



Parks and Recreation Board Agenda

Department of Public Services

851 South Eton-Conference Room

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

6:30 PM

- I. Call to order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of the minutes of : Tuesday, October 3, 2017(*regular meeting*)**
- IV. Agenda Items-***Written and submitted by 5pm Monday at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, one week prior to the meeting.*
 - 1. Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update**
 - a) Mission Statement Review**
 - b) Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan Presentation**
 - 2. Birmingham Little League – Donation Agreement Updated**
 - 3. Proposed Sculpture Loan-Windswept**
 - 4. Barnum Arch Landscape Enhancement (BALE)**
- V. Communications/Discussion Items**
 - 1. Golf Course Updates**
 - a) Finance Report - Golf Courses**
 - b) Golf Course Report**
 - 2. Letter Received from Jeanette R. Aiello as it relates to the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Master Plan update**
 - 3. Email Received from Larry Bertollini regarding Kenning Park Concept Master Plan**
 - 4. Email Received from Pastor Steve Woodfin regarding Kenning Park**
 - 5. Email Packet received from Charles Forbes regarding Kenning Park**
 - 6. Letter requesting an additional locker room at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena from Birmingham High School Hockey/Birmingham Hockey Association**
 - 7. Email regarding the Fitness Court and Campaign - Project Status**

8. Correspondence to Marshall Lasser Dated November 6, 2017
 9. City of Royal Oak Pickelball Courts
 10. Booth Park Little Free Library Naming Contest Update (*verbal*)
- VI. Unfinished Business**
- VII. New Business**
- VIII. Open To The Public for Items Not On the Agenda**
- IX. Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, December 5, 2017(DPS)**

X. Adjournment

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Minutes are available for review at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, 2300 East Lincoln, Birmingham, MI 48009

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MISSION STATEMENT

We the Parks & Recreation Board of Birmingham will help other organizations and agencies to plan and share family activities in helping to prevent the desires and need to use alcohol, drugs, and tobacco by providing recreational programs for all ages, and to encourage recreational life styles.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 3, 2017

Therese Longe, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at 851 S. Eton.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Ryan Ross,
Art Stevens, Lilly Stotland and Bill Wiebrecht

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Ben Gould, Groves Student

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT:** Joey Kummer, Seaholm Student

ADMINISTRATION: Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services
Carrie A. Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

PRESENTERS: Sarah Traxler, McKenna Associates
Deanna Dupuy, McKenna Associates

GUESTS: Patty Blair, Margaret Buccini, Anne Bray,
Peter Bray, Charles Forbes, Kathryn Hassel,
Anne Honhart, R.S. Kenning, Margaret Kowal,
Eleanor Noble, Clifford Rager, Cindy Rose, John Rusche,
Jeff Stassen, Julie Sutherland, Robert Weed, Brian Wilmers
and David Young

It was moved by Bill Wiebrecht, seconded by Ryan Ross the minutes of the Tuesday,
September 12, 2017 regular meeting be approved.

Yeas – 7 Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Ryan Ross, Art Stevens,
Lilly Stotland and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0

Absent-0

It was moved by Ryan Ross, seconded Art Stevens to add Golf Financials as item number 2b to
the October 3, 2017 Parks and Recreation Board Agenda

Yeas – 7 Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Ryan Ross, Art Stevens,
Lilly Stotland and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0

Absent-0

AGENDA ITEM #1 – 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan-Planning Process Overview

Lauren introduced Sarah Traxler and Deanna Dupuy from McKenna Associates to discuss the Parks and Recreation Master Plan planning process.

Sarah stated it is important for the City of Birmingham to provide a road map for parks and recreation decisions over the next five years, as well as long range planning projects.

Sarah stated there is a state statute in order to be eligible for parks and recreation funding and at the state level the City of Birmingham must prepare a parks and recreation master plan every five years and for the city to be eligible for grants.

Sarah stated during the planning process McKenna will look at current conditions of the City of Birmingham parks and future trends in parks and recreation provisioning about demographic trends.

Sarah stated McKenna worked with other city departments during the planning process. Sarah stated that there are seven elements during the planning process which are:

1. Community Description
2. Administrative Structure and Funding
3. Parks, Recreation and Facility Inventory
4. Public Participation
5. Analysis
6. Action Plan
7. Plan Completion and Adoption

Sarah stated it was very important to have goals established. Sarah stated that the seven current goals are:

1. Create a sense of community and belonging.
2. Provide Parks and Recreation facilities that are high quality, that preserve open space and history, are well maintained and that are accessible to all residents of the community.
3. To create a community of healthy residents by providing opportunities that promotes and encourages active lifestyles.
4. Provide recreation programming and facility opportunities that meet the needs and interests of the entire community.
5. To use the existing community resources efficiently and to demonstrate fiscal responsibility.
6. To become a leader in sustainable, innovative maintenance practices to protect our natural community resources, demonstrate environmental stewardship and reduce chemical exposure and adverse health effects to all residents.
7. Operate the Department of Public Services in an effective and efficient manner so as to maintain a high level of customer service.

Sarah stated the current plan has overarching system wide recommendations that are principles of the current plan and are important to consider for all of the parks and recreation facilities in Birmingham:

1. Barrier Free Accessibility
2. Park Design Improvements
3. Non-Motorized Connectivity
4. Natural Resource Inventory
5. Recreation Programming
6. Staffing
7. Park Promotion
8. Fundraising
9. Public Involvement

Sarah stated the public involvement has been robust.

Sarah stated the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Master Plan will include the concept plans for Poppleton, Adams and Kenning Park.

Sarah reviewed the statistics of the ages of Birmingham residents and household size. Sarah stated households are shrinking nationally although since 2010, Birmingham's households have increased by .1%.

Sarah continued to discuss the recreation trends:

1. Parks are everywhere- develop parks in places never before thought as suitable
2. Health and parks- growing body of research showing parks improve health outcomes
3. Data will drive budgets- reports such as the "Economic Impact of Local Parks" will justify proposed capital improvements
4. Conservation and recreation – parks become integral in conservation and storm water management efforts
5. Technology and parks – use technology to assist with promotion and integrate technology into park use

Sarah stated McKenna Associates and city staff were at the Farmers Market on September 17th to receive input from the public attending the market.

Sarah estimated there were approximately 400-500 people in attendance.

Sarah stated prior to the farmers market, McKenna had roundtable discussions with a number of stakeholders and there are on-line surveys available.

Sarah stated that the family-friendly responses were:

1. Splash Pad
2. Sight Lines
3. Rubber Surfaces

Sarah stated that the physical improvements:

1. Bathrooms
2. Dog Parks with Water
3. Trails
4. Swimming Pool (outdoor)

Sarah stated Shain and Poppleton Park were identified the most on the resource mapping and restroom and playground equipment icons were mapped the most.

Sarah stated on Tuesday, November 14th at the Parks and Recreation Board the draft plan will be presented. Sarah stated that changes may be made to the draft plan.

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS #1 Approved 2018 Schedule Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Dates

Connie provided an updated Parks and Recreation Roster.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS #2b Golf Course Report

Lauren provided the Parks and Recreation Board the golf course report.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS #2c Golf Course Finance Report

Lauren provided the Parks and Recreation Board the golf course financials through August, 2017. Lauren stated that Lincoln Hills will remain open longer for the 2017 season.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS #3 Project Updates (verbal)

Lauren stated Quarton Lake dredging on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 and takes about two weeks to complete.

Lauren stated for the November Parks and Recreation Board meeting there will be an update on Birmingham Little League and Marshall Lasser project at Quarton Lake.

Carrie stated at Barnum Park the open space area, infield and outfield grading project will be beginning soon.

Carrie stated the art pad will begin in a week, weather permitting.

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS #4 Communication Received from Cindy Rose regarding Barnum Park

Cindy reiterated that City of Birmingham staff performed a wonderful job at Barnum Park this summer.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS #5 Letter received on 9/22/2017 From South Poppleton Homeowners Association and City Manager's Response

Lauren stated a communication that was received and the city manager's response.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS #6 E-Mail received on 9/29/2017 From Barbara Lebus regarding Pickelball

Lauren stated an additional communication was received regarding pickelball after the Parks and Recreation Board packets were completed

Bill requested that administration confirm how many pickelball courts that Royal Oak has.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Robert Kenning asked that the Martha Baldwin Park Board be involved in discussion with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Therese stated if the Martha Baldwin Park Board has anything that the board would like to bring forward of the desires of the board for Martha Baldwin Park to provide the input either to Lauren or to McKenna.

Patty Blair stated this summer the new mowing company performed a nice job at Poppleton Park.

Therese stated the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 6:30 pm at DPS.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator



MEMORANDUM

To: Parks and Recreation Board
City of Birmingham, Michigan

From: Sarah Traxler, AICP
Vice President

Date: November 10, 2017

Subject: **Status Update + Parks and Recreation Board Meeting November 14, 2017**

PROGRESS SINCE LAST PRESENTATION

Since the October 3rd Open House and presentation of parks and recreation concepts and Birmingham demographics, our team has been writing the draft 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. We have met with the Master Plan Sub-Committee twice since October 3rd to discuss the results of public engagement, prioritization of 5-year actions, and content of the draft plan; their input, as well as the input of the Parks and Recreation staff, has been used to guide the preparation of the draft plan. During your November 14, 2017 Board meeting, I will present an overview of the draft five-year plan.

DRAFT MASTER PLAN

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources publishes guidelines on the preparation and adoption of five-year plans, which – as you know – are used to orient a parks and recreation program's activities based on community goals and objectives, prioritize capital improvements, and describe operations of parks and recreation programs, which vary widely from community to community.

30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD

The prescribed process set forth by MDNR requires that a draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan be available to residents and stakeholders during a 30-day, well-publicized public review and comment period. The plan being presented to you on November 14th is ready for public comment, if the Parks and Recreation Board to initiate the comment period.

At the end of the 30-day comment period, we will synthesize any comments and work with the Master Plan Sub-Committee to appropriately incorporate comments into a revised draft.

CITY COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

On January 8th, McKenna will present the revised draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan to City Commission, at which time they can call for a Public Hearing. If all goes according to schedule, the Public Hearing will take place on February 5th; the Commission may adopt the plan that same evening.

Finally, it is important to remember that the plan is still in draft form, and that the public comment period and Public Hearing are yet part of the public engagement program for the planning process. We look forward to receiving input from the Board and the public, and welcome questions or comments at any time. Thank you.

Agenda Item #1

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Schedule and Meetings

- Revised 2018 deadline to get full five years of plan benefit; flexible to meet your scheduling needs
- 13 meetings total

Meeting #	Meeting Description	Potential Dates
1	Project initiation with City staff and Sub-Committee	July 24 th
2	Progress review, public engagement prep, with City staff	August 11 th
	Survey Opens	September 1 st
3	"Birmingham Field Day" public engagement event	September 17 th
4 - 8	Five roundtable discussions	September 21 st , 22 nd , 26 th
9	Open House and presentation to Parks and Recreation Board	October 3 rd
10	Progress review with City staff and Sub-Committee	October 9 th
	Survey closes	October 15 th
11	Presentation of draft Plan to Parks and Recreation Board	November 14 th
12	Presentation of draft Plan to City Commission	January 8 th (2018)
13	Public Hearing and adoption of Plan by City Commission	February 5 th (2018)

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Mission Statement – DRAFT

November 6, 2017

Existing Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board is to help other organizations and agencies to plan and share family activities in helping to prevent the desires and need to use alcohol, drugs, and tobacco by providing recreation programs of all ages, and to encourage recreation life styles.

Proposed Mission Statement:

The Parks and Recreation Board strives to provide opportunities for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration for present and future generations of residents and visitors through stewardship of natural, cultural and recreational resources. By continuously elevating the beauty and quality of the parks and recreation system of Birmingham, the Parks and Recreation Board will promote health and wellbeing, and strengthen the community.

Example Mission Statements:

Troy, MI

It is the mission of the Parks Division of the Department of Public Works and the Recreation Department to enhance the quality of life for residents and businesses by providing recreation programs, facilities, and related services. The Recreation Department and Parks Division promote a healthy lifestyle for all age groups regardless of physical abilities, and enriches cultural and natural resources through community programs.

Royal Oak, MI

To provide residents a variety of year-round recreation opportunities that are responsive to their needs, are enjoyable to their families and contribute to their physical and mental well-being while maintaining and improving the aesthetic and functional value of all parks, playgrounds, athletic fields and open spaces.

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2018 PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN
CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

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2018 Parks & Recreation Master Plan

City of Birmingham, Michigan

DRAFT · November 10, 2017

Adopted by the City of Birmingham City Commission on

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Acknowledgements

Thank you.

The participation and cooperation of community leaders, residents and members of civic organizations in the preparation of the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan is greatly appreciated and we thank everyone who participated in its development. The content in this Plan reflects the on-going collaboration between City residents, stakeholders, the Parks and Recreation Board, and the City Commission.

In particular, we acknowledge the efforts of:

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Mark Nickita, Mayor
Andrew Harris, Mayor Pro-Tem
Patty Bordman, Commissioner
Pierre Boutros, Commissioner
Carroll DeWeese, Commissioner
Rackeline J. Hoff, Commissioner
Stuart Lee Sherman, Commissioner

CITY ADMINISTRATION

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Joseph Kummer, Student Representative
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01

Introduction

Welcome

Welcome to the City of Birmingham's 2018 - 2022 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This Plan reflects a vision for the City of Birmingham's parks and recreation facilities: their operations, maintenance, and enhancements for the next several years. It serves as a roadmap for future recreation facilities and programs by considering existing parks and programs in and around the City and the anticipated demand for additional or improved recreation facilities.

This Plan also forms the basis for potential recreation grant funding from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and other agencies and foundations. The City of Birmingham's Plan was prepared in accordance with MDNR's Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans.

Most importantly, this Plan will act as City of Birmingham's playbook for community building as it relates to parks and recreation over the next five or more years.



Tradition of Excellence

During the last five-year planning process, the City of Birmingham continued its tradition of parks and recreation excellence. Specifically, the City made considerable strides in institutionalizing outstanding design and recreation provision; as well as achieving the goals and objectives identified in the previous plan.

The City continually strives to provide parks and recreation facilities that are of the highest quality, preserve open space, and are accessible to all residents. The Department of Public Services installed electrical outlets and water fountains at numerous parks. In addition, the department completed open space maintenance at three of the City's parks. As stewards of open space, the department completed on-going reforestation in all its parks which included significant reforestation efforts at Manor Park and Quarton Lake with funds awarded to the City through Releaf Michigan and DTE Grants in 2015 and 2016.

Furthermore, the City is committed to providing opportunities that promote and encourage active lifestyles. The City prioritized the maintenance of tennis courts and softball/baseball fields, two of the City's most popular recreation activities, at five of its parks. In addition, the City is currently in the process of extending the Booth Park trail system to connect runners and walkers to Maple Avenue. Accessible walking paths and running trails were also incorporated into the specific park master plans developed during the past five years.

The City further solidified its commitment to world-class design by completing its renovations to Shain Park in 2010. The park, which was identified during this planning process as the most visited park facility, is located in the heart of Birmingham's downtown and features a plaza fountain with granite décor, a band shell, modern children's play area, granite paved streets, lawn space, and performance stage. The City also completed the implementation of Phase 2 of the Barnum Park master plan which included improvements to the play area, landscaping, installation of pergolas, and seating.

Another significant effort the City completed in the past five years was the development of three park master plans. Between 2014 and 2016 the City, through a process of resident engagement and collaborative design, completed master/concept plans for Adams Park, Kenning Park, and Poppleton Park.

Planning Process

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan was prepared with technical assistance from McKenna, a planning and design consulting firm, and with the active involvement of the City's administration and the City of Birmingham's Parks and Recreation Board Master Plan Sub-Committee.

Citizen input and action, through an online survey, public meetings, and a public hearing, played a critical role in the development of the plan. As a result, recommendations described within the action plan reflect the needs and ideas of those who use Birmingham's Parks and Recreation facilities.

Following several discussions held by the Parks and Recreation Board Master Plan Sub-Committee and a draft review by the Parks and Recreation Board and City Commission, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan was submitted to Birmingham City Commission for adoption. Throughout the process, all meetings were open to the public. Notices were posted beforehand, and where required, advertised in the newspaper, as provided by the Open Meetings Act. The planning process kicked off in July of 2017 and concluded with the adoption of the Plan in February of 2018.





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Community Setting

Community Description

A welcoming community, Birmingham maintains its small town feel while offering the recreational and cultural advantages of an urban area. Birmingham's thriving pedestrian- friendly downtown includes restaurants, movie theaters, art and antique galleries, retailers, and serves as a center for real estate, accounting, finance, insurance, legal, and other services.

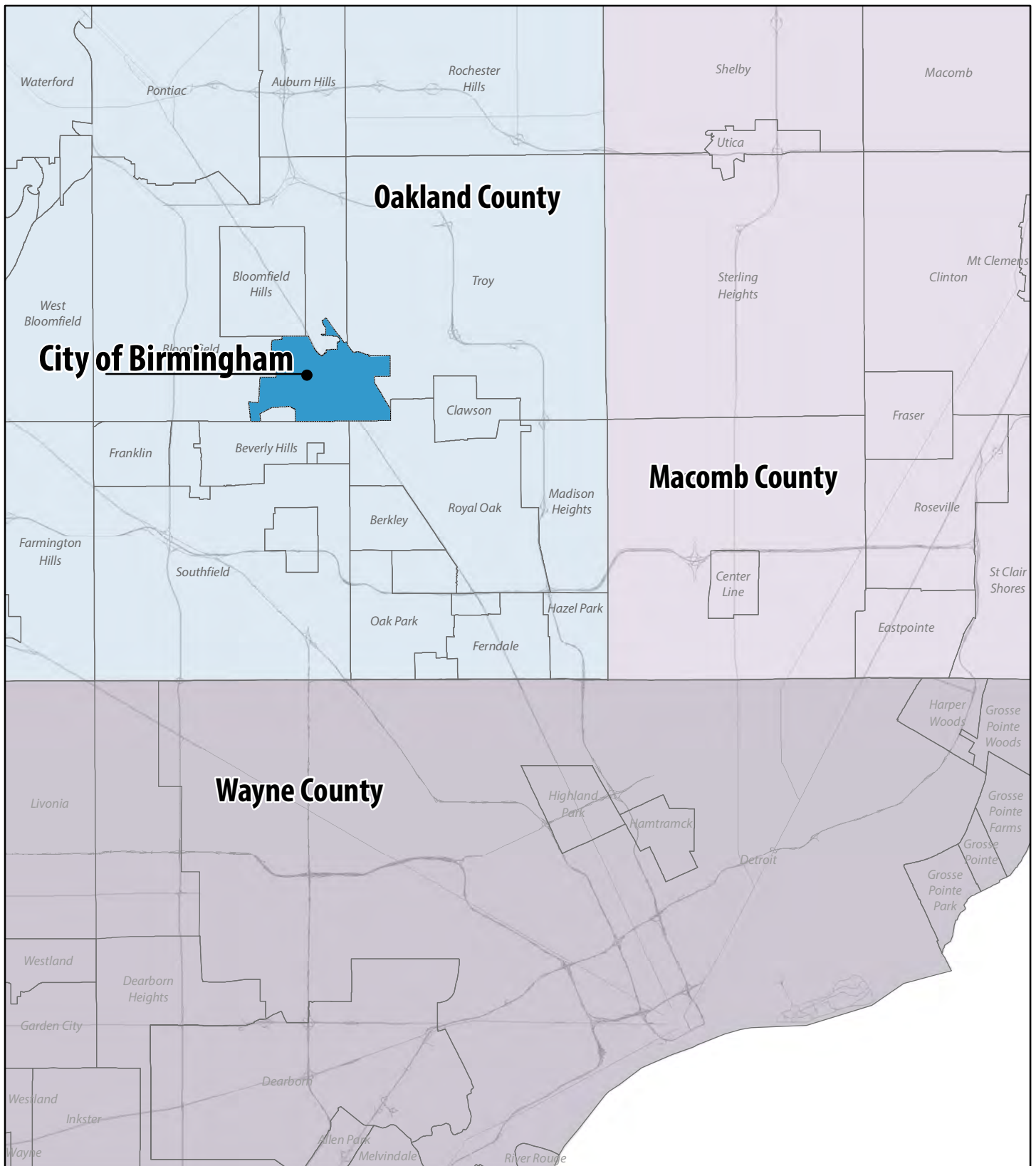
The Community Setting is a picture of the various physical and socioeconomic characteristics of the City of Birmingham. This information provides valuable insight into determining future parks and recreation facility development, maintenance, and programming needs for the community.



Regional Setting

The City of Birmingham is located in southeast Oakland County, Michigan and is bordered by five communities, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township, Beverly Hills, Royal Oak, and Troy. Birmingham incorporated as a city in 1933 and its history dates before 1819. Throughout its past, Birmingham has enjoyed a substantial level of citizen involvement which has contributed to the high quality of life in the community.

Birmingham covers 4.8 square miles and is centrally located between the Cities of Detroit and Pontiac. Woodward Avenue serves as a major artery through two miles of the city, running in a southeast to northwest direction from 14 Mile Road to Big Beaver Road (16 Mile). The city is accessible within Metropolitan Detroit via three major routes: US-24 located approximately 1-¾ miles to the west, I-696 four miles to the south, and I-75 approximately four miles east.



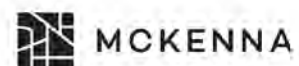
Map 1 Regional Location

City of Birmingham, Michigan

October 30, 2017

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Miles

Data Source: SEMCOG



Demographic Characteristics

The City of Birmingham's current demographic situation and trends provide understanding to the types of recreation facilities and amenities that are needed. The figures used in this Plan come from the US Census Bureau's 2011/15 ACS 5-year data, which uses statistical sampling over a 5-year period to describe the average characteristics over the period of collection. Information for smaller geographic regions generally have a higher margin of error in statistical sampling, yet the ACS is considered very reliable and is a dataset that we believe can provide the most accurate portrayal of the changing population in the City and surrounding communities. Comparison data also comes from the US Decennial Census.

DEMOGRAPHIC TAKEAWAYS

The City of Birmingham's population will shape the park and recreation needs for the next five years. The City's driving demographic trends include:

- **There was an increase in the population that is under the age of five and aged 5-9 from 2010 to 2015.** Youth are the largest users of parks facilities and are likely to participate in organized sports and recreation programming.
- **The City of Birmingham's average household size continues to increase.** This shows that the City remains a popular community for families with children. The parks facilities are likely one of the reasons people choose to raise their families in the City.
- **Nearly 6% of the City's population has a disability.** Trails, playscapes, and other amenities must be accessible to this population.
- **The City's median income and percent of the population with a bachelor's degree or higher is larger than the surrounding area.** Residents will expect high quality parks and recreation service and programs that provide an educational benefit.

Source: 2010 Census and the 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

POPULATION

Trends in the number of people residing in a community are an important indicator for parks and recreation planning. Growing communities have different parks and recreational needs than communities with stable or declining populations.

According to the 2011-2015 ACS estimates, the City of Birmingham's population is 20,489 which is a slight increase in population, approximately 1.9 percent between the 2010 and 2015 period. The City of Birmingham's population growth in the past five years indicates that Birmingham continues to be a desired community and that its residents are aging in place.

HOUSEHOLDS

This section analyzes the composition and characteristics of households in the City of Birmingham. Household growth has a different impact on demand for recreational services than population growth. If the population is growing faster than the number of households, this would suggest that more children are being born to existing households. If households are growing faster than population, this typically suggests that more singles or couples are moving into the community.

The number of households in the City has decreased by 2.3 percent since 2010. However, the number of married-couple family households with and without children under 18 increased by 5.9 percent and 4.7 percent respectively. The increase in married-couple family households and the increase in total population indicates that existing residents are choosing to start their families, either by marriage or with children, in the community. The age data below further indicates that the slight population increase is due to the rise of children under 18 years.

Table 1: Age Structure, 2010-2015

Age Group	2010 Population	2015 Population	Percent Change
Under 18 Years	4,939	5,201	5.3%
Under 5 years	1,291	1,346	4.3%
5-9 years	1,462	1,641	12.2%
10-17 years	2,186	2,214	1.3%
18-65 years	12,401	12,443	0.3%
65 years and over	2,763	2,845	3.0%
Total Population	20,103	20,489	1.9%

Source: 2010 Census and the 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Average household size is another indicator of community composition. Larger average household sizes generally mean more children and fewer single-parent families. Nationally, household sizes have been shrinking as young singles wait longer to get married and life expectancy increases for the senior population.

Contrary to national trends, Birmingham's household size increased from 2.2 to 2.3. The 3.5 percent increase in household size for Birmingham shows that the City is a popular community for families with children and two-person households. This reaffirms the trends seen in the previous section where there was an increase in number of married-family households with children under 18 and an overall increase in population.

DISABILITY

The type of disability and number of residents impacted will shape the design and accommodations made for them on the City Parks and Recreation Plan. The US Census Bureau reports that approximately 5.9 percent of the City of Birmingham residents have a disability of some sort, with the most impacted populations being the 65 and over subgroups. The most prevalent disabilities within the population are ambulatory and hearing difficulties, followed by independent living difficulties. Ambulatory difficulties encompass serious difficulties with walking or stairs, issues that limit physical activity, leading to steeper decline in health. Giving consideration to these difficulties in planning for parks and recreation activities could result in positive health outcomes for a population that already experiences great difficulty on a day-to-day basis. Accommodations could include ramps or pavement improvements in order to ease accessibility concerns for those who suffer from ambulatory difficulties, or by installing audible and visually assisted cross walks that are conscious of those who may be visually or hearing impaired.



Economic Characteristics

Birmingham residents are highly educated with 77.2 percent of the community holding a bachelor's degree or higher. The City of Birmingham is also an affluent community with a median household income of \$108,137, which is 38 percent higher than Oakland County's median household income of \$67,465.

Birmingham's highly educated population will impact the City's parks and recreation needs. This population may have high expectations for involvement in programming and quality of recreation facilities. Birmingham's educated population may also be interested in interpretative nature and cultural programming.

Furthermore, as incomes rise within a community, individuals and families may begin to take a market approach to recreation, meaning that affluent residents may be willing to pay for private or nonprofit recreation options if the provider offers a service that addresses their unique recreation needs. This trend indicates that as a City's median household income rises, public recreation facilities will face more competition from private and non-profit providers. For example, residents may choose to belong to a private golf club because of differences in operation and access to other recreation amenities. As the City of Birmingham plans future facility and programming investments, there should be an emphasis on value, the provision of multiple recreation options, and public/private partnerships.

Birmingham has a wide variety of housing styles and sizes with consistently rising property values. There are few remaining sites on which to build new homes, so developers and homeowners renovate, enlarge, raze and/or rebuild on existing property. The 2011-2015 ACS estimates the median house value of a Birmingham resident's home as \$410,700. Many Birmingham neighborhoods have active neighborhood associations which work to boost the sense of pride neighbors take in owning and caring for their homes as well as preserving the character of neighborhood parks.

There are a large number of historic homes and buildings which are reviewed by the city's Historic District Commission (HDC). The HDC and the Birmingham City Commission give yearly Historic Preservation Awards to residential and commercial property owners and merchants recognizing their efforts in preservation and maintenance of historic properties. Many Birmingham Parks, such as Booth, Shain Park, and the Birmingham Museum reflect the historic character of the City.



Physical Characteristics

The City of Birmingham is a historic and developed community with very little vacant land. The existing land use patterns within the City show residential and transitional uses radiating from the downtown core. The City's downtown which is anchored at the intersection of Old Woodward Avenue and Maple Avenue, is a lively and walkable district. Woodward Avenue and Maple Avenue split the City into neighborhood quadrants. Each neighborhood consists largely of single family homes with a small variety of parks, institutional uses, and multifamily residences. Homes in northeast, northwest, and southwest quadrants are typically located on larger lots. Homes in southeast quadrant including the emerging Rail District are generally on smaller lots and are sited closer to new mixed use residential, creative industry, and commercial.



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Administrative Structure and Funding

Management and planning for the City of Birmingham's parks, recreation facilities and limited programming is primarily completed by two groups: The City of Birmingham Department of Public Services and the Parks and Recreation Board.

Public Act 156 of 1917 entitled Local Government; operate System of Public Recreation is an act authorizing Cities, Villages, Counties, Townships, and School Districts to operate systems of public recreation playgrounds.

Administration

The City Charter of the City of Birmingham was first adopted in 1933, providing for a City Manager, Commission form and division of legislative and administrative functions. The Charter provides that all powers are vested in the Commission, consisting of seven members, all elected at large on a non-partisan basis. Commissioners serve staggered terms of four years and elect from their own members each year a Mayor who is a voting member of Commission. A Mayor Pro-Tem is also elected to serve in the absence of the Mayor.

The City Manager oversees the administrative functions of the City, including the operations of all City Departments and Department Directors are all appointed by the City Manager, while the City Clerk is appointed by the Commissioners and then reports to the City Manager.

The City Commission is responsible for establishing policies to guide the overall operation and development of Birmingham and making all decisions concerning land acquisition and purchase of major recreation facilities based on recommendations received from staff. The budget for recreation facilities and programs is adopted annually by the City Commission, as part of the total annual budget after appropriate public hearings. The City Commission is advised by a number of public Board and Commissions, whose members are appointed by the City Commission.

As part of each budgeting process, the City Commission holds a goal-setting session with administrative staff and a facilitator. During the 2016 process, the following five primary goals were deemed essential to implementing the Commission's vision for the community:

1. Provide sound leadership and responsible governance to maintain financial stability.
2. Be innovative and responsive in how services are provided to the community.
3. Support the vitality of both the residential and business communities that depend upon each other for success.
4. Cultivate a safe, healthy, and dynamic City.
5. Continue to be proactive with infrastructure maintenance programs and reinvestment in cost-effective improvements to roads, sewers, water mains, parking, parks and public facilities.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AND SUBCOMMITTEES

The Parks and Recreation Board was established in 1963 by ordinance. It is charged with the duties detailed in Chapter 78 of the City Code entitled Parks and Recreation. The ordinance states that the Parks and Recreation Board shall consist of seven members, who are electors in the city and appointed by City Commission with each member serving a three-year term. The Board serves solely in an advisory capacity and may not assume any legislative or administrative authority.

The Parks and Recreation Board objectives and duties include:

- Serve as a forum for the consideration of policy matters related to the operation of a park and recreation program.
- Advise the public with regard to the policies established by the City Commission relating to the park and recreation program.
- Serve in an advisory capacity to the City Commission in regard to all matters affecting parks and recreation which are referred to it by the City Commission.
- Recommend to the City Commission a recreation program, fee schedules, and the adoption of long range program for the development of park areas and facilities.
- Recommend to the City Commission hours of operation and allocation of facility use.

In addition to the seven-member Parks and Recreation Board, there are several Department of Public Services (DPS)/City of Birmingham administered committees and Parks and Recreation Board sub-committees. The Parks and Recreation Board appoints Board liaisons to specific DPS/City committees and assemble Board sub-committees as necessary. The DPS/City committees and Board sub-committees give citizens the opportunity provide information about the operations, maintenance, and improvement of parks and recreation facilities.

The City also has a four-member Martha Baldwin Park Board to provide input on the design and maintenance of Martha Baldwin Park. In addition, there is a Birmingham Museum Board which participates in the master planning process for the Museum and provides input into the design, maintenance, programming at the Museum.

DPS / CITY COMMITTEES

- In the Park (Admin. Staff, Birmingham School District, etc.)
- Ice Arena (1 Parks and Recreation Board Liaison)

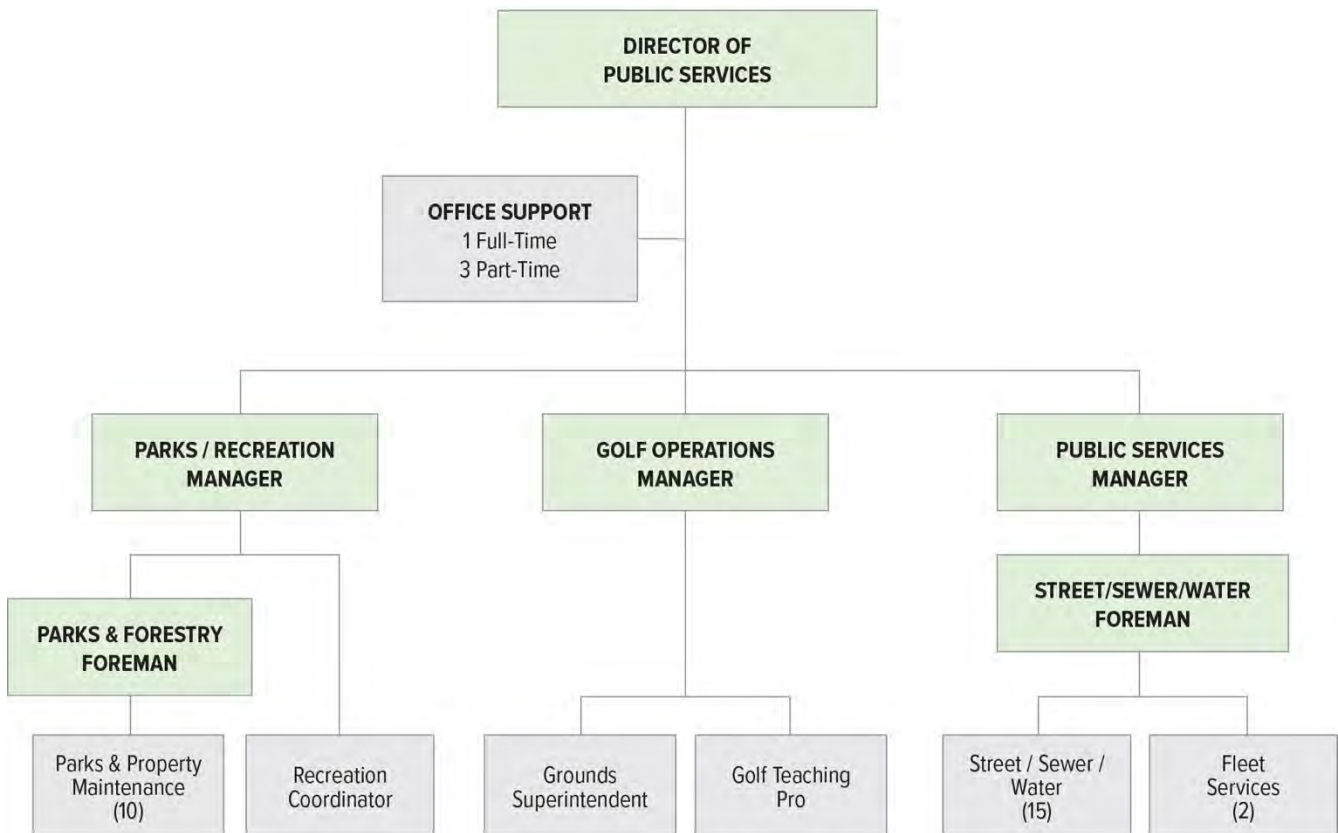
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES

- Next
- Crowdfunding Sub-Committee
- Golf Sub-Committee
- Ice Arena Committee
- Master Plan Committee
- Trail Sub-Committee
- Kenning Park Field Sub-Committee
- Poppleton Park Sub-Committee

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES (DPS)

The DPS oversees the operation of the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, two popular nine-hole golf courses, maintenance of more than 230 acres of park land and two miles of trails along the Rouge River. DPS is also responsible for forestry items such as the removal, transplanting and/or maintenance of 25,000 street and park trees. Other responsibilities include: Placement of holiday decorations, maintenance of public horticulture gardens, and providing logistic support for the summer “In the Park” concert program. In addition, this department is responsible for park improvements, park signage, support for special events, maintenance of the Greenwood Cemetery, various contractual services such as forestry services, park mowing, invasive vegetation removal, commercial/residential sidewalk snow removal and residential noxious weed enforcement. Figure 1 shows the administrative organization of the Department of Public Works.

Figure 1: Department of Public Services Organizational Chart



Parks and Recreation Funding and Grant History

The estimated Department of Public Services operating budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year is \$3,200,1600. The various funds below describe the actual, adopted, and planned budget information for revenues and expenditures during the fiscal years between 2015/16 to 2018/19 (Table 2 and Table 3). Community Activities, Parks and Recreation Property/Programs, and the Ice Arena are funded by the general fund account. The two golf courses listed below are enterprise funds.

Primary funding for the maintenance and programming of Birmingham's recreation facilities comes almost entirely from sub-accounts of the City's general fund. Alternative funding sources and revenues include bonds, passes and registration fees, and donations from individuals / private organizations. Businesses, corporations, private clubs, community organizations, and individuals will at times, contribute to recreation and other improvement programs to benefit the City.

Table 2: Recreation Revenue (Fiscal Year 2015-2019)

Division Detail	2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Budget	2017-2018 Approved	2018-2019 Planned
Parks and Recreation	114,046	113,500	117,000	117,000
Community Activities	18,097	18,800	19,790	20,880
Ice Sports arena	512,045	518,400	499,900	500,900
*Lincoln Hills Golf Course	737,604	666,230	694,790	706,330
*Springdale Golf Course	446,731	504,770	522,020	503,050
Total:	1,828,523	1,821,700	1,853,500	1,848,160

* Enterprise Fund

Source: City of Birmingham Adopted 2017-2018 Budget, 2017

Table 3: Recreation Expenditures (Fiscal Year 2015-2019)

Division Detail	2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Budget	2017-2018 Approved	2018-2019 Planned
Parks and Recreation	863,326	1,054,358	1,047,630	1,002,650
Community Activities	273,436	299,544	271,220	278,860
Ice Sports arena	592,835	681,184	672,110	667,750
*Lincoln Hills Golf Course	538,086	566,750	687,180	686,350
*Springdale Golf Course	439,680	504,770	522,020	500,120
Total:	2,707,363	3,106,606	3,200,160	3,135,730

* Enterprise Fund

Source: City of Birmingham Adopted 2017-2018 Budget, 2017



Parks and Recreation

This activity provides for park maintenance and recreation programming of park facilities, excluding the golf courses. Maintenance is provided for over 230 acres of parks and public properties, including passive-recreation areas along the Rouge Trail, in Manor Park and at similar locations.

Recreation facilities maintained under this activity include: 16 asphalt-surfaced tennis courts; five Little League baseball diamonds; one baseball diamond and three softball diamonds; a developed picnic area and shelter at Springdale Park; 22 park areas of various sizes and stages of development; a six-acre nature preserve at Manor Park; several miles of river trails; the 14-acre Quarton Lake; the winter-sports area at Lincoln Hills; a skate park located at Kenning Park; and a .85-acre dog park located at the Lincoln Hills Golf Course, which opened in November of 2010.

This activity provides funds for the maintenance of approximately 13,000 trees in City parks and on other City properties (excluding trees within the street rights-of-way, which are maintained under another fund). Tree and stump removal, tree trimming and tree planting in City parks are also included in this activity. The department utilizes both staff and outside contractors for services such as forestry, lawn care and property maintenance.



Community Activities

This line item includes expenditures incurred by the Department of Public Services in connection with the Village Fair; art shows in Shain Park and in the Central Business District (CBD) sponsored by the Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Center and Common Ground; placement of United States flags in the CBD on seven occasions during the year; the winter holiday-decoration program; and preparatory and clean-up work involved in other civic and Chamber of Commerce and Principal Shopping District activities, including: the "Cruise Event", "Winter Market" and "Day on the Town." Of particular note and pride is that the department decorates over 340 trees with LED lights as part of the Holiday Lighting program. Approximately 220 United States flags are placed on the streets in the CBD on the occasions listed below. Flags may be placed on the streets during other commemorations as directed by the City.

- Commission Government Day (Monday of Celebration Birmingham Week)
- Memorial Day
- Flag Day
- Fourth of July
- Citizenship Day of Constitution Week
- Veterans Day
- 9/11 Day

ICE SPORTS ARENA

The City of Birmingham operates and maintains this facility, open from mid-August until late-May. The schedule includes a variety of activities that include: instructional skating program to teach both figure skating and hockey elements; youth and adult hockey; home ice to the Birmingham United High School hockey teams for all home games and open skating and club activities such as the Birmingham Figure Skating Club and Birmingham Hockey Association. In addition, the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena provides skate rentals, skate sharpening and a full-service concession stand.

The budget assumes a continuation of ice use of the arena for a 35-week period, which includes an annual ice show. In addition, Parks and Recreation operation is housed year-round in the facility office. During the summer of 2016, the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena hosted three Mom to Mom Sales and will again host Mom to Mom Sales during the 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 fiscal years. In the past, off-season summer activities have included dog shows, garage sales, pickle ball and roller blading. The City continues to explore opportunities to offer rentals during the summer months (June 1st – July 31st) including ways of partnering with other community groups to best utilize the Arena facility. In addition, the Arena hosts various events and hockey tournaments.



LINCOLN HILLS GOLF COURSE

Lincoln Hills, located at 2666 West Fourteen Mile Road, is one of two municipal golf courses owned by the City of Birmingham. With its unique elevation changes, tree-lined fairways and alternative tee boxes, it makes for a very challenging round of golf. The golf course total yardage is just over 3,000 yards and plays to a par 35.

Lincoln Hills, a Jerry Matthews design, opened in 1964 and offers a clubhouse overlooking the course that was recently renovated in 2010. City staff operates the clubhouse and maintains the golf course and grounds. The operation is overseen by the Golf Operations Manager. The clubhouse staff is comprised of seasonal staff that provide a variety of services, including tee-time reservations, collecting green fees, renting golf cars, selling food and beverage items, and running club and outside golf tournaments. The maintenance staff, which includes full-time and seasonal employees, maintains the golf courses.





SPRINGDALE GOLF COURSE

Springdale, a Jerry Matthews design, dates back to the 1920's and it is the older of the two nine-hole golf courses. The golf course and Springdale Park encompass approximately 55 acres.

Since 2001, Springdale has gone through many changes, including the remodeling of the golf course (2001) which included: adding or rebuilding 26 sand bunkers; different teeing locations on each hole; three new putting greens; a pond; and additional mounding around the golf course. A stream bank restoration project was also completed in 2001. This helped to prevent erosion along the banks of the Rouge River. In the fall of 2006, a new pump house and pump station were installed to improve the irrigation system.

City staff operates the clubhouse and maintains the golf course. The operation is overseen by the Golf Operations Manager. The clubhouse staff is comprised of seasonal staff that provide a variety of services, including tee-time reservations, collecting green fees, renting golf cars, selling food and beverage items, and running club and outside tournaments. The maintenance staff, which includes full-time and seasonal employees, maintains the golf courses.

In 2016, the golf course added new sand to all bunkers with an addition of a new forward tee on #3. The parking lot is scheduled to be resurfaced in 2017 along with new tee signs and irrigation upgrades.

Parks and Recreation Bonds

In November 2001, City voters authorized the City of Birmingham to issue general-obligation unlimited tax bonds in an amount not to exceed \$25 million. The bonds could be sold in one or more issues. The proceeds from the bond sales were used to implement the Recreation 2000-2005 Master Plan. The Master Plan outlined the City's long-range goals for the acquisition and/or enhancement of parkland and recreational facilities. The first bond issue in the amount of \$15.7 million was sold in December 2002. A second bond issue in the amount of \$4 million was sold in June 2008.

Completed park improvement projects using the bond funding include the purchase of the Barnum building and land; the dredging and recreational improvements at Quarton Lake; Quarton Dam and Spillway improvements; construction of a skate park; purchase of the Dewey and Roeper properties; various site improvements at the Birmingham Museum; and improvements at Booth Park and Barnum Park. Improvements at Shain Park are also complete. Park bond funds in the amount of \$3 million were used for these improvements.

To accumulate monies for the payment of the 2008 and 2016 bond issues. The 2008 \$4,000,000, general-obligation bonds, are serial bonds due in varying annual installments through October 2028. The bonds bear interest rates ranging from 3% to 4%. These bonds were partially refunded in 2016. The 2016 \$14,375,000, general-obligation refunding bonds, refunded the 2006 Parks and Recreation Refunding Bonds, a portion of the 2008 Parks and Recreation Bonds, and the 2004 Sewer Improvement Refunding Bonds. \$10,360,000 of the \$14,375,000 bond issue was used to refund the above park and recreation bond issues. The refunding bonds are serial bonds due in varying annual installments through October 2028. The bonds bear interest rates ranging from 2% to 5%.

Grant History

When preparing a Recreation Plan, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that information be provided concerning grants that have been received in the past for acquisition or development of recreation facilities. As of December 2017, the City of Birmingham has not received any grant funding from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) nor the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The City of Birmingham has received grants from other sources not associated with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Related Initiatives

There are several related planning initiatives that are significant in terms of their relevance to the provision of recreation within the City of Birmingham. Each initiative is described in further detail in Table 4:

Table 4: City of Birmingham Planning Initiatives

City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Initiatives		
INITIATIVE	SUMMARY	PARKS AND RECREATION IMPLICATION
Poppleton Park Concept Plan (2016)	In 2016, the City prepared a concept plan which was endorsed by the Parks and Recreation Board and received by the City Commission.	The Department of Public Services is in the process of requesting funding, applying for grants, and soliciting donations for the implementation of the Concept Plan.
Adams Park Concept Plan (2016)	The Adams Park Concept Plan presents proposed phasing and development plans for renovations to the park. The Adams Park Concept Plan was endorsed by the Parks and Recreation Board in August 2016 and received by the City Commission in October 2016.	The Department of Public Services is in the process of requesting funding, applying for grants, and soliciting donations for the implementation of the Concept Plan.
Kenning Park Concept Plan (2014)	In 2014, the City prepared a concept plan which included ball field expansion and improvements. The Plan was endorsed by the Parks and Recreation Board and approved by the City Commission.	The Department of Public Services is currently in the process of seeking partnerships to assist in the implementation of the concept plan.
Booth Park Phase III Concept Plan (2007)	In 2007, residents and business owners throughout the community participated in the development of a Booth Park Concept Plan which identified three improvement phases.	DPS has already implemented Phase I and Phase II of the Booth Park Concept Plan. In the next five years, the City anticipates implementing Phase III of the plan which includes the development of the entrance plaza.
Barnum Park Phase II Concept Plan (2012)	The Barnum Park Phase II Concept Plan was developed in 2012. The Concept Plan calls for the construction of four shade structures and various landscape improvements.	Landscape improvements and the installation of two of the proposed four shade structures were completed in 2013. In the next five years, the City anticipates the installation of the final elements of the Barnum Park Phase II Concept Plan.
The Rouge River Trail Corridor Master Plan (2006)	The Rouge River Trail Corridor Master Plan identifies specific goals, trail improvements, concerns and desires for the River Rouge Trail Corridor as expressed by residents, City Commission, and Parks and Recreation Board.	The Rouge River Trail Corridor Master Plan has served as a guide map for the development of the trail system in Birmingham. The DPS is actively implementing trail connections and improvements identified in this plan.

