



What We Heard: City and Borough of Juneau Parks and Recreation Master Plan Preliminary Findings

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Executive Summary

The City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) is undertaking a Parks and Recreation (Parks & Rec) Master Plan (Plan). As part of our commitment to transparency in this process, and in an effort to show Juneau residents the input from their friends and neighbors that will inform the recommendations and policy directions that ultimately make up the Plan; we respectfully submit this document compiling what we heard from our public surveys, public meetings, stakeholder meetings, and online engagement conducted in September – December, 2016. This information will form the basis for the Plan as detailed in section 1.3 Planning Process. We sincerely hope that the public will continue to provide ideas and feedback about the future of Parks & Rec as we progress through this master planning journey. Residents are always welcome to participate in the discussion forums on PlaceSpeak, our community consultation forum. Our next public meetings are planned for the spring of 2017.

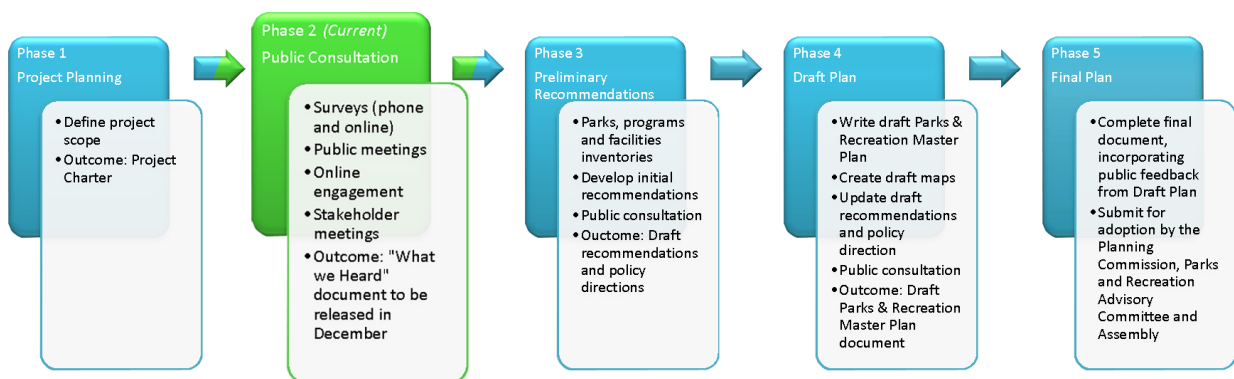
This document presents the same information in two different ways:

- Results by category: includes results from all modes of public outreach for individual facilities, programs and services
- Results by mode of consultation: includes from all modes of public outreach, broken down by consultation method

Following the results, we will address emerging themes and outcomes of this community conversation and discuss next steps. CBJ Parks and Recreation sincerely thanks everyone who provided input to this project so far. The more we hear from Juneau residents, the more the eventual Plan will accurately reflect the community and its needs.

Master Plan Process

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan project is divided into five phases, as shown below. This document is the outcome of Phase 2: Public Consultation.





Public consultation process

During September – December 2016, CBJ Parks and Recreation (Parks & Rec) staff sought public input through the following channels:

- **Public Surveys** – McDowell Group was contracted to conduct phone and online surveys. The phone survey sampled 500 Juneau households and included calls to both landlines and cell phones. The phone survey is statistically valid at a 95% confidence interval. The online survey was administered via PlaceSpeak, our public consultation platform and received over 300 responses. While the phone survey constitutes a random sample, online survey respondents self-selected.
- **Stakeholder meetings** – Parks & Rec staff met with over 30 stakeholder groups to discuss the Master Plan process and to collect feedback on each group's specific use of our facilities and services; alignment of long-term goals and plans; and ideas for improvement.
- **Public Meetings** – Parks & Rec staff held 5 public meetings throughout Juneau during October of 2016. The public meetings included a short presentation as well as large format boards with information about our facilities and programs. Attendees were asked to fill out a card with a brief poll and any comments.
- **Online Engagement** – Parks & Rec contracted PlaceSpeak for online engagement services. At the time of this report, 336 residents have registered with PlaceSpeak and connected to the Master Plan topic, and 1500 have viewed the page. These residents were able to view a video of public meeting presentation, and read background information about the topic. Connected residents were able to take the online survey, and participate in discussion forums; they will receive updates and other opportunities to provide feedback as the project moves forward.
- **Initial Group/Special Committee** – A group of Parks & Rec stakeholders and informed community members were convened in the scoping phase of the project. These individuals provided guidance on the project plan and public consultation strategy. This group was disbanded after their third meeting in September 2016. A special committee of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) will be convened in January 2017 to serve as a working group for the Master Plan. The intent is that this committee will be demographically representative of Juneau and will provide feedback on detailed sections of the Master Plan.

Moving forward, Parks & Rec staff will continue to engage the public on PlaceSpeak, which the next public meetings slated for the spring of 2017. At that time we will ask the public to review preliminary recommendations and policy directions.

Emerging themes

We received a large volume of comments on the following issues. The purpose of this document is not for CBJ to make a statement or recommendation supporting or dismissing any public feedback received. As the project progresses we will draw upon this document and the results of



parks, programs, and facilities inventories to develop a set of recommendations for the future of parks and recreation in Juneau. This section serves to identify the issues that are important to the community. We will also avoid discussing outcomes related to services not administered by Parks & Rec. Comments regarding Eaglecrest Ski Area, Dimond Park Field House, Juneau School District or other entities are collected in this document; they will be passed on the appropriate parties and will not form the basis for any part of the Plan beyond our continued commitment to collaborate with our community recreation partners.

Affordability

Many residents feel that Parks & Rec facilities and services should either be free to everyone or specifically to low-income residents; 17% of adult and 29% of youth phone survey respondents who do not participate in an activity they would like to reported money as a barrier to participation. Several individuals cited a free recreation facility in Ketchikan as an example of something they would like to see in Juneau.

Augustus Brown Pool

Our public outreach materials stated that Augustus Brown Pool requires \$4.5 million in structural repairs in the coming years. A number of residents support keeping the facility open, with several suggesting we close the facility. The public phone survey found that 52% of residents rated Augustus Brown Pool as having very high or high community value and 28% of households reported using the facility in the past 12 months.

Bike Trails / Paths

Biking has long been a popular activity in Juneau, with mountain biking recently growing in popularity. Many residents suggested both mountain bike trails and commuter connections. There was also support for lighted bike paths and a mountain bike skills park integrated into the existing park and trail network. It should be noted that phone survey respondents participated in biking in much lower numbers (12% road biking, 4% mountain biking) than online survey respondents (41% road biking, 33% mountain biking).

Community Value

Juneau values parks and recreation services. While various residents stated a need for fiscal responsibility, the majority of those who provided input felt that Parks & Rec delivers a valuable community service and should continue to be supported. Three quarters (77%) of survey respondents rated Parks and Recreation as very or somewhat important to their choice to live in Juneau, while 94% of adults in Juneau believe that recreation programs and facilities are a somewhat or very important use of public funds.

Dog Parks

Lena Park was identified as a potential off-leash dog park by residents who noted that the fields are not frequently used for baseball or softball and the site could easily be adapted into an off-leash park with the installation of a fence and waste disposal facilities. Residents also requested more off leash areas throughout the community.



Ice

The Treadwell Arena currently operates from early morning to late at night and Juneau residents are interested in additional indoor ice, with a number of commenters supporting an addition to the existing facility and others suggesting a new facility in the Mendenhall Valley. Summer use or year-round opportunities at the Treadwell Arena were also important to residents.

Indoor Recreation Space

A number of residents support more indoor recreation space in the form of either another field house type facility or a Parks & Rec controlled gym space. Parks & Rec currently works with Juneau School District to schedule our programs in school gyms and many residents would like to see a facility specifically for community recreation. The existing Dimond Park Field House is managed by Eaglecrest and programming is scheduled by an external board.

Lemon Creek

Residents recognize the need for additional Parks & Rec programming in Lemon Creek, in the form of parks, trails and recreation opportunities. The area is home to a number of underserved youth and adults and transportation to participate in activities or use facilities can be a challenge, particularly for young people.

Maintain what we have

Juneau residents are aware of the current local and statewide budget situation and many feel that it is irresponsible to take on additional capital projects or commit to new spending at this time. These residents believe that Parks & Rec should focus its efforts on maintaining existing parks, trails, and recreational facilities to a high standard.

Off Road Vehicles

Juneau residents feel strongly about Off Road Vehicles (ORVs). We received a number of comments in support of an ORV park somewhere in Juneau, with several comments against building such a facility. While most comments in support of an ORV facility did not identify a specific location, the comments against tended to specifically site the Hendrickson Natural Park area in North Douglas where an ORV park was previously considered. Relatively few residents (2% of phone survey respondents and 9% of online survey respondents) mentioned ORV motorsports as an activity they currently participate in, but 5% of adults who took the phone survey and 12% of those who took the online survey described ORV use as an activity they do not currently participate in but would like to; ORV trails or a park were cited by 15% of residents who said the CBJ should invest in recreation assets or facilities in the next 10 years.

Partnerships

A number of residents noted the importance of working with local partners to enhance the Juneau service network. Sports organizations, cultural communities, social service partners, education providers, and government agencies were all identified as potential partners.



Pipeline Skate Park

Pipeline Skate Park ranks third in frequency of facility use, meaning that of households that use Parks & Rec facilities, skate park users visited the facility an average of 22.7 times per year. The skate park needs repairs, particularly concerning roof issues and drainage. Residents were vocal about the need to address these issues and also suggested improvements including outdoor hardscapes and new ramps. Several individuals suggested a second skate park downtown or in Douglas. Pipeline has a dedicated user group with a history of leading fundraising initiatives for repairs and upgrades.

Restroom Facilities

We received a number of requests for additional restroom facilities at parks and trailheads and for permanent facilities at some sites, notably Capital School Park.

Seniors

A number of residents made general comments about doing more for our seniors or about additional programming for seniors. More specific requests cited the importance of Augustus Brown Pool to local seniors and the need for more trails and parks with benches and easy grades for seniors and others with mobility issues.

Support for Underserved Residents

The need to identify underserved communities and develop a strategy to eliminate barriers to participation for underserved residents is a stated goal of the master planning process, and Juneau residents agree, with many citing specific cultural communities and others stating a need for programs for at-risk youth, after school programs, and expanded programs to make recreation more affordable to all Juneau residents. One third of adult phone survey respondents and one quarter of youth do not participate in recreation activities they would like to, with lack of free time (30% of adults and 37% of youth) and money (17% of adults and 29% of youth) the most frequently cited barriers. Notably, transportation was the third most cited barrier for youth (18%) but was only a barrier for 5% of adults. Several commenters suggested that CBJ could improve transportation to recreational facilities for youth.

Trail Maintenance and Upgrades

Hiking is overwhelmingly the most popular recreational activity in Juneau with 53% of phone survey respondents reporting hiking in the spring/summer, and 32% reporting hiking in the fall/winter. 81% of online survey respondents reported hiking in the spring/summer, followed by walking at 76%. In the fall/winter online survey respondents reported walking and running at 57% each, followed by cross country skiing at 40%. In the past 12 months, 89% of Juneau residents used Juneau trails for walking, hiking, running, cross country skiing, biking and other forms of recreation; with 78% ranking city trails as high or very high value to the community. Many commenters suggested continued maintenance and improvements on existing trails, notably Treadwell Ditch Trail, with others suggesting new trails with a focus on connections between existing networks.



Turf Fields

Many field users support conversion of existing ball fields to artificial turf. There is strong support for turf baseball and softball fields at Adair Kennedy Park and maintenance and repairs to the existing turf soccer and football field at Adair Kennedy. The Juneau School District and field user groups are proponents of turfed fields.

Youth Activities

Numerous residents agree that Parks & Rec provides the “ounce of prevention” against crime, alcohol, and drug use and that constructive activities for children and adults contribute to a healthy and safe community. Many noted that this is especially true for youth and that affordable programs, after school activities, and identification and removal of barriers to participation for disadvantaged youth are important functions for Parks & Rec. A number of residents also feel that youth sports are valuable to all the community’s children and should continue to be supported. Outdoor programs for youth, indoor programs for youth, afterschool programs for youth and summer youth programs were the top four most important investments in programming cited by phone survey respondents; online survey results also prioritized youth activities.



1. Master Plan Overview – Recreation in Juneau

Recreation is instrumental to Juneau's culture. Situated between mountains and water and within the Tongass National Forest, Juneau attracts individuals interested in outdoor pursuits. Formal and informal recreation opportunities abound, with over 250 miles of trails and 6,000 acres of parkland as well as built indoor and outdoor recreation facilities for a variety of sports and activities.

The CBJ manages a diversity of Parks and Recreation assets and programs. As with many municipalities, Juneau's programs and facilities are of various ages and conditions, and it will be beneficial to have a coordinated plan for maintenance and improvement of assets, addition of new facilities and programs and/or changes to existing facilities and programs. The most recent Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1997, with the recommendations chapter updated in 2007. Since the completion of the 1997 plan, several new facilities have been developed or acquired by the community and shifts in community needs and priorities have not been assessed in relation to Parks and Recreation.

Since the 1997 Plan, the following facilities and programs have come on line:

- Dimond Park Aquatic Center – Pool facility constructed at Diamond Park in 2011
- Jensen-Olson Arboretum – Public garden deeded to the City in 2006
- Eagle Valley Center – Lodge facility, acreage and beach access purchased by the City in 1992, leased to SAGA and returned to the City in 2015
- Treadwell Ice Arena – Ice arena facility located at Savikko Park, constructed in 2003
- Dimond Park Field House – Indoor sports facility constructed in 2007 at Dimond Park and currently operated by Eaglecrest
- Body and Mind (BAM) – Youth after school program taken over by the City under the umbrella of Zach Gordon Youth Center in 2015
- Youth Wellness Center – Youth service program, formerly known as Young Parent Healthy Teen, taken over by the City under the umbrella of Zach Gordon Youth Center in 2015
- Youth Outreach Coordinator – New outreach position and service established by Zach Gordon Youth Center in 2016
- Hank Harmon Rifle Range – Shooting range and facilities operated by a non-profit society and maintained by Parks and Recreation since 2005

In addition to the existing and new facilities overseen and programmed by the Parks and Recreation department, an array of recreational programming offerings are provided by independent clubs and leagues within the community, most of which use Parks and Recreation facilities. Juneau's proximity to nature, both within and outside of the parks system also provides a variety of unstructured recreational opportunities, with community non-profits overseeing trail maintenance and organizing events related to nature-based recreation.



In light of these significant changes, and a need for a coordinated approach to facility development, maintenance, and modification as well as programming that reflects the current and future needs of the community, CBJ seeks to develop a new plan to document current facilities, programs, and levels of participation; to identify gaps in the current system; and to provide prioritized recommendations and implementation plans for filling those gaps and delivering programs and services more reflective of public need and desire.

1.1 Objectives

The objective of this project is to develop a Parks and Recreation Master Plan that serves the needs of the community of Juneau and addresses gaps in the current system over the next 10 to 20 years. The Plan will answer the question, “what does the department look like in 20 years?” and will provide a roadmap to achieve that long-term vision with recommendations and actions to be conducted over the next 10 years. The Plan will be easily updatable and will also identify opportunities for partnerships with community organizations and will seek to gather and reflect the needs of the broader public, not just current Parks and Recreation facility users.

1.2 Purpose of the Master Plan

Periodically, it is important for local governments to check in with residents to determine whether they are effectively meeting the needs of the population regarding a specific geographic area or government service. It is difficult for CBJ to know if we are making the right decisions today if we do not know where we want our parks and recreation services to be a decade from now. This process seeks to develop a roadmap to this long-term vision.

The need for a long-term plan is particularly critical given the changes that have occurred in how Juneau administers parks and recreation in the twenty years since the current Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan was written. As CBJ has built additional facilities, and shifted away from offering its own programs, community partnerships have become increasingly critical in ensuring that supply of recreational opportunities meets resident demand. As part of this public consultation process, we reached out to many diverse stakeholder groups in an effort to gather their feedback and ideas, as well as to discuss our present and future relationship. We held meetings with multiple groups present in areas where we saw opportunities for collaboration among community groups, and felt it was valuable for groups to hear one another’s perspective. These included other government land managers and trail maintenance entities (Trail Mix, US Forest Service, and Alaska State Parks), trail stakeholder groups, ball field user groups, neighborhood associations, and Eagle Valley Center users. With the trail user groups and Eagle Valley Center stakeholders, we made a commitment to hold future meetings.

Another important and easily overlooked component of this process is the need for a strategy for reaching out to underserved community members, particularly youth. It has long been recognized that Parks & Rec provides the ‘ounce of prevention’ against drug and alcohol problems, and that providing youth with safe, constructive activities in the two hours after school is critical for our community’s young residents. Zach Gordon Youth Center has taken recent steps toward



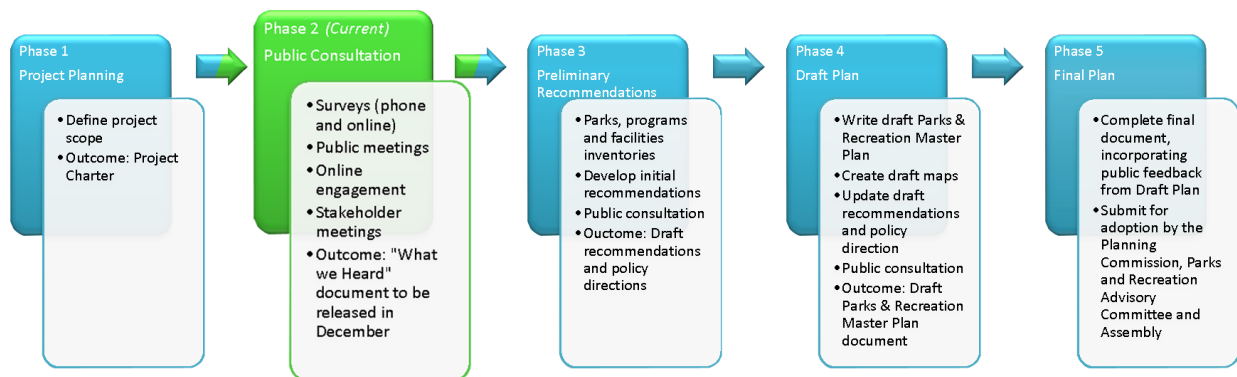
improvement in this area, taking over the Body and Mind (BAM) after school program in the middle schools and hiring a youth outreach coordinator to work with at risk individuals. However, it is important to continue to grow opportunities for youth without the money and/or support network to participate in traditional recreation programs. A key component of this process is to identify and eliminate barriers to participation, whether they are social, financial, or transportation-related. We have reached out to community organizations that provide youth services for help in developing this strategy, and these efforts are ongoing.

Regardless of whether residents participate in this process on behalf of a social service agency, partner non-profit, neighborhood, or private individual, we feel strongly that this process is a valuable opportunity to ensure that the community’s needs are reflected in the CBJ’s policy documents. We encourage Juneau residents to continue providing quality feedback.

1.3 Planning Process

1.3.1 Master Plan Timeline

The two year effort is divided into five phases, with a targeted completion date of spring 2018. While the project website, found at www.juneau.org/parkrec, is open for public comment throughout the process. Parks & Recreation staff will be actively seeking future public comments through public meetings and online engagement during the spring of 2017 when draft recommendations will be available for public review and again in the fall of 2017 when a draft plan will be available for public comments.





1.3.2 Deliverables

Deliverable 1: Project Plan

The project plan is a comprehensive, integrated, detailed set of files, including the following components:

- Project Summary Plan
- Project Scope Statement
- Work Breakdown Structure
- Resource Assignments
- Network Diagram
- Project Schedule
- Risk Register
- Communication Plan
- Stakeholder Management Plan
- Project Reports
- Closing documents
- Acceptance Criteria
 - For project documentation to be acceptable, all specifications must be met.

Deliverable 2: “What we Heard” Summary Document of Public Engagement Outcomes

This document provides a public, transparent and complete collection of community feedback from the first round of public consultation.

- Survey Results
- Public Meeting Outcomes
- Stakeholder Meeting Outcomes
- Online Engagement Outcomes
- Special committee Composition
- Initial Group Outcomes
- Acceptance Criteria
 - Collected and completed summary of public engagement outcomes organized into “what we heard” document.
 - Organized by facility/location, topic, and engagement type

Deliverable 3: Programs and Facilities Audit

The programs and facilities audit will benchmark Juneau’s Parks and Recreation services against national guidelines and similar communities and will identify priority projects and inventory data information about Juneau’s parks and recreation facilities.

- Needs Assessment
 - Gather information from community engagement for topical needs
 - Review NRPA guidelines for facility needs
 - Inventory of other remote communities as part of benchmarking
- Parks Inventory
 - Assess future capital improvement needs for CBJ Parks



- Use national guidelines to identify gaps in the parks system
 - Update policy mechanism for parkland acquisition and disposal
- Recreation Programs and Facilities Inventory
 - Ensure alignment with Parks inventory
 - Lay groundwork for fees and charges and cost recovery policies
- Summary Report of Results
 - Draft recommendations in table format
 - Inventory outcomes in memo format
- Acceptance Criteria
 - Outcomes of inventory reviewed by the special committee
 - List of draft recommendations with budget estimates reviewed by the special committee

Deliverable 4: Draft Plan

The draft plan will be a first draft document submitted to the public for review. The project team will reach out to stakeholders and the public through a series of meetings and online to ensure that the draft plan and recommendations are in line with the interests and needs of the community.

- Draft Plan
- Draft Maps
- Draft Recommendations
- Acceptance Criteria
 - For this deliverable to be accepted all specifications must be met.
 - Signoff by partner organizations, particularly those impacted by directions and recommendations

Deliverable 5: Final Plan

- Final Plan
 - Final document presented in a complete, visually appealing format and providing community-verified direction for how Juneau Parks and Recreation looks over the next one to two decades.
- Acceptance Criteria
 - Acceptance by PRAC
 - Acceptance of any lands-related recommendations by Planning Commission
 - Acceptance by CBJ Assembly



1.3.3 Exclusions

The following deliverables and tasks are excluded from the project:

Excluded from project:	Reason:
Fees and Charges / Cost Recovery	Parks & Rec will define a fees and charges policy and cost recovery targets is a separate but related project to be completed following the Master Plan process.
Parking	Parking is administered by Parks and Recreation but is also managed in some way by nine different CBJ departments. CBJ is in the process of evaluating parking services and programs. The parking function is outside of the core scope of the Parks and Recreation department and therefore is excluded from this project.
Centennial Hall	Centennial Hall has a facility plan drafted in 2004 that is still relevant to current operations. The facility will conduct a separate, but parallel public consultation process to gain feedback from key stakeholders and will update the 2004 plan with this information. This document will form an appendix to the Plan. Any public comments received during the Plan consultation process will be forwarded to the facility managers for review and possible action.
Building Maintenance	Building maintenance is controlled by Parks and Recreation but touches every other municipal department. It is outside the core scope of Parks and Recreation and will be excluded from this project.



1.4 Community Partnerships

1.4.1 Programming

Parks and recreation departments nationwide are moving away from providing programming and focusing resources on operating facilities with programming provided by partner organizations. Juneau is no exception. Since the 1997 Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan was completed, Juneau has constructed new facilities and moved away from providing programming activities where a community organization exists that could be in competition with Parks & Rec for participants and facility space; we endeavor to work with local service providers by maintaining and providing facilities and through scholarship programs. These partnerships are critical to the success of Juneau's tapestry of recreation and community service offerings, and an important component of the Master Plan process is connecting with each of our partners and ensuring that our long-term plan reflects their long-term vision.

Additionally Parks & Rec partners with community organizations to enhance our service offerings or make them more affordable. Recent examples include working with the Gaguine Foundation to offer summer pool passes to low income students; working with Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL) to obtain grant funding for the Youth Employment in the Parks program; and working with the Hope Foundation to partially fund a Youth Outreach Coordinator position administered through Zach Gordon Youth Center. It is a stated goal to continue to pursue such partnerships as we continue our efforts to reach out to underserved residents and provide constructive activities for all youth in our community.

1.4.2 Scholarships

CBJ currently provides scholarships for youth sports. The Youth Scholarship Program is designed to provide supplemental financial assistance to youth, up to 18 years of age and/or through high school, unless the program is intended for youth with disabilities, in which case the program may serve youth no older than 20 years of age. Scholarships are intended for youth that may not otherwise be able to participate in youth activities. The program is intended to be a resource after other available sources of funding have been applied, and is limited to an annual maximum award of \$100 per child. Scholarships are awarded based on a sliding scale. All information submitted as part of a scholarship application is confidential and will be used only to determine the level of scholarship awarded. Scholarships may be used for registration or program fees for activities other than Parks & Recreation programs, but certain guidelines apply for all activities. All external organizations that receive a Youth Activities Grant must have a scholarship program of their own.



1.5 Community Engagement

Parks & Rec staff coordinated a multi-faceted community engagement effort from September – November 2016. As previously noted, this document compiles the results of this initial public process.

The goal of this initial round of public consultation was to establish a baseline of information about how the community values the current CBJ Parks and Recreation system. In an effort to begin a community conversation about a vision for the future of parks and recreation in Juneau, we presented a baseline of our current operations and asked community members to rate the inherent value of each of our facilities and programs, and make suggestions for improvements to the current system. We will eventually combine this information with the results of parks, programs and facilities inventories and produce a set of recommendations for public review and discussion. Our hope is that the outcomes of this round of consultation deepens and broadens the public conversation and we are able to not only gather feedback from as many diverse community members as possible, but also provide individuals and groups with a forum for sharing their ideas for the future. Through this collaboration that we hope to produce a final plan that accurately reflects the community's needs and desires.

1.5.1 Public Surveys

Parks & Rec contracted McDowell Group to conduct both telephone and online surveys. 500 Juneau households were surveyed by phone in September, 2016. The results of this effort are statistically valid to +/- 95%. The phone survey was held prior to media advertising, the launch of online engagement and public meetings in an effort to catch residents before they had the chance to develop preconceived notions about the project. Results from the phone survey can be found in Appendix A: Public Survey Report.

The online survey was launched in October 2016, along with PlaceSpeak, Parks & Rec's public engagement platform. Residents were encouraged to register through PlaceSpeak to take the survey, with an analog option available by request. PlaceSpeak captures location data, automatically emails respondents with project updates, and provides a variety of ways to engage with the project. The other benefit of PlaceSpeak is that residents were only able to take the survey once, preventing individuals from attempting to sway the outcome by taking the survey multiple times. We received 304 survey responses through PlaceSpeak. Results of the online survey can also be found in Appendix A.

1.5.2 PlaceSpeak

In consultation with the CBJ Manager's Office, Community Development Department, and Management Information Systems department, Parks & Rec staff selected PlaceSpeak as the Plan's online platform. Once residents connect to the project on PlaceSpeak, they receive automatic project updates, prompts for surveys and polls, opportunities to participate in discussion forums, and a central location for both new and background information about the



project. Residents are geographically verified when they register for PlaceSpeak and are only required to register once to view and participate in multiple CBJ projects.

Along with a link to the online survey, PlaceSpeak content included a video of the public meeting presentation, information about the project history and timeline, a slideshow featuring the large format boards from the public meetings, links to relevant CBJ reports and background documentation, and a discussion forum where residents were asked to provide feedback. This content was designed in an effort to attract feedback from individuals who are interested in the project but may not have the time or inclination to attend a public meeting. At the time of this report, 1434 residents had viewed the project on PlaceSpeak with 336 connected.

1.5.3 Public Meetings

A series of public meetings were held at locations throughout Juneau in October 2016, with locations and dates as follows:

- October 5, 6-8 pm, UAS Glacier View Room, Egan 221
- October 10, 6-8 pm, Mendenhall Valley Public Library
- October 12, 6-8 pm, Mt. Jumbo Gym
- October 19, 6-8 pm, Centennial Hall Egan Room
- October 20, 6-8 pm, Dzantik'i Heeni Middle School

Participants were introduced to the project and the existing Parks and Recreation system through a twenty minute presentation and were asked to view and comment on a series of large format boards describing each of Parks & Rec's existing facilities and programs, including:

- Park Maintenance
- Landscape Maintenance
- Trails
- Youth Sports and Mount Jumbo Gym
- Adult Sports
- Zach Gordon Youth Center
- Pools (Dimond Park Aquatic Center and Augustus Brown Pool)
- Treadwell Ice Arena
- Eagle Valley Center
- Jensen Olson Arboretum

Each participant was given a card asking them to rate the inherent community value (as personally defined) of each of Parks & Rec's facilities and programs on a scale of 1-5. The opposite side of the card provided space for comments. Cards were collected by Parks & Rec staff as residents left the meeting. Verbal comments to Parks & Rec staff were also recorded on cards and included with the rest of the meeting feedback. Results from the public meetings can be found in section Public Meeting Outcomes.



1.5.4 Stakeholder Meetings

During September – December 2016 Parks & Rec staff met with 30 stakeholder groups to discuss their use of the Juneau Parks and Recreation facilities and services. Many of these stakeholders operate programs using Parks and Rec assets or are active partners in providing services to underserved community members, youth, or residents with disabilities. To connect with most of the groups, Parks & Rec staff attended scheduled board of directors meetings. In several cases, such as trails or field user stakeholders, it was necessary to convene a meeting of multiple stakeholder groups and relevant government agencies. Stakeholder groups were asked to provide their feedback in written form. These responses are included in section

Stakeholder Meeting Outcomes. Parks & Rec staff contacted as many relevant community groups as possible.

In addition, several groups reached out after the process commenced and asked to be included. Parks & Rec staff requested written feedback from these groups as well, and held meetings where both parties agreed it was necessary. We recognize there may still be organizations with valuable input to this process that we have not spoken with. We encourage those organizations to come forward and share their ideas and goals for the future.

1.5.5 Initial Group and Special Committee

As part of Phase 1: Project Planning, Parks & Rec staff convened a group of engaged community members who not only shared a fundamental understanding of what we were trying to achieve, but also had the capacity to see beyond their own interests and focus broadly on the good of the community. The Initial Group met three times on April 28, May 19, and September 14, 2016 with the goal of serving as a sounding board to Parks & Rec staff as we developed the project scope. The Initial Group reviewed the general methodology for public consultation, confirmed the goals for the end product, and discussed key community issues that would need to be addressed.

As we move into Phase 3: Programs and Facilities Audit, Parks & Rec will convene a special committee of PRAC that is demographically representative of Juneau. The primary responsibility of the special committee is to serve as the voice of the public, and the conscience of the plan; and when necessary make recommendations on the draft policy directions developed for the Master Plan. An ideal special committee member must have a willingness and dedication to commit both time and energy to the special committee; have an interest in planning and development, recreation, civic engagement, and environmental sustainability. An ideal member should also possess a willingness to encourage and accept input from residents and those affected by the outcomes of the Master Plan process.

Special committees shall be made up of no less than 9 and no more than 15 members consisting of a diverse group of community representatives. A PRAC member will serve as chairperson position of the special committee.



Special committee members are confirmed by the PRAC, and serve terms for extent of the Master Plan (meeting approximately every 3 weeks for 12 to 18 months). The special committee members shall ensure and commit to the following:

Reside in Juneau and have an interest in improving local parks and recreation facilities, programs and services;

- Volunteer their time and commit to attending meetings;
- Commit to consider compromises that may assist in managing conflict and build consensus;
- Listen and consider testimony from the public and government agencies;
- Commit to develop a plan that represents the affected study area;
- Commit to distribute accurate information to other community members and clarify misunderstandings or misperceptions.
- Commit to advocating the planning process within the Juneau community
- Commit to putting aside personal interests for the greater community good

1.6 Next Steps

The public surveys are now closed. We do not anticipate additional surveys at this time. We will use the poll feature on PlaceSpeak to survey the public on specific issues as the project progresses.

PlaceSpeak will remain up and running for the duration of the project. Residents are always encouraged to register and participate via discussion forums, noticeboards and polls. We will release documents on PlaceSpeak for public review, and will announce future events on that platform.

Additional public meetings will be held with the publication of preliminary recommendations in the spring of 2017 and the draft plan in the fall of 2017. Stakeholder groups will also be contacted to review specific recommendations, collaborate on specific components of the planning process, or discuss sections of the Plan at this interval.

Special committee recruitment will take place in December 2016, with appointments made in January 2017. The first special committee meeting will be held in February 2017, with subsequent meetings every three weeks, or as content is available for review.



2. Results by Category

In the following sections, results from all modes of public consultation are compiled by category, and broken down further into specific themes or areas of discussion. These results are taken from the public surveys, PlaceSpeak comments, stakeholder organization meetings and comments, and public meeting comments. Duplicate requests are noted with a number, i.e. request additional dog parks (x3).

2.4 General Comments

2.4.1 Funding Considerations

- Consider the economic impact of Parks and Rec.
- I totally get that we don't have the money for the near future, to change and grow. But that doesn't mean we can't plan and envision what that future will be like. Oil revenues have underwritten directly or indirectly our thinking for a long time. Let's start thinking about what we are willing to spend the revenues from traditional funding mechanisms for city government on and how we can leverage that money with other public and private partnerships.
- Parks and Rec should share financial information.
- Fund Youth Activity Grants and community partnerships. Engaging community partners in parks can be an efficient way to introduce many children to parks and recreation activities—while at the same time empowering local partners whose work extends well beyond the grant-funded programs. Besides keeping these grant programs fully funded, CBJ might also consider supporting the volunteer decision makers. It can be difficult for community volunteers, who decide grant awardees, to make tough funding choices impacting local organizations, or to track grant efficacy year to year. CBJ might consider expanded staff support or input for this process.
- Fund programs and people. Whether through partnerships with local non-profits, or directly through CBJ program staff, it's important to invest in the educators and organizers who provide programs engaging people in parks. I think we recognize that a great network of sports fields needs people to organize leagues and lessons. The same is true of any park resource. Organizations and CBJ program staff can introduce people to lifelong passions outdoors...programs like hunters education, kayak rentals, forest or intertidal interpretive programs, or fishing clinics all benefit the quality of life for Juneauites and engage people in the parks for the long term. It's tremendously important to fund the staff positions that facilitate the recreation—whether through direct staff or funding of partner organizations.
- Are we not in a budget crisis? At this point and time, we cannot afford to add more to the Parks, We have to wait until we have the money. And upkeep needs to be kept as affordable as possible
- The results of this survey should not be used to reduce funding for any existing activities



- I'd like to see consideration for decreased fees or scholarships for families where cost prohibits participation in youth sports, including equipment rentals/loans
- I recognize our fiscal difficulties and hope our staff will too.
- New opportunities are championed by local groups that have interest but no resources. CBJ should take those over (rock climbing, roller derby, etc.)
- Overall the city should slow down on projects.
- Juneau is financially too poor to be concerned about parks and recreation. Put a hold on all plans.
- Keep close eye on population. Don't spend money on new things without the peoples vote; not just voting on one thing to get what they want.
- I want a decision to operate Augustus Brown Pool and Treadwell Arena or close them until you get more revenue to operate.
- Balance cost of maintenance, best value with least amount of cost.
- Spending too much money on one area and not enough on others. Listen to the individuals as well as the larger groups.
- They took too much money from activities and put it into upgrading trails and parks. All in the need for tourism and not for the need in the community.
- Start converting programs so they are more self-supporting.
- I feel that it should be free to members of the community who pay taxes to use services paid for by their taxes. Boards are useless, and becoming a black hole. Limit the amount of money they spend on developing the plan and actually use the money on putting the money into a working plan.
- We've exhausted parks in this town. CBJ cut back across the board.
- We should pay attention to what makes sense fiscally - we don't need two of any program, Juneau is too small.
- P&R Staff does a phenomenal job – need to be recognized but should focus resources on maintaining high level of service at fewer locations
- Look for ways to spend less money rather than more.
- Spend less money on tourist nonsense.
- Not appropriate for CBJ to fund Treadwell Ice Arena or Eaglecrest Ski area. Centennial Hall worst debacle of all.
- Some companies or corporations should pitch in and help CBJ with cleanup of the fields, trail maintenance and general investment in programs, activities, services & facility costs.
- It doesn't matter what people want. The government does what they want anyway. We should be taking better care of our seniors.
- Don't focus on money. It's hard to quantify the health of the community.
- Utilize staff intelligently! Man power is the most expensive operational cost of any facility or program. Recreation jobs exist to support public recreation not for the sole sake of providing employment. When I see facilities staffed but not open to the public for use I question the management of public funds!



