

SITE MAPPING

Participants were asked to think about the qualities of the site (nature, neighborhood, quiet, busy, light, etc.), and locate the following activities on the site. The image to the right is the compiled result.

Large Group Gatherings

Festivals
Stage
outdoor movies

Family \ Small Group

Children Play Area
BBQ Grills / Picnics
Birthday Parties

Children \ Youth Play

Splashpad
Playground

Sports \ Fitness

Outdoor fitness classes
Flat Lawn Area
Walking paths
Running trails
Bike trails

Outdoor Courts

Basketball
Pickleball
Volleyball
Futsal

Natural Area

Nature \ Quiet contemplation
Bird/pollinator habitat
Ecological learning spaces

Main Arrival Point



EUREKA PARK RECREATION CENTER

ROANOKE, VA

VMDO



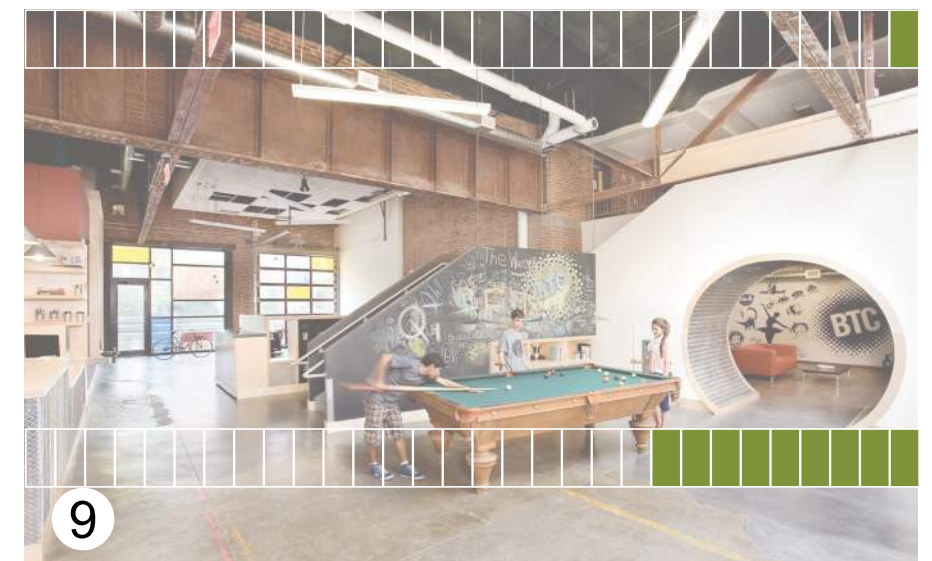
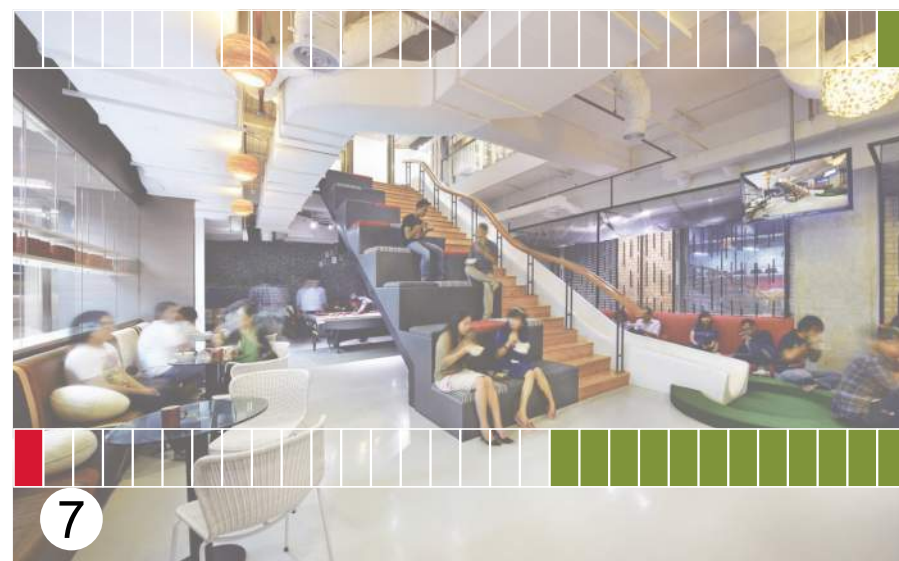
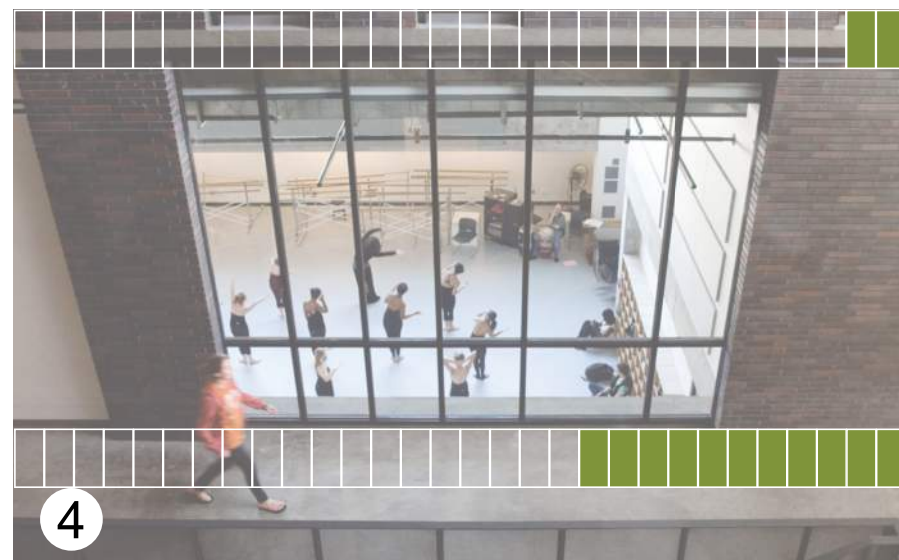
QUALITIES OF SPACES

For the following sheets, participants were asked to through the pictures on the posters and write what they liked on green post-it and what they don't like on red post-it and stick it on the picture. On-line participants were asked to comment and what they liked/disliked.