**The City and Parks and Recreation Board are exploring partnership opportunities with Birmingham Little League to assist in the implementation of the Kenning Park Concept Plan. Birmingham Little League has proposed modifying the Kenning Park Concept Plan by removing one of the three proposed ball fields.*

Other City of Birmingham Initiatives

INITIATIVE	SUMMARY	PARKS AND RECREATION IMPLICATION
Birmingham Museum Master Plan (expected 2018)	The Birmingham Museum Master Plan will build off the 2008 Strategic Plan to redefine the museum's vision, mission, and priorities.	The Birmingham Museum is an important element in the Parks system. Recommendations developed in the Master Plan can present opportunities for partnership between Museum Leadership and the Department of Public Services.
Multi-Modal Transportation Plan (2017-2018)	The City of Birmingham is in the process of developing a citywide multi-modal transportation plan. The plan will be used by the City to improve and expand opportunities for pedestrians, bicycles and transit users to respond to the growing demand for alternative forms of travel and to promote safe and comfortable transportation options.	The Multi-Modal Transportation Plan will plan for safe walking, biking, and transit connections to City of Birmingham Parks. The desire for better multi-modal connections was one of the most frequently heard needs from the public engagement process of the Parks and Recreation Plan.
Eton Road Corridor Plan (2013)	This plan addresses development along the Eton Road Corridor. It specifically encourages a mixed used corridor with a mix of commercial, service, light industrial, and residential uses.	The Eton Road Corridor Plan calls for the development of a linear park along the CN Railroad corridor. The linear park could significantly improve park access in the rail district.
Activating Urban Space: A Strategy for Alleys and Passages (2012)	This study identifies alleys and passages in and around Downtown Birmingham, and seeks to provide a framework to classify alleys and passages into different categories based on their existing uses and to outline options to capitalize on opportunities for aesthetic improvement and activation of these spaces.	The recommendations in this plan encourage the enhancement of the urban realm by improving pedestrian and bicycle connectivity and better engagement opportunities within alleys. Improved multi-modal access is important to park system and the space created in alleys offer the opportunity for innovative recreation partnerships between DPS, the Planning Department, and the Birmingham Shopping District.
Triangle District Urban Design Plan (2007)	This plan sets forth a new vision for the Triangle District as a vibrant, mixed-use neighborhood of homes, shops, restaurants, offices and public plazas and identifies guidelines, and recommendations to achieve this vision.	The plan identifies opportunities for integrating public plazas and opens space as part of any redevelopment within the district. These public plazas and open spaces will complement the parks system.
Wayfinding & Signage Design Program (2004)	This plan is designed to establish a vision and long-range set of general guidelines for the community's current and future signage needs. The document serves as a blueprint for addressing the signage system as it relates to wayfinding around the city and identification of points of interest.	Wayfinding and signage are important elements of the park system. Wayfinding to parks increase residents' knowledge of the system and signage within the parks improves the enjoyment of amenities provided.
Downtown Birmingham 2016: Master Plan (1996)	The Downtown Birmingham 2016 master plan a strategic document for the development of Birmingham for over 20 years. The plan made recommendations establishing the development of a City with a downtown instead of the conventional suburban design. Some topics discussed include: streetscaping, traffic circulation, and overlay zones.	The plan included ten park improvements; a civic square expansion; a traffic-calming boulevard; and specified an entirely new streetscape plan including lighting, benches, and paving. The recommendations in the plan has helped Birmingham develop as economically successful community and as one of the most walkable cities in Southeast Michigan.

Regional Initiatives

INITIATIVE	SUMMARY	PARKS AND RECREATION IMPLICATION
Oakland County Trails Master Plan (2003)	The Oakland County Trails Master Plan has been developed to provide a framework for creating a connected system of greenways and trails throughout Oakland County.	The non-motorized system serves a diverse range of users within the City, providing safe and well-maintained linkages to important natural, cultural and civic destinations and other points of interest.
The Rouge Green Corridor (2007)	The effort is a partnership between Oakland County, Southfield, Beverly Hills, Birmingham, the Southeast Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA), Oakland County Office of the Drain Commissioner, Friends of the Rouge, the Oakland Land Conservancy, and concerned citizens. The partnership has worked on several projects including the Rouge Green Corridor Identity Project, the Urban Habitat Conservation and Stewardship Project, a Self-Guided Tour, Management Plans, Branding Package, etc.	The Rouge is a critical part of the Parks system in Birmingham. Improvements to The Rouge Green Corridor improves City of Birmingham residents' enjoyment and access to one of the region's significant natural features.



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Parks, Recreation, and Trails Inventory

Opportunities for recreation are available year-round in Birmingham. Twenty-six parks with over 230 acres cover more than 10% of the city's total acreage, and the school district also provides recreational facilities. Residents can play baseball, softball, and tennis, and enjoy playgrounds and picnic facilities. Two nine-hole municipal golf courses offer golf and golf lessons. The Birmingham Racquet Club features indoor courts and a waiting area. Those who enjoy winter sports can sled and cross-country ski at Birmingham's Lincoln Hills golf course. Indoor ice skating is available at the Ice Sports Arena which provides for open skating, lessons and ice hockey group and an outside temporary ice arena at Barnum Park is available to use based on the climate.

Birmingham's parks and recreational services extend beyond its residents. The City's exceptional facilities are host to a variety of private organizations and residents of neighboring communities who rely on the recreational facilities for their programming needs. Similarly, Birmingham's parks and programmed events, such as In- The-Park concert series, have become regional destinations.



City Parks and Facilities

Developing a complete inventory of recreation facilities, programs, and events is an essential component of a five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan as it provides a base of information to use in developing the Action Plan. Understanding what facilities, programs, and events are available to the City of Birmingham residents will assist decision-making in the future.

The following inventory and the adjoining Parks and Recreation Inventory Map details the amenities currently available at each of the 26 public facilities and the facility's respective location.

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is a national, non-profit service organization dedicated to advancing parks, recreation and environmental efforts that enhance the quality of life for all people. NRPA works closely with national, state and local recreation and park agencies, corporations and citizens' groups in carrying out its objectives. As part of its activities, NRPA has created a hierarchy of park types which recognizes open space services at differing levels based on a number of characteristics including community need, park function, park location, and community size. NRPA provides a number of criteria that help communities establish a similar hierarchy for their communities, all of which are suggested but not required to be followed without modification by each community.

The City of Birmingham is 4.8 square miles large, about 3,072 acres. Of the total acreage within the City, parks, recreation, and school facilities make up 315 acres

(10.3%), with the City owning and managing only 231 (7.5%) of those acres. While the parks and recreation system in the City of Birmingham is comprehensive, the percentage of acreage owned and maintained as a park by the City is less than half of the amount that many larger cities or more suburban communities have. Therefore, the application of the categories established by NRPA (Mini, Neighborhood, Community, and Regional) have been modified to best reflect the character and use of parks and recreation facilities in the City of Birmingham.

Specifically, the City of Birmingham Department of Public Services considers the following when inventorying and classifying the parks within the its system:






- **The range of park sizes within the City.** Birmingham has parks and recreation facilities that range from 0.2 acres to 57.13 acres. However, 11 of the City's 26 parks are less than 4 acres large and, with the exception of the golf courses, only three of the remaining parks are larger than ten acres: Quarton Lake, Kenning Park, and Poppleton Park. Due to the lack of variety in park size, specifically the City's dearth of parks larger than ten acres, the City considers park size in conjunction with a variety of factors when establishing its hierarchy of park types.
- **The relationship of the parks to one another and their location within the City.** While there may not be many large parks, the City considers the park system and each parks' location when establishing park type. For example, Booth Park and Shain Park are not large in acreage but are located near each other and in the City's downtown. Due to the parks' proximity to each other and downtown, as well as their accessibility from other neighborhoods, the spaces are able to serve a larger area.
- **Site Characteristics.** Often the City considers the specific a property's characteristics when determining the park type, including if the site has areas for passive and/or active recreation, if the site is accessible from nearby neighborhoods, and/or if the site provides a specialized activity or experience.
- **The surrounding communities.** The City of Birmingham also considers residents' access to parks and recreation facilities in nearby communities. This includes activities that augment the existing system, such as swimming, camping, hiking, dog play etc.
- **Other available spaces.** The City of Birmingham has one of the best downtown's in southeast Michigan and serves as a gathering space with plazas and areas for walking. While the downtown may not be a park, it often functions as a third place for community members.

Map 2 Parks and Recreation Inventory

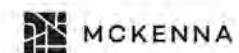
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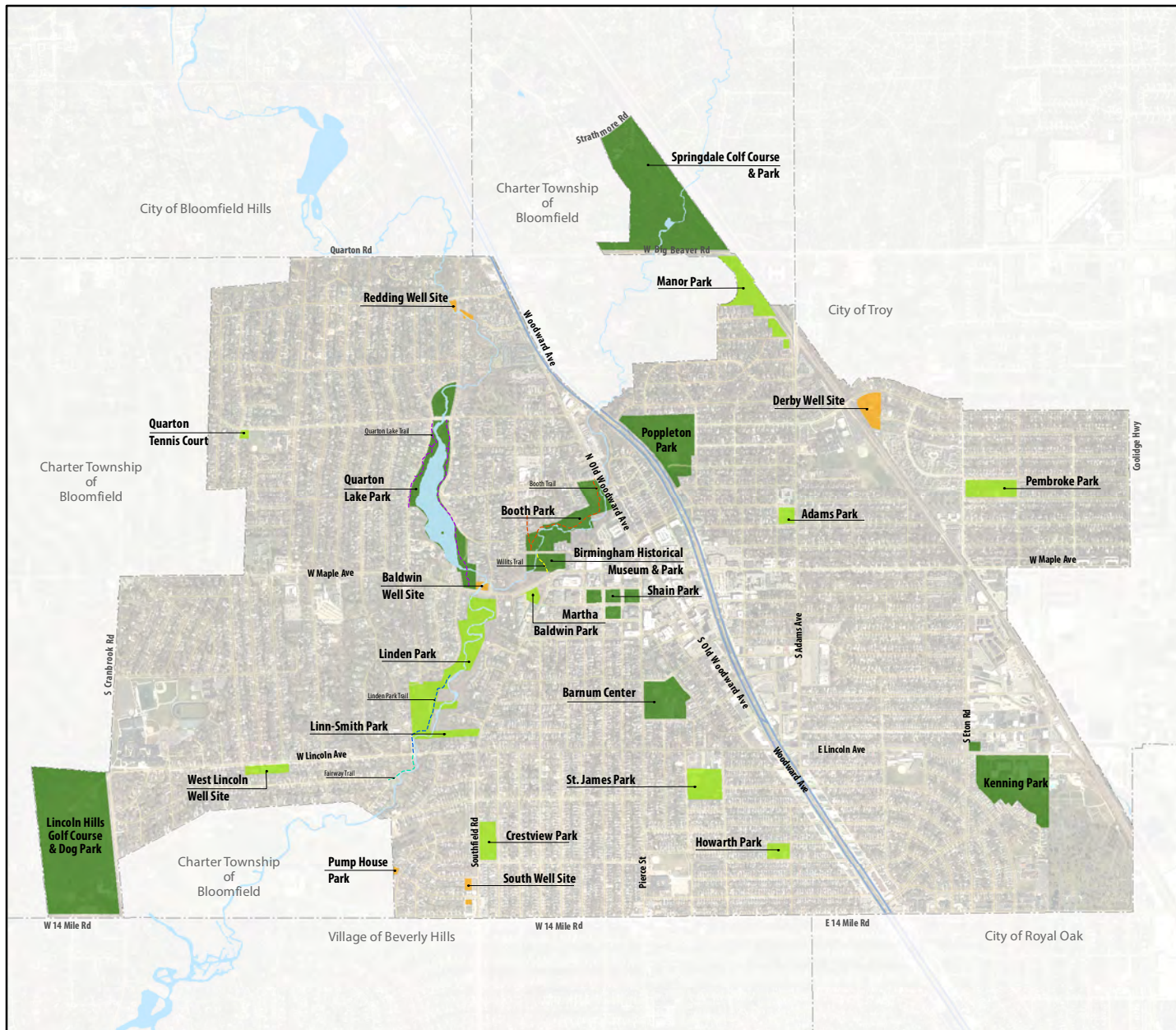
LEGEND

-  Mini Parks
-  Neighborhood Parks
-  Community Parks
-  Waterbodies
-  Municipal Boundary

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Data Source: SEMCOG, 2017



Mini Parks

Mini parks are categorized as small, specialized parks that usually serve the needs of residents in the immediate neighborhood. These parks usually serve a limited population or specific demographic group.

Baldwin Well Site	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE 0.55	CLASSIFICATION Mini Park
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Baldwin Well Site is located at the corner of Baldwin and West Maple. No amenities are located at this site.

Derby Well Site	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE 3.57	CLASSIFICATION Mini Park
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The Derby Well Site, located on the northeast side of the city adjacent to the railroad along Derby Road, contains no recreational amenities



Pump House Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE 0.2	CLASSIFICATION Mini Park
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The Pump House Park is located in the southwest portion of the city at Wakefield and Norfolk. There is some small play equipment located at this site.

Redding Well Site	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE 0.38	CLASSIFICATION Mini Park
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Redding Well Site is located at the corner of Lakeside Drive and Redding in the northwest portion of the city. No amenities are located at this site

South Well Site	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE 0.64	CLASSIFICATION Mini Park
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The South Well Site, which is broken into two small vacant parcels, is located at Southfield and Southlawn in the southwestern portion of the city.

Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood parks are typically multi-purpose facilities that serve as the recreational and social focus of a neighborhood. They provide areas for both passive and active recreation activities such as field games, court games, playgrounds, picnicking, etc. Neighborhood parks are generally serve residents within one-half mile.

Adams Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE 1.45	CLASSIFICATION Neighborhood Park
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Adams Park is located directly adjacent to Roeper School. In 2006, the City of Birmingham acquired the park property adjacent to the Roeper School. As part of the purchase agreement, the city is responsible for the maintenance, lawn care and snow removal; and the property must be used as a public park so long as the school is operated adjacent to the park. In addition, Roeper will utilize the park during the school year for activities currently undertaken by the school on the grounds. Amenities include a soccer field, open space, and a play area.

In 2016, the Adams Parks Concept Plan was endorsed by the Parks and Recreation Board and received by the City Commission.

Crestview Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE 3.58	CLASSIFICATION Neighborhood Park
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Crestview Park is located near the southern border of Birmingham, north of Southlawn between Southfield and Shipman Roads. Crestview Park contains open space for soccer, two tennis courts, and playground equipment including swings, climbers and a play structure. There are also benches, waste receptacles, and a drinking fountain within the park.

Howarth Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE 1.98	CLASSIFICATION Neighborhood Park
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Howarth Park is located at the intersection of Cummings and Emmons Roads in the southern portion of the city. The park consists of open space, a baseball field, drinking fountain, benches, signage, ADA accessible path to access the park, and play equipment with a woodchip surfacing. The play equipment includes swings, a climber and a play structure. In 2005, the Birmingham Rotary Club was recognized by the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association with a community service award for their donation and improvements to Howarth Park. Improvements included a park bench, drinking fountain, and planting of new trees..

Linden Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE 7.37	CLASSIFICATION Neighborhood Park
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Linden Park is accessed at the intersection of Linden and Brandon, north of Lincoln Road. The park is nestled between residential properties and the Rouge River. The park is predominately open space with a play structure and woodchip surfacing near Brandon Street. A storm-water treatment control station with a gravel access road is also located on the east side of the park, adjacent to the Rouge River. There is access to a Rouge River woodchip trail along the Rouge River via Hawthorne Road. Future expansion of the Rouge trail will connect the play structure and provide trail access from Brandon and Shirley.

Linn Smith Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE 2.04	CLASSIFICATION Neighborhood Park
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Linn-Smith Park is a small, linear shaped park on the east side of the Rouge River. The park consists entirely of open space and is located between the Rouge River and Southfield Road. An entry plaza along Southfield Road and a boardwalk located near the proposed bridge will connect Linn-Smith Park with Linden Park with the trail system.

Manor Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE 8.47	CLASSIFICATION Neighborhood Park
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Manor Park is an undeveloped nature preserve used for passive recreation. The parkland is located off Adams Road in the northern portion of the city, south of Big Beaver Road and adjacent to the Canadian National Railroad. The park is open during daylight hours and contains a variety of hardwood, ornamental and coniferous trees. The park is bordered by a split rail fence along Shepardsbush with a gravel off-street parking area. Manor Park has a short chipped trail.

Martha Baldwin Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE 0.99	CLASSIFICATION Neighborhood Park
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The Martha Baldwin Park is located on the west side of Southfield Road at the intersection of Southfield and Maple Roads. The park consists of open space, mature trees, and a water garden. There is a bench and steps leading into the park from Maple.

The park is named after Martha Baldwin who donated the land to the City in 1913. Martha Baldwin, a native of Birmingham, teacher, and elected official significantly contributed to the development of the City. A four-member board ensures that the wishes and memory Martha Baldwin are preserved at her namesake park.

Pembroke Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE 5.3	CLASSIFICATION Neighborhood Park
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Pembroke Park comprises one block on the east side of Birmingham between Eton, Edenborough, Windemere and Buckingham. The park includes open space and several pieces of playground equipment including swings, slides, climbers, sandboxes, play-structures and rockers installed over a woodchip base. The park also contains a Little League baseball field, picnic tables, two tennis courts, a soccer area, a hard surface basketball area, drinking fountain, and signage.



Quarton Tennis Court	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE	CLASSIFICATION
		0.43	Neighborhood Park

Quarton Tennis Courts are located at the corner of Oak at Glenhurst. The site includes two tennis courts, one trash receptacle and one drinking fountain.

St. James Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE	CLASSIFICATION
		5.98	Neighborhood Park

St. James Park is located in the southern portion of the city, south of Lincoln and directly south of the Birmingham YMCA. St. James Park contains open space which is used for a soccer area during the summer months. The park also has the city's only regulation-size baseball diamond in addition to two tennis courts, and several pieces of ADA- compliant play equipment installed over a woodchip surface. Also, the park contains a hard surface basketball area, benches and trash containers located in the proximity of the play equipment.

The City of Birmingham has discussed partnership opportunities as it relates to St. James Park, specifically with the YMCA.



W. Lincoln Well Site	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE	CLASSIFICATION
		2.24	Neighborhood Park

The Lincoln Well Site is located on the south side of Lincoln Road at Westchester Way. The park contains open space, two tennis courts and play equipment including swings, slides, sandbox and rockers.

Community Parks

Community parks typically contain a wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of residents from the community. Community parks may include areas for intense active recreation as well as passive recreation opportunities not commonly found in mini or neighborhood parks. Community parks generally serve residents within a three-mile radius. Community parks also include smaller parks that are more specialized in nature and are meant to serve the entire community.

Birmingham Museum	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE 2.83	CLASSIFICATION Community Park
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The Birmingham Museum is located in the heart of the Historic Park area at the corner of Maple and Southfield Roads in downtown Birmingham. The museum and park was established in 1969 when the voters approved a bond to purchase the Allen House and the surrounding 1.67 acres. The intent at that time was to establish a historical museum. At the same time, the 1822 John West Hunter House was given to the city. The house was moved to the Historic Park in July 1970. The City of Birmingham maintains the park and the historic structure. On May 19, 2001, the Birmingham Historical Museum was opened to collect, preserve and promote Birmingham's heritage. The Birmingham Historical Board is responsible for oversight of both the grounds and museum.

The Birmingham Museum will be updating their strategic master plan in 2018.

Barnum Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE 9.0	CLASSIFICATION Community Park
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Barnum Park is located at Pierce and Frank and includes such features as a play structure, softball, soccer fields, a crushed stone walking path, garden sanctuary, tree-lined promenade and an outdoor ice rink.

Design work and improvements were completed in 2012. These features are the sanctuary, heart of the park, play area and overall landscape improvements. The improvements were primarily funded using donation dollars. In 2013, the City completed landscape improvements which included the installation of two of the planned four shade structures.



Booth Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE 3.93	CLASSIFICATION Community Park
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Booth Park is located at the southwest intersection of Old Woodward and Harmon, north of the Rouge River branch. Its features include an expansive playscape, a labyrinth and tunnel, turf hill/amphitheater, during the winter months an area for sledding, rain garden, stabilized stream banks, native plantings, a trail connecting to the Rouge River Trail, and open green space.

The award-winning park was originally the site of the turn- of-the-century inter-urban railway system. It was later purchased by the Booth family and then donated to the City by the Cranbrook Foundation. It is now a beautiful recreational area attracting hundreds of visitors from all over southeast Michigan.

In 2007, residents and business owners throughout the community raised more than \$170,000 in private donations and also participated heavily in the planning of the park. In the span of just one week, the playscape structures were built thanks to the helping hands of hundreds of community residents.



Kenning Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE 21.71	CLASSIFICATION Community Park
<p>Kenning Park is located in the southeast portion of the city adjacent to Lincoln Road. The site is the primary recreation complex in the community and is home to the Ice Sports Arena. Outdoor facilities at Kenning Park include three Little League baseball diamonds and one softball diamond, four tennis courts, open space and playground equipment with an ADA accessible path leading from the parking area to the playground.</p> <p>In 2004, a skate park was installed on the east side of the arena. The city has also negotiated a long-term lease for the Racquet Club at Kenning Park. The contractor provides two tennis bubbles which cover six courts during the winter months. These bubbles meet the demand for year-round tennis opportunities for area residents. Inside the racquet club are locker rooms, a pro shop, and children's nursery. Adult and junior lessons, tennis leagues, club mixers, and court time for individual play are part of the 32-week indoor season.</p> <p>Birmingham residents pay a reduced membership fee.</p> <p>In 2014, the City prepared a concept plan which was endorsed by the Parks and Recreation Board and received by the City Commission. This plan included a partnership with the Birmingham Little League, who offered to partner in making significant improvements to the ball fields. The City and the Parks and Recreation Board continue to discuss bringing some elements of the Master Plan to fruition.</p>	  		

Ice Sports Arena	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE 21.71	CLASSIFICATION Community Park
<p>The Birmingham Ice Sports Arena is located on the Kenning Park property in the southeast portion of the city. The indoor arena contains a regulation sized ice rink with bleacher seating for 920 spectators. A smaller, studio arena is used for lessons and skate parties within the complex. The arena has a contracted pro shop and is open for use August through May.</p>			
Lincoln Hills Golf Course	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE 57.13	CLASSIFICATION Community Park
<p>The nine-hole municipal Lincoln Hills Golf Course is located in the southwest portion of the city off 14 Mile Road.</p> <p>Lincoln Hills is one of the top municipal, nine-hole golf courses in the Detroit Metropolitan area. The par for men and women is 35, and the course ranges from 3,023 yards from the blue tees to 2,336 yards from the red tees. Course offerings include a PGA golf pro, youth and adult lessons, golf handicap services, golf education center and league play.</p> <p>Some of the amenities offered are: electric golf car and pull-cart rentals; lessons; rental clubs; and food and beverage for purchase. Membership is offered to Birmingham residents, property tax payers, employees of Birmingham-based businesses and nonresidents. A Golf Membership must be purchased for course membership. Members may bring a maximum of three guests at the established guest rate. Golf is available to the public in the early part and later part of the golf season. Lincoln Hills is also made available for winter activities including sledding and cross-country skiing.</p> <p>In fall 2010, an off-leash dog area was re-established at Lincoln Hills Golf Course. The city has installed fencing, signage, waste receptacles, and a dog waste bag dispenser for the designated dog park area. Residents and community members access the dog park through a key fob.</p>			 

Poppleton Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE 17.21	CLASSIFICATION Community Park
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Poppleton Park comprises a significant piece of property in the northern portion of the city, east of Woodward Avenue. The park is accessed from Oxford and Rivenoak Roads, both of which are residential streets. The north end of Poppleton Park contains several pieces of play equipment including swings, climbers, sandboxes, and playscapes. There are also benches and trash containers in this area as well as considerable open space. Poppleton Park also contains a softball field with an athletic mix infield, grassy outfield, warning track, homerun fence and bleachers. A paved parking lot is located at the end of Rivenoak Road. A drinking fountain is located between the parking lot and baseball field. The park also has two tennis courts.





In 2016, the City prepared a concept plan which was endorsed by the Parks and Recreation Board and received by the City Commission.

Quarton Lake	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE 57.13	CLASSIFICATION Community Park
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Quarton Lake, located on the city's west side, is fed by the Rouge River. The Quarton Lake Park surrounds the lake almost entirely and provides passive recreation areas for the public. In 2005, the park and lake underwent restoration which included: dredging of sediment, removal of invasive species, shoreline stabilization, creation of a fish habitat, and an assessment of the tributary stream corridor. Lake restoration activities were coordinated with improvements to the adjacent park. Park improvements included the clean-up and beautification of the historic park grounds and the extension of several pathways and parking areas to improve accessibility. Further improvements also included creating several viewing areas, installing a footbridge over the water just below the dam, adding a new fishing pier, and improving the pathway system.



Shain Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE 2.26	CLASSIFICATION Community Park
<p>Shain Park (located on Merrill Street in downtown Birmingham) is often considered the heart of the City. The 2010 renovations include a plaza fountain with granite décor, a band shell, a new children's play area, paved Merrill Street, the relocation of the Marshall Fredericks statue, installation of a performance stage area with open lawn space for large audiences, and a reconstructed parking lot.</p>			
Springdale Park and Golf Course	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING	ACREAGE 45.03	CLASSIFICATION Community Park
<p>The Springdale Park and Golf Course, is located at the northeast corner of the city, north of Big Beaver Road with access from Strathmore Road. Springdale was originally built in 1929 and is the shorter of the two municipal golf courses. The park was obtained in 1934 in a settlement agreement with Bloomfield Township and Bloomfield Hills.</p> <p>The par for men and women is 34, and the course yardage from the blue tees is 2,732 yards and 2,196 from the red tees. The clubhouse offers power carts, pull carts, food and beverage for purchase, and league play.</p> <p>Membership is offered to Birmingham residents, property tax payers, employees of Birmingham-based businesses and nonresidents. A golf membership must be purchased.</p> <p>The park portion of the property is located at the north end of the property. There is a paved drive and parking area, large pavilion with tables and benches, ADA compliant playground equipment with woodchip surfacing, grills, a drinking fountain, and open space. Park-goers have access to the clubhouse restrooms while using the park facilities. The pavilion is available for group rentals.</p>			

School Facilities

The City of Birmingham maintains a working relationship with the Birmingham Public School District. As is detailed in the next chapter, the school district provides much of the recreation programming through the Community Education Program. The city and schools maintain communication for use of city and school facilities with an informal policy for scheduling.

PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES

A total of five public school properties were inventoried for available recreation facilities. While school facilities are not accessible at all times and are not maintained or upgraded by the City of Birmingham, they do play an important role in the provision of recreation opportunities and facilities to residents.

Derby Middle School:

Derby Middle School is located in the northeast portion of the city between Adams Road and the Canadian National Railroad. The school is located on a large piece of property which includes a practice football field, two soccer fields, a regulation-size baseball field and a football field with goal posts. The school site also has three basketball hoops and a partial asphalt path leading past the baseball field near the railroad tracks. The school also has an indoor pool.

Midvale Center:

The Midvale Center is located adjacent to the Seaholm High School property along Midvale Street. The center includes the Birmingham Area Senior Group (NEXT) and the BPS Early Childhood Center. There are swings, a play structure, tot lot structure and baseball field on the west side of the Center.

Pierce Elementary School:

Pierce School is located near the southern border of the city, east of Pierce Road. The site contains two basketball hoops, a baseball field, two soccer field, and play equipment including swings, three play structures, climbers, etc.

Quarton Elementary School:

The Quarton Elementary School is located near the western border of the city, off Oak Street. The school property includes a practice soccer field, baseball fields, four basketball hoops, and play equipment including swings, climbers and two play structures. On a city-owned parcel adjacent to the school sits two tennis courts, a bench, trash receptacle and a drinking fountain.

Seaholm High School:

Birmingham Seaholm High School is located on the western edge of the city, north of Lincoln Road. The high school property includes seven tennis courts and a football/soccer stadium with lights, a press box, scoreboard and bleachers, a baseball and softball field with bleachers as well as open areas for practice fields. The high school has an indoor pool, outdoor track and a climbing high rope course. The property is also the location of the Birmingham Community Education Department.





PRIVATE SCHOOL FACILITIES

There are four private schools within the city boundaries including:

Eton Academy:

Eton Academy is located in the southeast portion of the city, adjacent to Melton Road, south of Kenning Park. The Academy has one soccer field, benches and a small open area with swings and a playscape.

Holy Name Catholic School:

Holy Name Catholic School is located north of Harmon Street, west of Old Woodward Avenue. The school has a small playscape.

Our Shepherd Lutheran:

Our Shepherd Lutheran School is located in the southeast portion of the city, south of Lincoln Street. The property includes a practice softball diamond, a soccer field, indoor gym, open space and play equipment.

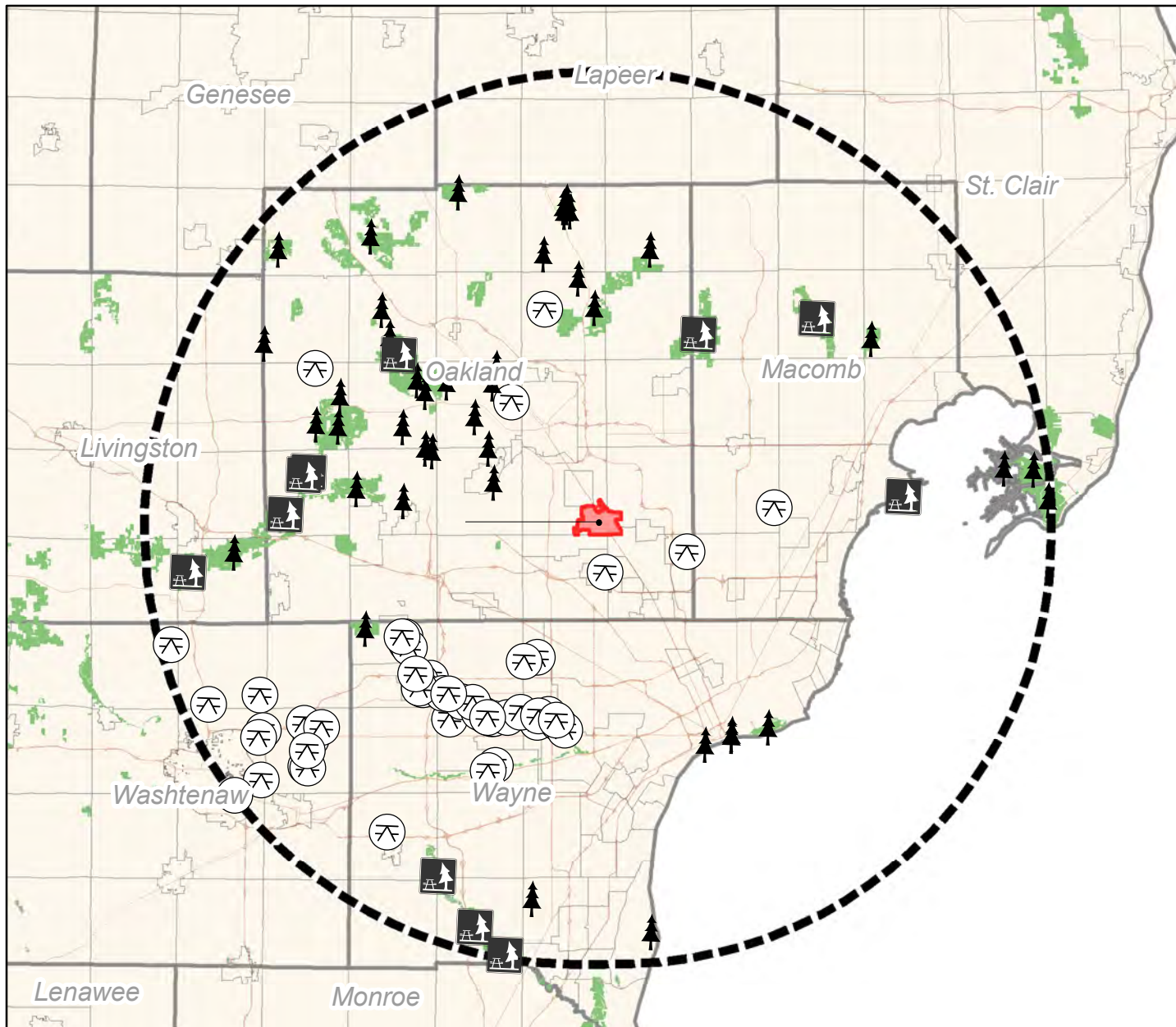
Roeper School:

Roeper School is located in the northeast portion of the city, north of Maple Road. The school is adjacent to Adams Park. The property includes a soccer field, basketball courts, open space, and a play area.



Regional Parks and Facilities

Regional parks offer unique natural features that are particularly suited for outdoor recreation, such as viewing and studying nature, fishing, boating, hiking, and trail use. Many also include active play areas such as ball field or courts. While these parks are not used for formal programming by the City of Birmingham, they provide active and passive recreational opportunities to the residents of the community. Regional facilities are provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority, and Oakland County Parks System. The regional parks located within close proximity (30 miles) of the City are shown on Map 3- Regional Parks and Facilities. While the following describes the nearly 6,000 acres of natural landscapes and outdoor recreation provided through the Oakland County Parks System.



Map 3 Regional Parks and Facilities

Birmingham . Michigan


October 30, 2017

LEGEND

Regional Parks

-  Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority
-  State Park
-  County Parks
-  30 mile radius

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Data Source: SEMCOG, 2017

Addison Oaks:

Addison Oaks is a scenic 1,139-acre park in northeast Oakland County with two lakes and spring-fed ponds.

Catalpa Oaks:

Catalpa Oaks' nearly 24 acres of open space is nestled in Southfield, just west of Greenfield Road. The park currently features six soccer fields, a baseball diamond and softball field. Fields are reserved by permit.

Glen Oaks:

The Glen Oaks Golf Course features an 18-hole, Par 70 course with challenging Par 3 holes crossing streams, with rolling terrain. The 122-acre course includes a 1920's English-style stone clubhouse designated as a Michigan Historical Building serves as a beautiful setting for banquets, weddings and golf outings (food service provided by Oak Management). There's also a formal garden ideal for outdoor weddings.

Groveland Oaks:

Groveland Oaks County Park is a summer family favorite, with picnicking, swimming and family camping on 362 acres near Holly.

Highland Oaks:

Highland Oaks offers 302 acres of picturesque rolling hills, wetlands and old pastures. Located within the headwaters of the Shiawassee River, Highland Oaks preserves sensitive habitat while providing recreational experiences in a natural setting.

Independence Oaks:

Enjoy year-round recreation in this naturally-maintained 1,285-acre park near Clarkston.

Lyon Oaks:

Lyon Oaks in Wixom preserves 800 acres of environmentally sensitive wetlands within a 1,041-acre park. The park features a 13-acre, fenced dog park.

Orion Oaks:

Orion Oaks County Park preserves more than 916 acres of environmentally-sensitive green space.

Red Oaks:

At this 163-acre park built on the Red Run Drain, golfers, dog lovers and sports enthusiasts will find clean, safe facilities and opportunities to enjoy the outdoors with family and friends.

Rose Oaks:

Rose Oaks Park preserves 640 acres of gently rolling open meadows and wooded uplands, including approximately 200 acres of valuable wetlands and frontage on several glacial lakes within the site.




Springfield Oaks:

Springfield Oaks County Park's 332 acres is home to the annual Oakland County Fair, the historic Ellis Barn, the Springfield Oaks Golf Course and a Community Service Garden.

Waterford Oaks:

Waterford Oaks is a 185-acre park near Pontiac, headquarters of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission.

White Lake Oaks:

White Lake Oaks is a scenic 18-hole, par 70 course. The 197-acre course is a well-manicured, player-friendly layout with front nine open and back nine tight, featuring wetlands and woodlands. The new clubhouse features a pro shop, club room, garden patio, and banquet facilities for groups up to 200.

Barrier Free Accessibility

The passage of the American Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requires all areas of public service, including parks and other recreation facilities, to have barrier-free accessibility. An evaluation of the City of Birmingham's parks and recreation facilities has been conducted as part of the inventory. In accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) standards, facilities were evaluated to determine if a person with any of the following criteria can safely and independently access and use the park or facility:

- Has limited sight or is blind
- Uses a wheelchair
- Has a hearing impairment or is deaf
- Uses a walking aid
- Has a mental impairment

A five-point evaluation system was used to rank each facility's accessibility. The system is described below and the accessibility rankings can be found in the Inventory Tables contained in Appendix D.

Level 1.

The park is not accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. The site includes little paved areas and the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.

Level 2.

The park is somewhat accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Either the parking area or pathways are paved, but not both. Many of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.

Level 3.

The park is mostly accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Most of the parking areas and pathways are paved, and some of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are accessible but may be completely barrier-free.

Level 4.

The park is completely accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Parking areas and pathways are paved, and most of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are easily accessible.

Level 5.

The entire park was developed or renovated using the principles of universal design, a design approach which enables all environments to be usable by everyone, to the greatest extent possible, regardless of age, ability, or situation.

INCLUSIVE PLAY

For children with and without disabilities, the community playground can facilitate a positive environment for physical activity and inclusion.

The ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), signed into law in 2010, detail enforceable standards for physical accessibility. However, these standards do not include elements designed for children with Down syndrome, sensory disorders, and visual and hearing impairments.

New attention has been focused on inclusive playgrounds and universal design that can serve a diverse population, including children with physical, cognitive, emotional and sensory disabilities.

The following elements are considered essential activities for inclusive play:

- Sensory play
- Music
- Swinging
- Spinning
- Sliding
- Socialization/imaginative
- Safety, comfort and access

Sources: United States Access Board, Landscape Structures;
InclusivePlaygrounds.org





INTERACTIVE PLAY – SPLASH PADS

Splash pads or spray parks have made a big splash as a common replacement for aging swimming pools or alternative aquatic amenity, particularly because they still provide the community with aquatic experiences without the high operating costs of traditional pools. Spray parks do not require high levels of staffing, require only minimal maintenance and offer a low-cost alternative to a swimming pool. They typically appeal to kids 2–12 year olds and can be a stand-alone facility in a community park or incorporated inside a family aquatic center.

Splash pads tend to serve as a regional amenity, with some cities reporting over 10,000 visitors at parks from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Cities can choose to charge an admission fee for residents and/or nonresidents to control crowds and ensure enough revenue to fund maintenance and staffing.

The location of a splash pad is important. Cities should analyze several potential locations for visibility, parking capacity, screening from neighbors and accessibility for the public.



Quasi-Public and Private Recreation Facilities

Recreation facilities which are not owned or operated by the City of Birmingham or the Public School District were also inventoried due to their relevance in the provision of recreational opportunities to Birmingham residents.

Birmingham/Bloomfield Art Center: The Birmingham/Bloomfield Art Center is located in the southwest portion of the city, west of Cranbrook Road, adjacent to the Lincoln Hills Golf Course. The non-profit Art Center offers over 500 high-quality art classes and workshops annually for students of all ages and abilities. The Center also holds a children's art camp, changing exhibitions and competitions, works of fine art for purchase or rental and a student pottery sale. The annual Birmingham Fine Arts Festival is held each year in May. A Gallery Shop is located in the Center, providing an opportunity to purchase high quality fine works of art by regional and national artists.

First United Methodist Church: The Christian Life Center, located on Maple, west of Southfield. The center offers a wide range of physical, social and spiritual enrichment activities that can be integrated through recreation, education and fellowship and serves all ages.

Park, is a private swim club in Birmingham that is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

The Community House: On January 5, 1921, a small group of women officially committed themselves to the concept that "a house big enough for dances, mass raise funds to establish such a center. In April 1923, they rented a small house on the corner of Bates and Maple, officially establishing the first Community House.

When the community recognized the need for a larger establishment, a campaign was initiated and on April 28, 1930, The Community House on Bates Street opened to the public. The original structure covered the area from Townsend Street on the south to the middle of the block, where the center chimney is now, on the north. The rest of the building (from the center chimney to Merrill Street) was added in October 1990.

In its more than 90 years of existence, and in spite of overwhelming changes in our society, The Community House has stayed true to its mission of building a strong community. People of all ages and interests continue to be served by the many and varied programs and services offered by The Community House.

Birmingham Family YMCA: The Birmingham YMCA is located adjacent to Lincoln Road, west of Woodward and directly north of St. James Park. The YMCA offers classes, programs and activities for all ages, that are detailed in the 'programs' portion of this chapter. The YMCA has gymnasiums, swimming pools, weight rooms, exercise rooms and a variety of individual meeting rooms.

Programming

An understanding of the programs and events which are currently offered by the City of Birmingham as well as programs offered by other entities within the city will help identify programming needs and avoid the duplication of services.

Birmingham Next (formerly Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council and Center): Birmingham Next is a non-profit tax-exempt organization providing services to persons 55 and older in the Birmingham School District and surrounding communities. The Senior Center is located within the Midvale Center with membership costs varying. Next offers such services as activities and travel programs, meal programs, medical equipment for loan, housing information, support groups, transportation and information and referrals. Next publishes a newsletter highlighting activities, classes, information and opportunities such as new tax laws, holiday parties, computer classes, aerobics, golf and bowling leagues, card games and support groups.

City of Birmingham Golf Courses: The Junior Golf Program is available for children between the ages of 7 and 14 during the summer school break. The program teaches golf fundamentals and offers golf on the Course. Adult golf leagues are a staple at both golf courses during the week.

City of Birmingham Ice Sports Arena: Programs offered through the City of Birmingham at the Ice Sports Arena include skating lessons for beginners to freestyle, an annual ice show, group parties, parents and tots skating and hockey, and adult hockey. Open skating is available on various days and times.

City of Birmingham In-the-Park Summer Concerts: “In-the-Park” concerts are offered Wednesday evenings in Shain Park from mid-June to mid-August. The event highlights a wide variety of musical talents from the surrounding areas.

YMCA: The YMCA offers many programs and activities for all ages. Membership fees vary. Some of the classes and activities offered include:

- Babysitting
- In-line hockey
- Open swim
- Senior activities
- Weight training
- Yoga
- Dance
- Fitness screening
- Kickboxing
- Parties and events
- Soccer
- Wellness classes
- Day camps
- Gymnastics
- Massage therapy
- Preschool programs
- Swim lessons
- Wrestling

Volunteer Organizations/Leagues/Associations/Public/Private Partnerships: In addition to the above listed recreational programs, many other clubs and groups offer social, competitive, and child-oriented recreational activities. Many of these groups are volunteer organizations requiring payment of annual or monthly dues to support activities.

These groups serve an integral role in recreation planning because they offer programs for residents that are not offered by the City of Birmingham. The following groups are active in Birmingham and utilize city properties and facilities:



- Birmingham Baseball Little League
- Birmingham Beverly Hills Church Softball League
- Birmingham Bloomfield Soccer Club
- Birmingham Figure Skating Club
- Birmingham Friends and Relatives Conservatory
- Birmingham Girls Softball League
- Birmingham Hockey Association
- Birmingham Racquet Club
- Birmingham United Soccer
- Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Association
- Holy Name Hurricane Club – Holy Name School

Special Events: Additional special events held in Birmingham throughout the year include:

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| • Art Birmingham | • Memorial Day Ceremony |
| • Birmingham Winter Market | • Night on The Town |
| • Celebrate Birmingham | • Our Town Art Exhibition and Sale |
| • Hometown Parade | • Pumpkin Patch |
| • Dash for Destiny | • Summer in the City |
| • Day on the Town | • Veteran's Day Ceremony |
| • Farmer's Market | • Village Fair |
| • Fine Art Festival | • Woodward Dream Cruise |
| • Halloween Parade | |
| • Holiday Tree Lighting | |

Public Schools Community Education: The Birmingham Public Schools offer many classes and organized activities throughout the year, some of which include:

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| • Aerobics and Pilates | • Home, garden and pet classes |
| • Baseball camp | • Languages |
| • Beading classes | • Martial Arts/Self Defense |
| • Boating | • Music |
| • Culinary arts and entertaining classes | • Safety/first aid and CPR classes |
| • Dance | • Skating |
| • Digital photography | • Swim lessons |
| • Fencing | • Tennis |
| | • Yoga |



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Basis for Action Plan

An essential task in the recreation planning process is to determine the needs of the community. The needs serve as a basis for the development of the Action Plan. This task is accomplished using a compilation of several methods, including information gathered during the public input process and surveys, comparing the City to national recreation guidelines for the size of the community, and consultation with the Department of Public Services and the Parks and Recreation Board.



Planning and Public Input

Working together with the City of Birmingham Department of Public Services and Parks and Recreation Board Subcommittee, McKenna coordinated and conducted various outreach events throughout the planning process for robust and open community input. Participants at such events included residents, specific parks and recreation stakeholders, and community organizations' representatives. In total, there were four methods used as part of this program that have resulted in meaningful public engagement:

1. **Farmers Market “Field Day”** – On Sunday, September 17, 2017 the City of Birmingham parks and recreation team and McKenna conducted public engagement during the Harvest Festival Farmers Market. Teams were on-site from 9:00AM until 2:00PM to facilitate quick, fun engagement exercises with visitors to the market. In total, the McKenna team estimated engaging over 450 individuals during the five-hour engagement period. Participants included young families and older individuals.

Input collected from the field day highlight family-friendly ideas such as the development of a splash pad, park design improvements for supervising multiple children, the incorporation of rubber surface materials, and universally accessible playgrounds. In addition, residents contributed ideas for capital development-focused facilities improvements like improved parking, an outdoor pool, and restrooms.

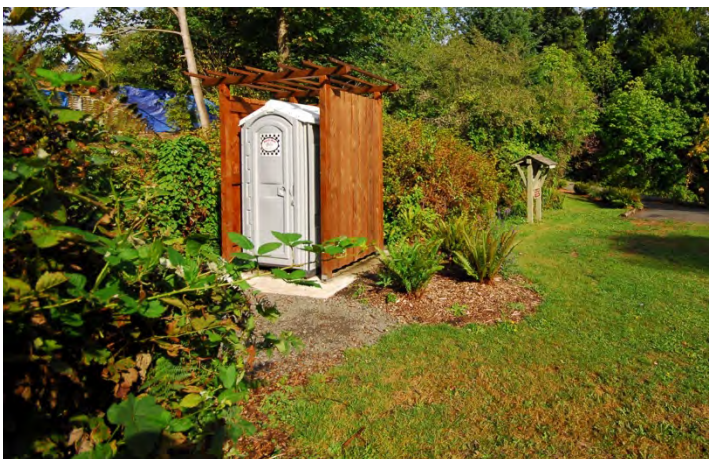
2. **Online and Hard Copy Surveys** – McKenna launched online and hard copy surveys related to the City’s overall parks and recreation program, and the Ice Sports Arena and Golf Courses specifically. Links to the surveys were made available at the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update website and on social media. Hard copy surveys were located at strategic locations throughout the City including City Hall and the Library. The surveys were made available for 45 days. At the end of the survey period, the City received the following number of survey responses:

- 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey: 417 responses
- 2018 Parks and Recreation Golf Courses Survey: 324 responses
- 2018 Parks and Recreation Ice Arena Survey: 260 responses

Most of the completed surveys were from residents between the ages of 35-49 and 50-64, 38% and 37% of all responses respectively. Individuals aged 65 and better made up 15% of all responses and just 10% of the responses were from individuals 18-34 years old. No responses were received from individuals 17 and younger.

Individuals in Quadrants B and D were equally represented, each accounting for 34% of the total survey responses. Quadrant A and Quadrant C also were equally represented accounting for 17% and 16% of all survey responses.

Generally, residents were familiar with the facilities and programs offered by Birmingham Parks and Recreation (88%). While most reported using parks for exercise, fitness, and casual sports (87%) followed by children’s play and cultural events (45% each).



PUBLIC RESTROOMS DESIGN AND SITING

Throughout the public engagement process, many residents expressed a desire for restrooms and portable toilets to be sited at neighborhood and community parks. With the increased importance of parks and recreation facilities in next twenty years, many government agencies are recognizing the benefits of investing in bathrooms that serve users of outdoor athletics and recreation facilities. However, there are specific design, and maintenance considerations that should go into the development of a restroom or portable toilet location.

Achieving exterior restroom design that matches local community architecture creates a local feel to park restrooms. New restrooms that architecturally match the neighborhood blend in to create a community acceptance.

Portable toilets can also be screened from view to improve the aesthetics of a neighborhood park. In Santa Cruz, California, many portable toilets are screened with trellises that grow attractive vines or the enclosure is framed with a poster or public art.

The cost of restroom maintenance can be reduced by building with longer-lasting, stronger components. In addition, many parks and recreation providers utilize security cameras to supervise facilities when facilities are locked and staff are off the clock. Security cameras are a relatively low-cost way to keep vandalism down.

Overall the survey sought to gauge to what degree residents value the parks and recreation system, if the current parks and recreation facilities meet the needs of residents, and what should be the Department's future priorities.

Overwhelmingly, participants recognized that parks and recreation programs are important to their quality of life, regardless if they use the programs on a regular basis (99% of all respondents). Respondents largely rated the maintenance of parks and recreation facilities, availability of public spaces, and overall existing outdoor facilities to be excellent or good (over 80%). Similarly, over 60% of residents reported that the existing parkland, playgrounds, community and special events, and golf courses meet the needs of the community. However, over 50% of respondents reported that the existing walking and biking trails fall short of the needs of the community and over 30% agreed that the available WIFI connections, environmental/nature education programs, and aquatic programs also fall short of the needs of the community.

