

**Yakima**

# **Parks & Recreation Division**

**2022 – 2027 Comprehensive Plan**

**“To reach your Destination, you need a Direction,  
but you can't get there without Inspiration!”**

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*Octant, Sextant et Cercle de réflexion.*



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# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

***“Vision without action is a  
daydream.***

***Action without vision is a  
nightmare.”***

Japanese proverb

### Mission Statement

**The Yakima Parks and Recreation mission is to provide beautiful places with quality recreation opportunities that enrich the well-being of our community.**

This is accomplished through professional staff who provide recreation programs and activities and who maintain quality park facilities making them aesthetic and desirable for use. Through our services, we strive to enhance personal well-being and to improve the quality of life that makes Yakima a great place to live, work and play.

### Overall Vision

Parks and recreation facilities are considered to be great community assets. Parks contribute to our visual landscape and enhance our quality of life. Recreation activities allow us to use our leisure time creatively and constructively. Park and Recreation opportunities require the maintenance of existing facilities and the planning for future facilities. This plan will be a critical document to guide us through the process.

### Previous Plans

This plan, prepared in 2021 and 2022, builds on previous comprehensive planning efforts by updating the 2017 - 2022 Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan. The plan considers parks, recreation, open space land, facilities and programs, collectively referred to as the park system.

The City of Yakima continues to grow and change as a community. There have been several significant changes and updates to the park system since the last comprehensive plan update. The park system is attracting a greater number of users than ever before. Flexibility in the park system to respond to current trends and changes is paramount to maintaining a vibrant park system.

This plan outlines general goals, objectives, and policies; specific recommendations; and

includes an implementation plan to expand and enhance Yakima's park system to be a vital part of the quality of life for the residents, now and in the future.

## Plan Objectives

The specific objectives of this Comprehensive Plan are:

- **Community Setting:** Establish the framework within which park, recreation and open space facilities should be provided, including natural features, wildlife habitat, historical context, land use regulations, current recreation trends, and demographics.
- **Existing Park System:** Update the existing park system inventory in the Yakima area. This includes parks owned and operated by the city or other public agencies within the planning area.
- **Needs and Opportunities:** Analyze the needs for future park, recreation, and open space facilities or programs and develop recommendations for meeting those needs.
- **Goals and Objectives:** Identify the goals and objectives to carry out those goals as the plan is implemented.
- **Level of Service:** Based on the existing park system and the recommendations of the community, establish proposed level of service standards to help guide future development and maintenance of the park system.
- **Implementation Plan:** Establish the overall estimated cost of achieving the proposed level of service, based on the community's recommendations, prioritize those recommendations, and develop a plan to implement those recommendations through a 5 year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and general strategies to be considered through the year 2027.

## Public Involvement and Process

Public involvement throughout this process has been extensive and beneficial. To begin, a survey was mailed to 5,000 homes within the city limits of Yakima through a random mailing



*Yakima Downtown Farmers Market*

selection process. Included in the survey, was a letter from the Parks and Recreation Manager explaining the need for the survey data. The letter and the survey were in English and Spanish. Along with the survey, coupons for a free swim for up to five family members at Franklin Pool, a free 9 holes of golf at Fisher Park golf Course and 6 free admissions into programs at the Harman Center were included.



*Yakima Downtown Farmers Market*

A self-addressed stamped envelope was also included so that the respondents did not need to purchase a stamp to return the survey. A total of 5,000 surveys were mailed to randomly

selected homes within Yakima city limits and of those mailed, 422 surveys were mailed back. Return postage was paid for all those that returned surveys. The survey was also available online. A total of 265 online surveys were submitted. The Yakima Parks and Recreation staff also hosted a booth at the Yakima Downtown Farmers Market on July 11 and July 18, 2021. During those events, staff handed out surveys and survey contact cards to shoppers. The QR code on the



*Viva la Musica Concert - Miller Park*

contact card allowed individuals the opportunities to scan the code and take the survey online from their phones. The staff also placed a booth at one of the Franklin Park Summer Sunset Concerts, 2 Viva La Musica concerts at Miller Park and 2 Viva La Musica concerts at Martin Luther King Jr. Park. All of these events were very well attended and staff spoke with many people, asked and answered questions about parks, handed out surveys and other program information flyers and gave out many contact cards with the QR code. Once the surveys were returned and compiled, the survey data was shared via Zoom at the October 13, 2021 Yakima Parks & Recreation Commission meeting and presented to Yakima City Council at the November 16, 2021 regular business meeting also via Zoom. The presentations to the Yakima Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council were recorded and aired multiple times on YPAC, the



*Viva La Musica Concert at MLK Jr. Park*

City of Yakima's public access television station. In addition to the survey data presented, there were many comments that were received and all of those comments are listed in Chapter 6 – Public Participation. The draft Plan was circulated in hard copy and online prior to the open record hearing with the Parks and Recreation Commission in January of 2022. Following receipt of a recommendation from the Yakima Parks and Recreation Commission, the plan was presented to the Yakima City Council for final approval and adoption on February 15, 2022. See Chapter 6 for more information on the Public Participation process.

### **Planning Area Boundary**

The planning area for this process includes the Yakima City Limits. The Yakima Urban Growth Area (UGA) is shown on Map 1-1 for reference. The park system areas which are not within the City limits or maintained by the City are referenced; however, future planning and recommendations of areas outside the City are not included in this plan.

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## CHAPTER 2

### COMMUNITY SETTING

***“Strength lies in differences, not  
in similarities”***

Stephen R. Covey

#### History

The Yakima Valley is an area rich with history. The first white men to see the Yakima Valley were members of the fur trade after 1811. Prior to that, the valley was populated by a loose confederacy of tribes and bands of Native Americans. Their primary land use activities were hunting, fishing and gathering. These tribes and bands eventually became known as the Yakama Nation.

Subsequent to the arrival of fur traders in 1811, the valley beckoned to trappers, traders and miners. By year 1852, Catholics had established a mission near Ahtanum. By the late 1850s permanent settlers began to arrive and military units were called in to settle hostilities between the Native Americans and the newcomers. In 1859 Congress ratified the treaty with the Yakama Nation.

The pioneers' need to educate their children led F. Mortimer Thorp to establish the first school in the Yakima Valley. It was located across the river from present day Union Gap, just above a prehistoric bog on Birchfield Road. Early settlers in this semi-arid climate relied mainly on raising livestock for a living. By the late 1860s the first non-Native American irrigation ditch was built from the Yakima River to a five-acre field between present-day Yakima and Union Gap. Soon thereafter, a network of irrigation ditches brought the area's rich, volcanic soil to life. During this period, settlers established farms along the river banks while a settlement named Yakima City, located at the present site of Union Gap, served as the commercial center. The 432 pioneers in the area in 1870 surged to over 3,000 by 1880.

In 1884, the Northern Pacific Railroad extended its iron horse service into the area. However, the railroad fell into dispute with some of the residents of Yakima City when those residents refused to grant certain concessions to the railroad. As a result, the Northern Pacific bypassed the town and established its terminal four miles to the north. The stop was named

North Yakima. Once the terminal was established on North Front Street, the railroad offered to move buildings free of charge from Yakima City to North Yakima. As a result, fifty to sixty buildings including the courthouse, banks, general stores, blacksmith shops, saloons, and homes abandoned Yakima City and moved north on timber rollers to surround the new railroad terminal.



*Historic Downtown Yakima courtesy of Yakima Valley Museum*

Incorporated on January 27, 1886, North Yakima consisted of 159 blocks on the east side of the railroad and was designated as the county seat. The old Yakima City was referred to as Old Town by some or as Union Gap by others. When Yakima officially dropped North from its name in 1918, the older community legally adopted Union Gap as its official name. By the turn of the century, there were nearly 15,000 residents in the area as growth in population followed the rapid development of large irrigation systems.

The only trees and green grass in the semi-arid early North Yakima grew along the rivers and creeks in the area. Before it was destroyed by the 1933 flood, residents would go to Sumac Park which was along the Yakima River, just south of present-day Yakima Avenue. At Sumac, they swam in the river, played baseball, pitched horseshoes, picnicked, and enjoyed band concerts.

The Naches Avenue Parkway, consisting of 15 landscaped blocks, is the City's oldest park greenspace. It was established in 1885. In 1908, South 2nd Street Park was created at the intersection of South 2nd and Race Streets. By the 1920s, Lions, Miller and Portia parks were created and in 1933 the City established a Parks Department to oversee the maintenance and operation of its parks. A decade later in 1943, the citizens of Yakima petitioned and subsequently voted to establish an independent Metropolitan Park District.

In 1951, the State Legislature readjusted the rate of taxation, much to the detriment of park districts. Although the City supported the District with a two-million-dollar contribution, the District now had to submit special levies to the voters every two years in order to raise the necessary revenue for maintenance and operations. Obligated to maintain and operate the system at an adequate level and to acquire and develop new areas and facilities for its growing population, the District now found itself in a funding crisis. Finally, in 1968, the maintenance and operations levy failed. Dissolution of the District became an increasingly logical solution.

Within a year the new Park Director dissolved the Park District, and convinced the City Council that the City should assume responsibility of the Park System. The security and direction that accompanied the new relationship not only raised staff morale and effectiveness, but also increased public appreciation and participation in the park system. Although a bond issue in 1970 failed with a 59% vote, the department staff rallied back the next year and the issue passed in 1971. Parks and Recreation continued operations as a City Department until 1982 when, responding to budget shortfalls, the City Council voted to override the recommendation of the Park Commission and made Parks and Recreation a division of the Public Works Department. Voters supported parks in 1987 with a \$2.5 million bond issue that resulted in

the expansion of the North 6th Street Senior Citizen's Center, installation of new irrigation systems in several parks, Chesterley Park's Phase I development and renovation of the Franklin and Washington pools. A new \$5 million bond issue which would have supported a wide range of proposals was rejected by voters in 1994. No bonds have been put forth to voters since.

A lack of bond revenue did not preclude park development. Successful grant applications and an unusual series of donations set the scene for a period of park development and expansion that has extended to the present. The mid-1990s saw the construction and development of McGuinness Park, the J.M. Perry Soccer Complex and initial sections of the Powerhouse Canal Pathway. Grants secured in 1999 provided the means for additional Powerhouse Canal Pathway sections and the completion of Chesterley Park. In 1999, Yakima's service clubs – Lions, Kiwanis, and Rotary – became involved in the development of a sports complex at Kiwanis Park. Aided by a half million dollar grant from the state's Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation, (IAC) the service organizations initiated an ambitious property acquisition project that ended with the addition of more than ten new acres on the southern border of the park. The sale of Larson Park's four ballfields to the Yakima Valley Community College provided the seed money to construct the new Kiwanis ballfields and parking lot and the long-awaited 17-acre Kissel Park. A generous private donation resulted in the 16,000 square-foot Harman Center that opened in May 2004, along with the completion of Gaillean Park. The local service clubs continued their generous contributions to the parks systems by funding playgrounds, picnic shelters and a wide variety of other improvements. The contributions for facility improvements are identified in Chapter 4 – Capital Improvements, Needs and Opportunities.

Many accomplishments have occurred since the 2017 - 2022 Yakima Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan update. With the help of our generous donations from our Yakima Rotary Clubs and Lions Club, we replaced playground as at Lions Park, Chesterley Park MLK Jr. Park, Franklin Park and Randall Park.



*New Playground at Lions Park*

The Park Maintenance Staff learned how to resurface tennis courts and resurfaced 2 of the courts at Kissel Park and converted 3 tennis courts into 8 pickleball courts at Franklin Park with the help of many great volunteers and donations from the Yakima Pickleball Club.



*Our Pickleball Club Volunteers*

Irrigation upgrades are not exciting, but necessary at Chesterley Park. A new pump, VFD motor and irrigation lines on field 3 were installed. Park Maintenance staff were able to



complete the irrigation line work at a big cost savings to the City.



*Southwest Rotary Playground at Chesterley Park*

A Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Grant was received for Randall Park in 2015 and during the past years a new playground was added to the park along with 2 new picnic shelters, a resurfaced basketball court, a new bridge to the nature area, a new restroom and lighted parking lots and a new walkway throughout the park.



*Randall Park East Parking Lot*

Donations and volunteer labor combined with the Parks Capital funds created the matching dollars for the grant. In total \$1.4 million-dollars of improvements were made to this very popular park, which would not have been possible without RCO funds.



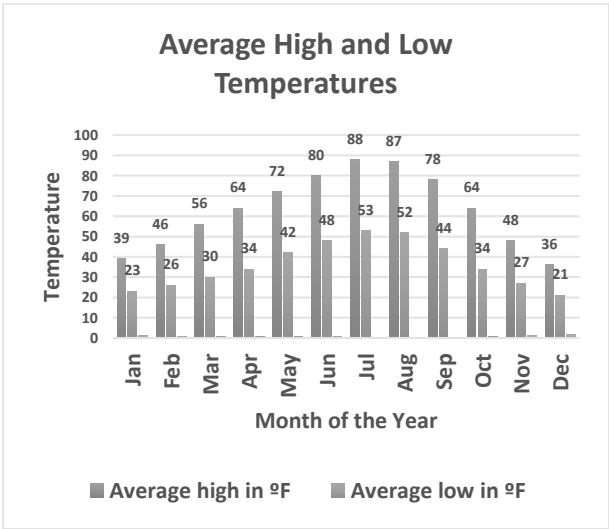
*SW Rotary Nature Observation Deck at Randall Park*

The gravel parking lots at Gardner Park and Elks Park were paved. All of the work was completed by City of Yakima staff. Once again saving a tremendous amount of money and stretching the tax dollars further.