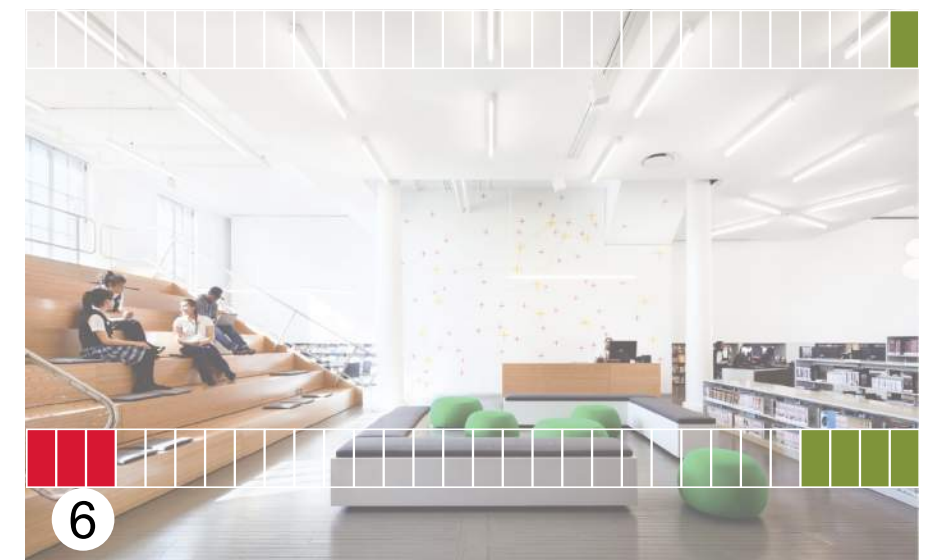


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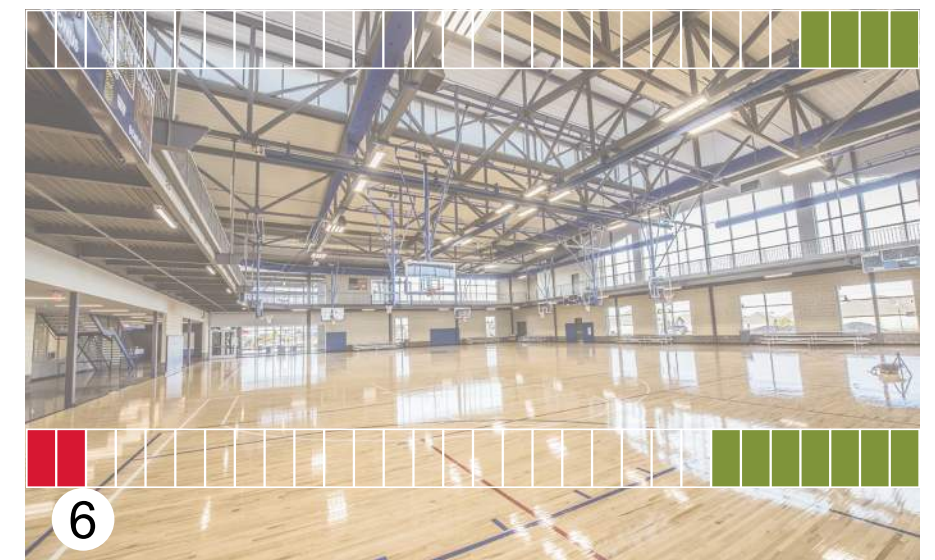
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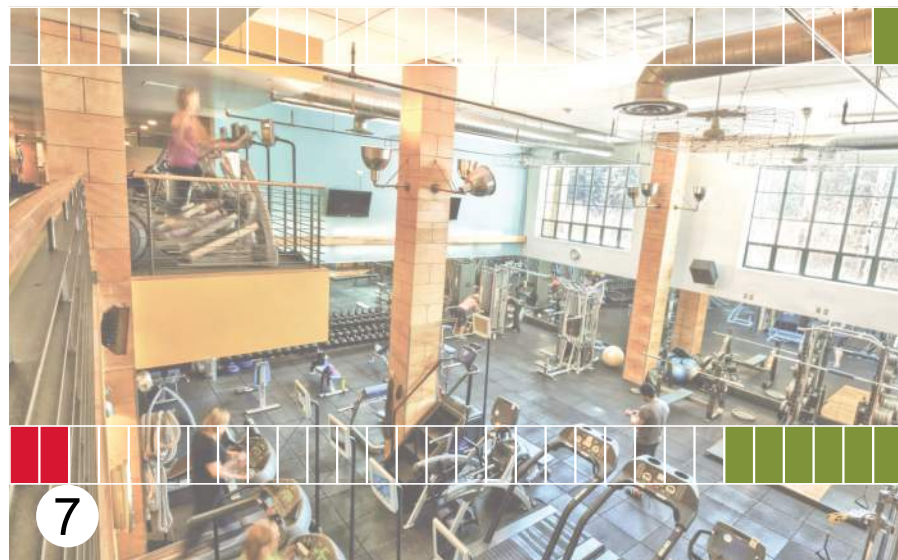
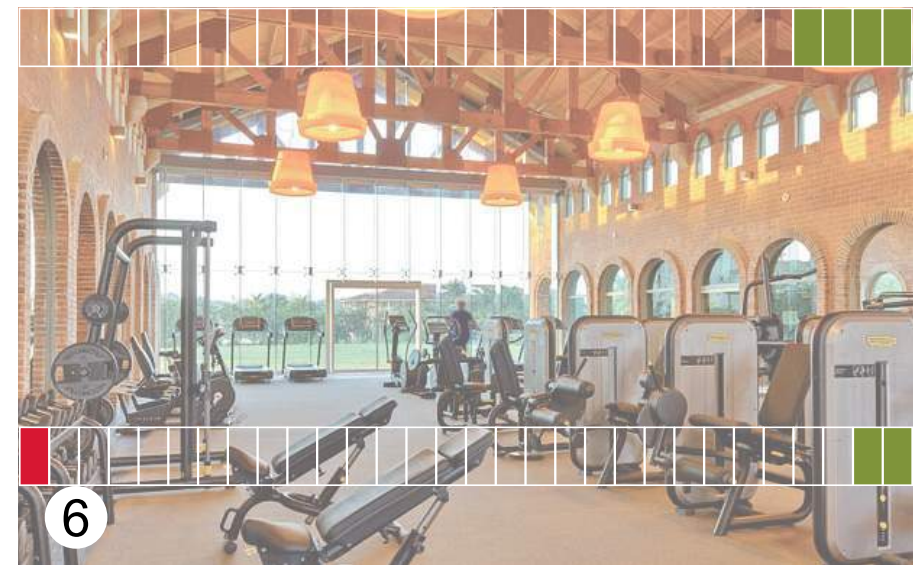
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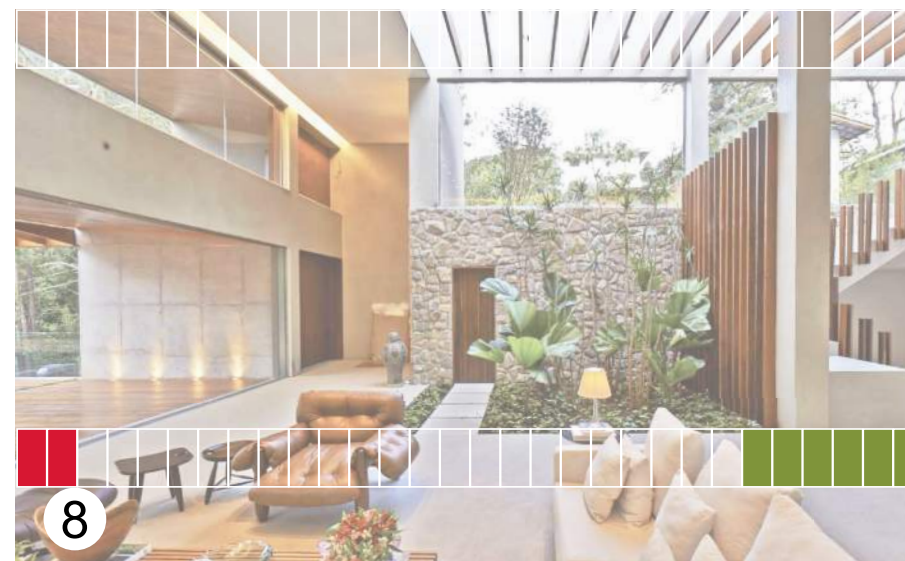
GYM



FITNESS



COMMUNITY SPACES



YOUTH PROGRAM

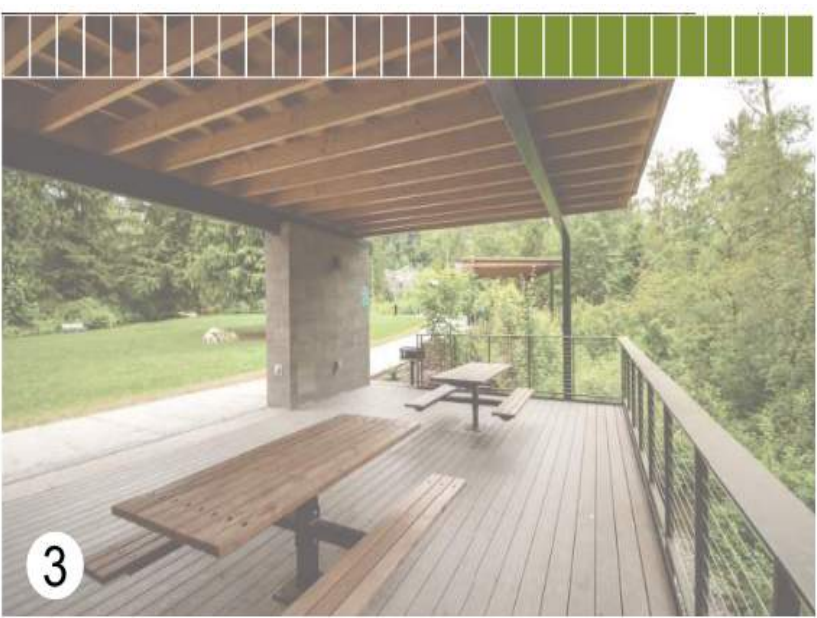


SPACES AND ACTIVITIES

For the following sheets, participants were asked to consider what sort of activities and spaces they would like to see in the new recreation center and what sort of activities they would like to see accommodated in the park.