When asked what new or enhanced opportunities residents would like to see within the City, nearly 47% of all respondents choose hiking/walking trails, followed by restrooms (44%), adult fitness and wellness (36%), community gardens (33%), and bicycling (32%). These responses were very similar to the open-ended questions that asked what residents felt are the top three recreational priorities for Birmingham in the next 10 years. The word cloud below shows the most frequently used phrases for respondents' number one priorities.

What do you feel is the top recreation priority for Birmingham in the next 10 years?

Fitness Splash Pad Community Ice Arena Access Road
 Green Space Play Bike Paths Open Space Existing
 Programs Walking Natural Park Safe Trails Senior
 Playgrounds Bicycle Facilities Traffic Restrooms
 Golf Courses Center Maintain Current Swimming Pool

*This word cloud is a visual representation of the most frequently used answers to the above survey question.
 The larger the word the more often it was used.*

The Ice Sports Arena and Golf Course Surveys sought to understand specific users' experience with each facility. Respondents' experiences with the golf courses were positive. Nearly 93% of all respondents reported satisfaction with the City of Birmingham Golf Course with 56% of all respondents living in Birmingham. Half of respondents felt that the City should prioritize the golf course the same as other parks within the city. Improvements suggestions included: improved general maintenance, speed of play and the greens, and improved bunkers/sand traps.

Respondents to the Ice Sports Arena were split 58% residents, 42% nonresidents. Satisfaction with the facility was mixed; 47% of respondents reported satisfaction with 59% of survey respondents believing that the City of Birmingham should prioritize improvements to the Ice Arena more than other parks. 42% of respondents are willing to pay between zero and ten percent more in fees for improvements. While, 38% of respondents would be willing to pay more than 10% in increased fees for improvements. The word cloud below shows the most commonly provided suggestions for improvement to the Ice Sports Arena, with larger locker rooms being mentioned approximately 100 times.

What do you think [about the Ice Arena] could be improved?

Open during Summer Instead Pro Shop Food Stands Lighting
 Year Round Locker Rooms are Tiny Bigger Locker Rooms
 Off-ice Training Larger Locker Rooms Temperature
 Hockey Seating Ice Snack Bar Locker Room Size
 Own Locker Room High School Heaters Space Crowded
 Bathrooms Install Lobby Visiting Offer

This word cloud is a visual representation of the most frequently used answers to the above survey question. The larger the word the more often it was used.

3. **Roundtable Discussions** – On September 21, 22, and 26, 2017, McKenna conducted Roundtable Discussions with a number of stakeholders. The Roundtable Discussions ensured that representatives from specific stakeholder groups were able to provide feedback about their organization’s perceived parks and recreation needs.

City Leadership and Boards and Commission Liaisons stressed the importance of coordination in planning activities, especially with the development of the non-motorized transportation system and in efforts to acquire land for a linear park in the triangle district. The Birmingham Public Schools recognized both the schools and the parks limited capacity to provide space for organized sports league. Representatives from various leagues, associations, and nonprofits expressed a strong interest in developing partnerships with the department to improve their operations. The neighborhood associations shared their commitment to their respective neighborhoods and a desire for the parks to remain a special place within their communities.

- City Leadership, Boards & Commissions Liaisons
 - Coordination
 - Birmingham Public Schools
 - Capacity
 - Leagues, Associations, Nonprofits
 - Partnership
 - Neighborhood Associations
 - Commitment
4. **Open House and Presentation** – On October 3, 2017, McKenna hosted an Open House before the start of the regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation Board Meeting. Using the exercises from the Farmers Market “Field Day” and open-ended comment cards, the team collected additional public input. During the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting, McKenna made a presentation on the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Planning Process and accepted public comment. An estimated thirty to forty residents participated in the Open House and attended the following presentation. The participants generally were older couples and individuals.

The input received at the Open House reflected the needs of the specific residents that were present the Open House. Common themes that emerged were multimodal connections, the desire for natural resource/open space preservation and management, and capital improvements.

MAJOR THEMES FROM COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Throughout the public engagement process people were generally positive about the parks and recreation facilities in Birmingham. However, several community values emerged throughout the process that can be used to prioritize improvements to the system. These include:

Natural Area Stewardship: Throughout the engagement efforts, many comments were made about the desires to preserve and maintain natural areas and open spaces within the City. When asked what the City of Birmingham's priorities for the next ten years should be over 14% of respondents mentioned the need to preserve and manage open space.

Inclusive Community: The City of Birmingham was able to engage many types of residents throughout the planning process and what emerged was a desire for the parks and recreation system to accommodate the variety of users in the City, ranging from young children to seniors. Improvements that were suggested in order to keep parks inclusive of the City's diverse community included restrooms at park facilities, barrier-free playgrounds and pathways, community programs and festivals, dog parks, and the development of a community center. Furthermore, many residents expressed concern that individuals in the Triangle and Rail Districts do not have easy access to the parks system.

Health and Fitness: Over three fourths of survey respondents reported that they use the parks system for fitness and casual sports. Over 20% of survey respondents believed that health and fitness related improvements should be a priority. They believe there is a need for improved or enhanced walking and running trails, adult and youth fitness classes, and improved organized sports facilities and programs like pickleball and lap swim.

Connectivity: Many residents largest concern about the park system was not the parks themselves but the system of connectivity that gets residents from their homes or from local business to parks. Over 20% of survey respondents and many more at the Field Day and Open House mentioned a need for improved bicycle paths, sidewalks, and parking (both bicycle and automobile).

Customer Service: A large number of residents expressed satisfaction with the parks and recreation system in Birmingham. Nearly 15% believed that the City's priority for the next ten years should be maintaining, updating, and advertising the existing system.

Park Land Analysis and Service Areas

Approximately 315 acres of parks and facilities exist within Birmingham, with 231 acres owned by the City and managed by the Department of Public Services. The Birmingham Public Schools own the remaining 84 acres.

As required by the MDNR, the Birmingham park land and facilities were compared to the minimum guidelines set forth by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA, 1983, 1995). Although the NRPA's updated guidelines were set more than 13 years ago, the MDNR still recommends their use as standards to establish minimum community needs in terms of land area and number of facilities.

Caution must be exercised in the interpretation of these results given that these guidelines were set over a decade ago and may not represent current popular activities and trends. Each community, based on its own particular resources and resident preferences and demands, are encouraged to establish its needs and requirements so that the plan best suits the community's desires for recreation. Recreation needs are often better documented through public input rather than relying only on the national guidelines. The NRPA guidelines and the MDNR standards were considered in the development of the Action Plan but not weighted heavily. The information gathered during the many methods of public input directed the Action Plan directly.

Table 6 and the following discussion compares the amount of park land as it relates to the conditions of the City and the MDNR standards based on the 2015 ACS population estimate of 20,489. Park classifications used by the MDNR are defined as follows and described in further detail in Table 6.

Mini/Neighborhood Park. Mini/Neighborhood parks serve an area up to a one-half mile distance and are typically less than 10 acres in size. Birmingham has five mini-parks, 11 neighborhood parks and four school facilities that provide more than the recommended acreage for mini/neighborhood parks.

- **Community Park.** Community parks typically serve an area within one-half to three miles and are between 30 to 50 acres in size. However, since the City of Birmingham is only 4.4 square miles many of the City's community parks are smaller than the guidelines, but serve a community-wide function. The City owns 186 acres of community park land, thus exceeding the recommended 402 acres by 222. In addition to the City-owned land, Seaholm High School contributes 45 acres of land since it is categorized as a community park.
- **School Park.** School properties can fulfill the requirements for other classes of parks such as neighborhood, community, sports complex, and special use. For the purposes of this inventory all childhood centers and elementary and middle school facilities were classified as neighborhood parks, and Seaholm High School was considered a community park.
- **Regional Park.** Regional facilities offer a variety of active and passive recreational opportunities which help in meeting the need for local park land and help balance the deficiencies in facilities. Birmingham does not have a regional park within its borders. However, it should be noted that a number of regional parks are within a short distance from the City despite not being within its borders.

- According to the above guidelines, the City of Birmingham exhibits a surplus in all of the park land categories. Overall, the City is providing an exceptional amount of park land for its residents given the constraint of its municipal boundaries and relatively dense land use.

Table 6: Farmington Hills Public Park Land Acreage Analysis

Park Classification	NRPA Guideline Minimum Acres/1,000 Residents ¹	Recommended Acreage for Birmingham ²	Public City Park	Public School Park ³	City Total	Surplus (Deficiency)
Mini Parks	0.25-0.5	5.1-10.2	5.44		5.44	-4.76
Neighborhood Parks	1.0-2.0	20.5-41.0	39.83	39.19	79.02	+38.02
Community Parks	5.0-8.0	102.4-163.9	186.1	44.54	230.67	+66.77
Total	-	128.1-215.1	231.4	83.73	315.13	+100.03

¹ Source: Lancaster, R. A., Ed. *Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines*. Alexandria, VA: NRPA, 1983.; Mertes, J.D. and J. R. Hall. *Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines*. Alexandria, VA: NRPA, 1995.

² Based on 2011-2015 American Community Survey Population Estimates, 20,489

³ All early childhood centers and elementary schools classified as neighborhood parks, and all middle and high schools classified as community parks.

Although it is important to consider the overall amount of park land in the City, it is also essential to consider the type of parks, their location, and their disbursement throughout the City. When evaluating parks and recreation service areas it is important to closely consider where the residents in the City live and if the residents are within walking distance to a park, recreation, or school facility. The distance of 0.25 miles is often used as an established standard of how far people would be willing to walk to a park or recreation facility.

The parks and school facilities walkability areas are shown on MAP 4 and MAP 5. For the purposes of measuring the walkability area in the City, a radius of one-fourth mile from each park was used.

There are few service gaps within the City in regard to City owned recreation facilities within one fourth mile. The primary areas without nearby City owned facilities are the southeast part of the City, the area west of Linden Park between Maple and Midvale Street, and the southwestern edge of the City.

When the school facilities are added to the walkability analysis, service gaps decrease. Specifically, Seaholm High School has the potential to serve the residents west of Linden Park. However, the area west of Woodward and south of Adams park still has limited access to a park.

Map 4 Walkability City Owned Parks

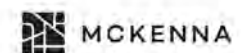
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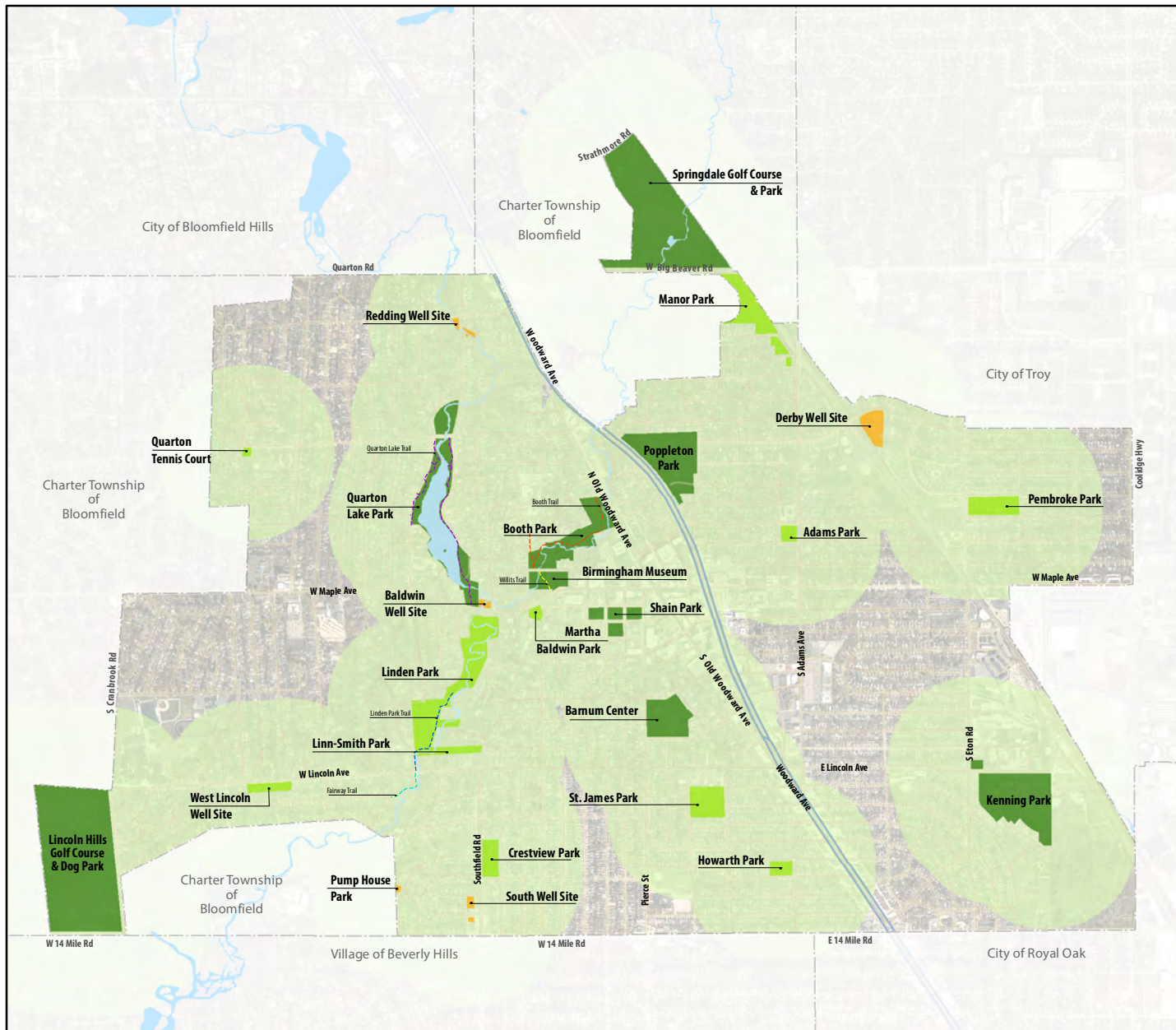
LEGEND

- Walkability Buffer- 1/4 mile
- Mini Parks
- Neighborhood Parks
- Community Parks
- Waterbodies
- Municipal Boundary

0 0.2 0.4 0.8
Miles



Data Source: SEMCOG, 2017










Map 5 Walkability City Owned Parks and School Facilities

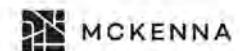
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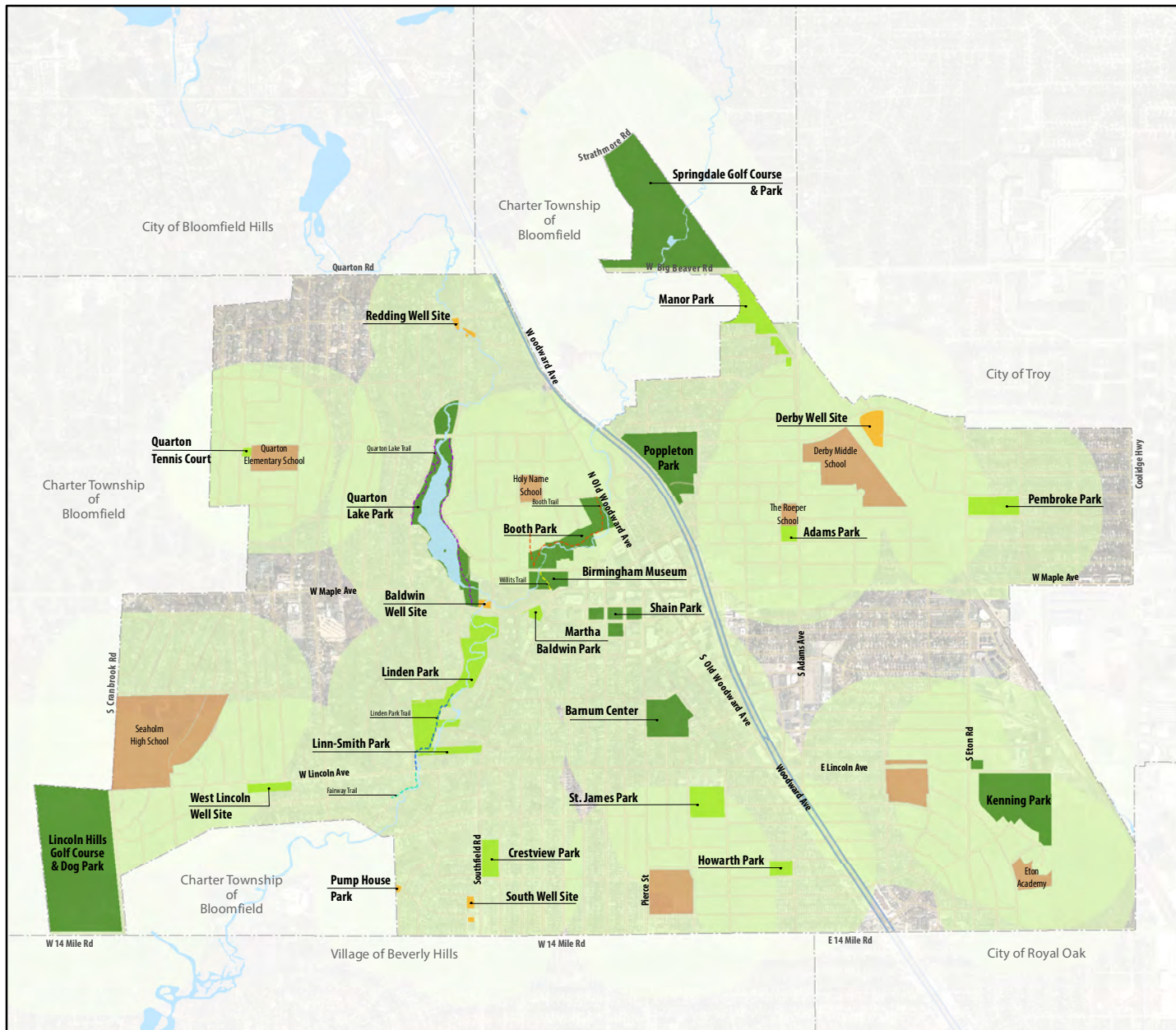
LEGEND

-  Walkability Buffer- 1/4 mile
-  School Facilities
-  Mini Parks
-  Neighborhood Parks
-  Community Parks
-  Waterbodies
-  Municipal Boundary

0 0.2 0.4 0.8
Miles



Data Source: SEMCOG, 2017



Facilities Analysis

In addition to park land, existing facilities were compared against the recommended guidelines set by the NRPA and the MDNR to determine if they are adequate to meet the needs of residents based on national averages. The analysis takes into account a variety of factors including specific needs and existing conditions in Birmingham, information obtained during the public input opportunities, programming needs, site conditions, as well as national averages. Table 7 indicates the recommended guideline and facilities, the number of facilities in the Township, and the surplus or deficiency of facilities. The comments below the table provide further prospective and assist in identifying key issues related to specific facilities.

Table 7: Facilities Analysis

Park Classification		NRPA Guideline ¹	Recommended Facilities ²	Public Birmingham Facilities	Public School Facilities	Total Facilities	Surplus (Deficiency)
Archery Range		1/50,000	0	0	0	0	0
Baseball / Softball		1/5,000	4	9	7	16	+12
Basketball		1/5,000	4	3	9	12	+8
Football		1/20,000	1	0	1	1	0
Golf Driving Range		1/50,000	0	0	0	0	0
Golf Course (9-Hole)		1/25,000	1	2	0	2	+1
Golf Course (18-Hole)		1/50,000	0	0	0	0	0
Ice Rink	Indoor	1/100,000	0	1	0	1	+1
	outdoor	depends on climate	depends on climate	1	0	1	N/A
Playground		1/3,000	7	10	3	13	+6
Running Track		1/20,000	1	0	1	1	0
Soccer		1/10,000	2	5	5	10	+8
Swimming Pool		1/20,000	1	0	2	2	+2
Tennis		1/2,000	10	6	7	11	+1
Trails		1 system per region	1	1 system	0	1 system	0
Volleyball		1/5,000	4	0	2	2	-2

¹ Source: Lancaster, R. A., Ed. *Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines*. Alexandria, VA: NRPA, 1983.; Mertes, J.D. and J. R. Hall. *Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines*. Alexandria, VA: NRPA, 1995.

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A number of the facilities included in Table 7 are owned by Birmingham Public Schools. Though, schools provide limited hours and access to the general public, they complement the existing parks and recreation system within the City of Birmingham. Representatives from the Birmingham School District affirmed the idea that the parks and schools work together to provide residents a recreation system. Management of recreation facilities should be done in coordination to ensure that, despite the geographic constraints of providing parks and recreation facilities in a fully developed city, residents have access to their desired amenities.



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Action Plan

By using the comprehensive planning process of trend identification, roundtable discusses, surveys, and public meetings, the City of Birmingham Department of Public Services has effectively established a framework for the Action Plan. The Action Plan describes recommendations for improvements and enhancement of the Birmingham parks and recreation facilities and programming, as well as identifying the tools needed for implementation of the plan components.

A complementary component of the Action Plan is the Capital Improvement Plan. Action strategies that may require significant capital investment from the community have been organized into a five-year plan. The specific projects have been prioritized in the Capital Improvement Plan in order to better manage the Department of Public Services budget and equally distribute the projects over a five-year cycle. The timing of these projects may be influenced, moved, or eliminated depending upon economic conditions, available funding, and/or grant awards. However, the spirit and intent of the project priorities are well defined in the Capital Improvement Plan.

The Action Plan is organized into four sections:

- Vision, Mission, and Community Values
- Department of Public Services Goals and Strategies
- System Wide Recommendations
- Five Year Capital Improvement Plan

Mission, and Community Values

To provide a guideline for decision making, the Parks and Recreation Board has developed a mission statement and list of identified community values. Together, these will guide the development of the goals and strategies for the departments future projects, and other efforts.

MISSION

The following Mission presents how the City of Birmingham Department of Public Services and the Parks and Recreation Board will achieve the Vision:

“The Mission of the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board is to help other organizations and agencies to plan and share family activities in helping to prevent the desires and need to use alcohol, drugs, and tobacco by providing recreational programs for all ages, and to encourage recreational life styles.”

COMMUNITY VALUES

The community values that were brought forward during the community input process of the planning process included:

- **Natural Area Stewardship:** We value the efficient and effective management of our assets and stewardship of our parks and open space, to sustain them for future generations.
- **Inclusive Community:** We value creating, enhancing, expanding and promoting opportunities for all members of our community to participate in the enjoyment of parks and recreation services.
- **Health and Fitness:** We value the health and well-being of our residents and the benefits that parks, recreation, and open space offer.
- **Connectivity:** We value an interconnected parks and facilities network that provides access to the parks system across the City of Birmingham.
- **Customer Service:** We value our current parks and recreation system and take pride in managing and maintaining world class parks and facilities.

Goals and Objectives

To provide a guideline for decision making, the Department of Public Services and the Parks and Recreation Board developed a list of goals and objectives based on the previous 2012-2016 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and the results of analysis and public input. The following goals and objectives are intended to provide an operational framework for future decisions related to the provision of parks and recreation for Birmingham.

As recommended in the Action Plan, these goals and objectives should be reviewed annually by the Parks and Recreation Board and modified as necessary.

GOAL #1: FOSTER AN INCLUSIVE AND UNIQUE COMMUNITY.

Birmingham is enriched by strong volunteer efforts, including the youth sports league administration, boards, commissions and planning and historical preservation efforts. Numerous special events are held throughout the year, such as festivals, art fairs, farmer's market and organizations. Working together to create a strong sense of an inclusive community, it is only made stronger by the partnerships, trust and collaboration of the stakeholders and elected officials.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Continue working with local organizations, clubs and institutions to provide a wealth and variety of organized activities and programs within the community. This includes:
 - a. Senior Walking Clubs.
 - b. "Theatrical" programming that involves schools, library, residents and the Community House.
 - c. Seasonal, including winter activities.
 - d. Art and cultural programs.
 - e. Teen and youth programming during the summer and utilizing extended hours.
2. Celebrate the community by participation in festivals, community functions and events
3. Support and encourage new developments to include areas for active and passive recreation.
4. Provide volunteer opportunities in program delivery and improvement projects.

GOAL #2: *PROVIDE PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES THAT ARE BEAUTIFUL AND HIGH QUALITY, THAT RESPECT HISTORY, OFFER A VARIETY OF EXPERIENCES, BOTH PASSIVE AND ACTIVE, ARE WELL MAINTAINED AND THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY.*

Quality and beauty are important to residents and it is expected that community assets are protected and valued. This is true for existing parks and recreation though continued maintenance and the improvement for both existing and new green spaces, facilities and recreational areas.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Analyze and improve universal accessibility.
2. Maintain and improve designated wetlands, Rouge River Corridor and open space.
3. Incorporate art/sculptures into park design.
4. Encourage central entry areas for sitting and gathering in park design.
5. Maintain and update park equipment and facilities as needed, such as playground equipment, ball fields, open space areas including natural landscaping.
6. Continue implementation of standardized park design for all City of Birmingham Parks including signage, installation of trees, tree transplanting, improved landscaping, benches, bike racks, and waste receptacles.

GOAL #3: TO CREATE A COMMUNITY OF HEALTHY RESIDENTS BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES THAT PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE ACTIVE LIFESTYLES AND MOBILITY.

Birmingham has an active resident base that includes runners, cyclists, soccer players, walkers, skaters, hockey players, golfers, etc. The health of the aging population will need to be maintained through private and public efforts.

OBJECTIVES

1. Increase non-motorized transportation connections between parks, historical sites, community facilities and shopping districts that allow residents to cycle, walk and run.
2. Develop and promote programming that encourages active lifestyles for all ages.
3. Work with Oakland County to develop pathway connections with surrounding communities that include Beverly Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Twp., Royal Oak, Southfield and Troy with the existing Rouge River Corridor.
4. Promote the establishment of the Rouge River Corridor along the Rouge River to encourage the preservation, enhancement and an increase community understanding of this important watershed.
5. Develop a wayfinding program for the trail / greenway network that directs users of the non-motorized paths to City parks and other destinations.

GOAL #4: *PROVIDE RECREATION PROGRAMMING AND FACILITY OPPORTUNITIES THAT MEET THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.*

Residents have indicated that recreation outlets and activities are important to their quality of life. Providing well balanced activity choices, including passive and active opportunities, along with flexible structure is essential.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Monitor the use of athletic fields and facilities to determine additional needs.
2. Create opportunities that go beyond the traditional team sports such as educational components, individual sporting pursuits, training/self-improvement courses.
3. Provide additional environmental-oriented programs and use parks as outdoor classrooms and art theater.
4. Coordinate with the Arts Board regarding public art at parks. Coordinate location, lights to illuminate, sprinkler locations, etc.

GOAL #5: TO USE EXISTING COMMUNITY RESOURCES EFFICIENTLY AND TO DEMONSTRATE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND TO COORDINATE AND PARTNER WITH OTHER ENTITIES TO ENSURE THE AVAILABLE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR COMPREHENSIVE, QUALITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES.

Parks and recreation services, along with all government services, must evaluate and provide cost effective opportunities for residents.

OBJECTIVES

1. Explore opportunities with private partnerships and Oakland County Parks to jointly provide desired services and facilities, while minimizing duplication and competition between the agencies.
2. Coordinate efforts with Oakland County for opportunities to preserve open space and provide public access along the Rouge River Corridor.
3. Recruit civic and business organizations for assistance with park improvement projects.
4. Partner for grants & outside funding.
5. Foster, promote and encourage cooperative relationship with public and private entities.
6. Promote a system for people to approach the City with ideas to collaborate for park improvements.
7. Increase opportunities for donation, sponsorships and fundraising efforts.
8. Review and update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan every five years to maintain a current assessment and ensure grant funding eligibility.

GOAL #6: *TO BECOME A LEADER IN SUSTAINABLE, INNOVATIVE MAINTENANCE PRACTICES TO PROTECT OUR NATURAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES, DEMONSTRATE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND REDUCE ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS TO ALL RESIDENTS, WHILE MAINTAIN PUBLIC USE, ACCESS AND ENJOYMENT.*

OBJECTIVES:

1. Continue to implement 'best practices' and safer alternatives in cultivating healthy lawn care in City properties and parks such as heat and hot water weed control techniques and low-maintenance landscape designs. Expand existing practice techniques to include applications such as adding beneficial insects to control destructive pests, and various natural and synthetic mulch materials.
2. Continue to implement Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices and develop an IPM policy based on current IPM practices for park maintenance activities.
3. Research programming with area school districts to decrease and possibly eliminate spraying at properties surrounding public schools.
4. Develop an interpretive signage program in parks to expand educational opportunities about environmental protection.
5. Create demonstration projects within parks to showcase native Michigan plants and promote appreciation for natural landscape techniques.
6. Develop and implement standards and timeline for achieving sustainable lawn care maintenance practices for parks and recreation facilities.
7. Implement a pilot "Pesticide Free Park" program at a City Park.
8. Develop maintenance Design Guidelines for future capital and park improvements that encourages low maintenance alternatives.

GOAL #7: *OPERATE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES IN AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT MANNER SO AS TO MAINTAIN A HIGH LEVEL OF CUSTOMER SERVICE.*

OBJECTIVES:

1. Expand web based marketing efforts to inform residents of programs and events.
2. Review Parks and Recreation Master Plan annually to establish priorities and responsibilities with Parks and Recreation Board.

System Wide Recommendations

In addition to capital investments into the parks and recreation system, the Department of Public Services must also focus on maintenance of the park system.

The following items describe system wide suggestions that should be coordinated each year.

- **Barrier Free Accessibility:** The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) has established guidelines to provide barrier free accessibility at public facilities. It is important to provide access to the City of Birmingham facilities according to these guidelines so that all residents can enjoy the facilities. As parks and facilities are improved or developed, a high priority must be placed on upgrades that improve barrier free accessibility with improvements to proper surfaces for wheelchairs, accessible picnic tables, and play equipment that provides universal access.
- **Park Design Improvements:** As the park system evolves and each park undergoes its own degree of improvements, it is important to clearly mark park entrances and visually unify the parks so residents are aware that facilities they use are part of Birmingham's park system. This can be accomplished by a uniform set of design themes that symbolize Birmingham parks and are used in the design of lighting, benches, signs, waste receptacles, bike racks, and other amenities. Tree transplanting and improvements is a community focus for all public areas.
- **Non-Motorized Connectivity:** The City of Birmingham has been committed to the development of non-motorized systems locally as well as regionally. This was substantiated with the City Commission's 2011 support of Complete Streets principals for the City of Birmingham. The Department, in cooperation with Oakland County and surrounding communities, and other supporting agencies, should continue to seek opportunities for planning, land acquisition, access easements, and non-motorized trail development to assist this effort within the community.
- **Natural Resource Inventory:** As opportunities become available the Department should analyze any critical natural areas in the community through inventories and appropriate studies. This information is critical to prioritizing resources for the acquisition, protection, and management of park natural areas.
- **Recreation Programming:** The City of Birmingham Department of Public Services is only one of several sources of recreation programming for community residents. YMCA, volunteer youth sports organizations, private businesses, and other groups offer leagues, services and programs. To complement these other resources, the Department should partner with these programs when appropriate.
- **Staffing:** The Department of Public Services needs to annually monitor staffing levels and office facility needs as needed for efficient administration, operation, programming and maintenance of the parks and recreation system.

- **Park Promotion:** The Department of Public Services should use creative promotional approaches to increase awareness of the features available at the various parks. Promotional ideas could include: park maps and park events. Increased awareness of the parks will increase appreciation and support for the park system and could also generate a spirit of volunteerism with maintenance, development and fundraising projects.
- **Fund Raising:** Develop new and creative ways to raise funds for park improvements, such as events, service projects and local fund raising. Continue and expand the popular recognition program for donations of benches, trees and other amenities.
- **Public Involvement:** The Department of Public Services should continue to solicit residents' suggestions on planning, use, and improvement of parks and programming. This can be accomplished with public meetings, surveys, or through resident feedback solicited at special events.

Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

This section summarizes the overall system recommendations as well as specific improvements to individual parks. Some are multi-year efforts that will involve primarily staff time and coordination, while others are park improvements that require primarily investment.

The Five Year Capital Improvement Plan incorporates the top priority for capital improvement in the next five years. Priorities should be reviewed on an annual basis and adjusted to respond to updated findings and identification of funding opportunities. In particular, costs should be closely monitored, as the proposed plan estimates are strictly preliminary.

Actual costs for each project will be more specifically determined as site surveys, programming elements and engineering plans are developed. If funding levels are lower than required to implement the plan based on the schedule provided, the implementation could be stretched over additional years.

ACTION	Completed (2012-2016)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Estimated Total Over Five Years	Proposed Funding Source(s)
Crestview Park								
Open space maintenance	X							
Fairway Park								
Bank stabilization	X							
Howarth Park								
Baseball field improvements			X				\$20,000	
Kenning Park								
Phased implementation of Kenning Park Master Plan		X	X	X			\$1,200,000	Public-Private
Develop Kenning Park Master Plan	X							Donations
Softball/baseball field maintenance	X							
Tennis court crack repair/paint	X							
Parking lot re-construction	X							
Lincoln Well Site								
Improve Parking Lot				X			\$15,000	
Linden Park								
Trail extension from Linden Park trail to Maple Road	X							
Linn Smith Park								
Feasibility and installation of pedestrian bridge						X	\$700,000	Donations
Manor Park								
Reforestation	X							
Martha Baldwin Park								
Improve native plant garden/monarch waystation		X					\$12,000	Donations/ General Fund
Potential location for artwork							TBD	Donations
Pembroke Park								
Update playground facilities				X			\$200,000	CIP/Donations
Portable restroom screening		X					\$10,000	General Fund
Softball field maintenance	X							
Open space maintenance	X							
New drinking fountain	X							
Poppleton Park								
Implement Master Plan							1,800,000	Grants
Analyze accessible playground			X	X			650,000	Rotary Club/Grants
Installation of basketball courts								
Baseball/softball field maintenance	X							
Analyze parking (expansion)	X							
Crown baseball diamonds	X							

ACTION	Completed (2012-2016)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Estimated Total Over Five Years	Proposed Funding Source(s)
Quarton Lake								
Reforestation		X	X	X	X	X		Grants/Donations
River Rouge Trail Corridor								
Removal of woody debris and riverbank stabilization		X	X	X	X	X	\$30,000	
Trail system improvements		X	X				\$50,000	
Porous paving								
Shain Park								
Springdale Park								
Table improvements		X					\$30,000	CIP/General Fund
St. James Park								
Develop St. James Park Master Plan								
Open Space Maintenance				X			\$15,000	
Implementation of St. James Park Master Plan								
Investigate private/public partnerships	X							
Tennis court crack repair	X							



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Community Outreach + Engagement Process

October 2017

Working together with the City of Birmingham parks and recreation team, McKenna coordinated and conducted various outreach events throughout the planning process for robust and open community input. Participants at such events included residents, specific parks and recreation stakeholders, and community organizations' representatives. Additional information on the publicity program is provided in Attachment 1. In total, there were four methods used as part of this program that have resulted in meaningful public engagement:

1. **Farmers Market "Field Day"** – On Sunday, September 17, 2017 the City of Birmingham parks and recreation team and McKenna conducted public engagement during the Harvest Festival Farmers Market. Teams were on-site from 9:00AM until 2:00PM to facilitate quick, fun engagement exercises with visitors to the market.
2. **Online and Hard Copy Surveys** – McKenna launched online and hard copy surveys related to the City's overall parks and recreation program, and the Ice Arena and Golf Courses specifically. Links to the surveys were made available at the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update Website and on social media. Hard copy surveys were located at strategic locations throughout the City including City Hall and the Library. Survey responses were collected for 45 days.
3. **Roundtable Discussions** – On September 21, 22, and 26, 2017, McKenna conducted Roundtable Discussions with a number of stakeholders (see attached program).
4. **Open House and Public Meeting** – On October 3, 2017, McKenna hosted an Open House before the start of the regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation Board Meeting. Using the exercises from the Farmers Market "Field Day" and open-ended comment cards, the team collected additional public input. During the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting, McKenna made a presentation on the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Planning Process and accepted public comment.

FIELD DAY EXERCISES

At the Farmers Market Field Day, residents, stakeholders and community members participated in a variety of quick and fun engagement exercises. In total, the McKenna team estimated engaging over 450 individuals during the five-hour engagement period. Participants were varied which included young families and older individuals. The following summarize the exercises and identifies common themes:

What's Your Big Idea?

Participants shared their "Parks and Recreation Big Idea" on post-it notes. The post-it notes were placed on a large display board where residents were able to read and dialogue with the facilitators regarding ideas that had already been placed on the board.

Input collected from the field day highlight family-friendly ideas such as the development of a splash pad, park design improvements for supervising multiple children, the incorporation of rubber surface materials, and universally accessible playgrounds. In addition, residents contributed ideas for capital development-focused facilities improvements like improved parking, an outdoor pool, and restrooms.

The table below shows most frequently shared Big Ideas from the Farmers Market Field Day. See Attachment 3 for a list of all shared Big Ideas, and note that there may be ideas that are not technically under the purview of the parks and recreation function, but that were considered complimentary by participants (ex. of year-round farmers market building).

"WHAT'S YOUR BIG IDEA?" FIELD DAY RESULTS

COMMENT	TIMES MENTIONED
Splash pad	12
Swimming pool (outdoor)	3
Restroom facilities	3
Year-round farmers market building	2
Better parking for the market—parking structure	2
More trails	2
Dog park with swimming hole/beach	2
Increase playground safety surfacing in parks	2

Resource Mapping

Residents placed sticker icons depicting recreational resources (i.e. community gardens, bicycle paths, pedestrian connections, tennis courts, etc.) on display-sized maps at the locations they felt the resources were most needed.

During the Field Day, the locations with the highest amount of mapped resources were Poppleton Park and Shain Park. The resources that were most frequently placed on the map were restrooms and playgrounds.

The table below shows which parks were identified as needing additional resources from the Farmers Market Field Day. See Attachment 4 for a list of all mapped resources.

RESOURCE MAPPING RESULTS

PARK	RESOURCES MAPPED
Kenning Park	Playground (3)
Linden Park	Restrooms Seating Playground
Manor Park	Dog Park
Pembroke Park	Dog Park Restrooms
Poppleton Park	Dog Park Seating WIFI Access Restroom Community Garden Crosswalks Write In: "Pine Trees" (2) Write In: "Tree Screening for noise."
Quarton Lake Trail	Playgrounds (2) WIFI Access
Shain Park	Community Garden WIFI Access Fitness Trash/Recycle Receptacle
St. James Park	Playground
West Lincoln Well Site	Playgrounds (2) Seating

Sentence Starters

Attendees were given a white board with a sentence starter, and asked to complete the sentence. With permission of the individual, staff took a photo to collect qualitative information on what residents' value about Birmingham parks.

"A perfect day at the park involves: lots of happy kids!"



ONLINE AND HARD COPY SURVEYS

An important component of the public engagement program for the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan is the online and "hard copy" survey (see attachment 6). In addition to the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey, the team has also generated Ice Arena and Golf Course specific surveys. The surveys were designed to take less than 10 minutes for respondents to complete, and were straightforward and simply worded.

At the end of the survey period, the City received the following number of survey responses:

- 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey: 417 responses
- 2018 Parks and Recreation Golf Courses Survey: 324 responses
- 2018 Parks and Recreation Ice Arena Survey: 260 responses

Most of the completed surveys were from residents between the ages of 35-49 and 50-64, 38% and 37% of all responses respectively. Individuals aged 65 and better made up 15% of all responses and just 10% of the responses were from individuals 18-34 years old. No responses were received from individuals 17 and younger.

Individuals in Quadrants B (north of Maple, east of Woodward) and D (south of Maple, west of Woodward) were equally represented, each accounting for 34% of the total survey responses. Quadrant

A (north of Maple, west of Woodward) and Quadrant C (south of Maple, east of Woodward) were also represented accounting for 17% and 16% of all survey responses.

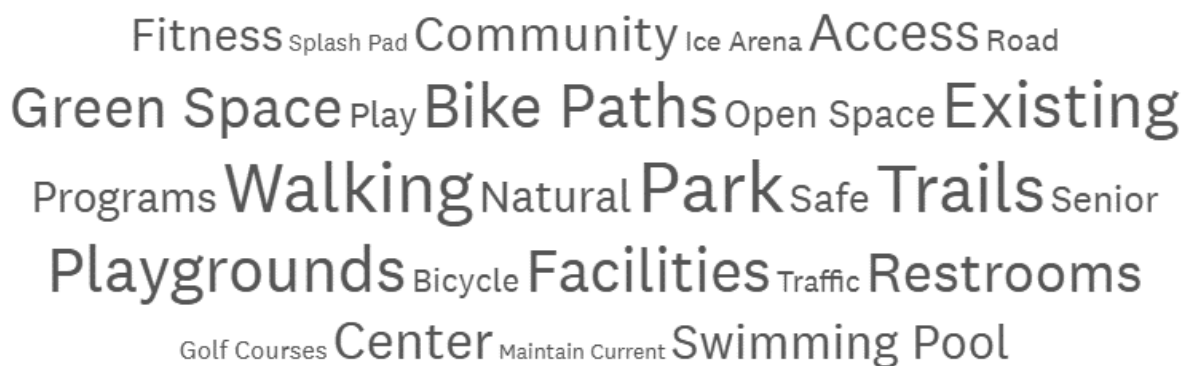
Generally, residents were familiar with the facilities and programs offered by Birmingham Parks and Recreation (88%). While most reported using parks for exercise, fitness, and casual sports (87%) followed by children's play and cultural events (45% each).

Overall the survey sought to gauge to what degree residents value the parks and recreation system, if the current parks and recreation facilities meet the needs of residents, and what should be the Department's future priorities.

Overwhelmingly, participants recognized the importance of parks and recreation programs to their quality of life, regardless of if they use the programs on a regular basis (99% of all respondents). Respondents largely rated the maintenance of parks and recreation facilities, availability of public spaces, and overall existing outdoor facilities to be excellent or good (over 80%). Similarly, over 60% of residents reported that the existing parkland, playgrounds, community and special events, and golf courses meet the needs of the community. However, over 50% of respondents reported that the existing walking and biking trails fall short of the needs of the community and over 30% agreed that the available WIFI connections, environmental/nature education programs, and aquatic programs also fall short of the needs of the community.

When asked what new or enhanced opportunities residents would like to see within the City, nearly 47% of all respondents choose hiking/walking trails, followed by restrooms (44%), adult fitness and wellness (36%), community gardens (33%), and bicycling (32%). These responses were similar to the open-ended questions that asked what residents felt are the top three recreational priorities for Birmingham in the next 10 years. The word cloud below shows the most frequently used phrases for respondents' number one priorities.

RESPONSES: WHAT DO YOU FEEL ARE THE TOP THREE (3) RECREATIONAL PRIORITIES FOR BIRMINGHAM IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS?

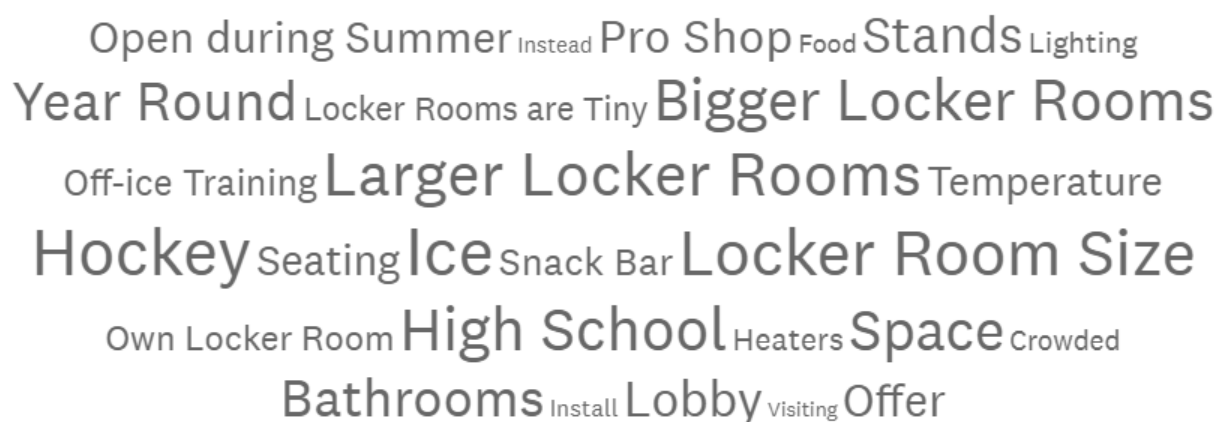


The Ice Sports Arena and Golf Course Surveys sought to understand specific users experience with each facility. Respondents experiences with the golf courses were positive. Nearly 93% of all respondents reported satisfaction with the City of Birmingham Golf Course with 56% of all respondents living in

Birmingham. Half of respondents felt that the City should prioritize the golf course the same as other parks within the city. Improvements suggestions included: improved general maintenance, speed of play and the greens, and improved bunkers/sand traps.

Respondents to the Ice Sports Arena were split 58% residents, 42% nonresidents. Satisfaction with the facility was mixed; 47% of respondents reported satisfaction with 59% of survey respondents believing that the City of Birmingham should prioritize improvements to the Ice Arena more than other parks. 42% of respondents are willing to pay between zero and ten percent more in fees for improvements. While, 38% of respondents would be willing to pay more than 10% in increased fees for improvements. The word cloud below shows the most commonly provided suggestions for improvement to the Ice Sports Arena, with larger locker rooms being mentioned approximately 100 times.

RESPONSES: WHAT DO YOU THINK COULD BE IMPROVED? (ICE SPORTS ARENA)



ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

McKenna organized and facilitated, with the support of the City, six Roundtable Discussions over three days. The Roundtable Discussions ensured that representatives from specific stakeholder groups were able to provide feedback about their organization's perceived parks and recreation needs. The following are major themes that emerged from each roundtable discussion:

Department Heads and Boards and Commissions Liaisons

- Coordination with other city planning and development efforts, such as the Multimodal Plan, Eton Road Plan, Triangle Plan, Bates Street Extension, Activating Urban Public Space (Alleys and Passages Plan)
- Birmingham's parks should function as a system with each park as a connection to something significant within the City
- If planned and designed correctly, restrooms at certain parks may be an option

Greenwood Cemetery Advisory/Library Director/Museum Director

- The Birmingham Museum is an important park asset and collaboration between leadership is an important component of securing funding for major system improvements, such as trail connections and access to the Rouge
- The Birmingham Museum is about to undertake a Master Planning process

- The Greenwood Cemetery is currently in the process of starting a Master Plan Process
- The Greenwood Cemetery offers a historic and beautiful greenspace for quiet respite

Birmingham Shopping District

- There is potential for additional private-public partnerships at downtown parks, especially during special events (Dream Cruise)
- Create a connection across Woodward Avenue. Consider aspirational designs like the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway in Boston to connect neighborhoods with linear public space (over roadway?)
- Shop owners believe that additional programming at public spaces may bring people into stores

Birmingham Public Schools (BPS)

- Both the public schools and the parks find it difficult to meet the demands of larger sports associations because of limited amounts of property
- The BPS partnership with NEXT (Senior Group) has been very successful- Parks and Recreation may consider expanding on their partnership

Leagues, Associations, and Nonprofit Providers

- Providers appreciate the quality of Birmingham's parks
- Recreation providers are willing to partner with the City to improve facilities for their programs (e.g., baseball at Kenning Park, tennis/platform tennis at Kenning Park, bathrooms or storage at St. James Park)

Neighborhood Associations

- Many residents appreciate the parks- they function as a 3rd space for residents and their families
- There are some drainage problems that should be addressed, especially the water collection area on or near Adams Park
- There are significant concerns about non-motorized transportation throughout the City, difficulty crossing Woodward seen as a barrier between east and west sides
- Residents would like to see park and multimodal connections prioritized in the City's budgeting process

OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING

During the Open House, residents, stakeholders and community members participated in a the same quick and fun engagement exercises that were available at the Farmers Market Field Day. An estimated thirty to forty residents participated in the Open House and attended the following presentation. The participants generally were older couples and individuals. The following summarize the exercises and identifies common themes:

What's Your Big Idea?

Similar to the field day exercise, participants were prompted to share their "Big Idea" for Birmingham Parks and Recreation. The Big Ideas received at the Open House reflected the needs of the specific residents that were present the Open House. Common themes that emerged

were multimodal connections, the desire for natural resource management, and capital improvements.

