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Meeting Date: December 19, 2024

To: Parks and Trails Commission

From: Jessica Christensen Buck, Recreation Supervisor

Re: City Park Survey Results

Community feedback was requested on proposed amenities, features, and themes for park development. The survey received 197 responses, but it should be noted that not all questions were required to be answered by the respondent to submit their feedback. This information reflects the priorities and preferences expressed by survey participants and provides guidance for planning and design efforts.

The primary amenities that received the most votes were the playground and splashpad. Preferences for the playground included slides and climbing aspects to be incorporated. Most respondents preferred individual swings, tall embankment slides, and hillside climbing loops as part of the playground. Additionally, including shade trees for shade integration was preferred.

The splashpad responses reflected a strong desire for a nature theme, with additional preference towards a combination of above and below-ground level sprayers.

Alternate amenity preference was towards the detached shelter and bituminous trails. Similarly, there was strong preference towards paved pathways with accessible slopes.

Additional information is included below, reflecting more specifics with statistics from the survey.

Amenity Prioritization

Primary Amenities (Determined by combining the top three preferences for each amenity):

1. Playground (175 top three rankings)
2. Splashpad (151 top three rankings)
3. Park Building (116 top three rankings)

4. Pickleball (94 top three rankings)
5. Parking Lot (61 top three rankings)

Alternate Amenities (Determined by combining the top three preferences for each amenity):

1. Detached Shelter (162 top three rankings)
2. Bituminous Trails (138 top three rankings)
3. 3rd Playground Container (124 top three rankings)
4. Pickleball Plaza (114 top three rankings)
5. Planting Beds (51 top three rankings)

Feedback on Vegetation and Shade

- Preferred Vegetation Types:
 - Shade trees (141 votes)
 - Colorful shrubs and perennials (121 votes)
 - Ornamental flowering trees (111 votes)
 - Native plantings and mowed turf (107 votes)
 - Prairie restoration (82 votes)

Splashpad Design

- Theme Preferences:
 - Most liked: Nature (126 strongly like)
 - Additional Suggestions: Dinosaur, Minnesota heritage, floral themes, and Corcoran's farming roots.
- Sprayer Preferences:
 - Strong preference for both above and ground-level sprayers (154 votes).

Playground Features

- Top Prioritized Equipment (Determined by combining the top three preferences for each amenity):
 1. Slides (165 top three rankings)
 2. Climbers (132 top three rankings)
 3. Zipline (119 top three rankings)
 4. Bridges (117 top three rankings)
 5. Spinning Amenities (55 top three rankings)
- Accessible/Inclusive Features:
 - Strong preference for paved pathways with accessible slopes, accessible ramps/bridges, and accessible swings.
- Swing Options:
 - Most preferred: Individual swings.
 - All other options listed were within 14 votes of each other.
- Hillside Features:
 - Most liked: Tall embankment slides and hillside climbing loops.
- Shade Integration Preferences:
 - Shade trees near seating areas (145 votes)

- Fabric shade sails (118 votes)
- Small shelters or pavilions (104 votes)

Additional Desired Amenities

Key requests include:

- Dog Park/Off-leash Area
- Pickleball Facilities
- Trail Connections (e.g., Rush Creek and perimeter walking trails)
- Restrooms and Drinking Fountains
- Seating and Picnic Areas

Demographics

Residency:

- Corcoran: 179
- Hennepin County: 48
- Bordering City: 12

90% of the respondents reported living in Corcoran.

Size of the household:

- Adult(s) only: 68
- Adult(s), 1 child: 36
- Adult(s), 2-4 children: 76
- Adult(s), 4+ children: 10
- Prefer not to answer: 7

Age:

- >18: 3
- 18-24: 4
- 25-34: 40
- 35-44: 82
- 45-54: 22
- 55-64: 17
- 65+ years old: 21
- Prefer not to answer: 8

Attachments

None