

Parks and Natural Resources Working Group

4.23.18 Meeting Packet



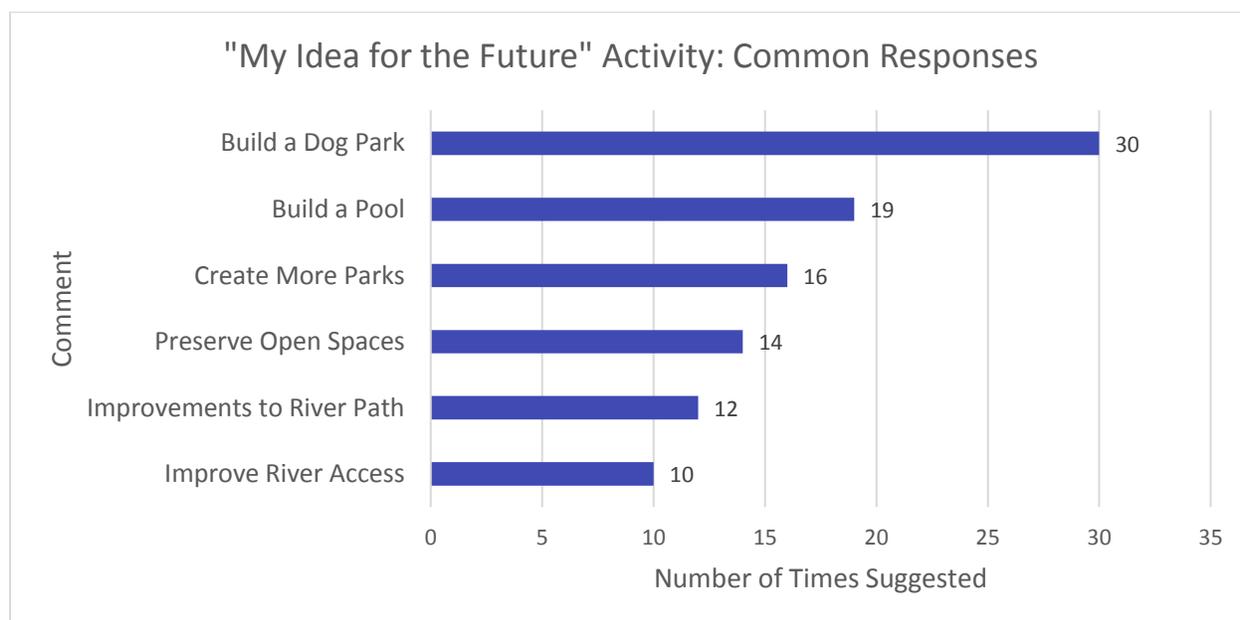
Where is this data from?

These comments were received during the *Reaching Out* phase of the project in Fall and Winter of 2017. They are the result of an activity that asked participants about their hopes for the future of their neighborhood.

The bar graph below shows the most common comments. The following pages include all of the responses, in participants' original words. They are loosely sorted into categories to help you navigate the data.

How are we using this?

Working group members (you!) will help create the activity for the large community event in June. Trade-offs will inevitably have to be made during the planning process, so the goal is to identify those potential areas of tension so they can guide the work done in June. The input about trade-offs gathered in June will allow us to set goals, write policies, and prioritize the action plan. Read through your neighbors' comments and find areas where common suggestions run against each other. Participants at the community-wide event in June will not be able to delve into every single action item, so knowing where decisions need to be made will prepare us all for a more productive event.



“My Idea for the Future” Activity Comments

River Path

- Greenbelt park and bike path along Willamette River
- River bike path should be safe and accessible to River Rd, bike path guide signs to direct people on and off path at controlled places
- Clean camps and thugs off river
- Protect our access to the river and maintain the bike path- improvements could be lighting, benches, picnic tables, info kiosk, map
- Parks that encourage interaction and not just biking- all by river path
- Pathways along creeks and rivers
- Lights along river front bike path (4)
- Safety along bike path (lighting, emergency booths)
- Activate riverfront with kiosks about nature, reader board (for neighborhood events like river cleanups and plantings)
- More paths and trails along river for nature feel
- Public restrooms on bike path
- Willamette river pathway along whole river
- Continue enhancement of river front/bike path (like the signage)
- Bike path: emergency call lights, bicycle patrol, sharp collection containers, recycling
- No camping along river
- Etiquette on Riverfront path- stripe to keep walkers and bikes on correct side
- Walking paths near the river, bigger park area
- Make river path safe again

River Access

- Safe areas on river for recreation
- River access (2)
- More river access, boat landing
- Parks, boat docks, picnic areas along river
- Utilize river- boat docks and riverside businesses/gathering spaces)
- Make river front easier to access & a fun place to hang out (i.e. downtown riverfront in Corvallis)
- Utilize river better for community
- Extend river access
- Access to river/swimming
- Keep river park