The table below highlights some of “The Big Ideas” that emerged by theme from the Open House (see Attachment 3 for a list of all shared Big Ideas).

“WHAT’S YOUR BIG IDEA?” FIELD DAY RESULTS

MULTIMODAL CONNECTIONS	NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
Better bike connections between parks	Utilize grey water for landscaping	Add shade structures at Barnum Park
Add paved walkways for those unsteady on their feet, use walkers, or for children	Locate solar panels at parks/open space	Add outdoor museum or historical playground at Birmingham Museum
Improve and enforce crosswalks near parks	Native plants and community gardens	Bridge over the Rouge to connect Lynn Smith Park and Linden Park
Traffic calming near parks	Provide interpretive signage that educates park users about native plants, birds, and insects	Restrooms or porta johns near tennis courts and specific holes at Lincoln Hills Golf Course

Resource Mapping

Using the same maps and icons from the Field Day exercise, participants were prompted to identify and map resources that they felt were needed throughout the Birmingham parks system. Participants favored passive improvements to the parks like trash/recycle receptacles, walking and biking paths, drinking fountains, and accessibility improvements. Resources were mapped most frequently at Adams Park and Poppleton Park. For a complete list of the resources mapped see attachment 4.

Open Ended Comments

Participants were asked to provide additional input through open-ended comment cards. In total, ten comment cards were submitted by the end of Open House and Presentation. Many of the comments submitted expressed the desire to preserve the green space at Kenning Park and Poppleton Park. Comments suggesting the addition of pickleball courts and a bridge to connect Linn Smith Park and Linden Park were also provided. The full list of comments is available in attachment 65

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Communications Program for Public Engagement

September, 2017

Engagement Methods 1 & 2: Birmingham Field Day & Open House

The public meetings will provide the planning team the opportunity to engage the residents face-to-face. During the Field Day and Open House, residents will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities to provoke thoughtful feedback.

The Field Day and Open House will be staffed by McKenna, but publicity support will be provided by the City of Birmingham. Below is the publicity program to ensure meaningful resident attendance during the events.

EVENTS

1. CITY OF BIRMINGHAM FARMERS MARKET

- a. The Birmingham Field Day event will be held on September 17 from 9am to 2pm at the Birmingham Farmers Market located at 521 Brookside Avenue. The weekly Farmers Market features over 70 vendors and serves as a popular shopping and community event.

2. PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

- a. The Open House will be held on October 3 at 6:00pm to 7:30pm during one of the Parks and Recreation Board regular monthly meetings.

POTENTIAL PUBLICITY AND MARKETING METHODS

1. CITY WEBSITE

- a. Invite information about the Public Meetings should be advertised on the city website's homepage, on the project webpage, and on the City Calendar.

2. POSTER ADVERTISING

- a. Graphic Flyers, supplied by McKenna, should be posted at City Hall, the Library, the Ice Arena, both Golf Courses, the Baldwin House, the All Seasons Senior Housing

Community, the shopping districts bulletin board locations, and all other sites the City deems appropriate. The flyers will advertise the Field Day, Open House and all other public engagement opportunities.

3. CABLE TV

- a. The City can provide information on the Cable TV station, directing viewers to the City's home page event invite.
- b. *Sample language: "Attention residents! Join the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Department at the Farmers Market on Sunday, September 17 from 9am to 2pm to discuss the future of Birmingham parks and recreation, from park maintenance to recreational programming. Please visit the City's website at <http://www.bhamgov.org/ParksRecPlan> for more details. Thank you for your interest in the future of our parks and recreation programming."*
- c. *Sample language: "You are invited to a Public Open House! Join the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Department for an Open House and presentation by our consultants, McKenna Associates, on Tuesday, October 3rd. The Open House will take place from 6:00 to 6:30pm, with the Parks and Recreation Board meeting / presentation beginning at 6:30pm; both events will take place at the City of Birmingham Public Services Building (851 S Eton St.). Please visit the City's project website at <http://www.bhamgov.org/ParksRecPlan> for more details."*

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING PUBLIC MEETINGS

- a. City Administration should announce the Field Day and Open during all public meetings or interactions with groups of residents.

5. SOCIAL MEDIA

- a. The City can provide a link to the event invite on Social Media sites such as, Facebook and Twitter, and send periodic reminders.
- b. *Sample language: "Attention residents! Join the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Department at the Farmers Market on Sunday, September 17 from 9am to 2pm to discuss the future of Birmingham parks and recreation, from park maintenance to recreational programming. Please visit the City's website at <http://www.bhamgov.org/ParksRecPlan> for more details. Thank you for your interest in the future of our parks and recreation programming."*
- c. *Sample language: "You are invited to attend the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Open House and presentation by our consultants, McKenna Associates, on Tuesday, October 3rd. The Open House will take place from 6:00 to 6:30pm, with the Parks and Recreation Board meeting / presentation beginning at 6:30pm; both events will take place at the City of Birmingham Public Services Building (851 S Eton St.). Please visit the City's project website at <http://www.bhamgov.org/ParksRecPlan> for more details."*

6. QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

- a. A short description of the Parks and Recreation Master Planning Process, an invitation to the Open House, and a link to the survey (see below) will be included in the quarterly newsletter mailed all residents.
- b. *City-Approved Language: Our Parks and Recreation Plan, last updated in 2012, is an important resource that Birmingham’s elected and appointed officials and City Administration use to strategically guide the development, maintenance, and programming of our City parks. The Parks and Recreation Board is currently preparing an updated plan to be adopted in 2018, and is seeking your input to help guide the future of Birmingham’s parks and recreation choices.*
Join us for a project-specific Open House and presentation by our consultants, McKenna Associates, on Tuesday, October 3rd. The Open House will take place from 6:00 to 6:30pm, with the Parks and Recreation Board meeting / presentation beginning at 6:30pm; both events will take place at the City of Birmingham Public Services Building (851 S Eton St.). Please visit the City’s project website at <http://www.bhamgov.org/ParksRecPlan> for more details.
The City is also gathering resident feedback through an online and hard copy survey. Your input is needed before October 15th! The survey is available online OR visit City Hall, the Birmingham Ice Arena, or the Baldwin Public Library to pick up a hard copy. Please call the Parks and Recreation Manager, Carrie Laird, at (248)530-1714 with questions, to request additional information, or to provide input.
Thank you for your interest in the future of our parks and recreation planning.

Engagement Method 3: Survey

An important component of the public engagement program for the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan is the online and “hard copy” survey (attached). The survey has been designed to take less than 10 minutes for respondents to complete, and is straightforward and simply worded. We have established a goal of receiving at least 300 responses to the survey.

Below is vital information for the survey and how it will best be administered by the City of Birmingham, with support by McKenna.

METHODS FOR ACCESSING SURVEY

1. ONLINE

- a. The survey is being conducted on the survey website called Survey Monkey, and can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BhamParksRecSurvey>
- b. The link can be copied and pasted into emails, onto handouts, or any other means of publicity, and will work by following the link or typing the address into a web browser (i.e. Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, etc.).

2. HARD COPY

- a. Survey Monkey provides for creating PDF versions of the online survey, which can be printed and distributed in hard copy format. This is considered a best practice and

crucial element to the survey process, since not all constituents are able to easily navigate the internet, nor do they all have access.

- b. The hard copy surveys must be gathered and returned to McKenna to be inputted into the online format because Survey Monkey generates automatic reports concerning results.

SURVEY DATES

1. SURVEY OPEN: SEPTEMBER 01, 2017
2. SURVEY CLOSED: OCTOBER 15, 2017

POTENTIAL PUBLICITY AND DISTRIBUTION METHODS

1. CITY WEBSITE

- a. The survey should be linked on the home page of the City's website; this will be the primary access to the survey for all online respondents.

2. PUBLIC PICK UP LOCATIONS

- a. The attached PDF of the survey should be printed and put on display in City Hall, the Library, the Ice Arena, both Golf Courses, The Baldwin House, and All Seasons Senior Housing with a person designated to collect filled out surveys and put into an envelope or folder for McKenna to pick up once the survey is complete.

3. NIXLE (IF CITY USES THIS OR SIMILAR MUNICIPAL SERVICE)

- a. The City can provide a link on Nixle to the website on the home page; should include close date for the survey, and send periodic reminders.
- b. Sample language: *"Attention residents! Your input is needed before October 15th to guide the future of Birmingham's parks and recreation, from park maintenance to recreational programming. Please visit the City's website at <http://www.bhamgov.org/ParksRecPlan> for a link to the survey OR visit City Hall or the Library to pick up a hard copy. Thank you for your interest in the future of our parks and recreation programming."*

4. CABLE TV

- a. The City can provide information on the Cable TV station, directing viewers to the City's home page link to the survey, or to pick up a copy at City Hall or the Library.
- b. Sample language: *"Attention residents! Your input is needed before October 15th to guide the future of Birmingham's parks and recreation, from park maintenance to recreational programming. Please visit the City's website at <http://www.bhamgov.org/> for a link to the survey OR visit City Hall or the Library to pick up a hard copy. Thank you for your interest in the future of our parks and recreation programming."*

5. EMAIL TO COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

- a. City Administration should distribute the link to the survey to members of all Boards and Commissions for whom you have an email address. If the City has email addresses or contact information for neighborhood groups / block clubs, you could also distribute the link to those community groups.

- b. Sample language: *Dear Council, Board or Commission member, or neighborhood representative, for the City of Birmingham-*

The City is in the process of updating our Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and are putting in a sincere effort to gather as many responses to an online and hard copy survey as possible. Thus, we write to you asking you to 1) take the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BhamParksRecSurvey> or fill out a hard copy of the survey at City Hall AND 2) forward this email to 10 of your City of Birmingham friends and neighbors, requesting that they too take the survey. The deadline is October 15th, 2017 – please contact Carrie Laird, claird@bhamgov.org or (248) 530-1700 with any questions. Thank you so much for your support, interest and passion for our great City of Birmingham!”

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING PUBLIC MEETINGS

- a. City Administration should announce the survey during all public meetings or interactions with groups of residents.

7. NEWS ARTICLE

- a. City Administration may wish to contact the local reporter for the newspaper, and share that the City is performing a survey. McKenna can help support these efforts if desired by the City.

8. SOCIAL MEDIA

- a. City Administration can provide a link on Social Media sites such as, Facebook and Twitter, and should include close date for the survey, and send periodic reminders.
- b. Sample language: “Attention residents! Your input is needed before October 15th to guide the future of Birmingham’s parks and recreation, from park maintenance to recreational programming. To take the survey please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BhamParksRecSurvey> OR visit City Hall or the Library to pick up a hard copy. Thank you for your interest in the future of our parks and recreation programming.”
- c. City Administration may also post on Social Media image content generated at the field day (pictures of residents, activity outputs) with similar language.

9. QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

- a. A short description of the Parks and Recreation Master Planning Process, an invitation to the Open House, and a link to the survey will be included in the quarterly newsletter mailed all residents.
- b. Sample Language: See above.

Engagement Method 4: Roundtable Discussions

McKenna will organize and facilitate, with the support of the City, four or five Roundtable Discussions over two days. The Roundtable Discussions will ensure that representatives from specific interest groups can provide feedback about their organization’s parks and recreation needs. In addition, these roundtable discussions are a critical means of engaging the stakeholder groups who may not be easily

involved in large event public participation methods, such as residents with disabilities, the elderly, youth, and/or lower-income groups.

STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

1. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AGENCIES, AND PUBLIC GROUPS
2. SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS
3. LEAGUES, ASSOCIATIONS, PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP
4. NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

POTENTIAL PUBLICITY AND MARKETING METHODS

1. INVITATION

- a. Representatives from each stakeholder group will be emailed an invitation requesting their presence at the roundtable discussion.

- b. *Invitations for each Roundtable Discussion attached.*
Sample Language: Presently, the City of Birmingham, as required by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), is undertaking its Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan update. The effort includes significant participation by Birmingham residents, stakeholders and specific interest groups representing the diverse needs of parks and recreation users.

Boards, commissions, City departments and other public agencies play a vital role in the development, maintenance, and programming of parks and recreation facilities in the City of Birmingham. We want to hear your experiences, challenges, and opinions regarding the recreation programs, services, and facilities that Birmingham offers. Please consider attending the below roundtable discussion session:

Thursday, September 21, 2017

1:00 - 5:00 PM

Birmingham Municipal Building- Conference Room

151 Martin St.

Birmingham, MI 48009

Light refreshments will be provided.

RSVP by [insert date] to Carrie Laird, Birmingham Parks and Recreation Manager, by responding to this email. Please call Carrie at (248) 530-1642 with any questions. Hope to see you there!

IMPORTANT GROUPS

1. THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, WHICH GUIDES PREPARATION OF PLANS, VALUES OUTREACH TO SPECIFIC GROUPS, AS FOLLOW:

- a. **Seniors** – Hard copies of the survey will be distributed to two retirement communities; the Baldwin House and All Seasons. In addition, the survey link will be shared with NEXT, Birmingham’s senior group. Representatives from senior groups will be invited to attend the Specific Interest Groups Roundtable Discussion.

- b. **Persons with Disabilities** – The survey link will be shared with FAR Therapeutic Arts and Recreation, a nonprofit organization that provides arts and recreation programs to persons with disabilities. Representative from organizations that provide recreational programming and advocacy for persons with disabilities will be invited to attend the Specific Interest Groups Roundtable Discussion.
- c. **Youth** – The survey link will be shared with the Birmingham Youth Assistance Organization and with the Birmingham Public Schools’ administration. Representatives from both organizations will be invited to attend the Specific Interest Group and Public Groups Roundtable Discussions respectively. In addition, representatives from the various youth sports leagues will be invited to attend the Leagues, Associations, and Private Recreation Providers Roundtable Discussion.

Please contact Sarah Traxler, AICP at straxler@mcka.com or Laura Haw, AICP at lhaw@mcka.com with any questions, or if we can be of further assistance. Thank you.

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Stakeholder Roundtable Discussions Schedule

September 13, 2017

Thursday, September 21, 2017 – Birmingham Municipal Building (Conference Room)	
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Department Heads (Community Development, Planning, Engineering, Police, Fire)
2:00 - 2:15 pm	<i>Transition</i>
2:15 – 3:00 pm	Greenwood Cemetery Advisory Board (City Clerk) / Library Director / Museum Director
3:00 - 3:15 pm	<i>Transition</i>
3:15 – 4:00 pm	Birmingham Shopping District Director
4:00 - 4:15 pm	<i>Transition</i>
4:15 – 5:00 pm	Birmingham Community Education / Public Schools Representatives
Friday, September 22, 2017 – Birmingham Department Public Services Building (Conference Room)	
8:30 - 10:00 am	Leagues and Associations / Public Private Recreation Providers
10:00 - 10:30 am	<i>Transition</i>
10:30 - 12:00 pm	Specific Interest Groups
12:00 - 12:30 pm	<i>Transition</i>
12:30 - 2:00 pm	Neighborhood Associations
2:00 pm	<i>Wrap Up</i>

Boards, Commissions, Agencies, and Public Groups

Birmingham Community Education
Birmingham Shopping District Board
Birmingham Public Schools
Birmingham Triangle District Corridor Improvement Authority
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
City of Birmingham Department Heads
Design Review Board
Greenwood Cemetery Advisory Board
Historic District Commission
Historic District Study Committee
Library Board
Martha Baldwin Park Board
Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)
Multi-Modal Transportation Board
Museum Board
Public Arts Board
Public Space Activation Subcommittee

Leagues and Associations/Public Private Recreation Providers

Birmingham Baseball Little League
Birmingham Beverly Hills Church Softball League
Birmingham Figure Skating Club
Birmingham Girls Softball League
Birmingham Hockey Association
Birmingham Racquet Club
Birmingham United Soccer
Birmingham YMCA
Birmingham-Bloomfield Soccer Club
Eton Academy
First United Methodist Church
Forest Hills Swim Club
Holy Name Hurricane Club - Holy Name School
Our Shepherd Lutheran
Roeper School
The Community House

Specific Interest Groups

All Seasons of Birmingham (Senior Housing)
Baldwin House (Senior Housing)
Birmingham Education Foundation (BEF)
Birmingham Youth Assistance Organization
NEXT

Neighborhood Associations

Birmingham Estates Homeowners Association
Birmingham Farms Neighborhood Association
Birmingham Villas Association
Buckingham Village Condo Association
Central Birmingham Residents
Cinderilla Patch
Coryell Park Association
Crestview Subdivision Association
Hazel/Chestnut/Forest Association
Hidden Ravines Association
Highland View Association
Howarth Park Neighborhood Association
Little San Francisco Neighborhood Association
Maple Village Condo Association
Mill Pond Association
Pembrook Manor Association
Pierce / St. James Association
Pleasant Street Neighborhood Association
Quarton Lake
Sheffield Homeowners
South Poppleton Association
Torry Community

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BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN *Parks & Recreation*

“Big Idea” Public Engagement Results

FIELD DAY RESULTS

September 17, 2017 Farmers Market booth

COMMENT	TIMES MENTIONED
Splash pad	12
Swimming pool (outdoor)	3
Restroom Facilities	3
Year round farmers market building	2
Better parking for the market—parking structure	2
More trails	2
Dog park with swimming hole/beach	2
Increase rubber surface in the parks	2
Dog park off Eaton & Lincoln	
Surf pool	
Bouncing pillow pad	
Retrofit swing sets so all ages are side by side	
Place slides in the shade	
Walking bridge on Woodward	
Pickle Ball court	
Play equipment for ADA and handicap children	
Bicycle lanes	
Focus on World Class Design	
Beautify Adams Park	
Place Adams Park in the budget	
Mini library (little boxes)	
Community Garden corner of Maple/Woodward	

Tire swing	
Signs at trails (point to) Wayfinding	
Need Band Shell in Shain Park	
Sight lines better at Booth Park	
Move trees & Booth Park for clear line of sight	
Statues like Holland Michigan	
Do not change parking in Poppleton Park	
Allocate funding for parks	
Continue programming public spaces for continued interaction	
A natural playground	
Safety when bringing multiple children	
Webcam at the dog park	
People love their dogs, dogs love parks	
“Make sure that you pick up at least 10 pieces of trash every time you go to a park” – kid wrote	

OPEN HOUSE RESULTS

October 3, 2017- Open House

COMMENT	TIMES MENTIONED
Bike connection between parks	1
2 more shade structures in Barnum Park	2
Leave the Rouse River in as natural state as possible	1
Greywater to water plants in parks using City Hall greywater	1
Public solar and wind projects, Royal Oak example perhaps?	1
Green Energy-using solar/wind to light our own parks	1
Chimneys for chimney swifts	1
Use open land for geothermal heating	1
Outdoor museum area at museum	1
Historical games/playground at museum	1
More room for creatures	1
Bridge over Rouge/Lynn Smith and Linden Park	2
Native gardens and grass areas in Barnum to support insects and birds	1
Plant more trees, plants and wild flowers	2
Enforce crosswalks	2
Dig our own wells to water grass & flowers	1

Bathroom at #5 Springdale	2
Raingarden-Rain barrels where appropriate-set the standard	1
Community Garden somewhere in this town	1
More walking trails	1
Use parks to educate-use charts, placecards, insect ID, etc. "see if you can find _____ kind of tree, etc.	1
Adams Park- implement plan asap	1
Splash pad/fountain in Barnum or any park	1
Leave Kenning Park as quiet as it is	1
More walkways for those who are unsteady on their feet or use walkers	1
Keep Wi-Fi outlets out of the Park system. Let us have some spots where we can have peace and quiet.	1
Radar speed signs on M-1 near Oak Crossings	1
There is nothing wrong with simplicity	1
Porta Johns for tennis courts	1
Change #9 @ Springdale to #5	1

LET'S PLAN

BIRMINGHAM,
MICHIGAN

Parks & Recreation

“Resource Mapping” Public Engagement Results



FIELD DAY RESULTS

September 17, 2017 Farmers Market booth

PARK NAME	RECOMMENDED RESOURCES
Adams Park	Playground (3) Seating Walking Paths Community Garden
Birmingham Museum	---
Baldwin Well Site	Write In: "Maple Rd. bridge for pedestrians." Trash / Recycle Receptacle
Barnum Park	Restrooms (3) Dog Park (4) Community Garden Write In: "More shade over playground." Write In: "Pickle Ball court."
Booth Park	Restrooms (2) Security Improvements Dog Park (2)
Booth Trail	Fitness Community Garden Trash / Recycle Receptacle Write In: "Signage for route for Maple/Willeets."
Crestview Park	Drinking Fountain
Derby Well Site	---
Howarth Park	---
Ice Sports Arena	---
Kenning Park	Playground (3)
Kenning Park Skate Park	---
Lincoln Hills Dog Park	---
Lincoln Hills Golf Course	---
Linden Park	Restrooms Seating Playground
Linn-Smith Park	---
Manor Park	Dog Park
Martha Bladwin Park	---
Pembroke Park	Dog Park

	Restrooms
Poppleton Park	Dog Park Seating WIFI Access Restroom Community Garden Crosswalks Write In: "Pine Trees" (2) Write In: "Tree Screening for noise."
Pump House Park	---
Quarton Lake Park	---
Quarton Tennis Court	---
Quarton Lake Trail	Playgrounds (2) WIFI access
Redding Well Site	---
Shain Park	Community Garden WIFI Access Fitness Trash / Recycle Receptacle
South Well Site	---
Springdale Golf Course	---
Springdale Park	---
St. James Park	Playground
West Lincoln Well Site	Playgrounds (2) Seating

OPEN HOUSE RESULTS

October 3, 2017- Open House

<p><u>Linden Park & Trail</u> Trash/Recycle Receptacle Walking Paths</p> <p><u>Linn-Smith Park</u> Bridge</p> <p><u>Martha Baldwin Park</u> Walking Paths</p> <p><u>Howarth Park</u> Trash/Recycle Receptacle</p> <p><u>Kenning Park</u> Trash/Recycle Receptacle Walking Paths</p> <p><u>St. James Park</u> Trash/Recycle Receptacle Walking Paths Biking Paths</p> <p><u>Barnum Center</u> Trash/Recycle Receptacle Lighting</p> <p><u>Adams Park</u> Walking Paths Community Garden Playground Repairs</p>	<p><u>Pembroke Park</u> Trash/Recycle Receptacle Biking Paths</p> <p><u>Derby Well Site</u> Trash/Recycle Receptacle Walking Paths</p> <p><u>Manor Park</u> Biking Paths</p> <p><u>Poppleton Park</u> Community Garden Walking Paths Drinking Fountain Restrooms Accessibility Improvements Biking Paths</p> <p><u>Quarton Lake Park</u> Trash/ Recycle Receptacle</p> <p><u>Crestview Park</u> Trash/ Recycle Receptacle</p>
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LET'S PLAN

BIRMINGHAM,
MICHIGAN *Parks & Recreation*

“Open Ended Comments” Public Engagement Results

OPEN HOUSE RESULTS

October 3, 2017- Open House

- I would very much like to see Poppleton Park remain completely green. It is perhaps the only undeveloped green space, and I'd like to see it remain green, as is, for all to enjoy as is. More trees would be wonderful.
- Keep Kenning Park Green – Open spaces, trees, and well maintained. Kids love to run and play without structured interference to navigate.
- Leave space for kids to run and imagine whatever they want the park to be – Green is good!! Heavy traffic is not. A park should be free of too much structure.
- Kenning Park – Preserve open space at Kenning Park – leave baseball where it is – maybe reconfigure if anything....but don't move diamonds or take any trees down.
- Kenning Park – Cheltenham and Haynes – quiet neighborhood, having a track would cause congestion in parking on the street.
- Birmingham needs pickle-ball courts, this is a very popular sport and it is a shame that we have to go outside the community to play. Look at Royal Oak Parks and Recreation there are many places to play.

City of Birmingham, MI Parks & Recreation Master Plan Survey



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We respectfully request Birmingham residents' input about your experiences and opinions regarding the programs, services, and facilities that Birmingham offers. Your participation is crucial to helping Birmingham make the best choices in parks and recreation.

The following anonymous survey will take roughly 10 minutes to complete; the survey will be closed on Sunday, October 15, 2017. Thank you for your participation!

If you have any questions or additional comments, please contact Sarah Traxler, AICP, NCI (McKenna Associates) at straxler@mcka.com.

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* 1. Are you familiar with the facilities and programs offered by the Birmingham Parks and Recreation division of the Department of Public Services?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. As a resident, what facilities do you most frequently visit? (please select all that apply)

☐ Adams Park

☐ Kenning Park Skate Park

☐ Quarton Lake

☐ Birmingham Museum

☐ Lincoln Hills Dog Park

☐ Quarton Tennis Court

☐ Baldwin Well Site

☐ Lincoln Hills Golf Course

☐ Redding Well Site

☐ Barnum Park

☐ Linden Park

☐ Shain Park

☐ Booth Park

☐ Linn-Smith Park

☐ South Well Site

☐ Crestview Park

☐ Manor Park

☐ Springdale Golf Course

☐ Derby Well Site

☐ Martha Baldwin Park

☐ Springdale Park

☐ Howarth Park

☐ Pembroke Park

☐ St. James Park

☐ Ice Sports Arena

☐ Poppleton Park

☐ West Lincoln Well Site

☐ Kenning Park

☐ Pump House Park

3. Which one of the following three statements comes closest to the way you feel about parks and programs in your community?

☐ Members of my household use Parks and recreation programs on a regular basis, and I believe that these services are important to quality of life.

☐ Although members of my household do not use Parks and recreation programs frequently, I believe that these services are important to quality of life.

☐ Parks and recreation programs are not important to quality of life.

4. In general, what kind of recreation / leisure activities do you and your family members participate in? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Exercise / Fitness / Casual Sports
- ☐ Organized Team Sports
- ☐ Cultural Events
- ☐ Classes / Enrichment Programs
- ☐ Children's Play
- ☐ Nature Study / Gardening

5. Please rate the following aspects of public parks, recreation facilities, and spaces in Birmingham:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	N/A
Overall existing outdoor facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall indoor facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Variety of parks and recreation facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintenance of parks and recreation facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of public spaces where people want to spend time and feel safe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of walking paths (including sidewalks)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of bike facilities and paths	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. If you do not frequent City parks, recreation facilities, and/or programs, please select the reasons that prevent you or members of your household from doing so.

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I use private facilities and programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Too far from residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Registration for programs is too difficult |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities are not well maintained | <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are too high | <input type="checkbox"/> Program times are not convenient |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program or facility not offered | <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in programs provided by other communities or organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities are too hard to reach, poor access |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities do not have the right equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor customer service by staff | <input type="checkbox"/> None / no opinion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Security is insufficient | <input type="checkbox"/> I do not know the location of parks and facilities | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of programs is poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Availability of parking | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | | |

7. Please identify if you feel the facilities and recreation programs below fall short of meeting the needs, meet the needs, or exceed what is needed in the community.

	Exceed the Need	Meet the Need	Fall Short of the Need	Undecided/No Opinion
Park Land	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Athletic Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ice Arena (indoor)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ice Skating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Golf Courses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Performing Arts Space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking or Biking Trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis Courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dog Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lighting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
WIFI Connections	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Summer programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community special events and festivals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior adult health, fitness, social programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth and adult sports programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Family programs and activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teen and after school programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Art, music, concerts, theater, dance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Aquatic programs for all ages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Programs for people with disabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wellness and fitness programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Environmental/nature education programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Multi-cultural programs and offerings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. What new or enhanced opportunities would you like to see within the City? (Select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Fitness and Wellness | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Park (off leash) | <input type="checkbox"/> Restrooms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult / senior swim | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Course | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Fitness and Wellness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking / Walking Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboard / Bike park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At-risk Programs for Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Hockey | <input type="checkbox"/> Sledding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball / softball | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Arena | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> Jazzercise / Zumba | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events / Festivals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling – Road | <input type="checkbox"/> Martial Arts / Self Defense | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike Rental | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Education Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Gardens | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resource Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural / Historical Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Pickleball | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Fitness / Wellness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disc Golf | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs for People with disabilities | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | | |

9. What do you feel are the top three (3) recreational priorities for Birmingham in the next 10 years?

#1 Priority

#2 Priority

#3 Priority

Answering the following questions will help us match future parks, programming, and events to specific groups within Birmingham.

10. What is your age?

- ☐ 17 or younger
- ☐ 18-34
- ☐ 35 – 49
- ☐ 50-64
- ☐ 65 or better

11. Do you live in the City of Birmingham?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

12. Which quadrant do you live in?

- ☐ Quadrant A (north of Maple, west of Woodward Ave.)
- ☐ Quadrant B (north of Maple, east of Woodward Ave.)
- ☐ Quadrant C (south of Maple, east of Woodward Ave.)
- ☐ Quadrant D (south of Maple, west of Woodward Ave.)

13. Please feel free to leave any additional comments that were not addressed in the above questions.

14. Please provide your email address if you would like to receive more information about the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Master Plan Process:

City of Birmingham, MI Parks & Recreation Master Plan Ice Arena Survey



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We specifically request input about your experiences and opinions regarding the Birmingham Ice Arena. Your participation is crucial to helping Birmingham make the best choices in parks and recreation. The following anonymous survey will take roughly 5 minutes to complete; the survey will be closed on Sunday, October 15, 2017. Thank you for your participation!

If you have any questions or additional comments, please contact Sarah Traxler, AICP, NCI (McKenna Associates) at straxler@mcka.com.

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* 1. Are you satisfied with the conditions at the City of Birmingham Ice Arena?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. What do you think could be improved?

3. How should the City of Birmingham prioritize improvements to the Ice Arena?

☐ More than other park improvements

☐ Less than other park improvements

☐ The same as other park improvements

☐ Undecided / No Opinion

4. Would you be willing to pay increased rates for these improvements? (NOTE: This will not translate into direct increases in fees. The City is gaging users' level of interest to determine if improvements are appropriate).

☐ 0-10 percent more

☐ 10-20 percent more

☐ 20-30 percent more

☐ Undecided / No Opinion

5. Do you currently live in the City of Birmingham?

☐ Yes

☐ No

City of Birmingham, MI Parks & Recreation Master Plan Golf Course Survey



Why have you been asked to take a survey about parks and recreation in Birmingham?

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We specifically request input about your experiences and opinions regarding Birmingham Golf Courses. Your participation is crucial to helping Birmingham make the best choices in parks and recreation. The following anonymous survey will take roughly 5 minutes to complete; the survey will be closed on Sunday, October 15, 2017. Thank you for your participation!

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* 1. Are you satisfied with the conditions at the City of Birmingham Golf Courses?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. What do you think could be improved?

3. How should the City of Birmingham prioritize improvements to its Golf Courses?

☐ More than other park improvements

☐ Less than other park improvements

☐ The same as other park improvements

☐ Undecided / No Opinion

4. Would you be willing to pay increased rates for these improvements?
(NOTE: This will not translate into direct increases in fees. The City is gaging users' level of interest to determine if improvements are appropriate).

☐ 0-10 percent more

☐ 10-20 percent more

☐ 20-30 percent more

☐ Undecided / No Opinion

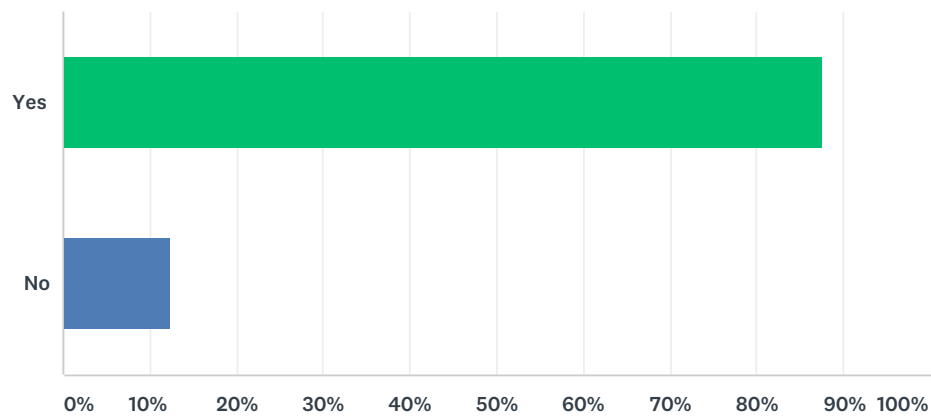
5. Do you currently live in the City of Birmingham?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Q1 Are you familiar with the facilities and programs offered by the Birmingham Parks and Recreation division of the Department of Public Services?

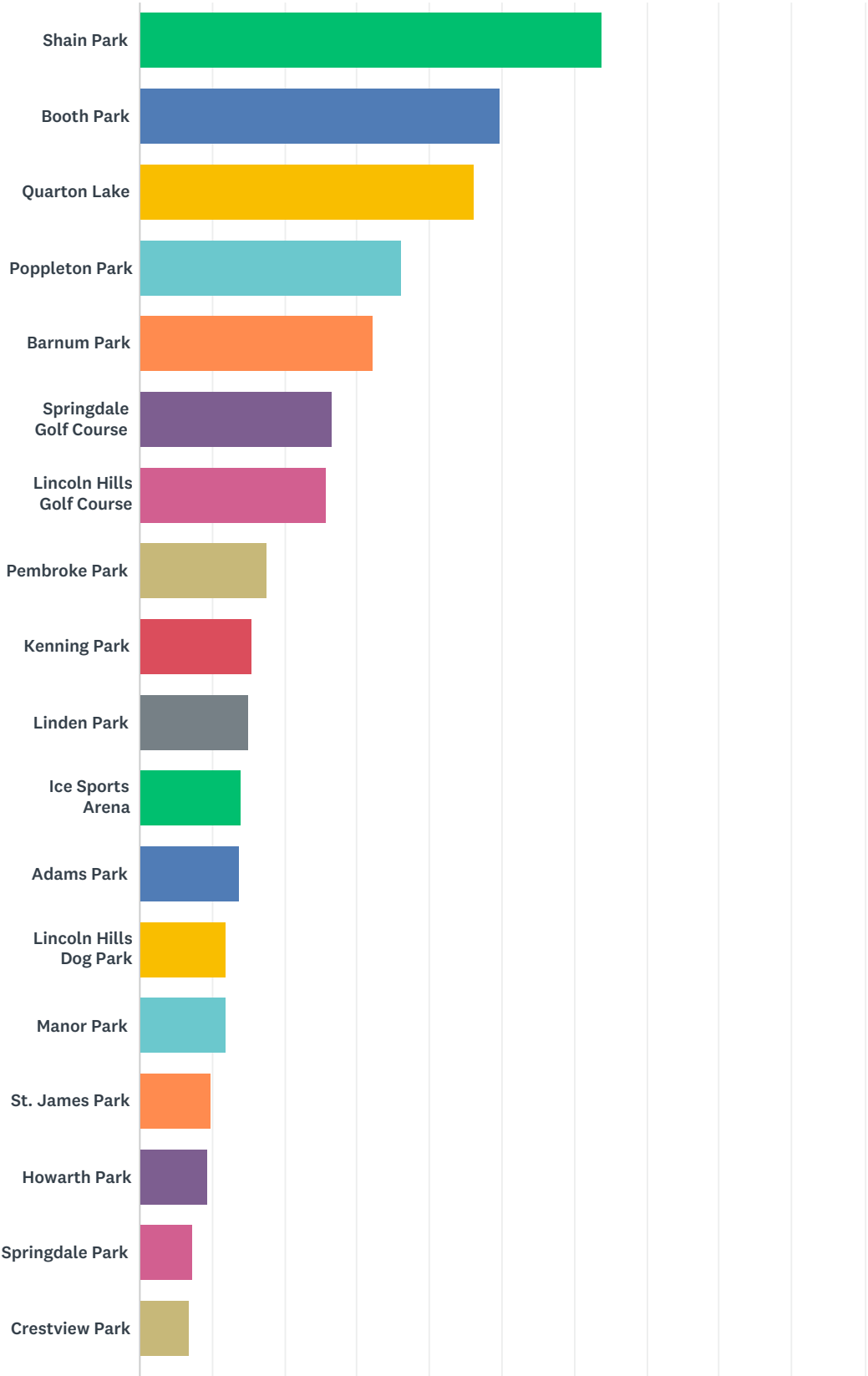
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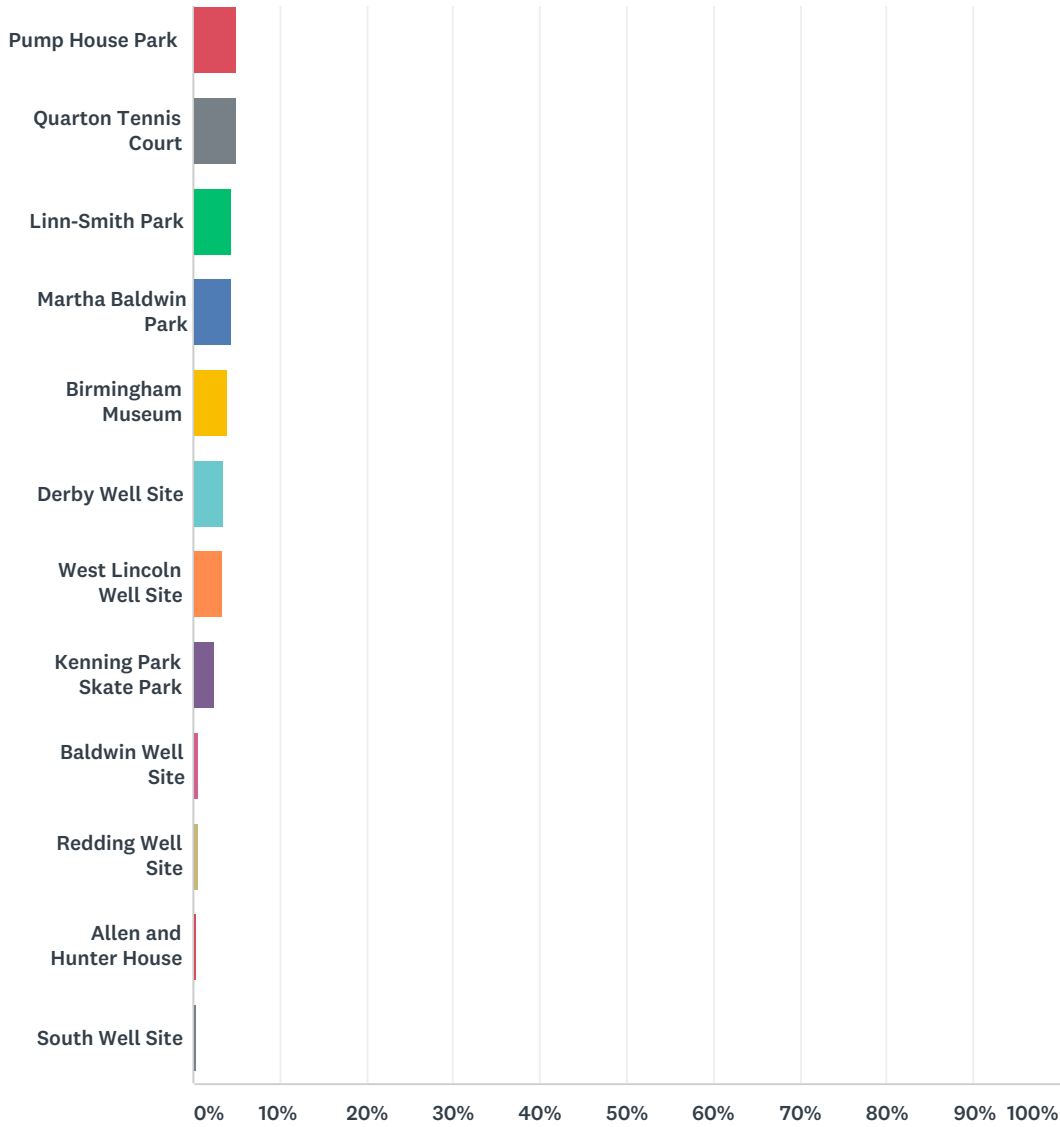
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	87.56%	366
No	12.44%	52
TOTAL		418

Q2 As a resident, what facilities do you most frequently visit? (please select all that apply)

Answered: 411 Skipped: 6



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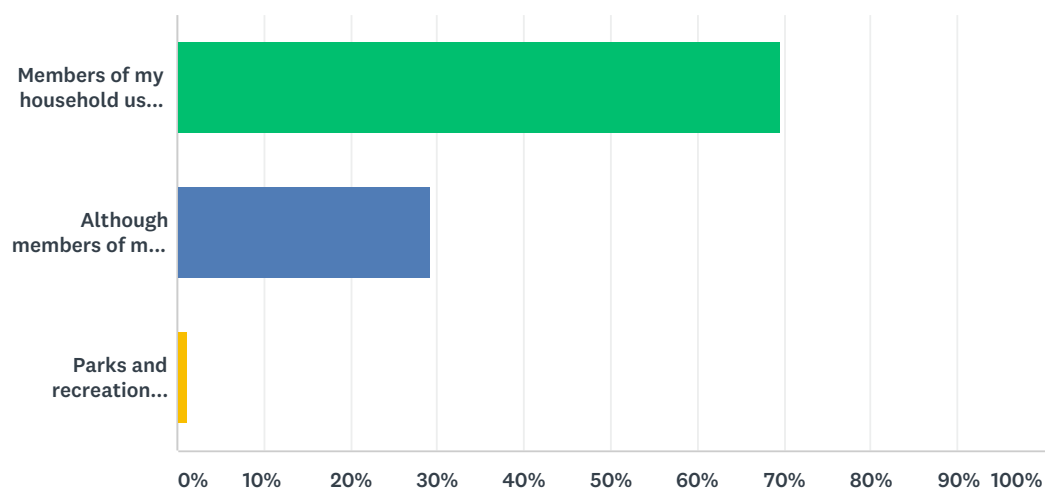
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Shain Park	63.75%	262
Booth Park	49.88%	205
Quarton Lake	46.23%	190
Poppleton Park	36.25%	149
Barnum Park	32.12%	132
Springdale Golf Course	26.52%	109
Lincoln Hills Golf Course	25.79%	106
Pembroke Park	17.52%	72
Kenning Park	15.57%	64
Linden Park	15.09%	62
Ice Sports Arena	14.11%	58
Adams Park	13.87%	57

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Lincoln Hills Dog Park	11.92%	49
Manor Park	11.92%	49
St. James Park	9.73%	40
Howarth Park	9.49%	39
Springdale Park	7.30%	30
Crestview Park	6.81%	28
Pump House Park	5.11%	21
Quarton Tennis Court	5.11%	21
Linn-Smith Park	4.38%	18
Martha Baldwin Park	4.38%	18
Birmingham Museum	3.89%	16
Derby Well Site	3.65%	15
West Lincoln Well Site	3.41%	14
Kenning Park Skate Park	2.43%	10
Baldwin Well Site	0.73%	3
Redding Well Site	0.73%	3
Allen and Hunter House	0.49%	2
South Well Site	0.49%	2
Total Respondents: 411		

Q3 Which one of the following three statements comes closest to the way you feel about parks and programs in your community?

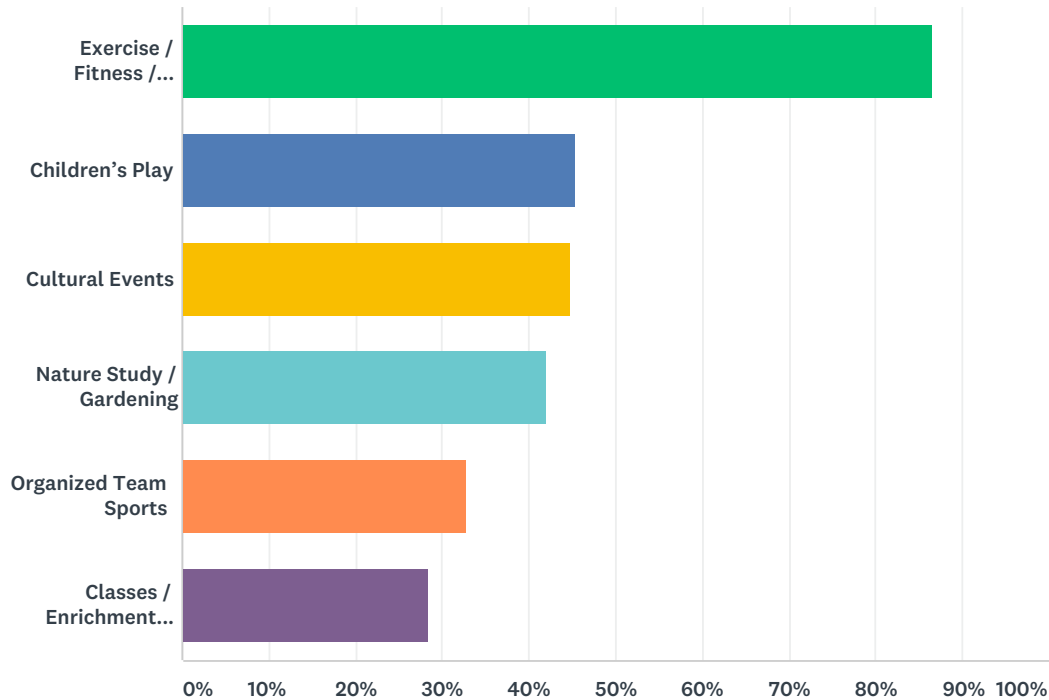
Answered: 414 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Members of my household use Parks and recreation programs on a regular basis, and I believe that these services are important to quality of life.	69.57%	288
Although members of my household do not use Parks and recreation programs frequently, I believe that these services are important to quality of life.	29.23%	121
Parks and recreation programs are not important to quality of life.	1.21%	5
TOTAL		414

Q4 In general, what kind of recreation / leisure activities do you and your family members participate in? (select all that apply)

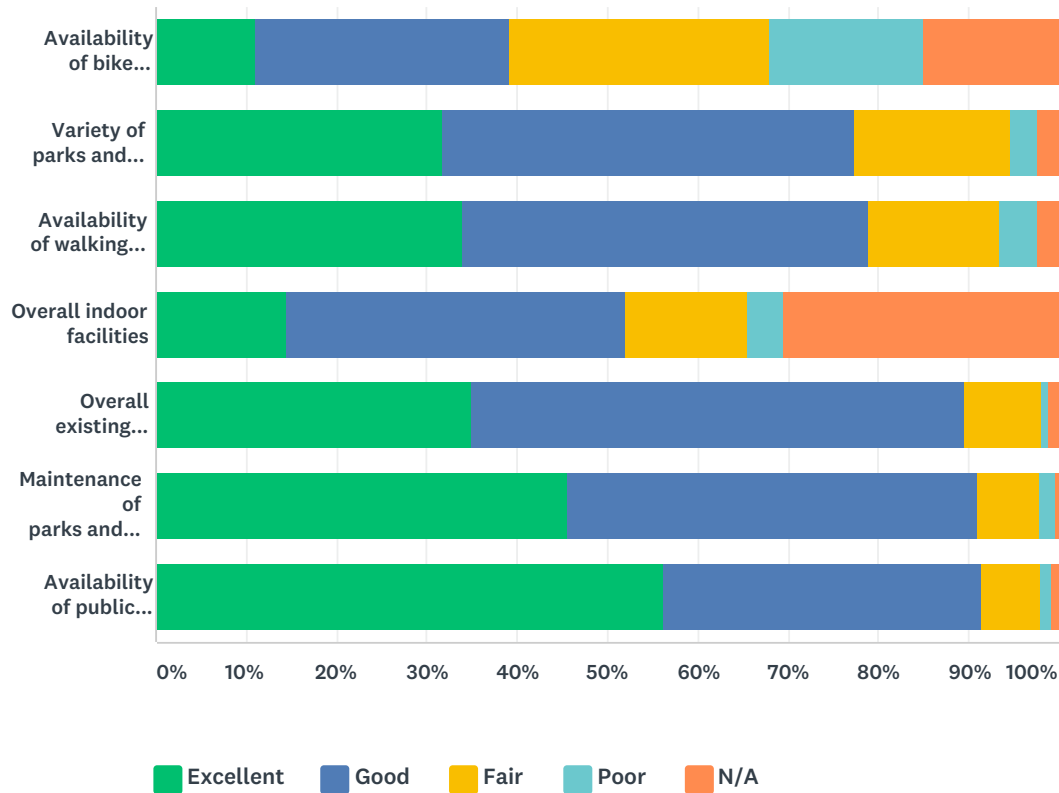
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Exercise / Fitness / Casual Sports	86.62%	356
Children's Play	45.50%	187
Cultural Events	44.77%	184
Nature Study / Gardening	42.09%	173
Organized Team Sports	32.85%	135
Classes / Enrichment Programs	28.47%	117
Total Respondents: 411		

Q5 Please rate the following aspects of public parks, recreation facilities, and spaces in Birmingham:

Answered: 414 Skipped: 3

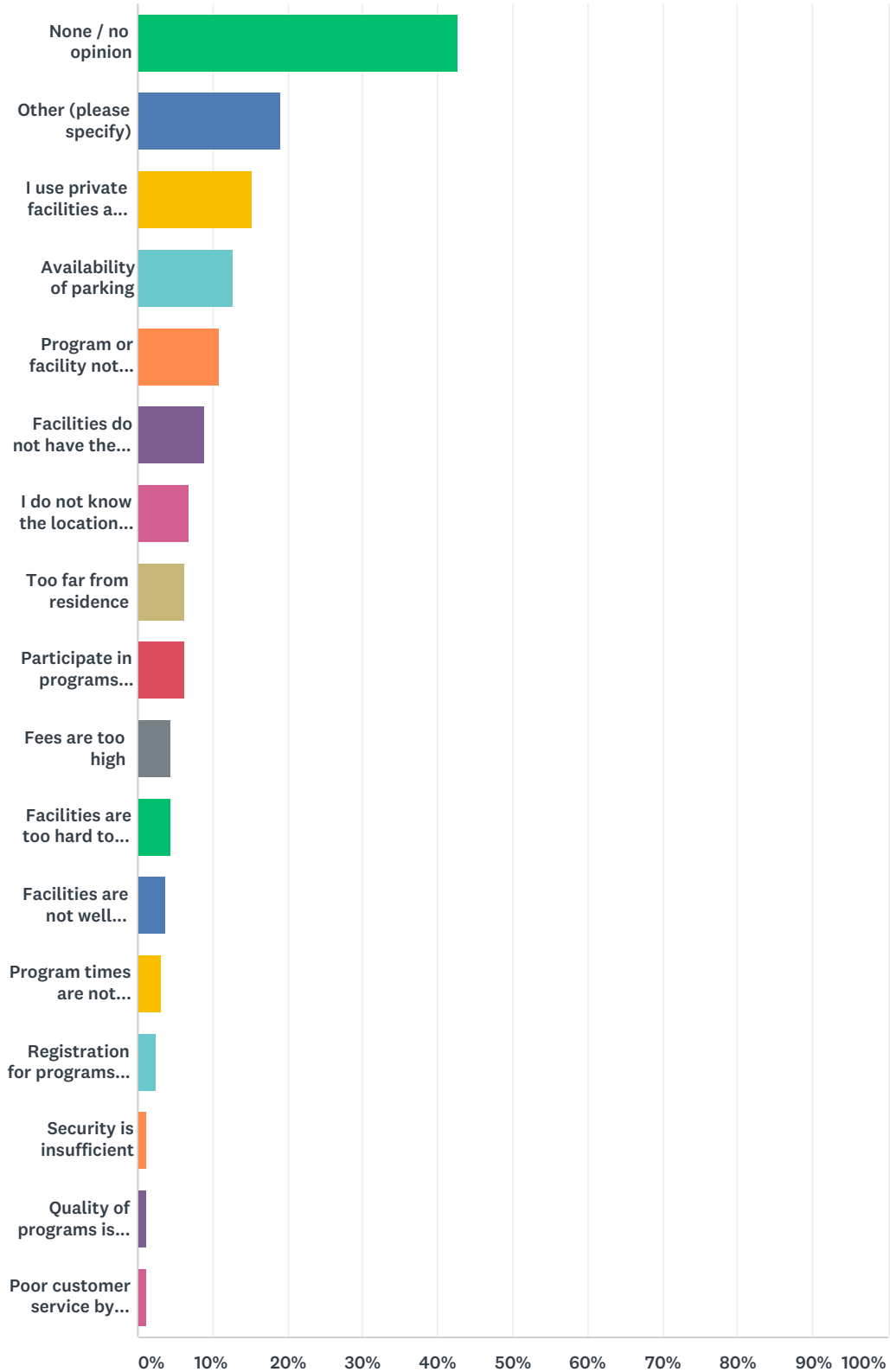


	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	N/A	TOTAL
Availability of bike facilities and paths	11.00% 45	28.12% 115	28.85% 118	16.87% 69	15.16% 62	409
Variety of parks and recreation facilities	31.70% 129	45.70% 186	17.20% 70	2.95% 12	2.46% 10	407
Availability of walking paths (including sidewalks)	33.90% 140	45.04% 186	14.53% 60	4.12% 17	2.42% 10	413
Overall indoor facilities	14.43% 58	37.56% 151	13.43% 54	3.98% 16	30.60% 123	402
Overall existing outdoor facilities	35.02% 145	54.59% 226	8.45% 35	0.72% 3	1.21% 5	414
Maintenance of parks and recreation facilities	45.52% 188	45.52% 188	6.78% 28	1.69% 7	0.48% 2	413
Availability of public spaces where people want to spend time and feel safe	56.17% 232	35.11% 145	6.78% 28	1.21% 5	0.73% 3	413

Q6 If you do not frequent City parks, recreation facilities, and/or programs, please select the reasons that prevent you or members of your household from doing so.

