

## **APPENDIX C: COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

The CSC team led four outreach events during the planning process. At each of these events, the CSC team gathered feedback from the advisory committee and the general public. The findings from each of these meetings are presented in memorandum format in the following pages.

March 6, 2017

**To** | Cave Junction Parks Advisory Committee  
**From** | Student Consultants, Community Service Center, University of Oregon  
**SUBJECT** | SUMMARY OF CAVE JUNCTION PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN KICKOFF MEETING

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## Overview

This document restates the main discussion points collected during the February 1<sup>st</sup> kickoff meeting for the Cave Junction Parks and Recreation master plan.

The meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup> took place at the Kerry Building in the city of Cave Junction. Prior to meeting, the student consultants from the University of Oregon Community Service Center began conducting interviews with the advisory committee members. The goal with these interviews was to generate a sense of priorities and insight that could inform the meeting agenda.

After an introduction from the CSC project manager, the consultant team split the advisory committee into two smaller groups. Discussions within these breakout groups sought to address three main items: 1) Long-term community vision; 2) location of a concept plan for the parks plan document; and 3) partnerships that can help with the implementation of the plan.

Comments within these groups were transcribed as they were discussed. These transcriptions were compiled, and the main points are identified in this memo.

## Part I. Long-Term Community Visions

### Existing Condition Insight

Throughout the meeting, committee members conveyed insight into existing conditions and characteristics of the Cave Junction parks and the city itself. These observations are important for understanding constraints, but also the opportunities that the final plan can address.

#### **Homelessness:**

People who are homeless have a considerable presence in Cave Junction. The committee members brought up the addition of the park host at Illinois River Forks Park ("Forks Park") as a possible way to discourage people from living in the park. Following the appointment of a Park host, the presence of transients in Forks Park greatly diminished.

#### **The Pool:**

There was interest surrounding the renovation of the city's public pool. When the discussion of unknown geotechnical needs and possible repair costs came up, most of the committee acknowledged it as the less feasible goal to attain.

#### **Jubilee Park:**

There are tangible (and achievable) repair options in Jubilee Park. The backstop is falling apart (and possibly contaminated with asbestos), the flood lights for the field need replacement, and the dugouts need replacement.

**Old Stage Park:**

Currently, there's almost nothing in place to make it easy to use. It includes land along the river, but it's remoteness from town and lack of facilities, lights, trails, parking etc. make it difficult to use for recreation.

**Illinois River Forks State Park:**

Another space with river front access, this park has improved dramatically. Having a park host has helped deter homeless from using the park to sleep/congregate. In addition, there is a public Frisbee golf course.

## Committee Visions for Parks and Recreation

At the beginning of the breakout session, the advisory committee members brainstormed what they would like to see in a park and recreation system.

- Accessibility:** The committee highlighted the importance of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance in Cave Junction's Parks. This is a significant consideration for improving the recreational character of the city, improving the overall quality of life for residents, and the perception of Cave Junction.
- Connections:** An important theme that came up relates to the scale of connections within Cave Junction. As a vision, how can Cave Junction connect with the rest of the Illinois River Valley, and what connections can be made within the community?

### The advisory members offered ideas for how to answer these questions:

- Use bike paths to connect parks to neighborhoods and expand recreation options.
- Improve pedestrian safety across Highway 199.
- Create more public and commercial access to the waterfront.
- Build trail connections between the middle school, high school, and parks.
- Increase connections between the parks and the rest of the town.
- Image Building:** The committee talked passionately about what they think would improve the image of Cave Junction. They described an interest in increasing recreation tourism in order to make Cave Junction a "gateway to local recreation opportunities". Parks would be used as a way to encourage more people to move to Cave Junction.
- Park and Recreation Desires:** In addition to broader visions, the advisory committee came up with specific ideas for what they would like to see in the parks of Cave Junction.

### Possible Additions:

- Weight/exercise equipment in the parks and school playgrounds.
- A Softball field at Jubilee Park.
- A Spray Park at Jubilee Park.
- Adding a cover to the City Pool so it could be used year round.
- Pedestrian bridge over Highway 199 to make crossing the highway safer.

### Changes to Park Qualities/Character:

- Make sure the parks are ADA compliant.
- Increase maintenance of parks.
- Make parks safer.
- Use of natural materials instead of synthetic materials like recycled tires.
- Create more options for public access at the edge of the river.

## Part 2. Location of the Concept Plan Ideas/ Perceptions

There were two main locations discussed for developing a concept plan; Jubilee Park, and the existing pool site.

### **The Pool:**

The most enthusiasm went towards the idea of renovating the pool. It holds a strong level of interest because it is seen as having been an important part of why people would come to Cave Junction from nearby communities.

**Pros:** The members felt that the impact of the pool being functional again would greatly improve the social atmosphere in the city and would be a starting point for giving people a reason to come to Cave Junction.

**Cons:** The majority of the committee agreed that there were considerable constraints to moving forward with efforts to reopen the pool. There is some uncertainty among the committee members on what the actual problems are with the site. An official geotechnical study/ report has not yet been created, so any solution to getting the site operational is only speculation.

### **Jubilee Park:**

Some of the advisory members expressed that Jubilee Park would present more attainable goals.

**Pros:** There are none of the unknown engineering constraints of the pool. This makes it much easier to begin basic brainstorming about how the site could be amended. Some of the preliminary fixes would be:

- Replacing the field and general park lighting
- Replace the backstop of the baseball field
- Facilitate expanding teams and tournaments

**Cons:** Using Jubilee Park for the concept plan location wouldn't create as big of a sensation within the community as the pool would.

## Part 3. Partnership Ideas for Implementation of the Plan

Partnerships for communication, management, and funding will be very important for the plan's success. In order to insure the right connections are made, the advisory committee brainstormed possible organizations to consider partnering with:

### **Support/ Funding for the Pool:**

- Boys and Girls Club
- Senior Center
- Rotary Club
- Chamber of Commerce
- Illinois Valley High School
- Ford Family Foundation Technical Assistance Grant

### **Support/ Funding for Jubilee Park:**

- Neighborhood Watch/ Patrol - needs training and insurance, but could help monitor the area in lieu of a formal park host.
- Lions Club- must consider how open they are to having their hotdog stand and amphitheater replaced and relocated in Jubilee Park.