- Recreation Activities add to quality of life in our city, including for those looking to move here. More combination funding to include CBJ/Individuals/businesses before deciding to cut programs.
- Having the recreation opportunities we do keeps people in Juneau that would otherwise leave. The city should invest more in recreation, it makes Juneau a good place to live.
- Ensure decisions are budget driven, wondering whether budget was the motivation behind the Master Plan process
- It is important that funding is kept as high as possible in all areas of rec - the community needs safe, healthy places to visit to keep residents active and involved in healthy activities

2.4.2 Facility Maintenance and Development

- Collaborate on equipment use between Eaglecrest, Parks and Rec, and Public Works.
- Juneau needs a large, dry facility for community use that is affordable to all groups.
- Maintain what we have. Continue upgrades to our trails.
- Agree, to maintain what we have and upgrade when funds are available
- Seems we could use another facility like the Dimond Park Fieldhouse. Soccer gets pretty crowded at certain times of the year. Also, the Canada Center in Whitehorse is a great example of what to look at. I know that might be a bit beyond our budget but you got to have a dream.
- Thanks for all you do - CBJ trails and open spaces (Eaglecrest, Eagle/Boy Scout Beach) are a huge part of high quality in Juneau for my family
- It would be good to see a multi-purpose non-school drop in facility in the valley located in conjunction with the Dimond Park pool Consider a special park district with its own sales tax funding
- A multi-use facility in the valley much like the Canada Games center would be a welcome addition (would recommend a slightly bigger facility that can hold court games like volleyball, basketball and tennis). Our school gyms are not enough to fit all of the needs of local users.
- Really need more facilities Downtown/Douglas. Would love to use the Field House but the drive to the Valley is too far. Would take a field house over an ice rink.
- Maintain what we have, add more programs and facilities as we can. Juneau is a wonderful place to keep active and thereby (the whole community is) healthy and productive.
- Develop area wide multi use pass for ski, pool, bus, ice arena, tram, etc.
- Not at this time.
- Ketchikan has an amazing community facility. When I travel there I see a beautiful example of diversity....single moms, Alaska Natives, privileged and supported athletes...THAT is awesome--great goal for our Juneau community. I recommend that your board goes and checks it out.
- Take care of the facilities and trails before building new things to take care of.
- Importance of investing in parks and recreation activities and facilities



- Focus on maintaining current parks and recreation assets
- Maintain what we have rather than looking to build new facilities.
- Keep up with maintaining all current facilities and programs.
- Concentrate on facilities rather than adding new ones.
- We have the right amount of recreation right now, we just need to keep up with the maintenance.
- I don't think we need anything else, we need to pay for what we've got
- Keep up on the maintenance for our current facilities and continue current programs and activities.
- Keep all facilities they already have open and utilized like the baseball fields in Auke Bay, etc. There are many facilities and areas not being utilized, or if not needed make it into a different recreational facility that will be utilized better.
- Don't take any services away, just improve them.
- Continue to maintain what we have.
- Better public access to recreational areas. Many older/disabled people have difficulty with mobility and don't want to compete with younger people to use a facility.
- Need to have 24 Hour facilities and free transportation.
- Better landscaping and multiple uses for the same space, for example; the trail at TMHS, it goes around, over bridge, and around-multiple use- like Rotary Park; you can feed the ducks, there's a playground, and you can walk around.
- Indoor facilities like field house needs to be more accessible and less expensive. Build more throughout town.
- Additional parks and recreation assets
- There is a building in Ketchikan that has a walking track, basketball courts, etc. that is always open to the public free of charge. I would like to see something like that in Juneau. A walking track in the Downtown/Douglas area is very important to me. Right now I drive from Douglas to the field house in the valley just to use the outdoor walking track.
- Affordable gym for public.
- Need transportation to parks and facilities for people who cannot drive.
- Need another indoor facility for sports like soccer, the Field House alone is not enough, it's often booked with school activities etc. or closed.
- More facilities available in the downtown area.
- Increase boat launch space and dock spaces. Too many things for tourists; leaves no room for locals. I suggest a bike rack at the Mendenhall glacier. I suggest an 'Alpine Run' during the summer at Eagle Crest would be very profitable. I am thinking of moving because there's not enough boat space. I stay in the community all year and don't get to use my boat. I've had to switch my days (when I can) to be able to boat. I've also lived here for over 20 years.
- Have more facilities for disabilities and safer areas at a lower cost.
- Small boat rentals for Auke Lake or Auke Bay, anywhere there's water. A lodge at Eaglecrest for year-round use and upgrades on the facility.



- There needs to be a community rec center in Lemon Creek or Valley, Walmart is a great possibility. We need an indoor tennis facility and roller rink, CBJ or State of Alaska should fund and maintain this facility, people of all ages should be allowed to use the facility free of charge. The Alaska Club is way too expensive for most youth and young adults to join so we need a community place for all to have fun steer away from drugs, alcohol and mischief.
- We should take over Walmart and use the whole facility for activities, It's in a good location and easily accessible.
- Winter: Need indoor open gyms. Have areas/facilities open to the public for physical and mental activities. Summer: Have outdoor gathering places that provide physical and mental activities centered around those in their early 20's to early 40's and give an opportunity to meet and engage in healthy activities.
- Need for gym space in the valley
- Open a second horse barn.
- Gyms need maintenance (school district)
 - School district should have maintenance fee structure for gym equipment (scoreboards, microphone, etc.)
 - Currently depends on who is the school district activity person
- Interested in adding on to Dimond Park Aquatic Center for a court
 - HoopTime was given 10K grant for feasibility study by McDowell in 2012
 - Found 13 organizations that were interested in partnering on an indoor recreation facility

2.4.3 Community Outreach and Partnerships

- Concertedly and intentionally do more outreach to Alaska Native, Pacific Islander, East Asian, Latin, and Black communities and community members to see how our fellow community members of color use (or don't use) City facilities and examine their access (or potential lack of access) to community facilities. Gunalcheesh!
- Support programs emphasizing Alaska Native heritage. All Juneauites develop a remarkably deeper connection to local nature through learning about traditional interactions with the land. It also can engage the entire community and bring the community together.
- I love the ANC healthy living commercials for youth and family. Those are inspirational and positive motivators. More visual advocacy in our community. I see many young adults I coached 10-15 years ago who have moved back to Juneau. They are now in their 20's and 30's. They are playing sports and hitting the trails. They are starting to have families too. Let's keep them in Juneau and accommodate their interests. That is why they came back. As an almost retired person with ailing feet and knees, don't forget about us too. Nice if we had a few million dollars handed to Juneau P and R to accommodate all of our interests! Great start getting a survey.
- The heroin epidemic in this town is bad, finding hypodermic needles while out doing healthy activities with the family is very sad and scary. I know your crews do their best, but it is a sad reality that it effects people getting out for fear of finding these things.



- Education/communication/outreach
- Make the plan available online (draft plan) I would like to follow it like the strategic pathway like UAS. Public participation, meeting with the public. It would be nice to address specific issues. Whitehorse has a giant Aquatic center with soccer fields, an ice rink, and basketball courts; all under one roof and administration. Efficiency would be increased by centralizing on site.
- Partner with as many Juneau Nonprofits that supply recreational services to Juneauites as possible examples: Swim Club, Discovery Southeast, Gymnastics Academy, Soccer Club, Midnight Suns, Gastineau Little League, Club Basketball, Tai Chi, Bartlett Hospital, Mountainview Senior Services, Catholic Community Services, Local Day Care groups, Scouts, USFS Mendenhall VC Programs; use your connections to leverage services for Juneauites
- Be involved in new areas of development. More public outreach to empower user groups to help fight for funding. Work to ensure school playgrounds are open to the public after hours, as they serve as community playgrounds/ parks. More after school programs to keep kids off electronics. What are the demographics and how are we working to accommodate those shifts?
- Do the best you can to reach out to underserved audiences. They don't have time and/or see the benefit from participating in processes like this. It's all blah for someone else.
- 1. Simplify this survey process. 2. Advise and advertise Juneau area neighborhood associations and residents of this survey-it's where they live and they should have the most say so.
- Maybe delegate or lean on some of the non-profit groups for development or assistance.
- I think it would also help if CBJ Parks and Recs did more public outreach to the community about programs/activities that are available for the public. Additionally, (not sure if they already provide this) some individuals and families cannot afford certain parks and recreational activities, so it would be helpful to provide scholarships or a sliding fee scale so that people can do things and be active without feeling like that they can't afford it.
- I love Juneau! Would love vibrant healthy activities for all people that encourage feelings of inclusion, lots of exercise, and appreciation for our unique surroundings and each other.
- Somewhere in the master plan the amount and management of homeless people in the parks needs to be addressed.
- The Parks Dept. has been ravaged by budget cuts while having more responsibilities piled on. We need to remove parking from P&R first and foremost. We need to respect that we do not have an endless supply of maintenance crew while parks are added and demand is high for the crew's time already. I believe that it is vital to continue our programs that are available to all ages, however, continuing to add to our already large variety of activities provided by CBJ is unsustainable. Please work to maintain and improve what we have available today for a better future of parks and trails.



- Think out of the box to expand rec programs for people who aren't now exercising or socializing.
- Make Juneau residents your priority. Tourism should not be what drives decisions, year round residents should.
- To maximize the positive influence that P&R facilities and programs may potentially have, place emphasis on Juneau's youth while they're at such an "impressionable" age, particularly to counteract their oh so common complaint that "they're bored/there's nothing to do" - as well as to desirably keep them out of mischief and away from bad habits. Also largely address as much as possible the wants and needs of senior citizens who comprise an ever-increasing segment of Juneau's population.
- Give a heads up, mail, or advertise about surveying so people have time to think about their answers and what they want to add.
- Helpful to have better outreach and have community member help to participate and affect change.
- I hope CBJ welcomes and advertises an 'open' survey so all ages can voice their requests or mail surveys out to the public
- Recruit, invite, people to volunteer.
- Parent involvement in city programs. They need a volunteer clinic. They need a meeting for all volunteers and not an email blast. Give better training and communication to their volunteers.
- Encourage kids and families to get out and use facilities and trails.
- I would like to use trails and parks for recreation but I don't know where they are. There needs to be more information on where trails and parks are located.
- Need to improve permit fee process for community groups to use CBJ properties
 - Took a while to get sorted, anything where there is a change in CBJ policy that has an effect, the sooner the communication begins about what the change means and what the impacts would be, the better.
 - Remember that you are working with volunteers working to serve the community at large

2.4.4 Programming

- Youth Activities and Motorsports used to be a huge part of Juneau and should be brought back. Hiking, biking and berry picking is not all of what represents Juneau.
- Yes, P&R Committee should have term limits. Need to represent changing demographics of recreators. Fresh ideas are needed.
- Ask the cruise industry what they want from Juneau to make it a better destination.
- Take into consideration our changing climate, like lack of snow.
- Activities and programs
- Have different cultured programs for everyone. Request for more ideas for more cultured people and all different ages.



- Winter programs are limited. There needs to be more activities and facilities for all ages to keep people mentally and physically active. Winter season can be depressing and could be a reason people seek out and become hooked on drugs.
- Community events that bring people out to the community may encourage people to use them more. Events at the field house of swimming pool, etc.
- More incentives for families for family time togetherness. More winter activities during high time of depression more trails open.
- Need more programs for seniors.
- Keep it positive.
- There needs to be recreation that doesn't center on traditional sports.
- Haven't thought about it. Everything is fine. Just leave it.
- HoopTime Basketball has found scheduling issues with community schools and Parks and Rec
 - Parks and Rec season changed and caused conflicts
 - Why did Parks and Rec move programs to conflict with HoopTime?

2.4.5 Cost of programs

- Cost of recreation
- Make activities and programs more affordable so everyone can have a chance to participate.
- There needs to be more scholarship opportunity.
- Consider a sliding scale for activities.
- Not enough free activities everything costs for single parents.
- Charge less fees so more children and young adults can participate in programs and activities.
- Keep low-income families in consideration for youth programs, provide programs in their neighborhoods so transportation to and from isn't an issue.
- Want a "cheaper" recreational area for all ages.
- School sports are too expensive for poor students/families.
- Money is tight but I don't mind paying more so those who can't afford it will have the opportunity to participate in rec activities. Maybe CBJ could have a program like Pick Click Give for underserved, economically disadvantaged families/children
- There needs to be more facilities open to the public free of charge.
- City sports should be free to participants.
- Keep costs in check so those on fixed income can afford to use facilities.

2.4.6 Fireworks

- Stop making rules like banning fireworks.
- Fireworks should not be allowed in the downtown area especially parks, they are unbearable to pets and people.
- Ban personal use fireworks in parks.
- Regulate noise, safety in city parks. e.g. fireworks



2.4.7 Appreciation

- Thank You for your good work we appreciate your hard work in Parks and Rec.
- Appreciates that this survey is being done since it has been a while since the last one.
- I think they do a good job in general and they should know that.
- CBJ does an excellent job at providing recreation opportunities in Juneau.
- Keep up the good work! (x3)
- You're doing great so far.
- Thanks for all you do.
- Great job with all the programs, hope CBJ continues all of them.
- All are very important and necessary to continue the amazing work Parks and Rec is doing. Well done!
- Recreational opportunities are so important given the climate in our community. Thanks for helping us all stay active!
- Thank you for taking the time to poll Juneau residents on this matter. Recreation is very important to our wellness in Juneau and Alaska.
- I moved here in 2010 and I am amazed with this survey that there are so many different places. I had no clue. Maybe have a packet for new people about what is available here.
- Parks and Rec programs add value and help keep youth out of trouble.
- I am excited to see this plan develop and for our community to derive inspiration from it!
- Each year (rain or shine) we participate in an autumn leaf jump. Over the years other schools have joined in to what is becoming a community tradition. Thank you CBJ this year for helping us gather leaves!
- I think it is important to have diversity in recreational facilities in this town when it is sometimes difficult to get out in the dark/rain. I have always found that the adult indoor recreation options are plenty and varied and I think that is great for this town! Keep it up as the budget allows.
- Community value – importance of Parks and Recreation to life in Juneau

2.5 Parks

2.5.1 General

- Park and trail improvements and new facilities are severely lacking in lemon creek. Since the 1993 trails plan, not much has been done in that area of town. Lemon Creek is undervalued and always the last area considered by the CBJ. Why?
- Maintain abundant, high-quality wild areas. While we sometimes focus on built parks, it's important to remember the value of having wild areas and access to them. These areas largely define Juneau, and make our community healthier by providing opportunities from hiking to hunting, as well as a sense of wildness and connection to the natural world. Trails, access, and just maintaining wild areas all benefit our community.



- Get rid of the wedding cake and Marine Park covered area, use it for the whale or for cruise passenger staging / pick-up / drop-off. Sell land too private owners, CBJ P&R has way too many land holdings.
- Use or trade weeding/cleaning parks from participants as partial payment for activities; or a requirement example: One practice is spent cleaning around the school/Field/Park teaching our youth about pride of contributing to our community. I know we have a cleanup day but what if we had the different Activities pick up and what if we did it more than once a year in the fall as well as the spring. Or designate a park and all indoor soccer people help clean it up. Sorry just rambling. I think CBJ does an awesome job and makes the most of what it has. I do not think we stress community service enough with our youth or the pride that comes with it. Sorry for rambling a little.
- Add outhouses at parks.
- Keep the bathrooms at parks and fields open for use.
- There needs to be covered seating/standing at outdoor sports fields for spectators. I don't go as often to watch my son because the seats are too hard and I always get rained on and wet. It's not comfortable.
- More covered areas at parks and sports fields and more/better lighting.
- Parks are awesome, we have to take care of them.
- Availability played a big role in our decision to move from Ketchikan. Recreational programs, trails, parks and facilities.
- More available cabins for campers.
- It is important to develop boat launch and kayak/canoe launch in different areas of Juneau.
- Keep in mind cleanliness of parks, safety factor.
- Duck hunting is too close to houses. Not against hunting, but regulations need to be changed to protect people and their homes. Its unsafe hunting!
- Make a program or plan to keep drunk people out of the parks.
- To have security available at the parks and trails in case there are drug users around disposing of their drug contents. So that way the parks and trails are cleared for children use.
- Suggest a labyrinth to treat addiction. The intention is provide a sense of community building and provide sacred space for healing; it is imperative that WE as a community as a whole address this issue as we all are affected in some way. Addiction has many 'faces' that need be talked about through connecting. Connecting with nature with other people and most importantly, connecting with oneself; which, studies clearly suggest that this is the ROOT of addiction: LACK OF CONNECTIONS. 1. There is not a specific park in mind. However, having space that is centrally located is ideal! But, in scope of the intention of the project, getting the land shall be the biggest quest 2. The size of the labyrinth can accommodate the allotted space. There is not set guidelines per-say, to construct as labyrinth can be arranged according to the size of land, i.e. the number of circuits or even style of labyrinth. ~on a rough estimate, 40+ feet diameter is ideal. 3.



Labyrinths have been created through the centuries through stonework, etched in the landscape. In preserving the integrity, the city would need to consider what mode would be most practical for maintenance. 4. I absolutely envision partnering with such organizations and agencies as:

- Juneau Stop Heroin, "Start Talking"
- Rain forest Recovery
- JAMHI, Haven House
- Juneau Rotary
- Juneau Community Foundation...
- JPD
- P&R making good headway on accessibility (project playground, accessibility showcase, and accessible dock at Twin lakes)
- Roll-on playground equipment for people who can't transfer out of wheelchairs
- Continuing on accessibility path as things get replaced and new plans developed
- All known historic areas should have interpretive signage, designation
- Improve park and trail signage
 - QR codes on signs to provide more information or interpretive tour opportunities
 - Names in Tlingit language

2.5.2 ORV Use

- Build off-road vehicle park/trails (x9)
- Make an ORV track and ATV park within city limits.
- Build ATV only trails.
- Oppose CBJ investment in motorized recreation
- Open some land so we can responsibly use and manage trails for ORV
- Needs to be more off roading trails. There needs to be more places to go without having to disturb the environment or getting fines. I want trails for off roading that are legal.
- Providing off road vehicle areas and other activities targeting young adults is extremely important, it may help keep some off drugs by staying busy, and active enjoying things that genuinely interest them. Activities, facilities should be the #1 priority in Juneau this day and age with the amount of drug/alcohol abuse on the rise. It should not be ignored or pushed aside.
- Provide ATV and OHV (jeep) trails or access to top of mountains for camping and recreation. We have beautiful views here that are not accessible to all residents of Juneau. Please allow people to drive to the top of our mountains and enjoy the views. We have more than enough property with no access. This year alone my family has spent over \$6000.00 traveling in state and out of state to enjoy off-road activities. Along with five other households. All of that money was not spent in Juneau, due to access.
- Allow a private group to develop an off road motor sports area, Make the USFS donate land and call it mitigation for impacts from illegal riding activities resulting from closures of previously used areas.



- I think CBJ P&R needs to think slightly out of the box per say and develop an ORV park for the many users (Even if it requires payment/ membership fees). I think an additional field house would benefit the city. I think less time and money needs to be spent on the trails unless some of them are going to be opened up as RS2477 right of ways and ORV's will be allowed on them.
- Only allow activities in parks that do not discourage other uses of the same park. We need a park for the higher impact activities such as fireworks, dirt bikes, ATVs. This park would have to be far away from residential areas.
- Three VERY IMPORTANT issues that need to be accommodated or considered: 1. Keep PUBLIC spaces PUBLIC 2. Maintain/improve multi-use trails and parks as NONMOTORIZED venues. 3. Retain Hendrickson Natural Park as NON-MOTORIZED 4. Stop further investment in the consideration of OHV parks, lands, or facilities on CBJ lands. It is not practical nor worthy of investment of public dollars to accommodate this small user group with a known and problematic history.
- Motorized activities such as motocross ATV and snowmobiling should be explicitly excluded from CBJ parks. Their noise is offensive and the normal use of their equipment is polluting and degrades the land.
- We still need an OHV park. That's been community a wish-list item for years that Parks & Rec has not had the fortitude to follow through on
- Please give ATV owners access to land to use our machines. It would provide another recreation opportunity in Juneau that many would appreciate, at least as much use as the other CBJ facilities that we appreciate.
- Designate ATV areas
- Open motorized use areas.
- Yes, I believe, for equity for all, it is essential to keep public spaces public, as multi use (non-motorized) as possible, and as accessible (fees, etc.) as possible. We request Hendrickson Park remains a NATURAL Non-motorized with more enforcement on ORV use in this nonnotarized area, as it is illegal and tearing up delicate muskeg and adjacent wetlands.
- it is my belief that the city of Juneau should lift the ban on ORV's , ever since 1989 when the forest service stop ORVs and the city followed suite has been a terrible decision , I would future like to mention that the city consider building a race care track in the field inaction the lemon creek dump between the highway and the dump by Vanderbilt road this site could also be used as a fair grounds and ORV park bonuses to this area are 2 fold good lighting close to the police station and near the hospital , this area is also large enough for a 1/4 mile stock car track.
- I really think that making these trails for 4X4 vehicles will be essential. A lot of the Juneau population thrives off of these activities. Especially jeep owners and people who invest their money into these projects. We don't like to be fined for having fun.
- Would love to be able to go out and use 4 wheelers and jeeps/similar to be able to see beautiful views and get up mountains



- Would love to see summer access to the Eaglecrest road for off-road vehicles, open up the Salmon Creek damn road, provide a special day or two where vehicles are allowed to drive up Perseverance trail, would like to see more areas in general opened up for off-road vehicle access.
- I think you're doing a good job have done a good job with many of the programs you offer. I do feel strongly that there should be an ORV trail here in Juneau. There are hundreds of miles of trails and nothing for legal use. This industry is growing and seems to only be limited by access to land. The demand is high here in Juneau and Alaska in general. The trail would likely be a very popular and highly used
- As a member of the Southeast Jeep Club (based in Juneau) it is very disappointing that there are no trails/areas for us to go off-road driving. Our club has over 160 members and we have to go out of town to drive in the woods! We would like to see this change.
- I would like to see the city open a few trails up to motorized use again to snow machines in the winter and quads/dirt bikes/etc. the rest of the year.
- Keep green spaces and non-motorized public areas intact (such as Hendrickson National Park) non-motorized. These spaces are a premium/priority for residents and increasing tourism.
- Motocross activities would require 2 to 10 acres of land with good soils that allow for drainage and maintain the intended shape of man-made obstacles. Portable restrooms and parking are important. Equipment and maintenance could be provided by the user group to offset costs. Milestone MX park in San Bernardino Ca, is a good example of a large variety in a small foot print. <http://milestonemx.com> Anchorage Alaska has a MX park at Kincaid Park which would be comparable in size to what would be obtainable in the Juneau area. <http://www.anchorageracinglions.com>
- Trail riding and free riding would require 10 + acres. Parking and portable restrooms are important. Trails would be created by users and evolve over time. These trails could be shared with other OHV, and mountain biking users. Again, equipment and maintenance could be provided by the user groups.
- I am writing in regards to your work on the master plan. Thank you for doing this as it of concern to many of us in the community. As you know there has been a continual displacement of the off road vehicle users as more and more areas have been closed to their use. Many of these areas were indeed unsuitable but many were in places where the impacts were minimal. It has progressed to the point where there are no legal areas to use these vehicles yet many folks in Juneau continue to own them. For years we had a very large, active motocross racing program and there are many of us who participated in those that would like to be able to race off road today. I have been in touch with dozens off folks who would like to start a buggy/ kart racing league. A couple acres at best would work for the actual track with an additional area for parking. Part or all of it of it could be shared with other users of course. Please consider the needs of the off road vehicle community when evaluating the recreational needs of Juneau. Feel free to contact me with any questions concerning this subject.



2.5.3 Field Use

- **TURF LIMITATIONS:** Juneau Soccer Club (JSC) is currently “turf limited.” As mentioned above, JSC essentially loses most of March due to lack of turf availability in the Field House and inability to get gym time. In summer, there has been less-than-optimal scheduling due to the availability of our main turf. Generally, JSC secures time via CBJ P&R on Adair Kennedy Field. This turf is heavily desired by most programs because P&R offers a large user group rate, based on a \$/per child in the program. This “flat fee” is cost effective but still represents about \$2,200 per year.

There are other outdoor turf fields at Thunder Mountain and Juneau-Douglas High Schools, but there is a problem which is worth discussing. Thunder Mountain and Juneau-Douglas turf fields are run by Community Schools, while Adair is run by P&R. The two organizations have different rates and reservation policies. The easier for a program like JSC is via Parks & Rec, which offers the bulk rate. It also allows for a known schedule in advance. The Thunder turf is about \$22/hour which is significantly higher and only allowed to be reserved on this hourly basis. There is also a problem with being able to lock down schedules as some school programs do not lock in their schedules or reserve more than needed. Since they have “bump” rights, programs like JSC cannot adequately plan for use there. Previous attempts were made to work with the School District to develop a bulk rate and guaranteed time by JSC was turned down twice.

Opportunity: The current state of the situation is that Adair is overloaded and while the other two fields remain empty most of the summer. ALL are CBJ fields, just through different administrative organizations. Use of the turf does not create additional costs to the “owner” since there is minimal wear and tear on these surfaces, while staff are not needed to operate or maintain it due to use by these user groups. There is an excellent opportunity to find administrative processes to share the time between the management groups so that we keep more children on the turf instead of having to reduce practice times due to lack of turf. We are available to discuss some thoughts on this subject further.

- JDHS and TMHS are looking for a lot of the same things. First is that we can turf a softball and baseball field in Adair Kennedy grounds and use the R&M design plan that was created a few years back. I don't know if Parks and Rec. has anything to do with the wiring or the stereo system at AK FB/Track field, but it really needs to be re-wired. A really important request is that we really need to be able to play games, weather permitting, by mid- April on all the baseball/softball fields at Melvin Park and AK. The AK baseball is field is too small of a field to host a state tournament on. If we could cut back some of those trees and extend the fence to where it meets the state requirements to host the baseball tournament. Lastly, we need a new scoreboard for the AK baseball field. That thing is on its last leg and would be great if we could get a new updated scoreboard, since if we cut the trees back and extend the fence we could possibly be hosting a state tournament at.



The number one thing that both schools and community need is to get those fields turfed; it will save money in the long run and will be more fun and safer for every person that uses it.

- To utilize Adair-Kennedy Turf, we need to maintain the trees regularly so that natural sunlight can come in and thaw the field. HS sports are losing time for use as the trees have been continued to grow since the time the turf fields were put in. It seems that over time, some sports have developed a relationship with youth and adult organizations to provide activities and facilities. Seems like a possible cost-effective move. For example, it appears GCLL runs baseball/softball but the city takes care of fields. Could the same be done for soccer, basketball and other activities? It's a bit confusing that scheduling for some facilities go through CBJ and then some go through the JSD. One hub to go to and pay to would sure ease the burden on organizations that use many facilities in the city of Juneau.
- Resurfacing fields – better communication and planning
 - Can it be done in the time frames that work for the users
 - Making sure the field with the highest need is done first
 - Impacts vs. benefits of resurfacing would prefer not to see that in the future
 - One field for high school age don't have enough to rotate through
 - Little league can make due with Melvin
 - Is there a way to resurface without impacting the season?
 - Rotational field usage so we know when each field is being resurfaced to accommodate all ages (alternative to Adair Kennedy)
- Douglas neighborhood lower participation – need to focus on Sandy Beach – reconfigure Savikko
 - Clover fields at Savikko
 - Best use of the land
 - Can have multiple games at once
 - Currently not using field 1 on Sandy Beach
- Lights/scoreboards at Adair Kennedy need repair
- Dugouts at Dimond Park need improvements
- Collaborative efforts between City, Juneau Softball Association (JSA) and volunteers/donors could help make necessary improvements if JSA is able to lead the efforts.
- Drainage issues at Dimond Park
- New concession at Dimond stand will be an improvement – would like to see running water and bathrooms
- User groups want to use field as early as absolutely possible – the earlier in the spring the fields are ready, the better
- Juneau needs fields we could potentially run a state tournament on – possibly too short for State softball
 - Would require more work on stands and viewing areas



- Scheduling in Southeast is challenging because of other communities field needs
 - Challenging if not scheduling games until May 1 – weather permitting
 - Communication was great last year
 - Recommend parks crews on board a little earlier to prep fields
- Turf would solve all problems
 - \$3.8m softball / \$4.3 baseball - \$6-8m high to low cost for both
 - Turfed infields a lower cost possibility
- Gastineau Channel Little League (GCLL) wants to use Dimond Park at times not being used by JSA – has always had interest in using it on weekends and would prefer Dimond to other community fields
 - Like the atmosphere of multiple games at once
 - Would like to continue as Cope comes back on line
 - Likes Dimond because you can finish running games earlier than sites with only one field
- Base pads and mounds would be great improvements
- Would love to see turf clover
- Aant'iyek
 - GCLL thinks caters more toward adults
 - Disc golf players are rowdy
 - Not high on priority in terms of quality
- Lena
 - No restrooms
 - Softball started using Melvin/DZ instead of Lena
 - Easier to use Cope for Tee ball
- Savikko 1
 - Talked about doing intermediate division GCLL
 - 50/70 would need portable mound
 - Could be used for tee ball
- Environment is key
 - Bleachers and turf make it more attractive
- Netting at Dimond over clover leaf – fouls hit netting and roll out
- The baseball/softball fields really need either artificial turf or real grass. They are very hard, rocky, and dangerous.
- I see a building conflict among user groups that use fields. First between Adult and Children and then also for softball vs. all other sports use of ball fields. I also think all city owned resources need to be a part of the inventory which includes the JSD as they are a part of our city and available for use. Look at darkened vs. TMHS turf fields.
- We should build a softball complex like the one in Whitehorse.
- Better quality fields, make a place where kids can't get hurt.
- Better baseball fields.
- More baseball/softball fields and they need turf.



- The Adair Kennedy turf needs to be fixed
- Baseball field updated with turf.

2.5.4 Dogs

- Dogs in parks are missing from the survey. Recent polls showed 40% of Mendenhall Glacier users walking dogs. While there are negative aspects of every user group, dog owners are a significant user group that should be recognized.
- I would like to see designated dog parks. Juneau is a wonderful community with endless trails and beaches that are ideal for dog walks. There are a lot of residents that will go to the public parks around town and take their dogs onto the fields. These are softball, baseball, soccer, and football fields where our kids go to play. It is nice for the dog owners to be able to get into these fenced in areas where they can take their dogs off of the leash to let them run around. The dogs also urinate and defecate on the fields. Most dog owners are responsible enough to clean up what mess they can, but not all. There is a City ordinance stating that dogs can't go into the areas where there is playground equipment or on the turf fields, for good reason. So why let the dogs do their business on our other fields where our kids go to play. I have even seen dog obedience classes that are being held on the softball fields and then there is a softball game 30 minutes later. It would be nice to have designated areas for dogs to go run around without creating a mess or a health hazard for the kids and other community members. There are lots of studies and articles that have been published concerning this matter. Here's one example. <https://www.quora.com/Are-dog-feces-and-urine-in-city-parks-and-other-urban-spaces-a-public-health-danger>
- There are unused (or little used) ball fields in the community that would make great dog parks at minimal cost. All they need is a gate.
- Would also like clarity/enforcement on unleashed dogs on city trails. Nearly every trail run is interrupted by an unleashed dog either growling at me or jumping on me.
- I am outside because I have a dog. My neighborhood area is Twin Lakes. I enjoy being outside with my dog on the local trails. I would like to see more dog access points downtown - green areas for dogs and owners to sit and visit while in the hub of the community. More than Cope Park is necessary. Capitol Park is really a kid playground, not really suited as a green area for dogs.
- Allow dogs in all CBJ parks
- Turn Lena Loop Ballfield into a mixed use area for dog exercise and training. It is not being used as a ballfield but is being used daily almost every daylight hour for people to run their dogs. I believe it could be developed into a dog training area with just a few amenities that could be co-maintained with a working group of interested people. These amenities would include a gate at the door and poop disposable equipment and waste cans.



- Please expand the Lena area Rotary Park to a dog-friendly facility similar to downtown's Cope Park, which is no longer being used as a sports area, but more commonly is used by dog owners. Would be excellent as a dog-training, dog-agility space!
- Would like to see the Lena Pt fields turned into a dog training exercise facility with additional trash can next to fields. Dog friendly trails are very important to us, and very much a recreational activity.
- Please provide a dog park in valley, lemon creek and downtown.
- Yes, CBJ needs to quit gearing everything towards people that walk dogs. They need to gear it towards other things.
- Love the new harbor, it's really important to keep the dog beach (Sandy Beach) so they can run free, we should make more dog parks/beaches.

2.5.5 Commercial Use

- Work to keep local parks for LOCALS. No commercial tourism on our trails or in our parks. Keep tour buses out of places like Cope Park and similar areas!
- Don't put tourist use first on any prioritization of facility upgrades. I know they use a lot of trails and boat launch areas, but I think enlarging the trails and parking areas to accommodate their number causes their number to keep growing. A battle that can't be won, and trying to keep up with it just industrializes another part of nature.
- Opportunity for accessible tours somewhere in Juneau:
 - OPDMD – Other power driven motor devices
 - What is a “motorized” vehicle has changed
 - There are no trails that scooters can use and are allowed for commercial purposes
 - SAIL's tour idea – accessible tours bringing people who need assistance into the woods
 - City needs to have a set of standards around OPDMD

2.5.6 Specific Parks

- Auke Lake needs to be a bigger part of this process. The report that was written on the Lake committed P&R to collecting data for 2 years and that did not happen to my knowledge.
- Pipeline Skate Park needs official management. Issues go unaddressed at that park.
- Pipeline Skate Park upgrades, i.e. BBQ outside Skate Park. Cement the whole parking lot. And maybe a skate park downtown.
- Bike area at Pipeline Skate Park, for younger kids
- General Pipeline Skate Park investments/improvements (5)
- If, as Kirk Duncan said: "Idle hands are the Devil's playground" Then idle feet must be the Devil's Disneyland. There are a growing number of skateboarders on Douglas Island, and with them a growing amount of support for skate friendly features. From writing grants, to building quarter pipes, and fun boxes on 5th street, to skating under the public library. Riding buses is an option but at times onerous during the week when homework or chores demand the idle appendages be near the hearth. Could Jumbo Gym, and, (Treadwell when it is ice free), host portable skating features? Or could the design of the



"pavilion" at Treadwell Historic site include such skating features? Can skater friendly elements be included in the design and rebuild facilities? The comments in this reveal a healthy conservative perspective, but there is plenty of room for public, private partnerships volunteer and club efforts. The city spends very little on Nordic Ski Trails but residents enjoy amazing opportunities for winter walking and skiing due to the volunteer efforts and the strength of this partnership. And Kirk is right, we can spend our limited money (and multiply its effects with volunteer and NGO support) on prevention and treatment of devilish acts, or as he implied. Spend it on policing, and repairing damaged property.

- Develop riparian access for waders, tubers, kayakers along Gold, Lemon, and Lawson Creeks. Without the population centers that draw users from major metropolitan areas, whitewater will never be as popular in Juneau as it is in Western cities and towns where moving a few boulders in a stream-bed has transformed local economies Like Golden, Lyons, Denver, Boulder, Reno, Bend...across the west. This list is quite large. The development has big returns for small investments. Access to water is a critical component of recreation many of our creeks and rivers are fenced off or inaccessible.
- The current wading area at Cope Park is sweet but mitigating precipitous drops from the park edges higher up the creek as well as removing scrap metal from the creek bed and repositioning boulders could go a long way toward improving our use of the riparian area.
- Parking (issues) at Cope Park
- Slalom gates at the bend in the Mendenhall River near TMHS or on sections of Lemon Creek would encourage the development of canoeing and kayaking skills and enjoyment.
- We use the Savikko Park and Auke Rec shelters for all-school community gatherings.
- Capital Park is near-and-dear to our (Juneau Community Charter School's) hearts, and has been part of the history of JCCS since the school opened in 1997. We would like to offer you the following feedback on how the park may be improved, from our perspective:
 - Near the flowering Japanese maples and empty chair section there are presently two trees planted by JCCS staff and students to honor our teacher Luann Spiech and her son Kelvin, who drowned at Fish Creek in 2000. We hope those trees and the small marker will not be removed.
 - Maximize space for field games. This is our single most used area of Capital Park. Our students love playing football, soccer, tag or whatever in the open area and it's also our main location for PE class.
 - More swings. When JCCS is at Capital Park, the swings are in non-stop motion with a line of students formed up and waiting for their turn. A few more would be great.
 - Bathroom. A year-round bathroom with sink would be especially helpful for our youngest visitors who sometimes can't make it back to the school when nature calls.
 - Basketball. We understand that Capital Park is a small park and can't accommodate everything, but we would like to see the basketball hoop remain,



even if it means reducing the court size. One alternative for us, that your group may be able to assist with, is providing JCCS access to the Terry Miller gymnasium.

- Keep Gaga Ball! Our students love the new addition.
- We are grateful for the amazing trail systems and as a North Douglas resident, would like to establish a "meeting area" or park at Fish Creek and encourage local and community users (Frisbee, mountain bike skills, or picnics). Parks and trails should be improved in Lemon Creek, although I'm no expert here, and the Eagle Valley Center is a gem that could have a world class connected trail/bike/ski system- with Eagle Beach, Boy Scout area, etc.
- I'm looking forward to the new SeaWalk downtown. I think it is very important to have activities, especially walking for lunch-hour activities. I know a lot of people who walk or jog in the noon hour.
- Minimize whale Sculpture Park - what a waste!
- Fix the problem with the Pipeline Skate Park's wet floor. Build a floor that will stay dry year round so youth can skate year round.
- Relocate whale sculpture on manmade island--- ridiculous right next to fish and game building--- what were they thinking? Cope park rehab? Not very exciting for the cost and time closed. START THINKING OUTSIDE the BOX.
- Need to look at entire park system and ensure everyone is being served
- Covered MTB skills park
- Chicken yard should stay as it, where it is.
- Boats flushing at Auke Lake, they have cameras but it still doesn't stop people.
- Have winter toilet availability in parks and on trails. Have more covered shelters, especially at capitol school. Use gym in legislative building for the charter school.
- Marine Park is embarrassing because people are always passed out/drunk. Needs better regulation and monitoring.
- Expand the community garden and arboretum. Include a garden downtown.
- Twin Lakes park is heavily used and important to make sure that the upkeep continues when playground gets worn and weathered (every 2-3 years)
- Mountainside neighborhood has a pocket park – was heavily used by kids and all requested was that it be mowed
 - Confusion over who manages this park
- There is a right of way for kids to go to park – was looked at as a potential stairwell to bus stop – make sure people who own property know that they have rights of way next to their house
- There are accessibility issues in some areas - Treadwell below Savikko Park should be maintained for people with disabilities. There needs to be a better awareness of littering. Tourists have an impact on our trails as well.
- We need more trash cans on the disc golf course & ball fields. It would be nice to create another disc golf course and improve the one we currently have.