Greenway and River

- Protect and enhance waterways, access to river
- Greenway protection
- Save Greenway and UGB

- Rivers, habitat
- Meadows and trees around river
- Habitat, clean bodies of water and shores
- Preserve and enhance all natural features in River corridor (trees, open space, meadows, sloughs, habitats)
- Improve greenway (Corvallis as example)
- Opportunity to not use herbicides on the greenway
- Parks by river (kid and/or dog park)
- Preserve natural areas (ponds, creeks, greenway)
- Preserve nature/waterways/wildlife
- Celebrate rivers and shores
- Preservation of river front
- Preserve riparian vegetation (has degraded in recent years)
- Continued progress on river & shore
- Keep Willamette River natural
- More love for corridor
- River for habitat and walk/bike corridor
- Keep habitat/meadows/nature, river and park maintenance
- Preserve greenways- such as along river

New Parks

- More parks (8)
- Large park or field South of Irving
- Skate park in SC
- Dog park at Rasor Park with fencing and parking
- More places for small children to play
- Fenced dog park-big dogs and small dogs
- New park Hunsaker & River Rd recreation
- More parks, basketball court at Rosetta Park, park facilities have not kept up with population growth
- Develop park with play equipment and dog area (in field between Edgewood Dr and Lone Oak Way)
- Parks within walking distance
- Develop open space at Lone Oak & Ross Ln into a playground/nature space, closest is Awbrey but is hard to walk to
- Parks in South Santa Clara
- A network of parks and paths in SC that are bike and ped-friendly
- Create a permaculture demonstration site
- Need more green spaces, i.e. parks of all sizes
- More useful park spaces
- Walking trails through wildlife and wetland areas
- We do not need more parks

Existing Parks

- Develop parks (3)
- Bobolink Park- add fruit trees, walking path along perimeter
- Want Wendover Park preserved, keep undeveloped green space, leave parks wild but monitor for illegal activity
- Possible development of Lone Oak Park
- Ferndale Park- make it child safe
- Gardens available for Bobolink Park (fruit trees are there)
- Preserve natural parks and City parks, rose garden, river path, playgrounds with play equipment, more nature in town
- Maintenance and update of parks and open spaces
- Maintained parks with good lighting
- Parks-protect old trees that are being cut down
- Blackberry control
- Paved walkway through Lone Oak Park (handicap access)
- Unlocked restrooms in parks
- Playground equipment

New Recreation Facilities

- Sport & exercise complex
- SC Park & Rec Center
- Santa Clara needs a rec center with a pool in a bikable distance
- Pool with in district membership
- In-district swimming pool
- Need a community park and rec center
- Pools that are more accessible for the community to gather
- Sports fields, library or card, forest garden
- SC needs a community/rec center similar to RRPD/Emerald Park
- Public playground for the kids
- Closer recreation opportunities, like Willamalane pool
- Build a pool with new North Eugene
- Pickleball courts
- A sports complex (for clubs sports, kidssports teams)
- Add tennis courts/basketball courts to Parks and Rec spaces
- Indoor pool and outdoor pool with slides and diving board (like Amazon), playground
- Rec center , teen recreation (go carts)
- Recreation (trails/bikes, court play) in SC
- Fun things for teens to do

Parks Funding/ Parks District

- Protect Emerald Park and Razor with park district
- Preserve Emerald Park
- Unified park district
- RR-SC combined parks district, acquire small parks from the City
- Keep Emerald Park/pool
- Fund Emerald Park to keep fees down so more people use gym, frequent patronage builds community
- Sustain park
- Parks need to unify into the greater park system (redundancy is expensive), paying nearly \$75/month for parks dept.
- More park and rec- including maintain funding and garbage
- More funding for Emerald Park
- Secure funding for RRPD
- Stable funding for Emerald Park rec center
- Keep Emerald Park funded
- Parks district
- Natural spaces not treated with pesticides, preserve habitat
- Preserve and develop green spaces (activities, playground, disc golf)
- Wildlife corridors, open space

Green Spaces

- Green space
- Open spaces
- Parks and open space
- More parks and green space
- More trees
- Green space for animals
- More parks and natural areas
- Green space for wildlife
- Preserve green sites
- User friendly green spaces
- Keep all natural areas and maintain their quality, plant more trees
- Access to nature
- Preserve nature

Other

- Had a nice neighborhood park and the City tore it up for a bug hatchery
- On the Eugene Trails Plan map the public access rd to Luper Pioneer Cemetery (historic site) off W. Beacon Dr should be included/not listed as "no public access"
- Develop community gathering space
- A branch library for SC