- HASL (Handicapped Awareness and Support League)- exploring funding for ADA facilities
- Local Government Grant Program- for baseball field renovation

**Outreach Ideas**

- Involvement from the greater community will be important for the planning process. For the purposes of communication with the community, the committee members generated some ways to reach out and encourage attending meetings/ workshops to give feedback, or participate in surveys.
- The Radio Station KXCJ 105.7FM could broadcast announcements for public meetings, and communicate planning updates or reminders in the process to residents of Cave Junction.
- “Roundtable Community Surveys” where residents would be invited to locations and would discuss topics in smaller groups. This is a way to help directly gather feedback in a way that could be less stressful for individuals.
- Paper/hard copy fliers for meetings, announcements, or other reminders that would be distributed at events or posted in places where people visit frequently.
- Little League Opening Day (April) – As an event that attracts lots of visitors, this would potentially allow for conducting surveys or handing out fliers.
- Some members of the advisory committee offered to distribute fliers or surveys.
- The Cave Junction Senior Center can possibly could be a destination that helps distribute fliers.
- Nonprofits and advisory committee members can distribute fliers.
- The Farmer’s Market would be an event to hand out surveys, post fliers, or other ways to raise awareness or get feedback from residents.
- Community wide cleanup day with Rotary Club (at Jubilee Park) would be a chance to reach out to residents who are excited about recreation in Cave Junction. It could be used for getting face-to-face feedback, handing out surveys or fliers, or answering questions from residents.
- The Easter Egg Hunt would be a chance for the student consultants to present design ideas for the concept plan site, and to explain a finalized plan to the community in an informal setting.
- The Illinois Valley Calendar website could be used to post meeting announcements, and advertise outreach events for the planning process.
- An online survey would be a tool to gather input from residents.

**Attendance**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Kimberly Lehman	Rusk Nature Center
Kate Dwyer	IVCanDO
Menno Kraai	IVCanDo
Amelia Benson	IV Senior Center
Roger Brandt	IVCanDo
Daniel Dalegowski	City of Cave Junction
Lindsey B. Gillette	City of Cave Junction/ Healthy U/ IVCanDo
Travis Robbins	City of Cave Junction
Keeth Withrieas	IV Bikespace/ Station Manager at KXCJ-LP
David Regal	Evergreen Elementary-Three Rivers School District
Tanner Smith	Illinois Valley High School
Judy Hoyle	IVCanDo/ IV News
Bruce Reece	Illinois Valley High School

April 10, 2017

To | Cave Junction Parks Advisory Committee  
From | Student Consultants, Community Service Center, University of Oregon  
SUBJECT | COMMUNITY WORKSHOP SUMMARY

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## Context

The purpose of the meeting was to collect feedback from residents of Cave Junction to begin discussion about prioritizing changes to the parks and recreation opportunities in the city. Group discussions addressed:

1. Jubilee Park
2. Cave Junction Pool
3. Old Stage Park

## Meeting Activities

### Dot Board Preference Exercise

Attendees were encouraged to communicate individual preferences for existing park features. based on two boards with pictures of the features currently in Jubilee Park. Attendees used colored stickers to indicate preference by placing stickers on the picture of the feature they identified with based on the questions: "What amenities do you enjoy the most when you visit Jubilee Park?", and "What amenities or improvements would you most like to add to Jubilee Park?".



Board for existing features in Jubilee Park



Board for possible amenities to add

### Existing Jubilee Park Features Preference

Examples for the existing amenities included the skate park, baseball field, playground, tennis courts, picnic shelter, bandstand, concession stand, picnic tables, paths, and natural areas.

#### High Preference:

- Baseball fields (19%)

- Playground (15%)
- Picnic shelter (11%)
- Bandstand, (22%)
- Natural areas (19%).

**Low Preference:**

- Skate park (7%)
- Tennis court (4%)
- Concession stand (4%)
- Picnic tables (0%)
- Paths (0%)

## **Amenities/ Improvements to Jubilee Park Preference**

The following responses were collected from participants' response to the question "what amenities would you most like to add to Jubilee Park?" Options depicted on the board included improved and expanded baseball fields, bike trails, additional parking, resurfaced tennis courts, ornamental gardens, public art, expanded skate park, improved ADA accessibility, picnic areas, basketball court, signage and maps, refurbished restrooms, water play area, and improved infrastructure.

**High Preference:**

- Improved/expanded baseball fields (11%)
- Basketball courts (21%)
- Water play area (14%)
- Improved infrastructure (11%)
- Refurbished Restrooms (14%).

**Lower Preference:**

- Public Art (7%)
- Resurfaced tennis courts (4%)
- Ornamental gardens (7%)
- Improved ADA accessibility (4%)
- Picnic area (4%)
- Expanded skate park (0%)
- Bike trails (0%)
- Additional Parking (0%)

## **Old Stage Park**

The park is located along the Illinois River South Fork. The only way to access the site is to drive south along Old Stage road until the road ends.

Discussion was organized by two general question prompts: 1) What did people who had been there find enjoyable about the park? and 2) Using Illinois River Forks Park and Jubilee Park as a frame of reference, what would amenities or features would be desirable to see Old Stage Park?

**Overall, all three groups brought up the following:**

- Create multi-use trails (equestrian, walking, biking) that connect other park areas
- Create designated parking
- Install benches, picnic areas, and restrooms
- Possibly incorporate dry camping/RV usage

- Put in interpretive signage for local plants

**Existing Desirability:**

There isn't any existing development for recreation use, but the discussion groups brought up a similar source of importance:

- Wild/ natural park experience

**Utilities and Site Services:**

While the undeveloped character is desirable, group discussion brought up some possible utilities needed for comfort or possibly required for site use. This also includes broad opportunities related to the site's proximity to the Illinois River.