- Further expansion on Savikko Park in Douglas. The money CBJ spends varies, we need more spent on Douglas.
- We request a city-managed bear-proof trash bin a) at the end of the road, by the Dupont trailhead (in light of the trail users), and b) by the boat ramp just south of Sheep Creek (in light of all the people who have begun to fish the returning cohos in the fall along there).
- We request a porta-potty by the boat ramp just south of Sheep Creek at least in the fall, again in light of the crowds who are coming to harvest the new coho run returning there.
- We request help determining how to control litter (including nails from pallet fires) along the shore both south and north of Sheep Creek. The task is getting a bit too daunting for our Thane volunteers who pick up after these messes.
- Twin Lakes playground is not safe, there are too many places for children to hide in the castle, and there are too many exits.
- Another boat launch in North Douglas.
- Work with property owners at Sheep Creek to gain access for recreational boaters.
- Small covered picnic area in North Douglas by or at Fish Creek (small park).
- We need parks for the little ones (ages 0-3 or 0-5 years old) the one at Glacier Valley is perfect but can't be used during school hours.
- Many people fish in Thane and sheep creek hatchery is no longer there
- Tlingit & Haida (T&H) is taking over Thane Oarhouse and turning it into a cultural immersion center
 - No parking for fishermen coming to fish but could park at hatchery if there was no fence – request CBJ work with owner to develop this opportunity
 - T&H changing character of Oarhouse site
 - Requesting bear proof garbage can and port-a-potties at fishing beach and garbage can at Dupont
 - Idea to turn former hatchery site into park – right now an empty spot. Suggest city could lease
 - Somehow getting land from DNR in front of T&H site – DNR can't really do much with land between the Oarhouse and the shore. T&H looking to take some authority from DNR.
- The City wastes a lot of money by putting things on the back burner. Leave the whale where it is, but we don't need it. The money could be better spent. There is cost to maintain it.
- We are told CBJ is out of money, but we're spending millions for the Seawalk and bridge. We don't have enough senior housing.
- Concern with spending on whale sculpture. (x3)
- Does not like whale sculpture, money should have been used for sports.
- Cope park is most heavily used
 - Improvements are great! Addressing a lot of concerns
 - #1 thing that fixes the (drug use) issues is to get more people in the park
- Connection across Egan to Whale Park
 - Would be great to start from bridge area on seawalk without navigating highway



- Turf field at high school is really great for community
 - Used outside school hours by neighborhood
 - Need to build and cultivate relationship with School District and look holistically at school facilities
- Chicken Yard/Cathedral/Bishop Park/Capital Park/Marine Park have a lot of un-programmed space
- Boat launch at twin lakes challenging for wheelchairs – pavement doesn't go down to water – need for launching kayaks
- Would be nice to have accessible playground in the valley
- After school programming in parks
 - Use twin lakes/sandy beach – nice to have more accessible equipment nice for kids with and without disabilities playing together
 - Bike path at twin lakes is getting rutted
- 2nd skate park downtown
 - 12 foot halfpipe
 - Wood structures could be concrete
 - Outside barbeque (shelter)
 - Hardscape areas outside with benches, etc. for parents to watch kids
 - Proper drainage was promised to use in the front after we built the French drain in the back and nothing has been done, it would help make our winter better. But more down the road, we are working on getting funds for a new roof. We have estimates from the carpenters union for a low cost of \$15,000.00 to Max of \$30,000.00 or a nice metal roof. This roof is leaking now and it is high on our list. We have fund-raised for some additional ramps to be remodeled on the inside. Smooth concrete with some featured on the outside was one the group all really liked. The Barbeque for parties is lower on the list.
- Savikko Park – Village site
 - Totems at Gastineau School and Old Village Site
 - Rename park for the village
 - Trail marking
 - Infusing historical and cultural significance to areas
 - Cultural center at Sandy Beach
- Indian Point – recently placed into the historic register
 - City zoned Indian Point as natural area in 1960s
 - 1984 – City inadvertently zoned residential
 - PRAC/ Auke Bay Plan zoned natural park
 - Recommendation to close Indian Point trail
- Shaman Island important heritage site
- Auke Bay/ Auke Lake
 - Early settlements/historic sites/petroglyphs
 - Auke Village – USFS land



2.6 Trails

2.6.1 General

- Consider recreational use of service corridors (water/sewer), could also function as trails.
- Juneau trail system is a high priority for me and my family, followed by landscape/park maintenance. Please maintain the walking trails throughout town.
- Park and trail improvements and new facilities are severely lacking in lemon creek. Since the 1993 trails plan, not much has been done in that area of town. Lemon Creek is undervalued and always the last area considered by the CBJ. Why?
- Maintain what we have. Continue upgrades to our trails.
- Insufficient lighting on trails and paths
- I would like to see one or more zones on CBJ land designated for the development of mountain bike trails. Thanks!
- Many of our students run and ski cross-country for school activity, and appreciate the maintained trails around town and general access to nature in Juneau.
- I appreciate the efforts of Trail Mix and the trail walk group. Other nonprofit groups contribute greatly to the public welfare through recreation. Juneau is a wonderful place to call home for this reason, but even so, could be upgraded. Thanks for asking.
- Consider specific zones for mountain bike trail development. Mountain bike rider numbers are growing in Juneau and having downhill oriented trails would benefit the community in a number of ways - the least of which is de-congesting Perseverance Trail. There is already a volunteer 501(c) 3, the Juneau Mountain Bike Alliance that does trail work as well as a number of individuals that build trails. These riders could raise match funds for projects if the city made this available through the Parks and Rec Fund.
- Please build more mountain biking trails. Make tread well ditch trail rideable from eagle crest to Douglas, with as many access points as possible along the way. All city property should have as many trails as possible. It is the cheapest and best recreation, which everybody loves. The trails should be multi use for bikers and hikers
- More mountain biking paths Treadwell trail maintenance
- Juneau is ageing & retirees are hoping to stay! Keep trails/bike paths decent as we age so can continue to use. Also outdoor activities important to all ages so must keep parks and rec in our town for all ages.
- All mountain towns like ours are investing in both hiking and most importantly mountain bike trails. After traveling extensively around the North West and Canada this summer I was shocked at the level these towns were developing their mountain biking trail systems. People were visiting these towns from all over specifically to ride mountain bikes.
- More (trailhead) parking and regulate/enforce parking that currently exists. For example snow machine trails need room for trailers just like boat parking.
- Develop specific mountain bike trails for all abilities--- not at eagle crest-- too far for most people to reach easily.
- A trails master plan should be updated.



- Small improvements to certain existing trails to improve for bikes - allow nonprofits to do the work and pay expenses. Bikers are ready. CBJ is great - keep up the good work.
- Need to clean park trails daily.
- Need signs at trailheads prohibiting animal trapping
- Maintain trails.
- Bike trails are very important.
- Mountain biking is becoming a large part of myself and my friends lifestyles, I would love to see the city engage more on making mountain biking a larger interest for everyone!
- Mendenhall wetlands should be wheel chair accessible. Airport Dike Trail should be WCA too. Same for 9 mile on North Douglas, 7 mile trail, sunny point. So they can enjoy these areas and spin cast and also duck hunt. North side of salmon creek should have a handicap ramp.
- Update the bike paths. They need to be lighted and have security officers patrolling them.
- Safer bike paths with proper lighting.
- More trails to access historical areas.
- Need benches on the trails for older/disabled people.
- More walking trails.
- Should turn trail work and other activities to nonprofits or private industry, so the burden is not on the city.
- Make good use of the people in Lemon Creek Correctional and the half-way house to build more trails and keep our existing trails in good shape.
- It's important to have enough bike paths - it's a means of transportation.
- Need to determine how to classify backcountry trails and rate in terms technical navigation, hazards, etc. as opposed to physical exertion
 - Classifications – for trail/walk/route
- Trails: confusion about what is city/state property

2.6.2 Winter Use

- Endeavor to clear understory from all trails where winter recreation takes place
- The Juneau Nordic Ski Club has worked on numerous trails to increase snow accumulation on the trails and improve the viewshed for all users. Include cross country ski grooming, and winter walking and where appropriate ORV passable barriers at trail entries and bridges. 80" is the minimum for grooming a ski skating trail, and 60" for a diagonal/classic ski trail.
- Winter trail walking, and bike riding is increasingly popular and groomed walking/biking trails will benefit the community.
- Better winter maintenance on sidewalks and paths.
- Encourage more cross country skiing and make more mountain bike trails and winter hiking trails.
- If you are reaching out to motorized I wanted to add that as part of the Juneau Nordic Ski Club (JNSC) I have been communicating with the Juneau Snowmachine Club and UAS



Chancellor's office regarding potential for joining forces on the Lake Creek access. (We have been) reaching out and chatting about potential for working together on improving that access and a small amount of chat about how to keep the two modes, human and motor powered, separate if a trail head access is better defined for improvement and use.

- Additionally, the opportunity to create a biathlon course somewhere in Juneau has been thrown around in the JNSC. There are certainly potential partners, the shooting club, the UAS, the Guard (where in the past many a biathlete has been recruited).

2.6.3 Commercial Use

- Opportunity for accessible tours at Montana Creek Road. Could add shelter, harden path. Could be paid for with passenger fees if used for cruise passengers.
- Please consider developing a commercial trail for battery operated use for folks with and without disabilities (inclusive tour).
- Finish Treadwell ditch-- open to commercial activity to help fund completion.

2.6.4 Specific Trails

- Build the infrastructure; align sub trails for ultimate connection for a continuous trail, from Skagway to Pt. Bishop. The Pacific Crest Trail, and the Appalachian Trail, bring independent travelers and their tourist dollars for repeated visits to small towns and communities without giant projects and lawsuits.
- Complete the Douglas Ridge Trail, because it would be cool. And winter sports users as well as summer multi users would enjoy the heck out of it. Cabins would be awesome, but tent platforms are actually a lot better.
- Add looping to: Gold Ridge Trail, connect it to Red Mill Trail. Connect the Ridge down from Gastineau Peak to Sheep Creek Trail.
- Hientzleman Ridge to Salmon Creek Dam. Eventually, as the ice melts connecting Hientzleman to Salmon ridge near Camp 17.
- Connect Grandchild Peak Trail with Herbert Glacier Trail. Close and repair, or abandon? Old Glacier Highway: Fleets and Streets access Thunder mountain trail access. Jennifer Street and Richard Marriot (Mountain, Lund) access are in much better shape. And the current miasma is increasingly degrading the mountainside.
- Don't wait till access becomes impossible. Work with land owners to permit use of Sheep Creek Road for recreation. It appears that this is private land and walking biking and skiing along this access corridor is verboten. Not everyone can navigate the existing trail.
- Rumor has it that there is an agreement with the Sled dog operators to maintain portions of the Sheep Creek Trail. This should be encouraged. Support the partnerships with private landowners that benefit recreation on those properties. Same goes for Salmon Creek road, The Flume walkway.
- I would also love to continued connection of our trails city-wide similar to the Treadwell Ditch which, ideally, inter-ties most of Douglas' trails.



- For example: a connector trail from the avalanche slide zone in the Highlands to Salmon Creek would create a nice connection from the Flume/Basin Rd trails to the hospital area (and potentially even Lemon Creek Trail via Twin Lakes) with just a few neighborhood crossings.
- Another area for consideration is connecting trails in the Switzer/Lemon Creek area (DZMS to Lemon Creek Trail). This would create a trail "route" from Downtown to Switzer (and beyond?). Eventually, it would be nice to tie it into the Under Thunder trail. I realize all of this would require money, multi-government coordination, land swaps, etc. but it's nice to dream big.
- I really like the idea of connecting Auke Lake to Montana Creek. The Valley is becoming increasingly inter-connected with trails that could not only be used in the summer but the winter as well.
- I would like to see a trail around Douglas Island. Also, we have world class hiking here and I think we could draw more visitors if we make trail systems connected by huts like New Zealand does. I know huts are expensive to build and maintain, but if they draw more people here they may be worth the cost. I would also like to see more community gardens around town that would allow people in different neighborhoods to grow their own food. I also appreciate the work CBJ is doing right now to provide recreational opportunities for Juneau residents!
- Finish the bridge across Paris Creek and work on the Treadwell trail between Blueberry Hill and Eaglecrest!
- It would be great to see CBJ become more bike friendly especially for commuters. Whether that's expanding the greenbelts to get commuters off the streets or building safer bike lanes I don't know. I love the improvements to the Moraine Ecology Trail at the Glacier as an intermediate mountain bike trail and Treadwell is better every year.
- Help develop and resurrect the entire Treadwell Ditch trail from Douglas to Eaglecrest
- Appreciate increased accessibility (poured in place surfacing) at Twin Lakes. Please keep up the trend as new parks are put into place and old parks are updated. Thanks for this opportunity to comment.
- Improve Thane/Dupont trail; more kayak launches at end of Douglas Island; more kayak launches in general.
- Repair John Muir boardwalk trail.
- Trail by Mendenhall River is blocked by boulders.
 - More education for hikers going up Mt. Roberts too many accidents not enough educated hikers.
 - Our number one wish is for maintenance on existing trails. We appreciate the new rock and stairs on the John Muir cabin trail.
 - As funding becomes available after existing trails are upgraded, an across Douglas trail connecting Dan Moller to the west side of Douglas Island would be excellent.



- Trail Mix Priority Projects
 - Treadwell Ditch
 - Bonnie Brae
 - Blueberry Hills
 - Paris Creek
 - Temporary re-route above Bonnie Brae
 - Connections biggest priority
 - Auke Lake and Lower Montana Creek
 - Horse Tram Trail (Eagle Beach/EVC/Boy Scout Beach)
 - New 1% sales tax priorities
 - Juneau Area Trails Master Plan
 - USFS Mendenhall Glacier Plan
- Comments/inventory of resources in area – trails are part of it
 - Reconstruction plan for Amalga Trail for Eagle Glacier Cabin
 - Many trails start on state and city land
- City CIP List
 - Existing projects
 - New projects
- Funding every year for trail maintenance in general
 - October Trail Running Magazine – Juneau top 10 trail destination
- High School Cross Country Running / Lynn Canal Running Camp
 - Summer use on trails – user pressure
 - Important to be able to take youth on trails
 - Trails stewards
 - Important that trails are accessible for non-profit groups
 - Running groups can look at condition of trails
 - Nordic Community
 - Ensuring that we can continue to use and continue Nordic Ski Team program at Montana Creek
 - Treadwell Historical Trails critical for High School Cross Country running
 - Real opportunity to host high level meets like State Championships
 - Tristan/Merry to provide markup of new opportunities
 - Middle school cross country running also using trails
- Nordic Ski Club
 - Interested in trail work to include wide trails/bridges so you can get grooming equipment on them
 - Canopy is important – open up to allow snow to fall
 - Montana Creek, Campground, Lake, Skaters Cabin to Parking Lot (USFS project)
 - Future project – Montana Creek/Windfall
 - Higher elevation trails



- Permanent access up Lake Creek for snowmobile/xc skiing
- Access road to UAS student housing
- Potential for growth and development on Eaglecrest – lots of terrain in upper loop – make a way to get there. Parking lot at bottom of black bear as future possibility?
 - EVC – place with potential
- Possibility for connection all through that area
- Combine XC running and skiing with stacked loop system – community multi-use need
- Juneau Mountain Bike Alliance
 - Don't want to see user conflict
 - More multi-use trails
 - Identify zones where trail building could take place
 - Eaglecrest, Peterson Hill, Treadwell, Eaglecrest Road Trail (Fish Creek Trail)
 - Would like a place where they can start building trails
 - Nice to have more things going in
 - Inclusion is important in the community – making sure groups are talking to each other
 - Mountain biking has a tradition of trail building
 - More bike specific trails
 - Skill/technique area (fish creek park) beginning bike skills building park
 - State buy-in needed
 - Overlap in future trail development between Nordic skiing and biking
 - Good crossover opportunities – bikers want to see more singletrack
 - Mountain bikers interested in building bike specific trails
- Treadwell Ditch access
 - Improving Jumbo Trail
 - USFS put in FLAP proposal for Bonnie Brae access
- USFS Priorities
 - Trails to cabins highest priorities
 - Peterson (keep bike friendly)
 - Amalga
 - Auk Nu Trail
 - Treadwell Ditch (crossings b/t Blueberry Hills and Bonnie Brae)
 - Try to eliminate structures that would make it difficult to bike through
 - Cabin in lower Nordic meadow at Eaglecrest (could be part of Treadwell network)
 - More cabins
 - Connector from point bishop to Echo Cove



- Maintenance
 - Enhance while maintaining for better multi-use
 - Market what we need
 - Develop tent pads along trails (Treadwell)
- West Glacier and Mt. Roberts are 2 hot spots for Juneau Mountain Rescue
 - CCFR doing lots of callouts on West Glacier Trail – lost people trying to get back to the trail, fire department transferring people via jet boat back to the trail. Not usually people who are hurt, usually people who get turned around or don't understand cairns. Direct impact on CBJ resources.
 - Both areas are close to being remote, you need navigation skills but with easy tram access and west glacier publicity there is additional call volume
 - 2 calls to Spaulding meadows this year – could use additional signage
 - People who are rescued often lack of preparedness
 - Forest Service has maintained West Glacier to a high standard, ice caves trail is more dangerous
 - Opportunity for app, signage like Whitehorse
 - Ridge routes with no trails – lots of people end up using without adequate navigation knowledge
- Berhends Ave. & Basin Road / Flume trail slide paths – need better signage around avalanche danger.
- Trails: confusion about what is city/state property
- Treadwell Ditch – growth opportunity is connections between existing trails or fixing pre-existing connections
 - New Paris Creek crossing – opens additional options
 - Bonnie Brae access
- Any opportunities to create connections between trail networks, fix previous connections, or work with partners to help build connections to create networks. Opportunity to think about linking things up.
- Mountain biking – noticeable increase in use, reaching out to mountain bike community as we think about trails. Communication regarding trail etiquette is important, i.e. who yields to who
- Southeast Road Runners are interested in being included in future trail stakeholders meetings
- Point Bishop Trail – missed opportunity for connection
- Request bike path to Sheep Creek bridge or extend Seawalk along Thane



2.7 Landscape Maintenance

- This isn't so much for a park or trail, but I would like to see maple trees planted in the median from the valley to town to enhance the community. The fire red and bright yellow colors in the fall would be amazing and such a lovely addition to our community throughout the year. If JPD needs access to the median-- the trees at 10-15ft intervals would still allow the use of the median for speed traps. To offset the cost the City could do a sponsor a tree program so residents could sponsor a tree for a fee sufficient to cover its cost or close to and in exchange be given the mile-marker location of their tree along Egan--fun! I would sponsor a tree for each of my children!
- Keep the flowers. They make our town beautiful.
- Spend less on landscaping parking lots
- Spend less on flowers just for tourists.
- Too many places, not maintained. Flowers as an example. Drop some things.
- Privatize flowers in parks
- Upkeep for flowers paid from cruise ship taxes not CBJ.
- Evergreen Cemetery – only open grassy area in Juneau besides Twin Lakes
 - Walking/sledding
 - Allowing dogs on leash in cemetery (old ordinance preventing leashed dogs is about livestock)

2.8 Aquatics

- Eaglecrest and both pools serve a large number of locals. I view them as an important asset to our community.
- I would vote to keep both pools open!!!
- Swimming lessons for village youth at Celebration and Gold Medal time
- Would like to see the swimming pools open longer on Sundays.
- Keep present pool fees/passes working at both pools
- Juneau is ageing & retirees are hoping to stay! So will be important to keep pools open
- Why would anyone want to live in a community without a swimming pool? Seriously, the rec opportunities for people of all abilities indoors and out make for a rewarding life.
- Keep both pools open and maintained (x2)
- Larger jacuzzi; more staffing of pools.
- More open swim! There should be all day open swim on Saturday!
- Swimming pool - when there's an abundance of children it encroaches on free lanes for swimming if they take over. Loud coaches in lanes for regular swimmers are upsetting.
- Pool punch card.
- Make space available for competitive swim lessons for kids.
- Weekend swimming lessons for kids.
- Not convinced pools should be managed by Parks & Rec
- Only need one pool
- More open swim! There should be all day open swim on Saturday!



2.8.1 Augustus Brown Pool

- Close downtown pool
- Our 4th/5th grade class uses the Augustus Brown Pool for swimming lessons as a class every day for two weeks. This has become a tradition for us in recent years.
- Keep the Augustus Brown pool open.
- Also, a lot of people use Augustus Brown before, during, and after work.
- The Augustus Brown pool is an important amenity to downtown vitality. We are doing things backwards. Other cities are currently reinvesting in their downtowns while we are investing in our suburbs. It's an old model of city development that has proven to not work in the long run.
- Augustus Brown Pool is important to the seniors
- Continue with both pools. Many downtown people use Augustus Brown.
- Keep Augustus Brown pool open. (x5)
- Close Augustus Brown pool.
- Maintain, update and repair of Augustus Brown pool (x2)

2.8.2 Dimond Park Aquatic Center

- Keep Dimond Park Aquatic Center open.
- Applying for kids' programs at Diamond Park Aquatic Center is awful, there needs to be a better enrollment form and follow-up, they never return phone calls.

2.9 Treadwell Ice Arena and Ice Recreation

- If there are plans for another ice rink - would LOVE to bring curling here. We were involved in Fairbanks and it was fun for all ages! Could enlist people from Fairbanks or Whitehorse to help get it started. Thank you CBJ for creating wonderful opportunities for families to recreate in our town!
- Our general and PE classes try to make excursions for ice skating at Treadwell
- The Treadwell Arena Advisory Board (TAAB) supports the addition of a second sheet of ice to the Treadwell Arena at its current location.
- The TAAB support the creation of a parks and recreation complex at the current Treadwell Arena location, which could include:
 - A gymnasium space that can accommodate full-court activities, with locker rooms. This facility could replace the aging Jumbo Gym and incorporate its current programs.
 - These facilities could include spaces like fitness rooms, community rooms, retail space, bleacher seating, and storage.
 - The complex could be supported by paved and well-lit parking areas to create a safe family environment
- Co-location of these facilities could create a recreational and community hub in Douglas that would benefit all Juneau residents.
- We need a second hockey rink in the valley.



- The Ice Rink is a huge asset to the community. Kids who don't travel in the summer would LOVE to keep this facility open. It will help figure skaters stay competitive and help recruit new people to ice sports that are too busy during the school year to try it out.
- Ice arena in the Dimond Park Complex area
- I'd like to see Treadwell used in the summer - camps, roller skating, yoga, exercise programs, etc.
- Juneau really needs another sheet of ice. My son has played hockey for 8 years now. Hockey is growing more and more popular in Juneau and there is not enough opportunity for youth to get enough ice time. My son will be entering high school soon and plans on playing hockey. He will not be able to choose a high school because there is only one high school hockey team. If there was another sheet of ice in the valley (TMHS could have a team)
- We need another sheet of ice!
- I would like to see an additional ice arena as the most important thing. This would allow more flexibility and open times for my kids to go to the rink. As it is, I am at the rink for 2 of my kids skating times at 5:45 M-TH and 6:15 on Saturday. I would love to have a day to sleep in! If there was an additional rink, maybe there would be better and more convenient times for my kids.
- I think the city should do more to promote skating as an activity. The open skate numbers have gone down steadily since the opening of the rink but I think some simple promotion could bring those numbers up.
- Please build another sheet of ice so that we may grow the hockey community even more and provide activities to keep the youth out of trouble and provide activities that will help keep adults active.
- Build a valley Ice rink where a majority of the population resides! Close the one in Douglas to save money. Build it where people live and more will use this great recreational facility!
- An ice rink in the valley.
- Build a second ice rink facility.
- Treadwell Arena should be open at least 11 months out of the year.
- Adaptive skates – good for community
- SAIL able to provide adaptive skating scholarships

2.9.1 Hockey

- Remodel locker rooms so that there is a shower and sink available in each. (Streamlines locker room scheduling by avoiding the possibility of mixing genders and/or adults/minors.)
- Continue to offer on-site user group storage.
- Find/make space for more rentable lockers.



- Maintain ice rental rates at current levels OR implement long term plan that balances rates and cost recovery, but keeps incremental rate increases low and allows user groups to plan their own rate increases over the same long term.
- Second sheet of ice at the same location – indoor, semi-enclosed, or outdoor. Second sheet does not necessarily need to be full size, but could be used for practices, drills, etc.
- Improved/streamlined alcohol permitting process.
- Improved concession areas.
- On-site pro shop.

2.9.2 Figure Skating

- The Juneau Skating Club's main priority is simply more of a good thing. The addition of a second sheet of ice and extending the season to include summer ice were tied as our participants' top priorities. During the regular season, skaters would like more access to ice during the hours they are able to access the rink. Many of our skaters are youth who rely on parental transportation to get them to the rink. They want to skate between 5pm-8pm Monday through Friday, before school and on weekends before 8pm, excluding Sunday mornings, when many families attend church. Our users want access to open skates, freestyles, pond hockey and stick and puck skates during these hours, but currently, these prime hours are often rented by user groups. Adding a second sheet of ice will double the amount of available ice for both rentals and public skating. The Juneau Skating Club has been growing steadily over the past 10 years. Our anticipated future growth will both increase the need for additional ice and allow us to purchase ice during the times that our users are available to skate.
- Summer ice is a high priority among our users. Many skaters want the opportunity to continue skating throughout the summer. Summer ice is also important for the figure skating competitive season schedule, which starts with regional qualifying competitions in October and ends with Nationals in January. Competitive Figure Skaters across the country use summer ice as a key training time, often skating 20 or more hours per week in conjunction with off-ice training. Juneau skaters are at a distinct disadvantage when competing against other skaters in the Pacific Northwest region, primarily because local skaters have only five to six weeks to prepare for regionals after having no access to ice during the summer months. Juneau skaters lose vital skill development and training opportunities each summer. If P&R chooses not to have ice available in the summer then our skater would like the arena open for roller skating in the summer.
- More bleacher seating to allow for larger audiences, additional storage, off-ice training space, meeting space, more locker rooms, warming room, better concession area, and pro-shop. These facilities improvements will increase the overall usefulness and enjoyment of the ice rink for all users.



2.10 Zach Gordon Youth Center

- Zach Gordon's vision and effort to work with our youth is invaluable to Juneau's future and their contribution to our families and health of our community.
- (Improve) Zach Gordon floors
- Expand Zach Gordon or put in other parts of town
- All of our (Charter School) classes visit the Zach Gordon Youth Center
- Please invest in youth programs, esp. afterschool programs
- Activities for youth - especially non-structured opportunities are more important than organized sports. Activities for adults a distant second priority.
- We should start more art oriented programs for after school like at the JAHC
- There needs to be more youth programs especially indoor activities for when we have bad weather.
- Youth activities
- Keep focus on youth.
- Early childhood activities.
- Shouldn't be involved in Zach Gordon Youth Center. Should focus more on parks and rec.
- Zach Gordon Youth Center is only downtown – it would be great to have in the valley
- Currently working with a number of people on Collective Impact Effort – social service agencies trying to figure out gaps and how to work together
- Where does Parks & Rec fit into continuum of services for youth?
- BAM – after school programs are a missing piece in Juneau
 - Teachers/Principals pretty much know what is going on with kids but do not have the resources to connect them to
 - All kids in community are at school at 3pm – opportunity for outreach during the critical hours after school
- Economically there is a big gap where a lot of kids have to pay to play
 - Need programming without segregation
 - Needs to be something more than CBJ scholarship money – City in some form needs to plan and work with organizations to work with kids to expand scholarship program
- Looking to community in difficult financial times
 - Prevention is most effective thing to do for solving problems for kids
 - Would be nice to have city actively involved in social services
 - Coordination of responsibility – prevention, recreation, social services are closely tied together
 - Young adults (18-24) have a person who is a navigator for people in crisis and Youth Services Coordinator
 - Big part of problem is that we don't have anyone trying to figure out what the gaps are and giving people the opportunity to fill the gaps



- Silos – city needs to lead that conversation about gaps. Nobody knows how bad it is and there needs to be leadership around finding solutions.
- Social service networks and government agencies need to work on marshalling resources to solve biggest problems.

2.11 Youth Sports

- I put a great value on youth programs than on adult - though I feel both are essential, youth are our future. Investing in an active lifestyle for youth results in better citizens, healthier lifestyles, and lower healthcare costs.
- Team sports are a wonderful way to socialize for adults and especially for youth. Indoor recreational opportunities are so important in maintaining good physical and mental health during Juneau's long winters. Lemon Creek neighborhood is lacking in youth recreational opportunities.
- We love the Parks and Rec facilities here. Keep up the good work! Overall, Juneau is severely lacking programs for preschool age kids. I'd also love more programs for kids in the summer time that support working parents (part-day programs don't help if both parents work.)
- Year-round baseball for youth and adults.
- Youth activities
- Keep focus on youth.
- Early childhood activities.
- More activities for kids.
- Focus on youth indoor and outdoor activities. Emphasize outdoor programs for children.
- More leaders: kids in sports programs.
- More options for kids.
- We need a lot more kid friendly activities with lower rates or scholarships. We also need more indoor activities. We are really interested in roller skating.
- Update sports equipment & jerseys for youth programs.
- Don't cut any youth funding.
- Continue with the current ongoing activities for youth, we have enough at the moment.
- Entertain and occupy the youth.
- Privatize all youth programs

2.12 Adult Sports

- Reinstate men's basketball league
- Should concentrate more on team sports. Especially Softball. Team sports help people to interact.
- Year-round baseball for youth and adults.
- Privatize adult and senior recreation.



2.12.1 Volleyball

- Teams keep changing

2.13 Mount Jumbo Gym

- Mt. Jumbo Gym provides a valuable, affordable resource for many diverse groups in Juneau. The gym is used all of the time. I support keeping it open.
- Youth needs a recreational facility in Douglas, an indoor court for students to come together. Update Jumbo Gym!

2.14 Eagle Valley Center

- Common themes (from Eagle Valley Center stakeholders):
 - More information needed before a decision can be made on agriculture
 - Preserve current public use
 - Outdoor education
 - Youth programs
 - Recreation
 - Financial questions (would like to see funding mix, especially to inform decisions about commercial/agricultural use/cabins)
 - Trail system is important
 - Concerns about overnight cabins
 - No to large-scale tourism, need to identify where the line exists between use by local small business and large-scale tourism
 - Respect for neighbors
 - Ensure proper infrastructure for operations (electricity, water, road)
- Priorities (must be complimentary uses):
 - Trail development
 - Education - youth programs/adventure based
 - Preserving community, public use, and being inclusive
 - Preserving the lodge as a community retreat center
- Concerns
 - Limits on tourism Growth
 - Prefer to work with non-profits
 - Small, local businesses that fit within the area's mission are ok
- Needs further discussion
 - Cabins/camping
 - Neighboring agencies want to make sure we're not duplicating services
 - Residents would like to see locations/impact as well as how cabin rentals would fit into funding mix to allow for other improvements
 - Agriculture
 - discussed moving operation slightly out of viewshed
 - benefits include food security and opportunity for CSA and local produce



- Infrastructure
 - Sanitation
 - Water
 - Road maintenance
 - Improvements to caretakers shed/cabin
 - Expressed interest in making a caretaker's home that is an attractive place to live to help with caretaker retention
- Support recreation and school programs at the Eagle Valley Center. The EVC has unique and diverse habitats that are great for recreation and education. We hope the facility can continue to be a base for recreation opportunities like kayaking and hiking. We also believe it can be a great site for education, particularly by expanding the interpretive materials at the site. We'd love to see various educational stations engaging visitors in the local natural history, as well as curriculum and lessons to have regular classroom programs and overnight opportunities for school children.
- I forgot SAGA Lodge now owned by city and would love to use this facility with family and friends. Better job needed advertising availability and potential programs (I.e. with Discovery SE).
- I feel it should be a priority to upgrade the Eagle Valley Center/Saga Lodge and build a caretakers cabin either onto the lodge or close by. And hire a caretaker that will likely stay for a longish haul.
- Eagle Valley Center needs to become a community asset again.
- Develop recreation/ picnic/camping/cabin rentals at Eagle Valley Center.
- Would like to add emphasis on making the entire EVC a true showcase of accessible, high-end recreation. There is so much potential for this to be a year-round rec center accessible to all. I imagine it being an adaptive rec center of sorts: accessible ropes course, regarding the trail to the beach for accessible kayak launching, winter-time skiing (the terrain is great for beginners or those Nordic skiers learning to sit-ski).

2.15 Jensen Olson Arboretum

- All of our classes throughout the year visit the Arboretum
- Expand the community garden and arboretum. Include a garden downtown.
- Additional parking allowing easier and safer access to the gardens
- Year-round restrooms
- Further development of interpretive signage and on-site visitor resources
- Covered space(s) for small groups to get out of the weather, providing natural facilities for teaching/learning opportunities as well as housing some resource, interpretive and historical information
- Increase number of flower beds and plant collections
- Improved walkways and trails, including an accessible pathway to key garden features
- Programs providing resources for gardening and the environment



- Important for Arboretum to continue partnering with the Juneau School District, University of Alaska, Discovery SE, Juneau Garden Club, the Cooperative Extension and other organizations to develop programs that support learning and enjoyment in nature

2.16 Other Community Assets

- Capital city harbors need restrooms. Aurora and Harris have none either.
- Prioritize having a bigger building than Centennial Hall. It's too small for Celebration which is a big impact for Juneau's economy.
- Bus drivers have bad attitudes and everything costs too much
- More parking downtown. Garages or space made available. It's impossible to walk downtown and not get a ticket unless you walk 6 blocks.
- Only need one library.
- Docks and Harbors are a superior entity over Parks and Rec.
- Open library only on weekends.

2.16.1 Eaglecrest Ski Area

Parks & Rec received a number of comments on community assets outside the scope of the Plan. These comments are recorded below and have been passed on to the managers of these assets. Most notably, although Eaglecrest Ski Area and the Dimond Park Field House are recreational assets managed by the CBJ, both are managed by Eaglecrest, which is a separate City department. Eaglecrest has its own Master Plan, which can be found at www.skijuneau.com.

- Eaglecrest and both pools serve a large number of locals. I view them as an important asset to our community.
- Encourage Eaglecrest to develop uphill skiing. Unlike earwax candling or foot lettucing, Skiing uphill at ski areas offers real health benefits, is safer than backcountry skiing and could generate revenue for the ski area. It is permitted, but there is room for improvement.
- Open the West Side of Mt Troy as a non-motorized, non-patrolled, non-groomed, non-hazard marked, side country ski terrain managed by Eaglecrest. This is a popular destination accessible mainly through the Eaglecrest resort that deserves protection. Silverton Mountain in Colorado and the Hankin Evelyn area in BC are among the areas exploring non-traditional management of backcountry use as the patterns of winter recreation change. This is necessary to protect the area from snow machines, which can quickly consume skiable terrain rendering it useless for skiers
- Eaglecrest Ski Area is an essential asset for Juneau. Our 4th through 8th graders participate in the Learn to Ski program for school groups for two days each year.
- Many of our 5th graders take advantage of free Eaglecrest passes each year.
- Climate change is a very important factor for Eaglecrest. Low-snow use can be greatly improved if skiers could reach the bottom of Black Bear chair from upper logjam (this IS doable). In addition, low snow closures can be greatly reduced by focusing snowmaking on a path down the eastside below Black Bear. Black Bear chair should normally operate when EC is open. Build the Matt Brakell cabin!



- The user fees for Eaglecrest are very high. It would be nice to see participants of softball and other popular activities pay an equitable fee
- Setting up a disc golf course at Eagle Crest during the summer months charging a moderate fee for use of it
- The improvements to the trails at Eaglecrest have me going there every week. It's wonderful to have a trail you can use to access the alpine quickly after work! Youth Activities and Motorsports used to be a huge part of Juneau and should be brought back. Hiking, biking and berry picking is not all of what represents Juneau.
- develop summer programs at eagle crest-cabin rentals-- snow machine access after season closes
- Keep up the infrastructure we have. Less administrative at Eaglecrest... more lift upkeep. Build some more cabins... they are heavily used and hard to schedule. Winter hut system? Cabins near eagle crest.
- I think consideration should be taken of opening the Eaglecrest chair lift during the summer for tourists to ride up to the ridge. Use the Ptarmigan lodge as some sort of snack shack. Not as accessible as the tram, but arguably better views
- Keep Eagle Crest going at all costs- get arctic winter games here!
- Eaglecrest is important to the community and we will lose some of the community if we get rid of this program.
- Continue to support Eaglecrest (x2)
- Black bear chair at Eagle crest, the purpose was to open mountain up high to transfer people from low to high. It was closed down because no plan was developed. People could walk to ptarmigan. Would like a plan developed to make use of upper-mountain even if hooter was not opened because of the snow.
- Extend Eaglecrest ski season.
- Use the funds more appropriately. A comprehensive analysis needs to be done. For example, tax dollars independently supporting Eaglecrest when they could have been purchased by Alyeska is inappropriate. That money should go to needs such as education or roads.
- Privatize Eaglecrest (x6)
- CBJ should sell Eaglecrest and let it be developed by a profit entity who could develop it as a year-round mountain resort.
- Eaglecrest is of very low value to the community.
- Desire for increased mountain bike trails at Eaglecrest
- Trail connections between Eaglecrest and City/USFS trail networks
- Cross promotion of Eaglecrest and Parks & Rec on social media
- Coordination of Eaglecrest and Parks & Rec marketing efforts

2.16.2 Dimond Park Field House

The Dimond Park Field House was constructed by a group of community volunteers and is operated by Eaglecrest Ski Area. All comments received about the Dimond Park Field House will



be directed to Eaglecrest management. A second field house, suggested by a number of residents, would likely be managed by Parks & Rec.

- Field House open all year, accessible/affordable
- Bigger field house
- The field house will need upgrades soon
- Dimond Park Field House needs an elevator
- Dimond Park Fieldhouse (CBJ land) needs an elevator.