Many of the improvements at each park location are listed in Chapter 4 – Capital Needs, Improvements and Opportunities.

### Climate

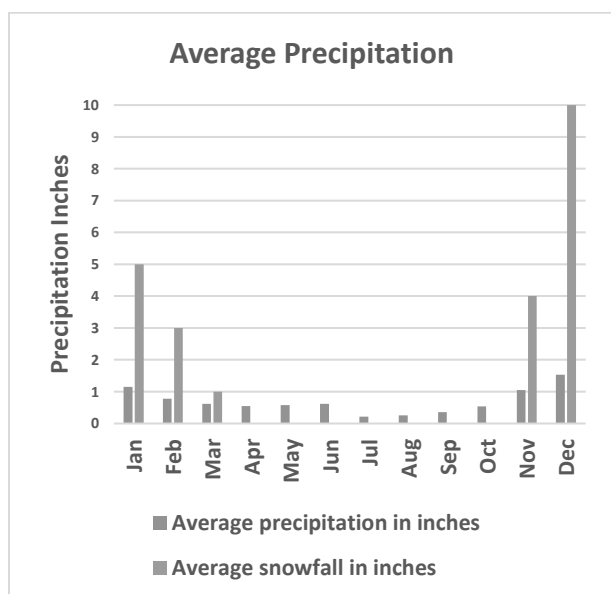
Yakima’s generally mild and dry climate is well suited for outdoor recreation. Located between the wet and mild West Coast and the dry Rocky Mountains, the area has four distinct seasons



and presents a variety of diverse recreation opportunities. The severe temperature ranges

of the Rocky Mountain and The Plains areas are moderated by the generally western flow of marine air masses from the Pacific. The air masses lose most of their moisture over the Cascade Range before dropping into the Yakima Valley. The result is an annual average of 300 days of sunshine and outdoor recreation that is rarely hindered by extreme temperatures or precipitation.

Winters are cool and the area infrequently experiences heavy snowfall and extreme low temperatures. From December to February, the average high is 40.7 degrees and the average low is 23.1 degrees. The average total snowfall is 24.3 inches.



Summers are dry and very warm. Afternoons are hot and average 84.3 degrees for a high temperature from June through August, but is not uncommon for temperatures to exceed 100 degree during the day. The dry air results in a rapid temperature decrease when the sun goes down and the average low is 51.3 degrees. Total amounts of precipitation are minimal, approximately 8.26 inches annually, with about 40% of that falling in December through February. Average snow fall is 23 inches. The average precipitation from June through August, on the other hand, is a mere 0.4 inches

per month. As a result, irrigation is required for nearly all agricultural activities.

Heavy snowpack in the mountains provides ample amounts of irrigation water in all but the driest of winters. A significant amount of park land is covered with grass which requires increased summer watering.

## Landscape

Yakima lies on the broad, gently sloping flood plains of the Yakima and Naches Rivers between parallel ridges that gradually extend eastward from the Cascade foothills. As these ridges slowly emerged, the Yakima River cut through tough basalt to form the Selah and Union Gaps. Flowing east from the mountains, the Naches River bounds the area along the North of Yakima while the Yakima River, which flows south, creates a natural barrier along the east side of the City.

The Naches and Yakima Rivers are only partially controlled by dikes set back from the river's edge and the meandering, braided river channels change position with almost every spring flood. The soils at the bottom lands adjacent to these river areas have slopes of less than three percent and consist of river wash which varies from sandy loam to very gravelly sandy loam. Much of the urban area of Yakima and Union Gap is made up of these soils. The Soil Conservation Service reports areas with more gravel and sand are subject to occasional flooding from the rivers. The Corps of Engineers has computed flood levels for the area and predicts a 100-year flood would be generally confined within the dikes or the freeway roadway. More severe floods would inundate large portions of the low-lying areas of both Yakima and Union Gap.

In west Yakima, the slopes increase gradually, and while the soils there become silt loams with increased water-holding qualities, many of the orchards found here are interlaced with irrigation canals. South of Wide Hollow Creek and west of the Yakima River, the land is

devoted primarily to agriculture, although residential development is increasing. Agriculture continues up the ridges until water is no longer available from the irrigation canals or until the slopes become too steep.

Elevations range from 950 feet on the river at Union Gap to 1,060 at the airport, and up to 2,000 and above on the ridge tops. Drainage-ways on the steeply ridged slopes run north and south and the streams of the gently sloping Valley run east and west to intercept the Yakima River.

### **Wildlife**

A number of wildlife species that once inhabited the Yakima city limits and urban growth area have been displaced by modern development, agriculture, business and human population. Some natural habitats continue to exist in populated areas, including brush, grasses, and trees lining creeks, rivers, ponds and open spaces that support an appreciable number of birds, small mammals, fish and insects. Adjacent to the urban area, expansive acreages within L.T. Murray and Oak Creek Wildlife areas, and the Cowiche Canyon Conservancy have been set aside to attract and support varieties of wildlife that inhabited the region prior to development. Some species, particularly elk, have exceeded population levels compared to 150 years ago.

Alterations to the landscape that occurred from irrigation, fencing and overgrazing have been countered with modern conservation management practices on public, non-profit and private lands. Government sponsored clean water and salmon recovery programs have helped improve habitat and enabled fish populations to increase throughout the Yakima River basin's waterways. Within Yakima's planning area, mammals and birds can be observed including rabbits, deer, coyote,



*Bald Eagle at Randall Park*

beavers, hawks, eagles, quail, ducks, geese, doves and hummingbirds, among others. Within a few minutes' drive from Yakima, recreationists can access trailheads and gateways leading to state and federally owned habitats containing elk, bighorn sheep, cougars, otters, marmots, porcupine, grouse, ravens, vultures and other species.

### **Economics**



*Yakima Valley Apple Orchard*

Agriculture dominates the economy of the Yakima Valley and, in one way or another, affects almost everyone who lives in the area. The county is the largest producer of agricultural products in the state and ranks

The top five Yakima County industry sectors in 2019		
Sector	Number of jobs	Share of employment
1. Agriculture, forestry and fishing	31,638	27.3%
2. Health services	16,700	14.4%
3. Local government	13,032	12.1%
4. Retail trade	10,755	9.3%
5. Manufacturing	8,572	7.4%
All other industries	34,207	29.5%

16th in the nation for the value of its agricultural products and fifth in the nation for all fruit production. The county produces 75 percent of the nation's hops, nearly half the nation's supply of apples, 29 percent of the country's cherries, 42 percent of the nation's pears and 38 percent of the nation's concord grapes. Yakima County is also first in the state in its number of cattle and calves. The robust wine industry now occupies approximately 12,000 acres of premium wine grapes.



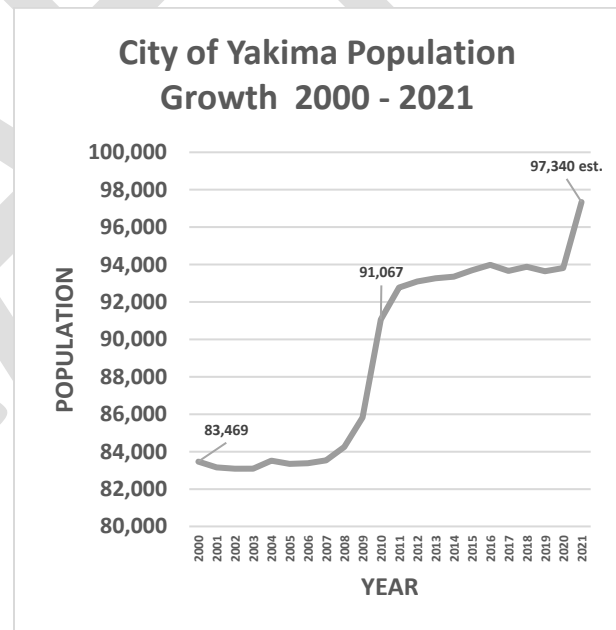
*Yakima Valley Hop Field*

Major employers in Yakima include: Yakima Memorial Hospital, Yakima School District,

Wal-Mart, Washington State Social and Health Services, Yakima County, Del Monte Foods, Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic, Yakima Regional Medical and Cardiac Center, Yakima Training Center, and Washington Beef.

### Demographics

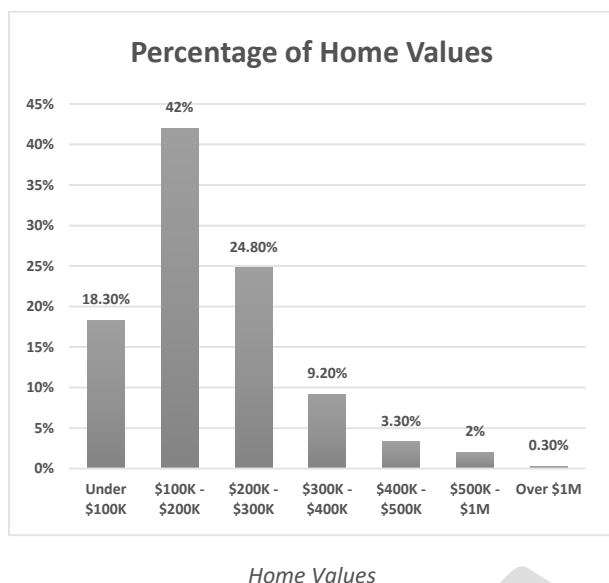
The 2020 Census listed the City of Yakima's population at 93,815 people, which is 2,748 people (or 2.38%) higher than the 2010 Census count of 91,067. The estimated population for Yakima in 2021 is 97,340. Yakima is listed as the 13 largest city in the state of Washington. In the year 2000, the population of Yakima grew 11,556 people due to an annexation. Since the year 2000, the city has grown by 13,871. The growth is attributed to natural population growth.



*Based on 2020 US Census Data Estimates*

The basic demographic characteristics of Average Family Size and Median Age have seen very little change. The average family household is 2.7 people which is the same as in 2015. This tells us that family activities in our parks are still going to be important both now and in the future. The 2020 census reports 33,424 households and 52% of the households are married couples. The median home value

is \$216,600 which is significantly below the statewide median of \$387,600. Sixty eight percent of the homes are single units.

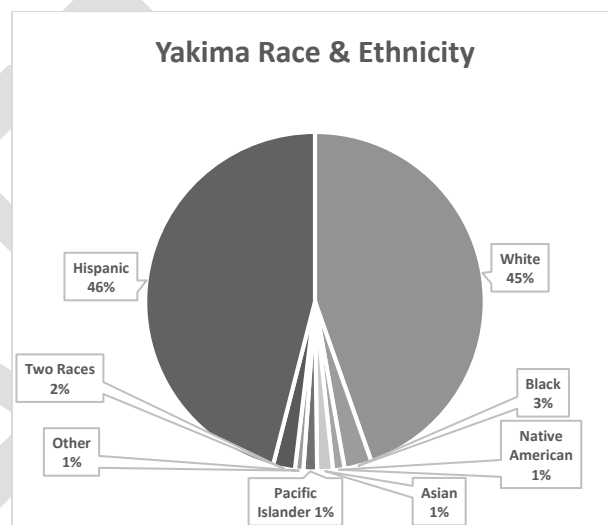


The Urban Growth Area (UGA), served by the City of Yakima and used as a broad context for this plan, includes unincorporated portions of East Valley (Terrace Heights) and West Valley. Union Gap is not part of the City/County UGA, but is contiguous with the Yakima City limits. The 2020 Census reports the UGA, including Union Gap, Terrace Heights, and Unincorporated West Valley, is 109,674.

While the Yakima Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan is called a five-year plan, in reality it is a vision for the next 20 years. To keep the plan in proper perspective, we must remember we are planning for people, not time. Since the level and quantity of park land and recreation services demanded is directly related to the number of people demanding the services, changes in both the number and composition of that local population affects local government planning. Differences in age or cultural groups, for example, can create different demands in the type of provided services. Births, deaths and migration drive the direction and magnitude of population change. Each can change independently of the others and, consequently, should be considered

separately. The number of births minus the number of deaths is equal to the natural change, and when added to migration of people yields overall population change.

In terms of ethnicities, the census tells us a few things about the area's residents. There are relatively few African-Americans, Native Americans, Asian and Pacific Islanders among those counted in the 2020 Census. All told, these races comprise 6% of the total population.