- Camping
- Picnic areas, and picnic activity amenities
- Trash cans, recycling, cans for dog waste
- Drinking water
- Boating, rafting/ canoes
- Opportunity for swimming
- Park host
- Improve access to front gate
- Parking

**Features:**

Other ideas for the site related to possible activities that would be sources of recreation use:

- RV park
- Restrooms
- Lighting
- Enclosed dog area, dog park area
- Trails (for walking, horseback, bike, ADA)
- Natural playground area
- Benches and picnic tables along trails
- Interpretive signage
- Foot bridge across river
- Horseshoe pits
- Shelter/ pavilion for group events

**Site Goals/ Needs:**

- Wayfinding, directions from highway 199
- Maintain water quality
- Connection to other parks or BLM land
- Block off access to cars/ATV's/4-wheelers
- Youth corps training partnership with Caves National Monument
- Consideration for use by youth groups like boy scouts
- Park fees
- Monitor transient populations through outreach
- Floodplain habitat management



## Cave Junction Pool

The Cave Junction Pool is located next door to the Senior Center, and across from Illinois Valley High School on E River Street. The pool was built in the late 1970s, and closed in 2008. Community members have expressed the importance of the pool in the lives of area residents. Residents previously reported that the pool was a source of opportunity for recreation, fitness, health, and social engagement. A variety of issues have been given as the reason for the closing of the pool.

Investment from the Cave Junction community is an essential aspect of a pool having long-term financial stability. Area residents will be more likely to patronize the pool, and/or volunteer their time if the structure, activities/programming, and payment structures are designed to efficiently meet the community's needs. The components of a pool that would be specifically useful and inviting needed to be identified by area residents. This community input is a necessary step before an eventual budget or operational structure can be established. The community's priorities are essential to establish, whether the current pool site is renovated, or a future pool is built on a new site.

The discussion of the pool was guided by three questions.

- 1) What would make a pool useful to the Cave Junction community?
  - Participants were encouraged, but not limited, to think broadly.
- 2) What are specific examples of aspects of a pool that would meet these needs?
  - Participants were given general examples of activities, amenities, or design features.
- 3) What made that component work well?
  - Participants were asked if they had experienced preferred pool features at another pool, and to use that experience to inform the reasons they felt the feature was a success, or served them well.

### Common Pool Characteristics Desired Among Workshop Participants

The attributes that participants felt would be useful are in terms of design, activities/programming, and funding/operation. Feedback is sorted according to the need(s) expressed, and residents preferred methods to meet that need.

#### Design Characteristics – General Consensus

- Year-round usage
  - Covered pool
  - Heated
  - Indoor

*Most participants defined year-round accessibility as an indoor pool, however a smaller section referenced an outdoor pool with a covered, or retractable roof as sufficient.*

- Designed for the needs of different demographics
  - Baby/toddler pool
  - ADA accessible
- Public Showers
  - Pool patrons
  - Travelers /transient population
- Transportation related accessibility
  - Covered bike parking

- For youth & low income residents
- Centralized location
  - Proximity to the high school and senior center.

#### **Activities/ Programming – General Consensus**

- Diversity of Activities to meet the needs of multiple demographics
  - Swim Lessons – Adults & children
- Space/time for the high school
  - Swim team – Competition size
  - PE classes
- Aquatic Fitness Classes
- Pool Sports
  - Adult & Youth
  - Examples: Volleyball
- Designated times for different activities
  - Lap swim
  - Recreational swim / family swim
- Health/ Safety
  - Water safety courses → Translates to river safety

#### **Funding/ Operational Characteristics – General Consensus**

- Financial Stability
  - Ability to rent space (pool and/or a specific area)
  - Payment/ Membership Options
    - Membership passes, punch cards per use, & daily user fee
    - Differing payment structures
      - By demographic (age, senior, family)
      - By income/ sliding scale (member cards same in appearance)
  - Variety of payment structures
    - Activities cost more than pool use
- Partnerships – Needs administrator
  - Consensus on the need for partnership
  - No consensus on if 1 group should have a lead role (Boys & Girls Club)
    - Benefit of public/ private partnerships
    - Legal mutual agreements – Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) necessary
- Appeal to multiple demographics
  - Extended hours
    - Open early / before work
    - Open late for youth
  - Schedule clarity & consistency
    - Easy to locate (online)
    - Allows the management of a variety of pool uses
    - Multiple items scheduled at once → Would allow increased accessibility.
    - One type of a pool use at a time → Would allow a smaller pool

*Consensus was not reached on the necessity of a pool large enough to have multiple types of usages occurring at the same time. Many residents felt a larger size could increase accessibility for families, but the tradeoff of a lowered cost could make a smaller pool acceptable.*

### **Design Characteristics – Additional Ideas Presented**

- Natural elements
  - Salt water (vs. chlorine)
  - Native plant garden
  - Murals by local artists
  - Hot tub

### **Activities/ Programming – Additional Ideas Presented**

- Movies shown on a projector
- Additional Safety classes
  - CPR / Lifeguard training on-site
- Pool activity activities
  - Additional pool sport options
    - Water polo
  - Diving platform
  - Slide
- Non-Pool Recreation Center Activities
  - Outdoor exercise area
  - Fitness Classes
    - Yoga
- Recreation Center
  - Engaging activities for youth
    - Game center

### **Funding/ Operational Characteristics – Additional Ideas Presented**

- Fundraisers
- Unique features to draw others from around the area
  - Wave / scuba / kayaks

## **Jubilee Park**

This table rotation asked the community members two questions, the first, what did they like about jubilee park, and the second, what are the things they would like to improve and add to jubilee park to make their experience more valuable. The team often noticed a repetition of enjoying the park because it brings the community together, let them do activities with family and friends, and enjoy the activities/events that often take place in the park.

Some of the improvements and additions mentioned were related to the facilities, however, there was mention of more programs and actives for the community (youth, family, and elderly), Such as Tai Chi and Yoga...

Several members noted orally that there's a need to improve the communication/outreach about the events/programs/activities. Also, it was noted that there's a need for more signage to guide visitors to Jubilee Park, where an Information Kiosk should be located.