2.16.3 Juneau School District

The Juneau School District controls a number of fields and other recreational assets such as playgrounds and gym space. Parks & Rec works closely with the school district to schedule Parks & Rec programs and activities in school district facilities and vice versa. We received a number of comments about school district controlled assets as well as general comments about Juneau schools. This feedback will be shared with our partners at Juneau School District.

- Keep both (high) schools open
- Combine schools
- City schools programs are a great resource to build community through classes that lead to recreational activities.
- Think about TMHS.
- Make all instruments in public schools available to home schoolers.
- Yes, only need one high school



3. Results by Mode of Consultation

3.1 Public Survey Results

The City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) contracted with McDowell Group to survey Juneau residents on parks and recreation topics. A random-sample telephone survey and an open access online survey were conducted. The surveys inquired about type, frequency, and location of adult and youth parks and recreation activity. Barriers to participation and opinions on priorities for parks and recreation amenities were assessed. The telephone (cell and land-line) survey, administered in September 2016, included 516 adults. The maximum margin of error for the full telephone sample is ± 4.4 percent, at the 95 percent confidence interval. The online survey, open from September 30 to November 8, 2016, was administered through PlaceSpeak, a location-based community engagement platform, and garnered 304 responses.

McDowell Group's full public survey results report can be found in Appendix A.

3.2 PlaceSpeak Results

335 residents connected to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan topic on PlaceSpeak, and the topic received 1438 views. While most individuals used the comments function on the online survey, Parks & Rec staff posted three questions in the discussion forums, receiving 13 comments:

Q: Our major facilities include Dimond Park Aquatic Center, Treadwell Ice Arena, Augustus Brown Pool, Mt. Jumbo Gym, Zach Gordon Youth Center, and the Eagle Valley Center as well as our network of parks and trails throughout Juneau. How do you want them to change and grow?

- Are we not in a budget crisis? At this point and time, we cannot afford to add more to the Parks, We have to wait until we have the money. And upkeep needs to be kept as affordable as possible.
- We still need an OHV park. That's been community a wish-list item for years that Parks & Rec has not had the fortitude to follow through on.
- Maintain what we have. Continue upgrades to our trails.
- Agree, to maintain what we have and upgrade when funds are available
- If, as Kirk Duncan said: "Idle hands are the Devil's playground" Then idle feet must be the Devil's Disneyland. There are a growing number of skateboarders on Douglas Island, and with them a growing amount of support for skate friendly features. From writing grants, to building quarter pipes, and fun boxes on 5th street, to skating under the public library. Riding buses is an option but at times onerous during the week when homework or chores demand the idle appendages be near the hearth. Could Jumbo Gym, and, (Treadwell when it is ice free), host portable skating features? Or could the design of the "pavilion" at Treadwell Historic site include such skating features? Can skater friendly elements be included in the design and rebuild facilities? The comments in this reveal a healthy conservative perspective, but there is plenty of room for public, private



partnerships volunteer and club efforts. The city spends very little on Nordic Ski Trails but residents enjoy amazing opportunities for winter walking and skiing due to the volunteer efforts and the strength of this partnership. And Kirk is right, we can spend our limited money (and multiply its effects with volunteer and NGO support) on prevention and treatment of devilish acts, or as he implied. Spend it on policing, and repairing damaged property.

- I totally get that we don't have the money for the near future, to change and grow. But that doesn't mean we can't plan and envision what that future will be like. Oil revenues have underwritten directly or indirectly our thinking for a long time. Let's start thinking about what we are willing to spend the revenues from traditional funding mechanisms for city government on and how we can leverage that money with other public and private partnerships.

Q: Would you like to see any changes to Juneau's parks and trails? How are our landscaping crews doing?

- I would like to see the city open a few trails up to motorized use again to snow machines in the winter and quads/dirt bikes/etc. the rest of the year.
- This isn't so much for a park or trail, but I would like to see maple trees planted in the median from the valley to town to enhance the community. The fire red and bright yellow colors in the fall would be amazing and such a lovely addition to our community throughout the year. If JPD needs access to the median-- the trees at 10-15ft intervals would still allow the use of the median for speed traps. To offset the cost the City could do a sponsor a tree program so residents could sponsor a tree for a fee sufficient to cover its cost or close to and in exchange be given the mile-marker location of their tree along Egan--fun! I would sponsor a tree for each of my children who could watch it grow over the years!
- I would like to see designated dog parks. Juneau is a wonderful community with endless trails and beaches that are ideal for dog walks. There are a lot of residents that will go to the public parks around town and take their dogs onto the fields. These are softball, baseball, soccer, and football fields where our kids go to play. It is nice for the dog owners to be able to get into these fenced in areas where they can take their dogs off of the leash to let them run around. The dogs also urinate and defecate on the fields. Most dog owners are responsible enough to clean up what mess they can, but not all. There is a City ordinance stating that dogs can't go into the areas where there is playground equipment or on the turf fields, for good reason. So why let the dogs do their business on our other fields where our kids go to play. I have even seen dog obedience classes that are being held on the softball fields and then there is a softball game 30 minutes later. It would be nice to have designated areas for dogs to go run around without creating a mess or a health hazard for the kids and other community members. There are lots of studies and articles that have been published concerning this matter. Here's one



example. <https://www.quora.com/Are-dog-feces-and-urine-in-city-parks-and-other-urban-spaces-a-public-health-danger>

- I know, I know, there is no money. But this really a case of a self-induced crises, a state government kicking the can down the road. There are tried and true funding mechanisms for P&R that don't include oil. Eventually, we will get there. Let's plan for something besides waiting for another boon. Build the infrastructure; align sub trails for ultimate connection for a continuous trail, from Skagway to Pt. Bishop. The Pacific Crest Trail, and the Appalachian Trail, bring independent travelers and their tourist dollars for repeated visits to small towns and communities without giant projects and lawsuits. Complete the Douglas Ridge Trail. Because it would be cool. And winter sports users as well as summer multi users would enjoy the heck out of it. Cabins would be awesome, but tent platforms are actually a lot better. Add looping to: Gold Ridge Trail, connect it to Red Mill Trail. Connect the Ridge down from Gastineau Peak to Sheep Creek Trail. Hientzleman Ridge to Salmon Creek Dam. Eventually, as the ice melts connecting Hientzleman to Salmon ridge near Camp 17. Connect Grandchild Peak Trail with Herbert Glacier Trail. Close and repair, or abandon? Old Glacier Highway: Fleets and Streets access Thunder mountain trail access. Jennifer Street and Richard Marriot (Mountain, Lund) access are in much better shape. And the current miasma is increasingly degrading the mountainside. Don't wait till F&S access becomes impossible. Work with land owners to permit use of Sheep Creek Road for recreation. It appears that this is private land and walking biking and skiing along this access corridor is verboten. Not everyone can navigate the existing trail. Rumor has it that there is an agreement with the Sled dog operators to maintain portions of the Sheep Creek Trail. This should be encouraged. Support the partnerships with private landowners that benefit recreation on those properties. Salmon Creek road, The Flume walkway. Endeavour to clear understory from all trails where winter recreation takes place. The Juneau Nordic Ski Club has worked on numerous trails to increase snow accumulation on the trails and improve the viewshed for all users. Include cross country ski grooming, and winter walking and where appropriate ORV passable barriers at trail entries and bridges. 80" is the minimum for grooming a ski skating trail, and 60" for a diagonal/classic ski trail. Winter trail walking, and bike riding is increasingly popular and groomed walking/biking trails will benefit the community. Encourage Eaglecrest to develop uphill skiing. Unlike earwax candling or foot lettucing, Skiing uphill at ski areas offers real health benefits, is safer than backcountry skiing and could generate revenue for the ski area. It is permitted, but there is room for improvement. Open the West Side of Mt Troy as a non-motorized, non-patrolled, non-groomed, non-hazard marked, side country ski terrain managed by Eaglecrest. This is a popular destination accessible mainly through the Eaglecrest resort that deserves protection. Silverton Mountain in Colorado and the Evelyn Hankin area in BC are among the areas exploring non-traditional management of backcountry use as the patterns of winter recreation change. This is necessary to protect the area from snow machines, which can quickly consume skiable terrain rendering it useless for skiers. Develop riparian access for waders, tubers,



kayakers along Gold, Lemon, and Lawson Creeks. Without the population centers that draw users from major metropolitan areas, whitewater will never be as popular in Juneau as it is in Western cities and towns where moving a few boulders in a stream-bed has transformed local economies Like Golden, Lyons, Denver, Boulder, Reno, Bend...across the west. This list is quite large. The development has big returns for small investments. Access to water is a critical component of recreation many of our creeks and rivers are fenced off or inaccessible. The current wading area at Cope Park is sweet but mitigating precipitous drops from the park edges higher up the creek as well as removing scrap metal from the creek bed and repositioning boulders could go a long way toward improving our use of the riparian area. Slalom gates at the bend in the Mendenhall River near TMHS or on sections of Lemon Creek would encourage the development of canoeing and kayaking skills and enjoyment.

- I would like to see one or more zones on CBJ land designated for the development of mountain bike trails. Thanks!
- Our number one wish is for maintenance on existing trails. We appreciate the new rock and stairs on the John Muir cabin trail. As funding becomes available after existing trails are upgraded, an across Douglas trail connecting Dan Moller to the west side of Douglas Island would be excellent.

Q: Where is your favorite place to recreate in Juneau, it could be a park, trail, beach, or building - we want to know what you value.

- Echo Cove
- Eaglecrest and surrounding mountains
- Dredge Lake trails

3.3 Public Meeting Outcomes

Parks and Recreation held five public meetings with a total of 36 attendees. At each meeting, participants were asked to rate the community value of various facilities and services on a scale of 1-5, thinking beyond their own family's needs and focusing on the community as a whole. Not all attendees filled out cards, with some electing to engage online at a later time. Youth Sports was rated the most valuable function of Parks & Rec, followed by Dimond Park Aquatic Center, Park Maintenance, and Zach Gordon Youth Center. Adult Sports and Augustus Brown Pool also received high community value ratings. The facility receiving lowest community value rating was Mount Jumbo Gym. It was noted in the meeting presentation that this facility is aging and will require approximately \$2.5 million in repairs.



Public Meeting Results	1	2	3	4	5
Adult Sports	1	1	5	3	9
Youth Sports			3	3	15
Mt. Jumbo Gym	4	4	5	4	1
Dimond Park Aquatic Center		1	4	2	13
Augustus Brown Pool		3	3	7	6
Treadwell Ice Arena	2	4	5	4	5
Eagle Valley Center	2	4	7	2	2
Park Maintenance		1	5	7	10
Landscape Maintenance		3	6	2	7
Zach Gordon Youth Center	1	2	2	4	10
Jensen - Olson Arboretum	2	2	9	4	
Total Attendees: 36					

The following Comments were received at the public meetings:

- Opportunity for accessible tours at Montana Creek Road. Could add shelter, harden path. Could be paid for with passenger fees if used for cruise passengers.
- Consider recreational use of service corridors (water/sewer), could also function as trails.
- Auke Lake needs to be a bigger part of this process. The report that was written on the Lake committed P&R to collecting data for 2 years and that did not happen to my knowledge.
- Consider the economic impact of Parks and Rec.
- I put a great value on youth programs than on adult - though I feel both are essential, youth are our future. Investing in an active lifestyle for youth results in better citizens, healthier lifestyles, and lower healthcare costs.
- All are very important and necessary to continue the amazing work Parks and Rec is doing. Well done!
- Juneau trail system is a high priority for me and my family, followed by landscape/park maintenance. Eaglecrest and both pools serve a large number of locals. I view them as an important asset to our community. Please maintain the walking trails throughout town.
- Collaborate on equipment use between Eaglecrest, Parks and Rec, and Public Works.
- Parks and Rec should share financial information.
- Pipeline Skate Park needs official management. Issues go unaddressed at that park.
- Zach Gordon's vision and effort to work with our youth is invaluable to Juneau's future and their contribution to our families and health of our community.
- Dogs in parks are missing from the survey. Recent polls showed 40% of Mendenhall Glacier users walking dogs. While there are negative aspects of every user group, dog owners are a significant user group that should be recognized.



- Park and trail improvements and new facilities are severely lacking in lemon creek. Since the 1993 trails plan, not much has been done in that area of town. Lemon Creek is undervalued and always the last area considered by the CBJ. Why?
- Team sports are a wonderful way to socialize for adults and especially for youth. Indoor recreational opportunities are so important in maintaining good physical and mental health during Juneau's long winters. Lemon Creek neighborhood is lacking in youth recreational opportunities.
- Juneau needs a large, dry facility for community use that is affordable to all groups.

3.4 Stakeholder Meeting Outcomes

Parks & Rec staff notes from each stakeholder meeting are listed below, and followed by submitted information if the group provided a submission. Each meeting started with a presentation describing the Plan process, followed by opportunities for questions and comments. Groups were asked to provide comments by October 31, 2016. That deadline was extended for many groups. In some cases groups had numerous questions and there was a lengthy discussion about future plans and ideas, in other cases the conversation was brief and groups elected to talk amongst themselves and provide written feedback. This is reflected in the notes and comments below

3.4.1 Aquatics Advisory Board

Parks and Rec staff met with the Aquatics Board on September 27, 2016. The following topics were discussed:

- Discussed past plans and how they would be incorporated
- Discussed special committee role in planning process
- Discussed opportunities for school district collaboration
- Importance of sticking to timeline and moving through various approving bodies
- Phone surveys complete but discussed option to run a PlaceSpeak poll specifically about pools during a future phase of the project

3.4.2 Discovery Southeast

Parks & Rec staff met with Discovery Southeast on September 26, 2016. Following that meeting, Discovery Southeast submitted the following letter to Parks & Rec.



Discovery Southeast

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October 31, 2016

Alix Pierce
Parks and Recreation
City and Borough of Juneau

Dear Alix,

Through education and exploration Discovery Southeast deepens our relationship with nature. Our hands-on outdoor programs serve every 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classroom, and our enrichment programs like summer camp, after school, and in-service day trips bring outdoor recreation to hundreds of Juneau children a year.

Over almost-30 years we've brought roughly 25,000 Juneau children to CBJ parks. We regularly use our parks, and are fortunate to live in such a gorgeous location with so much absolutely amazing wild areas nearby. Seriously, is there another community of our size with so much accessible outdoors nearby, and of such quality!

We're also grateful to have the partnership and support of CBJ's Parks and Recreation Department, and happy to see this current planning effort. Our input to that project follows:

Maintain abundant, high-quality wild areas. While we sometimes focus on built parks, it's important to remember the value of having wild areas and access to them. These areas largely define Juneau, and make our community healthier by providing opportunities from hiking to hunting, as well as a sense of wildness and connection to the natural world. Trails, access, and just maintaining wild areas all benefit our community.

Fund Youth Activity Grants and community partnerships. Engaging community partners in parks can be an efficient way to introduce many children to parks and recreation activities—while at the same time empowering local partners whose work extends well beyond the grant-funded programs. Besides keeping these grant programs fully funded, CBJ might also consider supporting the volunteer decision makers. It can be difficult for community volunteers, who decide grant awardees, to make tough funding choices impacting local organizations, or to track grant efficacy year to year. CBJ might consider expanded staff support or input for this process.

Support recreation and school programs at the Eagle Valley Center. The EVC has unique and diverse habitats that are great for recreation and education. We hope the facility can continue to be a base for recreation opportunities like kayaking and hiking. We also believe it can be a great site for education, particularly by expanding the interpretive materials at the site. We'd love to see various educational

stations engaging visitors in the local natural history, as well as curriculum and lessons to have regular classroom programs and overnight opportunities for school children.

Support programs emphasizing Alaska Native heritage. All Juneauites develop a remarkably deeper connection to local nature through learning about traditional interactions with the land. It also can engage the entire community and bring the community together.

Fund programs and people. Whether through partnerships with local non-profits, or directly through CBJ program staff, it's important to invest in the educators and organizers who provide programs engaging people in parks. I think we recognize that a great network of sports fields needs people to organize leagues and lessons. The same is true of any park resource. Organizations and CBJ program staff can introduce people to lifelong passions outdoors...programs like hunters education, kayak rentals, forest or intertidal interpretive programs, or fishing clinics all benefit the quality of life for Juneauites and engage people in the parks for the long term. It's tremendously important to fund the staff positions that facilitate the recreation—whether through direct staff or funding of partner organizations.

Thank you for your time and energy on this project, we're excited to see what it brings for the next chapter of CBJ parks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Eisele". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Shawn Eisele
Executive Director, Discovery Southeast



3.4.3 Douglas Indian Association

The Douglas Indian Association (DIA) met with Parks & Rec on September 8, 2016. We did not receive a written response from DIA, but priorities were communicated in the meeting notes below:

DIA only federally recognized tribe with traditional territory in the Borough – encompasses entire Borough. Discussed areas with traditional residences or sacred area

- Savikko Park – historical village site
 - Totems at Gastineau School and Old Village Site
 - Rename park for the village
 - Trail marking with interpretive cultural signage
 - Infusing historical and cultural significance to areas
 - Cultural center at Sandy Beach
- Indian Point – recently placed into the historic register
 - City zoned Indian Point as natural area in 1960s
 - 1984 – City inadvertently zoned residential
 - PRAC/ Auke Bay Plan zoned natural park
 - Recommendation to close Indian Point trail
- Shaman Island
- Auke Bay/ Auke Lake
 - Early settlements/historic sites/petroglyphs
 - Auke Village – USFS
- All known historic areas – Interpretive signage, designation

3.4.4 Eagle Valley Center Stakeholders

A meeting was held at Eagle Valley Center on October 18, 2016. The meeting was advertised with flyers at the Center and with door hangings in the surrounding neighborhoods. Specific groups with an interest in the facility were also invited.

Meeting Recap:

- Introductions:
 - Stated planning assumptions and asked for confirmation from participants that they agreed – no objections were raised:
 - Multiple organizations will use the EVC simultaneously and concurrently
 - The EVC will be preserved as a public amenity
 - The EVC will remain revenue neutral while preserving access for the community
- Participants introduced themselves and were asked to share one favorite thing about the Eagle Valley Center and surrounding area, responses included:
 - History and opportunity to help the community
 - Nature – keep the area as natural as possible
 - Opportunity for kids to explore nature through summer camps and other activities



- Unique ecosystems and opportunities for outdoor recreation
 - SAGA History
 - Community resource
 - Trails
 - Opportunity to support our local food system
 - History of and opportunity for future farming and community agriculture
 - Community benefits of ropes course
 - Dog walking, hiking, exploration
 - Weddings, special place to get married
 - History – planned airstrip, homesteading, plough horses
 - Cross country skiing, paddle boarding, salt chuck
 - Playground for public, should be shared but not for large-scale tourism
 - Concerns about tourism resource
 - Future potential as staff housing, fond memories as SAGA alumni
- CBJ Parks and Rec provided an overview of the Master Planning process and a summary of the 2003 Letter of Agreement between the CBJ and State “Regarding Public Lands in the Amalga Meadows – Eagle Beach Area”
 - The following ideas have been proposed by community groups:
 - Matt Kern – small-scale agriculture with community involvement/CSA component
 - Discovery Southeast – Stations for educational programs and opportunities that could be used by school classes, camps, or families
 - SAIL – interested in operating ropes course
 - Juneau Icefield Research Program – interested in using downstairs area for staff housing
 - Above and Beyond AK – currently uses downstairs area for staff housing, has expressed that it was successful and has ABAK expressed interest in future use but no agreement has been reached with CBJ at this time.

Participants were split into five groups and given a poster board and a series of images reflecting possible uses at the Eagle Valley Center. Groups were given 20 minutes to pick the images that best reflected their vision for the area and asked to glue the images to the poster board and make notes with markers as they saw fit. Each group then elected a representative who presented their group’s findings back to the larger group. Findings are summarized as follows:

- The local neighborhood is very important, and the group had disparate views on outfitters and concessions, agreeing that small, local operations were preferred. The area has unique land for agriculture, and that is an option that can be explored. The group was very supportive of using the area for children’s education and had interest in camp structures but expressed concerns about their location and permanence. The bottom line: care for and preserve a special place.



- Group is supportive of uses including education, accessible trails, ropes course, hiking/running, kayaking, cross country skiing, meetings, and weddings. The group is interested in further discussion about cabins and camping and agriculture, making sure uses are appropriate.
- Group would like to see programs for children's education, ropes course, accessibility, meetings, and weddings developed and also identified kids/school programs, wilderness programs and picnic areas. The group would like to see hiking, bird watching, berry picking, kayaking, wildlife viewing, dog walking, and running continue at the EVC. The group would like more information on equestrian use, farming (interested in CSA option), and camping/cabins before making a decision. Concerns include liability, sound pollution, and light pollution, trail development impact on property owners, funding, and impact to coast line.
- Group is interested in continuing current uses including wildlife viewing, berry picking, cross country skiing, hiking/running, SCUBA, dog walking, bird watching, and accessible trails. The group would like to see mixed use local lodge activities including rentals for weddings, meetings, ropes course, group camping, and children's education programs. The group does not want to see kayak commercial use at Eagle Harbor, but is comfortable with non-commercial youth/community related kayak activities at the kayak beach. The group would like more information on agriculture and does not want to see equestrian use or cabins.
- Group considered most important priorities educational/inspirational activities such as the ropes course, community agriculture, and children's education programs; with recreation activities such as walking/hiking, accessible trails, dog walking, berry picking, etc. also very important. The group wanted to see wildlife viewing, bird watching, kayaking, SCUBA, and camping sustained and wanted to see growth in large community events including weddings, meetings, and overnight retreats.
- The following common themes were identified:
 - More information needed before a decision can be made on agriculture
 - Preserve current public use
 - Outdoor education
 - Youth programs
 - Recreation
 - Financial questions (would like to see funding mix, especially to inform decisions about commercial/agricultural use/cabins)
 - Trail system is important
 - Concerns about overnight cabins
 - No to large-scale tourism, need to identify where the line exists between use by local small business and large-scale tourism
 - Respect for neighbors
 - Ensure proper infrastructure for operations (electricity, water, road)
- The common themes were narrowed down further into the following:



- Priorities (must be complimentary uses):
 - Trail development
 - Education - youth programs/adventure based
 - Preserving community, public use, and being inclusive
 - Preserving the lodge as a community retreat center
- Concerns
 - Limits on tourism Growth
 - Prefer to work with non-profits
 - Small, local businesses that fit within the area's mission are ok
- Needs further discussion
 - Cabins/camping
 - Neighboring agencies want to make sure we're not duplicating services
 - Residents would like to see locations/impact as well as how cabin rentals would fit into funding mix to allow for other improvements
 - Agriculture
 - discussed moving operation slightly out of viewshed
 - benefits include food security and opportunity for CSA and local produce
 - Infrastructure
 - Sanitation
 - Water
 - Road maintenance
 - Improvements to caretakers shed/cabin
 - Expressed interest in making a caretaker's home that is an attractive place to live to help with caretaker retention

Group agreed to reconvene in the spring to discuss preliminary recommendations which should include some sort of funding mix proposal. Community groups can continue to explore options including agriculture and educational programming and can provide more detailed proposals in the spring.

3.4.5 Eaglecrest Board

Parks & Rec staff met with the Eaglecrest Board on October 6, 2016. The following items and opportunities were discussed:

- Trails
 - Increased bike trails
 - Other trail connections
 - Summer use/programming and who manages
- Interested in promoting P&R on Eaglecrest Social Media
- Coordination in PR/Marketing efforts



3.4.6 Friends of the Jensen Olson Arboretum

Parks and Rec staff spoke with a representative from the Friends of the Jensen Olson Arboretum (FJOA) board on December 5, 2016. The FJOA provided the following submission:

As southeast Alaska's premier public garden and one of CBJ's newest parks/facilities, the Jensen-Olson arboretum is a unique gem in Juneau's palette of parks and recreation options. Not only is it a peaceful place of beauty, it is a space to learn about gardening as art. It's a place to observe what grows in Juneau and ways to combine the palettes of color, texture, and timing to 'paint' an experience that's unique in southeast Alaska. Each visit is an opportunity to discover something new.

The arboretum also possesses the history and educational qualities of a museum, as well as the opportunities for local and international research. The arboretum not only showcases vegetables, trees, and flowers (including the nationally accredited Primula collection of over 200 species), it safeguards a piece of Juneau's early homesteading history. It provides a living laboratory for those who study plant-life, but entomology, ornithology and geography as well.

The Jensen-Olson Arboretum provides an oasis for visitors of all ages and abilities: it's a nationally recognized public garden in our own backyard where we can experience beauty, serenity and history in a way that is unlike any other public place in Juneau.

Our recently conducted community needs survey results suggest the following priorities for the thoughtful evolution of the arboretum in the future:

- Additional parking allowing easier and safer access to the gardens
- Year-round restrooms
- Further development of interpretive signage and on-site visitor resources
- Covered space(s) for small groups to get out of the weather, providing natural facilities for teaching/learning opportunities as well as housing some resource, interpretive and historical information
- Increase number of flower beds and plant collections
- Improved walkways and trails, including an accessible pathway to key garden features
- Programs providing resources for gardening and the environment
- Partnering with the Juneau School District, University of Alaska, Discovery Southeast, Juneau Garden Club, the Cooperative Extension and other organizations to develop programs that support learning and enjoyment in nature

In addition to the above priorities, much needed work needs to be completed on the dilapidated sunroom that is part of the Manager's residence. It is not listed above as it is part of CBJ's agreed upon care of the facility made with Caroline Jensen in her bequest and therefore was not addressed in the needs survey.



While improving both facilities and programs, an eye must be kept on what is most valued by the visitors of the garden. Most visitors noted appreciation for the quiet beauty of the place. And most visitors came in groups of 2-4 persons. As we develop feasible plans for the above improvements, all considerations must be made with the overarching need to maintain the peaceful and natural park setting that the arboretum is today.

The above priorities, along with the overarching theme of quiet beauty strongly suggest developing the arboretum as an outdoor museum.

The arboretum is, and always will be, operating under mandates envisioned by Caroline in her bequest. All changes to the buildings and grounds, which are now owned and operated by the City and Borough of Juneau and under the stewardship of the Southeast Alaska Land Trust, must be considered through this deliberate lens.

3.4.7 Friends of Zach Gordon Youth Center

Parks & Rec staff met via phone with a representative from the Friends of Zach Gordon Youth Center. Meeting notes are as follows:

- Currently working with a number of people on Collective Impact Effort – social service agencies trying to figure out gaps and how to work together
- Where does Parks & Rec fit into continuum of services for youth?
- BAM – after school programs are a missing piece in Juneau
 - Teachers/Principals pretty much know what is going on with kids but do not have the resources to connect them to
 - All kids in community are at school at 3pm – opportunity for outreach during the critical hours after school
- Economically there is a big gap where a lot of kids have to pay to play
 - Need programming without segregation
 - Needs to be something more than CBJ scholarship money – City in some form needs to plan and work with youth service organizations to expand scholarship program
- Looking to community in difficult financial times
 - Prevention is most effective method for solving problems for kids
 - Would be nice to have city actively involved in social services
 - Coordination of responsibility – prevention, recreation, social services are closely tied together
 - Young adults (18-24) have a person who is a navigator for people in crisis and Youth Services Coordinator
 - Youth Issues
 - Big part of problem is that we don't have anyone trying to figure out what the gaps are and giving people the opportunity to fill the gaps
 - Silos – city needs to lead that conversation about gaps. Nobody knows how bad it is and there needs to be leadership around finding solutions.



- Social service networks and government agencies need to work on marshalling resources to solve biggest problems

3.4.8 Gastineau Channel Little League

Parks & Rec staff met with Gastineau Channel Little League (GCLL) on September 6, 2016. We held a subsequent meeting to discuss shared field use with representatives from GCLL, Juneau Softball Association (JSA) and Juneau School District on September 29, 2016. We did not receive a written submission from GCLL; Parks & Rec notes from both meetings are below:

September 6, 2016

- Resurfacing fields – better communication and planning
 - Can it be done in the time frames that work for the users so there are no schedule interruptions?
 - Making sure the field with the highest need is done first
 - Impacts vs. benefits of resurfacing
 - With one field for high school age, we don't have enough fields to manage resurfacing works
 - Little league can make due with Melvin
 - Is there a way to resurface without impacting the season?
 - Rotational field usage so we know when each field is being resurfaced to accommodate all ages (alternative to Adair Kennedy)
 - Douglas has lower participation – need to focus on reconfiguring Savikko
 - Clover fields at Savikko
 - Best use of the land
 - Can have multiple games at once
 - Currently not using field 1
 - Dimond Park – using on the weekend when softball isn't playing – good for kids to see a lot of other activity
 - Easier to maintain
 - Less need to have the upkeep on outlying fields
 - Senior League could play at Savikko
 - Fields at Dimond and Savikko should both be used by both groups
 - Lights/scoreboards at Adair Kennedy need repair

September 29, 2016

JSA

- JSA voted to put backs and cement in dugouts 2 years ago – city approved
- Hoping to make it a better field for JSA players and spectators
- New concession stand will be an improvement – would like to see running water and bathrooms



- Lights on 2 fields – used for girls fast pitch (one is a field that JSA paid for) – wants to see School District practice moved to 3pm
- When a field isn't available it makes it challenging to schedule 1100 people
- Planning to use Savikko more this year
- Also has an umpire shortage – challenges with umpiring games in 2 places
- Program seems to stay stagnant in numbers
- Adding jock boxes
- Long term:
 - Wants to continue to be a major user
 - Concerns with being bottom of priority list
 - Individuals within organization are worried about other user groups coming in and not understanding the way it works
 - Wants communication with other user groups – adequate notification that other groups are using the fields
 - Scheduling is working well and things seem to be progressing
 - Wanting to improve field for players and people
- Everyone is always worried about field scheduling
 - 1100 people – 56 teams

School District

- Things are working well at Dimond – schedule is working well
- Wants to use field as early as absolutely possible – the sooner softball team can get on the field, the better
- Need fields that could potentially host a state tournament – Dimond possibly too short for State softball
 - Would require more work on stands and viewing areas
 - Scheduling in Southeast is challenging because of other communities' field needs
 - Challenging if not scheduling games until May 1 – weather permitting
 - Communication was great last year
 - Recommend getting field crews on board a little earlier
- Turf would solve all problems
 - \$3.8m softball / \$4.3 baseball - \$6-8m high to low cost for both
 - Turfed infields

GCLL

- Wants to use Dimond Park at times not being used by JSA – has always had interest in using it on weekends
- Would prefer Dimond to other community fields
 - Like the atmosphere of multiple games at once
 - Would like to continue as Cope comes back on line



- Likes Dimond because you can finish running games earlier than sites with only one field
- Softball is scheduled differently than baseball
 - Baseball tries to maximize team's participation
 - Softball didn't maximize time slots
 - Softball currently uses Melvin 2, Melvin 3, DZ1, Lena 2, possibly Savikko , Dimond 4 is a future possibility – making sure timeslots are maximized
- Open communication with JSA scheduling
 - Want to be flexible and work together to maximize use at any field
 - Limitations on what GCLL can do at different levels of play
 - Would like to see more usage at Dimond in the future and would like to see area grow and develop more
 - Happy to share resources with dugout improvements
- JSA acknowledges issues with communication and is up for communicating with one another – JSA working to educate membership
- GCLL not planning to increase use at Dimond in the next year
- Definite interest – base pads and mounds
- Would love to see turf clover
- Softball is down for membership this year

General

- Aant'iyek
 - GCLL thinks caters more toward adults
 - Disc golf players are rowdy
 - Not high on priority in terms of quality
- Lena
 - No restrooms
 - Softball started using Melvin/DZ instead of Lena
 - Easier to use Cope for Tee ball
- Savikko 1
 - Talked about doing intermediate division GCLL
 - 50/70 would need portable mound
 - Could be used for tee ball
- Environment is key
 - Bleachers and turf make it more attractive
- Netting at Dimond over clover leaf – fouls hit netting and roll out



3.4.9 Glacier Swim Club

Parks and Rec staff met with the Glacier Swim Club on September 21, 2016. There were several general questions about the planning process but no specific comments or ideas were submitted.

3.4.10 Government Agencies

Parks and Rec convened a meeting with Alaska State Parks, the United States Forest Service (USFS) and Trail Mix to discuss management of parks and trails in the Juneau area. The following items were discussed:

- Overview of CBJ Parks and Rec Master Plan scope
- Sharing feedback that comes out of our public consultation process
 - Discussed information sharing between the Parks & Rec Master Plan process and the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area plan process
- Likely outcomes of Master Plan
 - Discussed the need to update the current Juneau Trails Plan, produced in 1993
- Discussion of user groups we are contacting for feedback
- Trail user conflict issues and any user types we specifically need to manage for
- Specific trail projects/issues
 - Upcoming projects for CBJ and USFS
 - Areas of overlap
- Grants/funding

3.4.11 Hoop Time Basketball

Parks and Rec staff met with Hoop Time Basketball on October 6, 2016. Meeting notes are as follows:

- Need for gym space in the valley
- Zach Gordon is only downtown – it would be great to have in the valley
- Has found scheduling issues with community schools and Parks and Rec
- Gyms need maintenance (school district)
 - School district should have maintenance fee structure for gym equipment (scoreboards, microphone, etc.)
 - Currently depends on who is the school district activity person
- Interested in adding on to DPAC for a court
 - HoopTime was given a \$10,000 grant for feasibility study by McDowell in 2012
 - Found 13 organizations that were interested in partnering on an indoor recreation facility
- HoopTime brings \$1-3 million dollars into town from tournaments (biggest tournament in state)
 - Not able to do so without access to gyms that we have
 - Financial benefits need to be accounted for in planning process – needs to be acknowledged



- Reaching underserved kids
 - Fees are low
 - Hoop time would like to hold clinic with Parks and Rec coaches
- Teaching fundamentals
- All about using school gym time from January – March
- Talk about expanding program based on middle school sports and funding
- Looking for 43 hours of gym time per week would use more, up to 50
- Have own scholarship program
- Hold Goldbelt/Sealaska camps, cross-culture, cross-finance
- Keep fees low for quality coaching, etc.
- Pull tab funding
- Expanded to include elementary, middle, high school players
- May-July program for elite high school players to go to tournaments elsewhere in the country – helping the high school programs
- Travel throughout southeast as well, reach out to kids in other communities

Main Priorities

- Scheduling
- Gym space
- Determining what the school board's priorities for after school activities

3.4.12 Juneau Adult Hockey Association

Please see below for JAHA's input on the P&R Master Plan. They are all tied to adult ice hockey at Treadwell Arena and essentially represent a "wish list." They are not in any particular order below as the feasibility of these ideas really isn't known without working with Parks & Rec staff:

- Remodel locker rooms so that there is a shower and sink available in each. (Streamlines locker room scheduling by avoiding the possibility of mixing genders and/or adults/minors.)
- Continue to offer on-site user group storage.
- Find/make space for more rentable lockers.
- Maintain ice rental rates at current levels OR implement long term plan that balances rates and cost recovery, but keeps incremental rate increases low and allows user groups to plan their own rate increases over the same long term.
- Second sheet of ice at the same location – indoor, semi-enclosed, or outdoor. Second sheet does not necessarily need to be full size, but could be used for practices, drills, etc.
- Improved/streamlined alcohol permitting process.
- Improved concession areas.
- On-site pro shop.
- Extended ice season, up to year round, if demand exists.



3.4.13 Juneau Community Charter School

Parks & Rec staff met with the Juneau Community Charter School (JCCS) Board of Directors on September 20, 2016. Following that meeting, JCCS submitted the following letter to Parks & Rec.



To: Juneau Parks & Recreation Department

Re: CBJ P&R Master Plan

From: Juneau Community Charter School, Academic Policy Committee

Date: 25th October 2016

Dear Members of the CBJ Parks & Recreation Department:

We, the teachers, staff, families, and students of the Juneau Community Charter School (JCCS) wanted to take this opportunity during your Master Planning process to let you know just how much we cherish Capital Park and other facilities and parks maintained by CBJ.

JCCS sends students from our 4th St. location outside and into the community daily. For us, this means outdoor play, physical education, art, science observations, and more in places like Chicken Yard Park, Basin Road, Cope Park, and especially Capital Park.

Capital Park alone is visited by our 100 students every day, sometimes twice-a-day (based on our current schedule this equates to 14,620 hours/year of use).

Capital Park is near-and-dear to our hearts, and has been part of the history of JCCS since the school opened in 1997. We would like to offer you the following feedback on how the park may be improved, from our perspective:

- Near the flowering Japanese maples and empty chair section there are presently two trees planted by JCCS staff and students to honor our teacher Luann Spiech and her son Kelvin, who drowned at Fish Creek in 2000. We hope those trees and the small marker will not be removed.
- Maximize space for field games. This is our single most used area of Capital Park. Our students love playing football, soccer, tag or whatever in the open area and it's also our main location for PE class.
- More swings. When JCCS is at Capital Park, the swings are in non-stop motion with a line of students formed up and waiting for their turn. A few more would be great.



- Bathroom. A year-round bathroom with sink would be especially helpful for our youngest visitors who sometimes can't make it back to the school when nature calls.
- Basketball. We understand that Capital Park is a small park and can't accommodate everything, but we would like to see the basketball hoop remain, even if it means reducing the court size. One alternative for us, that your group may be able to assist with, is providing JCCS access to the Terry Miller gymnasium.
- Keep Gaga Ball! Our students love the new addition.