Answered: 157 Skipped: 260

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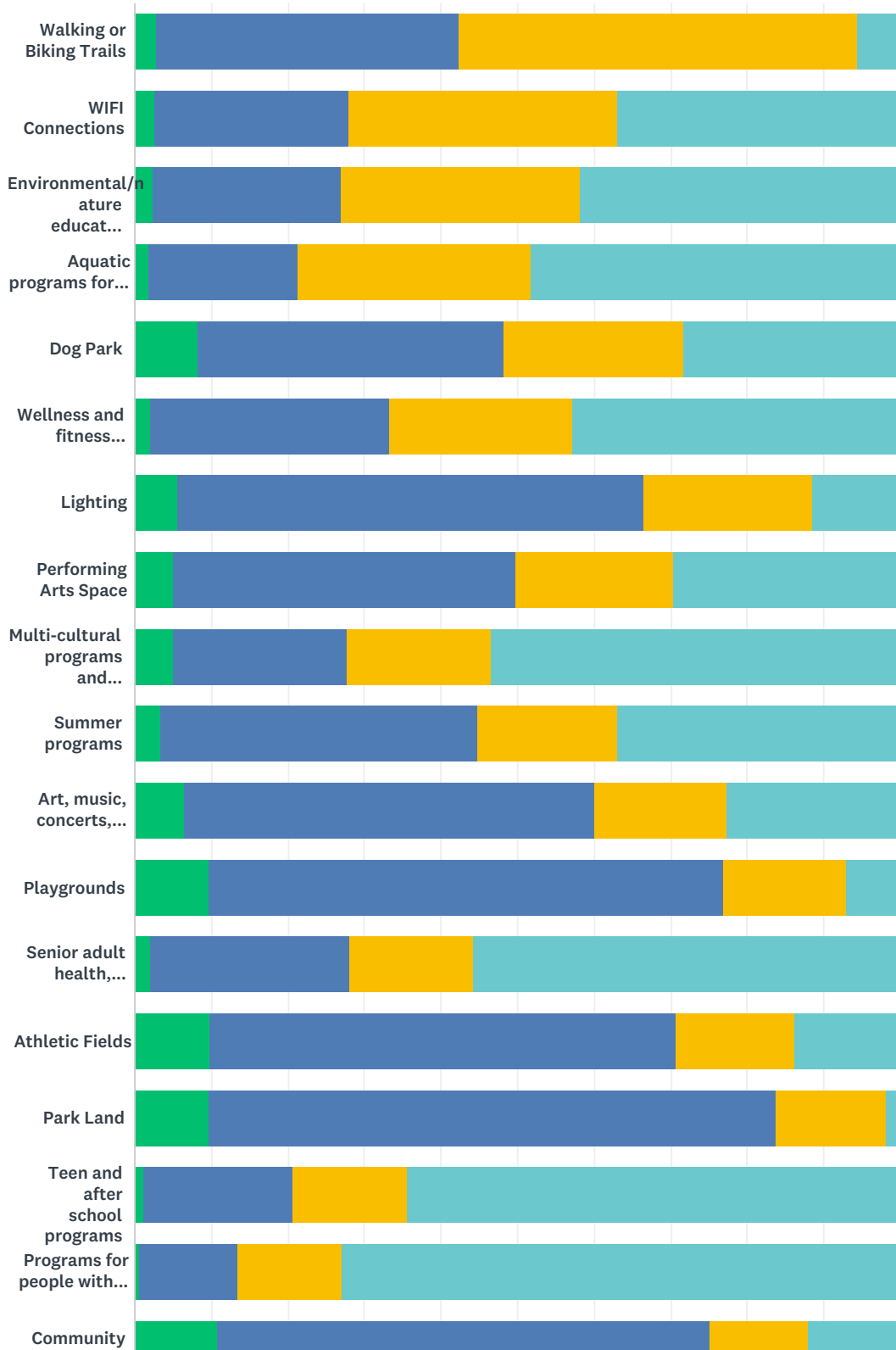
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None / no opinion	42.68%	67
Other (please specify)	19.11%	30
I use private facilities and programs	15.29%	24

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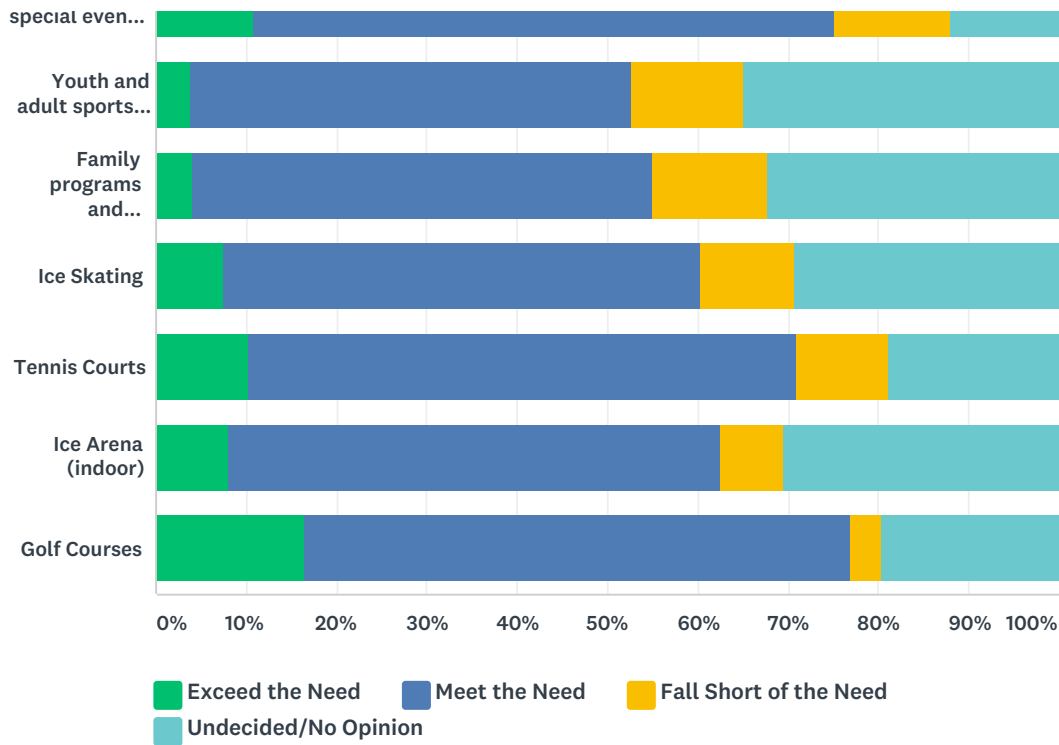
Availability of parking	12.74%	20
Program or facility not offered	10.83%	17
Facilities do not have the right equipment	8.92%	14
I do not know the location of parks and facilities	7.01%	11
Too far from residence	6.37%	10
Participate in programs provided by other communities or organizations	6.37%	10
Fees are too high	4.46%	7
Facilities are too hard to reach, poor access	4.46%	7
Facilities are not well maintained	3.82%	6
Program times are not convenient	3.18%	5
Registration for programs is too difficult	2.55%	4
Security is insufficient	1.27%	2
Quality of programs is poor	1.27%	2
Poor customer service by staff	1.27%	2
Total Respondents: 157		

Q7 Please identify if you feel the facilities and recreation programs below fall short of meeting the needs, meet the needs, or exceed what is needed in the community.

Answered: 356 Skipped: 61



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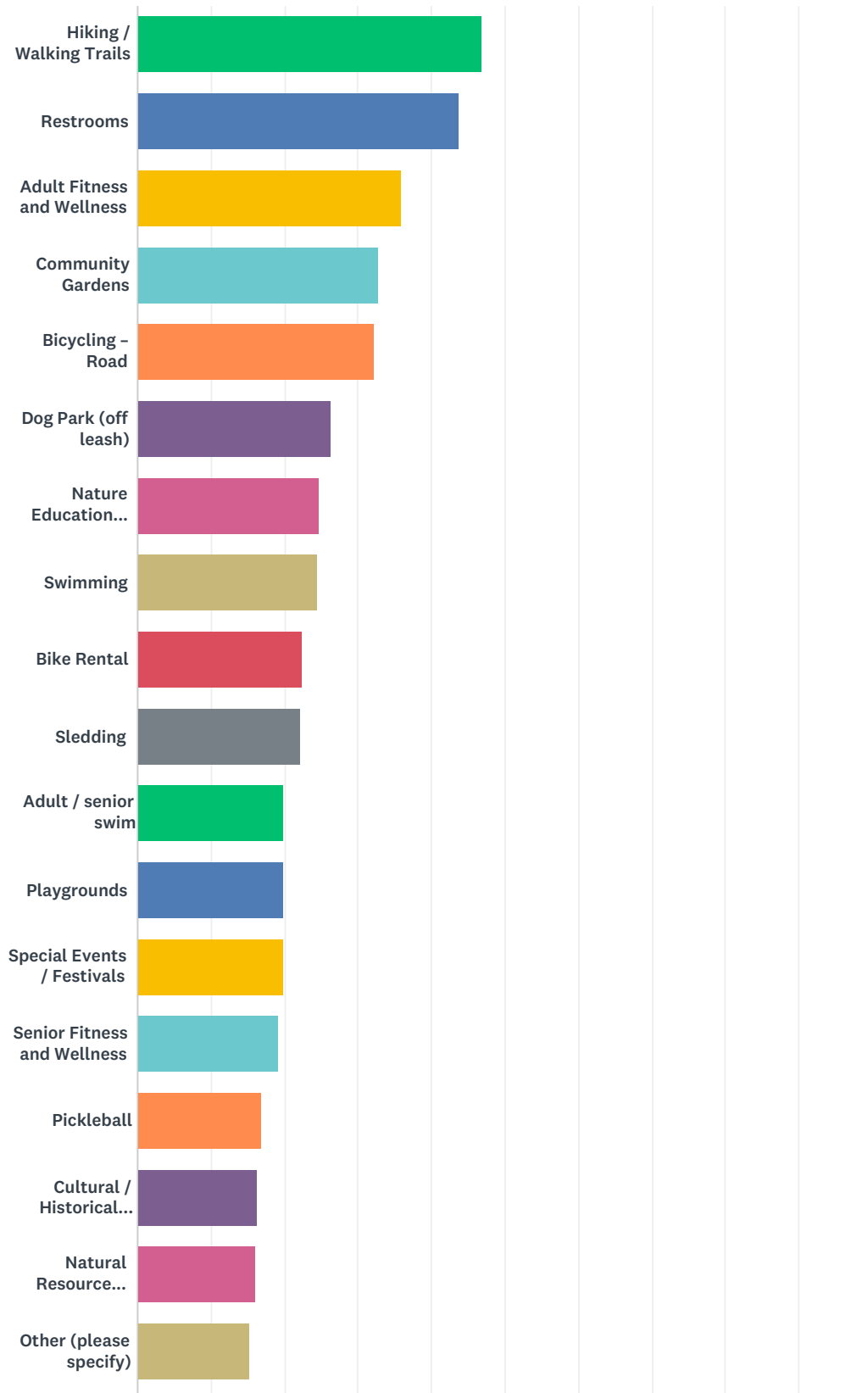
	EXCEED THE NEED	MEET THE NEED	FALL SHORT OF THE NEED	UNDECIDED/NO OPINION	TOTAL
Walking or Biking Trails	2.91% 10	39.53% 136	52.03% 179	5.52% 19	344
WIFI Connections	2.70% 9	25.23% 84	35.14% 117	36.94% 123	333
Environmental/nature education programs	2.39% 8	24.48% 82	31.34% 105	41.79% 140	335
Aquatic programs for all ages	1.81% 6	19.58% 65	30.42% 101	48.19% 160	332
Dog Park	8.19% 28	40.06% 137	23.39% 80	28.36% 97	342
Wellness and fitness programs	2.10% 7	31.14% 104	23.95% 80	42.81% 143	334
Lighting	5.71% 19	60.66% 202	22.22% 74	11.41% 38	333
Performing Arts Space	5.11% 17	44.74% 149	20.42% 68	29.73% 99	333
Multi-cultural programs and offerings	5.11% 17	22.52% 75	18.92% 63	53.45% 178	333
Summer programs	3.32% 11	41.39% 137	18.43% 61	36.86% 122	331
Art, music, concerts, theater, dance	6.51% 22	53.55% 181	17.16% 58	22.78% 77	338
Playgrounds	9.57% 33	67.25% 232	16.23% 56	6.96% 24	345
Senior adult health, fitness, social programs	2.08% 7	26.11% 88	16.02% 54	55.79% 188	337

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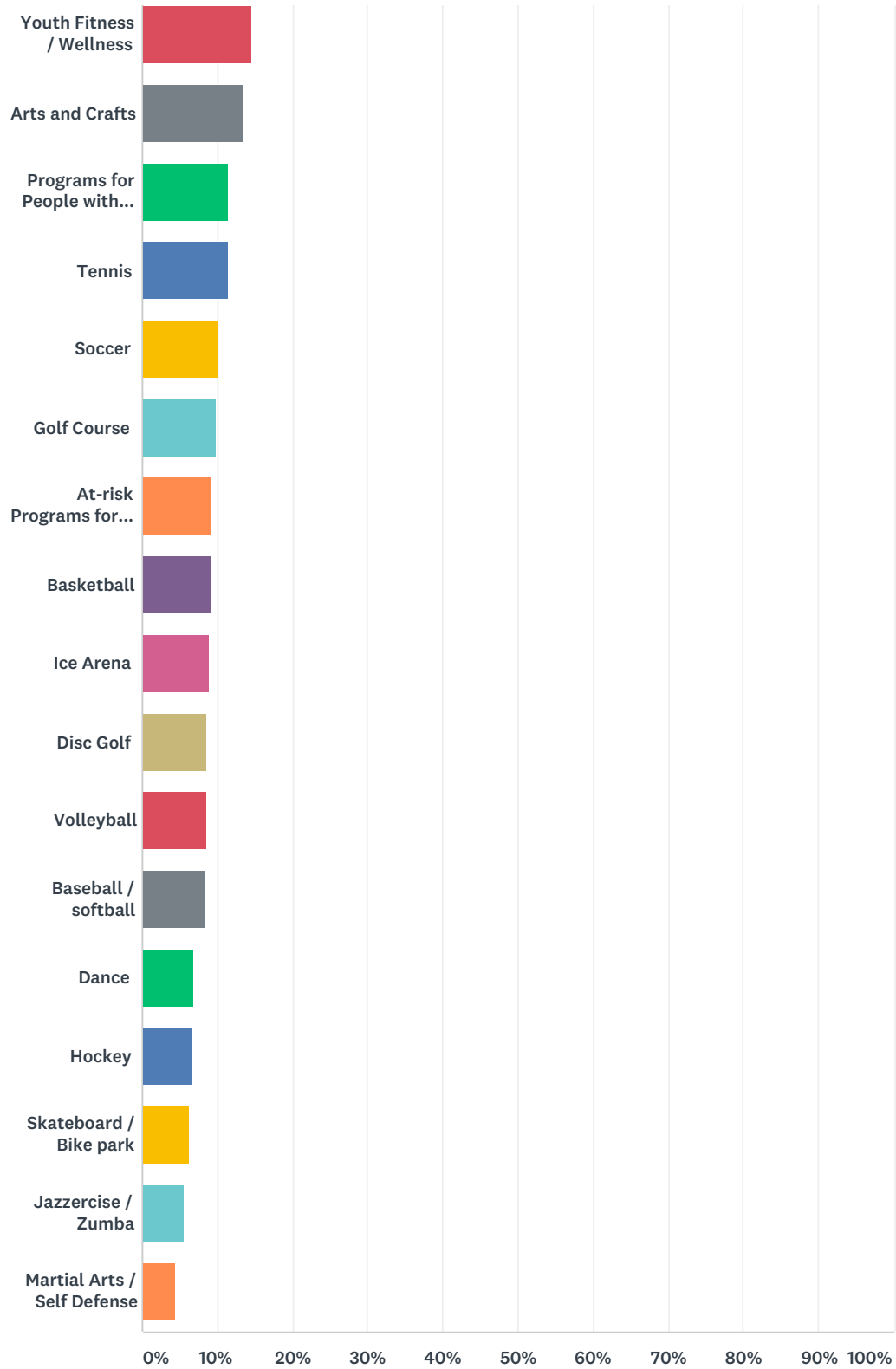
Athletic Fields	9.88% 33	60.78% 203	15.57% 52	13.77% 46	334
Park Land	9.71% 33	74.12% 252	14.41% 49	1.76% 6	340
Teen and after school programs	1.20% 4	19.58% 65	14.76% 49	64.46% 214	332
Programs for people with disabilities	0.61% 2	12.77% 42	13.68% 45	72.95% 240	329
Community special events and festivals	10.88% 37	64.12% 218	12.94% 44	12.06% 41	340
Youth and adult sports programs	3.88% 13	48.66% 163	12.54% 42	34.93% 117	335
Family programs and activities	3.93% 13	51.06% 169	12.69% 42	32.33% 107	331
Ice Skating	7.42% 25	52.82% 178	10.39% 35	29.38% 99	337
Tennis Courts	10.29% 35	60.59% 206	10.29% 35	18.82% 64	340
Ice Arena (indoor)	7.99% 27	54.44% 184	7.10% 24	30.47% 103	338
Golf Courses	16.37% 56	60.53% 207	3.51% 12	19.59% 67	342

Q8 What new or enhanced opportunities would you like to see within the City? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 348 Skipped: 69



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Hiking / Walking Trails	46.84%	163
Restrooms	43.68%	152
Adult Fitness and Wellness	35.92%	125

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Community Gardens	32.76%	114
Bicycling – Road	32.18%	112
Dog Park (off leash)	26.44%	92
Nature Education Programs	24.71%	86
Swimming	24.43%	85
Bike Rental	22.41%	78
Sledding	22.13%	77
Adult / senior swim	19.83%	69
Playgrounds	19.83%	69
Special Events / Festivals	19.83%	69
Senior Fitness and Wellness	19.25%	67
Pickleball	16.95%	59
Cultural / Historical Programs	16.38%	57
Natural Resource Management	16.09%	56
Other (please specify)	15.23%	53
Youth Fitness / Wellness	14.66%	51
Arts and Crafts	13.51%	47
Programs for People with disabilities	11.49%	40
Tennis	11.49%	40
Soccer	10.34%	36
Golf Course	9.77%	34
At-risk Programs for Youth	9.20%	32
Basketball	9.20%	32
Ice Arena	8.91%	31
Disc Golf	8.62%	30
Volleyball	8.62%	30
Baseball / softball	8.33%	29
Dance	6.90%	24
Hockey	6.61%	23
Skateboard / Bike park	6.32%	22
Jazzercise / Zumba	5.75%	20
Martial Arts / Self Defense	4.31%	15
Total Respondents: 348		

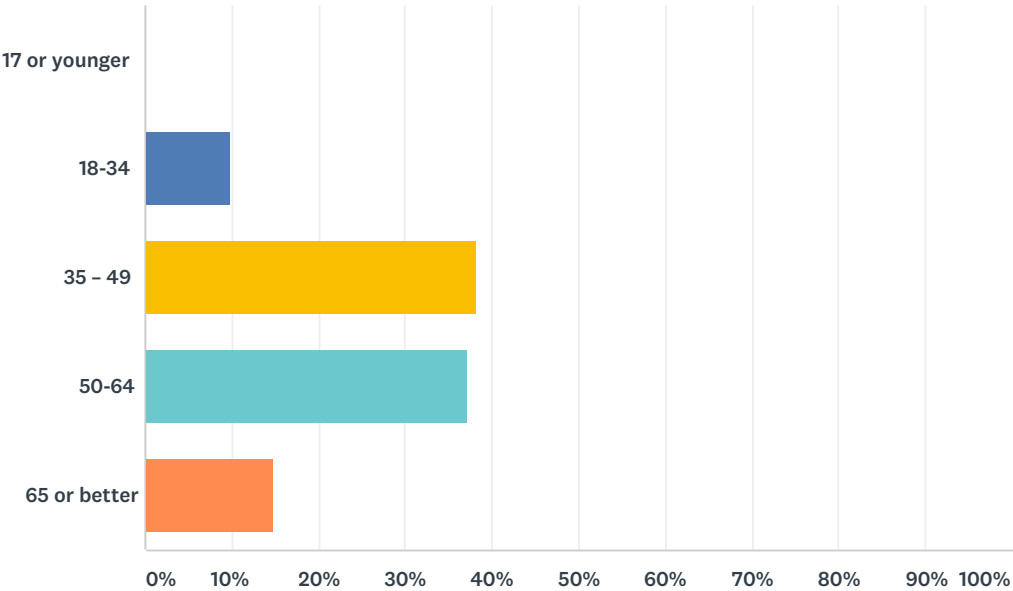
Q9 What do you feel are the top three (3) recreational priorities for Birmingham in the next 10 years?

Answered: 267 Skipped: 150

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
#1 Priority	100.00%	267
#2 Priority	89.14%	238
#3 Priority	72.28%	193

Q10 What is your age?

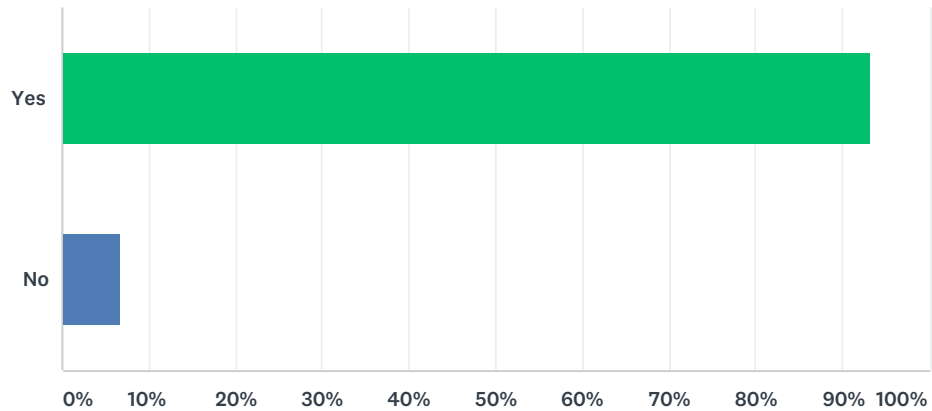
Answered: 358 Skipped: 59



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
17 or younger	0.00%	0
18-34	9.78%	35
35 – 49	38.27%	137
50-64	37.15%	133
65 or better	14.80%	53
TOTAL		358

Q11 Do you live in the City of Birmingham?

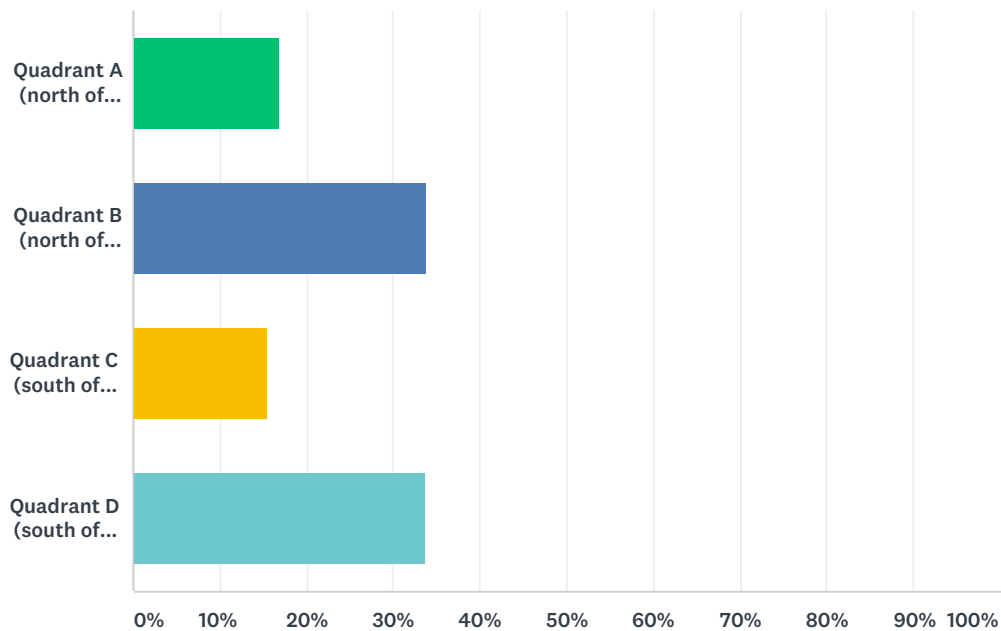
Answered: 356 Skipped: 61



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		93.26%	332
No		6.74%	24
TOTAL			356

Q12 Which quadrant do you live in?

Answered: 342 Skipped: 75



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Quadrant A (north of Maple, west of Woodward Ave.)	16.96%	58
Quadrant B (north of Maple, east of Woodward Ave.)	33.92%	116
Quadrant C (south of Maple, east of Woodward Ave.)	15.50%	53
Quadrant D (south of Maple, west of Woodward Ave.)	33.63%	115
TOTAL		342

Q13 Please feel free to leave any additional comments that were not addressed in the above questions.

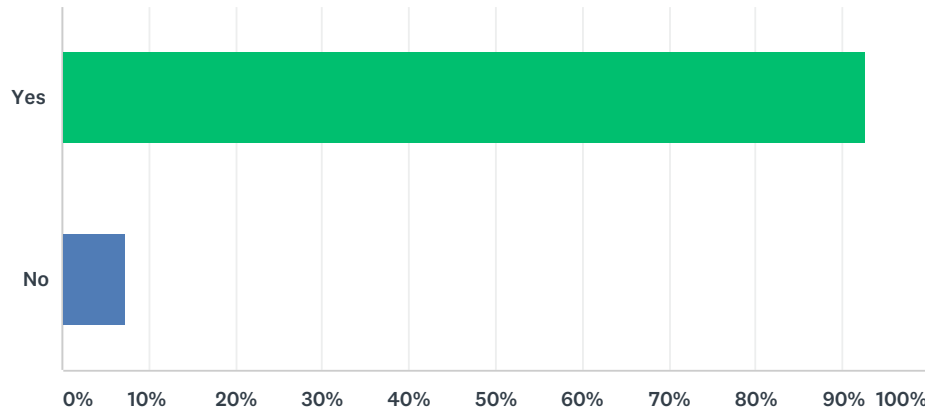
Answered: 104 Skipped: 313

Q14 Please provide your email address if you would like to receive more information about the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Master Plan Process:

Answered: 151 Skipped: 266

Q1 Are you satisfied with the conditions at the City of Birmingham Golf Courses?

Answered: 324 Skipped: 0



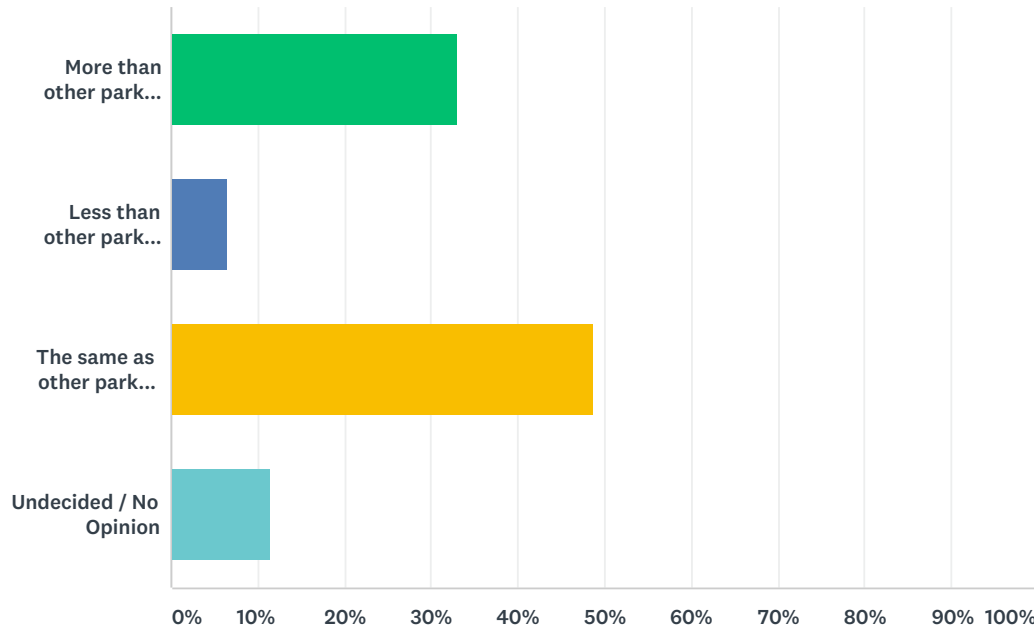
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	92.59%	300
No	7.41%	24
TOTAL		324

Q2 What do you think could be improved?

Answered: 200 Skipped: 124

Q3 How should the City of Birmingham prioritize improvements to its Golf Courses?

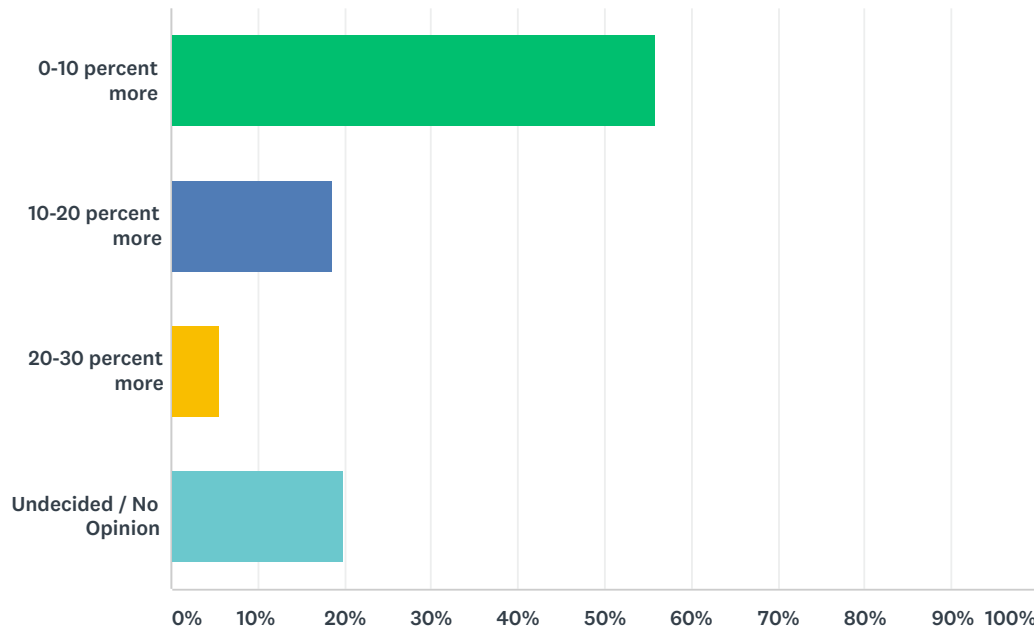
Answered: 320 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More than other park improvements	33.13%	106
Less than other park improvements	6.56%	21
The same as other park improvements	48.75%	156
Undecided / No Opinion	11.56%	37
TOTAL		320

Q4 Would you be willing to pay increased rates for these improvements?
 (NOTE: This will not translate into direct increases in fees. The City is gaging users' level of interest to determine if improvements are appropriate).

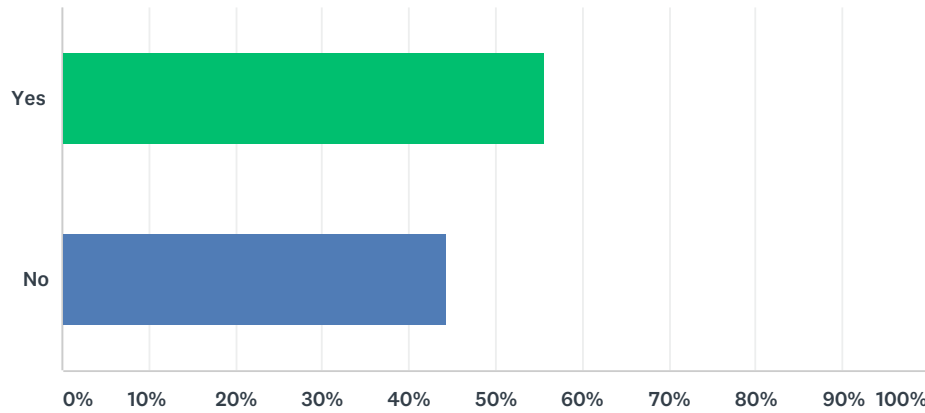
Answered: 321 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-10 percent more	55.76%	179
10-20 percent more	18.69%	60
20-30 percent more	5.61%	18
Undecided / No Opinion	19.94%	64
TOTAL		321

Q5 Do you currently live in the City of Birmingham?

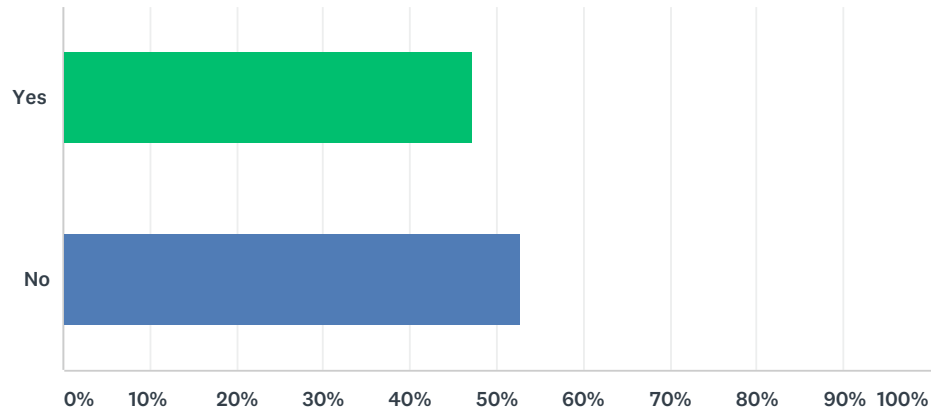
Answered: 324 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		55.56%	180
No		44.44%	144
TOTAL			324

Q1 Are you satisfied with the conditions at the City of Birmingham Ice Arena?

Answered: 260 Skipped: 0



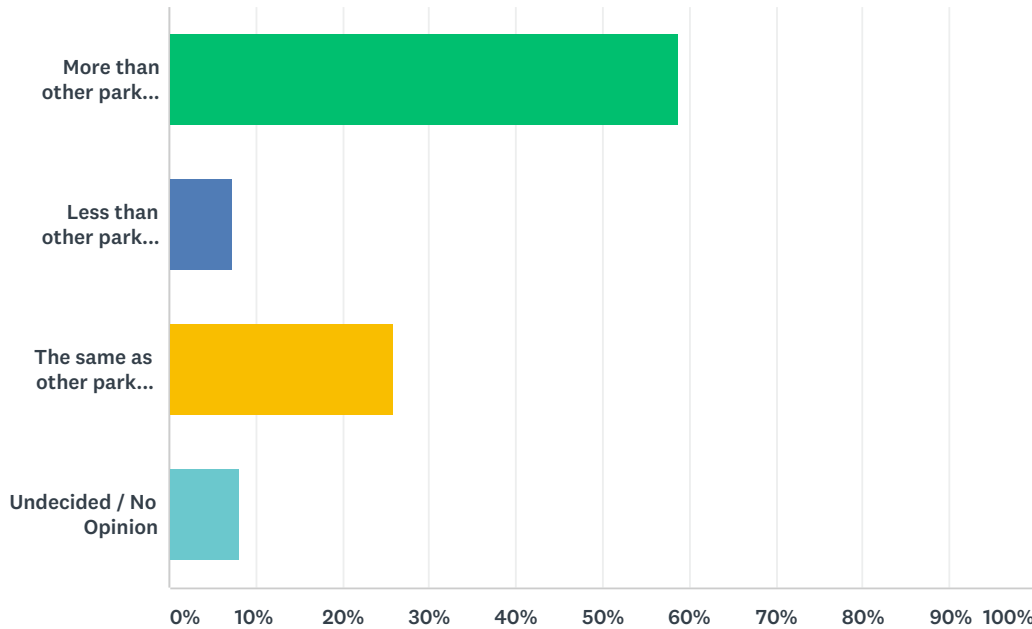
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		47.31%	123
No		52.69%	137
TOTAL			260

Q2 What do you think could be improved?

Answered: 213 Skipped: 47

Q3 How should the City of Birmingham prioritize improvements to the Ice Arena?

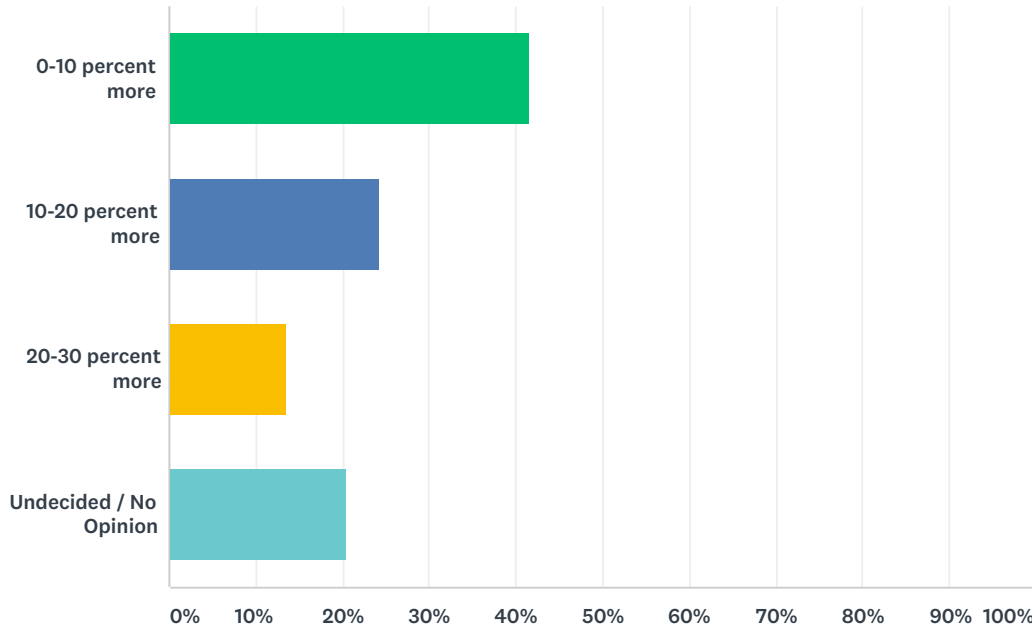
Answered: 259 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More than other park improvements	58.69%	152
Less than other park improvements	7.34%	19
The same as other park improvements	25.87%	67
Undecided / No Opinion	8.11%	21
TOTAL		259

Q4 Would you be willing to pay increased rates for these improvements?
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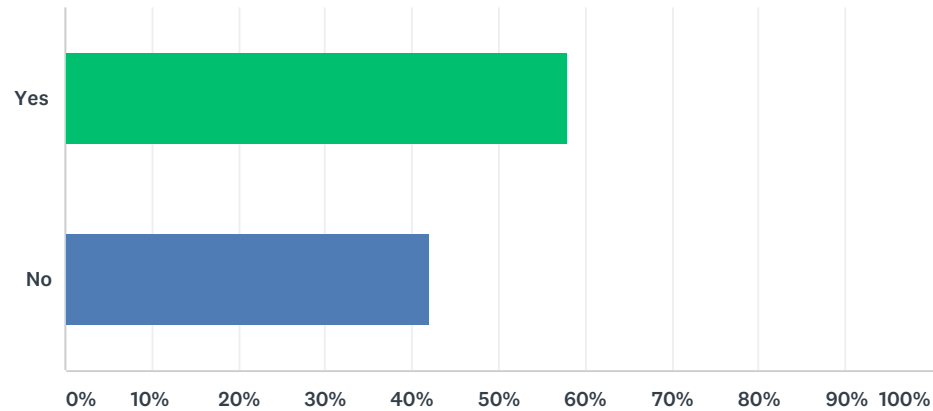
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-10 percent more	41.70%	108
10-20 percent more	24.32%	63
20-30 percent more	13.51%	35
Undecided / No Opinion	20.46%	53
TOTAL		259

Q5 Do you currently live in the City of Birmingham?

Answered: 259 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		57.92%	150
No		42.08%	109
TOTAL			259

October 12, 2017

Dear Ms. Wood and Ms. Laird,

I want to thank you for taking the time to update the Birmingham Park Master Plan. As a Birmingham resident and someone who works in the Parks and Recreation industry, I can appreciate the amount of time and effort that has gone into gathering information and formulating this long-range plan. There are two main features that I regularly brag about to family and co-workers, Birmingham's beautiful parks and the walkability of the Community. Both features, make it the perfect location for raising a family. I look forward to our trips to the parks, walks in the evening and all of the activities that our kids will ultimately participate in.

Our three most frequented parks are Kenning Park, Booth Park and Shain Park; each for different reasons. Kenning Park is only two blocks from our home and is awesome for little kids! We love going for an evening walk and stopping by the playground. There are usually only a couple games going on and it is usually pretty low-key; which is ideal for small children. Booth Park has a wonderful walking path and we enjoy the unique playground and the story time area. I really like that natural wildflower plots are scattered throughout; they are lovely and also supportive of wildlife. Shain Park is an icon of downtown and a good break from the shops. All of these spaces are well maintained and a true testament of a dedicated staff.

As to be expected, the Master Plan will ultimately result in updates to the parks. My hope is that some of our favorite features will not be lost in the updates. We greatly appreciate the quiet and natural features of Kenning Park. I understand the interest in adding walking paths, as it likely makes it more ADA accessible, bike and stroller friendly. However, I would be sad to see money invested in relocating courts and fields to accommodate parking. Would it not be easier to just put a parking lot in the space northeast of Lincoln/Eton? Also, pavilions may not be necessary in a highly shaded area; maybe just add more seating in the play space. We appreciate the opportunity to consider alternatives to the proposed reduction in passive recreation.

Over the past few years, we have been focusing on growing our family. I regret not having gotten more involved with the Parks and Recreation Committee, and do apologize for that. A regular part of my daytime work is updating plans and soliciting citizen input, so your project and hard work does not go without recognition. Should you have questions or need additional support, do let me know.

Sincerely,

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Birmingham Conservatory & Botanical Garden Park

The Birmingham Conservatory and Botanical Gardens is a proposed community garden and conservatory greenhouse intended for both public and private use, with the proposed location for the park, to be situated in the City Of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan. This informational overview is presented by the Research & Planning Committee for the proposed Conservatory Gardens. The committee is Chaired by Dusty Loomis, an expert in Nonprofit Organizational Management, and Social Entrepreneurship, in Southeast Michigan. Loomis is a Certified Herbal Information Specialist by the American Botanical Council, and brings over a decade of experience developing, and instructing, natural history and educational programs for children, adults, and seniors.

This information is provided as an overview of the proposed park, to inform of the benefits and strategic considerations related to its development, and to create relationships with the City Of Birmingham (and other stakeholders), to discuss the importance of natural history education, and experiential opportunities, in Southeast Michigan.