### **Question 1: What do you enjoy the most about Jubilee Park?**

#### **General:**

- Close to town
- Lots of People Present
- Wooded Area
- Large Grassy Area

**Program:**

- Farmers Market (8) – Date: April-September - Free bike repair

**Facilities:**

- Baseball/Softball field (7)
- Skate Park (6)
- Children Playground (5) – Bring children/grand children
- Pavilion (5)
- Trees/Path (3)
- Tennis Court - Used to use it when it was in good conditions (2)
- Dog walking - Dog waste station (2)

**Events:**

- Summer Festival/Music/ Concert (18)
- Labor Day (7)
- Pet parade (2)
- Sport events - Softball (2)
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Car show – Date: June
- Thanksgiving dinner give away
- Birthdays

**Question 2: What improvements and additions you would like to see to make your experience more enjoyable at the Jubilee Park?****Improvements:**

- Restrooms/ADA (12)
- Security/Host/Police (5)
- Enclosed Dog park (4)
- Tennis Court (4)
- Picnic Area/Add Benches and Tables/ Spread Tables (4)
- Removing Transient Population (3)
- Filtered/Improved Drinking Fountains (3)
- Improve Cell Service (2)
- Dog Path/Dog Potty Station
- Skate Park
- Baseball Field
- Paths
- Better Cell Service Needed
- Storage Shed
- Easier Use of Kitchen and Pavilion

**Additions:**

- Spray/Water Park (9)
- Second Basketball/Softball Field (8)
- More paved Walking/Biking/Path (7) – Bike and walking path thru-out CJ that Leads to the park and in/around the park
- Park Host (5)
- More Flower Gardens/Shrubs/Trees (4) – Native Plants with Information signs
- Sheltered Area (4) – for farmer’s market/Picnic area/ park– Year long

- Dog Area/Path – So dogs can run/ walk dogs in Jubilee park (3)
- Basketball Court (3)
- More Athletic/Multipurpose field/sport facilities (Frisbee, miscellaneous sports) (3)
- Climbing/Bouldering wall (2)
- Disc Golf Course (2)
- Volleyball (2)
- Exercise/Yoga/Tai Chi Area (2)
- Programs to Serve Diverse Audience: Youth, Families, Seniors, Visitors
- Jubilee Park Public Information Kiosk
- Ecology Action Groups to Educate Visitors
- External Skate Park - For Younger Children
- Signs on the Highway to Guide Visitors to the Park
- Signs Stating Reasons to Recycle
- Conservation Local Plants
- Handball Court
- Develop an all Sport Park - Separate from Jubilee Park

May 8, 2017

To | **Cave Junction Parks Advisory Committee**  
From | **Student Consultants, Community Service Center, University of Oregon**  
SUBJECT | **CAVE JUNCTION EASTER EGG HUNT COMMUNITY ACTIVITY SUMMARY**

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## Context

On Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the Community Service Center (CSC) team conducted two activities at Jubilee Park during the Easter Egg Hunt event. The event was hosted by the Lions Club, and lasted for two hours during which the team gathered the community's feedback on possible park and recreation facilities and programs. The team used two poster designs, the first focusing on Jubilee Park, while second generally addressing CJ park and recreation. The outreach was a success, with around 50 people approaching the team for more information; out of which 30 participated in the activities and shared their feedback.

## Meeting Activities

### Jubilee Park facilities and programs

The first poster focused on potential additions and improvements to Jubilee Park. The community members shared their likes and dislikes of the facilities and programs by adding three green (like) and three red (dislike) dots on the poster.

The facilities and programs were then ranked (Figure 1), highest to lowest. Eight of the items mostly received green dots (likes), while, only three received red dots (dislikes) and were substantial enough to mention. The results are highlighted in green for top eight likes, and red for top three dislikes.

A water play area, renovating baseball field, and planting Native plants, received the highest likes. Replacing the wooded area and/or buying more land to build a second baseball field, and additional parking were the most disliked.

<b>Are any of these features appealing to you?</b>	<b>Likes</b>	<b>Dislikes</b>
A water play area is added	27	0
Existing baseball field is renovated	11	0
Native plants are added to mitigate flooding	9	1
Tennis courts are refurbished as a mixed-use tennis and basketball court	6	1
Trails and picnic infrastructure are added and improved	4	0
Basketball courts are added	4	2
A residence for park host is added	3	0
Tennis courts are replaced with a dog park	1	0
The wooded area is cleared and replaced with a baseball field	4	15
A new access road and parking is added on newly acquired property	0	9
Additional Land is Acquired to accommodate another baseball field.	4	5

## General CJ Park and Recreation Facilities and Programs:

The second poster represented a selection of broader possibilities for Cave Junction Park and Recreation facilities and programs, and requested from the community members to add three green dots of their top three facilities and programs they would like to see in the next 10 years.

The general park and recreation facilities and programs were ranked highest to lowest (figure 2), with the community wanting to see more recreation classes and activities and building an indoor/outdoor pool.

What are your top priorities for Cave Junction Parks and Recreation for the next ten years?	Count
Provide more recreation classes/activities	12
Build an outdoor swimming pool	12
Build an indoor swimming pool	10
Build a multi-purpose recreation center	9
Build Paths/Trails to connect existing parks to the larger community	5
Add facilities to Jubilee Park	4
Develop Old Stage Park	3
Build an all sports park (different than Jubilee Park)	4
Focus on maintaining what is currently in place	4
Improve the track near Lorna Byrne Middle School	1
Create a new park in Cave Junction	1

## Results

The results from the Easter Egg Hunt event shows similarities with those of the community and advisory community's workshop meetings. For example, several of the community members shared their strong objection to cutting trees in the park, to make space for other facilities. Another commonality that the team noticed in different outreach meetings, is the community's desire to build a water play area and a second baseball field in jubilee park, and to renovate or entirely rebuild the swimming pool.