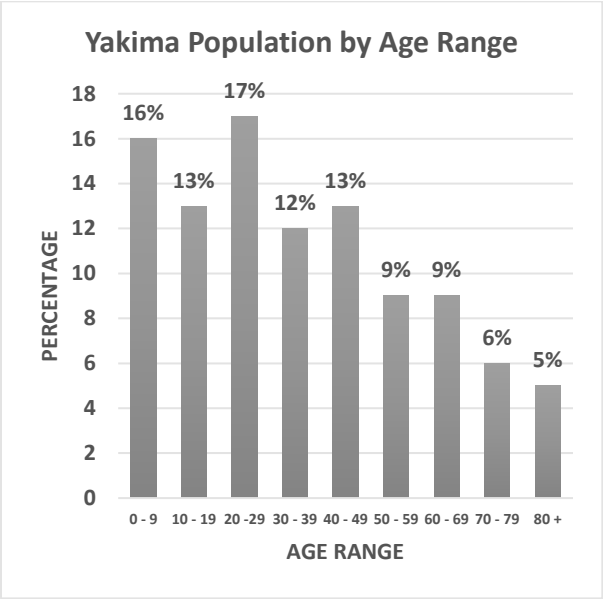


Based on 2020 US Census Data Estimates

In 2020, Hispanics/Latinos totaled 46% of the population. This is up from 33.7% in the 2000 census, which is a 12.3% increase in 10 years. In 2015, the estimated Hispanic/Latino population increased to 45%. This increase continues a population trend over the last 20 years which saw continual increases in Yakima's Hispanic/Latino population. Similar increases were seen in the Yakima County Hispanic/Latino population as well.

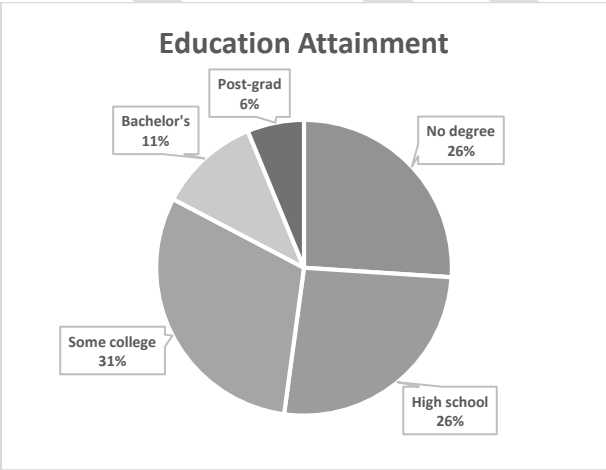
Age is a very important factor for recreation planning because interest and participation in many activities is directly linked to age. The 2020 census estimates tell us Yakima's population, as related to age, has changed since 2010. The median age increased by a little over 1 year. Twenty nine percent of the population is between the ages of 0 and 19.

This statistic reinforces the need for a wide variety of youth programs and programs for families. Continued efforts will need to be made to accommodate family recreation programming at an affordable cost.



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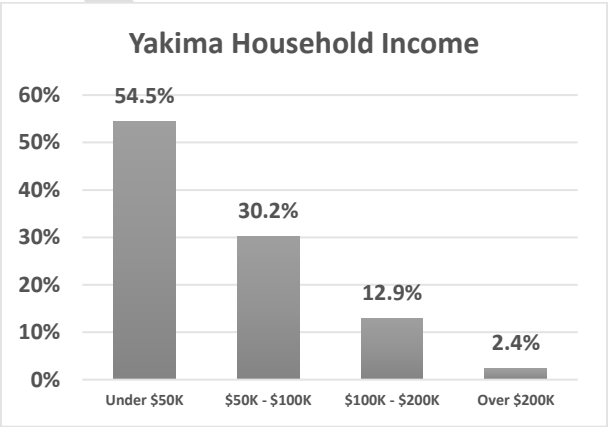
Education has also repeatedly been shown to have a high correlation with leisure activity. The higher the educational attainment, the more activities participated in and the more frequent the participation. The chart below shows the educational attainments of Yakima citizens 25



Based on 2020 US Census Data Estimates

and older. In general, when compared to the rest of the state, Yakima has more citizens in the lower end of the educational scale and less in the higher end.

Income is also tied to recreation participation, the higher the income, the more active people are in outdoor recreation pursuits. In part, income also represents the ability to pay for recreation activities and to travel to recreation areas. According to the 2020 Census, Yakima's annual pay ranks among the lowest of the state's and nations' metropolitan areas. In 2020, Yakima's median family income of \$44,292 which is just 56.2% of the statewide median family income of \$78,687. Yakima's per capita income of \$22,455 which is 54% of the state's per capita income of \$41,521. The percentage of families that live below the poverty rate is 20.3%, while the poverty level statewide is 9.8%.



Based on 2020 US Census Data Estimates

## CHAPTER 3

### PARK INVENTORY

***“When we build, let us think that we build forever. Let it not be for present delight nor for our use alone. Let it be such work as our descendants will look upon with praise and thanksgiving in their hearts.”***

John Ruskin

This inventory includes the existing park or open space and recreation resources in the City of Yakima and surrounding vicinity. This inventory is broken down by park size and includes parks in the City of Yakima along with other parks in the general vicinity.

#### COMMUNITY PARKS

Community Parks are generally 20 or more acres in size with numerous facilities for active and passive recreation. These parks serve the entire community and may or may not be located within the City limits. While a number of the parks are less than 20 acres, the amenities available attract users from all over the community, not just the immediate neighborhood, and are therefore included as a Community Park.

##### **Ahtanum Youth Park - 74 Acres (City of Union Gap)**

The Ahtanum Youth Park is located to the south of the City of Yakima in Union Gap. The park contains a variety of community amenities including picnic sites, playgrounds, and rentable buildings. There are lots of recreation opportunities including soccer fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, a 4-H challenge course, horseshoe pits and an outdoor equestrian.

##### **Chesterley Park – 31.7 Acres**

The original portion of Chesterley Park with four soccer fields, restroom/storage building, play equipment and picnic shelter opened in 1990. By 2004, two more soccer fields, a 10,000 square-foot skate park, and parking for 120 vehicles were added. The park is located in the northwest part of the City on North 40th Avenue, with easy access to Highway 12. It is in generally good condition, although high amounts of volcanic ash in the soil from the Mount St. Helen's eruption in 1980 create maintenance problems and the irrigation system is in frequent need of repair. In 2018, 2 of the 6 soccer fields were removed to create space for the YMCA. In 2020, major irrigation improvements were made. A new VFD pump

and filtration system was installed and all of the irrigation lines for field 3 were replaced with the goal of improving the quality of the grass and prevent irrigation breaks in the future.

### **Elks Memorial Park – 11.8 Acres**

Elks Memorial Park is located in the north/central part of the City on Hathaway and North 8th Avenues, and serves as the home fields of the Yakima National Little League. The City of Yakima has a use agreement with Yakima National Little League for the use and maintenance of the Elks Memorial Park ball



*Concessions Building Yakima National Little League*

fields. Amenities include six youth ball fields with dugouts and backstops, a concession stand building, picnic tables, a playground, a picnic shelter and restroom facilities. The park also includes 4 horse shoe pits. Due to the high volume of visitors to the park during the little league season, parking is often problematic. There is some paved parking along North 8th Avenue on the east end of the park however, the majority of the parking was a gravel strip along Hathaway. In 2020, the gravel parking area was paved and restriped.

### **Franklin Park – 16.7 Acres**

Franklin Park is located at South 21st Avenue and Tieton Drive in the central part of the City. The park lies adjacent to Franklin Middle School to the east and the Yakima Valley

Museum to the South. Park amenities include restrooms, 3 tennis courts, 8 pickleball courts, two small picnic shelters, a pavilion and an outdoor swimming pool with a water slide and a shallow water wading pool. The pool at Franklin Park is the City's only outdoor swimming pool. In 2009, the fence around the pool was extended to the south to incorporate additional area. In 2011, the fence in the northern area of the pool was extended to provide additional grassy area for pool patrons.



*Pickleball Courts at Franklin Park*

As a result of this expansion, an aged playground facility, that was prone to graffiti and vandalism due to its location, was removed and replaced. In 2011, Sunrise Rotary of Yakima approached the City Parks and Recreation staff with a proposal to remove the old picnic shelter and replace it with a new state-of-the-art shelter.



*Rotary Pavilion at Franklin Park*



The size of the old shelter (21' X 21') made usefulness difficult. The new picnic shelter (30' X40') is much more versatile. Without the help of Sunrise Rotary, such a project would have been very difficult to undertake. Parking is provided at the south end of the site, but at times is inadequate depending on activities at the park and museum.

### **Kissel Park – 17 Acres**

Kissel Park is located in the south-central part of the City on Mead Avenue. Kissel Park includes 12 tennis courts, a restroom/storage building, picnic shelter, basketball courts, 0.6 mile asphalt pathway, play equipment and 80 parking spaces. The property was graded into a gently rolling landscape with a large flat area toward the street on its northern border.



*Kissel Park Day Camp*

Kissel Park is surrounded primarily by single family residences. The park amenities make it a viable asset to the immediate neighborhood and the community as a whole. Kissel Park hosts high school tennis practices and is the home of one of the Summer Playground Day Camp programs that serves over 100 children 5 days a week from 9 am until 4:00 pm. The program provides a wide array of activities for the children throughout the day, including swimming at Franklin Park pool.

### **Kiwanis Park – 35.8 Acres**

Kiwanis Park is located at Fair Avenue and East Maple Street on the east side of the City. Its numerous amenities and visibility from I-82 make Kiwanis Park one of the highest-use parks in the city. The eastern portion of Kiwanis Park includes the Gateway Complex which includes 8 lighted softball fields with



*Apple Valley Kiwanis Skate Park at Kiwanis Park*

scoreboards, a concessions/restroom building, play equipment and plenty of seating area for patrons including bleachers and grassy areas. The Gateway Complex attracts many users from both inside and outside the City in the form of leagues and tournaments. The western portion of Kiwanis Park is home to the new skate park, restroom facility, basketball courts, and playground.



*Women's Softball Game at Kiwanis Park*

This area also includes the Incinerator Building which was constructed in 1936 and has been placed on the Historic Register. In 2007, the City acquired several parcels along Fair Avenue that increased the size of Kiwanis Park. The new development on the central and northwesterly portions of the park was completed in 2012 and includes three new state-of-the-art lighted softball fields, a concession/restroom building and additional parking. The new fields are separated from the Gateway Sports Complex by an existing 1.8 acre pond. The Kiwanis Park/Gateway Center complex is one of the premier softball complexes in Washington State. The new fields were available for play for the 2013 season. Funding for these park improvements were provided by multiple State of Washington RCO grants, donations and the Park Capital funds.

### **Randall Park – 37 Acres**

Randall Park is located at South 48th and West Viola Avenues in the southwest area of the City. The majority of the Park lies to the north of Wide Hollow Creek. A portion of the 5 acres of land to the south of Randall Park has been developed into the Randall Park Dog Park. It is 1.6 acres and has separate area for timid and small dogs.



*Walking Path at Randall Park*

Benches, a dog drinking fountain, dog agility equipment and a newly constructed picnic

shelter, which was built in 2019 utilizing donations and Parks Capital funds, are available inside the dog park. This has become a very popular place for dogs and their owners throughout the four seasons. Trees were planted throughout the park, including the dog park, in the fall of 2015 through a donation from Triumph Actuation Group. Randall Park is primarily a passive park which includes many acres of green space, walking paths, and a nature area on the north side of the park. The nature area includes a duck pond and nature trails. Two bridges which linked the walking trails with the rest of the park were removed in the fall of 2010 due to safety concerns. One replacement bridge was constructed in 2017. The park also includes a gazebo, two playgrounds, basketball courts, picnic tables, wildlife observation deck, two picnic shelters and a new restroom facility. Randall Park is a popular destination for the immediate neighborhood and resident nature-lovers alike. Randall Park is also the site of the Wide Hollow Creek 9 hole disc golf course.



*Downtown Rotary Playground at Randall Park*

A local interest group was instrumental in the development and construction of the course. Anonymous donations in the amount of \$150,000 were given to the City to help renovate the 40 year old park. In 2014 Parks and Recreation staff applied for a \$500,000 matching funds grant from RCO. In October 2015, the grant was awarded and work began

on the Randall Park Improvement Project, which was completed in Spring of 2021.

### **Sarg Hubbard Park – 28 Acres**

Sarg Hubbard Park is owned by the City of Yakima, but is operated and maintained by the Yakima Greenway Foundation. The park includes a playground area, picnic shelter, nature area with observation tower, fishing ponds with piers, fitness stations, outdoor amphitheater with a stage, large green spaces and connections to the Greenway Path. The park also includes a visitor center and the offices for the Greenway Foundation. Sarg Hubbard Park attracts numerous users from in and outside the City.

### **West Valley Community Park – 26.2 Acres**

West Valley Community Park is located adjacent to West Valley Middle and Junior High Schools, with access off of South 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue and S. 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The park property was transferred from Yakima County to the City in 2008. Amenities at the park include playground areas, a soccer field, nature trails, paved pathways, green space, volleyball area, horseshoe pits, restroom, creek access and a basketball court. There were two tennis courts at the east end of the park that were in disrepair. The courts were removed and the land was transferred to the West Valley School District.



*Picnic Shelter at West Valley Community Park*

The West Valley School District paved the city owned parking lot on the east side of the park as compensation for the land transfer. The land was needed by the West Valley Middle School to accommodate their new athletic field project.

### **YAKIMA GREENWAY/PATHWAY**

Greenways are landscaped boulevards with pedestrian facilities suitable for passive recreation or linear stretches of vegetation or natural features which serve as connectors or wildlife corridors.