This information is provided by the request of Carrie Laird, Parks & Recreation Department for the City Of Birmingham, Michigan. Please contact Dusty Loomis with questions and media inquiries, at (248) 632-7572.

About The Botanical Gardens



The proposed Birmingham Conservatory and Botanical Gardens is described as a stately, dual-winged, victorian greenhouse centered around a central palm-dome and visitor center, leading to an indoor event hall and classroom spaces. The indoor gardens contain a wide variety of tropical plants located in the West wing, with seasonal flowers showcased in the East wing, both enhanced by aquatic botanical display ponds. An outdoor seasonal vegetable garden is dedicated for members and educational programs. With more than a mile of winding walking trails cutting through various showcase gardens such as the Butterfly, Sculpture and Wildflower gardens, visitors enjoy both exciting indoor and outdoor experiences in natural history and conservation.

The multi-acre park features a spacious outdoor event pavilion and patio, perfect for hosting weddings, corporate events, and other private gatherings.

**Proposed logo example.*

The Gardens are a beautiful, serene, and magical destination where residents in Southeast Michigan, and from around the world, are invited to enjoy colorful plant and flower species while learning about botanical conservation. As visitors explore the many attractions offered by the park, posted placards, and other interactive elements, make learning fun. It's never been easier to provide a truly unforgettable natural history education to visitors of all ages and stages of life. Welcome to The Birmingham Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, **the Jewel of Oakland County.**

Mission & Vision Statement

Mission Statement: Our mission is to foster understanding and appreciation for natural history in order to ensure the future preservation of the natural world.

Our Vision: We envision a world where the love for nature, and the importance of biological preservation, create a brighter future for all of mankind.



Conservatory & Grounds Map

The proposed Birmingham Conservatory and Botanical Gardens is located in the historical suburban community of Birmingham, Michigan, situated just north of metropolitan Detroit, along the Woodward Ave. corridor. The park features exciting indoor and outdoor attractions, and includes the following primary points of interest:



**artist concept rendering*

1. Front Gardens, Walkways
2. Outdoor LilyPonds, Indoor Visitor Center & Palm Dome
3. Seasonal-Wing Greenhouse
4. Tropical-Wing Greenhouse and Free Flight Aviary
5. Special Event Hall, Restrooms, Event Office & Staging Kitchen
6. Classroom 1, Classroom 2, Restroom and Offices
7. Outdoor Event Patio & Pavilion
8. Koi Pond (with bridge)
9. Butterfly Garden (with paths)
10. Community Teaching & Seasonal Vegetable Garden (members & students only)
11. Sculpture Garden & Fountain (with paths)
12. Wildflower Garden (with paths)
13. Event Greens & Commons
14. Seasonal Flower Garden (flower sales)
15. Maintenance Shed

Parking Lot 1, 2

Nonprofit Organization Structure

The public park is owned and operated by the Birmingham Conservatory & Botanical Gardens Foundation, a federally recognized nonprofit organization, and is operated through a strategic partnership with the City Of Birmingham, and the State Of Michigan, Parks Department.

Management Team

The garden park is managed by a world-class team of experts and botanical professionals, including a top level management team, botanical and greenhouse experts, community leaders in natural history, and an esteemed Board Of Directors, and various committees and governing bodies.

Nonprofit Board Of Directors

Board Members are presented, and selected, through a partnership between the Parks Department, and other state or municipal stakeholders, and the Conservatory leadership. The Board is comprised of various experts, including legal advisors, botanists, municipal, state and local partners.

Key Partnerships

The Birmingham Conservatory partners with other notable area attractions such as the Detroit Zoological Society, and the Belle Isle Conservatory, to play a leading role in providing a wide variety of natural history opportunities to residents, communities, and families, in Southeastern, Michigan.

Revenue Sources

In addition to strategic fundraising initiatives, the park is supported by additional revenue streams, including ticket sales (\$3 children, \$5 adults), venue and pavilion rental, membership dues, classes, seasonal flower sales, food-truck concessions, gift shop sales, and other revenue streams.

Mobile Device Friendly

The attraction is a modern-day facility, and offers many opportunities for visitors (especially younger guests), to engage with interactive learning, and educational content, through mobile devices.



Classes & Educational Opportunities

The Birmingham Conservatory and Botanical Gardens is a leader in natural history education. A foundational goal of the gardens is to provide access, and hands-on natural history experiences, to children, adults and seniors visitors. That's why educational classes and events are key to the services we provide in the community.

Children's Classes	Young Adult Classes	Adult & Senior Classes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- After School Program- Wild Arts Nature Camp- Vegetable Garden Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Adult Coloring Class- Nature Photography Studio- Biological Illustration Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Biological Illustration Course- Nature Photography Studio- Seniors Hand Crafting Group



Student Engagement Opportunities

The Conservatory serves as a prime location where students can truly become engaged in learning. A wide variety of programs are offered specifically for students, ranging from kindergarten to college.

Classes are offered to school groups, nonprofit and private organizations, and families seeking natural history education. Educational, guided group tours are available.

Senior Citizen Enrichment



The Conservatory believes in the importance of physical activity, and social interaction, later in life. That's why a variety of engaging programs are offered specifically for the community's senior population, such as the senior Speedwalkers Club, the Active Seniors Volunteer Corp, and the Botanical Council Of Excellence, a leadership group run by the Conservatory's senior citizen members.

Volunteer Team

The Birmingham Conservatory offers many fun and exciting ways for volunteers as young as 16 to get involved, anytime of year. With a wide variety of opportunities, it's easy to lend a hand, while enjoying all of the beauty nature has to offer. Volunteer opportunities include: Grounds Beautification Crew, Botanical Council Volunteer, Visitor Services & Tour Guide, seasonal openings, and more.

Conservatory Membership

The Birmingham Conservatory offers an exciting membership program for families, organizations, students, and individuals. Birmingham (and Oakland County), residents enjoy membership discounts and other attractive perks.

Employment Opportunities

The park is staffed by both paid employees and volunteer team members, and offers many exciting paid employment positions, year-round. The Birmingham Conservatory and Botanical Gardens is an equal opportunity employer, promoting workplace diversity, generational diversity in the workplace, and equal opportunity for minority and disabled applicants. Employee training (including team building workshops), is provided free of cost.



Private Event Hosting

The Conservatory features a popular indoor event space, outdoor pavilion with spacious patio, and dedicated greens, perfect for your next event. The space may be reserved (with a standard rental fee), for weddings, corporate events, nonprofit fundraisers, and private family or holiday occasions.

Special Events & Networking Socials

The park hosts an events calendar offering unique, and engaging, special events throughout the year, including indoor and outdoor activities, to keep the whole family entertained, and the community engaged.

Seasonal & Festive Displays

Visitors to the park will discover a colorful and beautiful array of year-round, seasonal displays, such as annual flower exhibits, Fairy and miniature garden installations, Holiday lights, seasonal flower sales, and other festive decor.

Gift Shop & Concessions

Good food, beautiful spaces, and fun places! Visitors to the Conservatory will find a variety of delightful snacks, meals and beverages available from the snack and juice bar, Key Lime pie station, ice cream stand, and a variety of metro Detroit's finest food truck vendors (vegetarian, Gluten free, and ethnic foods available). Concession sales are an important part of the park's annual revenue.

Green Certified Building

The proposed Conservatory is a LEED certified green building, employing the best sustainable design principles and practices, including on-site recycling, waste reduction systems, green roofing, and other sustainable design features. The Conservatory is handicapped accessible, and places a priority on being made accessible to all.

Nonprofit Fundraising Strategy

Operated as a nonprofit park, the Conservatory places a priority on year-round fundraising, and relies on a variety of funding sources, including, public donations, endowments, corporate sponsorships, grants, membership dues, special events, and more.

Marketing & Promotional Strategy

The Conservatory has established a multi-media marketing approach which includes a website, robust social media and online content, webinars and educational resources, press releases, news and magazine articles and other featured content.

Capital Fund

The Birmingham Conservatory and Botanical Gardens Foundation has established a Capital Funds strategy. Please request further details about how we can work together to bring this natural history attraction to Oakland County, Michigan.

The Birmingham Conservatory & Botanical Garden Park



**proposed logo example*

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October 4, 2017

Neighbors,

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Charlie Forbes, my wife Erica and I moved into 1599 Cheltenham in 2013.

Last night (Oct. 3rd) I attended an open house, informational meeting, on the 'Parks and Recreation Master Plan.' McKenna, an urban planning firm outside of Birmingham, is working on plans to change our parks, with Kenning Park being a 'priority.' In the presentation one "Goal" McKenna made was to: "Provide Parks and Recreation facilities that are high quality that preserve open space and history, are well maintained and that are accessible to all residents of the community." This contradicts what they are trying to do to our local park.

The City of Birmingham is proposing to make some changes to Kenning Park that we should all be aware of since this park is in our neighborhood. I, like many, were unaware of what was going on until recently. Included in this packet is a copy of the 'Master Plan.'

Most importantly, in the proposed plan is to move and reconfigure baseball diamonds and build a walking/running track around our park with street access for people to drive to and access the track and baseball diamonds. You can see the changes on the following page ("Master Plan"). If you are aware of the quiet area of Cheltenham, Hanley, Sheffield, Melton and Eton the park has many mature trees and from the plan it looks like these beautiful mature trees would have to be cut down for "new" baseball diamonds to be built. The park has FOUR baseball diamonds – why not just clean them up? Why do they have to be relocated where we like to walk our dogs and enjoy the quiet park with the great canopy of mature trees.

Reasons why this is not the best idea for the city/neighborhoods surrounding Kenning Park:

- **parking:** according to the 'master plan' street access to the park (and proposed track) would be at Cheltenham/Hanley/Sheffield/Melton/Eton which would increase parking on our quiet streets during baseball games & events, or even people wanted to walk on the proposed track
- there are roughly 15 Birmingham public schools of which many have baseball diamonds. There are many other parks with diamonds as well
- open space is valuable and it is something that we do not have much of - many residents enjoy walking their dogs, playing in the park, and just enjoying the open space and trees the park has to offer
- from the looks of the plan many mature trees would have to be taken down for gravel baseball diamonds – what would you rather look at all year?
- baseball is only for about ~6 weeks of the 52 weeks in the year, do we want to look at empty baseball diamonds for ~46 weeks?
- A track circling the park destroys the natural beauty created by trees and grass. There are paved tracks at all high schools to run on. A track would also cause a security/burglary concern for homes that back up against the track.
- Added noise to the neighborhood
- Unsafe conditions for children playing with increased street traffic and parking
- Money – could it be used elsewhere?

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 there is a presentation of a draft plan to our parks at the Department of Public Services Building at 851 Eton. I am not completely sure of what is going to happen at the meeting but I feel it may be one of the last opportunities for our voices to be heard and our questions answered before these changes become a reality.

If you would be so kind to mail this sheet back to me (envelope attached) with your **dis-approval signature** of the proposed changes I will take it to the appropriate committee. Also, you may sign and scan it back to me at cforbes284@yahoo.com if that is easier.

[X] I/We JAMES VOORHEIS of 1515 CHELTENHAM,
Birmingham would like to see Kenning Park remain as is (no relocation to baseball diamonds, no track surrounding our homes, no removing of ANY trees) signed [Signature] (signature).

Your Neighbor,

Charlie Forbes

October 4, 2017

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Birmingham would like to see Kenning Park remain as is (no relocation to baseball diamonds, no track surrounding our homes, no removing of ANY trees) signed Steven Antwan (signature).

Your Neighbor,

Charlie Forbes

October 4, 2017

Neighbors,

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Charlie Forbes, my wife Erica and I moved into 1599 Cheltenham in 2013.

Last night (Oct. 3rd) I attended an open house, informational meeting, on the 'Parks and Recreation Master Plan.' McKenna, an urban planning firm outside of Birmingham, is working on plans to change our parks with Kenning Park being a 'priority.' In the presentation one "Goal" McKenna made was to "Provide Parks and Recreation facilities that are high quality that preserve open space and history, are well maintained and that are accessible to all residents of the community." This contradicts what they are trying to do to our local park.

The City of Birmingham is proposing to make some changes to Kenning Park that we should all be aware of since this park is in our neighborhood. I, like many, were unaware of what was going on until recently. Included in this packet is a copy of the 'Master Plan.'

Most importantly in the proposed plan is to move and reconfigure baseball diamonds and build a walking/running track around our park with street access for people to drive to access the track and baseball diamonds. You can see the changes on the following page ("Master Plan"). If you are aware of the quiet area of Cheltenham, Hanley, Sheffield, Melton and Eton the park has many mature trees and from the plan it looks like these beautiful mature trees would have to be cut down for "new" baseball diamonds to be built. The park has FOUR baseball diamonds – why not just clean them up? Why do they have to be moved where we like to walk our dogs and enjoy the quiet park with the great canopy of mature trees.

Reasons why this is not the best idea for the city/neighborhoods surrounding Kenning Park:

- **parking:** according to the 'master plan' street access to the park (and proposed track) would be at Cheltenham/Hanley/Sheffield/Melton/Eton which would increase parking on our quiet streets during baseball games & events, or even people wanted to walk on the proposed track
- there are roughly 15 Birmingham public schools of which many have baseball diamonds. There are many other parks with diamonds as well
- open space is valuable and it is something that we do not have much of - many residents enjoy walking their dogs, playing in the park, and just enjoying the open space and trees the park has to offer
- from the looks of the plan many mature trees would have to be taken down for gravel baseball diamonds – what would you rather look at all year?
- baseball is only for about ~6 weeks of the 52 weeks in the year, do we want to look at empty baseball diamonds for ~46 weeks?
- A track circling the park destroys the natural beauty created by trees and grass. There are paved tracks at all high schools to run on. A track would also cause a security/burglary concern for homes that back up against the track.
- Added noise to the neighborhood
- Unsafe conditions for children playing with increased street traffic and parking
- Money – could it be used elsewhere?

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 there is a presentation of a draft plan to our parks at the Department of Public Services Building at 851 Eton. I am not completely sure of what is going to happen at the meeting but I feel it may be one of the last opportunities for our voices to be heard and our questions answered before these changes become a reality.

If you would be so kind to mail this sheet back to me (envelope attached) with your **dis-approval signature** of the proposed changes I will take it to the appropriate committee. Also, you may sign and scan it back to me at cforbes284@yahoo.com if that is easier.

[X] I/We Maria Giancotti of 1836 Humphrey Ave
Birmingham would like to see Kenning Park remain as is (no relocation to baseball diamonds, no track surrounding our homes, no removing of ANY trees) signed Maria Giancotti (signature).

Your Neighbor,

Charlie Forbes



May 23, 2017

Birmingham City Commission
City of Birmingham
151 Martin Street
Birmingham, MI 48009

Dear Commissioners,

As representatives of the South Poppleton Homeowners Association, we are writing to voice our displeasure at the inaction of the city commission in regard to the development of Adams Park. The S. Poppleton Neighborhood Association has been working with the city for 11 years, since the city purchased the property from The Roeper School and promised to develop it into a residential park. To this day, only conceptual work has been done for potential future development.

Development of Adams Park is not part of the recommended 2017-2018 budget, leaving the residents of the area to wonder whether there will ever be a plan to develop the facility. The idea of another master plan for development of all parks in the community as discussed in the budget review meeting forebodes another period of inaction.

The association is committed to working in a coordinated fashion with the city, The Roeper School, and other affected neighborhood associations to bring this matter to a successful conclusion. We respectfully request that the commissioners put this item at the top of the agenda.


Sincerely,



Cheryl Couretas
947 Madison St.



Dennis Hodges
987 Ridgedale Ave.
dennis.hodges@yahoo.com



Pam Sarkisian
931 Ridgedale Ave.
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Glen Maylath	Glen Maylath	948 Madison
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Jen Badalamenti	Jen Badalamenti	928 Madison
Amanda Kaye	Amanda Kaye	1031 Madison
Beth Snow	Beth Snow	414 Madison
Kelly Cummings	Kelly Cummings	987 Madison St.
Don Cummings	Don Cummings	987 Madison
Linda Green	Linda Green	421 Madison
Matt Sullivan	Matt Sullivan	647 Madison
Erin Coletti	Erin Coletti	756 MADISON
Laureen Butcher	Laureen Butcher	855 Madison
Kimberly Yank	Kimberly Yank	867 Madison
Colleen Haw	Colleen Haw	968 Madison
Clair Bryant	Clair Bryant	948 Madison
Gene McNulty	Gene McNulty	435 Madison
Debra Yaffa	Debra Yaffa	1047 Madison
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John Brehm	John Brehm	947 Madison
Elizabeth Wilde	Elizabeth Wilde	975 Madison
John Sullivan	John Sullivan	655 Madison
Kathy Sullivan	Kathy Sullivan	647 Madison
Carrie Kovach	Carrie Kovach	545 Madison

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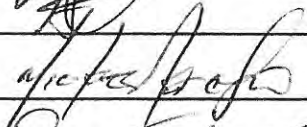
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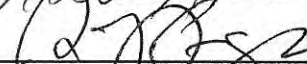
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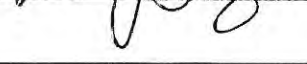
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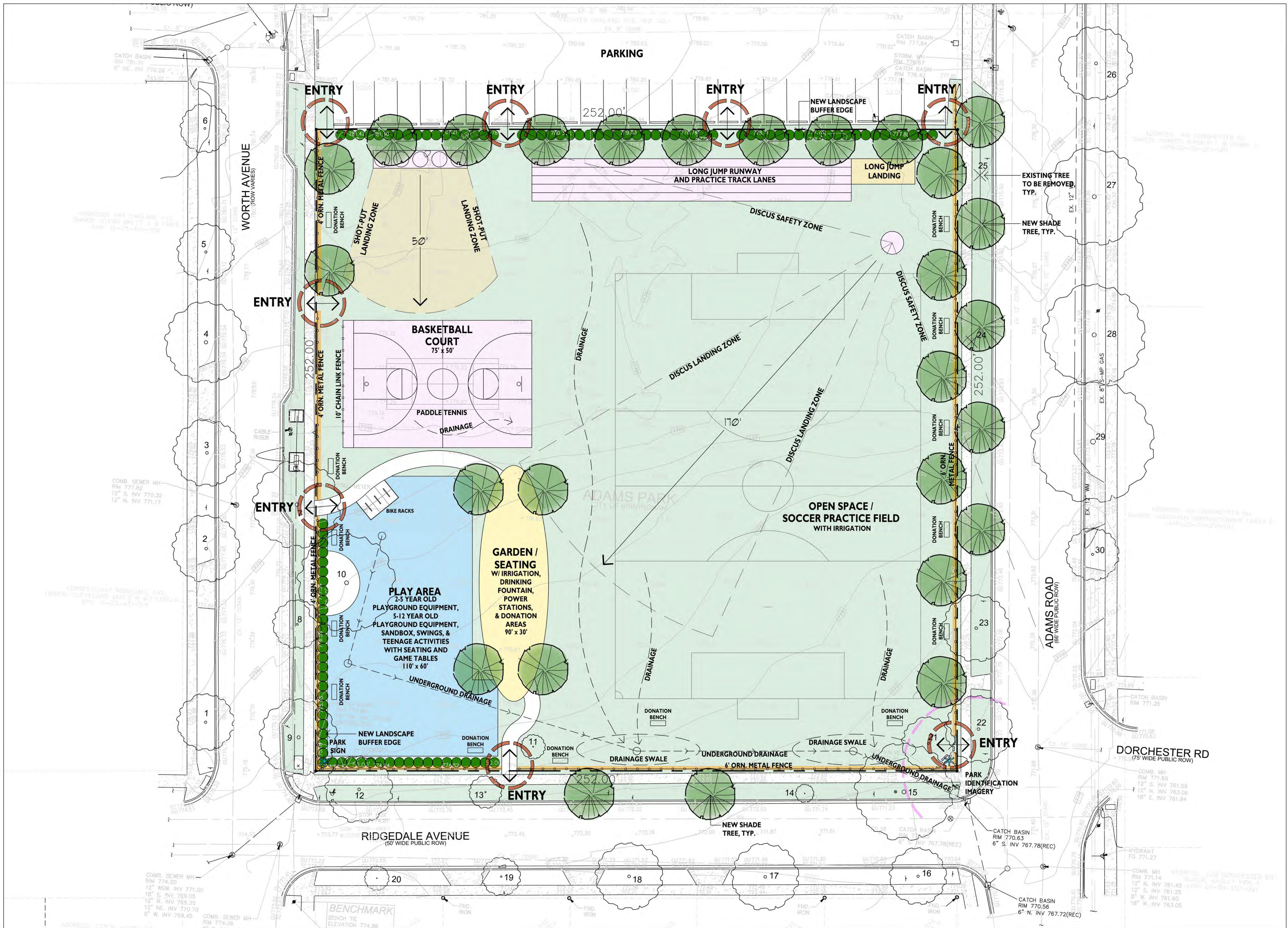
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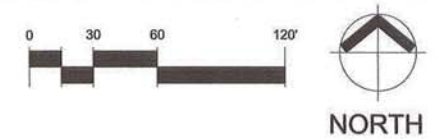
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TOTAL PARKING SPACES = 251



KENNING PARK MASTER PLAN

January 2014

The Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio





MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: November 6, 2017

TO: Parks and Recreation Board Members

FROM: Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services

SUBJECT: Birmingham Little League – Donation Agreement Updated

As you recall, Birmingham Little League wishes to make a donation to the City of Birmingham for the renovation and/or redesign of the two easterly Little League baseball fields (Fields 2 and 3). The purpose of the Donation Agreement is to identify the terms and conditions for the Birmingham Little League to provide a donation to the City of Birmingham to accomplish the renovation of two ballfields at Kenning Park, along the easterly edge of the park facility. This improvement is in keeping with the current concept plan and the current uses at the park. This Donation Agreement only addresses these two ballfields for the purposes of field improvements.

Since the July 11, 2017 Parks and Recreation Board meeting (a copy of the agenda and approved minutes are enclosed) when you considered a Donation Agreement between the City of Birmingham and Birmingham Little League (BLL), staff has been working with The Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio (JHLE) to determine revised design options and best possible field layouts given the space limitations in the park.

Attached are the four options with details for each along with the estimated costs resulting from JHLE review of the existing conditions at the park in order to provide information for consideration based on the proposal from Birmingham Little League to fund the improvements to two little league fields. The Administration reviewed the options and costs with BLL recently. The four options presented are in keeping with the Kenning Park Concept Master Plan.

The request by the Birmingham Little League is to contribute to the improvements of the two existing fields on the easterly edge of the park property. This renovation to the two fields referred to fields 2 and 3 will include some of the following field improvements; they will remain in their current location, they will be rotated to achieve optimal positioning and layout, infield grass construction, new fencing, grading/shaping and other site enhancements for the reconfiguration, as referenced in the JHLE memorandum dated October 2, 2017 for 200 foot fields.

Option 1 works to achieve the optimal “pin wheel” design which is considered a best practice for ball field design. Three of the four fields would follow this configuration and the softball field would be relocated. After extensive discussions Option 1 was the preferred layout from both BLL and staff. Based on the estimated costs from JHLE for reconstructing the little league fields are at \$151,114 each based on other projects recently bid and completed. The estimated costs to complete two little league fields is \$302,228.

BLL previously committed to \$219,000 and they were asked to revise their contribution based on the latest cost estimates, for which they have done so in the amount of \$303,000. Enclosed is the revised Donation Agreement prepared for and signed by the Birmingham Little League which details the arrangements for this donation. After the Donation Agreement has been reviewed and accepted by the Parks and Recreation Board it will be provided to the City Commission for consideration.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION:

To support and endorse the acceptance of the Donation Agreement between the City of Birmingham and the Birmingham Little League in the amount of \$303,000 for improvements only as it relates to Fields #2 and #3 at Kenning Park; based on the layout referred to as Option 1.



MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: July 3, 2017

TO: Parks and Recreation Board Members

FROM: Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services

SUBJECT: Birmingham Little League – Donation Agreement

We were approached by the Birmingham Little League earlier this year in February about entering into a Birmingham Little League (BLL)/Kenning Park Financial Commitment for improvements to two of the fields at Kenning Park. As discussions have been underway regarding the donation of \$219,000 to the City for the improvements to fields #2 and #3, the attached letter dated April 13, 2017 confirmed this commitment by Birmingham Little League.

In turn, the City of Birmingham prepared a Donation Agreement detailing the specifics of such a donation, according to the intention of Birmingham Little League as part of the donation amount. Ultimately, the Donation Agreement will serve as a template going forward for all interested donors in the park system and for other public donation opportunities.

Enclosed is the Donation Agreement prepared for and signed by the Birmingham Little League which details the arrangements for this donation. Birmingham Little League wishes to make a donation to the City of Birmingham for the renovation and/or redesign of the two easterly Little League baseball fields (Fields 2 and 3). A copy of the Kenning Park Parking Lot Improvements and the Kenning Park Master Plan is enclosed for your reference. After the Donation Agreement has been reviewed and accepted by the Parks and Recreation Board it will be provided to the City Commission for consideration.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION:

To support and endorse the acceptance of the Donation Agreement between the City of Birmingham and the Birmingham Little League in the amount of \$219,000 for improvements as it relates to Fields #2 and #3 at Kenning Park.

Birmingham Little League

April 13, 2017

Mr. Joseph Valentine, City Manager
cc: Lauren Wood, Director of Public Services
City of Birmingham
151 Martin Street
Birmingham, MI 48009

RE: Birmingham Little League (BLL)/Kenning Park Financial Commitment

Dear Mr. Valentine,

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with us. We are totally committed to the City of Birmingham and Kenning Park! We are hopeful that this much-talked about project over the years will finally come to fruition. We want Kenning Park to become a beacon of the city that will flourish with activity and become a park that the City of Birmingham and all of its residents and guests are proud of.

We are pleased to write this letter confirming BLL's financial commitment to Phase II of the Kenning Park Master plan. We are prepared to donate to the cost of renovation, not to exceed \$219,000.00. This commitment to the City will be aligned exclusively with the re-design of Fields 2 & 3 as indicated on the Kenning Park Master Plan (dated 4/30/14) along with the estimates provided by various vendors. Furthermore, these funds are specifically to be used for the construction and re-design of these fields with the following stipulations:

- Kenning Park retains a design that includes 4 ball fields intended for BLL use
- BLL will have first right of refusal of field usage and field permits in perpetuity
- Maintenance of the fields/park to be performed by the City of Birmingham
- Field naming rights – this would be used to honor and commemorate donors as well past BLL volunteers. BLL would garner approval from the City of Birmingham prior to implementation.

As you know, the Little Leaguers of Birmingham have been gracing the fields at Kenning Park since its inception in 1947. We hope that this tradition will continue another 70 years. The kids need Kenning Park and Kenning Park needs the kids.

We are committed and ready to move forward with the hopes of this project beginning as soon the terms of this agreement are reached.

I would like to thank you and Lauren for all of the work you have done and I will continue to strive to see that this dream becomes a reality. You can certainly contact me at any time to discuss this matter.

Best Regards,



Pat O'Neill
President
Birmingham Little League

DONATION AGREEMENT

THIS DONATION AGREEMENT made on this 22ND day of JUNE, 2017, by and between **THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM**, 151 Martin Street, Birmingham, MI, 48009 (hereinafter "Birmingham") and **BIRMINGHAM LITTLE LEAGUE**, P.O. Box 2536, Birmingham, Michigan 48012 (hereinafter "BLL").

WHEREAS, a 21.71 acre community park, Kenning Park is located in the southeast portion of the City adjacent to Lincoln Road. The site is the primary recreation sports complex in the community and includes both indoor and outdoor recreational facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the indoor facilities include a regulation sized ice rink with bleacher seating for 920 spectators and a smaller, studio arena used for skating lessons and skate parties within the complex; and,

WHEREAS, the outdoor facilities at Kenning Park include three Little League baseball diamonds and one softball diamond, four tennis courts, open space and playground equipment with an ADA accessible path leading from the 251 parking spaces area to the playground. Also included is a skate park facility on the northeast edge of the park property and a private tennis club at the northwest edge of the park property; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Birmingham has the authority, pursuant to Birmingham City Charter, Chapter II, Section 2(1) to receive donations; and,

WHEREAS, BLL has typically utilized the one (1) softball and three (3) Little League baseball fields in Kenning Park during the months of April through July each year; and,

WHEREAS, BLL wishes to make a donation to Birmingham for the renovation and/or redesign of the two easterly Little League baseball fields (Fields 2 and 3) as outlined in Phase II of the Kenning Park Master Plan; and,

WHEREAS, Birmingham wishes to accept this donation for the renovation and/or redesign of the two easterly Little League baseball fields (Fields 2 and 3) in accordance with the terms specified herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, Birmingham and BLL hereby agree as follows:

1. BLL will donate to Birmingham \$219,000 and will be exclusively used for the renovation and design of Fields 2 & 3 including, but not limited to, all construction drawings, surveys and engineering. Furthermore, these funds are specifically to be used for the construction and re-design of these fields with the following terms and conditions:

2. Phases. This project will be undertaken in two phases, as follows:

a) Phase 1. The City shall have Fields 2 and 3 redesigned in preparation for construction drawing, bid specifications and cost estimates. This work shall be undertaken and paid for by the City. The services performed shall be

directed at the sole discretion of the City. After this initial work is complete, and cost estimates secured, the City will share this information with BLL and either party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement without any further obligation to the other. Should either party wish to terminate, written notice shall be given to the other within thirty (30) days of the delivery of the written cost estimates. All notices shall be delivered by U.S. First Class Mail, as follows:

Notice to City:
Mr. Joseph A. Valentine
City Manager
City of Birmingham
151 Martin Street
Birmingham, MI 48009

Notice to BLL:
Mr. Pat O'Neill
President
Birmingham Little League
P.O. Box 2536
Birmingham, MI 48012

- b) Phase II. If neither party terminates the Agreement in the manner described herein, then the BLL shall make its donation of Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$219,000) within 30 days to the City. The City, after the receipt of the funds, shall undertake construction drawing and bid specifications for the bidding of the project. Should the bids be substantially over the cost estimates, in the City's sole discretion, the City may terminate the Agreement. In such event, the donated funds shall be returned to the BLL.

If the bids are reasonable, in the City's judgment and sole discretion, the project shall proceed as described on Exhibit A, and the construction drawings and bid specification shall then be added to this Agreement as Exhibit B.

3. Exhibit A. The parties agree that Exhibit A contains the description of the donation and specific terms and conditions thereto.

4. Maintenance. The City shall be responsible for the maintenance of the fields.

5. City's Responsibility. The City shall be responsible for any claims arising out of or in connection with the City's access to and use of the Property and from any act or negligence of the City or the City's Authorized Personnel.

6. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Michigan. The parties acknowledge that this Agreement pertains to property located in the State of Michigan, and the parties submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of Oakland County, Michigan.

7. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. No change, addition or modification to this Agreement shall be effective unless signed in writing by both parties.

8. Waiver. Any waiver by either party of any provision or condition of this Agreement shall not be construed or deemed to be a waiver of any other provision or condition of this Agreement, nor a waiver of a subsequent breach of the same provision or condition, unless such waiver is expressed in a writing signed by the party to be bound.

9. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement shall be finally adjudged illegal, invalid or unenforceable, such illegality, invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the legality, validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement.

10. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, their successors and the assigns.

11. Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original.

12. Effective Date. The Effective Date of this Agreement shall be the date the last party executes this Agreement.

WHEREFORE, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

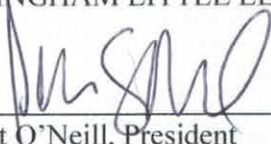
CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, a Michigan Municipal Corporation	BIRMINGHAM LITTLE LEAGUE
By: _____ Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager	By:  _____ Pat O'Neill, President

EXHIBIT A

General Terms

- 1) The donation of Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$219,000) shall be used for the renovation of the two easterly Little League baseball fields comprised of Fields 2 and 3 in Kenning Park. Said renovations shall be in accordance with the City's specifications, processes and its sole approval.
- 2) Kenning Park shall be renovated and/or designed for the intended use of the public.
- 3) Maintenance of the fields and parks will be performed by the City in accordance with its standards and practices.
- 4) The donation from BLL to renovate two Little League baseball fields comprised of Fields 2 and 3 in Kenning Park shall not limit or restrict the City in any planned future uses of Kenning Park.
- 5) All construction activities with respect to Phase II of this Agreement shall be at the sole discretion of the Birmingham City Commission.

Field Usage

- 1) In consideration of their donation to renovate two Little League baseball fields (Fields 2 and 3) at Kenning Park, BLL shall have the first right of refusal for use of these fields for the next 20 years (thru 2038), subject to BLL continuing to be the most frequent user of these fields based on permits issued.
- 2) In consideration of their donation to renovate two Little League baseball fields (Fields 2 and 3) at Kenning Park, the City agrees to make available 4 baseball fields in Kenning Park for the use of BLL, notwithstanding the fields will also be available for public use and subject to BLL continuing to be the most frequent user of these fields based on permits issued. The City reserves the right to change the utilization of the unimproved ballfields in Kenning Park after a 10 year period (2028), should the City revise its plans for Kenning Park. If such circumstance exists, the City agrees to make fields available at other parks in the City for use by BLL.

Timeframe

- 1) Should Phase II of this Agreement be effectuated by June 30, 2018, the City shall plan to implement the renovations to Fields 2 and 3 of Kenning Park in 2018.

Field Naming Rights

1) In consideration of their donation to renovate Fields 2 and 3 of Kenning Park, BLL shall be entitled to name both Fields 2 and 3 at Kenning Park with a plaque mounted to the backstop at each field. The design and content of the plaques are subject to approval by the City. The cost of the plaque shall be paid by BLL in addition to its donation. Additional opportunities for naming rights at Kenning Park shall be at the discretion of the City and subject to the City's Parks Donation Policy.

EXHIBIT B

Construction Drawings and Bid Specifications



TOTAL PARKING SPACES = 251



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KENNING PARK
MASTER PLAN

January 2014

The Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2017

Therese Longe, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at 851 S. Eton.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Ryan Ross,
Art Stevens, Lilly Stotland and Bill Wiebrecht

STUDENT

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Joey Kummer, Seaholm Student

STUDENT

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT: Ben Gould, Groves Student

ADMINISTRATION:

Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services
Carrie A. Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

GUESTS:

Eleanor Noble, Patrick O'Neill, Birmingham Little League
Representative, Dave Palmeri, Birmingham Little League
Representative, Cindy Rose, Marilyn Rusche and John Rusche

It was moved by Art Stevens, seconded by Bill Wiebrecht that the minutes of the Tuesday, June 6, 2017 regular meeting be approved to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Yeas – 7 Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Ryan Ross,
Art Stevens, Lilly Stotland and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0

Absent-0

Theresa stated that there were five really good candidates that applied for the Parks and Recreation Board alternate positions. Theresa stated that Eleanor Noble and John Rushe are the two residents that were appointed.

AGENDA ITEM #1 – Consideration of a Donation Agreement between the City of Birmingham and Birmingham Little League (BLL)

Lauren stated that the City of Birmingham was approached by Birmingham Little earlier this year in February about entering into a Birmingham Little League (BLL)/Kenning Park Financial Commitment for improvements to two of the fields at Kenning Park.

Lauren stated the City of Birmingham prepared a Donation Agreement detailing the specifics of such a donation, according to the intention of BLL as part of the donation amount.

Lauren stated that the BBL is proposing \$219,000 to the City for the improvements to fields #2 and #3, the attached letter dated April 13, 2017 confirmed this commitment by BLL.

Pat stated that BLL have wanted to re-due the fields at Kenning Park for a number of years. Pat stated that BLL for the renovation and/or redesign of the two easterly Little League baseball fields (Fields 2 and 3), adding fencing and dugouts.

Pat stated that the City of Birmingham prepared a Donation Agreement detailing the specifics of the donation. Pat stated that the goal is to have the fields ready for play the beginning of spring of 2019.

Bill stated that the Kenning Park Plan is well over due.

Lauren stated that the Kenning Park field design will return back to the Parks and Recreation Board for review and approval.

It was moved by Ryan Ross, seconded by Art Stevens to support and endorse the acceptance of the Donation Agreement between the City of Birmingham and the Birmingham Little League (BLL) in the amount of \$219,000 for improvements as it relates to Fields #2 and #3 at Kenning Park.

Yeas – 7 Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Ryan Ross,
Art Stevens, Lilly Stotland and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0
Absent-0

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Preview of National Fitness Campaign-Fitness Court Video

Lauren showed the Parks and Recreation Board and audience a fitness video showing a video court that could be installed at a city park.

Lauren stated that there is an opportunity to install a fitness court inside one of the City of Birmingham parks. Lauren stated that the company is looking to locate a hundred courts in 2018 and are talking to a variety of cities around the country.

Lauren stated that there are four critical points. One is fitness has to be a priority for the community, location or site, funding the \$90,000 court not including the concrete pad and the organization will be making a \$10,000 grant funding in the fall 2017 if the City of Birmingham was interested and also funding through Fit Radio.

Lauren stated that the City of Birmingham would have to come up with \$80,000 through crowdfunding, corporate/private donations.

Bill stated that the information should be forward to McKenna Associates for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Bill stated that the idea is a great concept.

Lauren stated that the pad size is 38 ft. x 38 ft. and includes a wall that could be used as a donor wall, a place to gather.

Ross asked if there other color choices for the court.

Therese asked if administration could ask what other communities have this court in their communities and how accessible the court is to differently able people.

Therese stated that fitness stations are very popular and the Parks and Recreation Board have had discussion about installing fitness stations at Kenning and or Poppleton Park.

Therese stated she would like to know how the City Manager and City Attorney thinks about this idea and if the organization has an example of a master agreement about what the obligations are for both the City of Birmingham and the organization offering the fitness court if the City of Birmingham was selected and what is the time frame.

Art stated that he understands the concept but is concerned about the cost of the fitness court and that for the additional amount another ball field could be built.

Joey stated of the \$90,000 that needs to be spent the City of Birmingham would only be raising \$60,000 and \$10,000 would come from the actual National Fitness Campaign and another \$20,000 from the Fit Radio.

Bill stated that the fitness court is available for all ages.

Lilly stated she would like more information about Fit Radio and how long before the fitness court becomes obsolete.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Barnum Park Donor Wall Plaque

Carrie stated that the Community for Barnum Park has worked very hard and has selected the style and material for a donor plaque to be placed on the Barnum Park "Arch" to display names of donors that have contributed to Barnum Park enhancements.

Carrie stated the design of the plaque is an open book, fitting with the history of Barnum being a school.

Carrie stated that levels of donations are displayed by type of trees; symbolic of the natural value of the park, and the size accordingly, for instance highest levels would be "Oak", next "Linden", then "Pine", "Dogwood" and "Redbud".

Carrie stated the plaque is available through a City of Birmingham vendor, Penchura and the quote includes the cost for the plaque and installation, a total of \$1,750.00.

Carrie stated that Barnum Park donation dollars will cover the cost of this purchase.

Carrie stated that the plaque is very durable and scratch resistance.

Therese stated that the language and the identification of the giving levels and the presentation of the donor names are all in keeping with the precedence that was established for the Booth Park donation plaque.

It was moved by Bill Wiebrecht and seconded by Art Stevens to support the design, location and material choice for the Barnum Park Donor Wall Plaque, selected by the Community for Barnum Park, and further, to endorse the purchase and installation of this plaque from Penchura, LLC.

Yeas – 7 Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Ryan Ross,
Art Stevens, Lilly Stotland and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0
Absent-0

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS #1 1193 Floyd Street Update

Lauren stated there is a 25 ft. temporary construction easement was installed at 1193 Floyd Street.

Theresa stated that the developer is reimbursing the City of Birmingham for the placement of the fence that will be installed after the construction project has been completed.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS #2 Alternate Members for Parks and Recreation Board

Lauren provided the Parks and Recreation Board additional guidelines for alternate members for the Parks and Recreation Board.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS #3a Golf Course Finance Report

Lauren provided the Parks and Recreation Board the golf course financials.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS #3b Golf Course Report

Lauren provided the Parks and Recreation Board the golf course report.

Lauren stated that June, 2017 rounds are higher than June, 2016

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS #4 Update on proposed City of Birmingham Logo (*verbal*)

Lilly stated that Ad Hoc Birmingham Brand Development Committee have been meeting actively and has narrowed the proposed logo down to three designs and the designs will be presented at July 24th City Commission meeting.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS #5 Oakland University Partnership – Research Project (*verbal*)

Connie stated that the City of Birmingham was contacted by Oakland University to offer the university an area to have stroke victims participate in a research project on how riding a bike would assist in a patient's recovery.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS #6 Who Says Fun Isn't Universal? – Parks and Rec Business Magazine (*article*)

Lauren provided an article to the Parks and Recreation Board on universal play.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS #7 Communication Received from Larry Bertollini regarding Rail Sculpture Park @ Northeast Corner of Lincoln & Eton

Lauren provided the communication received from Larry Bertollini.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS #8 Project Updates

Lauren stated that lily pad treatment occurred on June 27, 2017 and went very well.

Lauren stated that the annual dredging of Quarton Lake is expected to occur the end of July and updates will be available on www.bhamgov.org/quartonlake.

Lauren stated that the concrete project at Springdale Shelter is complete.

Lauren stated that Sarah Traxler from McKenna Associates has been working with administration on gathering information for updates of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Lauren stated that the field repairs and improvements at Pembroke Park have been completed.

Lauren stated that at Barnum Park the concrete pad is scheduled to be poured and that invasive species control efforts continue.

Lauren stated that the second Little Free Library has been installed at Booth Park.

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS #9 Upcoming Department Events *(verbal)*

Connie presented to the Parks and Recreation Board a partial 2017 In The Park Concert Schedule

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS:

No unfinished business

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

John Rusche stated he attended a 90th birthday party at Springdale Shelter and it was just beautiful.

Therese stated that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 6:30 pm at DPS.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting 7/11/2017

MEMO

Date: October 6, 2017
To: Lauren Wood
From: Mark Robinson
Re: Kenning Park: Cost Estimates For Options 1 - 4

This cost estimate summarizes the costs of all proposed field improvements for each option and adds cost numbers for miscellaneous site development and contingencies. The four options considered here and a breakdown of the cost estimates for each field were included in our memo to you dated October 2, 2017.

Options 1 and 2

Reconstruct 3 – 200 ft. Fields @ \$151,114 EA	\$453,342
Reconstruct 1 – 280 ft. Field @ \$191,618	<u>\$191,618</u>
Sub-Total:	\$644,960
Misc. Site Development – 10%	\$64,496
Contingency – 10%	<u>\$64,496</u>
Total Estimated Cost:	\$773,952

Option 3

Option 3 assumes no grading or infield reconstruction for two 200 ft. fields and no grading and limited infield reconstruction for the 280 ft. field.

Reconstruct 1 – 200 ft. Fields @ \$151,114 EA	\$151,114
Reconstruct 1 – 280 ft. Field @ \$130,118	\$130,118
Reconstruct 2 – 200 ft. Fields @ \$88,614 EA	<u>\$177,228</u>
Sub-Total:	\$458,460
Misc. Site Development – 10%	\$45,846
Contingency – 10%	<u>\$45,846</u>
Total Estimated Cost:	\$550,152

Option 4

Reconstruct 2 – 200 ft. Fields @ \$151,114 EA	\$302,228
Construct 1 – 200 ft. Field @ \$200,000	\$200,000
Reconstruct 1 – 280 ft. Field @ \$191,618	\$191,618
Construct 1 Soccer Field @ \$95,750	<u>\$95,750</u>
Sub-Total:	\$789,596
Misc. Site Development – 10%	\$78,960
Contingency – 10%	<u>\$78,960</u>
Total Estimated Cost:	\$947,516

MEMO

Date: October 2, 2017
To: Lauren Wood
From: Mark Robinson
Re: Kenning Park Field Layout Options

The cost for each 200 foot field is estimated as follows:

Demolition	EA	\$4,000
SESC	EA	\$1,500
Construction Staking	EA	\$1,000
Grubbing	EA	\$3,500
Grading/Light Shaping	EA	\$15,000
Infield Construction	8500 SF @\$5/SF	\$42,500
Irrigation	22,900 SF @\$1.25/SF	\$28,625
Turf	EA	\$7,500
Backstop	EA	\$12,500
6 ft. Fencing	586 LF @\$36.50/LF	\$21,389
Fencing-Ext. Height	EA	\$1,500
Player Benches	4 @\$1125 EA	\$4,500
Scoreboards	EA	\$6,000
Storage Boxes	EA	\$1,600
Total Per 200 Ft. Field:		\$151,114

The cost for the 280 foot field is estimated as follows:

Demolition	EA	\$6,000
SESC	EA	\$1,500
Construction Staking	EA	\$1,000
Grubbing	EA	\$3,500
Grading/Light Shaping	EA	\$15,000
Infield Construction	9200 SF @\$5/SF	\$46,000
Irrigation	45,175 SF @\$1.25/SF	\$56,468
Turf	EA	\$8,500
Backstop	EA	\$16,000
6 ft. Fencing	700 LF @\$36.50/LF	\$25,550
Player Benches	4 @\$1125 EA	\$4,500
Scoreboards	EA	\$6,000
Storage Boxes	EA	\$1,600
Total Per 280 Ft. Field:		\$191,618

The attached options show how fields can potentially be positioned. The outline of each field is the fence line. The pros and cons of each option can be summarized as follows:

Option 1:

This option clusters 3 – 200 ft. fields. It provides for a generous central space to accommodate a pavilion, a concession facility, warm-up areas, and so on. The 280 ft. field is located between the tennis courts and the ice arena. This option would require all 4 fields to be reconstructed and approximately 18-20 trees removed.

Option 2:

This option clusters 2 -200 ft. fields with the 280 ft. field. There is a possibility that a small pavilion or concession facility could be located somewhat centrally to these 3 fields. The third 200 ft. field is located between the tennis courts and the ice arena in a manner where foul balls from either field have only nominal effect on the other. This option would require the reconstruction of all 4 fields, although the 280 ft. field is rotated only slightly, potentially minimizing grading and infield construction. Approximately 8-10 trees would need to be removed.

Option 3:

This option basically keeps two 200 ft. fields along the east property line where they currently exists, rotates the 280ft. field to eliminate fencing conflicts, and repositions the third 200 ft. field so to eliminate fencing and foul ball conflicts. It requires the full reconstruction of only the 200 ft. field between the tennis courts and the ice arena. The other 3 fields may require little or no grading or infield construction. Approximately 4-5 trees would need to be removed.

Option 4:

This option shows how 3 – 200 ft. fields, 1 – 280 ft. field, and a 150'x300' soccer/open play area could be incorporated into the site. (Note: Direction given for the redesign of the master plan included removing the southeast-most field and keeping a ballfield in the location between the tennis courts and the ice arena. This direction immediately compromised the accommodation of a soccer/open play field as shown in the current master plan. Since surprise was expressed about losing the soccer field, we show it here. A slightly smaller soccer/open play field could be located further west.)

This option accommodates all ballfields and still addresses the desire for a soccer/open playfield. All 4 fields would need to be reconstructed. Recent feedback suggests the southeast corner drains poorly. Approximately 19-23 trees would need to be removed. Drainage measures for the field in the southeast corner may need to be more extensive and thus more costly. A smaller soccer/open play field could be located more to the west at the cost of removing more trees and potentially interfering with the existing play structure.

This concludes our summary of the 4 options that we believe represent the most feasible, functional alternatives. Regarding costs, the extent of costs associated with grading and infield construction are, we believe, the most variable. Fencing pricing is taken from recent bids in Southfield. Irrigation pricing has risen dramatically, along with most everything, to the square foot price shown. That actual cost could go down a bit, but we have not seen much evidence of this.

Please do not hesitate to inquire about my aspect of this summary.