June 8, 2017

**To** Cave Junction Parks Advisory Committee; Illinois Valley High School Faculty, Staff, and Students  
**From** Student Consultants, Community Service Center, University of Oregon  
**SUBJECT** SUMMARY OF YOUTH OUTREACH

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## Background and Context

On Friday, April 28th, 2017, student consultants with the Cave Junction Parks and Recreation Master Plan team conducted youth outreach workshops at Lorna Byrne Middle School, Illinois Valley High School, and the Cave Junction Boys and Girls Club. The youth outreach workshops are one of several public engagement methods used to inform the development of the Cave Junction Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Previous outreach efforts highlighted the importance of including youth in community planning processes. The impact of the plan will be strengthened by youth's ownership and investment. Appendices A and B contain additional details on the workshops' content and the results of the high school student survey.

## Workshops' Structure

**Lorna Byrne Middle School:** A total of 50 middle school students participated in workshops during two class periods. The goal was for students to: (1) share their priorities for Jubilee Park, (2) understand that financial cost plays a large factor in park development, and (3) work in a team to come to a consensus. Students were instructed to indicate a preference between sets of two park and recreation amenities by walking to the side of the room representing one of two choices. Student teams were then instructed to divide ten imaginary dollars between different park amenities.

**Illinois Valley High School:** The student consultants conducted two workshops divided by 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade, and 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> grade students. High School Principal Tanner Smith and Athletic Director Bruce Reece introduced the workshops. They both emphasized the importance of the opportunity for students to share their ideas for the park plan. School board member and Illinois Valley Community Development Organization (IVCDO) Coordinator Kate Dwyer situated the workshops in the IVCDO 20/20 Strategic Plan goal of increased youth involvement.

**Park and Recreation Priorities:** After student consultants introduced the plan, faculty and staff helped distribute a condensed, seven-question version of the community survey.<sup>1</sup> The surveys were used in a discussion of student needs and interests for parks and recreation in their community. Students then responded to six posted question prompts. Prompts asked students to choose between two recreation amenities or activities, or to write a type of career that might be involved in designing a new park. Students based the reasoning for their trade-off decisions in the needs and interests they brought up earlier in the workshop.

**Career Development:** Student consultants connected examples of the careers involved in parks and recreation to ways for students to learn about future career options. Student consultants

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<sup>1</sup> The online community survey was one of the several opportunities for community members to express concerns and priorities for the development of the Cave Junction Parks and Recreation Master Plan.



presented informational interviews as a tool to find out about the paths of people in different positions. Students brainstormed questions to ask people in their own community.

**Boys & Girls Club:** The student consultants concluded the youth outreach day at the Boys & Girls club, held at Evergreen Elementary School. Approximately 20 Boys & Girls Club attendees shared the places and activities they enjoy most within parks. A poster of pictures of different park amenities helped guide discussions. Attendees designed their ideal park using arts and crafts materials.

## Key Findings

The following lists represents students' responses from the workshops. Additional details on students stated needs and interests within each activity are provided in the Appendix.

### Top 5 Priorities: Middle & High School Workshops

#### 1. Safety

- Ideas students favored to address safety concerns in Jubilee Park:
  - A park host supervising activity in Jubilee Park.
  - Charging a fee to enter an area or all of Jubilee Park.
    - To address safety concerns resulting from people living in the park through limiting park access.

#### 2. Expanded Skate Park

- Students emphasized that their skate park preference for the skate park is due to the all-season recreation opportunities.

#### 3. Mountain/ BMX dirt bike trails

- In response to questions on walking trails vs. bike lanes, students stated that they preferred trails specifically as a way to make mountain biking more accessible.

#### 4. A balance of activities identified as "for girls and boys"

- Students defined example activities as basketball for boys vs. volleyball for girls

#### 5. Increased recreation options during the school-year

- Compared to summer activities, students emphasized a greater need for increased recreation options during the school-year.
  - Example activities included: basketball, soccer, martial arts, and options to compete.

### Top 5 Priorities: High School Survey

1. Expanded/ renovated Skate Park
2. Updated/ maintained restrooms in Jubilee Park
3. Basketball Court
4. Indoor swimming pool
5. Build bike paths/ trails to connect existing parks to the larger community

### Top 5 Priorities: Boys & Girls Club

**Common elements in attendees' parks and recreation themed arts and crafts projects:**

1. Monkey bars
2. Swimming pools
3. Slides
4. Swing sets
5. Trampolines

## Follow-Up Actions

### Incorporation in the Plan

The Cave Junction Parks and Recreation Plan will contain a section detailing the various public engagement methods that contributed to the plan. Feedback and ideas from the students will be incorporated within a specific “Youth Outreach” section of the final Cave Junction Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

### High School Survey

Student Consultants recommend that the high school survey results be distributed to the high school body. The results can allow students to see the priorities of their peers related to parks and recreation options in their community.

## Additional details on students’ responses

### Middle School Workshop Decision-Making Activities

**Students’ choices during the side of the room exercise:** 2<sup>nd</sup> baseball field Vs. An expanded skate park

- Majority of students chose: expanded skate park
  - Volleyball court Vs. basketball court
- Majority of students chose: basketball court
  - Access to walking trails Vs. designated bike lanes
- Majority of students chose: walking trails (referenced for mountain bikes)
  - More outside activities Vs. more inside activities
- Majority of students chose: outside activities
  - More summer programs Vs. more school-year programs
- Majority of students chose: school-year programs
  - Competitive activities Vs. just for fun activities
- Majority of students’ chose: competitive activities

**Students’ choices during the money exercise:** List of park items student teams could choose to buy with their imaginary ten dollars. Student Consultants provided each team with a worksheet of the list of park elements and prices.