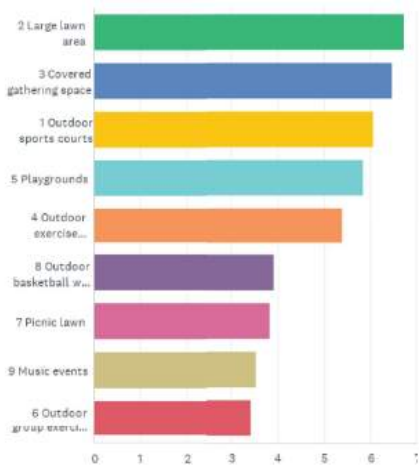
In-person participants placed red and green sticky notes on their preferences

NEGATIVE
RESPONSES
FROM IN
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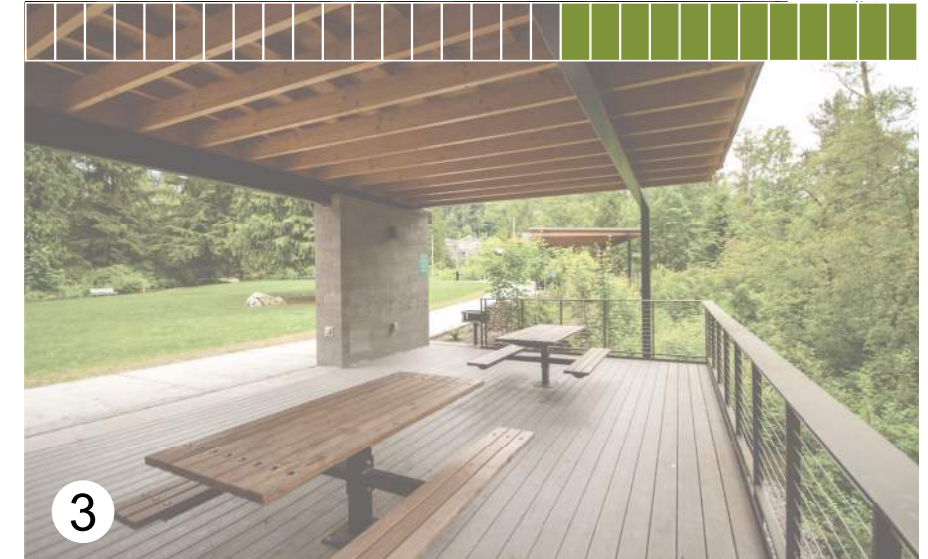
POSITIVE
RESPONSES
FROM IN
PERSON
MEETING

Online participants were asked to rank the activities and spaces by priority for inclusion:



Written responses from both groups are also included for each poster

PARK ELEMENTS \ CHARACTER



PARK ELEMENTS \ CHARACTER



COVERED PICNIC SHELTERS ONE LARGE FOR 150 PEOPLE WITH 2 GRILLS TRASH CANS, ELECTRICITY AND BATHROOMS, COVERED WALKWAY, ENTRANCE INTO BUILDING, FENCED AND MARKED BALLPARK PICNIC LAWN FOR CONCERTS, MOVIES, OTHER OUTDOOR EVENTS, NEED A STAGE LIKE THE ONE IN HIGHLAND PARK FOR OUTDOOR POETRY, DANCE RECITALS, CHURCH SINGING AND PROGRAMS, STADIUM SEATS AND HIGH BENCHES THROUGHOUT GREEN SPACE, A DESIGNATED AREA FOR FOOD TRUCKS, plenty of paved, marked parking, bike, walk, run trail or path that blocks a vehicle from entering, posted signs for handicap, name and hours of park, street lights are a must have with water fountain, preserve the metal park name on the building that the trees have overgrown, consider bus stop location for children, how will you keep the after school program separate from other programs inside the building? currently certain days and times the bldg can not be rented bc of after school programs. this needs to be worked out.

This community needs all of this. There is no grading or rating to see which is more important. So much of what is need has been taken from this community. As a member of this community, I need to see more put back into it.

Mostly green spaces with beauty.

Protect the beautiful large trees in the park. Don't sacrifice them for lawn or development

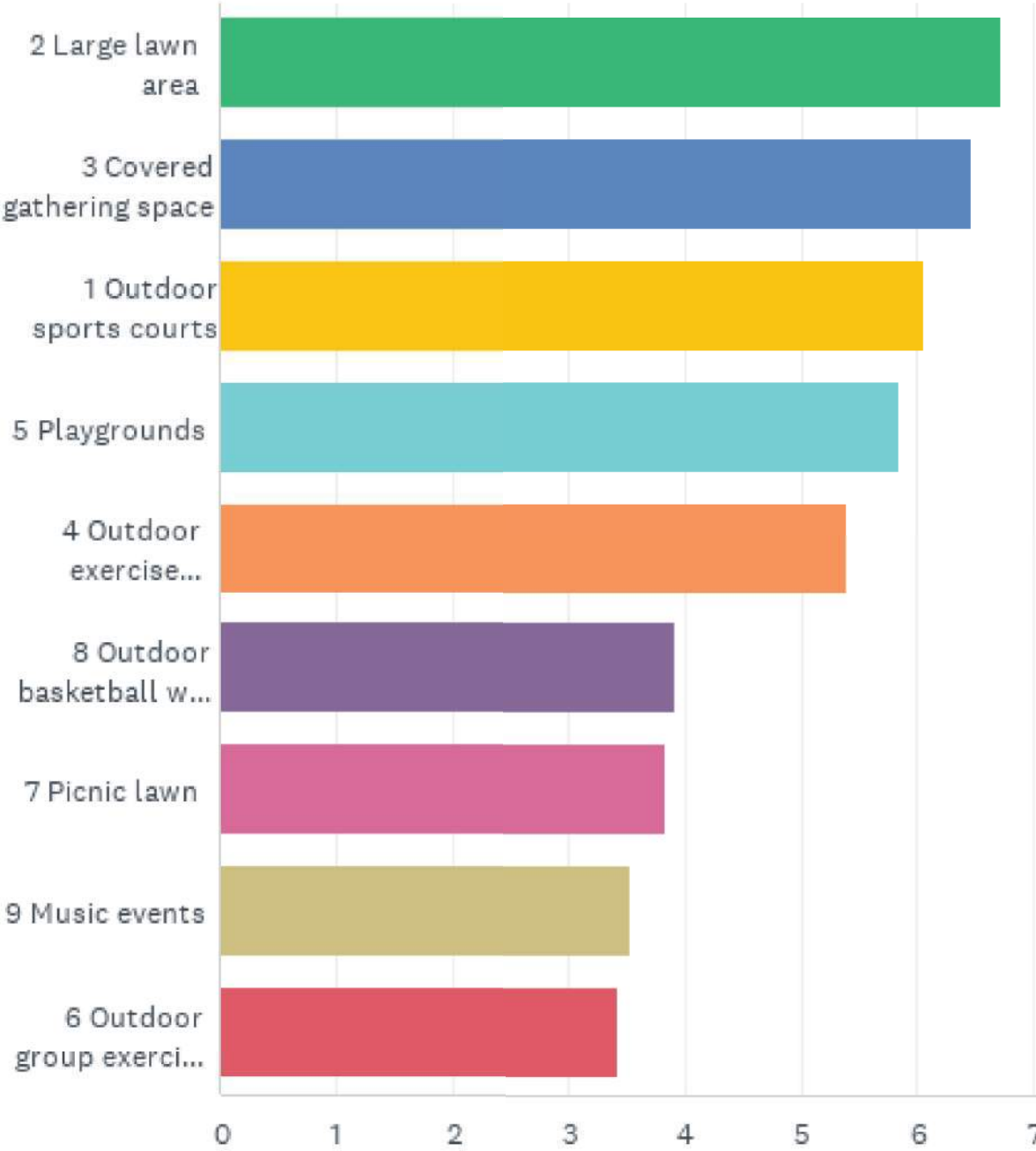
Dog park!

