

# Community Outreach Summary #1

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On-site Event #1 - June 16, 2022 - Over 100 Attendees

Online Survey #1 - 985 Respondents

## **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

### **OVERALL**

**Public Restrooms and Shade.** Create comfortable spaces. Restrooms instead of port-o-lets. Shaded areas at playgrounds, sports hub and picnic areas. Covered shelters to protect from sun and rain. Seating areas with views.

**Parking and Circulation.** Consider connectivity of creek, parking, and active uses with separation to adjacent homes.

**Security and Safety.** Desire for a safe place both for the park and the neighborhood. Consider adjacent park program and buffers to the adjacent neighborhood.

### **ACTIVE SPORTS HUB**

**Pickleball.** Desire for pickleball courts as part of the active sports hub. More courts are desired for the growing sport. A 12-20 court facility could be used for a competition/tournament.

**Multi-Sport Options.** Desire for multi-use fields that can be utilized for a variety of different sports. Youth baseball/softball, kickball, soccer, frisbee.

### **CREEK/NATURAL AREA**

**Habitat / Natural / Open Space Protection.** Provide environmental awareness, preserve/restore wildlife habitat.

**Trails.** Create soft walking loops and safe places to cross the creek.

**Creek Integration.** Provide natural corridor and connectivity for humans and wildlife.

### **COMMUNITY RECREATION DESTINATION**

**Play.** Integrate water, nature, and accessibility into play spaces.

**Flexible Spaces.** Provide flexible lawn and programmable plaza spaces.

**Accessibility.** Provide universal accessibility. Access to spaces and restrooms for wheelchairs, strollers, and people of all ages and abilities.

**Variety.** Provide a variety of community amenities for daily use. (i.e. obstacle course, fitness, exercise stations, walking loops, trails, basketball, volleyball, table tennis, horseshoes, pump track)

## **ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS**

The following pages include results from the programming questions that were provided in the online survey as well as selected comments. A full list of comments can be provided upon request.

### **ACTIVE SPORTS HUB**

Coleman Community Park is envisioned as an active sports hub to serve the community and public. The park will have 4-6 lighted, synthetic turf competitive athletic fields (baseball and multi-use fields) to help meet the shortage of community fields.

#### ***What priorities are most important to you in the design of the active sports hub?***

##### *SELECT QUOTES FROM SURVEY:*

- YES to turf fields with lights for various team sports like baseball, soccer, and kickball!!
- Baseball fields, little league and high school size fields...we are in desperate need of these in our growing city...
- Pickleball is a sport that all ages can participate in. It's a healthy and fun activity.
- Inline hockey...with our weather, outdoor rinks can provide many children and adults plenty of time to enjoy the sport.
- Special Olympic activities or sports geared to special needs children and adults.
- Would love to see a track for walking/running in our area that is open to the public.
- Keep fields and parking away from houses!

### **COMMUNITY RECREATION DESTINATION**

#### ***PLAY SPACES - Which of the following recreational activities would you like in the new park space? (Select all that apply.)***

##### *SELECT QUOTES FROM SURVEY:*

- Wheelchair accessibility, wheelchair swings, wheelchair accessible bathrooms with adult sized changing tables, hard paths, no stairs
- I would love to see natural play areas for kids, both in the playground and in the design (ie, natural balance areas, stepping stones, places to safely access the creek, log teepees grown over with plants).
- Splash pad. We do not have any water features in this side of town for kids and families.
- Interesting for pre-teen kids - ninja warrior or rock climbing wall, maze. We have lots of parks for younger kids.

#### ***PASSIVE USES = Which of the following recreational activities would you like in the new park space? (Select all that apply.)***

##### *SELECT QUOTES FROM SURVEY:*

- A scenic running trail that connects to the existing trails. Somewhere safe to run/walk/bike/dog walk away from the busy streets.
- Variety of spaces for public while maintaining and educating about local plant and animal life.
- Small use spaces, for dates, or intimate gatherings. Not in a huge field. People will sit on dirt with their loved ones.
- Something for daily use instead of event use.
- The ability for all people of all abilities to access nature.
- Encourage connection to nature and environment. Get kids involved in preserving the earth.