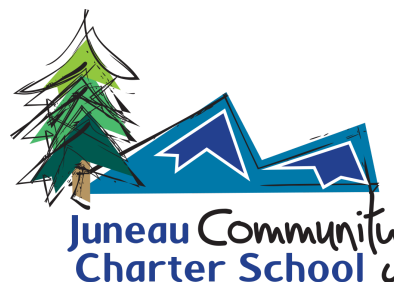




Additionally, here is some feedback about other facilities we use consistently around the borough:

- Our 4th/5th grade class uses the Augustus Brown Pool for swimming lessons as a class every day for two weeks. This has become a tradition for us in recent years.
- Our 4th through 8th graders participate in the Learn to Ski program for school groups for two days each year.
- Many of our 5th graders take advantage of free Eaglecrest passes each year.
- Each year (rain or shine) we participate in an autumn leaf jump. Over the years other schools have joined in to what is becoming a community tradition. Thank you CBJ this year for helping us gather leaves!
- Our general and PE classes try to make excursions for ice skating at Treadwell.
- We use the Savikko Park and Auke Rec shelters for all-school community gatherings.
- Many of our students run and ski cross-country for school activity, and appreciate the maintained trails around town and general access to nature in Juneau.
- All of our classes throughout the year visit the downtown public library as well as the City Museum, Arboretum, and Zach Gordon Youth Center.

Most of all, on Behalf of the Juneau Community Charter School, we want to say **thank you** and let you know how much we appreciate all the work you do for our community!



Juneau Community Charter School, Academic Policy Committee
President: Ryan Stanley: (907) 723-3938, jccs-apc@juneauschools.org
Facilitating Teacher: Cynthia McFeeters: (907) 796-5699



3.4.14 Juneau Douglas Ice Association

Parks & Rec staff met with the Juneau Douglas Ice Association (JDIA) on September 14, 2016. We presented an overview of the Master Plan process and requested input from JDIA. We have not received input to date and Treadwell Arena staff continue to work with JDIA on scheduling and other issues.

3.4.15 Juneau Douglas Motocross Association

Parks & Rec staff corresponded with the Juneau Douglas Motocross Association (JDMXA) via email and phone during October – December 2016. We requested input from various motor sports groups and received the following input from JDMXA:

My name is Josh Anderson, President of the Juneau Douglas Motocross Association. On behalf of our organization I would like to take a moment to thank the P&R Dept. for reaching out to the community in an effort to listen to all user groups, and consider their needs when updating the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The Juneau Douglas Motocross Association (JDMXA) is a nonprofit organization founded in 2010 in an effort to build partnerships with the CBJ and local residents to combine the interests and resources of local motocross enthusiasts. Currently JDMXA represents over 500 members and considers motocross racing to be a lifelong sport. We promote and would like the opportunity to provide a safe, enjoyable atmosphere for riders of all ages and abilities. Additionally, JDMXA would also like to state that our group supports all types of responsible OHV activities. Understandably, issues such as noise, impacts to adjacent property owners, existing terrain, and environmental concerns make it difficult to provide an area suitable for certain types of OHV use. For this reason JDMXA, is currently in the process of obtaining a conditional use permit for a privately operated facility at the Bicknell Pond property, across from Fred Meyers. For your review, I have attached the proposal narrative which was filed with the planning dept. this August 2016. As an additional example, I have attached the Aant'iyek Park proposal that was proposed back in 2014. To be clear, the Aant'iyek Park proposal is not being pursued at this time. It is our hope that CBJ lands be made available in the future to accommodate our current needs and allow for expanded off highway trail riding.

Motorsports/OHV represent a wide range of recreational opportunities that residents of Juneau used to enjoy. Many Americans all over the country enjoy OHV today as it is a huge industry. Juneau's economy and tourism would certainly benefit from motorsports recreation. Those who were raised around this lifestyle are disappointed when they move to Juneau because there are no available OHV opportunities. Demolition derbies, mud bogging, motocross racing and 4WD antics can keep a large group of kids and adults entertained and out of trouble. They have to use their hands to make repairs, need jobs to afford parts, parents or uncles can spend quality time teaching skills that can be used for the rest of their lives. Put the Video games away and get outside!!!



JDMXA's basic needs are Motocross and free/trail riding.

- Motocross activities would require 2 to 10 acres of land with good soils that allow for drainage and maintain the intended shape of man-made obstacles. Portable restrooms and parking are important. Equipment and maintenance could be provided by the user group to offset costs. Milestone MX park in San Bernardino Ca, is a good example of a large variety in a small foot print. <http://milestonemx.com> Anchorage Alaska has a MX park at Kincaid Park which would be comparable in size to what would be obtainable in the Juneau area. <http://www.anchorageracinglions.com>
- Trail riding and free riding would require 10 + acres. Parking and portable restrooms are important. Trails would be created by users and evolve over time. These trails could be shared with other OHV, and mountain biking users. Again, equipment and maintenance could be provided by the user groups.

In Summary, a simple piece of land is the catalyst needed to get OHV recreation revived in Juneau. User groups could begin the organization process create their own niche. Grandiose plans are nice but quickly add up to large price tags that will never get off the ground. Keep it simple and let the community come together and to help make it work. If CBJ properties were available for OHV use without impacting residents and other forms of recreation, a large hole in Juneau's many parks recreational possibilities would be filled.

3.4.16 Juneau Mountain Bike Alliance

The Juneau Mountain Bike Alliance met with Parks & Rec staff on November 4, 2016. An informal follow-up meeting was held on November 21. Following those discussions, JMBA conducted a survey of its membership and submitted the results and the following letter to Parks & Rec.

Juneau Mountain Bike Alliance
2544 Douglas Hwy.
Juneau, AK 99801

December 6, 2016

City and Borough of Juneau
Parks and Recreation Department
Re: Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The Juneau Mountain Bike Alliance (JMBA), and the mountain bikers we represent, appreciate the effort that CBJ Parks and Recreation is making to update the Juneau Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Over the last ten years, the number of mountain bikers in Juneau has increased rapidly, providing healthy outdoor active recreation for a broad range of riders from young kids to age 65-plus. A growing number of Juneau families enjoy mountain biking together.

We would like to offer the following comments on behalf of Juneau's growing mountain biking community. These comments are based on comments gathered at meetings and an online survey conducted by JMBA, with 93 responses.

The top three priorities identified by Juneau area riders are:

1. Identify an area of CBJ land that would be suitable for the development of a network of mountain bike trails.
2. Develop a bike skills park with features for beginning, intermediate, and advanced riders.
3. Continue to improve existing Juneau trails for both mountain biking and other trail users.

JMBA would like to work cooperatively with the CBJ and Parks and Recreation staff members to identify an area of CBJ land that would be suitable for the development of a realistic network of short mountain bike trails. By starting small, using volunteers and private donations as much as possible, and expanding the trail network as resources allow, it would be feasible to construct a complete network of trails over a number of years. The challenge in Juneau is to find a tract of land with a minimum of muskeg and wet soil conditions that require expensive hardening with crushed rock to build durable trails.

JMBA members have discussed areas of Juneau that may be well suited for this purpose. However, a significant amount of soil sampling and geotechnical analysis will be required to identify the areas with the best soil conditions, so at this point, it is premature to recommend a specific location. JMBA members are happy to assist with this effort.

Another priority expressed by Juneau mountain bikers is building a bike skills park with features suited for beginning, intermediate, and advanced riders. The skills park could include a pump track, various skill building features, and progressive jumps and drops for the more experienced riders. Again, the goal would be to start small, and expand the park or add features over the years as resources allow. Determining the location of the park would require a process to review potential sites and their pros and cons in detail. Potential park locations of interest to riders include the Douglas/Savikko Park/Treadwell area, and a site under the Douglas Bridge on the Juneau side,

adjacent to the new bridge park being developed. It may also be feasible to add some small bike-related features to existing city neighborhood parks to encourage active recreation in city parks.

Another priority for Juneau mountain bikers is continuing to maintain and improve Juneau's trail system for both mountain biking and for other trail users. In particular, completing the renovation of the historic Treadwell Ditch trail from Eaglecrest to Douglas is a high priority. Mountain bikers are looking forward to the work planned by Parks and Recreation and Trail Mix to construct a bridge over Paris Creek next summer, along with other CBJ-funded improvements to the south end of the Treadwell trail. Although the central and northern sections of the Treadwell Trail are mainly on Forest Service land, there are opportunities for the city to work with the Forest Service on trail improvements to those sections of trail.

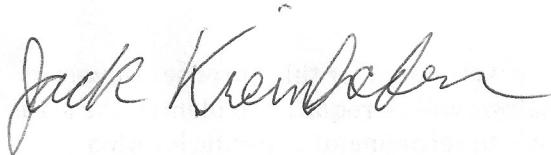
A much smaller trail project that is also supported by Juneau mountain bikers is making some small repairs and improvements to the Red Mill trail that joins with the Perseverance trail. With minor improvements to the Red Mill trail, more mountain bikers would use the trail, reducing mountain bike traffic on parts of Perseverance.

In this letter, we are not focusing on mountain biking at the Eaglecrest Ski area. Eaglecrest has their own management structure, their own recently completed 20-year master plan, and a 5-10 year trails plan that is guiding trail development at Eaglecrest. Juneau mountain bikers support the completion of the Sourdough mountain bike trail, and the funding and completion of the other multi-use trails included in the Eaglecrest trails plan, such as trails to Cropley Lake and out Pittman's Ridge.

Finally, we would like to encourage the Parks and Recreation department to follow up the master plan with an update of the Juneau Trails Plan, in cooperation with the Forest Service, State Parks, Trail Mix, and JMBA. The trails plan update will provide more detailed priorities and planning for trail repairs and development than can be included in the Parks and Recreation master plan.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Juneau's mountain bikers look forward to working with Parks and Recreation management and staff to improve outdoor recreation in Juneau.

Sincerely,



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3.4.17 Juneau Mountain Rescue

Parks and Rec staff met with Juneau Mountain Rescue (JMR) on October 20, 2016. The following notes were submitted to and verified by the JMR Board:

- West Glacier and Mt. Roberts are 2 hot spots
 - Capital City Fire and Rescue (CCFR) responds to most callouts on West Glacier Trail – usually people are lost and trying to find the trail and need to be transported by jet boat. Not usually people who are hurt, usually people who get turned around or don't understand cairns. Direct impact on CBJ resources.
 - Both areas are close to being remote, you need navigation skills but with easy tram access and west glacier publicity there is additional call volume
 - 2 calls to Spaulding meadows this year – could use additional signage
 - People who are rescued are often not prepared
- Internet has changed way people go hiking – people read on internet and go without as much knowledge
- Forest Service has maintained West Glacier to a high standard, ice caves trail is more dangerous
 - Opportunity for app, signage like Whitehorse
 - Ridge routes with no trails – lots of people end up using without adequate navigation knowledge
- Would be helpful for Juneau to have a set of classifications for trail/walk/route
 - Need to determine how to classify backcountry trails and rate in terms technical navigation, hazards, etc. as opposed to physical exertion
 - Ridge routes are difficult searches because there isn't an obvious place where people end up, they could be anywhere
- Eaglecrest – access through closed areas, expecting increased callouts with increased popularity of backcountry skiing
 - Concerns about this year potentially being a higher snow year and people either being complacent about the need for avalanche gear or having lapses in judgment about terrain that has not been accessible for several years
- Berhends Ave. & Basin Road / Flume trail slide paths – need better signage around avalanche danger.

3.4.18 Juneau Nordic Ski Club

The Juneau Nordic Ski club participated in the trails stakeholders meeting on October 14, 2016 and also provided additional ideas via email on October 31, 2016:

- If you are reaching out to motorized I wanted to add that as part of the Juneau Nordic Ski Club (JNSC) I have been communicating with the Juneau Snowmachine Club and UAS Chancellor's office regarding potential for joining forces on the Lake Creek access. (We have been) reaching out and chatting about potential for working together on improving that access and a small amount of chat about how to keep the two modes, human and



motor powered, separate if a trail head access is better defined for improvement and use.

- Additionally, the opportunity to create a biathlon course somewhere in Juneau has been thrown around in the JNSC. There are certainly potential partners, the shooting club, the UAS, the Guard (where in the past many a biathlete has been recruited).

3.4.19 Juneau School District

JDHS and TMHS are looking for a lot of the same things. First is that we can turf a softball and baseball field in Adair Kennedy grounds and use the R&M design plan that was created a few years back. I don't know if Parks and Rec. has anything to do with the wiring or the stereo system at Adair Kennedy football field, but it really needs to be re-wired. A really important request is that we really need to be able to play games, weather permitting, by mid-April on all the baseball/softball fields at Melvin Park and Adair Kennedy. The Adair Kennedy baseball field is too small of a field to host a state tournament on. If we could cut back some of those trees and extend the fence to where it meets the state requirements to host the baseball tournament. Lastly, we need a new scoreboard for the Adair Kennedy baseball field. That thing is on its last leg and would be great if we could get a new updated scoreboard, since if we cut the trees back and extend the fence we could possibly be hosting a state tournament there. The number one thing that both schools and community need is to get those fields turfed, it will save money in the long run and will be more fun and safer for every person that uses it. Please let me know if you need anything else and thank you!

3.4.20 Juneau Skating Club

Parks & Rec staff met with Juneau Skating on September 15, 2016. Following that meeting, Juneau Skating Club surveyed its membership and submitted the following letter to Parks & Rec.

Input from Juneau Skating Club for the 2016/17 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The Juneau Skating Club would like to thank CBJ Parks and Recreation for soliciting input from user groups to create an updated long term master plan. The Treadwell Ice Arena is a significant, positive resource for the Juneau community. The facility is well managed, well maintained and attentive to the needs of the users.

In order to compile input for the master plan, the Juneau Skating Club conducted a survey of all of its users from both the 2015/16 and 2016/17 skating seasons. The survey link was sent out several times and provided the opportunity to gather information from over 300 participant skaters. We have compiled our organization's input based on the priorities delineated by users.

The Juneau Skating Club's main priority is simply more of a good thing. The addition of a second sheet of ice and extending the season to include summer ice were tied as our participants' top priorities. During the regular season, skaters would like more access to ice during the hours they are able to access the rink. Many of our skaters are youth who rely on parental transportation to get them to the rink. They want to skate between 5pm-8pm Monday through Friday, before school and on weekends before 8pm, excluding Sunday mornings, when many families attend church. Our users want access to open skates, freestyles, pond hockey and stick and puck skates during these hours, but currently, these prime hours are often rented by user groups. Adding a second sheet of ice will double the amount of available ice for both rentals and public skating. The Juneau Skating Club has been growing steadily over the past 10 years. Our anticipated future growth will both increase the need for additional ice and allow us to purchase ice during the times that our users are available to skate.

Summer ice is a high priority among our users. Many skaters want the opportunity to continue skating throughout the summer. Summer ice is also important for the figure skating competitive season schedule, which starts with regional qualifying competitions in October and ends with Nationals in January. Competitive Figure Skaters across the country use summer ice as a key training time, often skating 20 or more hours per week in conjunction with off-ice training. Juneau skaters are at a distinct disadvantage when competing against other skaters in the Pacific Northwest region, primarily because local skaters have only five to six weeks to prepare for regionals after having no access to ice during the summer months. Juneau skaters lose vital skill development and training opportunities each summer. If P&R chooses not to have ice available in the summer then our skater would like the arena open for roller skating in the summer.

Our users' final priorities involve overall facility development: More bleacher seating to allow for larger audiences, additional storage, off-ice training space, meeting space, more locker rooms, warming room, better concession area, and pro-shop. These facilities improvements will increase the overall usefulness and enjoyment of the ice rink for all users.

The Juneau Skating Club again thanks Park and Recreation for their consideration of our priorities,

- The Juneau Skating Club Board of Directors



3.4.21 Juneau Soccer Club

The Juneau Soccer Club met with Parks & Rec staff on November 1, 2016. Following that meeting, Juneau Soccer Club submitted the following letter to Parks & Rec:

Juneau Soccer Club



BACKGROUND:

The Juneau Soccer Club (JSC) was originally formed in 1991 to support the high school boys and girls soccer program. In 2010, JSC spun off the school booster component into an independent 501(c)3 organization and helped them organize. Since then, JSC has completely expanded to offer a comprehensive soccer development program for boys and girls from ages 3 -18, involving more than 390 players annually. The club promotes youth soccer and specifically works to improve the athletic skills of individuals in order to prepare them to play at the next level and to develop their character as individuals. The club encourages a lifelong learning and enjoyment of physical activity and physical fitness by providing an environment of support and success that values each player, encourages player and team development, fosters fair play, and promotes fun. JSC defines success as player development that builds sportsmanship and character. The club promotes this mission through a comprehensive program of age-appropriate skills training sessions, team practices, camps, and competitive tournaments. As a result, graduates from the JSC program are being selected for collegiate soccer programs at a rate of 2.27 times the national average.

JSC competitive teams participate in state, regional, national, and international tournaments. In recent years JSC teams were recognized for both their success on the field and for their high standards of sportsmanship. For most of the past decade, we have participated in an annual spring exchange and tournament with Whitehorse which is a very cost-effective competition that generally allows for participation, regardless of finances. As in past years, we will continue to bring top level training camps such as TetraBrazil Soccer (www.tetrabrazil.com) and Coerver (www.coerver.com), to Juneau. TetraBrazil Soccer is an industry-leading operator of Brazilian Soccer Camps in the United States and Brazilian Soccer Tours to Brazil. They have put on excellent camps that JSC has sponsored and opened to all Juneau youth, regardless of JSC membership. In addition, we have invited athletes from Whitehorse and other communities in Southeast Alaska to participate in the camp and tournament following the camp. JSC regularly hosts local small-sided tournaments such as the JSC 3v3 World Cup involving over 150 players per tournament, which are open to all youth from Juneau and elsewhere, not just soccer club members.

Our Director of Coaching, Matt Dusenberry, ensures that players participate in a safe and enjoyable environment with quality supervision. Matt is one of only three coaches in the state with a US Soccer Federation (USSF) 'A' and National Youth License, which the 'A' being the highest possible license, and the Youth focusing on the recreational players from four to eighteen years of age. He organizes training and educational seminars for all interested coaches, referees, players, and parents. Matt works closely with his coaching staff to help develop individual players and competitive teams; conducts skills, goalkeeper, and advanced training sessions weekly. The club annually funds formal coach training and licensing under the USSF or NSCAA certification programs. For some coaches, this includes advanced training/licensing at the National Coaching School. This formal training ensures that our youth have knowledgeable and skilled coaches including coaches Matt Dusenberry, Moctar Diouf, Jer Gleason, Martin Morris and John Newell who have been selected as the Alaska Coach of the Year in the past, due to their commitment and passion for coaching.

JSC is planning TOPSoccer clinics this spring and/or summer (www.topsoccer.us). Coach Matt Dusenberry is formally certified, as well as fourteen JSC "soccer buddies" to participate in programs and clinics that are offered to physically and/or cognitively impaired youth in our community. JSC is working with local non-profits such as ORCA/SAIL and REACH to coordinate this program.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS:

PROGRAM OFFERINGS:

ACADEMY: JSC 10, 11 and 12

Fees are \$50 per season. The JSC "seasons" for this group are October-December and Jan/Feb/June. Why no March, April or May? Because high school sports take over the Dimond Park Field House and because we have limited staff available during those months (many helping coach at JD and TM). This group typically has one session per week. Players will be learning fundamental techniques (dribbling, ball control, shooting, etc.) in a fun yet challenging environment. We look to have no more than one player to a ball, thus emphasizing quantity of touches and ensuring little to no "standing around" time.

DEVELOPMENTAL: JSC 08, and 09

Fees are \$135 for the entire season. This group typically has one session per week, October-August. Players will be learning fundamental techniques (dribbling, ball control, shooting, etc.) in a fun yet challenging environment. The purpose of this training is to give players "confidence on the ball" and provide the tools needed to thoroughly enjoy the game.

PRE-COMPETITIVE: JSC 06, and 07 (JSC 08)**

Fees are \$190 for the entire season. This group typically has two sessions per week, one during the week and one on the weekend. Players continue learning fundamental techniques (dribbling, ball control, shooting, etc.) in a fun yet challenging environment, but the program also provides more challenging elements for advanced players in a team setting.

COMPETITIVE: JSC 02, 03, 04, and 05 (JSC 06)**

Annual fee is \$399. This program focuses on continued development of individual soccer skills and goal keeping while adding "advanced training" concepts of individual and team play. Players start practicing as a competitive team and are eligible for travel to competitive events.

HIGH SCHOOL: JSC 02 - JSC 98

For this age group during October-February, an Advanced Training Program will be conducted for our boys and girls members during the week, followed by a session on the weekend. The fee for the Advanced Training Program will be \$190 for the year. Age-group teams may still decide to compete in summer tournaments, for which JSC will provide additional training. Players forming a team and going into tournament competition will pay an additional \$50 fee to cover the added months.

**** JSC 08 and the JSC 06** members have two options for JSC programs this year, as we are offering these age-groups the ability to choose which program they feel is right for their child. JSC 08's can choose the Developmental Program or Pre-Competitive Program. The JSC 06's can choose the Pre-Competitive Program or Competitive Program.

DISCUSSION

TURF LIMITATIONS: JSC is currently "turf limited." As mentioned above, JSC essentially loses most of March due to lack of turf availability in the Field House and inability to get gym time. In summer, there has been less-than-optimal scheduling due to the availability of our main turf. Generally, JSC secures time via CBJ P&R on Adair Kennedy Field. This turf is heavily desired by most programs because P&R offers a large user group rate, based on a \$/per child in the program. This "flat fee" is cost effective but still represents about \$2,200 per year.

There are other outdoor turf fields at Thunder Mountain and Juneau-Douglas High Schools, but there is a problem which is worth discussing. Thunder Mountain and Juneau-Douglas turf fields are run by Community Schools, while Adair is run by P&R. The two organizations have different rates and reservation policies. The easier for a program like JSC is via P&R, which offers the bulk rate. It also allows for a known

schedule in advance. The Thunder turf is about \$22/hr which is significantly higher and only allowed to be reserved on this hourly basis. There is also a problem with being able to lock down schedules as some school programs do not lock in their schedules or reserve more than needed. Since they have “bump” rights, programs like JSC cannot adequately plan for use there. Previous attempts to work with the School District to develop a bulk rate and guaranteed time by JSC was turned down twice.

Opportunity: The current state of the situation is that Adair is overloaded and while the other two fields remain empty most of the summer. ALL are CBJ fields, just through different administrative organizations. Use of the turf does not create additional costs to the “owner” since there is minimal wear and tear on these surfaces, while staff are not needed to operate or maintain it due to use by these user groups. There is an excellent opportunity to find administrative processes to share the time between the management groups so that we keep more children on the turf instead of having to reduce practice times due to lack of turf. We are available to discuss some thoughts on this subject further.

TOPSOCCER: JSC is planning to grow this program, working in partnership with organizations that have disabled youth and are looking for athletic opportunities for those youth. JSC can offer the structure and trained personnel to assist in a joint effort. Note that gym/turf time will be a challenge and will need to be considered. Still, JSC feels that disabled athletes are in need of more opportunities and want to assist in providing those services.

JSC SOCCER CAMP: Currently, JSC is under contract with CBJ Parks and Rec to provide their summer camp program. JSC has completed two sets of camp and are well positioned to continue to develop and grow this program. Lack of an online registration for participants has been a challenge, but CBJ is hoping to have their online registration system operational for this summer’s programs. There may also be opportunities to better advertise this program to potential participants in future.

JSC YOUTH REFEREE TRAINING: JSC offers specific training for youth referees which has produced a number of certified referees who are now providing services to the CBJ P&R leagues and JSC plans to continue/expand this program. It is good for both programs and for the participants.

RECREATIONAL PROGRAM: Although JSC provide competitive opportunities for some age groups during the summer, it is essentially a developmental program focusing on giving the tools to the players. Gym and turf availability does not allow JSC to include an ongoing league or other consistent competitive venues to complement their skills work. Many JSC members participate in the P&R soccer programs, putting their skills to use on those fields, both indoor and outdoor. There is an excellent opportunity to partner and collaborate between the two programs which will provide positives for both groups. JSC has a structure and strong cadre of training, licensed coaches under the supervision of a nationally licensed coach with significant experience in providing soccer education to a wide range of ages and skill levels. JSC is also interested in seeing more opportunities for players to compete in formats which provide the other side of the soccer education. We feel that there is a good opportunity to partner, collaborate, and integrate the programs that can offer the youth of Juneau the wide range of choices that best deliver this athletic opportunity.



3.4.22 Juneau Softball Association

Parks & Rec staff met with Juneau Softball Association (JSA) on September 17, 2016. We held a subsequent meeting to discuss shared field use with representatives from Gastineau Channel Little League (GCLL), JSA and Juneau School District on September 29, 2016. We did not receive a written submission from JSA; Parks & Rec notes from the September 17 meeting are below, with notes from the September 29 meeting following the Gastineau Channel Little League meeting notes in section 3.4.8:

September 17, 2016

- JSA looking at doing its own master plan
- Dugouts at Dimond Park need improvements
- Collaborative efforts between City, JSA and volunteers/donors could help make necessary improvements if JSA is able to lead the efforts.
 - Working together with whatever Parks & Rec can offer and JSA can support
 - Members to put sweat equity
- Drainage issues at Dimond Park
- What can JSA do on a long-term basis to avoid a piecemeal approach to park maintenance and upgrades?
 - Building committee going to address field improvements – changing name to improvements committee
- Identified need for a meeting between Juneau School District/GCLL/JSA

3.4.23 Neighborhood Associations

Parks & Rec convened a meeting of Juneau neighborhood associations to discuss individual needs and common issues on September 27, 2016. Representatives from four neighborhood associations attended. Meeting notes are compiled below, with submitted feedback from the Thane Neighborhood Association and Flats Families proceeding.

Flats Families

- Cope park is most heavily used
 - Improvements are great! Addressing a lot of concerns
 - #1 thing that fixes the issues is to get more people in the park
- Evergreen Cemetery – only open grassy area in Juneau besides Twin Lakes
 - Walking/sledding
 - Allowing dogs on leash in cemetery (old ordinance preventing leashed dogs is about livestock)
- Connection across Egan to Whale Park
 - Would be great to start from bridge area on seawalk without navigating highway
- Turf field at high school is really great for community
 - Used outside school hours by neighborhood
 - Need to build and cultivate relationship with School District and look holistically at school facilities
- Need to look at entire park system and ensure everyone is being served



- P&R Staff does a phenomenal job – need to be recognized but should focus resources on maintaining high level of service at fewer locations
- Chicken Yard/Cathedral/Bishop Park/Capital Park/Marine Park have a lot of un-programmed space

Comments submitted by Flats Families via email:

Recreation Priorities of the Flats

The Flats Families Neighborhood Association generally contains the Juneau Casey Shattuck area, but includes many neighbors who live adjacent to this area. There are currently 340 members. Based on Facebook conversations and an online poll, we have developed the following recreation priorities on September 27th 2016, as requested by the CBJ:

#1 – We love our local Cope Park/Evergreen Bowl (50 top priority votes)

Please communicate with us in regards to any and all planning that takes place there.

- We were not formally brought into the original planning process, and while we are happy with the current improvements, we would like to be asked to participate in the future.

Fully implement the original park plan, including:

- Nature-based, unstructured play area for kids (highest priority for quick completion)
- Integrate basketball hoops into tennis area
- Picnic shelter(s)
- Formalized access to Gold Creek
- Repair the fence along the access road

Consider the following additions/repairs to Cope Park

- **Top priority: Swings** that can be used for those over 4FT (big swings)
- **Top priority: The Christopher Trail** which goes along Gold Creek and crosses to ultimately connect to the flume needs to be repaired.
- Drainage Problem: 50 yds up the from the parking lot, along the wooded ridge, parallel to Gold Creek. This is a consistent and predictable mud pit due to poor draining soils. A dump truck load (10 cubic yards) of coarse river gravel would improve this. An even better repair would include a French drain, trenched towards the creek.
- Cope Park should be viewed as a hub for trails and outdoor activities downtown.
- Add covered playground area
- Add skate park play area for kids.
- Install Street Workout course
- Create a “Northern Lights” viewing area of the park – for a good place to watch Northern Lights without light.
- There is interest in reverting the name back to “Evergreen Bowl”. Can we name the play area, picnic shelter, or tennis courts after Cope, but use the original name for the park itself? (We can run a survey on this to measure interest if you like)
- A climbing / building structure for kids (other than the merry go round spider web)
- Retain dog park space

Family friendly

Make sure Cope park is safe and welcoming for Juneau families and children. That means no drinking and doing drugs. We need parks that are places where parents feel safe when they know their children are playing there. (We recognize that Both JPD and Parks & Recreation are doing their best to address these concerns.)

#2 – Augustus Brown Swimming Pool

(36 top priority votes)

The pool is incredibly important to local recreation, as it provides year-round access to fitness and play opportunities.

#3 – Evergreen Cemetery remains a wonderful part of our neighborhood.

(13 top priority votes)

- Sledding is an incredibly high recreation priority for Flats Families. We enjoy sledding here very much.
- Ever dog owner in the Flats wants dogs to be allowed, leashed, on the path through the cemetery.

#4 – The Turf field is a major asset to our neighborhood.

(9 top priority votes)

It is often available for pick-up games, kids just running around, kicking a ball, practicing baseball, goofing off, and available for adults to schedule planned regular weekly events. We hope we can keep these play areas available for unorganized as well as organized activities. Include the turf field and the Harborview playground in the plan, and recognize that parks and school grounds often serve the same audiences.

#5 – As the closest neighborhood to the new Whale Park – find a way to connect us to it.

(7 top priority votes)

As it is – crossing the highway is time intensive, out of the way, and doesn't quite feel safe enough to let our kids go alone (that ever scary right on red). Include parks and pedestrian/nonmotorized transportation to the Seawalk and Egan Dr., as well as the Willoughby District.

Flats Families Neighborhood Association Contact
Meilani Schijvens



Norway Point

- Not a lot of information to share
- Personally quite happy with what Parks and Rec is doing
- Happy with facilities – add to quality of life here in Juneau

Thane

- Thane has had 3 events that fit well with thinking ahead for planning for parks and rec
- Has no park (except Dupont Trail)
- Many people fish in Thane and sheep creek hatchery is no longer there
- Tlingit & Haida (T&H) is taking over Thane Oarhouse and turning it into a cultural immersion center
 - No parking for fishermen coming to fish but could park at hatchery if there was no fence
 - T&H changing character of Oarhouse site
 - Requesting bear proof garbage can and port-a-potties at fishing beach and garbage can at Dupont
 - Idea to turn former hatchery site into park – right now an empty spot. Suggest city could lease
 - Somehow getting land from DNR in front of T&H site – DNR can't really do much with land between the Oarhouse and the shore. T&H looking to take some authority from DNR.
- Request bike path to sheep creek bridge or extend seawalk (highest priority)

Comments submitted by Thane Neighborhood Association via email:

The Thane Neighborhood Association will have at least one board member attending the 9/27 meeting to present our “concerns or desires or observations about 'about how [our] neighborhood uses and connects to the CBJ Parks and Recreation system, [our] goals for the future, opportunities for collaboration, and desired changes or improvements.’”

However, in case it is of use or convenience to the group, I am sending our specific suggestions and requests via this e-mail.

- We request a city-managed bear-proof trash bin a) at the end of the road, by the Dupont trailhead (in light of the trail users), and b) by the boat ramp just south of Sheep Creek (in light of all the people who have begun to fish the returning cohos in the fall along there).
- We request a porta-potty by the boat ramp just south of Sheep Creek at least in the fall, again in light of the crowds who are coming to harvest the new coho run returning there.
- We request help determining how to control litter (including nails from pallet fires) along the shore both south and north of Sheep Creek. The task is getting a bit too daunting for our Thane volunteers who pick up after these messes.
- We request that the city investigate turning the former DIPAC hatchery site on Sheep Creek (owned by Avista, parent company to AEL&P) into a park or roadside recreational site, with



parking spaces for those using the shore, and amenities like a bear-proof trash bin, port-potty, and picnic tables.

- We request that the city consider arranging things to take a bigger role in managing the shore by the Tlingit Haida Cultural Immersion Center (the former Thane Ore House site), including somehow gaining management authority from DNR (whose regulations regarding wheeled vehicles, for example, have basically no teeth). The goal would be to make sure the shore there remains available for families, visitors, fishermen, and other non-destructive uses, in a manner consistent with the recently approved Cultural Immersion Center, and in a manner minimizing uses disruptive to other users and to the environment, like vehicles on the shore. This would ideally include some picnic tables on the greensward on the upper shore, a bear-proof trash bin, and possibly a porta-potty. We're not sure what it would entail to turn it into a city park, but that could be one option to look at. There may be others of which we are unaware.
- We request that the city consider adding a bike path from town to Sheep Creek Bridge, possibly as an extension of the sea-walk (thus possibly paid for by cruise ship passenger fees). Thane Road is heavily used by tourism-related businesses, such as the AJ Mine tour and the sled dog rides in Sheep Creek Valley, and in the next year or so the traffic related to the (much welcomed by the Thane community) Tlingit-Haida Cultural Immersion Center at the site of the former Thane Ore House. Thane is a relatively narrow road (without shoulders) that is also currently already heavily used by non-motorized users, such as bicyclists, walkers, joggers, skate-boarders, and berry pickers. The 2012 and 2013 work on Thane Road was a much-needed improvement, but it did not substantially alter the dangerous proximity of motor vehicles and non-motorized users for much of the road's length. A path separated from Thane Road for non-motorized users, running from downtown to the Sheep Creek Bridge – such as a coastal trail, a bike path, a pedestrian way, or a sea walk — would go a long way toward improving safety, and expanding recreational opportunities.

Mountainside

- Has a pocket park – was heavily used by kids and all requested was that it be mowed
 - Confusion over who manages this park
- There seem to be more young kids in neighborhood, would be nice to have a playground
- Twin Lakes trail is heavily used and it's nice that CBJ is trying to get rid of knotweed
- Twin Lakes park is also heavily used and important to make sure that the upkeep continues when playground gets worn and weathered (every 2-3 years)
- There is a right of way for kids to go to park – was looked at as a potential stairwell to bus stop – make sure people who own property know that they have rights of way next to their house



3.4.24 Pipeline Skate Park Skate Board

CBJ Parks & Rec staff met with the Skate Board on September 6, 2016. The following priorities were discussed at the meeting.

- 2nd skate park downtown
- 12 foot halfpipe
- Wood structures could be concrete
- Outside barbeque (shelter)
- Hardscape areas outside with benches, etc. for parents to watch kids

The relative importance of these priorities was clarified in a subsequent email exchange:

Proper drainage was promised in the front after we built the French drain in the back and nothing has been done, it would help make our winter better. But more down the road, we are working on getting funds for a new roof. We have estimates from the carpenters union for a low cost of \$15,000.00 to Max of \$30,000.00 or a nice metal roof. This roof is leaking now and it is high on our list. We have fund-raised for some additional ramps to be remodeled on the inside. Smooth concrete with some features on the outside was an idea the group all really liked. The Barbeque for parties is lower on the list.

3.4.25 Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL)

Parks & Rec staff met with SAIL on September 26, 2016. Below are the notes from that meeting and subsequent email exchanges between Parks & Rec and SAIL staff.

Main themes are accessibility and inclusion

Comments and suggestions:

- P&R making good headway (project playground, accessibility showcase, and accessible dock at Twin lakes)
- Roll-on playground equipment for people who can't transfer out of wheelchairs
- Continuing on accessibility path as things get replaced and new plans developed
- Dimond Park Field House – no elevator to get to indoor track ask for priority to get elevator in there would cost \$200K
- Opportunity for accessible tours somewhere in Juneau:
 - OPDMD – Other power driven motor devices
 - What is a “motorized” vehicle has changed
 - Commercially there are no trails that scooters can use and are allowed
 - SAIL's tour idea – accessible tours bringing people who need assistance into the woods
 - City needs to have a set of standards around OPDMD
- After school programming in parks
 - Use Twin Lakes/Sandy Beach – nice to have more accessible equipment and nice for kids with and without disabilities playing together
 - Bike path at Twin Lakes is getting rutted



- Boat launch at Twin Lakes is challenging for wheelchairs
 - Pavement doesn't go down to water – need for launching kayaks
- Would be nice to have accessible playground in the valley
- EVC
 - Would like to add emphasis on making the entire EVC a true showcase of accessible, high-end recreation.
 - There is so much potential for this to be a year-round rec center accessible to all. I imagine it being an adaptive rec center of sorts: accessible ropes course, regarding the trail to the beach for accessible kayak launching, winter-time skiing (the terrain is great for beginners or those Nordic skiers learning to sit-ski).
- Treadwell
 - Adaptive skates – good for community
 - Able to provide scholarships

3.4.26 Southeast Alaska Jeep Club

Parks & Rec received the following comments from the Southeast Jeep Club:

To:

Juneau Parks & Recreation Department

Re: CBJ P&R Master Plan

Members of the CBJ Parks & Recreation Department:

We are part of the Southeast Jeep Club, our members represent many of the diverse groups that come from the Juneau community. Our group while not large, at 185 members still represents an unsupported activity in Juneau. OHV clubs in Juneau are not a new idea other groups have come and gone, we have worked hard with the members we have and options we have. Which has multiple members who look to use their vehicles to their designed capabilities. But with the lack of options available to our group we must travel outside of Juneau to enjoy recreations that are available in other communities. Due to expense of transporting vehicle and logistics to and from Juneau many people don't chose to travel. When the group plans events, we have to travel to enjoy our choice of recreation. This year alone our group has traveled multiple times to Haines Alaska, along with a trip to Moab Utah. We are currently planning more trips to Haines and the interior of Alaska as well as the Rubicon Trail in California and trails in Washington State.

As a group we are aware of the other users on the trails that we go on along with the trails impact on its surroundings. We want to work with others to gain and to expand access.

Here some ways that the Southeast Jeep Club would like to be active in Juneau as well as a way for the community to enjoy our Juneau Surrounding with their families. These are some of the activities that could attained in our area.