A handball wall

Local residents are the most likely regular users and will probably have the best idea of priorities to meet their needs. Should look at including traffic garden, perhaps incorporated into a parking area.

Many of these spaces can be multi use. Lawns/picnics/group exercise/music events can all occupy the same space at different times of the day/year.

Would love to see a cornhole area inside and out.



IN PERSON WRITE IN RESPONSES:

- HANDBALL COURT
- HANDBALL
- PICKLEBALL
- SPLASHPAD FOR COOLING
- AMPHITHEATRE
- OUTDOOR AMPITHEATRE
- OUTDOOR HANDBALL
- FLAT ROLLER SKATE AREA

PARK ELEMENTS \ CHARACTER



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Make space for new sports like cricket and handball, pickleball. fence in basaball diamond area

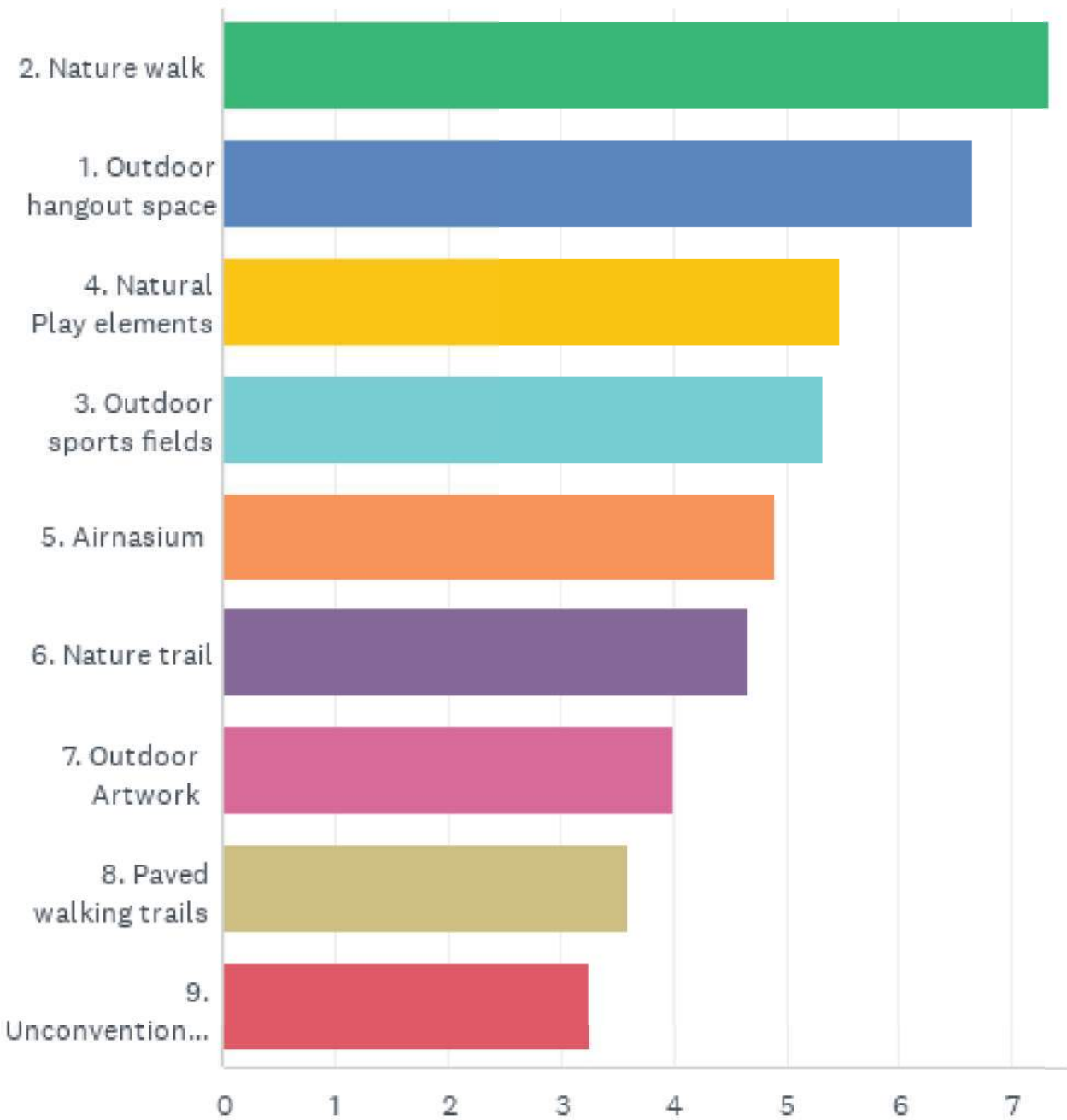
Roanoke is a graveyard....Change this....a dying city...since Lakeside went away.....build another one asap....!!!

This community needs all of this. There is no grading or rating to see which is more important. So much of what is need has been taken from this community. As a member of this community, I need to see more put back into it.

Protect the large trees

Plenty of sidewalks around the park. Trails should be natural surface for runners, hikers and mountain bikers. Don't mess up the natural, classic features of the park with too much "stuff."

I like the idea of a covered space to play sports when the center is not available for use.