- \$10 - A 2<sup>nd</sup> baseball/ softball field
  - Teams Chose: 1
- \$5 – Expanded Skate Park
  - Teams Chose: 5
- \$5 – Water Splash Area
  - Teams Chose: 1
- \$3 – Basketball Court
  - Teams Chose: 4
- \$3 – Trail Connections
  - Teams Chose: 4
- \$3 - Bike Lanes
  - Teams Chose: 1

- \$2 – Volleyball
  - Teams Chose: 2
- \$2 – More Trees
  - Teams Chose: 1
- \$1 – Shelter Space
  - Teams Chose: 0
- \$1 – Community Garden
  - Teams Chose: 1

## High School Workshop Decision-Making Activities

### Question Prompts: Choose between two park amenities:

- Expanded skate park OR 2<sup>nd</sup> baseball field
  - Majority of students' chose: expanded skate park
- Volleyball court OR Basketball court
  - Majority of students' chose: basketball court
- Access to existing local trails OR Improved designated bike lanes in town
  - Majority of students' chose: Access to existing local trails

### Questions Prompts: Career related questions:

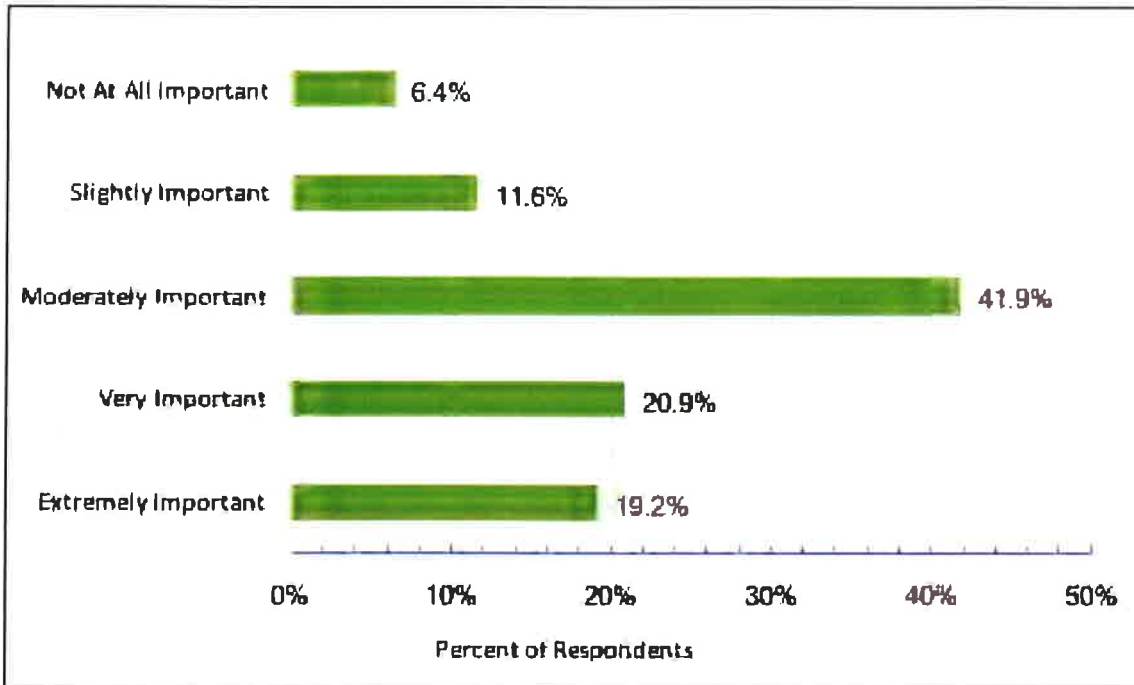
- List a type of career/ organization involved in designing a new park:
  - Multiple students wrote: architect, engineer, playground designer, skate park designer, and gardener.
- List a type of career that interests you:
  - Multiple students wrote: President, doctor, nurse, flight attendant, police officer, teacher, architect, engineer, and blacksmith.
- From the other two lists, which profession are you the most curious about?
  - Multiple students wrote: architect

### Additional Notes on High School Students' Feedback:

- A few students shared an interest in recreation options that would allow them to development skills for future careers.
  - Examples included: blacksmith, woodwork, & craft classes.
- High school students' safety concerns for Jubilee Park were often stated with regard for younger children in the community.

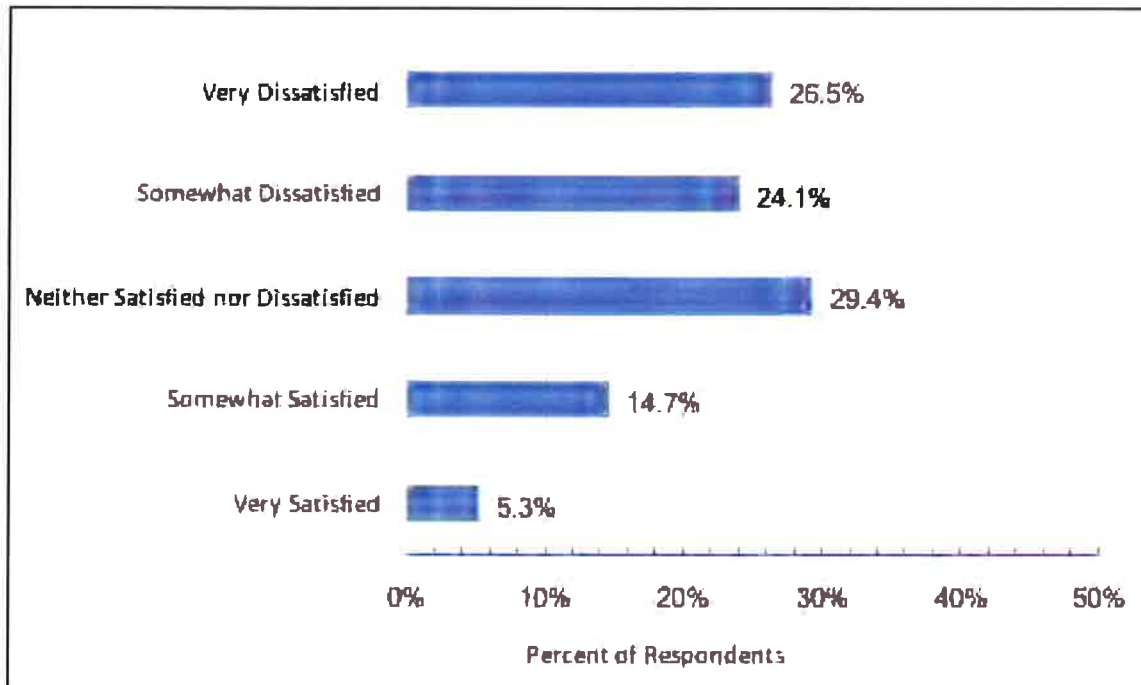
## High School Survey Results

Figure B-1. The Importance of Parks and Recreation to Students' Quality of Life (including facilities, classes, events, and teams)