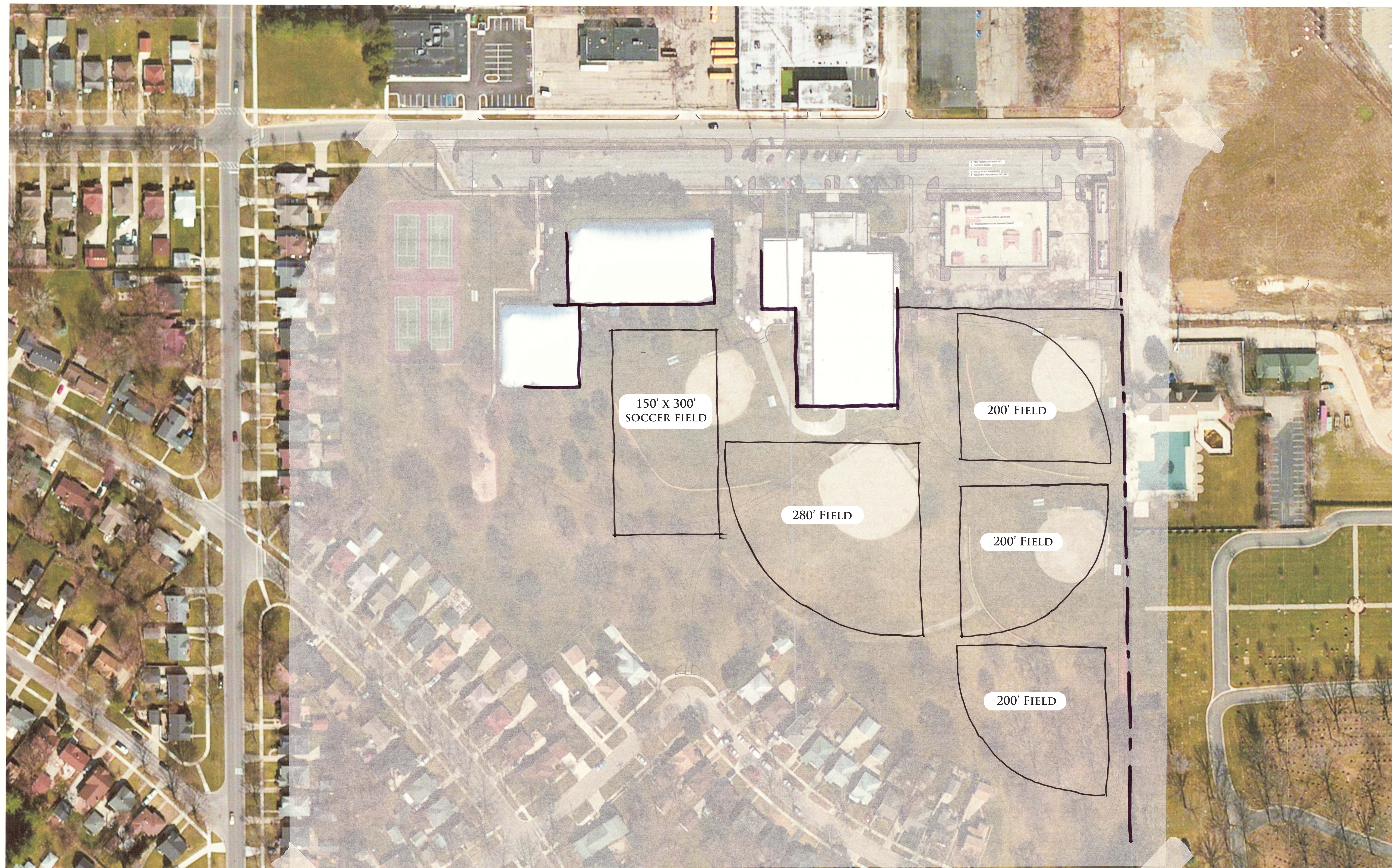
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KENNING PARK MASTER PLAN REVISIONS OPTION 2



KENNING PARK MASTER PLAN REVISIONS OPTION 3



KENNING PARK MASTER PLAN REVISIONS

OPTION 4

DONATION AGREEMENT

THIS DONATION AGREEMENT made on this 2ND day of NOVEMBER, 2017, by and between **THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM**, 151 Martin Street, Birmingham, MI, 48009 (hereinafter "Birmingham") and **BIRMINGHAM LITTLE LEAGUE**, P.O. Box 2536, Birmingham, Michigan 48012 (hereinafter "BLL").

WHEREAS, a 21.71 acre community park, Kenning Park is located in the southeast portion of the City adjacent to Lincoln Road. The site is the primary recreation sports complex in the community and includes both indoor and outdoor recreational facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the indoor facilities include a regulation sized ice rink with bleacher seating for 920 spectators and a smaller, studio arena used for skating lessons and skate parties within the complex; and,

WHEREAS, the outdoor facilities at Kenning Park include three Little League baseball diamonds and one softball diamond, four tennis courts, open space and playground equipment with an ADA accessible path leading from the 251 parking spaces area to the playground. Also included is a skate park facility on the northeast edge of the park property and a private tennis club at the northwest edge of the park property; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Birmingham has the authority, pursuant to Birmingham City Charter, Chapter II, Section 2(1) to receive donations; and,

WHEREAS, BLL has typically utilized the one (1) softball and three (3) Little League baseball fields in Kenning Park during the months of April through July each year; and,

WHEREAS, BLL wishes to make a donation to Birmingham for the renovation and/or redesign of the two easterly Little League baseball fields (Fields 2 and 3) as outlined in Phase II of the Kenning Park Master Plan; and,

WHEREAS, Birmingham wishes to accept this donation for the renovation and/or redesign of the two easterly Little League baseball fields (Fields 2 and 3) in accordance with the terms specified herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, Birmingham and BLL hereby agree as follows:

1. BLL will donate to Birmingham \$303,000 and will be exclusively used for the renovation and design of Fields 2 & 3 including, but not limited to, all construction drawings, surveys and engineering. Furthermore, these funds are specifically to be used for the construction and re-design of these fields with the following terms and conditions:

2. Phases. This project will be undertaken in two phases, as follows:

a) Phase 1. The City shall have Fields 2 and 3 redesigned in preparation for construction drawing, bid specifications and cost estimates. This work shall be undertaken and paid for by the City. The services performed shall be

directed at the sole discretion of the City. After this initial work is complete, and cost estimates secured, the City will share this information with BLL and either party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement without any further obligation to the other. Should either party wish to terminate, written notice shall be given to the other within thirty (30) days of the delivery of the written cost estimates. All notices shall be delivered by U.S. First Class Mail, as follows:

Notice to City:
Mr. Joseph A. Valentine
City Manager
City of Birmingham
151 Martin Street
Birmingham, MI 48009

Notice to BLL:
Mr. Pat O'Neill
President
Birmingham Little League
P.O. Box 2536
Birmingham, MI 48012

- b) Phase II. If neither party terminates the Agreement in the manner described herein, then the BLL shall make its donation of Three Hundred Three Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$303,000) within 30 days to the City. The City, after the receipt of the funds, shall undertake construction drawing and bid specifications for the bidding of the project. Should the bids be substantially over the cost estimates, in the City's sole discretion, the City may terminate the Agreement. In such event, the donated funds shall be returned to the BLL.

If the bids are reasonable, in the City's judgment and sole discretion, the project shall proceed as described on Exhibit A, and the construction drawings and bid specification shall then be added to this Agreement as Exhibit B.

3. Exhibit A. The parties agree that Exhibit A contains the description of the donation and specific terms and conditions thereto.
4. Maintenance. The City shall be responsible for the maintenance of the fields.
5. City's Responsibility. The City shall be responsible for any claims arising out of or in connection with the City's access to and use of the Property and from any act or negligence of the City or the City's Authorized Personnel.
6. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Michigan. The parties acknowledge that this Agreement pertains to property located in the State of Michigan, and the parties submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of Oakland County, Michigan.
7. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. No change, addition or modification to this Agreement shall be effective unless signed in writing by both parties.

8. Waiver. Any waiver by either party of any provision or condition of this Agreement shall not be construed or deemed to be a waiver of any other provision or condition of this Agreement, nor a waiver of a subsequent breach of the same provision or condition, unless such waiver is expressed in a writing signed by the party to be bound.

9. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement shall be finally adjudged illegal, invalid or unenforceable, such illegality, invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the legality, validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement.

10. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, their successors and the assigns.

11. Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original.

12. Effective Date. The Effective Date of this Agreement shall be the date the last party executes this Agreement.

WHEREFORE, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, a Michigan
Municipal Corporation

By: _____
Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager

BIRMINGHAM LITTLE LEAGUE

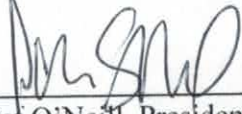
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Pat O'Neill, President

EXHIBIT A

General Terms

- 1) The donation of Three Hundred Three Thousand Dollars (\$303,000) shall be used for the renovation of the two easterly Little League baseball fields comprised of Fields 2 and 3 in Kenning Park. Said renovations shall be in accordance with the City's specifications, processes and its sole approval. Should the total project cost come in less than the donation amount, any excess funds shall be returned to BLL.
- 2) Kenning Park shall be renovated and/or designed for the intended use of the public.
- 3) Maintenance of the fields and parks will be performed by the City in accordance with its standards and practices.
- 4) The donation from BLL to renovate two Little League baseball fields comprised of Fields 2 and 3 in Kenning Park shall not limit or restrict the City in any planned future uses of Kenning Park.
- 5) All construction activities with respect to Phase II of this Agreement shall be at the sole discretion of the Birmingham City Commission.

Field Usage

- 1) In consideration of their donation to renovate two Little League baseball fields (Fields 2 and 3) at Kenning Park, BLL shall have the first right of refusal for use of these fields for the next 20 years (thru 2038), subject to BLL continuing to be the most frequent user of these fields based on permits issued.
- 2) In consideration of their donation to renovate two Little League baseball fields (Fields 2 and 3) at Kenning Park, the City agrees to make available 4 baseball fields in Kenning Park for the use of BLL, notwithstanding the fields will also be available for public use and subject to BLL continuing to be the most frequent user of these fields based on permits issued. The City reserves the right to change the utilization of the unimproved ballfields in Kenning Park after a 10 year period (2028), should the City revise its plans for Kenning Park. If such circumstance exists, the City agrees to make fields available at other parks in the City for use by BLL.

Timeframe

- 1) Should Phase II of this Agreement be effectuated by June 30, 2018, the City shall plan to implement the renovations to Fields 2 and 3 of Kenning Park in 2018.

Field Naming Rights

1) In consideration of their donation to renovate Fields 2 and 3 of Kenning Park, BLL shall be entitled to name both Fields 2 and 3 at Kenning Park with a plaque mounted to the backstop at each field. The design and content of the plaques are subject to approval by the City. The cost of the plaque shall be paid by BLL in addition to its donation. Additional opportunities for naming rights at Kenning Park shall be at the discretion of the City and subject to the City's Parks Donation Policy.

EXHIBIT B

Construction Drawings and Bid Specifications



MEMORANDUM

Planning Division

DATE: November 7, 2017

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Sean Campbell, Assistant City Planner

APPROVED BY: Jana Ecker, Planning Director

SUBJECT: Proposed Sculpture Loan – *Windswept*

Introduction

On October 23, 2017, City Staff received an application from Gary Kulak to donate his artwork to the City for public display. The artwork titled *Windswept*, is a cardinal red steel chair that stands 8' x 6' x 27' (L x W x H) and weighs 1,200 lbs. At this time, the artist is proposing the triangular open space formed by three pathways in Barnum Park as the location of the piece. In early October 2017, a circular concrete pad was poured at Barnum Park to accommodate rotating art sculptures. The artist has indicated that *Windswept* will be a 5 year loan.

The subject sculpture has been exhibited in Grand Rapids, MI and Knoxville, TN. The artist explains that the work signifies the human spirit as if looking through a doorway (AKA the Barnum Elementary School entry portal) into a space and space looking back at you. The work creates a positive message of pride when viewed as a gesture moving upward. Further, the work was created for this site and will serve as a guardian and spirit for the park.

At this time, the artist's application and supplemental materials have been routed to all relevant City Departments for review. Provided below is a summary of their comments, concerns, and/or questions.

Building Dept.

Applicable Building Codes:

- **2015 Michigan Building Code.** Applies to all buildings other than those regulated by the *Michigan Residential Code*

Review Comments:

1. The sculpture must be anchored down per engineer's specifications and all applicable building codes and ordinances.

Engineering Dept.

On November 1, 2017: I need detailed information on how the chair is attached to the concrete, then I can have it reviewed by a structural engineer.

On November 6, 2017 (after receiving response from

	artist): We are all set with approval of the chair from a structural standpoint.
Fire Dept.	<i>No concerns.</i>
Planning Dept.	<i>No concerns.</i>
Police Dept.	<p>On November 1, 2017: From a police perspective, I am concerned about the height of the chair. Specifically, I am concerned that teenagers will attempt to climb the chair in order to have their picture taken sitting on it. I do not know if this has been an issue in other locations where the chair has been in place, but some investigation on the issue is warranted.</p> <p>On November 6, 2017 (after receiving response from artist): While I appreciate Mr. Kulak's thoughts, I will defer judgment on the issue to the Public Arts Board. In his own words, Mr. Kulak stated, "That it would be the responsibility of Public Services to monitor the park as they currently do for security purposes." I agree with him and that is why I raised the issue in the first place. If the Public Arts Board moves forward, signage would be absolutely required. Fencing the artwork in should also be considered if the project moves forward. The level of risk moving forward will be decided by the Public Arts Board and the City Commission.</p>
Dept. of Public Services	The artist shall be responsible for the installation and all associated costs, including costs to repair damage to the park. The artist shall provide and install a "No Climbing" sign. Installation contingent upon required Insurances.

In an email response (see attached) to the above comments, Mr. Kulak clarified how the sculpture will be attached to the concrete pad. As he explained, each leg will be directly secured to the pad with a 4-1/2" x 6" Tapcon galvanized anchor, stating that this is what was used in other installations. This information was passed onto and subsequently approved for safety by the City's structural engineer. To address the second issue that was raised by the Police Chief, he explained that while he cannot guarantee the behavior of individuals, it has typically been the practice to provide a "No Climbing" sign and to monitor the park, as the Department of Public Services currently does. Further, if attempts to scale the sculpture become an issue, Vaseline can be applied between 8' and 10' high on the legs to prevent climbing of the sculpture. The Police Chief deferred judgement on the issue to the Public Arts Board and City Commission.

Lastly, the application was forwarded to the Cultural Council of Birmingham Bloomfield (the "Council") for review. The President has stated that the Council approves of the application and will commit the funds to insure the sculpture at the proposed location if it receives City Commission approval. With the insurance in place and all City requirements met, the only outstanding item at this time is the Access and Maintenance Agreement between the artist and the City. The City Attorney is currently drafting the contract which will be signed by all parties as deemed appropriate by the time the application placed on the City Commission agenda.

Background on Loan

As you may know, the City has been communicating with Mr. Kulak since 2014 to have a similar sculpture called "Pride" temporarily installed in the triangular space in Barnum Park. However, due to issues of pad funding and insurance, the original loan application was stalled for several years and was eventually withdrawn by the artist. The full history of this loan has been provided below for your review.

2014

On April 2, 2014, Mr. Kulak submitted an application proposing to loan his chair sculpture entitled "Pride" to the City. The artist proposed the triangular area formed by the confluence of three paths in Barnum Park. Three foundation options were described in his application: A, 9' diameter circular pad, 16" deep; B., 8' x 8' x 16" square pad, 16" deep; or C., 4 16" diameter concrete piers 48" deep each supporting a leg of the work. During this time, the artist had been communicating directly with the Community for Barnum Park, a local community group that raises funds for projects and programming in the park, about his proposal. In a letter to the city, the group provided signatures of support for the artist's proposed placement of the sculpture in the park. Because the sculpture was proposed in a public park, the application was brought before the Parks and Recreation Board for review on June 3, 2014. Board members noted that Department of Public Services (DPS) cleared trees from the triangular space, making the space available for a sculpture. The Board settled on foundation option C and moved to recommend approval of the loan to the City Commission.

Following this meeting, a letter was sent to Mr. Kulak outlining concerns raised by the Parks and Recreation Board as well as outstanding information including: information to address concerns about persons seeking to scale the sculpture, creating an unsafe environment; provision of funding for the required foundation, and installation of both the foundation and sculpture; and provision of funding for insurance to insure the artwork for the duration of the loan. Mr. Kulak submitted a response on June 22, 2014 addressing the concerns and agreeing to pay for all costs of foundation, installation, and insurance.

During their July 16, 2014 meeting, the Public Arts Board reviewed the application and subsequently recommended its approval to the City Commission. City Staff then sent a draft installation and maintenance agreement to Mr. Kulak. A report would be forwarded to the City Commission for final consideration of the sculpture upon receipt of the signed agreement and a certificate of insurance. However, on August 20, Mr. Kulak responded via email expressing his concern with assuming the costs of removing the concrete footings. He suggested sinking the footings below grade to fulfill the original condition but the City advised that no concrete is to be left in the ground. Aggrieved by this requirement, Mr. Kulak withdrew his application.

Following the artist's withdrawal, several conversations were had between staff and Cindy Rose, a member of the Community for Barnum Park. Ms. Rose retained communications with Mr. Kulak and encouraged him to return in the event that a funding agreement was established. The City agreed to pay for a portion of the costs to install an 8' circular pad for rotating art installations in Barnum Park. The remaining funds would be required for any installation to proceed. On October 15, 2014, the Building Official obtained an estimate for an 8' diameter circular pad at \$4,500 to \$6,000. Contrary to the City's plans, the Community for Barnum Park

Committee met in December 2014 and decided to go ahead with the installation of 4 smaller cement pads and to assume responsibility of removing the pads once the sculpture was de-installed. The Building official explained to Ms. Rose that the four pier foundation design would not be structurally sufficient for the sculpture.

2015

In a January 5, 2015 letter to the City Manager, Ms. Rose explained that the Community for Barnum Park was willing to fund a portion of the circular concrete pad. City Staff sent an email to Mr. Kulak seeking confirmation that he would re-apply for the loan and would assume all costs related to installation and insurance. Upon receipt of this information, an agreement would be prepared for his signature and the application would be submitted to the City Commission. Denise Kulak, Mr. Kulak's wife, resubmitted an application proposing a 5-year loan for the sculpture to be placed at Barnum Park and had agreed to assume costs relating to installation and insurance on the condition that the City waives a formal building permit for the foundation, allowed the construction of a four pier system not a circular pad, and provided use of a crane or forklift to set the sculpture on the piers.

Mr. Kulak later contradicted this commitment stating he was under the assumption that the City was installing the 8' circular cement pad. It was at this point that Mr. Kulak revealed that Pride was on loan in Chicago and would not be available for installation until June of 2015. He also planned to place the sculpture on 10' diameter foundation, not an 8' one. To avoid any further confusion, City Staff advised the Community for Barnum Park that the City would be responsible for all communications with the artist about the proposal.

For the better part of 2015, the Public Arts Board did not convene during its scheduled monthly meetings due to lack of quorum, thus precluding any formal action on the loan request. In addition, changes in administrative liaisons complicated the lines of communication across the involved parties.

2016

Due to repeated quorum issues, the Public Arts Board cancelled eight out of their 12 scheduled meetings in 2016, of which only three were directly concerned with Mr. Kulak's application for Pride. On September 14, 2016, staff reached out to Mr. Kulak via email reminding him that that the project was at a standstill due to no formal commitment from him to pay for the installation and required insurance. Mr. Kulak was under the impression that the sculpture pad was constructed and ready for the sculpture. When asked if Mr. Kulak reached an agreement with the Community for Barnum Park to assist with pad funding, he indicated he did not. Staff then contacted Ms. Rose explaining that in order to move the application forward, the Community for Barnum Park would have to confirm in writing that a funding agreement was in place.

On September 21, 2016, the application for Pride, along with drawings for the circular concrete foundation were presented to Public Arts Board. Ms. Rose recommended going with a 9' circular pad instead of the 4 concrete piers as it would allow for the rotation of public art sculptures. The Board was not clear on whether the original proposed depth of 16" would be deep enough. The Board directed staff to verify with the Building Official that a 42" depth would suffice. The Public Arts Board passed a motion to recommend to the City Commission that the City partner

with Community for Barnum Park to split the costs 50/50 for the circular concrete pad. It was further requested that Mr. Campbell obtain a quote for the construction of a 9' diameter 42" depth circular concrete pad and to write a memo to the City Commission requesting approval for the sculpture.

At this point, it was the impression of the Public Arts Board that insurance would come from the CityScapes program, which had been the primary source of insurance funding for the other on-loan sculptures. Meanwhile, staff began working with DPS to obtain quotes for the pad. DPS had advised that funding requests less than \$6,000 do not require City Commission approval and that funding could come from DPS's contractual services account. The total proposal amount came out to be \$5,255, which was well within the budget. It was discussed that the Community for Barnum Park could reimburse the City for these costs, or a portion thereof, by way of a donation. On October 7, 2016, staff met with the Building Official about the appropriate dimensions for the concrete footing. It was discussed that the Board wished to go with a 9' diameter 16" deep circular concrete pad. The Building Official advised against the 16" depth as it would be too shallow, and instead, recommended a minimum depth of 42" deep and that it should be at grade.

With all required information seemingly in place, staff attempted to place the report on the October 27, 2016 City Commission agenda. However, it was determined that none of the required information regarding pad funding and insurance was confirmed in writing and was merely documented in verbal accounts. After discovering the sculpture was not on the City Commission, Ms. Rose spoke with the Planning Director at the Community Development Department to discuss this issue. The Planning Director explained that the report did not include all the information, despite being discussed at the Public Arts Board meeting, to proceed to the City Manager for agenda consideration. The Planning Director added that staff would look into the issue further, review the last Public Arts Board agenda packet and attempt to pull together all of the required information and see if it was possible to add it to the City Commission agenda. It was ascertained that the Community for Barnum Park had not expressed in writing that they would provide funding for the sculpture pad. It was also not verified whether CCBB would provide insurance.

The Director of Public Services had indicated that a letter of commitment was requested from Ms. Rose, and that a letter to this effect was received but did not reference a specific amount of funding to be provided. At a staff meeting, the Director of Public Services indicated that there were no funds allocated in the budget to pay for the installation of a foundation at Barnum Park. The Planning Director discussed the Barnum sculpture application with all other City department heads. The Building Department noted a concern about load requirements, and requested additional information. The Building Department also indicated a need for soil testing at the proposed site to ensure that the soil can support the sculpture as it is within the footprint of the former Barnum School building. The City Attorney and Police Department expressed concerns about liability and the creation of an attractive nuisance that people may try to climb. Mr. Valentine confirmed that all required documentation must be provided prior to the matter being approved for the City Commission agenda.

The City Attorney stated he would update the installation and maintenance agreement and send over a draft. Finally, the Planning Director emailed Ms. Rose and explained that the memo could not be placed on a City Commission agenda until the following information was provided:

1. Evidence of insurance and/or funding for insurance;
2. Evidence of funding for the required foundation, and installation of both the foundation and the sculpture;
3. Approval by all relevant City departments; and
4. An executed loan agreement, including details regarding the ongoing maintenance obligations of the artist.

Because of the perceived lack of financial assistance from the City, Mr. Kulak withdrew his application in 2016.

During the November 2016 meeting, Board members discussed making a budget request to help pay for the installation costs of sculptures donated to the City in the future.

2017

To date, the Public Arts Board has convened at all of its scheduled meetings in 2017. Despite Mr. Kulak's withdrawn application, Ms. Rose regularly attended the meetings to coordinate efforts between the Public Arts Board and Community for Barnum Park to get a concrete pad at the triangular space in the park. During the January 18, 2017 PAB meeting, staff advised that a budget request of \$5,000 for the Public Arts Board was made. Ms. Rose strongly reaffirmed the need for funds to get the concrete pad poured in Barnum to provide a foundation for rotating art pieces, starting with Mr. Kulak's if he decided to return.

At the following meeting on February 15, 2017, staff informed the Public Arts Board and Ms. Rose that a formal request was made to the City Manager to have the City perform and pay for the necessary soil borings in the park. At this point, the Engineering Department had included the circular foundation as part of their next sidewalk program. Staff could not confirm whether the necessary soil borings would be an eligible expense in the program, but would follow up on the matter at the next meeting.

On March 15, 2017, staff informed the Public Arts Board that the Engineering Department was in the process of ordering the necessary soil borings for the Barnum Park sculpture pad. The foundation was included in the sidewalk program for 2017.

On October 18, 2017, the City excavated a hole in Barnum Park and poured in it a 9' diameter, 48" deep concrete pad to allow the rotation of public art.

Remediation

Up until the point of Mr. Kulak's application, the City had never directly taken in applications for loaned sculptures. Under the Outdoor Sculpture Agreement between the Cultural Council of Birmingham Bloomfield (the "Council") and the City, the Council had forwarded pre-qualified applications to the Public Arts Board under program called "CityScapes". Under the former CityScapes application process for the placement of art on public property, a call for submissions was conducted, and applications were selected by a jury. Selected sculptures were then forwarded to the Council for insurance funding and subsequently forwarded to the Public

Arts Board and the City Commission for approval to place on the artwork on public property. Funding was provided to the selected artists under the former CityScapes program. Given the limited source of funding to commission new artwork or to provide stipends to artists, a revised process for the display of art on public property was in order.

While the CCBB does not have any plans at this time to conduct a CityScapes call for entries in the near future, it still has an interest in encouraging and insuring temporary artwork under its Outdoor Sculpture Agreement with the City. Thus the Planning staff, on behalf of the Public Arts Board, met with Laurie Tennent, President of the CCBB, to establish a revised procedure for approving artwork for temporary (or permanent) display on public property. A revised process was established to allow artists to apply for the display of their art on public property even in the absence of funding or a formal call for submissions for the commission of public art.

Accordingly, staff worked with PAB during winter of 2017 to update the application process to ensure that all of the required information is provided to allow all City departments, the CCBB, and the PAB to conduct a thorough review of the proposed art and the proposed location. Information such as specific dimensions, wind loads, dead loads, installation requirements, length of loan, and maintenance requirements have been incorporated into the application in addition to the existing requirements for photos of the art and information on the background and experience of the artist. In addition, the application form has been amended to clarify whether an applicant is proposing a permanent donation, or temporary loan for the display of art. The intention is to have the City provide the required insurance for all permanent donations, and to have the applicant apply for funding for the required insurance from the CCBB for all temporary loans. If a temporary loan is proposed, the applicant will be required to attach a signed contract to the application to ensure that all terms are agreed to prior to review. If a permanent donation is proposed, the applicant will be required to attach a signed donation agreement.

In the revised application process, applications for the display of artwork on public property are submitted to the City first and then routed to the CCBB and the PAB for simultaneous review. The PAB conducts its standard review of the sculpture while the CCBB determines whether the sculpture meets its criteria for providing insurance free of charge to the artist. Once a recommendation of approval has been made by both the CCBB and the PAB, the application is then forwarded to the City Commission for a final decision.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE

Motion to recommend approval to City Commission of Gary Kulak's sculpture "Windswept" to be installed in the triangular open space in Barnum Park.

OR

Motion to recommend denial of Gary Kulak's sculpture "Windswept."



Cultural Council of Birmingham Bloomfield
P.O. Box 465 Birmingham, MI. 48012

APPLICATION FOR ART IN PUBLIC SPACES

APPLICANT NAME Gary Kulak Sculpture LLC

DAYTIME PHONE 248-515-1044

EMAIL gkulak@cranbrook.edu

DONOR, OWNER, OR AGENT (DEALER) Gary Kulak

ARTIST (first and last) or PROJECT NAME Gary Kulak

TITLE WINDSWEPT

DATE OF ARTWORK 2014

MEDIUM/TECHNIQUE Fabricated Steel with
Powder coat finish

PROPOSED

☐ DONATION

☒ LOAN

DESCRIPTION OF ARTWORK Windswept has been exhibited in Grand Rapids, MI and Knoxville, TN.
The work is constructed in 1/4"x 3" architectural tubing, 1/4" steel plate and 1/2" steel base plates. The Work is powder coated cardinal red.

HEIGHT	x	WIDTH	x	LENGTH/DEPTH	WEIGHT
27'		6'		8'	1200 lbs.

OBJECT TYPE(S)/MATERIAL
steel

DESIGN LOADS
(wind load-F=3, dead load-77kN/m³)

INSCRIPTION/FOUNDRY MARKS Work is signed and dated by the artist.

PRESENT LOCATION OF ARTWORK (Birmingham, MI)

CONDITION Excellent

MAINTENANCE REQUIRED
none

VALUE \$45,000

☐ APPRAISED

☒ OWNER'S STATED VALUE

FOOTING/FOUNDATION REQUIREMENTS

minimum 8' diameter circle x 16" depth

NARRATIVE/RATIONALE FOR GIFT/LOAN/TEMPORARY INSTALLATION

This work was proposed for the site at Barnam Park 4 years ago and was approved pending the installation of a concrete pad. The concrete pad has been recently completed and the work is ready to be installed. The neighborhood has supported this project raising some of the funds for the footing. This work signifies the human spirit as if looking through a doorway into space and space looking back at you. The work creates a positive message of Pride when viewed as a gesture moving upward. The work was created for this site and will serve as guardian and spirit for the park.

SIGNATURE



10-19-2017

DATE

*****Submit application together with prints or digital images of artwork, foundation plans, completed Outdoor Sculpture Agreement (if temporary sculpture), and a vitae or resume of the artist to:**

City of Birmingham

Attn: City Clerk – c/o Public Arts Board
151 Martin St.

P.O. Box 3001
Birmingham, MI 48012

PAB Action (Office use only)

Date Received: _____

Presented for Public Arts Board discussion: _____

Board Action: ☐ Recommended for approval ☐ Not recommended for approval

Insurance: ☐ Provided by CCBB ☐ Provided by City ☐ Other _____

Recommendation(s)/Action Taken _____

Routing and dates approved (Office use only):

Y N

☐ ☐ Planning _____

☐ ☐ Engineering _____

☐ ☐ Public Safety (Police/Fire) _____

☐ ☐ Parks and Recreation _____

☐ Approved by CCBB _____

☐ Approved by City Commission _____

Y N

☐ ☐ Building _____

☐ ☐ Other _____

☐ ☐ Other _____

Site Location _____

(If artwork is to be permanently donated, the City of Birmingham has the right to relocate and /or remove the artwork from public display. If permanently donated, the City of Birmingham may provide the required insurance. If artwork is to be on temporary loan, the CCBB may provide required insurance.)

GARY KULAK

1240 Wagner Ave.
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
Mobile (248) 515-1044
Work (248) 645-3447

EDUCATION:

1983 MFA – Hunter College, New York, NY

1975 BFA – Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

1976-present Gary Kulak Sculpture LLC, Birmingham, MI

2005-present Artist in Residence/Head Department of Fine Arts, Cranbrook-Kingswood, Bloomfield Hills, MI

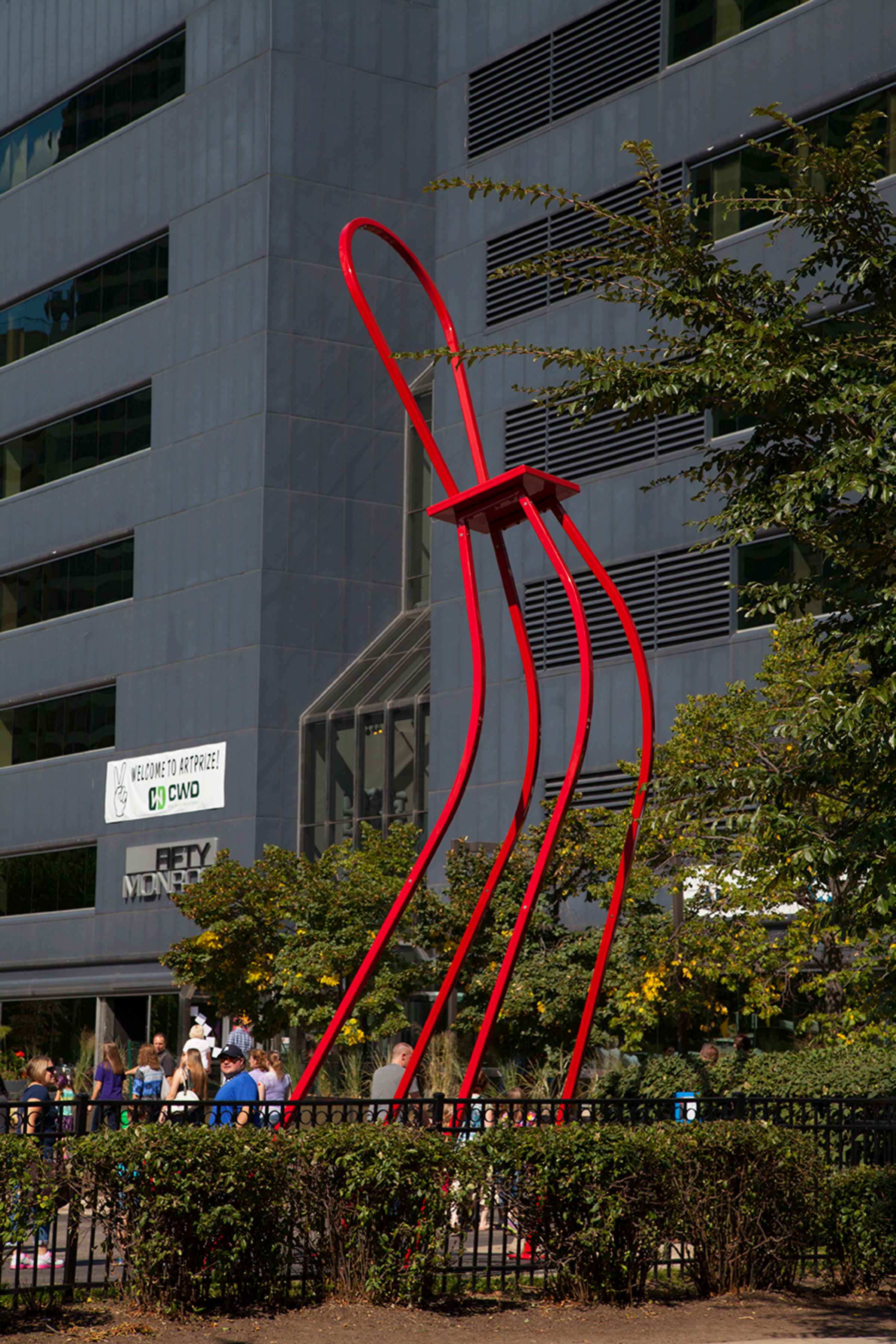
SELECTED EXHIBITIONS:

2017 Harbor Walk Sculpture Exhibition, Kenosha, WI
2017 Sculptfusion, Michigan City, IN
2017 Castlewood Downs Sculpture Exhibition, Lexington, KY
2017 "Metamorphic Resonance" Pietrasanta, Italy
2017 The Digital Stone Project, Garfagnana Inovazione, Gramolazza, Italy
2017 "Sculpture Walk", Springfield, MO
2017 CSE, Chicago Sculpture Exhibition, Chicago IL
2016 ISC Small Sculpture Exhibition, August Wilson Center, Pittsburgh, PA
2016 "100 Sculptors", Ella Sharpe Museum, Jackson, MI
2016 Opening Exhibition, Works...A Gallery, Chattanooga, TN
2016 CSE, Chicago Sculpture Exhibition, Chicago, IL
2016 "Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition" Valparaiso, IN
2016 "100 Sculptors" Ella Sharp Museum, Jackson, MI
2016 Knoxville "Art in Public Places" Knoxville TN
2016 N'Namdi Contemporary, Miami, FL
2015 CSI Themes in Contemporary Sculpture, University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire
2015 Small Sculpture Exhibition, ISC, Phoenix, AZ
2015 Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition, Adrian, Michigan
2015 "isday", 4-24-2015, Gary Kulak Sculpture LLC
2015 "Art in Public Places", Knoxville
2015 Chicago Sculpture Exhibit, Chicago, IL
2014 "Chicago Parks Exhibition", Palmer Park, Chicago, IL
2014 "ArtPrize", BOB, Grand Rapids, MI
2014 "Small Sculpture Exhibit", ISC, New Orleans, LA
2014 "Michigan Legacy Artpark" Thompsonville, MI
2014 "Detroit Riverfest", Detroit Riverfront, Detroit, MI
2014 "Chicago Sculpture Exhibit", Lincoln Park, Chicago, IL
2014 Krasl Art Center, "10th Biennial Sculpture Exhibition"
2013 N'Namdi Contemporary, Miami, FL
2013 "Art Fusion Miami", Miami, FL
2013 "Small Sculpture Exhibition", ISC, Miami, FL
2013 "Chicago Boulevard Exhibition", Chicago Parks Department, Chicago, IL
2013 "Large Scale Work", Bridgeport Art Center, Chicago, IL
2012 "Art Basel Miami", N' Namdi Contemporary Art, Miami, FL
2012 "Small Sculpture Exhibition" ISC, Chicago, IL
2012 "Art Expo Chicago", CSI, Navy Pier, Chicago, IL
2012 "International Sculpture Exhibition", Grant Park, Chicago, IL
2012 "80 Years of the Detroit Artist Market" Detroit Historical Museum, Detroit MI

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS:

Smithsonian Institute, Washington, DC	Detroit Institute of Art, Detroit, MI
Cranbrook Museum of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI	Kmart Corporation, Troy, MI
Holtzman/Silverman Co., Southfield, MI	AT&T, Southfield, MI
IBM Corporation, Southfield, MI	Progressive Corporation, Cleveland, OH
Royal Maccabees Insurance Co., Charlotte, SC	City of Mt. Clemens, MI
Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI	Elm Development Inc., Chicago, IL
Forbes-Cohen/Nemer Assoc., Southfield, MI	Michigan Legacy Art Park, Thompsonville, MI
City of Royal Oak, MI	Village of Skokie, IL





WELCOME TO ARTPRIZE!
CWD

FIFTY
MONTE

Proposed Location of Circular Concrete Pad

Barnum Park, Birmingham, MI







MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: November 3, 2017

TO: Parks and Recreation Board Members

FROM: Carrie A. Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: Barnum Arch Landscape Enhancements (BALE)

The Community for Barnum Park received a donation of \$12,000 to make landscaping improvements leading up to the "Arch" from Purdy Street. This donation has been deposited with the City with the designation "BALE".

Representative for the Community for Barnum Park, David Young, has been working with Dave Peterhans, architect, to put together a concept plan for this improvement for proposal to the Parks and Recreation Board. The BALE concept plan is attached for your review along with an email letter from David Young. In addition, included are the original Barnum Park Concept plan and the Phase 2 Improvements Design.

The proposed improvement will be located north and south of the walkway leading to the arch from Purdy Street, and will include adding seating areas made from salvaged brick from Barnum School capped with concrete or limestone, adding landscape materials such as boxwood shrubs and groundcover, and possibly a planter in the center of the concrete walkway.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION:

To accept the concept plan for the Barnum Arch Landscape Enhancements and further to recommended to the City Commission for consideration.

Agenda Item #4



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Barnum, BALE

1 message

Carrie Laird <claird@bhamgov.org>
To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Wed, Nov 8, 2017 at 10:37 AM

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From: **David Young** <davidmpyoung@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Oct 31, 2017 at 11:25 AM
Subject: Barnum, BALE
To: Carrie Laird <claird@bhamgov.org>

Carrie Laird
Parks & Recreation Manager
Department of Public Works, City of Birmingham
[851 S Eaton Street](#)
Birmingham
MI 48009

October 31, 2017

Dear Carrie,

We have received a very generous donation of \$12,000 from Mr. & Mrs. Baker, Birmingham residents, for landscape enhancement of the area between the Barnum Arch and Purdy Street. They believe that the area needs to be upgraded to reflect the setting of the Arch.

The purpose of this letter is to present to, and gain approval from the Parks & Recreation Board for this enhancement and to proceed with an RFP for design and construction.

I have met with Dave Peterhans informally and he has sketched some ideas for the project. These sketches are attached. The scope of the work is the area between the Arch and the sidewalk on Purdy Street extending approximately 30' north and south of the existing concrete pathway connecting the Arch and the sidewalk. The 2 existing trees will remain; the 2 Arch spotlights will remain; there is an electrical ground panel which needs to be accommodated and the trashcan will need to be moved. The landscape enhancements could include 2 or 3 types of varying height groundcover such as boxwoods and nepata.

The existing sprinkler system will need to be adapted. Also, 2 seating structures and pads are proposed (either side of the concrete walkway leading to the Arch) which could be built with original Barnum bricks and topped with limestone caps. If funds allow, there could also be a planter on the concrete walkway.

I am requesting that consideration and approval be given to this project at the next Parks & Recreation meeting on November 14, 2017. I will be available to support this project and to answer any questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
David Young

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Carrie A. Laird
City of Birmingham
Parks & Recreation Manager
[851 S. Eton](#)

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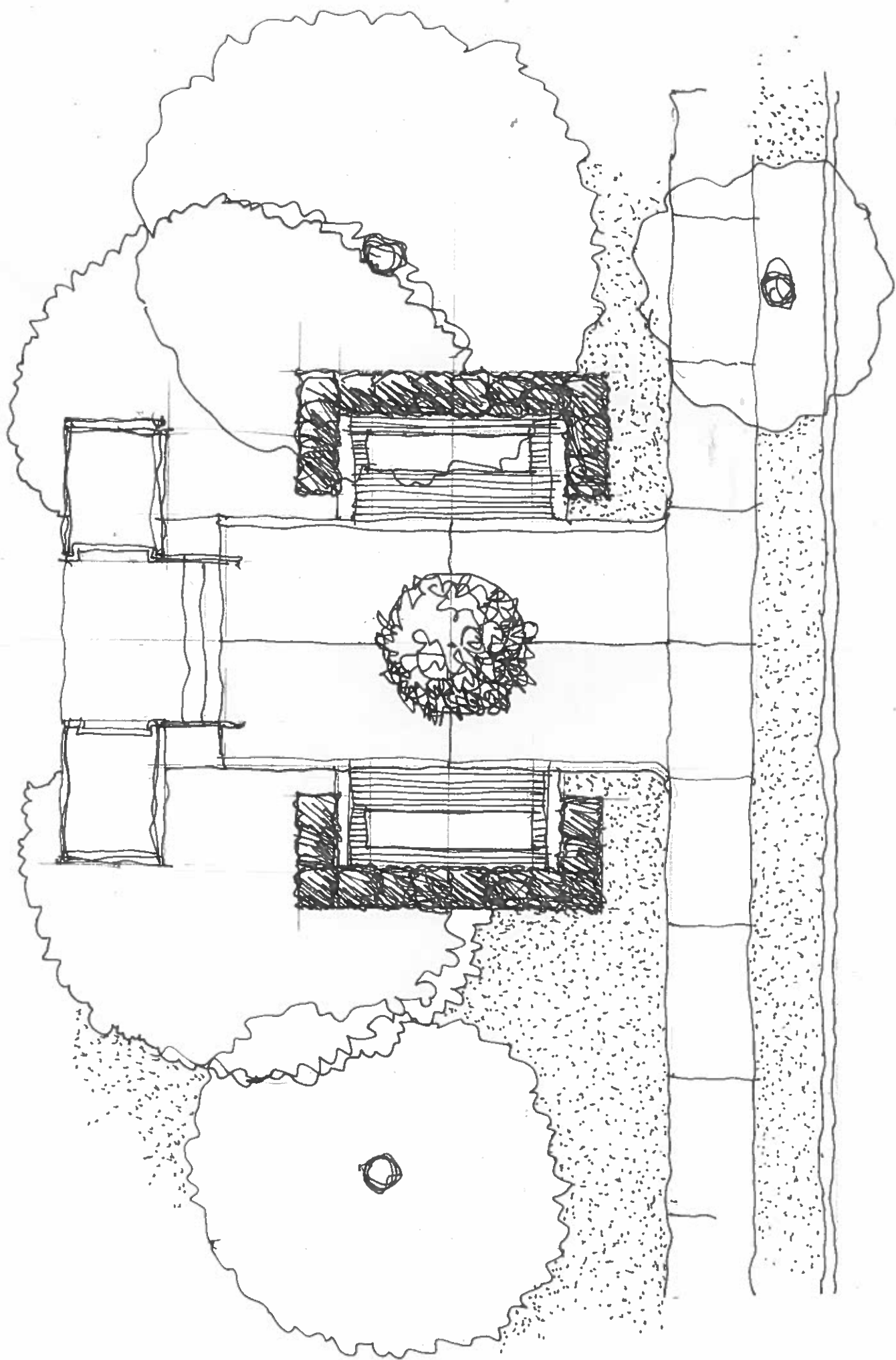
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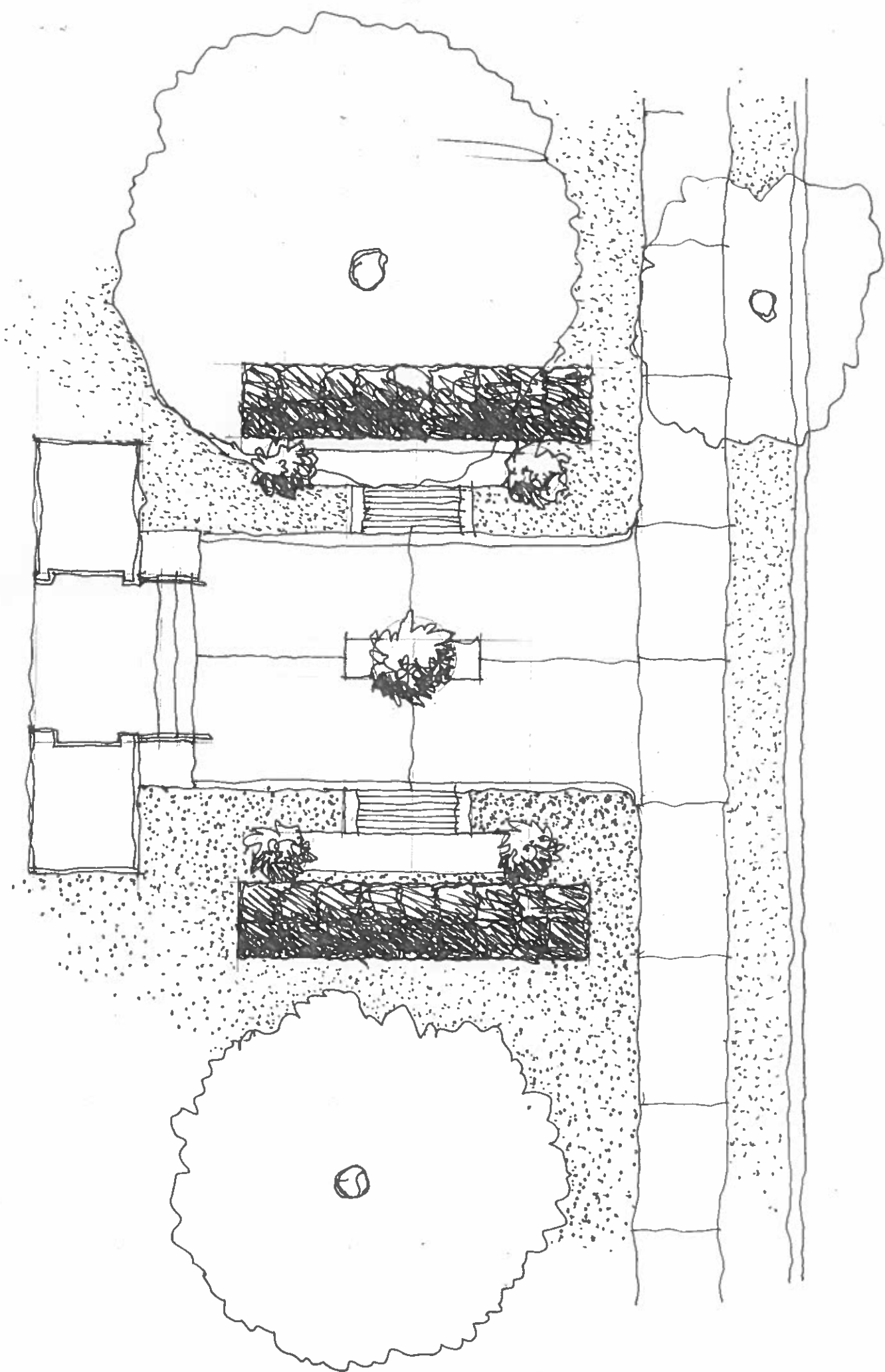
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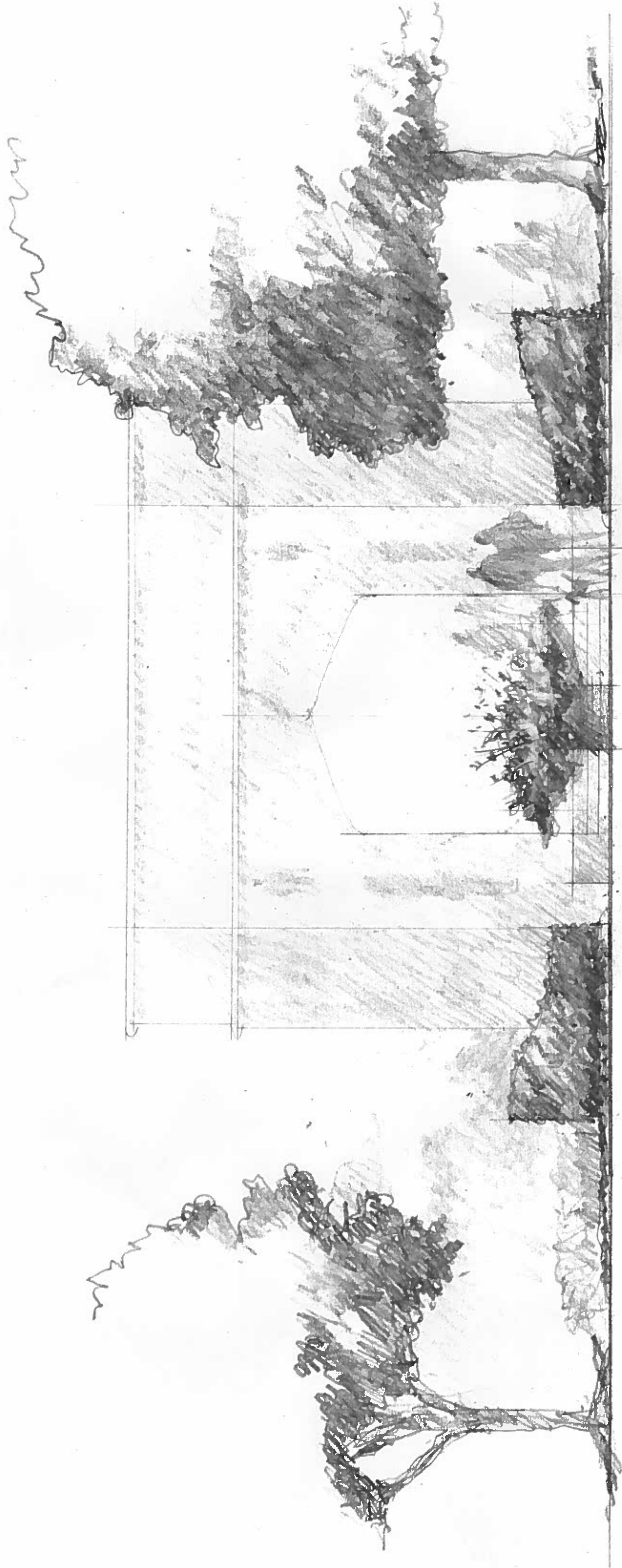
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BARNUM PARK LANDSCAPE

Invigorate the heart of Barnum Park by making it a welcoming and beautiful space to sit or gather with the addition of four wooden wedge-shaped shade trellises, six tables, circular benches, and with the addition of eight large sized trees

These north and south tallgrass areas will help contain balls from the playing fields and help to keep the east and west sides of the park united in terms of landscape character. Supplement all tallgrass areas with additional plugs of showy native wildflowers, as well as with native shrubs

Add a third black fence here to help contain balls and to repeat this landscape element across the entire west edge of the park. Plant hardy native vines along the western side of the fence. Supplement with native perennials if desired.