- The chance to take friends and family to areas that they cannot physically access due to their abilities or lack there of
- Making trails ADA accessible via OHV vehicles
- OHV Mountain top access
- OHV Across mountain trails
- Varying difficulties of trails
- OHV Trails long enough to make a day trip out of it
- Sightseeing
- Remote Picnic locations
- OHV Rock and boulder areas for vehicle play and testing
- Ability to camp in remote locations
- Mud pits
- OHV trails allowing residents to have day trips in our community
- Vehicle access to backcountry hunting, trapping and fishing locations
- OHV Hill climbing
- Vehicle handling awareness
- Access to future hiking trails

- Business possibilities for OHV mechanics and parts
- Fabrication shops
- More photo opportunities for photographers
- OHV tour opportunities
- OHV rentals
- Access for downhill mountain biking
- Wintertime use as access to cross country skiing
- A variety of activities will entice people to stay in Juneau, and not leave to seek options we don't have
- By having a local OHV area we can have events and people from Southeast come to Juneau to participate

This is just a brief list of some of the things that people can enjoy when getting off the road. By having these activities we would be able to inspire the youth and other adults to learn about their vehicles and themselves. While jeeping can be an expensive hobby, there are also many affordable ways to enjoy it. The gratification and self-confidence one gains from repairing and or building something is important for everyone to experience. It is also a very useful skill to learn and it will be useful for the rest of your life. This is a great way to meet people that you may not meet in your normal circle of friends. This is a great family activity, please help the adults and youth of Juneau and give them some much needed options in our huge borough.

There are many areas in Juneau that no one uses and could easily be made available to the OHV community. OHV has by nature the ability to make our own trails as our vehicles are generally built to go where there are no roads. We would like for Parks and Recreation to realize that we are an attainable form of recreation that would require little more than permission to access an area.

Thank you for taking the time to read over our request,

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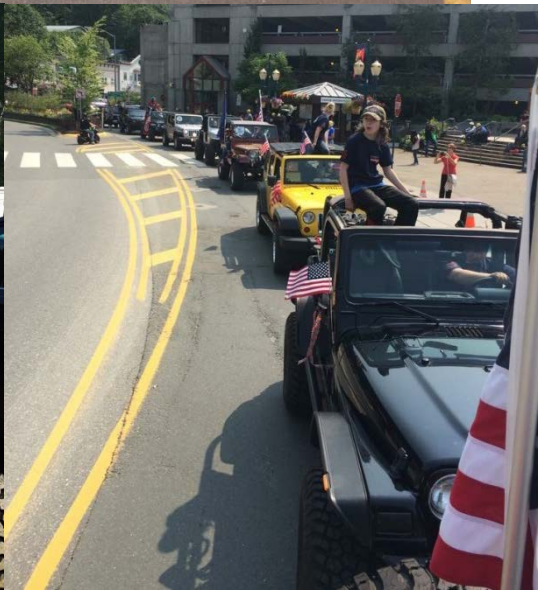
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Our fifteen year old daughter learning to weld and building her own Jeep.





3.4.27 Southeast Roadrunners

Parks and Rec staff spoke with a representative from Southeast Road Runners (SERR) on November 3, 2016. The following items were discussed, notes were submitted to and verified by the Southeast Road Runners board:

- Good relationship with Parks and Rec right now
- SERR takes advantage of facilities for race staging
- SERR hosts races and events throughout the year
- Significant participation by community – races nearly every weekend during summer, often on CBJ property
- Hope that relationship continues – need to partner because of nature of what SERR does and getting people outside coincides with being on CBJ property
- Leadership is currently happy with where SERR is as an organization in terms of scope of what they do
- Number and variety of races available is very large compared to other jurisdictions
- Permit fee to use CBJ properties
 - Took a while to get sorted, anything where there is a change in CBJ policy that has an effect, the sooner the communication begins about what the change means and what the impacts would be.
 - Remember that you are working with volunteers and making races available to the community at large
- Half marathon/marathon uses shelters
- Trails: confusion about what is city/state property
- Treadwell Ditch – growth opportunity is connections between existing trails or fixing pre-existing connections
 - New Paris Creek crossing – opens additional options
 - Bonnie Brae access
 - Any opportunities to create connections between trail networks, fix previous connections, or work with partners to help build connections to create networks. Opportunity to think about linking things up.
 - Mountain biking – noticeable increase in use, reaching out to MTB community as we think about trails. Communication regarding trail etiquette is important, i.e. who yields to who
- Interested in being included in future trail stakeholders meetings
- Point Bishop Trail – missed opportunity for connection

3.4.28 State Parks Citizens Advisory Committee

Parks and Rec staff met with the State Parks Citizens Advisory Committee on September 12, 2016. Members of the committee suggested the following:

- Improve park and trail signage
 - QR codes on signs to provide more information or interpretive tour opportunities
 - Names in Tlingit language



- Community value
 - Importance of Parks and Recreation to life in Juneau
- Oppose CBJ investment in motorized recreation
- Ensure decisions are budget driven, discussed whether budget was the motivation behind Master Plan process

3.4.29 Trails Stakeholders

On October 14, 2016, Parks & Rec convened a meeting of trails stakeholder groups, the US Forest Service, Trail Mix and CBJ parks and trails staff. Alaska State Parks was invited but no representatives were able to attend. Groups in attendance included: US Forest Service, Juneau Nordic Ski Club, High School Cross Country/Lynn Canal Running, Trail Mix, Juneau Mountain Bike Alliance, and Juneau Nordic Ski Team. The Juneau Alpine Club and Southeast Road Runners were invited but unable to attend.

- Trail Mix Priority Projects
 - Treadwell Ditch
 - Bonnie Brae
 - Blueberry Hills
 - Paris Creek
 - Temporary re-route above Bonnie Brae
 - Connections biggest priority
 - Auke Lake and Lower Montana Creek
 - Horse Tram Trail (Eagle Beach/EVC/Boy Scout Beach)
 - New 1% sales tax priorities
 - Juneau Area Trails Master Plan
 - USFS Mendenhall Glacier Plan
- Comments/inventory of resources in area – trails are part of it
 - Reconstruction plan for Amalga Trail for Eagle Glacier Cabin
 - Many trails start on state and city land
- City CIP List
 - Existing projects
 - New projects
- Funding every year for trail maintenance in general
 - October Trail Running Magazine – Juneau top 10 trail destination
- High School Cross Country Running / Lynn Canal Running Camp
 - Summer use on trails – user pressure
 - Important to be able to take youth on trails
 - Trails stewards
 - Important that trails are accessible for non-profit groups
 - Running groups can look at condition of trails
 - Nordic Community



- Ensuring that we can continue to use and continue Nordic Ski Team program at Montana Creek
 - Treadwell Historical Trails critical for High School Cross Country running
 - Real opportunity to host high level meets like State Championships
 - Tristan/Merry to provide markup of new opportunities
 - Middle school cross country running also using trails
- Nordic Ski Club
 - Interested in trail work to include wide trails/bridges so you can get grooming equipment on them
 - Canopy is important – open up to allow snow to fall
 - Montana Creek, Campground, Lake, Skaters Cabin to Parking Lot (USFS project)
 - Future project – Montana Creek/Windfall
 - Higher elevation trails
 - Permanent access up Lake Creek for snowmobile/xc skiing
 - Access road to UAS student housing
 - Potential for growth and development on Eaglecrest – lots of terrain in upper loop – make a way to get there. Parking lot at bottom of black bear as future possibility?
 - EVC – place with potential
 - Possibility for connection all through that area
 - Combine XC running and skiing with stacked loop system – community multi-use need
- Juneau Mountain Bike Alliance
 - Don't want to see user conflict
 - More multi-use trails
 - Identify zones where trail building could take place
 - Eaglecrest, Peterson Hill, Treadwell, Eaglecrest Road Trail (Fish Creek Trail)
 - Would like a place where they can start building trails
 - Nice to have more things going in
 - Inclusion is important in the community – making sure groups are talking to each other
 - Mountain biking has a tradition of trail building
 - More bike specific trails
 - Skill/technique area (fish creek park) beginning bike skills building park
 - State buy-in needed
 - Overlap in future trail development between Nordic skiing and biking
 - Good crossover opportunities – bikers want to see more singletrack
 - Mountain bikers interested in building bike specific trails
- Treadwell Ditch access



- Improving Jumbo Trail
- USFS put in FLAP proposal for Bonnie Brae access
- USFS Priorities
 - Trails to cabins highest priorities
 - Peterson (keep bike friendly)
 - Amalga
 - Auk Nu Trail
 - Treadwell Ditch (crossings b/t Blueberry Hills and Bonnie Brae)
 - Try to eliminate structures that would make it difficult to bike through
 - Cabin in lower Nordic meadow at Eaglecrest (could be part of Treadwell network)
 - More cabins
 - Connector from point bishop to Echo Cove
 - Maintenance
 - Enhance while maintaining for better multi-use
 - Market what we need
 - Develop tent pads along trails (Treadwell)

3.4.30 Treadwell Arena Advisory Board

The Treadwell Arena Advisory Board (TAAB) submits the following comments in support of the Juneau Parks and Recreation Master Plan update:

- The TAAB supports the addition of a second sheet of ice to the Treadwell Arena at its current location.
- The TAAB support the creation of a parks and recreation complex at the current Treadwell Arena location, which could include:
 - A gymnasium space that can accommodate full-court activities, with locker rooms. This facility could replace the aging Jumbo Gym and incorporate its current programs.
 - These facilities could include spaces like fitness rooms, community rooms, retail space, bleacher seating, and storage.
 - The complex could be supported by paved and well-lit parking areas to create a safe family environment
- Co-location of these facilities could create a recreational and community hub in Douglas that would benefit all Juneau residents.



4. Emerging Themes

We received a large volume of comments on the following issues. The purpose of this document is not for CBJ to make a statement or recommendation supporting or dismissing any of these statements. As the project progresses we will draw upon this document and the results of parks, programs, and facilities inventories to turn the community's feedback into a set of recommendations. This section serves to identify the issues that are important to the community. We will also avoid discussing outcomes related to services not administered by Parks & Rec. Comments regarding Eaglecrest, the Dimond Park Field House, the Juneau School District or other entities will be passed on the appropriate parties.

4.1 Affordability

Many residents feel that Parks & Rec facilities and services should either be free to everyone or specifically to low-income residents; 17% of adult and 29% of youth phone survey respondents who do not participate in an activity they would like to reported money as a barrier to participation. Several individuals cited a free recreation facility in Ketchikan as an example of something they would like to see in Juneau.

4.2 Augustus Brown Pool

Our public outreach materials stated that Augustus Brown Pool requires \$4.5 million in structural repairs in the coming years. A number of residents support keeping the facility open, with several suggesting we close the facility. The public phone survey found that 52% of residents rated Augustus Brown Pool as having very high or high community value and 28% of households reported using the facility in the past 12 months.

4.3 Bike Trails / Paths

Biking has long been a popular activity in Juneau, with mountain biking recently growing in popularity. Many residents suggested both mountain bike trails and commuter connections. There was also support for lighted bike paths and a mountain bike skills park integrated into the existing park and trail network. It should be noted that phone survey respondents participated in biking in much lower numbers (12% road biking, 4% mountain biking) than online survey respondents (41% road biking, 33% mountain biking).

4.4 Community Value

Juneau values parks and recreation services. While various residents stated a need for fiscal responsibility, the majority of those who provided input felt that Parks & Rec delivers a valuable community service and should continue to be supported. Three quarters (77%) of survey respondents rated parks and recreation as very or somewhat important to their choice to live in Juneau, while 94% of adults in Juneau believe that recreation programs and facilities are a somewhat or very important use of public funds.



4.5 Dog Parks

Lena Park was identified as a potential off-leash dog park by residents who noted that the fields are not frequently used for baseball or softball and the site could easily be adapted into an off-leash park with the installation of a fence and waste disposal facilities. Residents also requested more off-leash areas throughout the community.

4.6 Ice

The Treadwell Arena currently operates from early morning to late at night and Juneau residents are interested in additional indoor ice, with a number of commenters supporting an addition to the existing facility and others suggesting a new facility in the Mendenhall Valley. Summer use or year-round opportunities at the Treadwell Arena were also important to residents.

4.7 Indoor Recreation Space

A number of residents support more indoor recreation space in the form of either another field house type facility or a Parks & Rec controlled gym space. Parks & Rec currently works with Juneau School District to schedule our programs in school gyms and many residents would like to see a facility specifically for community recreation. The existing Dimond Park Field House is managed by Eaglecrest and programming is scheduled by an external board.

4.8 Lemon Creek

Residents recognize the need for additional Parks & Rec programming in Lemon Creek, in the form of parks, trails and recreation opportunities. The area is home to a number of underserved youth and adults and transportation to participate in activities or use facilities can be a challenge, particularly for young people.

4.9 Maintain what we have

Juneau residents are aware of the current local and statewide budget situation and many feel that it is irresponsible to take on additional capital projects or commit to new spending at this time. These residents believe that Parks & Rec should focus its efforts on maintaining existing parks, trails, and recreational facilities to a high standard.

4.10 Off Road Vehicles

Juneau residents feel strongly about Off Road Vehicles (ORVs). We received a number of comments in support of an ORV park somewhere in Juneau, with several comments against building such a facility. While most comments in support of an ORV facility did not identify a specific location, the comments against tended to specifically site the Hendrickson Natural Park area in North Douglas where an ORV park was previously considered. Relatively few residents (2% of phone survey respondents and 9% of online survey respondents) mentioned ORV motorsports as an activity they currently participate in, but 5% of adults who took the phone survey and 12% of those who took the online survey described ORV use as an activity they do not currently participate in but would like to; ORV trails or a park were cited by 15% of residents who said the CBJ should invest in recreation assets or facilities in the next 10 years.



4.11 Partnerships

A number of residents noted the importance of working with local partners to enhance the Juneau service network. Sports organizations, cultural communities, social service partners, education providers, and government agencies were all identified as potential partners.

4.12 Pipeline Skate Park

Pipeline Skate Park ranks third in frequency of facility use, meaning that of households that use Parks & Rec facilities, skate park users visited the facility an average of 22.7 times per year. The skate park needs repairs, particularly concerning roof issues and drainage. Residents were vocal about the need to address these issues and also suggested improvements including outdoor hardscapes and new ramps. Several individuals suggested a second skate park downtown or in Douglas. Pipeline has a dedicated user group with a history of leading fundraising initiatives for repairs and upgrades.

4.13 Restroom Facilities

We received a number of requests for additional restroom facilities at parks and trailheads and for permanent facilities at some sites, notably Capital School Park.

4.14 Seniors

A number of residents made general comments about doing more for our seniors or about additional programming for seniors. More specific requests cited the importance of Augustus Brown Pool to local seniors and the need for more trails and parks with benches and easy grades for seniors and others with mobility issues.

4.15 Support for Underserved Residents

The need to identify underserved communities and develop a strategy to eliminate barriers to participation for underserved residents is a stated goal of the master planning process, and Juneau residents agree, with many citing specific cultural communities and others stating a need for programs for at-risk youth, after school programs, and expanded programs to make recreation more affordable to all Juneau residents. One third of adult phone survey respondents and one quarter of youth do not participate in recreation activities they would like to, with lack of free time (30% of adults and 37% of youth) and money (17% of adults and 29% of youth) the most frequently cited barriers. Notably, transportation was the third most cited barrier for youth (18%) but was only a barrier for 5% of adults. Several commenters suggested that CBJ could improve transportation to recreational facilities for youth.

4.16 Trail Maintenance and Upgrades

Hiking is overwhelmingly the most popular recreational activity in Juneau with 53% of phone survey respondents reporting hiking in the spring/summer, and 32% reporting hiking in the fall/winter. 81% of online survey respondents reported hiking in the spring/summer, followed by walking at 76%. In the fall/winter online survey respondents reported walking and running at 57% each, followed by cross country skiing at 40%. In the past 12 months, 89% of Juneau residents



used Juneau trails for walking, hiking, running, cross country skiing, biking and other forms of recreation; with 78% ranking city trails as high or very high value to the community. Many commenters suggested continued maintenance and improvements on existing trails, notably Treadwell Ditch Trail, with others suggesting new trails with a focus on connections between existing networks.

4.17 Turf Fields

Many field users support conversion of existing ball fields to artificial turf. There is strong support for turf baseball and softball fields at Adair Kennedy Park and maintenance and repairs to the existing turf soccer and football field at Adair Kennedy. The Juneau School District and field user groups are proponents of turfed fields.

4.18 Youth Activities

Numerous residents agree that Parks & Rec provides the “ounce of prevention” against crime, drinking, and drug use and that constructive activities for children and adults contribute to a healthy and safe community. Many noted that this is especially true for youth and that affordable programs, after school activities, and identification and removal of barriers to participation for disadvantaged youth are important functions for Parks & Rec. A number of residents also feel that youth sports are valuable to all the community’s children and should continue to be supported. Outdoor programs for youth, indoor programs for youth, afterschool programs for youth and summer youth programs were the top four most important investments in programming cited by phone survey respondents; online survey results also prioritized youth activities.

5.0 Conclusions

We received a large volume of useful feedback from the Juneau community. As expected, residents shared a variety of strong and differing opinions and our task moving forward is to distill this information into a set of recommendations and policy directions that are reflective of the community’s needs and desires. Parks & Rec will also be conducting an inventory of our existing programs, facilities and parks to identify gaps in our current system and additional needs, which will also inform the recommendations and policy directions that make up the final Master Plan.

5.1 Get Involved!

We deeply appreciate the passion and input from the Juneau community. We hope that residents continue to share thoughts, ideas, opinions, and suggestions as this project moves forward. This is Juneau’s plan and your ideas can have a big impact, so please continue to make a difference in your community by coming out to meetings, participating in discussion forums on PlaceSpeak, or reaching out directly to Parks & Rec staff. Thank you for all your great feedback so far!

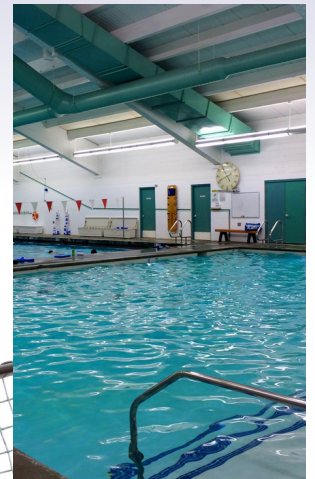
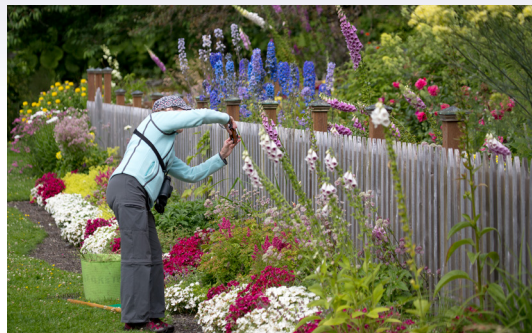


Appendix A: Public Survey Report

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Executive Summary

The City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) contracted with McDowell Group to survey Juneau residents on parks and recreation topics. A random-sample telephone survey and an open access online survey were conducted. The surveys inquired about type, frequency, and location of adult and youth parks and recreation activity. Barriers to participation and opinions on priorities for parks and recreation amenities were assessed. The telephone (cell and land-line) survey, administered in September 2016, included 516 adults. The maximum margin of error for the full telephone sample is ± 4.4 percent, at the 95 percent confidence interval. The online survey, open from September 30 to November 8, 2016, was administered through PlaceSpeak, a location-based community engagement platform, and garnered 304 responses. Telephone survey results are summarized below. Online survey results are provided in the main report only, as they are not necessarily representative of the entire Juneau population, due to self-selection bias.

Recreation Participation

Ninety-five percent of Juneau adults participate in some form of recreation activity during the year. Participation levels vary slightly by age group, income, and race/ethnicity, with younger residents, those with higher household incomes, and those who identify as White participating at higher rates than other sub-groups.

Value of Parks and Recreation

Importance of parks and recreation amenities in the choice to live in Juneau

Parks and recreation amenities and programs are important to the Juneau community overall: over three-quarters (77 percent) of Juneau adults report these amenities are somewhat or very important in their choice to live in Juneau. Only 18 percent say parks and recreation amenities are not important in their choice to live in the community. Adults from households with children are more likely to rank these amenities as very important in their choice, at 53 percent versus 42 percent of households without children.

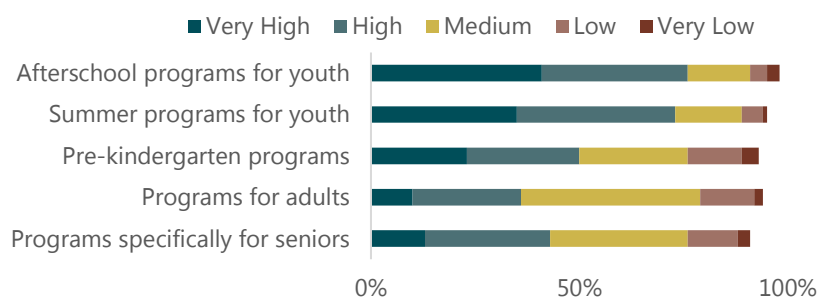
Importance of Parks and Recreation Facilities and Programs in Choice to Live in Juneau

Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Don't Know/Refused
44%	33%	18%	5%

Value of Activities and Programs to the Community

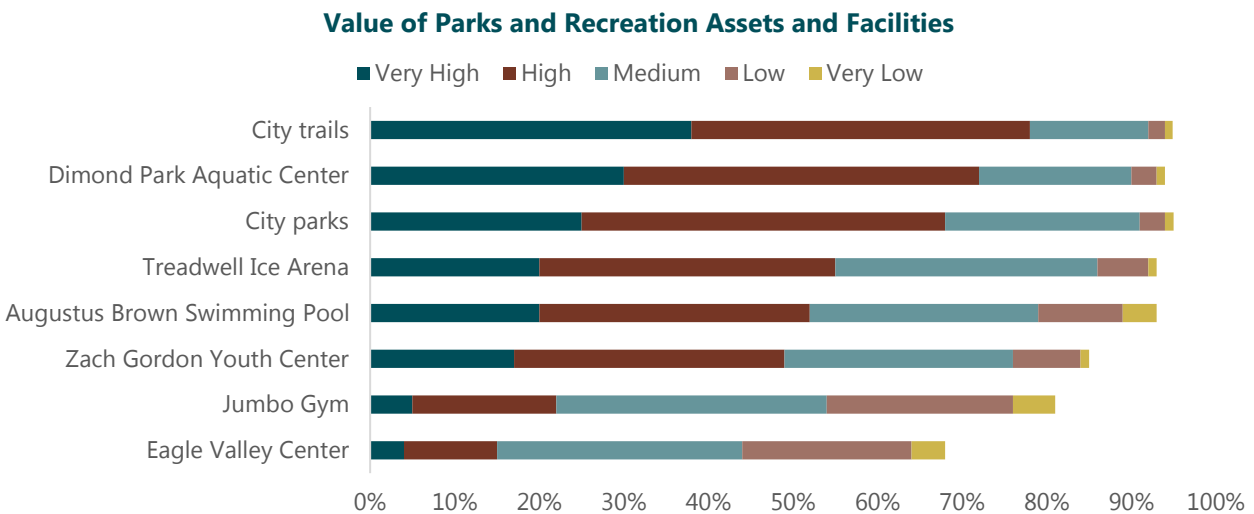
Seventy-six percent of adults rank afterschool programs for youth as high or very high value to the community, as do 73 percent for summer programs for youth. Half (50 percent) rank pre-kindergarten programs as high or very high value.

Value of Parks and Recreation Programs to the Community



Value of Assets and Facilities to the Community

City trails are ranked as high or very high value to the community by 78 percent of respondents, and City parks by 68 percent.



Among City-owned and operated facilities, Dimond Park Aquatic Center is ranked as high or very high value by 72 percent of respondents. Over half of respondents rank the importance of Treadwell Ice Arena (56 percent) and Augustus Brown Pool (52 percent) as high or very high. Half of respondents (49 percent) rank Zach Gordon Youth Center as high or very high value.

Investment in Parks and Recreation

Almost all adults in Juneau (94 percent) believe providing recreation facilities and programs is a somewhat or very important use of CBJ funds, with three-quarters (73 percent) believing it is a very important use of funds.

Sixty-one percent of adults believe CBJ invests about the right amount in parks and recreation opportunities for Juneau residents, while 16 percent believe too little is invested, and 9 percent believe too much is invested.

Amount CBJ Invests in Parks and Recreation Opportunities (%)

Too Little	About Right	Too Much	Don't Know/Refused
16	61	9	13

INVESTMENTS IN ASSETS AND FACILITIES

Half (51 percent) of Juneau adults cite specific investments in indoor or outdoor recreation assets or facilities CBJ should make in the next ten years. Types of investments vary widely, with off road vehicle trails/parks (15 percent), upgrades to existing trails (11 percent), and sports fields (10 percent) the most frequently cited.

INVESTMENTS IN PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES

Over a quarter of respondents (28 percent) cite specific additional recreation programs CBJ should invest in over the next 10 years. Recommended investments include programs for youth, seniors, and people with disabilities, as well as specific recreation activities, such as basketball, softball, swimming, soccer, and hockey.

Recreation Activity

Juneau adults participate in a wide variety of recreation activities throughout the year. Hiking is the most frequently reported recreational activity in Juneau during all seasons. Over half (53 percent) of Juneau adults hike in spring/summer and one-third (32 percent) hike in fall/winter. Other top activities in spring/summer include fishing (26 percent), walking (21 percent), and swimming (17 percent). In fall/winter, walking (19 percent) and swimming (17 percent) remain top activities, in addition to downhill skiing (17 percent), cross-country skiing (12 percent), and hunting (10 percent).



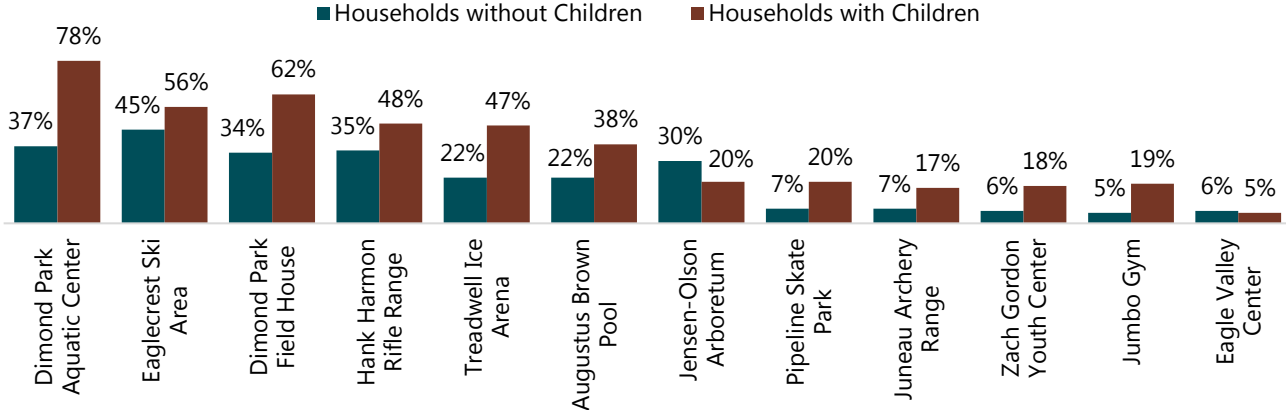
Use of Parks and Recreation Facilities

Half (52 percent) of households used the Dimond Park Aquatic Center in the past 12 months and 48 percent used Eaglecrest Ski Area (for winter and summer activities combined). Forty-three percent used Dimond Park Field House, while 39 percent used Hank Harmon Rifle Range, and 32 percent used Treadwell Ice Arena. Over one-quarter visited Augustus Brown Pool (28 percent) and Jensen-Olson Arboretum (26 percent).

Among users of each facility, Dimond Park Aquatic Center received the largest annual average number of visits, at 24.0, followed by Dimond Park Field House (23.1), Pipeline Skate Park (22.7), and Augustus Brown Pool (21.8).

Most facilities are used more often by households with children than households without children. Also, a larger percentage of households with higher incomes use each facility than lower income households.

Percent of Households Who Use Parks and Recreation Facilities

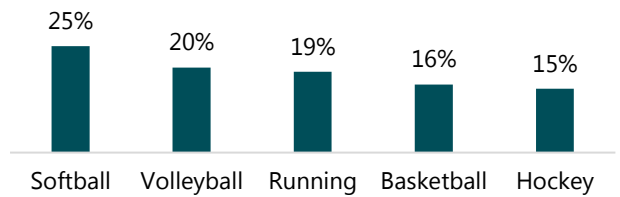


Organized Recreation Activities

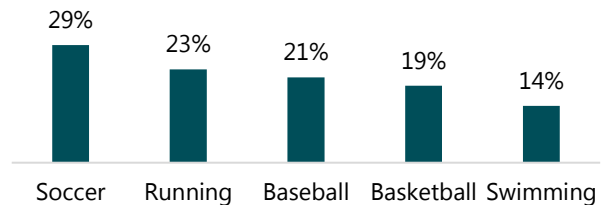
One-third (33 percent) of adults participated in organized sports leagues, tournaments, races, or other recreational activity over the past 12 months. Top organized activities include softball (25 percent of those participating in organized activities), volleyball (20 percent), running (19 percent), basketball (16 percent), and hockey (15 percent).

Nineteen percent of respondents live in households with children who participate in organized recreation activities. Top youth activities include soccer (29 percent), running (23 percent), baseball (21 percent), basketball (19 percent), and swimming (14 percent).

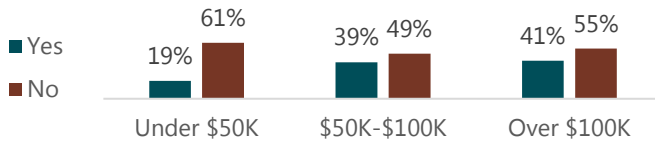
Top Adult Organized Recreation Activities



Top Youth Organized Recreation Activities



Adult Participation in Organized Recreation, by Household Income

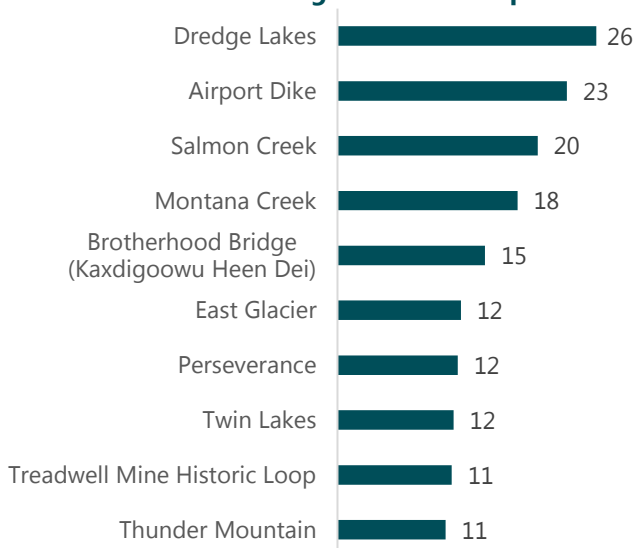


Adult and youth participation in organized activities is higher for households with incomes \$50,000 and over than for lower income levels.

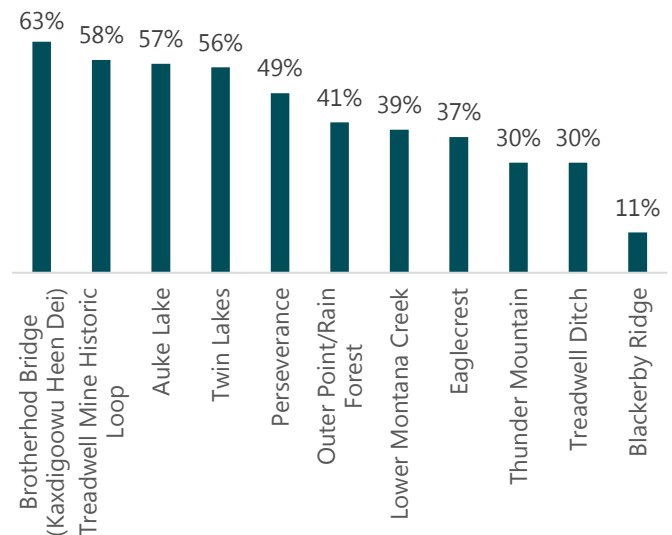
Trail Use

Eight-nine percent of survey respondents reported using Juneau trails in the past 12 months for hiking, running, biking, or other forms of recreation.

Trails with Most Average Annual Uses per User



Use of Selected Juneau Trails in the Past 12 Months



Brotherhood Bridge (Kaxdigoowu Heen Dei) is used by the largest percentage of Juneau adults (63 percent), followed by Treadwell Mine Historic Loop (58 percent), Auke Lake (57 percent), Twin Lakes (56 percent), and Perseverance (49 percent) trails.

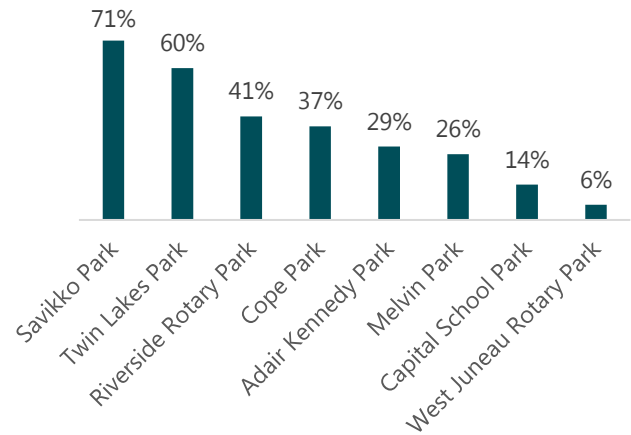
Trails visited most frequently by individual users are Dredge Lakes (26 times annually), Airport Dike (23 times) and Salmon Creek (20 times).

Park Use

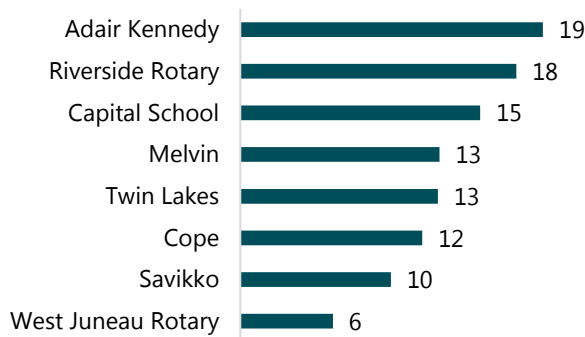
Of a list of selected popular Juneau parks, Savikko Park is visited by the largest percentage of survey respondents at least once during the year, at 71 percent, followed by Twin Lakes (60 percent), Riverside Rotary Park (41 percent), and Cope Park (37 percent).

A larger percentage of adults from households with children than without visit many of the parks.

Percent Using Selected Juneau Parks in the Past 12 Months



Average Annual Park Visits per User

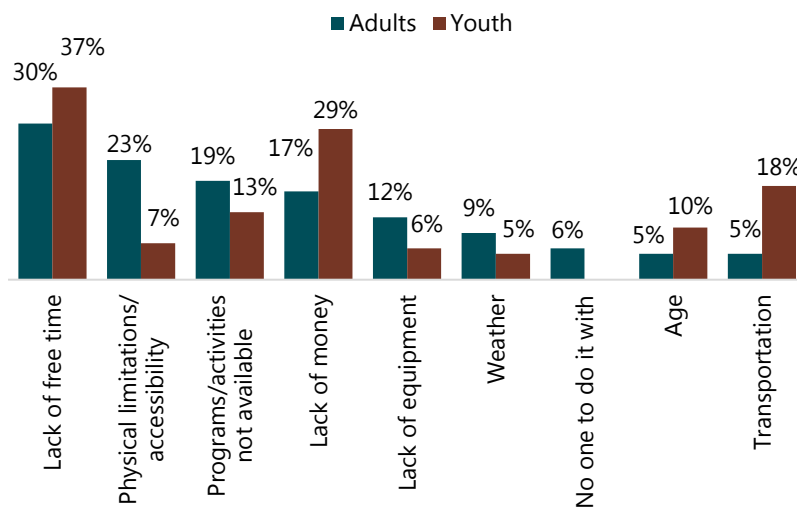


Among parks listed in the survey, Adair Kennedy receives the largest number of annual average visits per user at 19.3, with a median of 5.0 visits. Riverside Rotary Park received 17.6 average visits (median 5.0) and Capital School Park 15.3 (median 4.0).

Barriers to Participation in Recreation Activities

One-third of Juneau adults do not participate in recreation activities they would like to, and one-quarter from households with children report youth who do not participate in activities but would like to. Desired activities for adults include hiking (5 percent), off-road vehicle use (5 percent), downhill skiing (4 percent), and swimming (4 percent). Top desired activities for youth include hockey, ice skating, soccer, and dance, each at 3 percent.

Barriers to Participation in Recreation Activities



Lack of free time is the most commonly cited barrier to participation for both adults (30 percent) and youth (37 percent). Lack of money (17 percent of adults, 29 percent of children) and programs/activities not available (19 percent of adults, 13 percent of children), are also frequently cited.

Physical limitations/accessibility is another frequently cited barrier for adults (23 percent), while transportation is a more common barrier for youth (18 percent).

Introduction and Methodology

Introduction

The City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) contracted with McDowell Group to survey Juneau households about parks and recreation activities and opinions. Two surveys were administered, a random-sample telephone survey and an open access online survey. The surveys were conducted as part of the CBJ Parks and Recreation Master Plan development process. Respondents were asked about adult and youth recreation activities, as well as trail, park, and facility use over the past 12 months. The surveys also inquired about barriers to recreation participation and opinions on CBJ parks and recreation investments, among other parks and recreation-related topics.