BUILDING ACTIVITIES



1 ADULT ARTS



2 BIRTHDAY PARTIES



3 YOUTH ARTS



4 COMPUTER GAMING



5 COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS



6 LECTURES \ MEETINGS



7 GROUP FITNESS



8 CASUAL SOCIAL SPACE



9 GAME ROOM

BUILDING ACTIVITIES #1



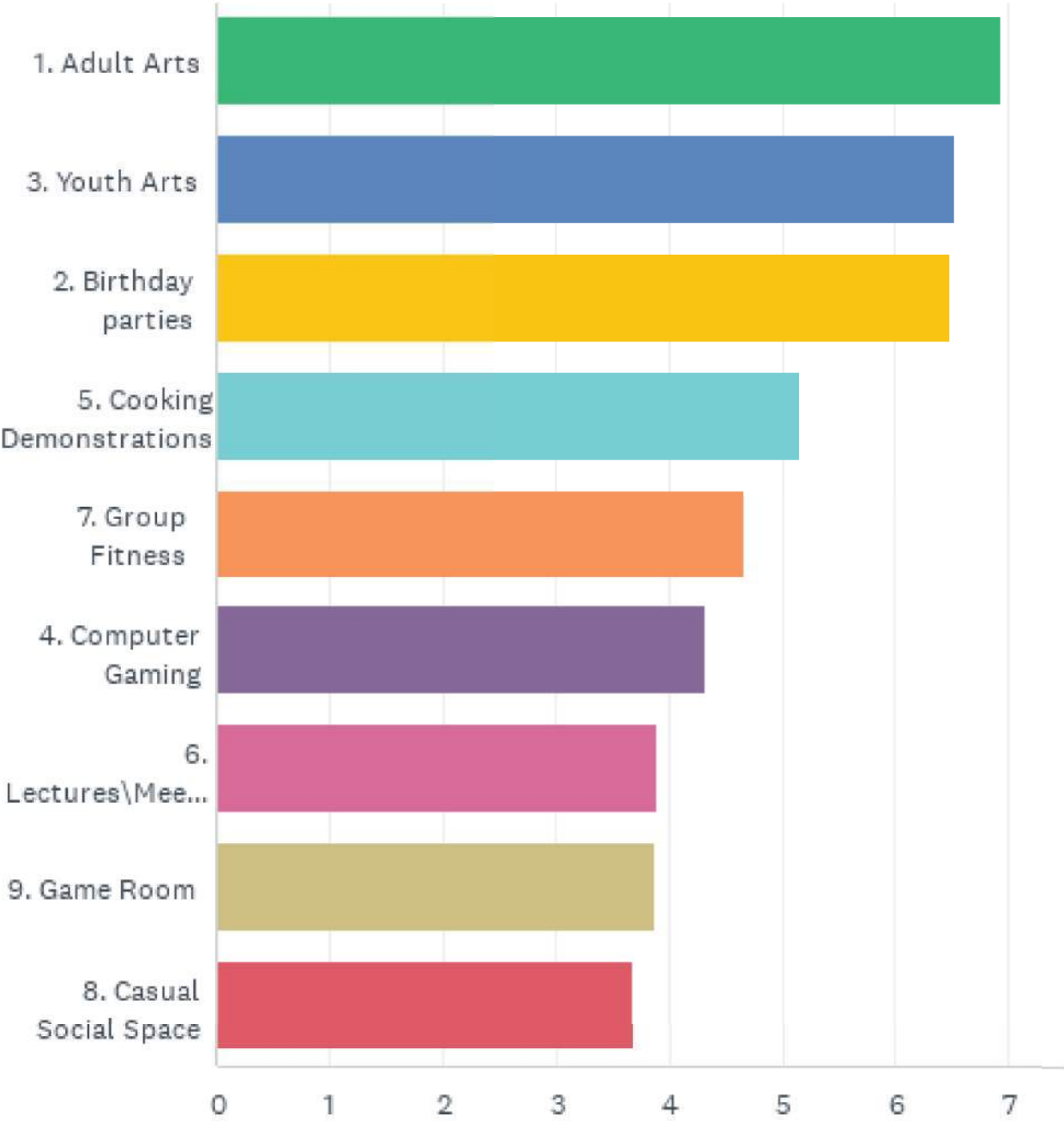
there need to be a garden program, small space for gardening. curb appeal with flowers and an photo op designated spot using bricks for mural paintings to add this as another stop for visitors to take a picture

game room, cooking demonstrations, birthday parties, youth & adults arts room all of these rooms are needed 1-8

More adult activities would be nice

Healthy eating and community dining need to be added to building activities. With food insecurity and obesity rates, re-learning eating habits, cooking healthy foods and sharing meals with neighbors on a regular basis can add value at the recreation center. It's great that cooking demonstrations are listed here. Older adults and families with children can retrain their eating habits with the help of dietitians and chefs.

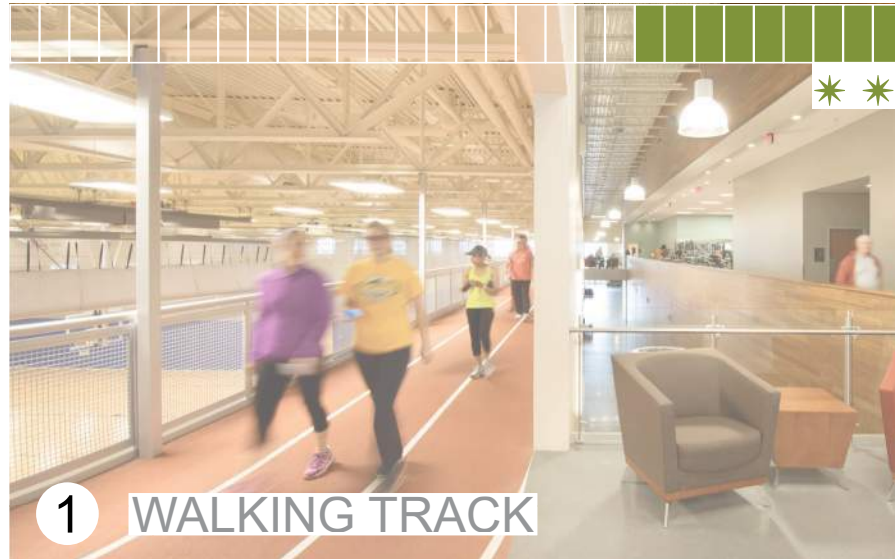
Focus on convertible, multi-use spaces.



IN PERSON WRITE IN RESPONSES:

- ADULT READING PROGRAMS
- ADULT CRAFTS
- SENIOR ACTIVITIES
- COMBINATION ROOM FOR ADULT ARTS AND BIRTHDAY PARTIES
- STATE OF THE ART KITCHEN
- FITNESS ROOM
- VARIOUS GAMES (POOL TABLE, AIR HOCKEY, BOARD GAMES)