#### **Yakima Greenway**

The Greenway is a protected green-belt along the Yakima River, extending from Union Gap north to the Selah Gap and then west along the Naches River to the North 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue exit. The Greenway now extends to the City of Naches, Washington. Funds for the expansion were provided by donations and grants from the Recreation and Conservation Office of Washington through Yakima County. Dedicated to conservation and recreation, the Greenway connects recreation areas, four boat landings, paths, three large parks, two fishing lakes and ponds, water access locations and natural areas. The ten mile pathway links the Noel and Jewett Pathways and the Sunrise Rotary Park/McGuire's Children's Playground. The popular pathway is accessible from a number of points along its route.

### **Yakima Area Arboretum - 60 Acres**

The Arboretum is located at the intersection of Interstate 82 and Nob Hill Boulevard and contains eleven acres of natural riparian wetland and twenty-nine acres of exotic woody plants. The Arboretum has a Japanese Garden, a Trees of Washington exhibit, bird sanctuary, butterfly garden, Jewett Pond, walking paths and a parking area. The Jewett Interpretive Center houses a gift shop, a meeting/banquet room and Yakima Valley's only horticultural library. The property is owned

by the City of Yakima but managed by a non-profit organization.



*Yakima Valley Arboretum*

The Parks and Recreation Division supports the Arboretum by providing weekly mowing at no cost.

### **Yakima Sportsman State Park – 266 Acres**

Sportsman Park was created in 1940 by the Yakima Sportsman Association to promote game management and the preservation of natural resources. It lies on the Yakima River floodplain and is an irrigated green zone in an otherwise desert environment. It has a large number of mature shade trees and a wealth of wildlife.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS**

Neighborhood Parks are generally 3 or more acres in size with smaller scale areas for active and passive recreation. These parks serve their immediate neighborhoods and certain destination users.

### **Gardner Park – 9.13 Acres**

Located at Pierce Street and Cornell Avenue, Gardner Park has historically served as both a neighborhood park with picnic tables, restroom, sand volleyball court and trees and as a community park with its two softball fields. The play equipment and old restroom were

removed and replaced in 2017. The old unpaved parking area was paved in the fall of 2021. The park is located next to a city elementary school and is used by the school for sports activities. Additional needed improvements include replacement tree plantings, additional picnic tables and benches, a multi-use outdoor court and a picnic shelter.



*Gardner Park Playground*

In 2005, the Yakima School District and the City of Yakima began preliminary discussions about the possibility of converting the ballfields into a girls fast pitch complex. In early 2006, the school district implemented \$300,000 in improvements to the fields and restroom to provide home fields for the district's girls fast pitch program.

### **Gilbert Park – 10.9 Acres**

Gilbert Park is located on Lincoln Avenue at North 49th Avenue. Park amenities include expanses of grassy area, mature trees, picnic tables, newly paved parking lot, public art and a labyrinth. Gilbert Park is popular with immediate neighborhood residents and city-wide users. The Allied Arts building, which included the Warehouse Theater, was removed due to structural issues in 2014. The limited park amenities are a result of use restrictions placed on the park by its donors.



*Labyrinth at Gilbert Park*

Gilbert Park's use was intended, and always will be, for passive recreation uses.

### **Larson Park – 4.5 Acres**

Larson Park is located adjacent to Yakima Valley College. The primary users are from the immediate neighborhood and the college. Amenities include a picnic shelter, mature shade trees, a swing set, an asphalt walkway, open space and a restroom facility.

### **Lions Pool and Park – 4.38 Acres**

Lions Pool and Park is located west of downtown on South 5th Avenue and Pine and is the site of the City operated indoor swimming



*Lions Pool*

pool. The 25 yard pool is used year-round for a

variety of aquatic programs, including school district swim activities, and senior use. The park provides picnic tables, playground equipment and six tennis courts. In 2019, the playground was replaced. Park maintenance, Recreation and Administrative staff worked to



*Lions Park Playground*

install the playground. A donation of \$25,000 was given by the Lions Club to help pay for the new playground.

### **Martin Luther King Jr. Park – 3.48 Acres**

Martin Luther King Jr. Park is located at South 9th and East Beech Streets next to Washington Middle School and Adams Elementary School. The park is mostly passive and provides picnic tables, playground equipment, water spray feature, two basketball courts and two tennis courts.



*Martin Luther King Jr. Park New Rotary Playground*

The park also provides shade trees and green space for the school and neighborhood.

### **Miller Park – 3.96 Acres**

Miller Park is located north of the downtown area at North 4th Street and East E Street. Miller Park provides picnic tables, four basketball courts, and a water spray feature. Miller Park is the home of the Washington Fruit Community Center. A long-term plan for improvements to Miller Park has been created and was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission and to the Yakima City Council in 2017. In July of 2020, a citizen-based committee was formed to identify the park improvements and seek funding for the improvements. Donations from various sources were received and a grant to the Washington State Legislature was submitted and \$625,000 was granted for the park improvements. Planned improvements are resurfacing of 4 basketball courts, adding lights for the basketball courts, construction of a restroom, replacing the playground, adding another picnic shelter, a covered performance area, walkways, picnic tables and benches. The improvements will be ongoing through 2023.



*Viva La Musica Concert at Miller Park*

### **Milroy Park – 3.63 Acres**

Milroy Park is located at North 16th and Lincoln Avenues, west of downtown in one of Yakima's

most densely populated areas. The park is characterized by mature shade trees and provides a variety of amenities including picnic tables, playground equipment, volleyball courts, three horseshoe pits, a tether ball pole and restrooms.

### **Southeast Community Park – 4.2 Acres**

The Southeast Community Park is located at South 8th Street and East Arlington Avenue, next to the Henry Beauchamp Jr. Community Center. The park provides playground equipment, picnic tables, a grill and a volleyball court. The aging playground was replaced by a new play structure in 2015.

### **MINI-PARKS**

Mini-Parks are generally less than 3 acres in size and mostly passive in nature. These small parks serve a small number of vicinity users.

### **Cherry Park – 0.5 Acres**

Cherry Park is located at North 4th Avenue and Cherry Avenue. The park contains play equipment, one permanent picnic table, and several portable picnic table. The park is surrounded by single and multi-family housing.



*Cherry Park Playground*

### **McGuinness Park – 1.91 Acres**

McGuinness Park is located near North 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Swan Avenue in a densely populated neighborhood. The park includes a



picnic shelter, play equipment, a basketball court, picnic tables, and over 75 trees. The Powerhouse Canal Pathway was extended through McGuinness Park and the pathway now connects to the William O. Douglas Trail along Willow Street on the Walter Ortman Parkway. Wear and tear on this park has been extreme as vandals regularly inflict damage on equipment and vegetation.

#### **Portia Park – 0.52 Acres**

Portia Park is a small triangular pocket park west of downtown at Yakima Avenue and 12th Avenue. Because of its location, Portia Park provides visual interest and green space to the neighborhood. The park contains mature shade trees and lawn with some picnic tables.

#### **Rosalma Garden Club Park – 0.45 Acres**

The Rosalma Garden Club Park is located at the southeast corner of the Tieton Drive and South 16th Avenue. This small triangular shaped park provides green space, mature plantings and benches. A renovation of the park was completed in the fall of 2016.



*Rosalma Garden Club Park*

#### **Raymond Park – 2.17 Acres**

Raymond Park is located at South 1st and Arlington Avenues with residential neighborhoods to the west and an industrial area to the east. The park is mostly a passive park with picnic tables, trees and open space.

An aged playground was removed. It is anticipated that a new playground will be constructed when funds allow.

#### **South 2nd Park – 0.52 Acres**

A small triangular park located at South 2nd and Race Streets, South 2nd Park is used primarily as a lunch site or place for neighbors to gather. The park has no amenities other than picnic tables, but provides much needed public green space in the largely commercial neighborhood.

#### **Summitview Park – 0.76 Acres**

Summitview Park is a small rectangular pocket park located at the intersection of Summitview and 11th Avenues. Due to the generosity of a descendant of the park's original owners, Summitview Park is well equipped with picnic tables. The park provides mature shade trees and green space.

#### **Sunrise Rotary Park – 3.63 Acres**

The Yakima Greenway Foundation operates and maintains this park which is north of Terrace Heights Drive on the Greenway Pathway. It is equipped with picnic areas, drinking fountain, toilets, a labyrinth, and the McGuire Community Playground.

#### **Tieton Terrace Park – 0.42 Acres**

Tieton Terrace Park is a small pocket park located at the intersection of South 26th Avenue and West Walnut Street. Amenities are limited to picnic tables, a park bench and a swing set.

#### **Fairbrook Park – 2.03 Acres**

Fairbrook Park consists of four individual open green space islands with trees that are located within the Fairbrook Park residential neighborhood, south of Nob Hill and north of Randall Park. There are no park amenities. Minimal future development may include xeriscaping one of the islands.

#### **Naches Parkway – 5.86 Acres**

Located on North and South Naches Avenue, the Naches Parkway is a 15-block long parkway of center planting islands. The oldest of the City's park properties, the parkway stretches from H Street to Race Street and crosses through downtown at Yakima Avenue.



*Spanish-American War Col. John J. Weisenburger*

The parkway is covered with lawn for all of its length except for the Hatfield block between Yakima Avenue and Sgt. Pendleton Way which has sidewalks and park benches. Most notably, the parkway contains stands of mature shade trees including sycamore, silver maple, red maple, oak and crab apple trees. Many of the trees are almost 100 years old and the City has begun selective replacement with new red oaks and red maples. One of Yakima's few public statues, a depiction of Spanish-American War Col. John J. Weisenburger, is located on the first parkway island south of Yakima Avenue.

#### **North 44th Avenue Parkway – 0.63 Acres**

North 44th Avenue Park is an open space area providing neighborhood access via a pathway from Uplands Way to Lincoln Avenue. The green space provides an asphalt pathway and shade trees.

#### **Powerhouse Canal Pathway – 8.85 Acres**

The first two sections of the Powerhouse Canal Pathway were constructed in 1996 along the irrigation canal right-of-way. Funding secured

in 1999 continued the pathway through Chesterley Park to River Road while transportation enhancement grant funding awarded to Parks and Recreation in 2000 allowed construction of three additional sections: McGuinness Park southwest to 16th Avenue, 16th to 20th Avenues, and Englewood to Lincoln Avenue. The property includes automatic irrigation, park benches and landscaping. The pathway extends 2.45 miles from 40th Avenue and River Road on the west, through McGuinness Park, and ends at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue where it joins the William O. Douglas Trail. The well-used pathway accommodates pedestrian and other non-motorized forms of transportation and offers safe off-street passage in portions of the City lacking in sidewalks.

#### **South 6th Avenue Parkway – 0.17 Acres**

A block-long median parkway with trees, South 6th Avenue Parkway separates 6th Avenue's northbound and southbound traffic in between Tieton Drive and Division Street.

#### **Walter Ortman Parkway – 0.87 Acres**

The Walter Ortman Parkway is located on Willow Street between North 10th and North 6th Avenues. The four block long median parkway includes grass and ornamental trees. A Yakima Valley Conference of Governments grant award allowed us to put in an asphalt pathway which traverses the existing alignment in Willow and connects through McGuinness Park to the Powerhouse Canal Pathway and joins the William O. Douglas Pathway on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

### **SPECIAL USE PROPERTY**

#### **Downtown Yakima Business Improvement District**

The Downtown Yakima Business Improvement District (DYBID) is not a park, but the downtown area does contain a variety of planting areas and hanging baskets that are maintained by the Downtown Yakima Association. The downtown



contains the Millennium Plaza, which is located on 3rd Street across from the Capitol Theater, and Performance Park on North 2nd and Sgt. Pendleton Way. The DYBID is bordered by 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the west, Lincoln Avenue on the north and North Fair Avenue on the east, and Chestnut Avenue on the south. In addition to annual beautification and maintenance needs, the downtown area has a number of trees that have been removed and replaced, buckled sidewalks in need of repair, and failing irrigation systems.

### **Fisher Golf Course – 18.2 Acres**

Fisher Golf Course is a 9-hole, par-3 course located on 40th Avenue across from Eisenhower High School. Operated and



*Kids Golf Lessons at Fisher Park Golf Course*

maintained by the Parks and Recreation Division, the beautifully landscaped course is well used. The property contains a starter house, putting green, small maintenance building, and a practice driving net. Golf lessons are provided for children and adults. A partnership has been developed with The First Tee of Yakima program. The First Tee of Yakima provides golf lessons for youth at the golf course.

### **Harlan Landing – 4 Acres**

Part of the Greenway system, Harlan Landing is located west of Rest Haven Road off I-82. Its

facilities include a boat ramp, volleyball court, picnic area, fishing piers, restrooms and parking.

### **Harman Center at Gailleon Park**

The Harman Center, located at 65th and Summitview, was constructed by a private foundation and donated to the City and opened in 2004. The center is dominated by a 1,200 square-foot lounge with a wide stone fireplace that reaches to the top of the 18-foot ceiling. The lounge accommodates areas for visiting, reading, television viewing and coffee. In addition, the center has classrooms for arts and crafts and other activities, a fitness room, computer lab, billiards room, and offices for staff. There is a multi-purpose room with attached commercial kitchen that is available



*Harman Center*

for rentals. The center has been heavily used by seniors for a wide range of self-improvement, leisure and social activities. An electronic changing message sign was added in 2007. Yakima Valley Senior Citizens Inc., an independent not for profit organization, plans and conducts multiple fund-raising events, programs and trips throughout the year. The fund raiser events allow Seniors Inc. to support the Harman Center with funds for improvements to the center and to assist with providing additional programs for seniors.