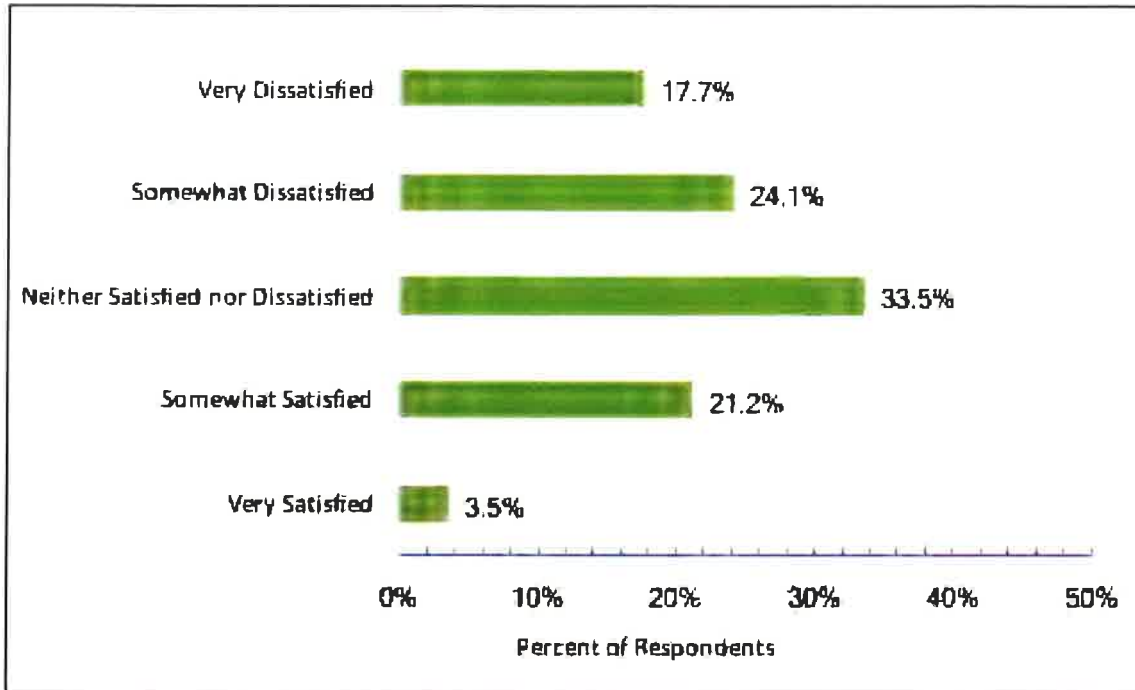
Source: Cave Junction Park & Recreation Survey, 2017. Community Service Center. University of Oregon.

Figure B-2. Students' Level of Satisfaction with the Park Offerings in Cave Junction



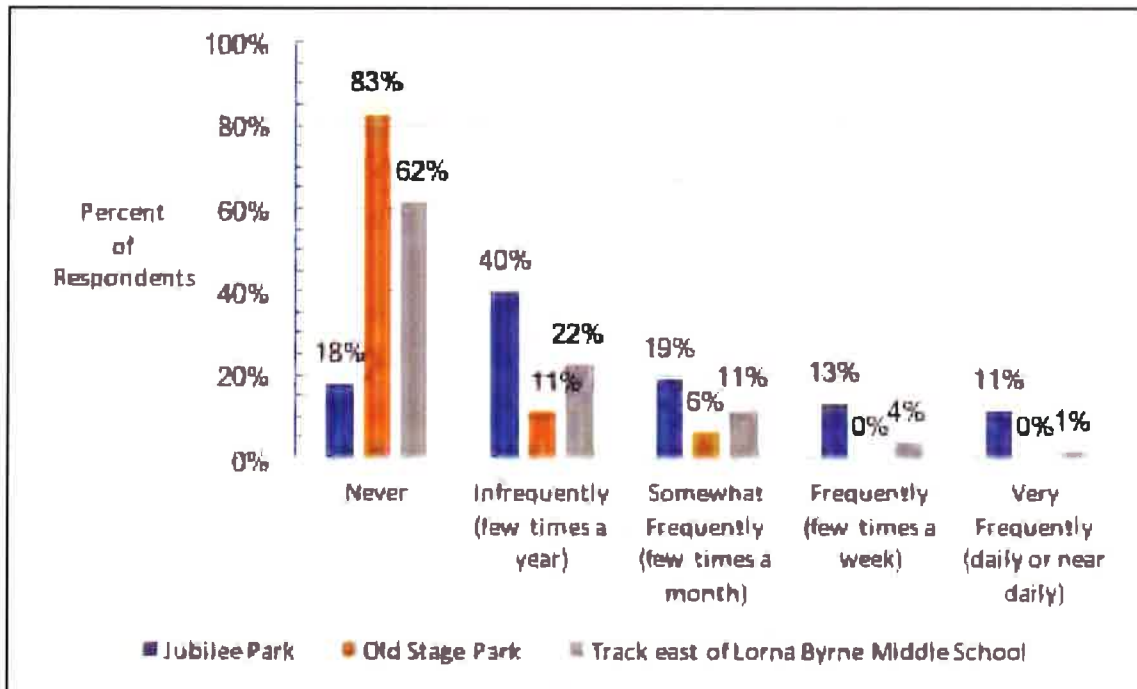
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**Figure B-3. Students' Level of Satisfaction with the Recreation (classes, events, and outdoor activities) Offerings in Cave Junction**