BUILDING ACTIVITIES



1 WALKING TRACK



2 TODDLER PLAY



3 PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTERS



4 COFFEE SHOP



5 ADULT MUSIC CLASS



6 YOUTH MUSIC CLASS



7 ADULT DANCE

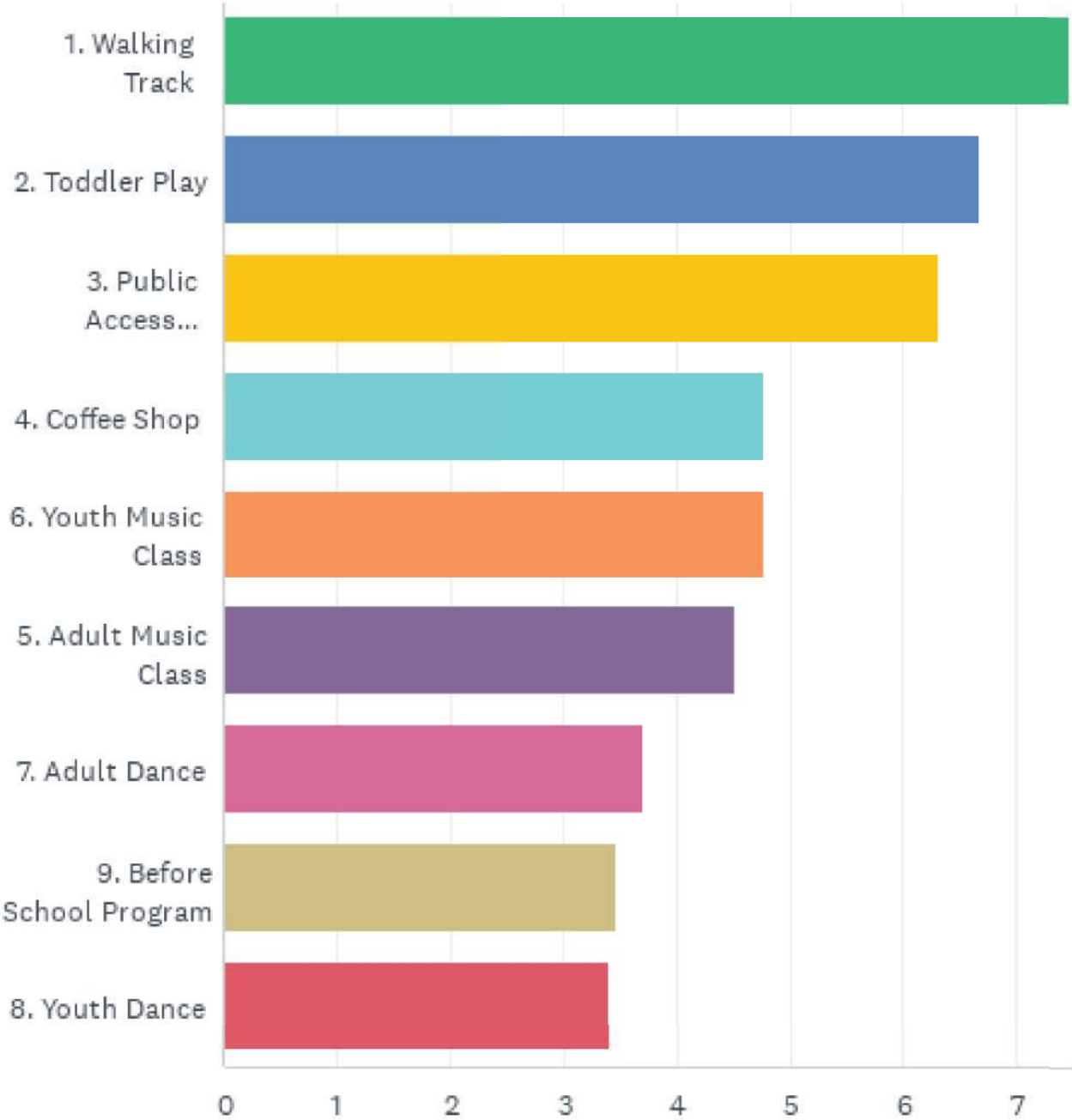
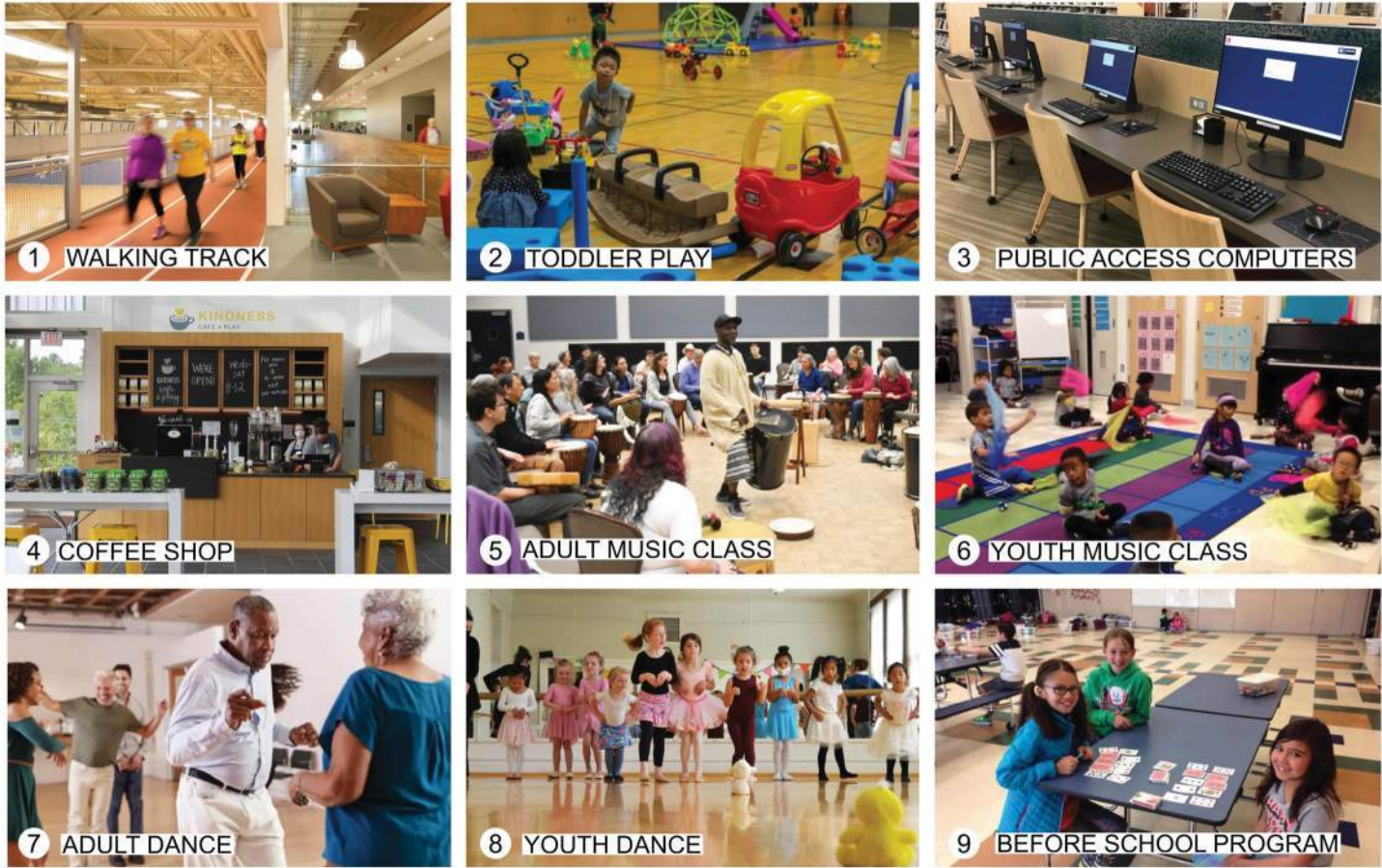


8 YOUTH DANCE



9 BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM

BUILDING ACTIVITIES #2



after school programs are already included. Its a given and shouldnt be included in survey Add other activities for youth and seniors

1, 3, 4, 8...my choices

If you put in a coffee shop, focus on fresh, local roasted beans (maybe roasting on-site).

After school and summer activities

Educational classes on money management and saving. Life skills training series should also be available at the Center to build a healthy community.

A handball wall

Vending machines with healthy choices.

I am always looking for places my toddler can play inside.

Indoor cornhole space

GYM ACTIVITIES



WHAT ARE WE MISSING?

GYM ACTIVITIES



What? so you are going to have an indoor pickleball/handball rather than outdoors? Then put cricket on the outside near fenced in baseball field. check with AAU school teams..they need place to play basketball, football practice and scrimmages, dance groups need place to practice and showcase competition. equip building with sound system, projector/screen for presentations