Methodology

Telephone Survey

The random-sample telephone survey of 516 Juneau households was designed by McDowell Group in coordination with CBJ staff. The survey launched on September 7, 2016 and was completed on September 18, 2016. The sample produced survey results with a maximum margin of error of ± 4.4 at the 95 percent confidence level.

Margin of Error by Survey Sample Size

Sample Size	Maximum Margin of Error
516*	± 4.4
400	± 4.9
300	± 5.6
200	± 6.9
100	± 9.8
50	± 13.9
25	± 19.6

*CBJ Parks and Rec telephone survey sample size.

The methodology employed for the *Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey* was identical to that used in other prominent CBJ survey projects, including the *Juneau Economic Plan Household Survey*, the *Eaglecrest Master Plan Household Survey*, and the *Bartlett Regional Hospital Household Opinion Survey*. The same sample selection, survey fielding, and data processing techniques were employed in these surveys.

To ensure that survey results are representative of the entire CBJ population, the sample of survey respondents is compared to the demographics of the total Juneau adult population. As is typically the case, it was determined that survey data required weighting by age to provide accurate representation of the Juneau community.

**CBJ Population 18 Years Old and Older vs. CBJ Park and Recreation
Respondent Population, Weighted by Age**

	CBJ Population	Survey Population
Gender		
Female	51%	49%
Male	48%	52%
Age		
18-24	11%	11%
25-34	21%	21%
35-44	17%	18%
45-54	19%	19%
55-64	18%	18%
65+	14%	14%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	77%	82%
Alaska Native/American Indian	19%	13%
Other	11%	7%
Household Income		
Less than \$15,000	5%	3%
\$15,001 to \$25,000	5%	5%
\$25,001 to \$50,000	15%	16%
\$50,001 to \$75,000	19%	20%
\$75,001 to \$100,000	18%	19%
\$100,001 to \$125,000	11%	14%
Over \$125,000	27%	25%

Note: Columns may not sum due to rounding and multiple answers allowed.

Sources: ADOLWD, U.S. Census.

Results are presented based to all respondents as appropriate. Where relevant and statistically significant, differences among sub-groups are discussed.

Online Survey

An open access online survey was conducted after closure of the telephone survey. Survey questions were developed by McDowell Group and CBJ staff. The survey was administered online by PlaceSpeak. The survey was active online from September 30 to November 8, 2016. Respondents were required to register on the CBJ Parks and Recreation plan website to participate in the survey. In total, 304 respondents completed the survey. Survey results were provided by PlaceSpeak to McDowell Group for analysis.

Due to self-selection bias, online survey results may not accurately represent the Juneau population overall, rather they reflect the activities and views of individuals who chose to log in and take the survey. Online survey results are provided in the report after telephone results in each section. See Demographics in the report for differences between the online and telephone survey populations.

Recreation Participation

Most Juneau residents participate in some form of recreation activity during the year: 95 percent of respondents participated in recreation activity at some point during the twelve months prior to the survey.

While respondents of all age groups, income ranges, and races/ethnicities participate at rates around 90 percent or higher, there is some demographic variation in recreation participation. A greater percentage of respondents from households with higher incomes, \$50,000 and over, report recreating than those from households with incomes under \$50,000 (97 to 98 percent of respondents from higher income households versus 89 percent from lower). Respondents over 55 years of age were less likely (91 percent) to recreate than younger respondents (96 to 98 percent). Respondents who identify as White are more likely to have recreated (97 percent) than Alaska Native/American Indian respondents (88 percent).

Online Survey Results

As with telephone survey results, 95 percent of online survey respondents report participating in recreation activity at some point during the past twelve months.

Type of Recreation

Respondents were queried about participation in parks and recreation activities during two separate times of year: spring/summer and fall/winter. These seasonal periods of time were not defined for survey respondents. Therefore, recreation participation by time of year is based on respondents' subjective opinions on what time of year these seasons occur.

The telephone survey limited respondents to their three most frequent activities, while the online survey had no limit. Online respondents could select all their most frequent activities, which may increase the percentage answering for each individual activity in online results versus telephone.

Spring/Summer Recreation

Hiking is the most frequently reported spring/summer recreational activity in Juneau. Over half (53 percent) of Juneau adults hike in the spring/summer. Other activities engaged in by over 10 percent of adults during the spring and summer include fishing (26 percent), walking (21 percent), swimming (17 percent), road biking (12 percent), camping (11 percent), and boating (11 percent).

(see table next page)

Most Frequent Spring and Summer Recreation Activities
(Multiple answers allowed)

n=516	% of Total
Hiking	53
Fishing	26
Walking	21
Swimming	17
Biking, road	12
Camping	11
Boating	11
Berry picking	8
Softball	7
Running/jogging	7
Kayaking	6
Gardening	4
Biking, mountain	4
Hunting	3
Soccer	2
Off-road vehicles	2
Golf	1
Wildlife viewing/Bird watching	1
Ice skating	1
Hockey	1
Tennis	<1
Other	11
Don't know/refused	2
Do not recreate in spring/summer	1

Note: respondents were asked to report their three most frequent activities. Spring/summer were not defined for respondents.

Other spring/summer recreation activities reported by less than 2 percent of respondents include baseball, basketball, disc golf, folk dancing, martial arts, picnicking, rock climbing, shooting, skateboarding, visiting parks, volleyball, and working out at the gym.

Online Survey Results

Hiking is the most frequently reported spring/summer activity by online respondents, at 81 percent, followed by walking (76 percent), berry picking (58 percent), fishing (54 percent), and camping (53 percent).

(see table next page)

Online Survey Results: Most Frequent Spring and Summer Recreation Activities
(Multiple answers allowed)

n=304	% of Total
Hiking	81
Walking	76
Berry picking	58
Fishing	54
Camping	53
Boating	49
Gardening	46
Swimming	42
Running/jogging	41
Road biking	41
Wildlife viewing/Bird watching	40
Biking, mountain	33
Kayaking	25
Hunting	16
Ice skating	15
Soccer	13
Hockey	10
ORV/ATV/4-wheel	9
Softball	9
Tennis	4
Other	13
Don't know/refused	<1
Do not recreate in spring/summer	-

Note: respondents were not limited to their three most frequent activities in the online survey as they were in the telephone survey. Spring/summer were not defined for respondents.

Fall/Winter Recreation

Hiking is also the most frequently reported activity in fall and winter, with one-third (32 percent) of Juneau adults participating. Other frequent fall/winter activities include walking (19 percent), swimming (17 percent), downhill skiing (17 percent), cross-country skiing (12 percent), and hunting (10 percent). Eight percent of Juneau adults do not recreate in fall/winter.

(see table next page)

Most Frequent Fall and Winter Recreation Activities
(Multiple answers allowed)

n=516	% of Total
Hiking	32
Walking	19
Swimming	17
Downhill skiing	17
Cross-country skiing	12
Hunting	10
Snowboarding	8
Ice skating	7
Fishing	6
Running/jogging	5
Snow machining	3
Hockey	3
Basketball	3
Camping	3
Soccer	2
Boating	2
Volleyball	2
Snowshoeing	2
Biking, road	1
Gym/workout	1
Off-road vehicles	1
Wildlife viewing/bird watching	1
Biking, mountain	1
Gardening	1
Tennis	1
Other	9
Don't know/refused	2
Do not recreate in fall/winter	8

Note: respondents were asked to report their three most frequent activities. Fall/winter were not defined for respondents.

Other fall/winter recreation activities reported by less than 2 percent of respondents include berry picking, indoor rock climbing, kayaking, martial arts, shooting, skateboarding, sledding, softball, trapping, and working out at the gym.

Online Survey Results

Walking and running are the most frequently reported fall/winter recreation activities (57 percent each). Respondents also report participating in cross-country skiing (40 percent), downhill skiing (38 percent), and swimming (33 percent).

(see table next page)

Online Survey Results: Most Frequent Fall and Winter Recreation Activities
(Multiple answers allowed)

n=304	% of Total
Walking	57
Hiking	57
Cross-country skiing	40
Downhill skiing	38
Swimming	33
Running/jogging	27
Ice skating	24
Wildlife viewing/bird watching	23
Camping	19
Hunting	19
Fishing	18
Snowboarding	15
Mountain biking	13
Boating	13
Hockey	13
Soccer	11
Road biking	10
Gardening	8
Snow machining	8
Off-road vehicles	5
Kayaking	5
Volleyball	3
Softball	2
Snowshoeing	2
Dog walking	2
Tennis	1
Skateboarding	1
Basketball	1
Other	5
Do not recreate in fall/winter	1

Note: respondents were not limited to their three most frequent activities in the online survey as they were in the telephone survey. Fall/winter were not defined for respondents.

Use of Parks and Recreation Facilities

Household Use of Facilities Over the Past 12 Months

Half (52 percent) of survey respondents had someone in their household use Dimond Park Aquatic Center in the past 12 months. Use of other CBJ-owned or operated facilities in the past 12 months includes 48 percent of households visiting Eaglecrest Ski Area, 43 percent Dimond Park Field House, 39 percent Hank Harmon Rifle Range, and 32 percent Treadwell Ice Arena. Over one-quarter of respondent households also used Augustus Brown Pool (28 percent) and Jensen-Olson Arboretum (26 percent).

As discussed below, use by households with children was higher for almost all facilities.

Household Use of Parks and Recreation Facilities in the Past 12 Months
(Multiple answers allowed)

n=516	% of Total	% of Households without Children	% of Households with Children
Dimond Park Aquatic Center	52	37	78
Eaglecrest Ski Area	48	45	56
Dimond Park Field House	43	34	62
Hank Harmon Rifle Range*	39	35	48
Treadwell Ice Arena	32	22	47
Augustus Brown Pool	28	22	38
Jensen-Olson Arboretum	26	30	20
Pipeline Skate Park	12	7	20
Juneau Archery Range	11	7	17
Zach Gordon Youth Center	10	6	18
Jumbo Gym	10	5	19
Eagle Valley Center	5	6	5

Note: Usage rates for Hank Harmon Rifle Range likely include use of Juneau Indoor Shooting Range and Juneau Gun Club, also located on Montana Creek Road.

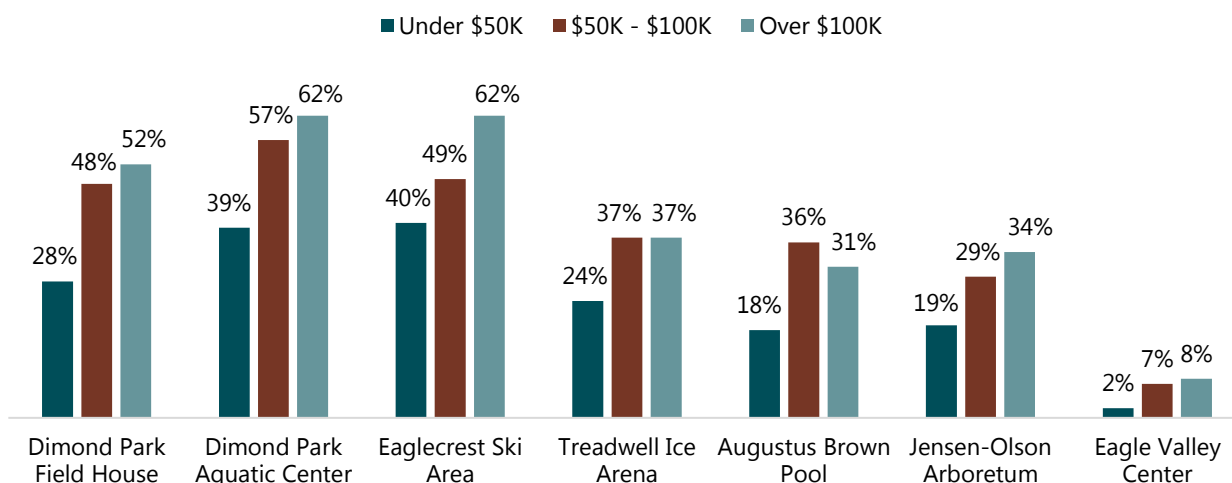
USE BY HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN

Households with children are more likely to have visited most facilities in the past 12 months, including Dimond Park Aquatic Center (78 percent of households with children, versus 37 percent of households without), Eaglecrest Ski Area (56 percent with children, versus 45 percent without), Dimond Park Field House (62 versus 34 percent), Hank Harmon Rifle Range (48 versus 35 percent), Treadwell Ice Arena (47 versus 22 percent), Augustus Brown Pool (38 versus 22 percent), Pipeline Skate Park (20 versus 7 percent), Juneau Archery Range (17 versus 7 percent), Zach Gordon Youth Center (18 versus 6 percent), and Jumbo Gym (19 versus 5 percent). Jensen-Olson Arboretum is the only facility visited by a significantly larger percent of households without children (30 percent) versus those with children (20 percent).

USE BY HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Households with higher incomes are more likely to visit many of the facilities. For many facilities, the percent of households with income under \$50,000 visiting is significantly smaller than those with incomes of \$50,000 and over. These facilities include the Dimond Park Aquatic Center and Field House and Treadwell Ice Arena. This result is not surprising, as many facilities include entry fees and may require purchase of other gear or equipment to participate in activities at the facility. For Eaglecrest Ski Area, a significantly larger percentage of households with incomes over \$100,000 visit the area than those with incomes \$100,000 and under. This disparity in Eaglecrest Ski Area use may be even larger during the ski season, when investment in gear and/or rentals is required, versus the rest of the year, as this question also measures use during summer months when visitation to the ski area is free.

Household Visitation to Selected Parks and Recreation Facilities in the Past 12 Months, by Household Income



Online Survey Results

In general, rates of facility use are higher for online respondents than for telephone survey respondents. Three-quarters (74 percent) of online survey respondents report they or a member of their household used Eaglecrest for some form of recreation during the year. Sixty-one percent of households used Dimond Park Aquatic Center, 50 percent used Dimond Park Field House, 43 percent Augustus Brown Pool, 41 percent Treadwell Ice Arena, 40 percent Hank Harmon Rifle Range, 40 percent Jensen-Olson Arboretum, 18 percent Jumbo Gym, 13 percent Zach Gordon Youth Center, 12 percent Eagle Valley Center, 12 percent Juneau Archery Range, and 9 percent Pipeline Skate Park.

Online Survey Results: Household Use of Parks and Recreation Facilities in the Past 12 Months (Multiple answers allowed)

n=304	% of Total
Eaglecrest Ski Area	74
Dimond Park Aquatic Center	61
Dimond Park Field House	50
Augustus Brown Pool	43
Treadwell Ice Arena	41
Hank Harmon Rifle Range	40
Jensen-Olson Arboretum	40
Jumbo Gym	18
Zach Gordon Youth Center	13
Eagle Valley Center	12
Juneau Archery Range	12
Pipeline Skate Park	9

Frequency of Facility Use

Among households that used each parks and recreation facility, Dimond Park Aquatic Center received the largest average number of visits during the past 12 months, at 24.0, followed by Dimond Park Field House (23.1 visits), Pipeline Skate Park (22.7 visits), and Augustus Brown Pool (21.8).

Number of Visits to Park and Recreation Facilities in the Past 12 Months

*(Base: Households that visited facility in the past 12 months)
(Multiple answers allowed)*

	Average # of Visits
Dimond Park Aquatic Center <i>(n=267)</i>	24.0
Dimond Park Field House <i>(n=224)</i>	23.1
Pipeline Skate Park <i>(n=60)</i>	22.7
Augustus Brown Pool <i>(n=143)</i>	21.8
Treadwell Ice Arena <i>(n=164)</i>	14.2
Eaglecrest Ski Area <i>(n=248)</i>	11.9
Zach Gordon Youth Center <i>(n=54)</i>	9.2
Jumbo Gym <i>(n=51)</i>	7.5
Juneau Archery Range <i>(n=58)</i>	7.3
Hank Harmon Rifle Range <i>(n=203)</i>	6.5
Eagle Valley Center <i>(n=28)</i>	4.5
Jensen-Olson Arboretum <i>(n=134)</i>	3.4

Online Survey Results

On average, online respondents report their household visited Augustus Brown Pool 31.2 times in the past 12 months, Pipeline Skate Park 30.8 times, Treadwell Ice Arena 30.4 times, Eaglecrest Ski Area 24.1 times, Dimond Park Aquatic Center 21.2 times, Dimond Park Field House 18.0 times, Zach Gordon Youth Center 8.2 times, Jumbo Gym, 6.5 times, Hank Harmon Rifle Range 5.0 times, Jensen-Olson Arboretum 2.6 times, Juneau Archery Range 8.1 times, and Eagle Valley Center 3.9 times.

Organized Recreation Activities

Adult Participation

One-third (33 percent) of Juneau adults participated in some form of indoor or outdoor organized sports league, tournament, race, or other organized recreational activity in Juneau over the past 12 months. Among those who participated in organized activities, one-quarter (25 percent) participated in softball, 20 percent in volleyball, 16 percent in basketball, 15 percent in hockey, and 11 percent in soccer. One-in-five adults (19 percent) who participated in organized activities participated in a running race.

(see table next page)

Adult Participation in Organized Sports Activities in the Past 12 Months

(Base: Households that participated in organized activities in the past 12 months)
(Multiple answers allowed)

n=172	% of Total
Softball	25
Volleyball	20
Running races	19
Basketball	16
Hockey	15
Soccer	11
Swimming	4
Flag football	4
Golf	3
Bike races/rides	2
Racquetball	2
Other	16
Refused	1

Other organized activities reported by less than 2 percent of respondents include archery, bowling, disc golf, figure skating, jump roping, martial arts, mountain bike racing, roller derby, shooting, ski racing, snow machining, tennis, and triathlons.

A significantly larger percentage of adults from households with children report participation in organized parks and recreation activities (45 versus 27 percent), suggesting some of the adult participation noted in this question may denote adults assisting with organized activities for children.

Household income also factors into adult participation in organized activities. Only 19 percent of adults from households with incomes under \$50,000 participate in these activities, compared to 39 from households with incomes between \$50,000 and \$100,000 and 41 percent from households with incomes over \$100,000. Adults 55 years of age and older are less likely to participate in organized activities: 63 percent do not participate and 21 percent do. Participation by adults 18 through 54 years of age ranges from 38 to 40 percent.

Online Survey Results

A larger percentage of adults who participated in the online survey participated in organized activities (49 percent) than did respondents in the telephone survey (33 percent). Forty-six percent of online survey respondents who participated in an organized activity participated in a running race in the past 12 months, 30 percent played hockey, 20 percent volleyball, 18 percent soccer, 16 percent softball, 16 percent bike races, 13 percent swimming, 9 percent basketball, 3 percent tennis, and 2 percent racquetball. Sixteen percent report participating in a variety of other organized recreation activities.

(see table next page)

Online Survey Results: Adult Participation in Organized Sports Activities in the Past 12 Months

*(Base: Households that participated in organized activities in the past 12 months)
(Multiple answers allowed)*

n=147	% of Total
Running races	46
Hockey	30
Volleyball	20
Soccer	18
Softball	16
Bike races/rides	16
Swimming	13
Basketball	9
Tennis	3
Racquetball	2
Other	16

Youth Participation

Nineteen percent of respondents from households that include children under the age of 18 who participated in organized recreational activities over the past 12 months. Twenty-nine percent of these children participated in soccer, 23 percent in running races, 21 percent in baseball, 19 percent in basketball, 14 percent in swimming, and 10 percent in softball.

Youth Participation in Organized Sports Activities in the Past 12 Months

*(Base: Households with children who participated in organized activities in the past 12 months)
(Multiple answers allowed)*

n=94	% of Total
Soccer	29
Running races	23
Baseball	21
Basketball	19
Swimming	14
Softball	10
Skating	8
Football	8
Hockey	7
Ski	7
Volleyball	5
Other	31
Refused	1

Children participated in a large variety of other activities as well at smaller percentages, including dance, cheerleading, karate and other martial arts, jump roping, T-ball, and wrestling.

As with adults, the percentage of children who participate in organized activities is smaller for children from households with incomes under \$50,000 (40 percent) versus households with larger incomes (63 to 64 percent).

Online Survey Results

Online survey respondents include a larger percentage of households with youth who participated in organized activities (29 percent) than in the telephone survey. Half of these households (53 percent) include youth who participated in soccer, 45 percent in swimming, 33 percent in running races, 31 percent in hockey, 23 percent basketball, 19 percent baseball, 9 percent softball, 8 percent volleyball, 5 percent bike races, and 2 percent tennis. One-quarter of these respondents report a youth who participated in another organized activity aside from those listed.

Online Survey Results: Youth Participation in Organized Sports Activities in the Past 12 Months
(Base: Households with children who participated in organized activities in the past 12 months)
(Multiple answers allowed)

n=94	% of Total
Soccer	53
Swimming	45
Running races	33
Hockey	31
Basketball	23
Baseball	19
Softball	9
Volleyball	8
Bike races	5
Tennis	2
Other	26

Trail Use

Trail Use Over the Past 12 Months

Nine out of ten Juneau adults surveyed (89 percent) reported using Juneau trails in the past 12 months for walking, hiking, running, biking, or other forms of recreation.

Respondents were provided a list of several popular Juneau trails. They were asked if they used these trails in the past 12 months and, if so, how often. Brotherhood Bridge Trail (Kaxdigoowu Heen Dei Trail) is the most used trail in the list, at 63 percent, followed by Treadwell Mine Historic Loop at 58 percent, Auke Lake Trail at 57 percent, Twin Lakes Path at 56 percent, and Perseverance Trail at 49 percent. Fifteen percent of respondents report using none of these trails.

(see table next page)

Use of Specific Juneau Trails within the Past 12 Months
(Multiple answers allowed)

n=516	% of Total
Brotherhood Bridge Trail (Kaxdigoowu Heen Dei)	63
Treadwell Mine Historic Loop Trail	58
Auke Lake Trail	57
Twin Lakes Path	56
Perseverance Trail	49
Outer Point/Rain Forest Trail	41
Lower Montana Creek Trail	39
Eaglecrest Trails	37
Thunder Mountain Trail	30
Treadwell Ditch	30
Blackerby Ridge Trail	11

Respondents were asked which three other trails, aside from those listed above, they use most. A list of trails was not provided for this question. A wide variety of trails were reported; the three trails visited at least once by respondents are Airport Dike Trail at 24 percent, East Glacier Trail at 21 percent, and West Glacier Trail at 18 percent. Boy Scout Trail and Dredge Lakes were each used by 10 percent of respondents.

Other Frequently Used Juneau Trails

(Base: Respondents who used each trail in the past 12 months. Multiple answers allowed)

n=516	% of Total
Airport Dike	24
East Glacier	21
West Glacier	18
Boy Scout	10
Dredge Lakes	10
Mount Roberts	9
Eagle Beach	7
John Muir Trail/Spaulding Meadows	7
Herbert Glacier	6
Dan Moller	5
Dupont Trail	5
Mount Juneau	4
Montana Creek	3
Nugget Falls	3
Basin Road/Flume	3
Salmon Creek	3
Windfall Lake	3
Mount Jumbo	2
Sheep Creek	2
Under Thunder	1
Other	16

Trails mentioned by less than 1 percent of respondents include Point Bridget, Cowee Creek, Lemon Creek, North Douglas Power Line Trail, Lena Point, McGinnis, Peterson Lake, Point Louisa, Shrine of St. Therese, and others.

Online Survey Results

Ninety-four percent of online respondents use Juneau trails, including 75 percent who used Treadwell Mine Historic Loop and 75 percent using Brotherhood Bridge Trail (Kaxdigoowu Heen Dei) in the past 12 months. Three-quarters of adults (72 percent) used Perseverance Trail, followed by Auke Lake (64 percent), Treadwell Ditch (64), Eaglecrest (63 percent), Twin Lakes (63 percent), Outer Point/Rain Forest (61 percent), Lower Montana Creek (50 percent), Thunder Mountain (34 percent), and Blackerby Ridge (20 percent).

Online Survey Results: Use of Specific Juneau Trails within the Past 12 Months
(Multiple answers allowed)

n=304	% of Total
Treadwell Mine Historic Loop Trail	75
Brotherhood Bridge Trail (Kaxdigoowu Heen Dei)	75
Perseverance Trail	72
Auke Lake Trail	64
Treadwell Ditch	64
Eaglecrest Trails	63
Twin Lakes Path	63
Outer Point/Rain Forest Trail	61
Lower Montana Creek	50
Thunder Mountain Trail	34
Blackerby Ridge Trail	20

Other trails used include Airport Dike (44 percent), Boy Scout (27 percent), Mount Roberts (23 percent), Dredge Lakes (20 percent), Eagle Beach (19 percent), East Glacier (18 percent) and West Glacier (15 percent).

Frequency of Trail Use

Among trail users, frequency of use of individual trails ranged widely. Brotherhood Bridge Trail (Kaxdigoowu Heen Dei) received an average of 14.6 uses per user and a median of 6 uses. Perseverance Trail is the second most frequently visited trail, at 11.9 average visits per user and a median of 4.0 visits.

Frequency of Use of Selected Juneau Trails in the Past 12 Months
(Base: Respondents who used each trail in the past 12 months)

	Average # of Uses	Median # of Uses
Brotherhood Bridge Trail (n=325)	14.6	6
Perseverance Trail (n=253)	11.9	4
Twin Lakes Path (n=287)	11.5	5
Treadwell Mine Historic Loop Trail (n=302)	11.3	4
Thunder Mountain Trail (n=155)	10.7	2
Auke Lake Trail (n=295)	8.4	3
Eaglecrest Trails (n=191)	8.1	3
Outer Point/Rain Forest Trail (n=212)	7.7	3
Treadwell Ditch (n=153)	6.7	2
Lower Montana Creek Trail (n=199)	6.3	3
Blackerby Ridge Trail (n=57)	3.0	1

Among other Juneau trails, Dredge Lakes is visited most often during the year, at 25.6 average uses, followed by Airport Dike trail (22.7 uses per user), Salmon Creek (19.8), and Montana Creek (17.8).

Frequency of Use of Other Juneau Trails in the Past 12 Months

*(Base: Respondents who used each trail in the past 12 months)
(Multiple answers allowed)*

	Average # of Uses	Median # of Uses
Dredge Lakes Trails (n=50)	25.6	20
Airport Dike (n=124)	22.7	10
Salmon Creek (n=16)	19.8	4
Montana Creek (n=17)	17.8	15
East Glacier (n=108)	12.2	6
Sheep Creek (n=12)	10.1	4
West Glacier (n=92)	9.9	5
Eagle Beach (n=35)	8.9	4
John Muir Trail/Spaulding Meadows (n=36)	8.3	5
Boy Scout (n=51)	7.3	5
Dan Moller (n=27)	7.1	4
Basin Road/Flume (n=16)	6.4	4
Nugget Falls (n=18)	6.0	4
Windfall Lake Trail (n=11)	5.3	4
Mount Roberts Trail (n=45)	5.0	3
Herbert Glacier Trail (n=27)	4.8	3
Dupont Trail (n=25)	4.2	3
Mount Juneau (n=20)	2.7	2
Mount Jumbo (n=12)	1.6	1

Online Survey Results

Online respondents report the most frequently used Juneau trails in the list provided were Treadwell Mine Historic Loop (21.4 times on average per user), Perseverance (21.2 times), Treadwell Ditch (16.0), Eaglecrest trails (15.8), and Brotherhood Bridge Trail (Kaxdigoowu Heen Dei) (14.4 times). Use averaged 11.7 times per user for the Twin Lakes Path, 10.4 for Outer Point/Rain Forest Trail, 9.4 times for Auke Lake Trail, 6.6 times for Lower Montana Creek, 3.9 times for Thunder Mountain Trail, and 2.8 times for Blackerby Ridge Trail.

Among other area trails, Airport Dike Trail received an average 21.5 visits per user by online respondents, followed by Dredge Lakes (17.9 times), John Muir/Spaulding Meadows (17.1 times), Salmon Creek (14.7 times), Boy Scout Trail (13.8 times), Eagle Beach (12.0 times), Montana Creek (13.5 times), Mount Roberts (11.6 times), Thane/Dupont (11.1 times), East Glacier (10.8 times). Many other trails were used less than ten times per user.

Park Use

Park Use Over the Past 12 Months

Respondents were provided with a list of popular parks and asked which they visited in the past 12 months. Of this list, the highest percentage of respondents visited Savikko Park, at 71 percent, followed by Twin Lakes at 60

percent, Riverside Rotary Park at 41 percent, and Cope Park at 37 percent. Cope Park was under construction in 2015-2016 and, thus, the number of visits may be lower than average years for this park. Thirteen percent of respondents did not visit any of the listed parks in the past 12 months.

Visitation to Specific Juneau Parks in the Past 12 Months

n=516	% of Total
Savikko Park	71
Twin Lakes Park	60
Riverside Rotary Park	41
Cope Park	37
Adair Kennedy Park	29
Melvin Park	26
Capital School Park	14
West Juneau Rotary Park	6
None of these	13

A larger percentage of adults from households with children than without visit many of the parks, including Twin Lakes (83 percent of households with children visited in the past 12 months, versus 59 percent of households without children), Riverside Rotary Park (59 versus 39 percent), Adair Kennedy (52 versus 20 percent), Melvin Park (48 versus 19 percent), and Capital School Park (21 versus 13 percent).

Online Survey Results

Online survey results were similar to telephone results for Savikko Park (79 percent visited in the past 12 months) and Twin Lakes (65 percent). Half of online respondents (53 percent) visited Cope Park, more than in the telephone survey. Visitation to other parks in the question include 31 percent using Riverside Rotary Park, 27 percent Adair Kennedy Park, 21 percent Capital School Park, 20 percent Melvin Park, and 7 percent West Juneau Rotary Park.

Online Survey Results: Visitation to Specific Juneau Parks in the Past 12 Months

n=304	% of Total
Savikko Park	79
Twin Lakes Park	65
Cope Park	53
Riverside Rotary Park	31
Adair Kennedy Park	27
Capital School Park	21
Melvin Park	20
West Juneau Rotary Park	7

Frequency of Park Use

Among the listed parks, Adair Kennedy received the largest number of average visits per user at 19.3, with a median of 5.0 visits. Riverside Park received 17.6 average visits and Capital School Park 15.3. It is likely several of these parks near schools are visited even more often as results may not reflect all school-related visits.

(see table next page)

Frequency of Park Use Over the Past 12 Months

(Base: Respondents who used each trail in the past 12 months)
(Multiple answers allowed)

	Average # of Uses	Median # of Uses
Adair Kennedy Park (n=147)	19.3	5.0
Riverside Rotary Park (n=208)	17.6	5.0
Capital School Park (n=70)	15.3	4.0
Melvin Park (n=133)	12.7	6.0
Twin Lakes Park (n=301)	12.6	6.0
Cope Park (n=186)	11.6	3.0
Savikko Park (n=355)	9.6	5.0
West Juneau Rotary Park (n=29)	5.9	3.0

Online Survey Results

Among online respondents, park users visited Capital School Park an average of 24.2 times each in the past 12 months, Savikko Park 20.8 times, Cope Park 18.9 times, Riverside Rotary Park 14.2 times, Melvin Park 13.8 times, Adair Kennedy 11.6 times, Twin Lakes Park 10.3 times, and West Juneau Rotary Park 8.6 times.

Barriers to Participation in Recreation Activities

Adult Barriers

One-third of adults have activities they would like to participate in but do not. Five percent would like to hike, 5 percent would like to use off road vehicles for recreation, 4 percent downhill ski, and 4 percent swim. As shown in the table below, a variety of other activities are identified by 2 or 3 percent of respondents.

Recreational Activities Adults Do Not Participate in But Would Like To (Multiple answers allowed)

n=515	% of Total
Hiking	5
Off road vehicles	5
Skiing downhill	4
Swimming	4
Walking	3
Camping	3
Skiing cross country	3
Boating	3
Snow machining	2
Fishing	2
Kayaking	2
Ice skating	2
Other	20
None	56
Don't know/refused	10

Among activities listed by 1 percent or fewer respondents are softball, mountain biking, running/jogging, snowboarding, soccer, hockey, wildlife viewing/bird watching, road biking, tennis, hunting, gardening, archery, baseball, basketball, bowling, climbing, dancing, golf, ice skating, shooting, thai chi, visiting parks, and volleyball.

Online Survey Results

One-quarter of online respondents report they do not kayak but would like to. Other activities respondents do not participate in but would like to include boating (21 percent), snow machining (14 percent), camping (13 percent), cross-country skiing (13 percent), mountain biking (13 percent), fishing (12 percent), ORV use (12 percent), ice skating (11 percent), and hunting (10 percent).

Online Survey Results: Top 10 Recreational Activities Adults Do Not Participate in But Would Like To *(Multiple answers allowed)*

n=260	% of Total
Kayaking	25
Boating	21
Snow machining	14
Camping	13
Cross country skiing	13
Mountain biking	13
Fishing	12
ORV	12
Ice skating	11
Hunting	10

BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION

Among adults in Juneau who do not participate in recreational activities they would like to, lack of free time is the most frequently cited barrier, for 30 percent of respondents. Physical limitations/accessibility (23 percent), programs/activities not available (19 percent), and lack of money (17 percent) are other frequently cited barriers.

Barriers to Adult Participation in Recreational Activities *(Base: Adults who did not participate in activities they would like to)* *(Multiple answers allowed)*

n=172	% of Total
Lack of free time	30
Physical limitations/accessibility	23
Programs/activities not available	19
Lack of money	17
Lack of equipment	12
Weather	9
No one to do it with	6
Age	5
Transportation	5
Other	19
Don't know/Refused	4

Other barriers cited by 1 percent or fewer respondents include bears, health issues, facility locations, family obligations, legal reasons, and schedule conflicts.

Online Survey Results

Most frequent barriers for adults cited by online respondents include lack of equipment (49 percent), lack of free time (37 percent), lack of money (26 percent), programs/activities not available (18 percent), no one to do it with (14 percent), weather (13 percent), physical limitations/accessibility (13 percent), transportation (2 percent), and age (2 percent).

Online Survey Results: Barriers to Adult Participation in Recreational Activities

*(Base: Adults who did not participate in activities they would like to)
(Multiple answers allowed)*

n=172	% of Total
Lack of equipment	49
Lack of free time	37
Lack of money	26
Programs/activities not available	18
No one to do it with	14
Weather	13
Physical limitations/accessibility	13
Transportation	2
Age	2
Other	19

Barriers for Youth

One-quarter (23 percent) of respondents from households with children report the children do not participate in activities they would like to. Activities children do not participate in include hockey, ice skating, soccer, and dance (3 percent each). Other activities mentioned by 2 percent or fewer respondents include swimming, fishing, off road vehicles, downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, baseball, basketball, mountain biking, boating, cheerleading, early childhood activities, football, gymnastics, hiking, karate and other martial arts, outdoor camps, snow machining, road biking, and walking.

Online Survey Results

Online respondents from households with children report boating (18 percent) as an activity youth would like to participate in but do not, followed by downhill skiing (17 percent), ice skating (15 percent), kayaking (13 percent), camping (11 percent), ORV use (11 percent), fishing (10 percent), and soccer (10 percent) and a wide variety of other activities named by less than 10 percent of respondents.

BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION

As with adults, lack of free time is the most frequently cited barrier for children who do not participate in an activity they would like to, at 37 percent. Lack of money (29 percent), transportation issues (18 percent), programs/activities not available (13 percent), and age (10 percent) are other reasons cited.

Barriers to Youth Participation in Recreational Activities

*(Base: Households w/children who did not participate in activities they would like to)
(Multiple answers allowed)*

n=47	% of Total
Lack of free time	37
Lack of money	29
Transportation	18
Programs/activities not available	13
Age	10
Physical limitations/accessibility	7
Lack of equipment	6
Weather	5
Other	24
Don't know/Refused	1

Other barriers listed by less than 10 percent of respondents include physical limitations/accessibility, lack of equipment, weather, lack of information, family considerations, and scheduling issues.

Online Survey Results

Half (50 percent) of online respondents from households with youth who have barriers to participation in recreational activities cite lack of equipment as a barrier, followed by lack of free time (34 percent), programs/activities not available (27 percent), lack of money (25 percent), age (18 percent), weather (14 percent), no one to do it with (9 percent), and transportation (7 percent).

Online Survey Results: Barriers to Youth Participation in Recreational Activities

*(Base: Households w/children who did not participate in activities they would like to)
(Multiple answers allowed)*

n=44	% of Total
Lack of equipment	50
Lack of free time	34
Programs/activities not available	27
Lack of money	25
Age	18
Weather	14
No one to do it with	9
Transportation	7
Other	20

Value of Parks and Recreation

Importance of Parks and Recreation Opportunities in Choice to Live in Juneau

Over three-quarters of adults report parks and recreation facilities and programs provided by CBJ are somewhat or very important in their choice to live in Juneau, while 18 percent report these parks and recreation amenities are not important in their choice.

Importance of Parks and Recreation Facilities and Programs in Choice to Live in Juneau

Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Don't Know/Refused
44%	33%	18%	5%

Note: n=515

Households with children are more likely to rank these amenities as very important, at 53 percent, versus 42 percent of households without children. Also, adults who have recreated in the past 12 months are more likely to report these amenities as very important, at 45 percent versus 30 percent who have not recreated recently.

Online Survey Results

Sixty-nine percent of online respondents report parks and recreation facilities and programs provided by CBJ are very important in their choice to live in Juneau, while 26 percent report these amenities are somewhat important, and 5 percent report they are not important.

Online Survey Results: Importance of Parks and Recreation Facilities and Programs in Choice to Live in Juneau

Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
69%	26%	5%

Note: n=278

CBJ Investment in Parks and Recreation

Most adults in Juneau (94 percent) believe providing recreation facilities and programs is a somewhat or very important use of CBJ funds; three-quarters believe this is a very important use of funds.

Those who recreated in the past 12 months are more likely to believe such investment is very important (79 percent) than those who have not (56 percent). Eight out of ten households with children (79 percent) believe this use of public funds is very important, compared to 72 percent of households without children.