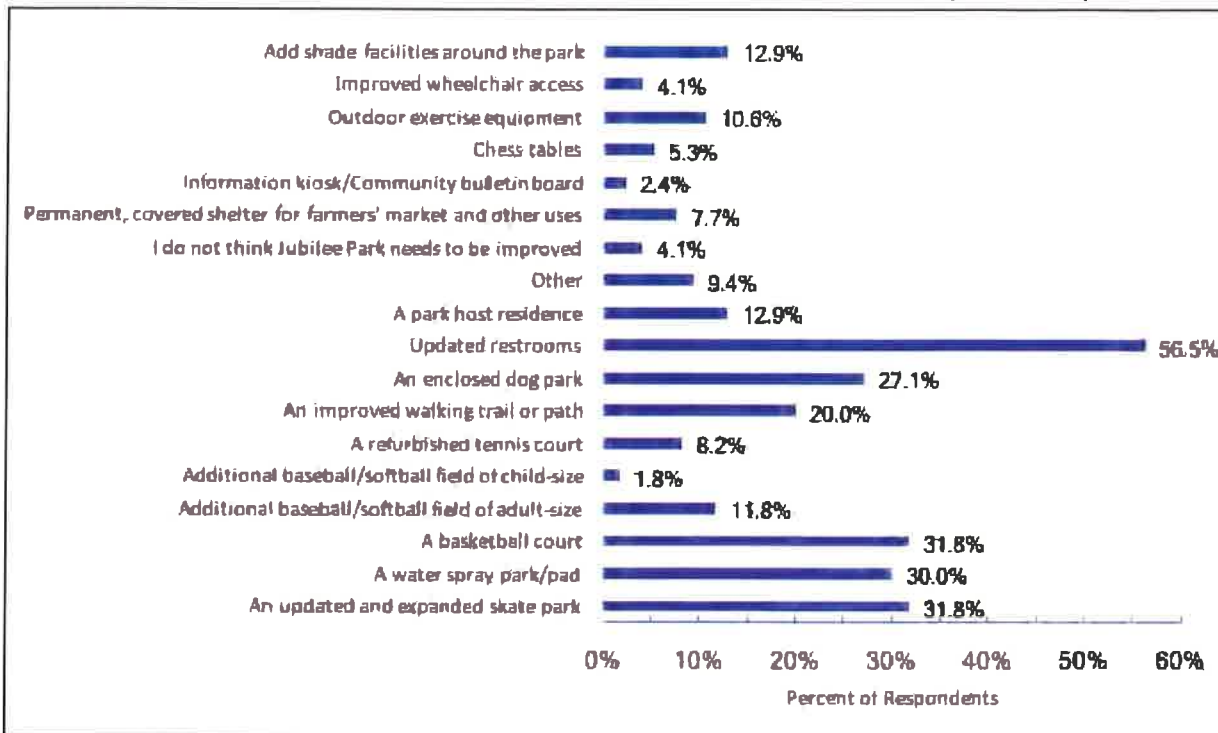
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**Figure B-4. The Amount of Time Students' have Used the Parks/Recreation Areas in Cave Junction in the Past Year**



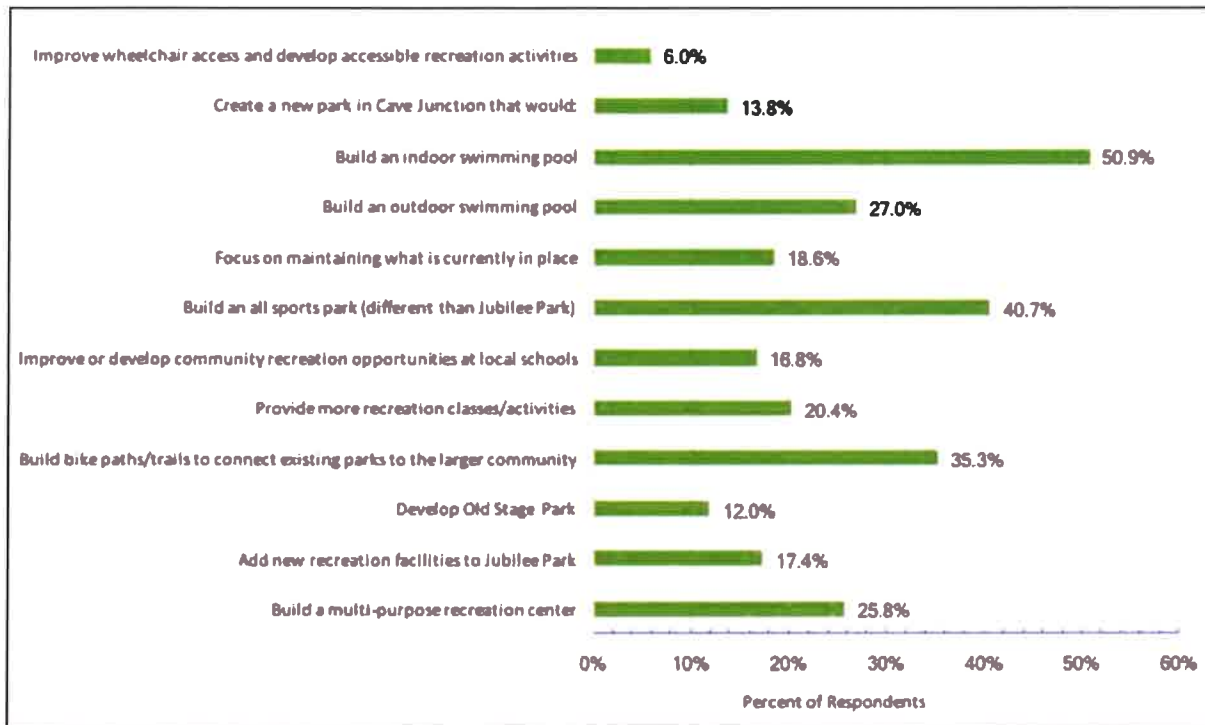
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**Figure B-5. The Recreation Amenities Students' would be the most Excited to See Added to Jubilee Park (students could choose 3)**



Source: Cave Junction Park & Recreation Survey, 2017. Community Service Center. University of Oregon.

**Figure B-6. Students' Top Priorities for Cave Junction Parks and Recreation in the Next 10 years (students could choose 3)**



Source: Cave Junction Park & Recreation Survey, 2017. Community Service Center. University of Oregon.