1,2, 4,8 my choice

Racketball would be my #1 if it were a choice

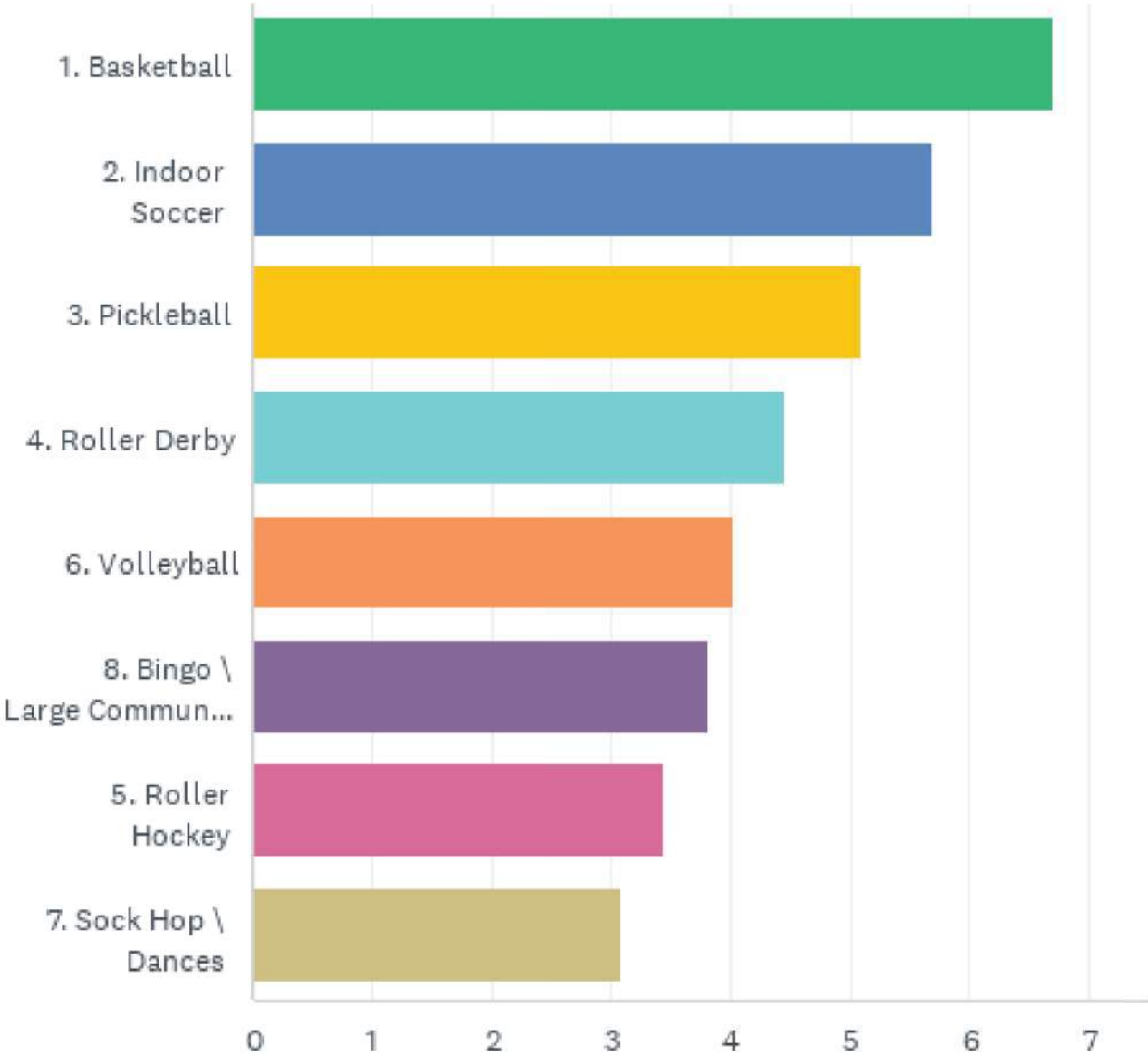
Esports/virtual sports area would be cool

You cannot have anything nice in Roanoke. Just like the park on Ranch Road, it will be destroyed in no time. Not to mention you may get shot

Activities that engage seniors should be emphasized. Caregivers can bring seniors during the day to have lunch and socialize with neighbors. This would reduce social isolation, lack of proper nutrition and improve mental health. It would also allow caregivers to receive training and network with other caregivers to help them cope and build skills in senior care.

Handball wall

You are completely missing the value of the park as a site to teach biking and mountain biking and to hold events to promote these healthy activities.



IN PERSON WRITE IN RESPONSES:

- BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, DANCING
- HANDBALL COURT
- SKATE BOARDING
- HANDBALL COURT
- INDOOR POOL
- OUTDOOR HANDBALL COURT
- INDOOR AND/OR OUTDOOR POOL
- INDOOR POOL
- HANDBALL COURT

**IF YOU COULD CHOOSE ONE THING THAT MUST BE ACCOMMODATED IN THE PARK
WHAT WOULD IT BE?**

large picnic shelter, skate park area and cricket
large gym - multi use
Airnasium
Walking trails
Play ground
Nature trails for riding bikes, scooters, etc...no cars or electric vehicles of any kind.
Routine Security Checks.
Access to drinking water for people/pets
Preserve the large trees
native plants
4 fireplaces
Basketball court, softball /soccer field. Nature trail with benches. High tech lighting and high-tech security cameras throughout the outside perimeter.
Area for special needs individuals
Indoor/outdoor fitness center we must promote health in the black community
Nature trail thats paved
Security
Safe outdoor activities that promote an active lifestyle for citizens of all ages.
Keeping the old eureka building in some way shape or form
A handball wall
Preserve the trees and open spaces with as little disruption as possible. The park is already beautiful.
Greenspace
Art
Pickleball is lacking outdoor courts in the area.
The benches
Cornhole

**IF YOU COULD CHOOSE ONE THING THAT MUST BE ACCOMMODATED IN THE RECRE-
ATION CENTER WHAT WOULD IT BE?**

lots of rooms for multi uses with sound system, tv and projector screen
auditorium - events with kitchen
Game room
Pottery studio
Pool
Free yoga, aerobics, etc...
A safe environment for children to be children
After School Program
Don't waste the money. Spend it on cops to fight the crime and violence in Roanoke.
Affordable membership
Indoor soccer and basketball court with a walking track up above
less echo
Everything must be based on age groups activities.
Cooking, nutrition, computer learning. Extremely good lighting, flooring, security cameras, high tech lock entry/exit doors.
Area for special needs individuals
Free weights
Coffee shop
Security
The recreation center should function as a community hub where people can meet and get to know their neighbors by participating in activities.
Gym space and proper courts
A handball wall
A multi-use gym.
Main gym with bleachers
Art
Gymnasium.
The sitting area
Cornhole

KEEP

parking, lights, electricity, outdoor gardening space, fenced ballpark, continue after school programs but consider bus stop situation and location of new bldg they need easy safe covered access to bldg in the rain, snow, etc and not have to wald half a mile to get in the bldg. consider food truck designated area, preserve the current metal signs on the building. preserve the way the rolled up doors operate in the kitchen for meal service. Need LOA/Senior space. Trees need topping off. Have you been there to see the huge tree that has fallen. children playing around it and climbin g on it is UNSAFE. PARKING

A great director & staffing - for programs...events....classes
I like everything about it

Connected to nature and preserving the natural environment

The Entire Area Of the Park.

Nothong

Tennis and basketball courts picnic and play areas love beautiful lay out with the trees etc but the grassy spaces could be used

Community and space

Large trees6

The space is nice outdoors.

The tennis courts. Keep as much of the natural trees, forestry or add more. Good lighting to make sure folks are safe-to include good entry and exit into and out of the park. Add fencing and get high tech security advisors with expertise in successful community centers from other areas in Virginia.

NATURAL water area for wildlife

Nothing

Natural areas

Easy access to the building with a street that leads up to the building and parking to accommodate those who may have mobility challenges.

The structure or just the gym

The wall that could become a handball wall that you practice tennis on

The natural setting. It is a classic American park.

Greenspaces

Gymnasium

None

Nothing

TOSS

FRONT ENTRANCE AND BUILDING DESIGN TO REPRESENT A UNIQUE COMMUNITY AND A SMALL DOG PARK FENCED IN SPACE, PARKING, PROGRAMS, ELECTRICITY,

better parking - events & activities for community interest & usage

Less technology

Update and upgrade it and make i more modern

Buildings and lots of construction

The Image That The Park Have.

Location to a part of town everyone can use and feel safe in

Must have to 2 building, one for fun with water pool and one for business speaker and learning tools.

Entry/exit is not easy access. Tear down the current building and build a new one with lots of high windows to allow natural lighting to come in. Have a high tech kitchen and room for educational classes. Have space for birthday parties.

Security so people can actually enjoy the space. What's the point of wasting millions if people won't feel safe there. It must be well secured with staff that represent the community.

More adult spaces

The whole park needs to be closed

Dated and drab interior that is underutilized and not very well maintained (no criticism of current maintenance staff who do the best they can with what they have). Better and more covered outdoor space for picnics and activities.

The outdoor courts

That wall handball wall

The recreation center itself is outdated and should be replaced with one that is more useful and easier to maintain.

Site lighting should be improved.

Change everything

All of it

CREATE

advertising for social & community events....schedule etc.

Nature

Pool

Greenhouse that's a hangout area.

Life, we need to bring life back to. Make it fun. Keep it growing. Take care of our community.

Nothing

More than one way in and out

Community flower garden

Some night life for young and old. Bring everyone together for fun.

Safety, lighting, fencing. More picnic areas. Well, let's not forget the space for dogs!