Importance of Expending Public Funds for Recreation Facilities and Programs

Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Don't Know/Refused
73%	21%	2%	4%

Note: n=515

Sixty-one percent of adults believe CBJ invests about the right amount in parks and recreation opportunities for Juneau residents, while 16 percent believe too little is invested, and 9 percent believe too much is invested. Respondents who report parks and recreation opportunities are important or very important in their choice to live in Juneau are more likely to believe CBJ invests too little in such opportunities.

Amount of CBJ Investment in Parks and Recreation Opportunities

Too Little	About the Right Amount	Too Much	Don't Know/Refused
16%	61%	9%	13%

Note: n=515

Online Survey Results

Ninety-nine percent of online respondents believe support for recreation facilities and programs is a somewhat or very important use of public funds. Approximately half (53 percent) believe CBJ invests about the right amount in parks and recreation opportunities, while 29 percent believe too little is invested, and 5 percent believe too much is invested.

Online Survey Results: Amount of CBJ Investment in Parks and Recreation Opportunities

Too Little	About the Right Amount	Too Much	Don't Know/Refused
29%	53%	5%	13%

Note: n=277

INVESTMENTS IN ASSETS OR FACILITIES

Half (51 percent) of Juneau adults believe there are specific investments in indoor or outdoor recreation assets or facilities that CBJ should make in the next ten years. Types of investments respondents believe should be made vary widely. A few investments were mentioned by a larger percentage of those respondents who believe investments should be made, including off road vehicle trails/parks (15 percent), upgrades to existing hiking trails (11 percent) and new hiking trails (7 percent), sports fields (10 percent), and an ice arena (8 percent). A wide variety of other investments were also suggested at smaller percentages.

Type of Investment CBJ Should Make in Recreation Assets or Facilities in the Next 10 Years

*(Base: Households that believe CBJ should invest in specific additional assets or facilities)
(Multiple answers allowed)*

n=259	% of Total
Off road vehicle trails/park	15
Upgrade to existing hiking trails	11
Sports fields	10
Ice arena	8
New hiking trails	7
Cabins	6
Field house	5
Mountain bike trails	5
Pool upgrade/maintenance	5
Eaglecrest	4
Basketball courts	4
Picnic areas	2
Community gardens	2
Playgrounds	2
Other	50
Don't know/Refused	1

Online Survey Results

Eighty percent of online respondents cite specific investments. Half (51 percent) cite upgrades to existing hiking trails, followed by cabins (37 percent), mountain bike trails (31 percent), and new hiking trails (29 percent).

Online Survey Results: Type of Investment CBJ Should Make in Recreation Assets or Facilities in the Next 10 Years

(Base: Households that believe CBJ should invest in specific additional assets or facilities)

n=221	% of Total
Upgrade to existing hiking trails	51
Cabins	37
Mountain bike trails	31
New hiking trails	29
Community gardens	21
Sports fields	19
Ice arena	17
Picnic areas	16
Playgrounds	13
Basketball courts	5
Other	43

Note: Multiple answers allowed.

INVESTMENTS IN PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES

Twenty-eight percent of respondents believe CBJ should invest in specific additional recreation programs over the next 10 years, including support for youth, seniors, and disability programs, and specific recreation activities.

Type of Investment In Additional Recreation Programs or Activities in the Next 10 Years

(Base: households that believe CBJ should invest in specific additional programs or activities)

n=144	% of Total
Outdoor programs for youth	14
Indoor programs for youth	13
Afterschool programs for youth	13
Summer youth programs	9
Basketball	8
Programs for seniors	8
Softball	8
Programs for people with disabilities	6
Swimming	5
Soccer	5
Hockey	5
Racquetball	4
Biking	4
Volleyball	3
Tennis	3
Running	2
Other	57

Note: Multiple answers allowed.

Online Survey Results

Fifty-five percent of online respondents cite specific investments in programs and activities. Half (50 percent) believe CBJ should invest in outdoor programs for youth, followed by afterschool programs for youth (46 percent), summer youth programs (38 percent), programs for seniors (34 percent), indoor programs for youth (32 percent), and programs for people with disabilities (27 percent). Investments in activities include biking (20 percent), swimming (13 percent), running (10 percent), soccer (10 percent), hockey (9 percent), and basketball (7 percent). Five percent of respondents or less cited softball, tennis, racquetball, or volleyball.

Online Survey Results: Type of Investment CBJ Should Make in Additional Recreation Programs or Activities in the Next 10 Years

*(Base: households that believe CBJ should invest in specific additional programs or activities)
(Multiple answers allowed)*

n=144	% of Total
Outdoor programs for youth	50
Afterschool programs for youth	46
Summer youth programs	38
Programs for seniors	34
Indoor programs for youth	32
Programs for people with disabilities	27
Biking	20
Swimming	13
Running	10
Soccer	10
Hockey	9
Basketball	7
Softball	5
Tennis	5
Racquetball	3
Volleyball	3
Other	28

Value of Parks and Recreation Amenities to the Community

VALUE OF PROGRAMS

When asked about the value to the community of a list of specific recreation programs, three-quarters of respondents rank afterschool programs for youth (76 percent) and summer programs for youth (73 percent) as high or very high value. Half (50 percent) rank importance of pre-kindergarten programs as high or very high.

The percentage of households ranking youth programs as high in value is larger for households with children than for those without. Eighty-two percent of households with children under 18 years of age rank afterschool programs for youth as important or very important, 78 percent for summer programs for youth, and 59 percent for pre-kindergarten programs.

A larger percentage of households without children rank sports and recreation programs for adults as high or very high than do households with children (40 versus 32 percent).

Value of Parks and Recreation Programs to the Community

n=515	Very High	High	Medium	Low	Very Low	Don't know/Refused
Afterschool programs for youth	41	35	15	3	1	5
Summer programs for youth	35	38	16	5	1	5
Pre-kindergarten programs	23	27	26	13	4	6
Sports and recreation programs for adults	10	26	43	13	2	5
Recreation programs specifically for seniors	13	30	33	12	3	8

Online Survey Results

Eighty percent of online respondents value summer programs for youth as high or very high. Similar to the telephone survey, over three-quarters (78 percent) of respondents rank afterschool programs for youth as high or very high and half (48 percent) rank importance of pre-kindergarten programs as high or very high. Forty-four percent rank sports and recreation programs for adults as high or very high value, followed by recreation programs for seniors (38 percent).

Online Survey Results: Value of Parks and Recreation Programs to the Community

n=279	Very High	High	Medium	Low	Very Low	Don't know/Refused
Afterschool programs for youth	44	34	16	4	1	1
Summer programs for youth	46	35	14	3	1	1
Pre-kindergarten programs	23	25	26	15	8	3
Sports and recreation programs for adults	13	31	40	11	4	1
Recreation programs specifically for seniors	12	26	42	12	4	4

VALUE OF FACILITIES AND AREAS

Respondents were also asked to rank the value to the community of a list of parks and recreation facilities and areas.

Value of Parks and Recreation Facilities and Areas to the Community

n=515	Very High	High	Medium	Low	Very Low	Don't know/Refused
City trails	38	40	14	2	<1	5
Dimond Park Aquatic Center	30	42	18	3	1	7
City parks	25	43	23	3	1	6
Treadwell Ice Arena	20	35	31	6	1	7
Augustus Brown Swimming Pool	20	32	27	10	4	7
Zach Gordon Youth Center	17	32	27	8	1	15
Jumbo Gym	5	17	32	22	5	19
Eagle Valley Center	4	11	29	20	4	32

City trails are ranked as high or very high by 78 percent of respondents, and City parks by 68 percent.

Dimond Park Aquatic Center is ranked as high or very high by 72 percent of respondents. Rankings for this facility vary by area respondents live: 81 percent in Auke Bay/Out the Road, 78 percent in the Valley, 70 percent in Downtown/Douglas, and 67 percent in Lemon Creek/Switzer Village. Also, 82 percent of respondents from households with children rank this facility as important or very important, versus 71 percent from households without children.

Over half (56 percent) of respondents rank the importance of Treadwell Ice Arena as high or very high. This facility is ranked as important or very important by a larger percentage of respondents from Auke Bay/Out the Road, at 69 percent, than other areas.

Half of respondents (52 percent) rank the Augustus Brown pool as high or very high value. The percentage of respondents who rank this facility as high or very high value is larger for Downtown/Douglas, at 69 percent, than other areas of town.

Half of respondents (49 percent) rank Zach Gordon Youth Center as high or very high value. Rankings for this facility do not vary by area of town or by whether households have children, though they do vary by race/ethnicity. Fifty-nine percent of Alaska Native/American Indian respondents rank the facility as of high or very high value, versus 51 percent of White respondents, and 39 percent of respondents of other races/ethnicities.

Jumbo Gym is ranked as high or very high value by 23 percent of respondents and low or very low by 27 percent. Eagle Valley Center is ranked as high or very high by 15 percent, as low or very low by 24 percent, and a third (32 percent) of respondents do not know.

Online Survey Results

Eighty-six percent of online respondents place a high or very high value on City trails, as do 83 percent on the Dimond Park Aquatic Center, 76 percent on City parks, 66 percent on Treadwell Ice Arena, 61 percent on Augustus Brown pool, 61 percent on Zach Gordon Youth Center, 21 percent on Jumbo Gym, and 18 percent on Eagle Valley Center.

Online Survey Results: Value of Parks and Recreation Facilities and Areas to the Community

n=304	Very High	High	Medium	Low	Very Low
City trails	53	33	11	2	<1
Dimond Park Aquatic Center	36	47	13	3	1
City parks	36	40	22	2	<1
Treadwell Ice Arena	26	40	23	8	3
Augustus Brown Swimming Pool	20	41	22	12	6
Zach Gordon Youth Center	22	39	26	10	4
Jumbo Gym	3	18	37	29	14
Eagle Valley Center	3	15	38	29	15

Demographics

Half of respondents are female and half are male. Average age of respondents is 45.3 years. Three-quarters identify as White, while 12 percent identify as Alaska Native. Average household income among respondents totals \$87,300, with a median of \$88,000.

Demographics (unweighted)	
n=516	% of Total
Gender	
Female	50
Male	49
Not Reported	1
Age	
18-24	11
25-34	21
35-44	17
45-54	19
55-64	18
65+	14
Average age	45.3
Race/Ethnicity	
White	74
Alaska Native	12
Asian	3
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2
Hispanic or Latino	2
Black or African-American	1
American Indian	1
Other	1
Refused	7
Household Income	
Less than \$15,000	2
\$15,001 to \$25,000	4
\$25,001 to \$50,000	13
\$50,001 to \$75,000	17
\$75,001 to \$100,000	16
\$100,001 to \$125,000	10
Over \$125,000	19
Don't know/refused	19
Average household income	\$87,300

Online Survey Results

Fifty-six percent of online survey respondents are female, while 41 percent are male. Four percent preferred not to share their gender. Average age is 44.7 years. More online survey respondents identify as White (83 percent)

than in the telephone survey (74 percent), and less as Alaska Native (4 versus 12 percent). Mean household income is higher among online respondents than telephone, at \$106,300 versus \$87,300.

Household Composition

On average, households in this survey included three members and 37 percent of the households include children.

Household Composition	
	% of Total
Household Size	n=515
1	14
2	32
3	19
4	18
5+	14
Refused	4
Average Household Size	3.0
Number of Children in Household	n=495
1	16
2	12
3+	8
None	63
Average Number of Children	0.7
Age of Children in Households	n=335
0	2
1	7
2	6
3	6
4	4
5	7
6	5
7	4
8	9
9	6
10	5
11	5
12	7
13	5
14	6
15	5
16	5
17	6

Online Survey Results

Similar to telephone survey respondents, average household size for online survey respondents is 2.9 and average number of children is 0.8. Age of children in online respondent households also corresponds relatively closely with respondents in the telephone survey.

Location in Town

Forty-five percent of respondents live in the Mendenhall Valley (past Fred Meyer), 15 percent live on Douglas Island, 13 percent in Downtown/Thane, 12 percent in Salmon Creek/Lemon Creek/Switzer, 9 percent in Auke Bay/Lena, and 3 percent out the road (beyond Lena).

Area of Town Respondents Live

n=515	Total Percent (%)
Mendenhall Valley	45
Douglas Island	15
Downtown/Thane	13
Salmon Creek/Lemon Creek/Switzer	12
Auke Bay/Lena	9
Out the Road	3
Refused	4

Online Survey Results

The area of residence within Juneau of online survey respondents differs from the telephone survey. Overall, over half of online survey respondents are from Douglas or Downtown/Thane, versus 28 percent of telephone survey respondents, and less live in the Mendenhall Valley. Thirty-two percent of online respondents live in the Mendenhall Valley, 28 percent in Douglas, 24 percent in Downtown/Thane, 8 percent in Salmon Creek/Lemon Creek/Switzer, 7 percent in Auke Bay/Lena, and 1 percent Out the Road.

Appendix: Open-Ended Telephone Survey Responses

What three recreational activities in Juneau do you most frequently participate in during the spring/Summer?

Aquarobic/water aerobics (x2)	Paintball
Archery (x2)	Park (x5)
Baseball (x3)	Picnicking (x4)
Basketball (x5)	Playground/children's play (x4)
Bowling	Rock climbing (x2)
Cub Scouts	Sailing
Disc golf (x3)	Shooting (x3)
Fly airplanes	Skiing
Folk dancing (x2)	Ultimate frisbee
Gym workout/classes (x6)	Volleyball (x5)
Horseback riding	Water sports
Kickboxing	Yoga
Martial arts (x2)	

What three recreational activities in Juneau do you most frequently participate in during the fall/winter?

Aquarobic/water aerobics (x2)	Picnicking (x)
Archery (x2)	Playground/children's play (x4)
Berry picking/canning (x2)	Rock climbing (x4)
Bowling	Roller derby
Cub Scouts	Shooting (x6)
Dancing	Skating
Field House	Skateboarding
Flying airplanes	Skiing
Golf	Sledding (x6)
Karate/martial arts (x3)	Trapping (x2)
Paintball	Ultimate frisbee
Parks/Beach (x3)	Yoga

Which organized sports activities have adult members of your household participated in over the last 12 months?

Auke man (x2)	Martial arts
Archery (x3)	Mountain biking
Basketball	Trail hikes
Bowling (x2)	Rifle club
Disc golf (x2)	Roller derby (x2)
Figure skating (x2)	Ski racing
Fishing derby	Snow mobile club
Judo club	Trap shooting
Juneau Jumpers	Ultimate Frisbee

Which organized sports activities did children in your household participate in, over the last 12 months, including any summer sports activities?

Cheerleading (x4)
Dance (x4)
Football (x7)
Gymnastics
Judo/martial arts (x2)
Juneau Jumpers
Wrestling (x2)

What other three trails do you use most frequently?

Auke Lake	Jennifer Drive
Auke Nu (x2)	Lemon Creek/Switzer Trail (x4)
Auke Rec (x6)	Lena Loop (x4)
Bessie Creek (x2)	Lena Point (x4)
Blue Mussel	Morane
Blueberry	Mendenhall River
Breadline	Mendenhall Valley bike paths
Campground trails	McGinnis
Cowee Creek (x4)	Meadows
Dupont	North Douglas, end and back side (x5)
DZ trails (x2)	North Sea
Echo Cove (x3)	Peterson Creek (x9)
False Outer Point	Point Bridget (x7)
Fish Creek (x3)	Point Louisa
Flat Rock	Richard Marrick (Marriot?)
Frisbee golf course	Rock quarry
Gastineau Creek	Shrine of St. Therese
Glacier trails (x6)	Spur Road path
Golf course	Steep Creek
Granite Creek	Tolch Rock (x2)
Home Depot	Wetlands (x2)

What recreational activities do you or any other adult in your household not participate in that you would like to?

ATV/Four wheeling/ORV (x3)	Rafting
Archery (x4)	Rock climbing (x4)
Baseball (x2)	Rollerskating (x2)
Basketball (x3)	Shooting (x5)
Beaches (x2)	Skateboarding
Bowling	Snowshoeing
Dance (x2)	Thai Chi (x2)
Dirt biking (x3)	Tubing
Dog parks	Volleyball (x9)
Golf (x3)	Weightlifting
Laser Tag	Wind surfing
Luge	Winter biking
Motocross	Yoga
Parks (x2)	Zipline

What barriers are keeping you or any other adult in your household from participating in these activities?

Bears (x2)	Location (x2)
College	Need more people
Don't know it's happening/scheduling (x2)	Not enough gyms
Facility not open enough hours	Online registration
Family obligations/children (x3)	Parking at Cope Park
Health issues (x2)	Poor winter maintenance
Innate emotional considerations	Trail restrictions for dogs
Lack of information on where parks are located	Scheduling
Legal reasons (x3)	Teams keep changing
Lighting on trails and paths is insufficient	

What activities do children in your household not participate in that they would like to?

Baseball (x2)	Karate/martial arts (x2)
Basketball (x2)	Outdoor camps
Cheerleading	Rock climbing (x2)
Early childhood activities	Skateboarding
Football	Sports
Gymnastics (x3)	Weightlifting
High school sports	

What barriers are keeping children in your household from participating in these activities?

Family obligations/children (x2)
Have not been able to look into it yet
Long distance from home
Need more information (x2)
Lack of ice time
Private organization
Reasonable times for swimming

Types of specific investments in indoor or outdoor recreation assets or facilities you think CBJ should make in the next 10 years

4H horse barn/center	Close downtown pool
Alpine backcountry skiing	Convert Eaglecrest to semi-private to attract tourists and make more money (x2)
Another rifle range	Convert indoor walking track at TMHS into ice rink
Baseball	Cover trails
Better employee training	Curling rink (x2)
Bike lanes (x2)	Dedicated facilities for adults that are affordable
Bike trails (x3)	Disc golf course
Bike trail events	Dog parks/areas/indoor areas/trails (x7)
Bike path that is lighted	Drag race facility (x2)
Boardwalk	Dual facilities (i.e. gym and rink)
Boat rentals	Exercise equipment in parks
Boat house for recreation and other small craft	Expand Zach Gordon or put in other parts of town
Bowling alley in Valley	Facility in downtown or Douglas with walking track
Brotherhood Bridge Park	Fishing from shore
Centennial Hall expansion	
Climbing wall	

Fix Adair Kennedy
 Game Center like Whitehorse
 Golf course (x3)
 Groomed/lighted trails around town
 Indoor golf course (x2)
 Indoor mini-golf course (x2)
 Indoor facilities for football
 Indoor facility for gymnastics
 Indoor, larger multi-purpose facility (x3)
 Indoor park/facility for children (x2)
 Harbor mooring spaces
 Helicopter pads
 Kayaking
 Keep both schools open
 Keep parks clean
 League play
 Less cost for seniors
 Less expensive indoor facility
 Less expensive ski area
 Lighted ski
 Low income friendly
 Maintain current facilities (x3)
 More access to gym time
 More affordable access to kayaking on lakes/ponds
 More bathrooms at Sandy Beach and Twin Lakes
 More covered areas/facilities
 More economically friendly 'green' transportation
 More parks in Douglas
 More places for boat ramps and places to repair boats
 Move the ski area up above Lemon Creek
 New access trails for rock climbing
 New marked horse trails

New recreation facility on the site of Augustus Brown Pool and Zach Gordon Center
 Outdoor park for paintball or airsoft (x2)
 Outdoor skating
 Parent involvement
 Park improvements/maintenance/upgrades (x4)
 Paved trails for strollers and wheelchairs
 Performing arts center
 Public EWC center in Valley
 Public parking garages
 RC indoor area – Field house is too expensive
 Rock climbing facility
 Roller rink (x5)
 Safer/easier facilities for disabilities (x2)
 Savikko Park
 Scholarships for low-income/discounted rates
 Skate park
 Small park by Fish Creek in North Douglas
 Snack shacks
 Snow trails to icefields
 State park
 Tennis courts in Douglas
 Toddler activity center
 Trail for full sized vehicles
 Treadwell Arena access year-round
 Treadwell Ditch bridges
 Turn Walmart into a rec center
 Upgrade racquet courts
 Upgrade rifle/archery range
 Water park
 Water sports
 Zach Gordon floors

Specific additional indoor or outdoor recreation programs or activities CBJ should invest in within the next 10 years

Adult classes (x5)
 Affordable youth programs
 Aquarium on waterfront
 ATV trails
 Be consistent with programs
 Bigger Field House
 Board games
 Bowling
 Bumper cars
 Coast Guard ROTC program
 Community events/fairs (x2)
 Community carving
 Combine schools
 Cultural activities

Curling
 Disc golf
 Educational recreation. Like arboretum, planetarium, activities that can also draw tourism dollars
 Exercise programs for new mothers
 Expand funding for youth programs
 Expand Augustus Brown Pool
 Family-oriented programs
 Field House open all year/accessible/affordable (x2)
 Flag football
 Football
 Girls/Boys on the Run
 Golf/golfing range (x2)

Gun safety/recreational shooting for children	Pitching area
Gymnastics	Pre-K and under programs/childcare (x2)
Hooptime basketball	Programs for young adults
Indoor archery downtown	Security for parks and trails
Indoor covered field	Skating (x2)
Indoor gym	Skateboarding
Indoor rec center	Rehab pool programs for seniors/people with disabilities
Indoor walking track	Rock climbing
Lacrosse	Rollerskating (x4)
Little league baseball	Rugby league
Lower fees at indoor facilities	Safety guidelines course for paintball
More batting cages	Thai Chi (x2)
More days of play	Walking programs (x2)
More direction on where horses can go	Walking track/trails downtown (x2)
More for JYS and kids	Workshops
More scholarships for low-income kids to participate (x2)	Year-round ice skating
More open gyms	Zumba
ORV (x4)	

Other suggestions or comments for CBJ Parks and Rec to consider as the Parks and Rec Master Plan update is developed.

Importance of investing in parks and recreation activities and facilities

Providing off road vehicle areas and other activities targeting young adults is extremely important, it may help keep some off drugs by staying busy, and active enjoying things that genuinely interest them. Activities, facilities should be the #1 priority in Juneau this day and age with the amount of drug/alcohol abuse on the rise. It should not be ignored or pushed aside.

Recreation Activities add to quality of life in our city, including for those looking to move here. More combination funding to include CBJ/Individuals/businesses before deciding to cut programs.

Parks and Rec programs add value and help keep youth out of trouble.

Having the recreation opportunities, we do keeps people in Juneau that would otherwise leave. The city should invest more in recreation, it makes Juneau a good place to live.

Parks are awesome, we have to take care of them.

Availability played a big role in our decision to move from Ketchikan. Recreational programs, trails, parks and facilities.

It is important that funding is kept as high as possible in all areas of rec - the community needs safe, healthy places to visit to keep residents active and involved in healthy activities

Bike trails are very important.

Focus on maintaining current parks and recreation assets

Maintain what we have rather than looking to build new facilities.

Keep up with maintaining all current facilities and programs.

Concentrate on facilities rather than adding new ones.

We have the right amount of recreation right now, we just need to keep up with the maintenance.

I don't think we need anything else, we need to pay for what we've got

Keep up on the maintenance for our current facilities and continue current programs and activities.

Keep all facilities they already have open and utilized like the baseball fields in Auke Bay, etc. There are many facilities and areas not being utilized, or if not needed make it into a different recreational facility that will be utilized better.

Don't take any services away, just improve them.

Continue to maintain what we have.

Parks and recreation maintenance and improvements

Need to clean park trails daily.

Improve Thane/Dupont trail; more kayak launches at end of Douglas Island; more kayak launches in general.

Need signs at trailheads prohibiting animal trapping

Chicken yard should stay as it, where it is.

Keep both pools open and maintained (x2)

Continue with both pools. Many downtown people use it.

Keep Augustus Brown pool open. (x5)

Close Augustus Brown pool.

Maintain, update and repair of Augustus Brown pool (x2)

Keep Dimond Park Aquatic Center open.

Larger jacuzzi; more staffing of pools.

Keep Eagle Crest going at all costs- get arctic winter games here!

Eaglecrest is important to the community and we will lose some of the community if we get rid of this program.

Continue to support Eaglecrest (x2)

Black bear chair at Eagle crest, the purpose was to open mountain up high to transfer people from low to high. It was closed down because no plan was developed. People could walk to ptarmigan. Would like a plan developed to make use of upper mountain even if hooter was not opened because of the snow.

Capital city harbors need restrooms. Aurora and Harris have none either.

Add outhouses at parks.

Keep the bathrooms at parks and fields open for use.

There needs to be covered seating/standing at outdoor sports fields for spectators. I don't go as often to watch my son because the seats are too hard and I always get rained on and wet. It's not comfortable.

More covered areas at parks and sports fields and more/better lighting.

Extend Eaglecrest ski season. Boats flushing at Auke Lake, they have cameras but it still doesn't stop people.

Maintain trails.

Repair John Muir boardwalk trail. Have winter toilet availability in parks and on trails. Have more covered shelters, especially at capitol school. Use gym in legislative building for the charter school.

Expand the community garden and arboretum. Include a garden downtown.

Marine park is embarrassing because people are always passed out/drunk. Needs better regulation and monitoring.

Better winter maintenance on sidewalks and paths.

Prioritize having a bigger building than Centennial Hall. It's too small for Celebration which is a big impact for Juneau's economy.

Mendenhall wetlands should be wheel chair accessible. Airport Dike Trail should be WCA too. Same for 9-mile on North Douglas, 7-mile trail, sunny point. So they can enjoy it and spincast and also duck hunt. North side of salmon creek should have a handicap ramp.

Better public access to recreational areas. Many older/disabled people have difficulty with mobility and don't want to compete with younger people to use a facility.

There are accessibility issues in some areas - Treadwell below Savikko Park should be maintained for people with disabilities. There needs to be a better awareness of littering. Tourists have an impact on our trails as well.

Need to have 24 Hour facilities and free transportation.

Better landscaping and multiple uses for the same space, for example; the trail at TMHS, it goes around, over bridge, and around-multiple use- like Rotary Park; you can feed the ducks, there's a playground, and you can walk around.

Youth needs a recreational facility in Douglas, an indoor court for students to come together. Update Jumbo Gym!

More better quality fields, make a place where kids can't get hurt.

Better baseball fields.

We need more trash cans on the disc golf course & ball fields. It would be nice to create another disc golf course and improve the one we currently have.

Further expansion on Savikko Park in Douglas. The money CBJ spends varies, we need more spent on Douglas.

Twin Lakes playground is not safe, there are too many places for children to hide in the castle, there are too many exits.

Trail by Mendenhall River is blocked by boulders.

Update the bike paths. They need to be lighted and have security officers patrolling them.

Safer bike paths with proper lighting.

More baseball/softball fields and they need turf.

The Adair Kennedy turf needs to be fixed

Baseball field updated with turf.

Dimond Park field maintenance.

Indoor facilities like field house needs to be more accessible and less expensive. Build more throughout town.

Additional parks and recreation assets

More trails to access historical areas.

Another boat launch in N. Douglas.

There is a building in Ketchikan that has a walking track, basketball courts, etc. that is always open to the public free of charge. I would like to see something like that in Juneau. A walking track in the downtown/Douglas area is very important to me. Right now I have to drive from Douglas to the field house in the valley just to use the outdoor walking track.

An ice rink in the valley.

Build a second ice rink facility.

Encourage more cross country skiing and make more mountain bike trails and winter hiking trails. Work with property owners at Sheep Creek to gain access for recreational boaters.

Affordable gym for public.

Need transportation to parks and facilities for people who cannot drive.

Build off-road vehicle park/trails (x9)

Make an ORV track and ATV park within city limits.

Build ATV only trails.

Open some land so we can responsibly use and manage trails for ORV

Needs to be more off roading trails. There needs to be more places to go without having to disturb the environment or getting fines. I want trails for off roading that are legal.

Need benches on the trails for older/disabled people.

Have day use parks.

More available cabins for campers.

Open a second horse barn.

Small covered picnic area in North Douglas by or at Fish Creek. (small park).

More walking trails.

Please provide a dog park in valley, lemon creek and downtown.

It is important to develop boat launch and kayak/canoe launch in different areas of Juneau.

Need another indoor facility for sports like soccer, the Field House alone is not enough, its often booked with school activities etc. or closed.

More facilities available in the downtown area.

Increase boat launch space and dock spaces. Too many things for tourists; leaves no room for locals. I suggest a bike rack at the Mendenhall glacier. I suggest an 'Alpine Run' during the summer at Eagle Crest would be very profitable. I am thinking of moving because there's not enough boat space. I stay in the community all year and don't get to use my boat. I've had to switch my days (when I can) to be able to boat. I've also lived here for over 20 years.

Have more facilities for disabilities and safer areas at a lower cost.

Small boat rentals for Auke Lake or Auke Bay, anywhere there's water. A lodge at Eaglecrest for year-round use and upgrades on the facility.

There needs to be a community rec center in Lemon Creek or Valley, Walmart is a great possibility. We need an indoor tennis facility and roller rink, CBJ or SOA should fund and maintain this facility, people of all ages should be allowed to use the facility free of charge. The Alaska Club is way too expensive for most youth and young adults to join so we need a community place for all to have fun steer away from drugs, alcohol and mischief.

We should take over Walmart and use the whole facility for activities, It's in a good location and easily accessible.

Activities and programs

Reinstate men's basketball league. Make space available for competitive swim lessons for kids.

Winter: Need indoor open gyms. Have areas/facilities open to the public for physical and mental activities.

Summer: Have outdoor gathering places that provide physical and mental activities centered around those in their early 20's to early 40's and give an opportunity to meet and engage in healthy activities.

Have different cultured programs for everyone. Request for more ideas for more cultured people and all different ages.

Should concentrate more on team sports. Especially Softball. Team sports help people to interact.

Winter programs are limited. There needs to be more activities and facilities for all ages to keep people mentally and physically active. Winter season can be depressing and could be a reason people seek out and become hooked on drugs.

Community events that bring people out to the community may encourage people to use them more. Events at the field house of swimming pool, etc.

More open swim! There should be all day open swim on Saturday!

Swimming pool - when there's an abundance of children it encroaches on free lanes for swimming if they take over. Loud coaches in lanes for regular swimmers are upsetting.

More incentives for families for family time togetherness. more winter activities during high time of depression more trails open. Pool punch card.

Year-round baseball for youth and adults.

We should start more art oriented programs for after school like at the JAHC

There needs to be more youth programs especially indoor activities for when we have bad weather.

Need more programs for seniors.

Youth activities

Keep focus on youth.

Early childhood activities.

Weekend swimming lessons for kids.

City schools programs are a great resource to build community through classes that lead to recreational activities.

More activities for kids.

Focus on youth indoor and outdoor activities. Emphasize outdoor programs for children.

More leaders: kids in sports programs.

More options for kids.

We need a lot more kid friendly activities with lower rates or scholarships. We also need more indoor activities.

We are really interested in rollerskating.

Applying for kids' programs at Diamond Park Aquatic Center is awful, there needs to be a better enrollment form and follow-up, they never return phone calls.

Update sports equipment & jerseys for youth programs.

Don't cut any youth funding.

We need parks for the little ones (ages 0-3 or 0-5 years old) The one at Glacier Valley is perfect but can't be used during school hours.

Continue with the current ongoing activities for youth, we have enough at the moment.

Entertain and occupy the youth.

Education/communication/outreach

Make the plan available online (draft plan) I would like to follow it like the strategic pathway like UAS. Public participation, meeting with the public. It would be nice to address specific issues. Whitehorse has a giant Aquatic center with soccer fields, an ice rink, basketball courts; all under one roof and administration. Efficiency would be increased by centralizing on site.

Give a heads up, mail, or advertise about surveying so people have time to think about their answers and what they want to add.

More education for hikers going up Mt. Roberts too many accidents not enough educated hikers.

Helpful to have better outreach and have community member help to participate and affect change.

I hope CBJ welcomes and advertises an 'open' survey so all ages can voice their requests or mail surveys out to the public

Recruit, invite, people to volunteer.

Parent involvement in city programs. They need a volunteer clinic. They need a meeting for all volunteers and not an email blast. Give better training and communication to their volunteers.

Encourage kids and families to get out and use facilities and trails.

I would like to use trails and parks for recreation but I don't know where they are. There needs to be more information on where trails and parks are located.

Cost of recreation

Make activities and programs more affordable so everyone can have a chance to participate.

There needs to be more scholarship opportunity.

Consider a sliding scale for activities.

Not enough free activities everything costs for single parents.

City sports should be free to participants.

Keep costs in check so those on fixed income can afford to use facilities.

Charge less fees so more children and young adults can participate in programs and activities.

Keep low-income families in consideration for youth programs, provide programs in their neighborhoods so transportation to and from isn't an issue.

Want a "cheaper" recreational area for all ages.

School sports are too expensive for poor students/families.

Money is tight but I don't mind paying more so those who can't afford it will have the opportunity to participate in rec activities. Maybe CBJ could have a program like Pick Click Give for underserved, economically disadvantaged families/children

There needs to be more facilities open to the public free of charge.

Management of parks and recreation funds

I recognize our fiscal difficulties and hope our staff will too.

New opportunities are championed by local groups that have interest but no resources. CBJ should take those over (rock climbing, roller derby, etc.

Spend less on flowers just for tourists.

Overall the city should slow down on projects.

Juneau is financially too poor to be concerned about parks and recreation. Put a hold on all plans.

Use the funds more appropriately. A comprehensive analysis needs to be done. For example, tax dollars independently supporting Eaglecrest when they could have been purchased by Alyeska is inappropriate. That money should go to needs such as education or roads.

Keep close eye on population. Don't spend money on new things without the peoples vote; not just voting on one thing to get what they want.

I want a decision to operate Augustus Brown Pool and Treadwell Arena or close them until you get more revenue to operate.

Balance cost of maintenance, best value with least amount of cost.

The City wastes a lot of money by putting things on the back burner. Leave the whale where it is, but we don't need it. The money could be better spent. There is cost to maintain it.

We are told CBJ is out of money, but we're spending millions for the Seawalk and bridge. We don't have enough senior housing.

Spending too much money on one area and not enough on others. Listen to the individuals as well as the larger groups.

They took too much money from activities and put it into upgrading trails and parks. All in the need for tourism and not for the need in the community.

Start converting programs so they are more self-supporting.

I feel that it should be free to members of the community who pay taxes to use services paid for by their taxes. Boards are useless, and becoming a black hole. Limit the amount of money they spend on developing the plan and actually use the money on putting the money into a working plan.

We've exhausted parks in this town. CBJ cut back across the board.

Concern with spending on whale sculpture. (x3)

Does not like whale sculpture, money should have been used for sports.

We should pay attention to what makes sense fiscally - we don't need two of any program, Juneau is too small.

Look for ways to spend less money rather than more.

Spend less money on tourist nonsense.

Not appropriate for CBJ to fund Treadwell Ice Arena or Eagle Crest Ski area. Centennial Hall worst debacle of all.

Too many places, not maintained. Flowers as an example. Drop some things.

Private/non-profit support for parks and recreation

Should turn trail work and other activities to nonprofits or private industry, so the burden is not on the city.

Privatize: flowers in parks, all youth programs, adult and senior recreation.

Upkeep for flowers paid from cruise ship taxes not CBJ.

Privatize Eaglecrest (x6)

CBJ should sell Eaglecrest and let it be developed by a profit entity who could develop it as a year-round mountain resort.

Shouldn't be involved in Zach Gordon Youth Center. Should focus more on parks and rec. Not convinced pools should be managed by parks and rec.

Some companies or corporations should pitch in and help CBJ with cleanup of the fields, trail maintenance and general investment in programs, activities, services & facility costs.

Other

Eaglecrest is of very low value to the community.

It doesn't matter what people want. The government does what they want anyway. We should be taking better care of our seniors.

Bus drivers have bad attitudes and everything costs too much

Think about TMHS.

Don't focus on money. It's hard to quantify the health of the community.

Treadwell Arena should be open at least 11 months out of the year.

Make good use of the people in Lemon Creek Correctional and the half-way house to build more trails and keep our existing trails in good shape.

More parking downtown. Garages or space made available. It's impossible to walk downtown and not get a ticket unless you walk 6 blocks.

Keep it positive.

Make all instruments in public schools available to home schoolers.

There needs to be recreation that doesn't center around traditional sports.

Keep in mind cleanliness of parks, safety factor.

Duck hunting is too close to houses. Not against hunting, but regulations need to be changed to protect people and their homes. Its unsafe hunting!

More open swim! There should be all day open swim on Saturday!

Stop making rules like banning fireworks.

Make a program or plan to keep drunk people out of the parks.

Haven't thought about it. Everything is fine. Just leave it.

To have security available at the parks and trails in case there are drug users around disposing of their drug contents. So that way the parks and trails are cleared for children use.

Yes, only need one high school, only need one library only need one pool.

Yes, P&R Committee should have term limits. Need to represent charging demographics of re-creators. Fresh ideas are needed.

Ask the cruise industry what they want from Juneau to make it a better destination.

Take into consideration our changing climate, like lack of snow.

Love the new harbor, it's really important to keep the dog beach (Sandy Beach) so they can run free, we should make more dog parks/beaches.

Fireworks should not be allowed in the downtown area especially parks, they are unbearable to pets and people.

It's important to have enough bike paths - it's a means of transportation.

Yes, CBJ needs to quit gearing everything towards people that walk dogs. They need to gear it towards other things.

Docks and Harbors are a superior entity over Parks and Rec.

Open library only on weekends.

Appreciation

Thank You for your good work we appreciate your hard work in Parks and Rec.

Appreciates that this survey is being done since it has been a while since the last one.

Keep up the good work!

I think they do a good job in general and they should know that.

CBJ does an excellent job at providing recreation opportunities in Juneau.

Keep up the good work! (x2)

You're doing great so far.

Thanks for all you do.

Great job with all the programs, hope CBJ continues all of them.