Soften the yew hedge here by not pruning it so severely and by adding several low deciduous shrubs, native grasses and perennials to its eastern edge. Remove a portion of the hedgerow to facilitate movement between east and west sides of the park

Leave this space open for sculpture when something becomes available so that it can anchor this southern terminus of the promenade and beautify the entrance to the park

Supplement this tallgrass area with additional plugs of showy, native wildflowers and shrubs

Move existing deciduous trees from center of promenade and concentrate many of them in a grove

Alter the paving surface in a concentric circle around the tower to highlight this key node on the promenade. Consider giving it an alternative treatment to remove any negative connotations it may have in the community, and to help tie disparate park elements together with a theme (such as education)

Locate the Yockey sculpture on this new node on the axis where the promenade and arched entrance path intersect. Treat pavement in a similar contrasting fashion at all key nodes along the promenade. Keep the view open 360 degrees around the sculpture

Supplement all tallgrass areas with additional plugs of native wildflowers, as well as with native shrubs. Tallgrass areas shown are limited to existing ridges, and eliminated from most other areas of the park

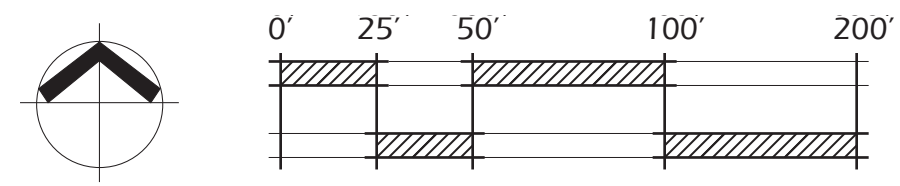
Add a toddler swingset here, purchased from the same company as the existing swingset

Make a generous expansion to the existing sand play area, as this is typically a highly popular feature. The east side of the pit can be tucked into the existing ridge and lined with large decorative boulders that also function as a place to sit. Add supplemental shrubs and tall grasses behind boulders to help delineate this edge. Add a shade sail over the existing bench, and consider adding another bench somewhere which faces the sand play area

Strengthen the character of the promenade by planting it's central spine with redbud trees, which offer beautiful spring color as well as architectural branch form. Plant low groundcover or creeping shrubs beneath trees, as opposed to turf grass

The Sanctuary may take on the theme of "nature in literature" or the "poet's garden." Features such as four composite or wooden benches inscribed with poetry; an owl sculpture that functions as a container for books; an inscribed entrance stone, etc. will help enforce this theme. Existing drainage issues will be dealt with by creating two depressed rain gardens flanking both sides of the (narrowed) entrance way, which will be planted with river birch and a shade tolerant, soft sedge groundcover. This should help frame and define a unique entry experience. Existing edging should be removed. Create a varying hierarchy of woody vegetation by adding a substantial amount of flowering shrubs such as viburnums, amelanchier, witch hazel, etc. Replace "no-mow" (and weeds) with native groundcover

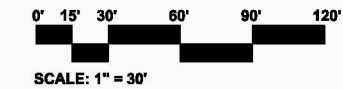
Reinforce the collection of coniferous trees along this eastern boundary of the park for screening and privacy purposes



THE BARNUM PROJECT

MASTER PLAN

BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN



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NATURAL AREAS WITH
NATIVE PLANTINGS

CRUSHED
STONE PATH

ENTRANCE -
ARBOR WITH
FLORAL PLANTINGS

PARALLEL PARKING
FOR (22) CARS

EXISTING TREES

GIRLS' SOFTBALL
FIELD- 180' OUTFIELD
TO BACKSTOP
AND 4' HIGH
SIDE FENCES

FOCAL
POINT FEATURE

CURVING
PERIMETER WALK

CRUSHED STONE
PROMENADE

SCULPTURE

BLACK VINYL
CLAD FENCE

2 SOCCER FIELDS
40x70 YARDS

ENTRANCE -
ARBOR WITH
FLORAL PLANTINGS

BENCHES

LOW BRICK WALLS
WITH SALVAGED
BRICK

ENTRANCE -
ARBOR WITH
FLORAL PLANTINGS

FRANK

PURDY

GEORGE

PIERCE

RETAIN SMOKE STACKS

RETAIN BUILDING ENTRY
FORMAL GARDEN AREAS

FLORAL PLANTING BEDS

GREENHOUSE/
CONSERVATORY WITH
RESTROOMS

OPEN PAVILION

SITE LIGHTING (LED)
CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

CRUSHED STONE WALK

SOCIAL SPACE
WITH TREES

OPEN MEADOW

PAVED WALKWAY
AROUND PARK

NEW DECIDUOUS TREES

GARDEN SANCTUARY

NEW EVERGREEN TREES

GRASS PAVER PARKING
FOR 33 CARS
PAVED PARKING DRIVE

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
GOLF COURSE OPERATING REPORT
FOR THE MONTH ENDED SEPTEMBER 2017

	SPRINGDALE		LINCOLN HILLS		COMBINED		PRIOR YEAR COMBINED	
	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR- TO-DATE	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR- TO-DATE	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR- TO-DATE	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR- TO-DATE
<u>REVENUES</u>								
FOOD & BEVERAGE SALE	4,931	33,256	4,939	46,188	9,870	79,443	9,016	76,603
MERCHANDISE SALES	1,083	7,830	1,961	13,541	3,044	21,372	2,467	19,998
WEEK DAY GREENS FEES	17,360	161,503	17,051	169,316	34,411	330,819	41,312	346,040
WEEKEND & HOLIDAY GREENS	14,083	83,947	16,580	108,113	30,663	192,060	24,651	180,417
CART RENTALS	538	4,912	460	4,751	998	9,663	1,008	9,289
TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES	673	4,146	542	4,358	1,215	8,504	1,590	9,593
CLASSES	-	-	-	87,367	-	87,367	-	89,391
GOLF CART RENTALS	11,292	72,139	13,512	85,876	24,804	158,016	22,546	160,461
BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP	-	2,480	100	6,600	100	9,080	-	10,910
NON-RESIDENT MEMBERSHIPS	-	33,255	-	105,750	-	139,005	-	131,600
UNLIMITED GOLF PASS	-	1,300	20	3,020	20	4,320	-	3,589
PACKAGE CLUB PASS	-	-	44	334	44	334	-	-
GOLF HANDICAP FEE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INVESTMENT INCOME	-	-	1,970	(132)	1,970	(132)	1,989	8,303
LEASE PAYMENTS	1,600	14,400	587	5,167	2,187	19,567	1,370	12,218
SUNDRY & MISCELLANEOUS	11	57	17	432	28	489	-	293
CASH OVERAGE/(SHORTAGE)	(91)	(91)	-	(27)	(91)	(118)	23	69
TOTAL REVENUES	51,480	419,133	57,782	640,654	109,262	1,059,787	105,972	1,058,774
<u>EXPENSES</u>								
<u>FINANCE</u>								
ADMINISTRATION COST	1,343	12,875	1,343	12,875	2,687	25,750	2,948	26,004
AUDIT	664	664	664	664	1,328	1,328	-	-
SUB-TOTAL FINANCE	2,007	13,539	2,007	13,539	4,014	27,078	2,948	26,004
<u>MAINTENANCE</u>								
SALARIES & WAGES DIRECT	4,371	44,173	6,815	54,177	11,186	98,350	19,249	111,842
OVERTIME PAY	162	270	1,710	6,966	1,872	7,236	-	-
LONGEVITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FICA	343	3,361	556	4,545	898	7,906	1,462	8,482
HOSPITALIZATION	436	4,091	398	4,328	834	8,420	1,101	7,073
LIFE	14	142	14	145	28	286	42	280
RETIRE CONTRIB HEALTH	214	1,711	214	1,708	427	3,419	453	1,904
DENTAL/OPTICAL	52	502	49	514	101	1,016	142	1,003
LT/ST DISABILITY	23	221	21	226	44	447	64	428
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	42	428	62	557	104	985	189	1,096
SICK LEAVE PAYOUT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RETIREMENT EMPLOYER CNTRB	118	2,498	118	2,427	236	4,925	150	1,229
HRA BENEFIT	-	10	-	10	-	20	-	20

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
GOLF COURSE OPERATING REPORT
FOR THE MONTH ENDED SEPTEMBER 2017

	SPRINGDALE		LINCOLN HILLS		COMBINED		PRIOR YEAR COMBINED	
	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR- TO-DATE	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR- TO-DATE	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR- TO-DATE	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR- TO-DATE
RETIREMNT-DEF CONTR EMPLR	219	2,128	207	2,173	426	4,302	611	4,071
RET HLTH SVGS CONTR EMPLR	78	762	74	789	151	1,551	219	1,467
OPERATING SUPPLIES	2,167	29,812	159	41,198	2,326	71,011	3,785	47,284
OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	2,633	5,168	3,356	5,941	5,989	11,109	2,384	9,043
TELEPHONE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ELECTRIC UTILITY	475	2,666	1,737	7,980	2,212	10,646	1,706	10,680
GAS UTILITY	33	1,206	20	777	52	1,983	36	2,088
WATER UTILITY	-	-	98	232	98	232	100	145
TRAINING	-	357	-	422	-	779	281	475
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EQUIPMENT RENTAL OR LEASE	2,575	22,541	2,417	22,749	4,992	45,290	4,833	43,580
SUB-TOTAL MAINTENANCE	13,955	122,048	18,023	157,863	31,978	279,912	36,807	252,190
<u>CLUBHOUSE</u>								
SALARIES & WAGES DIRECT	8,091	77,784	7,891	104,787	15,983	182,571	26,494	168,000
OVERTIME PAY	1,151	1,680	-	209	1,151	1,890	549	4,439
LONGEVITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FICA	703	6,038	600	7,989	1,302	14,027	2,056	13,174
HOSPITALIZATION	1,731	13,965	1,069	11,639	2,800	25,604	2,921	18,645
LIFE	2	16	2	19	3	35	5	34
RETIRE CONTRIB HEALTH	221	1,751	221	1,765	441	3,516	472	2,434
DENTAL/OPTICAL	60	537	60	550	119	1,087	12	84
LT/ST DISABILITY	26	236	26	241	52	477	5	34
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	82	751	73	1,005	154	1,757	265	1,686
SICK TIME PAYOUT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RETIREMENT EMPLOYER CNTRB	132	2,779	132	2,792	264	5,571	179	1,416
HRA BENEFIT	-	20	-	20	-	40	-	40
RETIREMNT-DEF CONTR EMPLR	240	2,415	240	2,450	480	4,865	10,157	10,158
RET HLTH SVGS CONTR EMPLR	71	714	71	738	143	1,452	3,603	3,620
OPERATING SUPPLIES	2,118	12,266	2,255	15,498	4,372	27,764	4,049	23,632
FOOD & BEVERAGE	1,618	11,465	1,718	14,571	3,336	26,037	3,672	25,611
BEER AND WINE	1,036	7,582	487	6,274	1,523	13,856	716	12,180
MERCHANDISE	291	5,237	424	6,397	715	11,635	2,466	19,192
INSTRUCTORS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	1,611	8,774	1,469	11,155	3,080	19,929	66	15,764
TELEPHONE	254	1,000	92	800	346	1,799	319	1,727
CONTRACTUAL ALARM	79	709	315	1,477	394	2,186	145	1,937
ELECTRIC UTILITY	577	3,886	-	-	577	3,886	-	3,352
GAS UTILITY	50	1,373	23	222	73	1,594	60	1,300
WATER UTILITY	692	1,699	697	1,036	1,389	2,735	719	2,253
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	720	1,437	855	1,572	1,575	3,009	-	2,705

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
GOLF COURSE OPERATING REPORT
FOR THE MONTH ENDED SEPTEMBER 2017

	SPRINGDALE		LINCOLN HILLS		COMBINED		PRIOR YEAR COMBINED	
	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR- TO-DATE	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR- TO-DATE	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR- TO-DATE	CURRENT MONTH	CALENDAR- TO-DATE
MARKETING AND ADVERTISING	200	1,827	200	5,610	400	7,437	-	328
TRAINING	-	135	-	135	-	270	-	1,398
DEPRECIATION	4,333	37,776	4,917	42,380	9,250	80,156	9,083	80,751
EQUIPMENT RENTAL OR LEASE	-	17,044	500	15,923	500	32,967	-	22,396
LIAB INSURANCE PREMIUMS	339	13,145	339	13,145	678	26,289	2,500	31,245
LIQUOR LICENSE	-	1,253	-	1,253	-	2,505	-	2,505
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	-	-	8,333	25,000	8,333	25,000	-	-
SUB-TOTAL CLUBHOUSE	26,428	235,295	33,007	296,651	59,435	531,946	70,513	472,040
TOTAL EXPENSES	42,391	370,882	53,037	468,053	95,428	838,936	110,268	750,234
NET PROFIT (LOSS)	9,089	48,250	4,745	172,601	13,835	220,851	(4,296)	308,540
NET OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS) (EXCLUDING DEPRECIATION)						301,007		389,291

Golf Report – October 2017

Overall, October was a very pleasant month until the last week, but we were excited to enjoy great weather. Springdale remained open until Sunday – Oct 22nd.

History of Rounds - Calendar Years 2013-2017

MONTH	2013			2014			2015			2016			2017		
	LH	SD	Total	LH	SD	Total	LH	SD	Total	LH	SD	Total	LH	SD	Total
January	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	292	292	0	0	0	0	0	0	321	0	321	60	0	60
April	1,573	2,260	3,833	3,705	652	4,357	3,087	1,713	4,800	2,389	1,616	4,005	2,796	1,383	4,179
May	4,314	3,797	8,111	4,393	3,493	7,886	4,892	4,293	9,185	5,461	3,910	9,371	4,759	3,975	8,734
June	5,774	4,406	10,180	5,330	4,216	9,546	5,556	4,268	9,824	5,595	4,269	9,864	6,010	4,431	10,441
July	5,098	4,286	9,384	5,139	4,636	9,775	5,718	5,218	10,936	5,788	4,856	10,644	6,043	4,720	10,763
August	5,195	4,695	9,890	4,376	4,084	8,460	4,408	4,403	8,811	4,273	3,873	8,146	3,641	3,974	7,615
September	3,019	3,154	6,173	3,074	2,746	5,820	3,411	3,059	6,470	3,163	2,698	5,861	3,057	3,089	6,146
October	2,795	1,779	4,574	915	2,493	3,408	2,666	908	3,574	2,037	1,990	4,027	2,556	1,610	4,166
November	576	0	576	33	675	708	1,489	0	1,489	2	1,545	1,547		0	0
December	53	0	53	0	124	124	514	0	514	0	54	54		0	0
TOTALS	28,397	24,669	53,066	26,965	23,119	50,084	31,741	23,862	55,603	29,029	24,811	53,840	28,922	23,182	52,104

2017 Membership Analysis

MEMBERSHIPS	CY 2012		CY 2013		CY 2014		CY 2015		CY 2016		YTD Oct 2017	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Business	101	13.56%	99	13.20%	102	13.42%	109	12.73%	109	12.56%	92	10.24%
Non-Resident - Individual	398	53.42%	401	53.47%	406	53.42%	475	55.49%	465	53.57%	502	55.90%
Non-Resident - Dual	186	24.97%	185	24.67%	175	23.03%	194	22.66%	209	24.08%	220	24.50%
Non-Resident - Family	60	8.05%	65	8.67%	77	10.13%	78	9.11%	85	9.79%	84	9.35%
Total	745	100.00%	750	100.00%	760	100.00%	856	100.00%	868	100.00%	898	100.00%

RESIDENT MEMBERSHIPS	CY 2012		CY 2013		CY 2014		CY 2015		CY 2016		YTD Oct 2017	
	#		#		#		#		#		#	
Resident	1,843		2,007		1,733		2,090		1,874		1,898	

YTD 2016 and YTD 2017 Revenue Comparisons

	SALES		SALES		
REVENUES	YTD Oct 2016		YTD Oct 2017		DIFFERENCE
Greens Fee	\$565,068	68.30%	\$560,720	68.08%	(\$4,348)
Cart Fee	\$180,273	21.79%	\$178,587	21.68%	(\$1,686)
Food & Beverage	\$41,171	4.98%	\$42,541	5.17%	\$1,370
Beer	\$39,302	4.75%	\$40,281	4.89%	\$979
Wine	\$1,532	0.19%	\$1,501	0.18%	(\$31)
Total	\$827,345	100.00%	\$823,629	100.00%	(3,716)

October 12, 2017

Dear Ms. Wood and Ms. Laird,

I want to thank you for taking the time to update the Birmingham Park Master Plan. As a Birmingham resident and someone who works in the Parks and Recreation industry, I can appreciate the amount of time and effort that has gone into gathering information and formulating this long-range plan. There are two main features that I regularly brag about to family and co-workers, Birmingham's beautiful parks and the walkability of the Community. Both features, make it the perfect location for raising a family. I look forward to our trips to the parks, walks in the evening and all of the activities that our kids will ultimately participate in.

Our three most frequented parks are Kenning Park, Booth Park and Shain Park; each for different reasons. Kenning Park is only two blocks from our home and is awesome for little kids! We love going for an evening walk and stopping by the playground. There are usually only a couple games going on and it is usually pretty low-key; which is ideal for small children. Booth Park has a wonderful walking path and we enjoy the unique playground and the story time area. I really like that natural wildflower plots are scattered throughout; they are lovely and also supportive of wildlife. Shain Park is an icon of downtown and a good break from the shops. All of these spaces are well maintained and a true testament of a dedicated staff.

As to be expected, the Master Plan will ultimately result in updates to the parks. My hope is that some of our favorite features will not be lost in the updates. We greatly appreciate the quiet and natural features of Kenning Park. I understand the interest in adding walking paths, as it likely makes it more ADA accessible, bike and stroller friendly. However, I would be sad to see money invested in relocating courts and fields to accommodate parking. Would it not be easier to just put a parking lot in the space northeast of Lincoln/Eton? Also, pavilions may not be necessary in a highly shaded area; maybe just add more seating in the play space. We appreciate the opportunity to consider alternatives to the proposed reduction in passive recreation.

Over the past few years, we have been focusing on growing our family. I regret not having gotten more involved with the Parks and Recreation Committee, and do apologize for that. A regular part of my daytime work is updating plans and soliciting citizen input, so your project and hard work does not go without recognition. Should you have questions or need additional support, do let me know.

Sincerely,

Jeanette R Aiello

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Communication/Discussion Item #3

Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Kenning Park Concept Master Plan

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Mon, Oct 23, 2017 at 10:29 AM

To: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Please place this email chain on the next agenda under Communication.

As a point of reference, the Kenning Park Concept Master Plan was presented to the City Commission on March 24, 2014.

Thank you,

Lauren

Lauren Wood

Director of Public Services

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Birmingham, MI 48009
office: 248.530.1702

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From: **Joe Valentine** <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Date: Mon, Oct 23, 2017 at 9:49 AM

Subject: Re: Kenning Park Concept Master Plan

To: larry bertollini <lbertollini@att.net>

Cc: L Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>, Patty Bordman <pbordman@bhamgov.org>, Pierre Boutros <pboutros@bhamgov.org>, "Andrew M. Harris" <aharris@bhamgov.org>, Mark Nickita <mnickita@bhamgov.org>, Carroll DeWeese <cdeweese@bhamgov.org>, Racky Hoff <rackyhoff@hotmail.com>, Stuart Sherman <ssherman@bhamgov.org>

Larry,

Thank you for your email and outlining your concerns with the Kenning Park Concept Master Plan. As we discussed this morning, your concerns will be shared with the Parks & Recreation Board as they work to update the City's 5 Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Best Regards,
Joe

On Sat, Oct 21, 2017 at 6:18 PM, larry bertollini <lbertollini@att.net> wrote:
10-21-17

Dear Chairman & Parks & Rec Board,

Kenning Park is the only City owned public park covering the residential areas east of Woodward Avenue and south of Maple Road yet it currently lacks a designated open space reserved for sports such as soccer. The 2014 Kenning Park concept master plan does include this as part of the overall program. To provide a large reserved space for soccer & similar open field sports at Kenning Park is in the best interest of the community & it sends the message that the City is mindful of providing proper balance & resources for all residents. Little League donations be used for Kenning Park should not jeopardize the Kenning Park Master Plan reserved soccer field area. The designated open field area should be it's own space & not a combined shared area as part of a baseball field. Knowing that there is limited space at the park, three baseball fields, total, is the reasonable plan to follow for Kenning. Provide a different City park location for

present softball field or for the third Little League sized field. Please follow the Kenning Park concept master plan in regards to preserving the designated soccer space. This will ensure that Kenning Park is fairly balanced & that this park can achieve a good balance for all the users & not just baseball shareholders.

The Kenning Park Concept Master Plan seems to have other areas that are raising concerns. The plan proposes to relocate three public tennis courts to the Northeast corner of Eton & Lincoln. This is a busy intersection and this land does not seem to be a safe sport activity location. Other concerns include the removal of mature tree clusters to provide a baseball field. Also, residents are concerned with any developments that will cause users of the park that drive to choose parking along the side streets instead of the Kenning parking lot.

Thank you for taking the time to review my suggestions

Larry Bertollini
Webster Street

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Joseph A. Valentine

City Manager

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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Letter to Parks and Recreation Committee

2 messages

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Mon, Oct 30, 2017 at 4:35 PM

To: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Please add this under Communications to the 11-14-17 PB agenda.

Thanks!

Lauren Wood

Director of Public Services

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[Birmingham, MI 48009](#)
office: [248.530.1702](#)

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Mon, Oct 30, 2017 at 4:33 PM

Subject: Re: Letter to Parks and Recreation Committee

To: Pastor Steve Woodfin <woodfins@ourshepherd.net>

Cc: "Valentine, Joe" <Jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Hello Pastor Woodfin,

Thank you for the follow-up email today. We are in receipt of your previous correspondence written to the Parks and Recreation Board members.

I will provide this entire communication to the Board members as part of their next agenda for the November 14, 2017 meeting, it will be addressed at such time.

All Parks and Recreation Board meetings are held at 6:30 PM in the DPS conference room located at [851 S. Eton](#). Everyone is encouraged to attend.

I would also welcome the opportunity to discuss the issues you raise about the 2014 Kenning Park Master Plan, should you wish to call me.

Thanks again,
Lauren

Lauren Wood

Director of Public Services

City of Birmingham
Department of Public Services
[851 S. Eton](#)

Communication/Discussion Item #4

Birmingham, MI 48009
office: 248.530.1702

On Mon, Oct 30, 2017 at 3:36 PM, Pastor Steve Woodfin <woodfins@ourshepherd.net> wrote:

Dear Ms. Wood,

I sent this email in care of your email address on October 24. I apologize that I did not check with you first to make sure that was the appropriate path to follow in order to send an email to the members of the Board of Parks and Recreation.

If it is, please reply and let me know that the members of the Board have been sent this email. If it is not, please advise and I will follow your instruction.

Thank you very much for your help, and for all you do as you direct the excellent public services we receive as residents of Birmingham.

Best Regards,

Stephen Woodfin

2200 Dunstable

Rev. Stephen Woodfin

Executive Pastor
248.646.6100 ext. 106
woodfins@ourshepherd.net

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On Tue, Oct 24, 2017 at 10:19 PM, Pastor Steve Woodfin <woodfins@ourshepherd.net> wrote:

October 24, 2017

To the esteemed members of the Parks and Recreation Committee for the city of Birmingham, Michigan:

Ross Kaplan

Therese Longe

John Meehan

Ryan Ross
Raymond Stevens
Lilly Stotland
William Wiebrecht
Ben Gould
Joseph Kummer
John Rusche
Eleanor Noble

RE: Proposed changes to Kenning Park as described in the "Parks and Recreation Master Plan" submitted by McKenna Co.

Dear Parks and Recreation Committee Members:

I am not in favor of the proposed changes to Kenning Park as outlined in the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Master Plan, particularly in regard to one element - the third ball diamond should not be moved into the space directly behind the houses on Cheltenham. It should remain where it is, near the ice rink and the parking lot, easily accessible and an appropriate distance away from the homes surrounding the park.

There are two key points to consider when looking at the south end of Kenning Park, in the space northeast of the houses on Cheltenham:

1. **YEAR-ROUND UTILIZATION:** The space is underutilized, but placing a ball diamond there would lock that space into a four-month-per-year utilization. Instead, consider this beautiful, natural area as a multi-use space that can be enjoyed throughout the year with the addition of a playground, picnic tables, walking trail with fitness elements, etc. And leave the beautiful trees where they are, so all can enjoy them.

2. **PARKING IMPACT ON NEIGHBORING STREETS:** If a ball diamond were to be located at the south end of the park, significant traffic and parking problems on Cheltenham, Dunstable, Sheffield, and Hanley Court would result. When several of my neighbors and I attended a Committee meeting on August 12, 2014, the concern about parking on the streets at the south end of the park was expressed by several residents. Those present were shocked by Pat Bordman's reply: she stated that parking and traffic impact on neighboring streets was not even considered in the plan, and that it would be up to the residents to petition a different government body if those residents wanted help in managing increased traffic and parking. Any park planning that does not consider impact to the surrounding area and residents is incomplete planning, and should not be acted upon.

Thank you for your good and conscientious work on behalf of our beloved community of Birmingham. It's my hope the decisions you make will be informed by this letter, and by the many others you receive. We are Birmingham residents who live in the space surrounding Kenning Park, and whose daily lives will be directly impacted by any changes you approve.

Sincerely,

Stephen Woodfin

2200 Dunstable

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Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

To: "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

Mon, Oct 30, 2017 at 5:19 PM

Lauren Wood

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From: **Pastor Steve Woodfin** <woodfins@ourshepherd.net>

Date: Mon, Oct 30, 2017 at 5:15 PM

Subject: Re: Letter to Parks and Recreation Committee

To: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Cc: "Valentine, Joe" <Jvalentine@bhamgov.org>

Dear Lauren,

11/1/2017

City of Birmingham MI Mail - Fwd: Letter to Parks and Recreation Committee

Thank you very much for your response. I appreciate your offer to talk via telephone, and I may take you up on that!

Best Regards,

Steve Woodfin

[Quoted text hidden]



Fwd: opposition to Kenning Park (1 of 6)

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Tue, Nov 7, 2017 at 11:59 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

Lauren Wood

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From: **Charlie Forbes** <cforbes284@yahoo.com>

Date: Tue, Nov 7, 2017 at 11:30 AM

Subject: opposition to Kenning Park (1 of 6)

To: lwood@bhamgov.org

Cc: "jvalentine@bhamgov.org" <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>, "cmynsberge@bhamgov.org" <cmynsberge@bhamgov.org>

Dear Chairman & Parks Recreation Board,

I would like to get some documentation on the record.

Birmingham residents are opposed to ANY changes to Kenning Park. Attached are letters signed by residents stating opposition to changes. I think I can speak for them all that any updates to existing structures are of course welcomed and wanted.

Changes stated in the "Master Plan" that is not feasible and outdated are not welcomed by residents. I will be collecting many more letters from residents as I have found out that there is a **STRONG** opposition to any of this.

Cherilynn, maybe we could get this added to the agenda?

I will send this email several times with different attachments as the attachments are too large to have in one email. So far there are 50+ letters that will be attached with many more to come.

Thank you for adding this to the record and taking the time to review our suggestions.

Regards,
Charlie Forbes

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14497K

October 4, 2017

Neighbors,

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Charlie Forbes, my wife Erica and I moved into 1599 Cheltenham in 2013.

Last night (Oct. 3rd) I attended an open house, informational meeting, on the 'Parks and Recreation Master Plan.' McKenna, an urban planning firm outside of Birmingham, is working on plans to change our parks, with Kenning Park being a 'priority.' In the presentation one "Goal" McKenna made was to: "Provide Parks and Recreation facilities that are high quality that preserve open space and history, are well maintained and that are accessible to all residents of the community." This contradicts what they are trying to do to our local park.

The City of Birmingham is proposing to make some changes to Kenning Park that we should all be aware of since this park is in our neighborhood. I, like many, were unaware of what was going on until recently. Included in this packet is a copy of the 'Master Plan.'

Most importantly, in the proposed plan is to move and reconfigure baseball diamonds and build a walking/running track around our park with street access for people to drive to and access the track and baseball diamonds. You can see the changes on the following page ("Master Plan"). If you are aware of the quiet area of Cheltenham, Hanley, Sheffield, Melton and Eton the park has many mature trees and from the plan it looks like these beautiful mature trees would have to be cut down for "new" baseball diamonds to be built. The park has FOUR baseball diamonds – why not just clean them up? Why do they have to be relocated where we like to walk our dogs and enjoy the quiet park with the great canopy of mature trees.

Reasons why this is not the best idea for the city/neighborhoods surrounding Kenning Park:

- **parking:** according to the 'master plan' street access to the park (and proposed track) would be at Cheltenham/Hanley/Sheffield/Melton/Eton which would increase parking on our quiet streets during baseball games & events, or even people wanted to walk on the proposed track
- there are roughly 15 Birmingham public schools of which many have baseball diamonds. There are many other parks with diamonds as well
- open space is valuable and it is something that we do not have much of - many residents enjoy walking their dogs, playing in the park, and just enjoying the open space and trees the park has to offer
- from the looks of the plan many mature trees would have to be taken down for gravel baseball diamonds – what would you rather look at all year?
- baseball is only for about ~6 weeks of the 52 weeks in the year, do we want to look at empty baseball diamonds for ~46 weeks?
- A track circling the park destroys the natural beauty created by trees and grass. There are paved tracks at all high schools to run on. A track would also cause a security/burglary concern for homes that back up against the track.
- Added noise to the neighborhood
- Unsafe conditions for children playing with increased street traffic and parking
- Money – could it be used elsewhere?

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 there is a presentation of a draft plan to our parks at the Department of Public Services Building at 851 Eton. I am not completely sure of what is going to happen at the meeting but I feel it may be one of the last opportunities for our voices to be heard and our questions answered before these changes become a reality.

If you would be so kind to mail this sheet back to me (envelope att it to the appropriate committee. Also, you may sign and scan it ba

I will take

Judy Francis
1547 Cheltenham

[X] I/We _____ of _____,

Birmingham would like to see Kenning Park remain as is (no relocation to baseball diamonds, no track surrounding our homes, no removing of ANY trees) signed _____ (signature).

Your Neighbor,

Charlie Forbes

October 4, 2017

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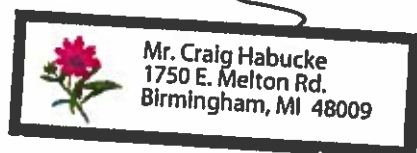
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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: opposition to Kenning Park (2 of 6)

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Tue, Nov 7, 2017 at 11:59 AM

To: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

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Director of Public Services

City of Birmingham
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851 S. Eton
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From: **Charlie Forbes** <cforbes284@yahoo.com>

Date: Tue, Nov 7, 2017 at 11:31 AM

Subject: opposition to Kenning Park (2 of 6)

To: "lwood@bhamgov.org" <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Cc: "jvalentine@bhamgov.org" <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>, "cmynsberge@bhamgov.org" <cmynsberge@bhamgov.org>

Dear Chairman & Parks Recreation Board,

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Cherilynn, maybe we could get this added to the agenda?

I will send this email several times with different attachments as the attachments are too large to have in one email. So far there are 50+ letters that will be attached with many more to come.

Thank you for adding this to the record and taking the time to review our suggestions.

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[X] I/We Donald + Alice Jendritz of 1669 Hanley Ct, Birmingham AL 35202
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Your Neighbor,

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Subject: Signature

From: Molly (mol7@comcast.net)

To: cforbes284@yahoo.com;

Date: Sunday, October 8, 2017 11:16 AM

Good morning Charlie,

Thank you for the information regarding the Park. I have lived in Mansfield for my entire life and am really bummed out about this plan. Improvements to the play are would. E great, but the ball fields create major traffic issues that are not appropriate for residential areas.

If you would please email me the form I would greatly appreciate it. I will return it to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your community spirit!

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Sent from my iPhone

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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: opposition to Kenning Park (3 of 6)

2 messages

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Tue, Nov 7, 2017 at 12:00 PM

To: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Lauren Wood

Director of Public Services

City of Birmingham
Department of Public Services
851 S. Eton
Birmingham, MI 48009
office: 248.530.1702

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Charlie Forbes** <cforbes284@yahoo.com>

Date: Tue, Nov 7, 2017 at 11:32 AM

Subject: opposition to Kenning Park (3 of 6)

To: "lwood@bhamgov.org" <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Cc: "jvalentine@bhamgov.org" <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>, "cmynsberge@bhamgov.org" <cmynsberge@bhamgov.org>

Dear Chairman & Parks Recreation Board,

I would like to get some documentation on the record.

Birmingham residents are opposed to ANY changes to Kenning Park. Attached are letters signed by residents stating opposition to changes. I think I can speak for them all that any updates to existing structures are of course welcomed and wanted.

Changes stated in the "Master Plan" that is not feasible and out dated are not welcomed by residents. I will be collecting many more letters from residents as I have found out that there is a **STRONG** opposition to any of this.

Cherilynn, maybe we could get this added to the agenda?

I will send this email several times with different attachments as the attachments are too large to have in one email. So far there are 50+ letters that will be attached with many more to come.

Thank you for adding this to the record and taking the time to review our suggestions.

Regards,
Charlie Forbes

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Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>
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Diane L. Moritz
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Thomas D Kaugle

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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: opposition to Kenning Park (4 of 6)

1 message

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Tue, Nov 7, 2017 at 12:00 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

Lauren Wood
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From: **Charlie Forbes** <cforbes284@yahoo.com>

Date: Tue, Nov 7, 2017 at 11:33 AM

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To: "lwood@bhamgov.org" <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Cc: "jvalentine@bhamgov.org" <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>, "cmynsberge@bhamgov.org" <cmynsberge@bhamgov.org>

Dear Chairman & Parks Recreation Board,

I would like to get some documentation on the record. Birmingham residents are opposed to ANY changes to Kenning Park. Attached are letters signed by residents stating opposition to changes. I think I can speak for them all that any updates to existing structures are of course welcomed and wanted. Changes stated in the "Master Plan" that is not feasible and out dated are not welcomed by residents. I will be collecting many more letters from residents as I have found out that there is a **STRONG** opposition to any of this.

Cherilynn, maybe we could get this added to the agenda?

I will send this email several times with different attachments as the attachments are too large to have in one email. So far there

are 50+ letters that will be attached with many more to come.

Thank you for adding this to the record and taking the time to review our suggestions.

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Mr. Lee Williams 1898 2 1900
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(Y trees) signed

George H. Williams

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Adrian Tennis Court at 10th and E. Lincoln will
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people on park street seem to have put out of the
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William H. Glick,

Thank you so much for taking on this endeavor.

I have lived in my home on the park for over 32 years. I have personally fought with the city regarding several issues that have happened behind my home → proposed issues. I have participated in the past and will participate anything can and will happen.

One thing that bothers me regarding current changes is the "spotlight" that shines on my house from the new Sunrise project (Senior & Memory Care home).

The open space (as you mentioned) is critical to not only park dwellers but all neighborhood homes. And of course the ball & soccer fields are private places.

The movement of existing structures

Especially the play area.

The track has been disused for many years. I don't think anyone has walked that area to determine the topography of the surrounding spring type land. If that becomes →

disturbed (in my opinion) there will be
homes. The City doesn't allow us
to do that in a new project. So
how could that be a consideration
for an open space "Natural" park.

There are many new families that
have come into our neighborhood.
The park may have drawn them here
as it did many years ago.

I don't think there are any
other than keeping it moved & clean
will bring noise and unsafe conditions
for all homes (especially with children).
And if it does push them well you
(the city) can't do anything about it.
now be coming a public nuisance?

I praise you Erika & Charlie for
becoming involved. Hopefully this
O.H. may have a little eye for
to the issues you all will see
forsee.

Sincerely,

Patti Given

B'Ham 48009
pattigiven@yahoo.com

ps: sorry my server was down today & I wanted
to get this to you. ~~tomorrow~~ P.
pp: you can reach me by text or to the community
on 11/4/17 I'll try to be there. ☺

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thrilled to hear I was
never concerned and
during neighbors I hope
to meet you and Lucia
Sunday!

Sincerely -

Kary Holiday

Kelly Marie
I'm Karen, and I just
closed last week on a
house on W. Nelson.

I am so excited to meet
you (this Monday!) and I
love your neighborhood
"at it"... thank you so
much for your time,
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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: opposition to Kenning Park (5 of 6)2 messages

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Tue, Nov 7, 2017 at 12:01 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

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851 S. Eton
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Date: Tue, Nov 7, 2017 at 11:34 AM

Subject: Re: opposition to Kenning Park (5 of 6)

To: "lwood@bhamgov.org" <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Cc: "jvalentine@bhamgov.org" <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>, "cmynsberge@bhamgov.org" <cmynsberge@bhamgov.org>

Dear Chairman & Parks Recreation Board,

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Cherilynn, maybe we could get this added to the agenda?

I will send this email several times with different attachments as the attachments are too large to have in one email. So far there are 50+ letters that will be attached with many more to come.

Thank you for adding this to the record and taking the time to review our suggestions.

Regards,
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[X] I/We Donna & Joseph Hayes 1574 Mansfield
Birmingham would like to see Kenning Park remain as is (no relocation to baseball diamonds, no track surrounding our homes, no removing of ANY trees) signed Donna Hayes (signature).
Joseph Hayes

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Hi, Charlie,

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We have been on Mansfield for 30 yrs and have seen the traffic and safety in Eton change so much. We hope this proposal will be defeated.

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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: opposition to Kenning Park (6 of 6)

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Tue, Nov 7, 2017 at 12:18 PM

To: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Lauren Wood
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851 S. Eton
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From: **Charlie Forbes** <cforbes284@yahoo.com>

Date: Tue, Nov 7, 2017 at 11:35 AM

Subject: Re: opposition to Kenning Park (6 of 6)

To: "lwood@bhamgov.org" <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Cc: "jvalentine@bhamgov.org" <jvalentine@bhamgov.org>, "cmynsberge@bhamgov.org" <cmynsberge@bhamgov.org>

Dear Chairman & Parks Recreation Board,

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Cherilynn, maybe we could get this added to the agenda?

I will send this email several times with different attachments as the attachments are too large to have in one email. So far there are 50+ letters that will be attached with many more to come.

Thank you for adding this to the record and taking the time to review our suggestions.

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October 24, 2017

Mr. Gary Piotrowicz
32831 Norchester St.
Beverly Hills, MI 48025

RE: Proposed New Locker Room at Birmingham Ice Arena

Dear Mr. Piotrowicz:

It was very nice meeting with you and Paul Siver on September 20, 2017 to review your new locker room proposal for the City of Birmingham Ice Arena. The commitment from both Birmingham Unified Hockey and the Birmingham Hockey Association over the years is outstanding. Reaching out to us and your interest in funding an additional locker room is appreciated.

As mentioned when we met and again when we spoke on October 20, 2017 before any change or improvement is pursued a comprehensive review of the facility should be performed. In particular, this past year, we began taking steps to undergo a physical review of the Ice Arena facility for short-term and long-term improvements. The facility was built in 1973 and a comprehensive overview and analysis of the structure and components is essential both for planning and budgeting in order to determine the best solutions to keep this asset operational well into the future.

While the offer to make a contribution to the City for your project is significant it warrants further discussions with Birmingham Unified Hockey, the Birmingham Hockey Association and the City of Birmingham. The timing is such that your idea will be incorporated into the updated Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which will be in "draft" form next month. I would encourage ongoing discussions between you and the City in an effort to best determine the current and future needs of the Ice Arena.

Thank you again for your steadfast interest in the City of Birmingham.

Sincerely,

Lauren Wood
Director of Public Services



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ew Locker Room at Birmingham Ice Arena

Unified Hockey team and the Birmingham Hockey Association are respectfully
ting with you to discuss the possibility of creating a new locker room at the
Arena. We have developed a presentation that outlines the issues, community
l solution, and costs. We feel this would be very informative and provide the
er room discussion to move forward.

from these two hockey programs is strong and determined. It is felt that a new
top priority of the programs to maintain competitive equality and provide an
o other successful youth hockey programs.

hear from you and excited to do what it takes to make this locker room a reality.
at 248-763-9509 or gcpiotrowicz@sbcglobal.net

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piotrowicz

Member



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: Fitness Court and Campaign - Project Status2 messages

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Mon, Oct 30, 2017 at 5:19 PM

To: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Please add under Communications for the 11-14-17 meeting agenda.

Lauren Wood

Director of Public Services

City of Birmingham
Department of Public Services
851 S. Eton
Birmingham, MI 48009
office: 248.530.1702

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Date: Mon, Oct 30, 2017 at 5:18 PM

Subject: Re: Fitness Court and Campaign - Project Status

To: Trent Matthias <trent@nfchq.com>

Hi Trent,

My apologies, as I knew you called and I just saw the message again to call you.

Thanks for reaching out today!

As much excitement as we had in Birmingham after we spoke, we realize the timing is not so good right now.

We are actually updating our 5 Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the capital projects identified for various parks will get more priority than the fitness court.

That being said, the competition for project dollars is diverse and will affect us moving ahead with the Fitness Court.

We do not want to lose the opportunity to make this happen, but not during 2018. Some future time frame may work better for us.

I would welcome the chance to review this further, as you create fitness courts around the Country to see how other area partnerships create a success!

Please keep in touch, as Birmingham remains interested in the concept and would like to be considered for a future campaign year.

Thank you again for your help with this.

Lauren

Lauren Wood

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Communication/Discussion Item #7

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On Mon, Oct 30, 2017 at 3:07 PM, Trent Matthias <trent@nfchq.com> wrote:

Hello Lauren,

Reaching out to touch base on the status of the Fitness Court project.

We awarded Birmingham the initial grant of \$10,000 dollars back in August but have not yet heard from you folks. I hope the email and message came through.

At this stage, we have passed 80 out of 100 partnership awards around the country. Is there still support to move forward with the project for 2018 on your end or should we roll the funding back into the Campaign fund?

Given our early conversations and support for the program, I wanted to be sure I reached out. If 2018 doesn't look like a fit - no problem, glad to consider a future campaign year.

Many thanks,
Trent

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Trent Matthias | Director | NFC
c (540) 521 5842
o (415) 716 5152
www.nationalfitnesscampaign.com

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Tue, Oct 31, 2017 at 3:22 PM

To: "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Additional information on this for the packet.

Thanks!

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From: **Trent Matthias** <trent@nfchq.com>
Date: Tue, Oct 31, 2017 at 2:20 PM
Subject: Re: Fitness Court and Campaign - Project Status
To: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Hello Lauren,

Great to hear from you, thanks for the follow up as well.

We completely understand the situation given the many things happening in Birmingham. At this time, we roll the Grant Award back into the general fund.

11/1/2017

City of Birmingham MI Mail - Fwd: Fitness Court and Campaign - Project Status

We too feel that this could be a great fit when the timing is right for you folks. There will be multiple Fitness Courts opening in the greater Wayne County area and we will look to keep you in the loop as things develop.

We will be sure to include you folks in future outreach for the 2019 Campaign and beyond. Feel free to reach out if anything changes, you folks will have future priority in joining the Campaign.

Thanks again to you and Carrie for your time and consideration on the program - look forward to touching base in the future!

Best,
Trent

[Quoted text hidden]



November 6, 2017

Marshall Lasser
PO Box 2579
Southfield, MI 48037

RE: Quarton Lake Donation Proposal

Dear Mr. Lasser:

This letter serves to confirm our recent conversation on September 20, 2017 that you are underway with a donation project in the City of Southfield. Also, as a result you no longer have funding available for the proposed Quarton Lake rock installation project for one or two years, unless the City of Birmingham is willing to fund fifty percent of the proposed project costs.

On January 10, 2017 you presented your donation proposal for the installation of basalt stones at Quarton Lake Park to the Parks and Recreation Board for which they accepted contingent upon an Agreement between the City and the Donor. During this period of time, the City has prepared a template Donation Agreement for use with potential donation projects.

On behalf of the City, I wish to thank you for your generosity with the City of Birmingham. Should you remain interested and wish to pursue this or any other project in the future, please feel free to contact me to continue our discussions. Your support for the betterment of the community is very much appreciated.

Thank you again for your interest in the City of Birmingham.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lauren Wood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Lauren Wood
Director of Public Services

Communication/Discussion Item #8



MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: October 18, 2017

TO: Parks and Recreation Board Members

FROM: Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

SUBJECT: Royal Oak Pickelball

At the request of Bill Wiebrecht administration verified City Royal Oak has eight designated pickleball courts located at the corner of Farnum and Potter (north of 11 mile and east of Main St.) in Royal Oak, Michigan.

League plays on Monday & Thursday 5:45-8pm and Wednesday 9-11am June through August. All other times are drop in with four courts devoted for beginner to 3.5 and the other four courts for 4.0 and above.

Communication/Discussion Item #9