Special needs area wildlife Sanctuary

24hr facility for fitness

Trails, gardens, wildlife preservation area, a community garden/education area for kids and adults

"Separate Entrance and exit

ample parking "

Many more interactive events where people can stop looking at screens and begin to look at each other and get to know their neighbors. This center should mirror the ENVISION center in the mission to elevate the community with not only recreational activities but also educational and life skills training.

Modern look

The handball wall

A biking program. Remember how close Eureka is to the Lick Run Greenway and the 10th St. cycling corridor.

Area for the arts

"More active spaces available outside of the center that can be used without staffing.

I would love a splashpad!"

Splash pad pool area more event spaces for indoor and outdoor more grills more picnic shelters

GENERAL COMMENTS

I don't think the city should be spending money on this at this time. I'm completely against this project.

None

an events auditorium & kitchen facilities - for up to 300 people to be rented & used by local community & civic groups - plays, weddings, holiday events, concerts....Roanoke is a graveyard. Change this...book events also - to raise funds.

Keep in mind the economic/educational disparities across red lines. Place resources, outlets and tools for the community. Financial literacy, education, healing, opportunities, information.

Keep lots of space for nature to thrive alongside non-nature-harming outdoor activities.

Hi I'm a member of the Roanoke valley community. I visited eureka rec center on a normal basis as child we'd go to the park often. As I got older and became a teen we still would go to the park and rec center because there was always open gym for the public and also the basketball court outside. I also I attended what was some sort of summer program that was held inside of the rec center needless to say I can still recall it and it was fun!! We would attend birthday parties and bbqs at the outside port and grill that sits right beside the rec center. I also recall attending a few babies shower and birthday parties in the inside of the rec center as well if I recall or I believe the inside basketball court was even big enough to accommodate a bounce house which is awesome especially for the smaller kids. Fast forward to adulthood my child attended eureka parks after schools and summer programs for several years and in the recent years I was able to attend a food truck event hosted there and trunk a treats for the community. The tennis court is definitely a staple and attraction to the park. So with that being said those are all thing that make eureka park and rec center great and I believe should remain in place however of course with a more modern update. The park, basketball court, tennis court, and outside port area could definitely up and update and new paint. I would like to see some sort of track or walkway round about/walking pathing and outside exercise equipment added. The outside bathroom need to be updated. If there was any type of stage or entertainment area added I would it suggest it be located near the bathroom and shelter/sunblock grill area. I would suggest a serenity/relaxation/meditation/!area with wooden swings and benches lots of flowers and possibly some type of water fall. Eureka rec center could absolutely use a upgrade however the center it self and the amenities inside definitely serve a great purpose. The after school program is a must keep it helps so many parent in the community. The kitchen is great for when the facility is being use for events. The inside basketball court/gym is great for the community; it provides a form of exercise it could act as practice/game location for local teams. I believe that there should be a pool added to the inside of the rec center that way it could be used year round. Opened to the public. possibly generating income. Acting as location for events such as birthday parties. Possible add a community gym in the inside of the rec center. I would say leave some open land and add extra parking. So these are my suggestions I believe the center will be great and once completed im sure community leaders such as Jordan bell, fitness trainer dsean adams, and thanks for allowing our input

I absolutely love and cherish Eureka, Beautiful Park, Beautiful Neighborhood. I grew up around the corner and I bring my kids there. Can't wait to see what great things become of Eureka.

Spend 13 million on it and in 5 years it will be trashed.

There has to be a place just for children under the age of 15 just for them.

Save the large trees throughout the park.

Computer /education . Food growing/education, inside workout .

Hello,Bring in stages for outdoor music with grills and bathrooms. The park needs a place to buy hot dogs and hamburgers. Now, winter months learning programs, chess, pool, cooking, art and craft competition for young and old. Everything is downtown especially restaurants and night life. The communities need a place to go to at night too!!!

this map outline serves no purpose in its layout design bc what child, teen, senior, young adult can read it without labels. What ways have you advertised this to kids, youth, parents, seniors who will use the facility? What neighborhood organizations, nonprofit, churches, schools and civic groups, etc. has the marketing/planning employees shared this info with. This is an injustice to the community to hire non-residents into such positions with limited "marketing" experience. REACH OUT. REACH OUT. This isn't an effective mktg strategy. contact the lady named Cathy to help you all share and send out the info. please label the map with street names, current center location, playground, new bldg measurements, parking, etc

When I was a child we went there for picnics, inside activities and Easter Holiday events. As an adult I played tennis there for years. I'd like to see the park utilized, safe and respected once again.

This has a natural water area where animals etc get their water. I doubt Roanoke will listen to the citizens bc they've already made their minds up.

Add an outdoor fitness center with free weights, Health is wealth.

Id love to have a dog park.

Needs to be shut down! Roanoke is way too dangerous to have ANYTHING family/kid friendly. Who wants to go where they are afraid to get shot?

Space for meetings and classes

Street names on the map provided would have been helpful, especially for those not currently familiar with the area. As it stands, the boundaries of the park seem hard to define. It's not clear where the park ends and the adjoining neighborhood begins which could be a plus or minus depending on the future use of each area. As it stands, the park is basically a large green space with little definition from what can be seen. It's difficult to tell from pictures what's contained in the area currently, where it is and how to access it. The future concept for the park should be designed as "gathering areas" which promote a sense of community by bringing together those of similar interests: 1) families & children, 2) athletes and recreational sports lovers, 3) outdoor events and group class participants, 4) walkers, runners, bikers and nature lovers.

I gave the mayor a substantial amount of signatures for a handball court

An establishment that is involved in promoting and participating in live performances, events and exhibits intended for public viewing; One that preserves historical, cultural, and educational interests; and operates facilities and provides services that enables patrons to participate in recreational activities, hobbies, and leisure time interests.

Not enough ways to access the rec center. It's not very well lit either. My car was broken in to over there when I took my kids to the restroom, as we waited for my brother who was a spectator. It was easy to do and get away with it due to how dark it is over there.

When visiting the recreation center in the past for adult sports, parking did not feel adequate considering most users arrived as single passenger vehicles. As a woman, I did not feel comfortable with the lighting levels if I had to walk further to get to the building.

Great location

I love the after school program that is offered. It would be nice to see a pavilion or track in areas 4 or 5. I think the entrance way to get into the park needs to be reconsidered.

Eureka Park is an emerald in a lovely older neighborhood. It has all the features of a classic American park and has the additional advantages of being located near two outstanding bicycle and pedestrian facilities (10th St. and the Lick Run Greenway), and is surrounded by neighborhood streets with many sidewalks. My suggestion is to build on these advantages by creating a cycling program at the park and making it easier to find and safer to get to for cyclists and pedestrians, especially younger ones. Here are some ideas of how to do that:

Develop wayfinding signage to and from the park directed to cyclists and pedestrians from 10th St. and the Lick Run Greenway, including the Norris Dr. access point. Develop trails through the park to introduce children and adults to mountain biking. There is plenty of space for a mile or more of great trails with hills, switchbacks and other features of the Mill Mountain and Carvins Cove systems. Perhaps this is something that BROCC or Pathfinders or other local non-profits could help with. Remember the Fishburn children's races? Eureka could be an even better site for events like that. Maintain a "learn to bike" program at Eureka, and add a "traffic garden" similar to the one at Westside Elementary to teach children (and adults - you're never too old to learn) how to bike safely on our streets. A traffic garden could also be used to teach drivers what all those strange markings on some streets are for and what Virginia's traffic laws say regarding bicycles and pedestrians.

Improve the safety of surrounding streets (especially the access routes) by marking them appropriately with stop bars, crosswalks and pedestrian/bicycle warnings so that everyone is aware that they are near a park and are watching out for the most vulnerable street users. These ideas for access and safety could and should involve partnerships, extend beyond the park's footprint and would enhance environmental sustainability for the community at large.