***ACTIVE RECREATION - Which of the following recreational activities would you like in the new park space? (Select all that apply.)***

*SELECT QUOTES FROM SURVEY:*

- Disc golf because its an inexpensive way to spend time outdoors alone or with friends along with having minimal impact on the park overall.
- Incorporate dog friendly areas to reduce crossover of sports and dog access.
- Parkour. Great for variety of ages. Not present in another park in the Springs. Rising in participation and awareness of the sport. Very popular with school age kids.
- Outdoor weightlifting area since most of the local gyms do not offer an outdoor area.
- Off leash dog park with 6ft fence.
- An American Ninja style obstacle course. It's a fast growing sport that kids love.

***TRAILS/BIKING - Which of the following recreational activities would you like in the new park space? (Select all that apply.)***

*SELECT QUOTES FROM SURVEY:*

- More bike related activities! The city doesn't have a lot of good bike parks, especially not near this area of town.
- An emergency phone and safety lights for running trails so that early morning runners can run safely.
- A running trail that connects to other trails would be amazing!
- Separate Hiking trails and bike trails, so both can be done safely without the risk of running into each other.
- Walking trails that are stroller friendly.
- The designated 5k course and mini incline would be really cool and make the park pretty unique.
- A nice trail to walk all the way around the park would be awesome.

***COMMUNITY SPACES - Which of the following recreational activities would you like in the new park space? (Select all that apply.)***

*SELECT QUOTES FROM SURVEY:*

- Make this a beacon for other quickly expanding cities that you don't need to turn into a concrete jungle and can co-exist with natural resources
- More community events like fireworks, food trucks, concerts, farmers markets!  
Something to make this area more of a community!
- I'd like to see a little bit of it all. Splash pad for kids, trails for biking, big enough area for firework show on Fourth of July. Skate park and sports parks for rec sports.
- Community park with walking trails and special events such as food trucks, 5k, festivals, farmers markets, picnic areas, etc.

### **CREEK / NATURAL AREA**

***What program or elements would you like to see to integrate the creek and the park?***

***(Select all that apply.)***

*SELECT QUOTES FROM SURVEY:*

- Embracing the natural parts of the park and seamlessly integrating recreation
- Respect for the existing animal and bird habitats; development of the park that does not make it a detriment to existing and future homeowners; balance between active and passive activities that will attract both younger and older users; birdwatching.
- I'm most excited for a safe and designated place to visit the creek and let my kids see the nature. I love that this could be a one stop shop for playground and exploring.
- A small nature center would be amazing for the east side of town.
- Trail systems integrated with the creek to allow recreation opportunities that are intertwined with the natural space.

### **PARK CHARACTER**

***Of the three components of the future park, which is most important to you?***

*SELECT QUOTES FROM SURVEY:*

- A healthy and diverse ecosystem preserved and celebrated by being incorporated into the park itself.
- Environmentally friendly park to protect creek. Outdoor recreation. Walking and biking trails. Sports activities.
- Accessible park that is spread out, similar to Nancy Lewis Park or bigger, with lots of shade covers. Protecting the creek habitat but also allowing creek access for kids to explore.

***What program elements would you most like to see in the park?***

*SELECT QUOTES FROM SURVEY:*

- Pickleball is fastest growing sport in America and we need to be adapting to it.

- Pickleball courts. Desperately needed on east side. Need at least 12. Similar to courts at Bear Creek.
- More outdoor events that aren't at cottonwood or John V - make it different, rock walls, bouldering, discgolf, pickleball, etc. - very excited to see how it turns out!
- I want to see a playground that has equipment for those with disabilities. We desperately need a wheelchair swing. I would like this park to be very wheelchair accommodating and disability accommodating in everything they design.
- First come first serve picnic areas, nature education, nature themed playground, sand area with large play fossils.
- Shallow toddler pool with beach entrance and splash pad with rocks and rock climbing/waterfall.
- Good safe place for families and a clean, safe creek to access and trails to explore
- A long, winding hike and bike trail that runs along the outer perimeter of the park that would provide along loop for walking, jogging, and cycling while at the same time would provide a nice buffer for the homes along the edge of the park.