small. Time to upgrade.

Communication

- Bring utilities community education up dates.

Knowledge/ Use

- The last question (#6) I have no idea what Parks & Rec's current contribution is.

Festivals/Events

- Bringing entertainers that are a little more known during Starlight Music Who's Ray Price, Bobby Bare, Brave Combo? A town festival-a real "down home fest". Cinco de Mayo, Mardi Gras,
- Please continue the Starlight Music Series. My children love it and it's a good way to introduce music to children. My whole family has an awesome time there.
- Keep the Starlight Music Series going. That is a great event. We enjoy participating with you and it is a great chance to give back to the community.
- Have more concerts.