Seniors Inc. also coordinates volunteer hours at the center.

### **Washington Fruit Community Center**

Located at 602 North 4th Street, the Washington Fruit Community Center was Yakima's original senior center. The center is adjacent to Miller Park and provides a commercial kitchen, activity rooms, classrooms, and a multipurpose room. In February of 2020, the Yakima City Council directed the Parks & Recreation staff to begin managing the facility. Over the next few months repairs and needed maintenance was performed on the building. The building officially reopened on June 14<sup>th</sup> and hosted a new summer playground day camp program. Over 75 children attended the daily program throughout the summer. Currently the building hosts the Yakima Parks & Recreation Division Beyond the Bell after school program.



*Washington Fruit Community Center*

Proposals are being reviewed to allow local not for profit community service providers to utilize the building for a wide variety of programs.

### **Henry Beauchamp Jr. Community Center**

The Henry Beauchamp Jr. Community Center is located at Southeast Community Park. The center is operated by the Yakima Valley Opportunities Industrialization Center of Washington (OIC). The facility contains large

and small meeting rooms and offices, a kitchen and dining area, reception area, gym with a stage, and a small library outreach branch. The center also has parking lots located on the north and south ends of the facility.

## **SCHOOL FACILITIES**

### **Yakima School District**

The Yakima School District's facilities represent a considerable indoor and outdoor recreational asset for the community. In addition, Union Gap, East Valley and West Valley schools as well as Yakima Valley College also lie within or overlap Yakima's urban planning area. Among them, they provide a sizable inventory of basketball/volleyball courts, baseball, softball, t-ball, soccer, track, football, multipurpose fields and meeting rooms. With 14 elementary schools, four middle schools and two high schools, Yakima School District has the most extensive inventory of facilities. Athletic interests are served by the following facilities:

- Zaepfel Stadium, a semi-pro quality stadium/track with seating for 5,000 spectators.
- Two quality soccer fields (Davis and Eisenhower High Schools).
- Four combination semi-pro football/soccer fields with bleacher seating (Franklin, Lewis and Clark, Washington and Wilson Middle Schools).
- Two recreational grade soccer fields (Lewis and Clark and Stanton schools).
- Three tracks.
- One semi-pro quality baseball field with permanent dugouts and seating for 500.
- Ten baseball fields including one four-plex and one two-plex.
- Three softball fields.

- Twenty-four hardwood-floored gymnasiums ranging in size from one large enough to accommodate 3,200 spectators to two small gyms with no spectator seating at all. Collectively, the gyms are able to accommodate 34 volleyball courts or 22 basketball courts.
- Fifteen playfields.

In addition, Yakima School District has a large inventory of general and specialized classrooms in addition to the following:

- Ten multi-purpose rooms, four of which have stages.
- Four cafeterias/commons with seating capacities ranging from 250 to 900.
- A round-theater meeting room which seats 250.
- A Little Theater which seats 375.
- A large auditorium with 1500 seats.

Yakima Parks and Recreation and Yakima School District have a long-running agreement to share use of each other's facilities and the City is dependent upon the School District's facilities – especially indoor – to run its recreation programs. In turn, the School District depends on City facilities for its aquatics, girls' fast pitch and tennis programs to a large extent and its cross country, track and middle school soccer programs to a lesser extent. It is anticipated that the City and the School District will continue their joint use of facilities to benefit public recreational needs. One persistent difficulty for Parks and Recreation, however, is the inherent unreliability of scheduling school facilities, particularly gymnasiums, on a regular basis. School functions such as plays, concerts or graduations occur throughout the school year and take precedence over Parks and Recreation programs. It becomes difficult to generate reliable basketball or volleyball league schedules due to unexpected cancellations of gym time. As population

growth continues to occur, demand for these facilities will increase and, most likely, exacerbate scheduling difficulties.

### **Yakima Valley College**

Yakima Valley College owns Parker Field, a semi-pro baseball field with permanent dugouts, seating for 2000, concession stands and storage. The field is in excellent condition and used for regional and statewide American Legion events. The college has also retained Dunbar Field for its women's fastpitch program; property it acquired during the late 1990's from Parks and Recreation. Other YVC facilities include a weight room, fitness facility, wrestling room and various classrooms

### **West Valley School District**

Annexations in early 2000's update brought in a larger portion of the West Valley School District. Sitting adjacent to West Valley Community Park, the West Valley Middle and Junior High School is now within the Yakima City Limits. A recent project at the Middle/Junior High School added two softball fields and a soccer field to their complex which includes a baseball field, softball field and football/soccer field.

### **THE ARTS**

The **Arts Commission** was established in 2009 and consists of working artists and community members with diverse backgrounds. The responsibilities of the Arts Commission are encouragement, procedures for selection and approval, placement, and ongoing maintenance of public art in public places throughout the City of Yakima. They also advise and assist city departments, commissions, and committees, as well as the City Council, regarding artistic components of all municipal government projects under consideration by the city. The Commission may also serve as a resource for artistic components of land use developments,

develop relationships with existing organizations and community groups having a stake and interest in good building and public space design and development. The Art Commission members are selected by the Yakima City Council.



*"Transcendence" by Bernard Hosey,*



*Spiraling Up – Gilbert Park - Public Art*

The **Millennium Foundation** is a not for profit organization that was established to oversee the planning, construction and maintenance of the Millennium Plaza and to promote public art throughout the city. Public art pieces are in various locations throughout the city, including Gilbert Park.

The **Capitol Theatre** is a fully furnished and equipped theater in downtown Yakima with a year-round program of performing arts including a Broadway series, major concerts



*Yakima Capitol Theatre*

and special events. Carefully restored to its 1920's splendor following a disastrous fire in 1975, it is home now to the nationally recognized Yakima Symphony Orchestra, which presents a concert series each year. Active over 130 days per year, the theater's annual attendance exceeds 85,000. The Capitol Theatre recently opened its 4th Street Theatre which is a smaller venue for rental and productions.

The **Seasons Music Hall** is a non-profit organization which presents musical



*Seasons Music Hall*

performances and supports music education and cultural events that reflect the diversity of the Yakima Valley

The **Larson Gallery** on the campus of Yakima Valley College exhibits contemporary art by local, regional and national artists in a unique



*Larson Gallery – Yakima Valley College Campus*

and spacious setting. The gallery is free and open Tuesdays through Saturdays and, in addition to its exhibits, sponsors artist workshops and special events.

The **Yakima Valley Museum** chronicles Yakima's natural, cultural, pioneer and agricultural history. Among its exhibits are a collection of horse drawn vehicles, a reconstruction of Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas' office, the Children's Underground Hands-On Activity Center, a 1930's art deco soda fountain and a collection of historic neon advertising signs. The museum also operates the **H. M. Gilbert Homeplace**, a late Victorian home representative of the turn-of-the-century farmhouse built in the Yakima Valley. A restored log cabin, a railroad exhibit and a trapper's cabin are among the 23 buildings on the 15-acre **Central Washington Agricultural Museum**. Located in Union Gap, the agricultural museum has an extensive collection of antique farm machinery and implements. Special attractions include an operating fruit-packing line, blacksmith shop and stationary diesel engine collection.

## CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS

### YMCA

The YMCA provides child care and early childhood programs, indoor swimming pool, multi-purpose facility with fitness machines, free weight room, racquetball courts, two gymnasiums, locker rooms, indoor running track, youth activities room, several meeting rooms and Camp Dudley Retreat Center in the Cascades. A second YMCA was built at Chesterley Park. It is a state of the art fitness center with an indoor aquatic center. The City of Yakima contributed \$10,000,000 to assist with the construction of the facility.

### YWCA

The YWCA focuses its resources on support services for women and children, including legal and crisis services.

### Yakima Athletic Club

A full-service fitness club with training rooms, racquetball courts, free weight areas, locker rooms, year-round swimming pool, sport courts, four tennis courts and refreshment bar.

### Yakima National Little League

A non-profit baseball organization for youth ages 8 through 17. Approximately 70 teams with a total of over 900 players annually. The season runs from April through October at the City's Elks Park youth baseball fields.

### West Valley Little League

West Valley Little League is located in the west Yakima area. Spring Baseball is offered for players Elementary-Middle School with registration beginning in January. Regular season games begin after spring break and end at the beginning of June with All Stars selection for 10u, 11u, and 12u divisions immediately following. Juniors Division for 13 and 14 year olds starts in June and ends mid-July. Registration for Juniors is conducted in May.

### **Yakima Youth/American Legion Baseball**

A non-profit youth baseball organization comprised of three different leagues: Babe Ruth (ages 13 through 15), Junior Legion (ages 16 and 17) and Senior Legion (ages 17 and 18). The season runs June through September with division and regional championship games at Yakima Valley College's Parker Field, A.C. Davis High School, Eisenhower High School and Lewis and Clark Middle School fields.

### **Greater Yakima Girls Softball Association**

A non-profit girl's fast pitch organization for girls up to 18 years of age. Games are currently played at Selah's Carlon Park and at Kiwanis Park/Gateway Sports Complex in Yakima. The season runs from May through the end of June with tournaments in early July.

### **Grid Kids Football**

Structured youth football for ages 9 through 12 from Grandview to Naches. The season starts in mid-August and runs into the fall with eight regular season games plus playoffs. Practices are held at the local middle schools and junior highs.

### **AAU Basketball**

Youth basketball program with approximately 2,700 second-grade through high school participants. The season runs October through July.

### **SOZO Sports of Central Washington**

A non-profit corporation established to bring a family oriented, championship sports complex to Central Washington. SOZO provides facilities for soccer, rugby and a wide variety of other sports. The focus includes recreational, select, premier and regional programs as well as annual tournaments. The complex is built on property owned by the City of Yakima and SOZO Sports of Central Washington has an operating lease on the property.

### **Yakima Adult Soccer**

A non-profit adult soccer association that organizes and coordinates soccer leagues and tournaments for adult men, women and coed teams. Teams play both spring and fall.

### **La Liga Mexicana**

A non-profit soccer association that organizes soccer leagues and tournaments for mostly Hispanic male players. Teams play throughout the spring and fall.

### **Team Yakima**

A competitive Yakima organization for volleyball enthusiasts 10 to 19 years old divided into developmental, competitive and elite teams. Its team participants play winter and spring.

### **Yakima Tennis Club**

Offers private and group tennis lessons to both youth and adults. The club holds many indoor (October through March) and outdoor (April through September) leagues and tournaments during the year for both youth and adults. They also host family events such as Calcutta Family Night, an Easter Egg Hunt, and Halloween Family Night.

### **Yakima Valley Community Tennis Club**

An organization for people who love the sport of tennis for its own sake. Committed to providing recreational tennis and quality instruction for all ages at an affordable price using the City's Kissel Park tennis courts. Endorsed by the USTA.

### **Cascadians**

Provides opportunities for safe and informed non-motorized outdoor activities such as hiking, mountain climbing, back-packing, climbing, bicycling, snow-shoeing and cross-country skiing. Cascadians also work for the preservation of the environment. They meet monthly and have approximately 300 to 400 members.

### **Yakima Cycling Club**

This is a non-profit organization of approximately 100 members that organizes activities for bicyclists. Activities include fitness riding, recreational rides and sanctified races.

### **Mount Adams Bicycle Club**

A recreational organization for local cyclists of all ages. In addition to weekly bike rides, it sponsors half a dozen longer rides throughout the summer months.

### **YAC Swimming**

A non-profit swim team using the Yakima Athletic Club to provide competitive swimming instruction through competition for all ages (five through college) and abilities in a goal-oriented environment.

### **Yakima Family YMCA Swim Team**

Fast-paced, highly motivated and enthusiastic year-round swim team open to all swimmers. Qualified coaches with individualized attention.

### **Yakima Valley Society of Artists**

Valley artists join forces for exhibitions at the Central Washington State Fair and Arboretum, awards banquets, workshops and scholarships.

### **Boy Scouts of America**

Scouts BSA provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps in overcoming them through the advancement method. The Boy Scout plans his advancement and progresses at his own pace as he meets each challenge. The Boy Scout is rewarded for each achievement, which helps him gain self-confidence. The steps in the advancement system help a Boy Scout grow in self-reliance and in the ability to help others. Listed below are the various ranks within the Boy Scout program in order; Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle.

### **Girl Scouts (Mid-Columbia Council)**

Contemporary leadership program for girls 5 through 17. Emphasizes character, conduct, patriotism and service. Deepens awareness of self and others, builds self-esteem and increases the ability of girls to succeed and impact the community.

### **4-H Clubs**

Educational, recreational and career exploration programs with an emphasis on citizenship and conservation. Activities include fair contests, meetings and special activities.

## **HEALTH CARE AGENCIES**

### **Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital**

Current programs include those with a safety and wellness focus for children of all ages, monthly forums and weekly programs for seniors and fitness classes for all age groups. The off-campus Children's Village, opened in 1997, consolidates a variety of children's services and the North Star Cancer Center houses a complete cancer care unit with traditional and alternative options for treatment. Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital completed a Campus Master Plan. The development plan calls for a closed-campus and anticipates future development over the next 30+ years. In recent years, Yakima Valley Memorial has come to represent state-of-the-art, quality-of-life health care services, such as the addition of the award-winning Children's Village facility, world-class cancer care available at North Star Lodge, the comprehensive occupational and return-to-function services, hospice care at The Cottage in the Meadows and Ohana, Yakima Valley Memorial's Mammography and women's health care center.

## **COMMERCIAL RESOURCES**

### **Bowling**

The area has several bowling establishments: Eagle Lanes, Minda Lanes, Nob Hill Bowling and Valley Lanes in Sunnyside, Washington.

### **Gymnastics Plus**

Year-around instruction to both children and adults in gymnastics and cheerleading.

### **Health and Fitness**

Various programs are available at Anytime Fitness, Planet Fitness, Achieve Fitness, West Valley Fitness, Yakima Athletic Club, Yakima CrossFit, Double Down CrossFit and many other fitness facilities.

### **Martial Arts**

Yakima has several commercial schools of martial arts including Yakama School of Karate, Pro-Action Martial Arts and Valor Taekwondo Academy.

### **Roller Skating**

Skateland Fun Center has equipment rental, a beginner area, outdoor skate patio and full-sized rink.

### **Ice Skating**

Yakima Ice Arena has public and private sessions, hockey club, figure skating and broom ball. Open November to March.

## **PUBLIC GOLF COURSES**

### **Suntides Golf Course**

Public 18-hole, par 70 golf course with cafe, pro shop, cart rentals, water hazards, driving range, putting course and lessons.

### **Apple Tree Golf Course**

Challenging public 18-hole, par 72 golf course with restaurant, pro shop, driving range, sand bunker, 11,000-square-foot putting green, signature apple-shaped hole, and lessons. Ranked among the top ten courses in the Northwest.

### **Westwood Golf Course**

Public 9-hole, par 35 course with covered driving range, cart and club rentals. Open year round, weather permitting.

### **River Ridge Golf Course**

Public 9-hole, par 31 course in natural setting. Restaurant/club house, pro shop, four-acre setting and bridges, club and cart rentals.

## **PROFESSIONAL SPORTS**

### **Yakima Valley Pippins**

The Yakima Valley Pippins are a baseball team in the West Coast League. The West Coast League is a summer wood bat league for college-eligible student-athletes, based in the beautiful Pacific Northwest, dedicated to accelerating prospect development, increasing player exposure and bettering its member communities. The Pippins play 60 games throughout the Pacific Northwest. Their home games are played at Yakima County Stadium on the Central Washington State Fairgrounds. The season begins in early June and concludes in August. The family friendly environment provides affordable entertainment during the summer months.



## CHAPTER 4

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

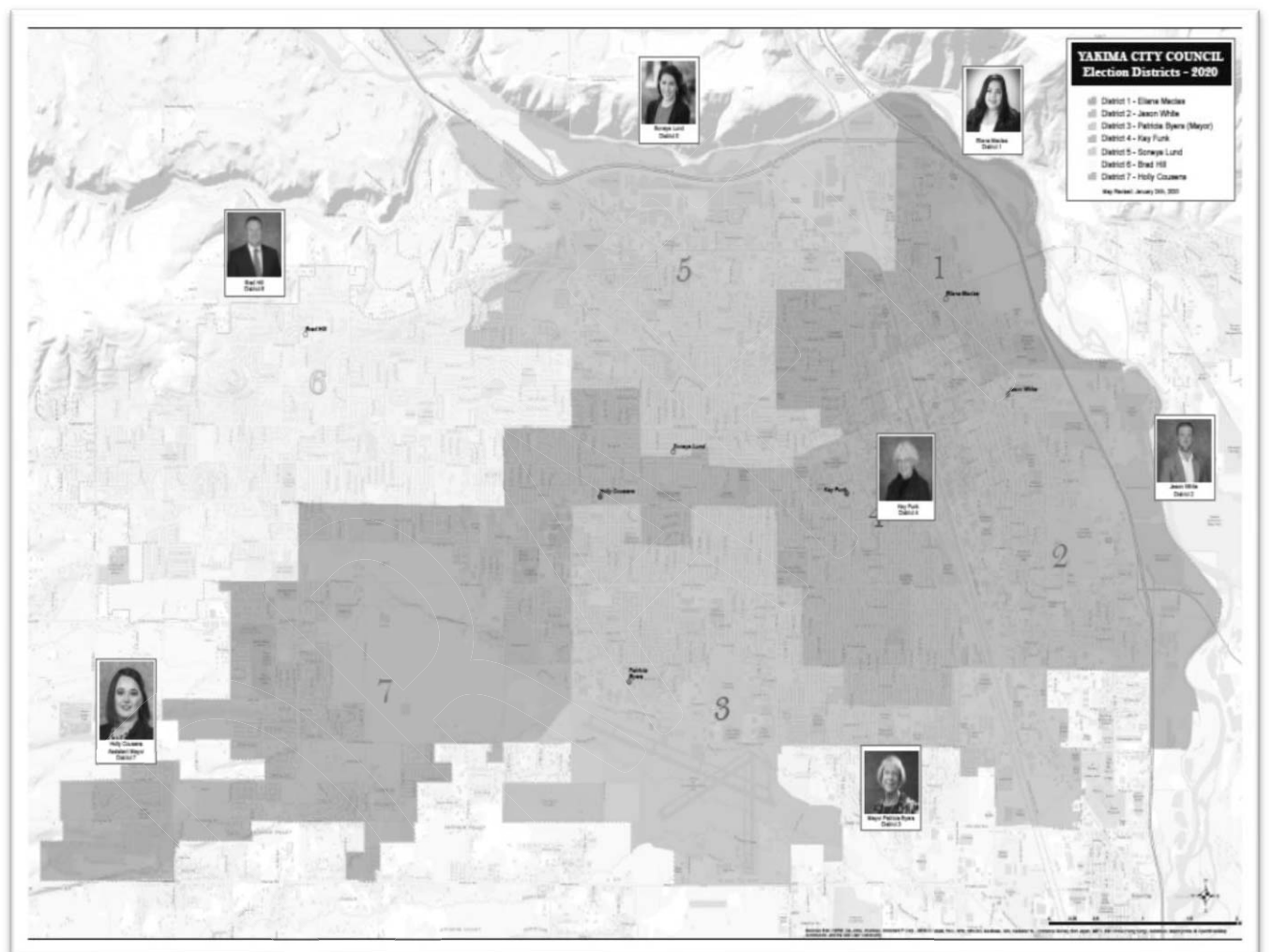
***“Make no little plans. They have no magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work, remembering that a noble, logical diagram once recorded will never die, but long after we are gone will be a living thing, asserting itself with ever-growing insistency.”***

Daniel Burnham

This chapter builds on the inventory provided in Chapter 3. In this chapter we identify improvements made since 2000 and the funding source for the improvements. Also identified is a brief description of each property, the annual maintenance cost, and revenue received from the use of the property. Listed are the planned capital improvements as identified by the community wide random survey mailed to 5,000 homes, the online survey, comments from citizens during the 7 community outreach events and general comments from citizens, staff and elected officials. A map of the city by districts is included, along with the park locations throughout the city. In addition to the identified improvements, various groups and organizations have requested that projects be considered as funding opportunities become available. The Yakima Bicycle Plan, created by the City of Yakima's Planning and Engineering Divisions, was created in 2017. The intention was for this plan to be contained within the Comprehensive and Transportation Plans, as required by the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA). The Yakima Bike and Pedestrian Committee along with a citizen comments, has requested that the plans to improve roadways and bikeways within city parks and through neighborhoods be considered. The Yakima Bicycle Plan was completed and a map of the planned bikeways is located in Appendix 3 - Maps. An organized group of mountain bike riders named STAY has asked that we look for opportunities to increase areas for mountain bike riding and a pump track. Other groups that have interests in ice hockey and ice skating have asked that the City of Yakima look for partnerships with organizations to provide additional places for ice skating within the community. As identified in Chapter 5 – Goals, Objectives and Policies, partnerships to provide more recreation opportunities is to be sought by the Yakima Parks and Recreation Division. Every effort will be made to utilize all available funding sources to replace old park facilities and add new

facilities. A combination of donations, grants and General funds have been and will continue to be used to enhance the park facilities to better serve the needs of the community.

### Yakima City Council Districts



## DISTRICT

1	Miller Park	1923	3.96 Acres
	McGuinness Park	1978	1.91 Acres
	Cherry Park	1926	0.5 Acres
	Milroy Park	1931	3.36 Acres
	5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Roundabout	2004	5,700 Sq. Ft.
	Naches Parkway	1913	0.41 Miles
	Walter Ortman Parkway	1976	0.87 Acres
	Powerhouse Canal Pathway	1996	0.33 Miles

### MILLER PARK – 3.96 Acres

Miller Park is located north of the downtown area at North 4th Street and East E Street. Miller Park provides a picnic shelter, play equipment, basketball courts, performance stage and a water spray feature. This park is one of the locations for our Viva La Musica Concert Series during the summer.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$40,000



*Mowing at Miller Park*

**Revenue:** Minimal

#### **Capital Improvements:**

2001 - \$25,000 Playground - Rotary  
 2005 - \$104,000 Pool Demo / Basketball Courts – City of Yakima  
 2006 - \$7,500 Water Fountain – City of

Yakima

2007 - \$87,000 Spray Park – City of Yakima  
 2012 - \$30,000 Picnic Shelter- SW Rotary  
 2014 - \$16,000 Performance Stage – City of Yakima  
 2016 - \$30,000 Removal of Old Pool Building – City of Yakima  
 2018 - \$5,000 Lighting Upgrade – City of Yakima  
 2018 - \$1,500 New Sign – City of Yakima  
 2020 - \$6,500 Remove and Replace One Asphalt Basketball Court – Donations, City of Yakima  
 2021 - \$9,000 Resurface Basketball Courts – Donations

**Total Capital Improvements: \$321,500**

#### **Planned Capital Improvements:**

- New Playground
- Convert One Court into Mini-Soccer
- Restroom
- New Asphalt Walkways
- New Fencing Around Basketball Court
- Lighting for Basketball Court
- Shelter for Performance Area
- Second Picnic Shelter
- New Basketball Rims and Backboards
- Renovate & Upgrade Spray Park

### McGUINNESS PARK – 1.91 Acres

McGuinness Park is located at North 14th and Swan Avenues in a densely populated

neighborhood. The park includes a picnic shelter, play equipment, basketball court, asphalt pathway and over 75 trees. The Powerhouse Canal Pathway continues through the park and connects to the Walter Ortman Parkway which then connects to the William O. Douglas trail at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$25,000

**Revenue:** Minimal

**Capital Improvements:**

2010 - \$50,000 Pathway – City of Yakima

2011 - \$5,000 Security Lights – City of Yakima

2018 - \$1,500 New Sign – City of Yakima

**Total Capital Improvements: \$56,500**

**Planned Capital Improvements:**

- New Playground
- Resurface Basketball Court
- Upgrade / Add Lighting

**CHERRY PARK – 0.5 Acres**

Cherry Park is located at North 4<sup>th</sup> and Cherry Avenues. The park contains play equipment. The park is surrounded by single and multi-family housing.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$12,000

**Revenue:** NA

**Capital Improvements:**

2007 - \$5,000 Sidewalk Repairs – City of Yakima

2017 - \$85,000 Playground – City of Yakima

2018 - \$1,500 New Sign – City of Yakima

2018 - \$1,000 New Fence – City of Yakima

**Total Capital Improvements: \$92,500**

**Planned Capital Improvements:**

- Basketball Court
- Upgrade / Add Lighting

**MILROY PARK – 3.63 Acres**

Milroy Park is located at North 16<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln Avenues, west of downtown in one of Yakima's most densely populated areas. The park is characterized by mature shade trees and provides a variety of amenities that include play equipment, volleyball courts, three horseshoe pits, a tether ball pole and restrooms.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$38,000

**Revenue:** Minimal

**Capital Improvements:**

2001 - \$38,000 Playground – City of Yakima

2011 - \$5,000 Park and Parking Lot Light Replacement – City of Yakima

2016 - \$125,000 Restroom – City of Yakima

**Total Capital Improvements: \$168,000**



*Playground at Milroy Park*

**Planned Capital Improvements:**

- New Sign
- Resurface Asphalt Parking Lot
- Picnic Shelter
- New Playground / Swings
- New Fence Around Perimeter
- Upgrade / Add Lights

**5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Roundabout – 5,700 Sq. Ft.**

The center of the roundabout features a water fountain, grass, trees and shrubs.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$3,000

**Revenue:** NA

**Capital Improvements:** NA

**Planned Capital Improvements:**

- Replace Broken Water Feature

**NACHES PARKWAY – 0.41 miles (Total 5.86 Acres- remaining property within Districts 2 & 4)**

Located on North and South Naches Avenue, the Naches Parkway is a 15.5 block long parkway of center planting islands. The oldest of the City's park properties, the parkway stretches from I Street to Race Street and crosses through the downtown at Yakima Avenue. The parkway is covered with grass for all of its length except for the Hatfield block between Yakima Avenue and A Street which has brick paving and picnic tables. Most notably, the parkway contains stands of mature shade trees including sycamore, silver maple, red maple, oak and crab apple trees. Many of the trees are almost 100 years old and the City has begun selective replacement with new red oaks and red maples. One of Yakima's few public statues, a depiction of Spanish-American War Col. John J. Weisenburger, is located on the first parkway island south of Yakima Avenue.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$57,000

**Revenue:** NA

**Capital Improvements:** NA

**Planned Capital Improvements:**

- Replace Broken Sidewalk Sections / Ramps
- Remove Potentially Dangerous Trees
- Xeriscape Sections

**WALTER ORTMAN PARKWAY – 0.70 Acres**

The Walter Ortman Parkway is located on Willow Street between North 10th and North 6th Avenues. The four block long median parkway includes grass, ornamental trees, and asphalt pathway. A grant award allowed the construction of an asphalt pathway that extends the Powerhouse Canal Pathway through McGuinness Park connecting to the William O. Douglas trail at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$11,000

**Revenue:** NA

**Capital Improvements:**

2012 – \$225,000 Asphalt Pathway -Yakima Valley Conf. of Governments grant  
2012 – \$25,000 Trees and irrigation – City of Yakima

**Total Capital Improvements:** \$250,000

**Planned Capital Improvements:** NA

**POWERHOUSE CANAL PATHWAY – 0.33 miles (Total 8.0 Acres – remaining property within District 5)**

The first two sections of the Powerhouse Canal Pathway were constructed in 1996 along the irrigation canal right-of-way. Funding secured in 1999 continued the pathway through Chesterley Park to River Road while transportation enhancement grant funding awarded to Parks and Recreation in 2000 allowed construction of three additional sections: McGuinness Park southwest to 16th Avenue, 16th to 20th Avenues, and Englewood to Lincoln Avenue. The property includes automatic irrigation, park benches and landscaping. The pathway extends 2.45 miles from 40th Avenue and River Road on the west through McGuinness Park to the east. The well-used pathway accommodates pedestrian and other non-motorized forms of transportation and offers safe off-street passage in portions of the City lacking in sidewalks.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$47,000

**Revenue:** NA

**Capital Improvements:** NA

**Planned Capital Improvements:**

- Repair Sections as Needed
- Permanent Benches along Pathway
- Landscape Pathway from 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. to 20<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Fitness Equipment

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## DISTRICT

2	Kiwanis Park	1952	35.8 Acres
	Martin Luther King Jr. Park	1933	3.48 Acres
	Southeast Community Park	1970	4.2 Acres
	Fair Avenue Island 1	2008	0.15 Acres
	Fair Avenue Island 2	2008	0.26 Acres
	Naches Parkway	1885	1.01 Miles
	South Second Street Park	1908	0.52 Acres
	Yakima Valley Arboretum	1920	60 Acres

### KIWANIS PARK – 34.3 Acres

Kiwanis Park is located at Fair Avenue and East Maple Street on the east side of the City. Its numerous amenities and visibility from I-82 make Kiwanis Park one of the highest-use parks in the city. The eastern portion of Kiwanis Park includes the Gateway Complex which includes 5 lighted ball fields with scoreboards, a concessions/restroom building, play equipment, picnic shelter and plenty of seating area for patrons including bleachers and grassy areas. The Gateway Complex attracts many users from both inside and outside the City in the form of leagues and tournaments. The western portion of Kiwanis Park is home to a skate park, 3 lighted ball fields with scoreboards, concession/restroom building, restroom, basketball courts, play equipment



*Gateway Sports Complex at Kiwanis Park*

and picnic shelter. This area also includes the Incinerator Building which was constructed in 1936. There is a 1.8 acre pond that separates Gateway and Kiwanis fields. As anticipated, the Kiwanis Park/Gateway Complex is not only one of the premier softball/baseball complexes in Washington State, but it is also a community park open to any and all to enjoy the skatepark, basketball court, picnic shelter and one of the largest playgrounds in Eastern Washington.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$340,000

**Revenue:** \$235,000

#### **Capital Improvements:**

2000 - \$120,000 Appraisals / Surveys\*  
 2001 - \$789,000 Land Acquisition\*  
 2002 - \$198,000 Land Acquisition\*  
 2002 - 2005 \$176,000 Sports Complex\*  
 2003 - 2005 - \$2,009,600 Sports Complex\*  
 2004 - 2005 - \$830,000 Additions\*  
 2004 - \$31,000 Land Acquisition\*  
 2005 - \$17,000 Additions\*  
 2005 - \$33,000 Playground\*  
 2006 - \$675,000 4<sup>th</sup> Ballfield\*  
 2006 - \$6,400 Gateway Fence\*  
 2006 - \$12,000 Kiwanis Fence\*  
 2007 - \$24,000 4<sup>th</sup> Ballfield\*  
 2007 - \$7,000 Upper Kiwanis\*  
 2008 - \$51,000 Upper Kiwanis\*  
 2008 - \$69,000 Land Acquisition - Fair Ave\*  
 2008 - \$27,000 Land Acquisition - Fair Ave\*  
 2008 - \$41,500 Land Acquisition - Fair Ave\*

2008 - \$69,000 Land Acquisition - Fair Ave\*  
 2008 - \$68,000 Land Acquisition - Fair Ave\*  
 2008-2009 - \$305,000 Skate Park – Apple Valley Kiwanis, City of Yakima  
 2009 - \$125,000 Restroom - City of Yakima  
 2010 - \$115,000 Maple Street Improvements – City of Yakima  
 2010 - \$200,000 Play Equipment – Downtown Rotary  
 2010 - \$30,000 Basketball Courts & Benches – Southwest Rotary  
 2010 - \$25,000 Picnic Shelter – Sunrise Rotary  
 2012 - \$150,000 Parking Lot – City of Yakima  
 2012 - \$365,000 Concession Stand/Restroom\*  
 2012-2013 - \$1,400,000 3 Lighted Ballfields \*  
 2014 - \$2,500 Restripe Parking Lot – City of Yakima  
 2015 - \$12,000 Portable Bleachers – City of Yakima  
 2015 - \$5,000 Bleacher Netting – Parker Youth and Sports Foundation, City of Yakima  
 2018-2019 - \$7,500 Parking Lot Lights Upgrade – City of Yakima  
 2020 - \$3,500 Parking Lot Entrance Gate – City of Yakima  
 2020 - \$5,600 Storage Garage Door Replaced – City of Yakima

**Total Capital Improvements: \$8,004,600**

*\*Collaboration of funds from Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis clubs, Yakima School District, RCO grant and City of Yakima.*



*WIAA State Softball Championships*

#### **Planned Capital Improvements:**

- Xeriscape Hillside & Maple St. Landscape Beds
- Reconfigure Field 5
- Upgrade / Add Lights on Field 5
- New Storage Building
- Improve Pond – Aerating Fountain
- Plant Trees around Field 4
- Spray Park
- Pitching Circles – Turf
- Replace / Upgrade Irrigation
- Replace East Playground
- Restore Incinerator
- Renovate Restroom

#### **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARK – 4.01 Acres**

Martin Luther King Jr. Park is located at South 9th and East Beech Streets next to Washington Middle School. The park is mostly passive with shade trees and green space for the school and neighborhood and also provides a new play equipment and picnic shelter, basketball courts, tennis courts and a water spray feature.



*Ground Breaking Ceremony - Rotary Improvements at MLK Jr. Park*

**Maintenance/Operation Expense: \$34,000**

**Revenue: Minimal**

#### **Capital Improvements:**

2006 - \$7,500 Water Fountain –City of Yakima  
 2007 - \$215,000 Spray Park – City of Yakima  
 2016 - \$1,500 Park sign – City of Yakima



2016 - \$40,000 Removal of Old Pool Building – City of Yakima  
 2020 - \$35,000 Picnic Shelter – SW Rotary  
 2020 - \$110,000 Playground – Downtown Rotary  
 2020 - \$25,000 Lighting Upgrade / Addition – Sunrise Rotary

**Total Capital Improvements: \$434,000**

**Planned Capital Improvements:**

- Replace or Renovate Spray Park
- Restroom
- New Community Swimming Pool
- Resurface Basketball Courts
- Performance Area

**SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY PARK – 3.63 Acres**

The Southeast Community Park is located at South 8th Street and East Arlington Avenue, next to the Henry Beauchamp Jr. Community Center. The park provides playground equipment and a volleyball court. The South side parking lot is home to the Yakima Rotary Food Bank.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$30,000

**Revenue:** NA

**Capital Improvements:**

2006 - \$53,000 Building Improvements – City of Yakima  
 2007 - \$225,000 Building Improvements – City of Yakima  
 2012 - \$6,600 Parking lot lights – City of Yakima  
 2014 - \$262,500 Rotary Food Bank – Downtown Rotary, Southwest Rotary, Rotary Trust and City of Yakima  
 2015 - \$15,000 Security lights & HVAC Repair– City of Yakima  
 2015 - \$115,000 Play Equipment – City of Yakima

**Total Capital Improvements: \$677,100**

**Planned Capital Improvements:**

- Sign
- Basketball Court
- Picnic Shelter / Performance Area
- Renovate Parking Lot Islands / New Curbs / Landscaping



*Playground at Southeast Community Park*

**FAIR AVENUE ISLANDS 1 & 2 - 0.30 Acres**

Open grass areas along Fair Avenue near Kiwanis Park. One of the islands is fenced.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$1,500

**Revenue:** NA

**Capital Improvements:** NA

**Planned Capital Improvements:** NA

**NACHES PARKWAY – 1.01 miles (Total 5.86 Acres- remaining property within Districts 1 & 4)**

Located on North and South Naches Avenue, the Naches Parkway is a 15.5 block long parkway of center planting islands. The oldest of the City's park properties, the parkway stretches from I Street to Race Street and crosses through the downtown at Yakima Avenue. The parkway is covered with lawn for all of its length except for the Hatfield block between Yakima Avenue and A Street, which has brick paving and picnic tables. Most

notably, the parkway contains stands of mature shade trees including sycamore, silver maple, red maple, oak and crab apple trees. Many of the trees are almost 100 years old and the City has begun selective replacement with new red oaks and red maples. One of Yakima's few public statues – a depiction of Spanish-American War Col. John J. Wiesenerberger, is located on the first parkway island south of Yakima Avenue.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$57,000

**Revenue:** NA

**Capital Improvements:** NA

**Planned Capital Improvements:**

- Replace Broken Sidewalk Sections / Ramps
- Remove Potentially Dangerous Trees
- Xeriscape Sections

#### **SOUTH SECOND STREET PARK – 0.52 Acres**

A small triangular park located at South 2nd and Race Streets, South 2nd Park is used primarily as a picnic site or place for neighbors to gather. The park has no facilities other than picnic tables, but provides much needed public green space in the largely commercial neighborhood.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$8,000

**Revenue:** NA

**Capital Improvements:** NA

**Planned Capital Improvements:** NA

#### **YAKIMA AREA ARBORETUM - 60 Acres**

The Arboretum is located at the intersection of Interstate 82 and Nob Hill Boulevard and contains eleven acres of natural riparian wetland and twenty-nine acres of exotic woody plants. The Arboretum has a Japanese

Garden, a Trees of Washington exhibit, bird sanctuary, butterfly garden, Jewett Pond, walking paths and a parking area. The Jewett Interpretive Center houses a gift shop, a meeting/banquet room and Yakima Valley's only horticultural library. The property is owned by the City of Yakima but managed by a non-profit organization. The Parks and Recreation Division helps support the Arboretum by providing weekly mowing at no cost.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$10,000

**Revenue:** NA

**Capital Improvements:** NA

**Planned Capital Improvements:** NA



*Yakima Area Arboretum & Botanical Gardens*

## DISTRICT

<b>3</b>	<b>Kissel Park</b>	<b>1956</b>	<b>17 Acres</b>
	<b>Fisher Park Golf Course</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>18.2 Acres</b>
	<b>Gardner Park</b>	<b>1955</b>	<b>9.2 Acres</b>

### KISSEL PARK – 17 Acres

Kissel Park is located in the south-central part of the City on Mead Avenue. Kissel Park includes twelve tennis courts, a restroom/storage building, picnic shelter, basketball courts, asphalt pathway and play equipment. The property was graded into a gently rolling landscape with a large flat area toward the street on its northern border. Kissel Park is surrounded primarily by single family residences. The park amenities make it a viable asset to the immediate neighborhood and the community as a whole.



*Day Camp at Kissel Park*

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$50,000

**Revenue:** \$ 3,500

#### **Capital Improvements:**

2000 - \$15,400 Addition – City of Yakima  
 2001 - \$187,800 Addition – City of Yakima  
 2002 - \$1,323,000 Addition – City of Yakima  
 2002 - \$36,000 Land Improvements – City of Yakima  
 2006 - \$11,000 Addition – City of Yakima  
 2007 - \$9,500 Addition – City of Yakima  
 2008 - \$58,000 Addition – City of Yakima

2020 - \$15,000 Resurfaced 3 Tennis Courts – City of Yakima

**Total Capital Improvements: \$1,655,700**

#### **Planned Capital Improvements:**

- Add Second Picnic Shelter
- Renovate / Expand Basketball Court
- Irrigation System Upgrade / Drain System
- Screened Area for Trash Bins
- Resurface Tennis Courts
- Add Shade Structures Between Tennis Courts
- Spray Park
- Add Picnic Tables Near Tennis Courts

### FISHER PARK GOLF COURSE – 18.2 Acres

Fisher Park Golf Course is a 9-hole, par-3 course located on 40th Avenue across from Eisenhower High School. Operated and maintained by the Parks and Recreation Division, the beautifully landscaped and maintained course is well used. The property contains a starter house, putting green, small maintenance building, and a practice driving net.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$185,000

**Revenue:** \$100,000

#### **Capital Improvements:**

2006 - \$16,000 Landscaping – City of Yakima  
 2015 - \$45,000 Parking Lot Renovation – City of Yakima  
 2015 - \$7,000 Purchased 2 Golf Carts for Rental – City of Yakima  
 2015 - \$5,000 Relocated Entrance off Parking Lot – City of Yakima  
 2016 - \$6,000 Reroof and Painted Exterior of Maintenance Building

**Total Capital Improvements: \$79,000**

**Planned Capital Improvements:**

- Install Tall Fence / Netting along 38<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Sign on Corner of Webster & 40<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Redo Concrete Pad for Maintenance Building
- Remodel / Reroof / Relocate Starter House

**GARDNER PARK – 9.13 Acres**

Located at Pierce Street and Cornell Avenue, Gardner Park has historically served as both a neighborhood park with picnic tables, restroom, volleyball court and trees and as a community park with its two ball fields. The park is located next to an elementary school and is used by the school for sports activities. In early 2006, the school district and the City implemented \$300,000 in improvements to the fields and restroom to provide home fields for the Yakima School District's girl's fast pitch program and with other community leagues. In the fall of 2021, the gravel parking area was paved. Irrigation lines were moved and storm drainage was installed. The efforts of the Streets Division, Water/Irrigation Division, Stormwater Division and Park Maintenance staff made the project possible. Utilizing City of Yakima skilled labor was a great cost savings.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$46,000

**Revenue:** Minimal

**Capital Improvements:**

2006 - \$300,000 Field improvements – Yakima School District  
2017 - \$210,000 New Restroom – City of Yakima  
2018 - \$85,000 Playground – City of Yakima  
2021 - \$60,000 Paved Gravel Parking Lot – City of Yakima

**Total Capital Improvements:** \$655,000

**Planned Capital Improvements:**

- Sign
- Fence East Side of Park
- Replace Outfield Fence
- Replace Swings

- Construct a picnic shelter



*Gardner Park Playground*

## DISTRICT

4	Lion Park Lions Indoor Pool	1927 1972	4.38 Acres
	Franklin Park Franklin Park Outdoor Pool	1945 1956	16.7 Acres
	Raymond Park	1954	2.17 Acres
	Larson Park	1937	4.4 Acres
	Tieton Terrace Park	1939	0.40 Acres
	Naches Parkway	1913	0.47 Miles
	Roselma Garden Club Park	1975	0.45 Acres
	Portia Park	1924	0.52 Acres
	South 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Parkway	1969	0.17 Acres

### LIONS PARK & INDOOR POOL – 4.38 Acres

Lions Park and Indoor Pool is located west of the downtown on South 5th Avenue and Pine and is the site of the City's only operated indoor swimming pool. The 25 yard pool is used year-round for a variety of aquatic programs; including school district swim activities, and senior use. The park provides playground equipment and tennis courts. The Yakima School District renovated the parking lot and tennis courts during the renovation of Davis High School.

**Maintenance /Operation Expense:** \$458,000

**Revenue:** \$166,000

#### Capital Improvements:

2002 - 2003 \$6,000 Improvements – City of Yakima  
 2003 - \$5,000 Aquatic Lift – City of Yakima  
 2007 - \$233,000 Update – City of Yakima  
 2014 - \$6,000 Lockers – City of Yakima  
 2014 - \$75,000 Pool Electrical Upgrade – City of Yakima  
 2015 - \$20,000 Pool Facility Audit – City of Yakima  
 2015 - \$285,000 Tennis Court & Parking Lot Renovation – Yakima School District  
 2016 - \$16,000 Climbing Wall (pool) – City of Yakima  
 2016 - \$47,000 Engineering Design for New

Filtration System – City of Yakima  
 2018 - \$35,000 Master Plan – City of Yakima  
 2019 - \$85,000 Playground – Lions Club, City of Yakima

**Total Capital Improvements:** \$813,000

#### Planned Capital Improvements:

- New Sign
- New Filtration System for Pool
- New Dehumidifier for Pool
- Replace Bulkhead for Pool
- Picnic Shelter
- New Windows and Doors for Pool Building
- Remodel Pool Building Restroom / Locker Rooms
- Remodel Front Entrance Reception Area
- Irrigation Improvements / Upgrade
- Outdoor Lighting Addition
- Enclose Patio Area with Fence

### FRANKLIN PARK & OUTDOOR POOL – 17.66 Acres

Franklin Park is located at South 21st Avenue and Tieton Drive in the central part of the City. The park is adjacent to Franklin Middle School to the east and the Yakima Valley Museum to the South. Park amenities include restrooms, tennis courts, 2 small picnic shelters, a pavilion,

8 pickleball courts and an outdoor swimming pool with water slide and a shallow water training pool. The pool at Franklin Park is the City's only outdoor swimming pool. In 2009, the fence around the pool was extended to the south to incorporate additional area. In 2011, the fence in the northern area of the pool was extended to provide additional grassy area for pool patrons. As a result of this expansion, an aged playground facility, that was prone to graffiti and vandalism due to its location, was removed.



*Concert at Franklin Park*

In 2011, Sunrise Rotary of Yakima approached the City Parks and Recreation staff with a proposal to remove the old picnic shelter and replace it with a new state-of-the-art shelter.



*Franklin Park Playground*

The size of the old shelter (21X21 feet) made usefulness difficult. The new picnic shelter (30X40 feet) is much more versatile. Without the help of Sunrise Rotary, such a project would have been very difficult to undertake. Parking is provided at the south end of the site, but at times is inadequate depending on activities at the park and museum.

***Maintenance/Operation Expense:*** \$423,000

***Revenue:*** \$114,000

***Capital Improvements:***

- 2002 - \$7,000 Heat Saver Pool Blanket – City of Yakima
- 2008 - 2010 - \$40,000 Pool Renovation – City of Yakima
- 2013 - \$150,000 Pavilion – Sunrise Rotary
- 2013 - \$30,000 Picnic Shelters – Southwest Rotary
- 2013 - \$72,000 Play Equipment – Downtown Rotary
- 2013 - \$225,000 Parking Lot – City of Yakima
- 2015 - \$1,000 Refinished Sign – City of Yakima
- 2019 - \$20,000 Converted 3 Tennis Courts to 8 Pickleball Courts - Donation, City of Yakima
- 2021 - \$10,000 Resurface 3 Tennis Courts – City of Yakima, Donation

***Total Capital Improvements:*** \$555,000

***Planned Capital Improvements:***

- New Waterslide for Pool
- Replace Fencing
- Replace / Renovate Bath House
- New Concession Building
- Repair / Remove / Renovate Pathway through Park
- Landscape along Stanley Blvd.
- Retaining Wall
- Pavilion Shades

### **RAYMOND PARK – 2.35 Acres**

Raymond Park is located at South 1st and Arlington Avenues with residential neighborhoods to the west and an industrial area to the east. The park is mostly a passive park with picnic tables, trees and open space. An aged playground was removed. It is anticipated that a new playground will be constructed when funds allow.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$14,000

**Revenue:** NA

**Capital Improvements:** NA

#### **Planned Capital Improvements:**

- New Sign
- Playground
- Picnic Shelter

### **LARSON PARK – 4.4 Acres**

Larson Park is located adjacent to Yakima Valley Community College. The primary users are from the immediate neighborhood and the college. Amenities include a picnic shelter, swings, restroom/storage building and asphalt pathway.



*Larson Park Sign*

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$32,000

**Revenue:** \$900

#### **Capital Improvements:**

2003 - \$129,000 Restroom – City of Yakima  
2016 - \$12,000 Resurfaced Walkway –  
Donation, City of Yakima

**Total Capital Improvements:** \$141,000

#### **Planned Capital Improvements:**

- New Sign
- Playground / Remove Swings
- New Picnic Shelter
- Add / Upgrade Lighting

### **TIETON TERRACE PARK – 0.42 Acres**

Tieton Terrace Park is a small pocket park located at the intersection of South 26th Avenue and West Walnut Street. Amenities are limited to picnic tables, a park bench and a swing set.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$8,000

**Revenue:** NA

**Capital Improvements:** NA

#### **Planned Capital Improvements:**

- Sign
- Small Playground
- Small Picnic Shelter
- Replace Fence

### **NACHES PARKWAY – 0.47 miles (Total 5.86 Acres- remaining property within Districts 1 & 2)**

Located on North and South Naches Avenue, the Naches Parkway is a 15.5 block long parkway of center planting islands. The oldest of the City's park properties, the parkway stretches from I Street to Race Street and crosses through the downtown at Yakima Avenue. The parkway is covered with lawn for all of its length except for the Hatfield block between Yakima Avenue and All Street which has brick paving and picnic tables. Most notably, the parkway contains stands of mature

shade trees including sycamore, silver maple, red maple, oak and crab apple trees. Many of the trees are almost 100 years old and the City has begun selective replacement with new red oaks and red maples. One of Yakima's few public statues – a depiction of Spanish-American War Col. John J. Weisenburger – is located on the first parkway island south of Yakima Avenue.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$57,000

**Revenue:** NA

**Capital Improvements:**

**Planned Capital Improvements:**

- Replace Broken Sidewalk Sections / Ramps
- Remove Potentially Dangerous Trees
- Xeriscape Sections of Parkway

**Rosalma Garden Club Park – 0.31 Acres**

The Rosalma Garden Club Park is located at the southeast corner of the Tieton Drive and South 16th Avenue intersection. This small triangular shaped park provides green space, mature plantings and stone benches.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$5,700

**Revenue:** NA

**Capital Improvements:**

2016- \$20,000 Park Renovation - Donation

**Planned Capital Improvements:**

- Sign

**PORTIA PARK – 0.52 Acres**

Portia Park is a small triangular pocket park west of downtown at Yakima and 12th Avenues. Because of its location, Portia Park provides visual interest and green space to the neighborhood. The park contains mature shade trees and a few picnic tables.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$3,600

**Revenue:** NA

**Capital Improvements:** NA

**Planned Capital Improvements:**

- Small Picnic Shelter

**South 6th Avenue Parkway – 0.17 Acres**

A block-long median parkway with trees, South 6th Avenue Parkway separates 6th Avenue's northbound and southbound traffic in between Tieton Drive and Division Street.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$2,800

**Revenue:** NA

**Capital Improvements:** NA

**Planned Capital Improvements:**

- Replace Broken Sidewalk Sections



## DISTRICT

<b>5</b>	<b>Public Works Complex – Parks &amp; Recreation Offices and Maintenance Shop</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>16.72 Acres</b>
	<b>Chesterley Park</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>31.7 Acres</b>
	<b>Elk Memorial Park</b>	<b>1959</b>	<b>11.8 Acres</b>
	<b>Summitview Park</b>	<b>1931</b>	<b>0.76 Acres</b>
	<b>Powerhouse Canal Pathway</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1.54 Miles</b>
	<b>River Road Pump Station</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>0.48 Acres</b>

### CHESTERLEY PARK – 31.2 Acres

The original portion of Chesterley Park with four soccer fields, restroom/storage building, play equipment and picnic shelter opened in 1990. By 2004, two more soccer fields, a 10,000 square-foot skate park, and parking for 120 vehicles were added. The park is located in the northwest part of the City on North 40th Avenue, with easy access to Highway 12. It is in generally good condition, although high amounts of volcanic ash in the soil create maintenance problems and the irrigation system is in frequent need of repair. In 2018, 2 soccer fields were removed from service and the YMCA constructed a fitness facility including an indoor swimming pool. In 2020, a completed replacement of the irrigation system on field 3 was completed by Park Maintenance Staff. Upgrades were made to the irrigation pump and filtration system.



*Chesterley Park Skatepark*

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$77,000

**Revenue:** \$ 1,300

#### **Capital Improvements:**

2000 - \$38,600 Addition – City of Yakima  
 2001 - \$132,000 Skate Park – City of Yakima, RCO grant  
 2001 - \$345,000 Addition- City of Yakima  
 2002 - \$174,000 Addition – City of Yakima, RCO grant  
 2003 - \$12,000 Improvements – City of Yakima, RCO grant  
 2003 - \$105,000 Parking Lot – City of Yakima, RCO grant  
 2006-2009 - \$7,500 Addition – City of Yakima  
 2017 - \$125,000 Playground – SW Rotary, City of Yakima  
 2019-2020 - \$50,000 Irrigation Improvements / Upgrade – City of Yakima

**Total Capital Improvements:** \$989,100

#### **Planned Capital Improvements:**

- New Signs
- Expand Skate Park
- Repair / Replace / Add Connecting Walkways
- Install Soccer Goal Boxes – Turf
- Irrigation Improvements
- Renovate Turf Along 40<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Artificial Turf Fields
- Add / Upgrade Lighting
- Additional Picnic Shelter
- Additional Small Picnic Shelter
- Renovate or Design and Replace Restroom
- Remove Concrete Bleacher Pads

- Landscape / Renovate Perimeter Islands
- Building / Covered Structure for Indoor Soccer

### **ELKS MEMORIAL PARK – 12.66 Acres**

Elks Memorial Park is located in the north/central part of the City on Hathaway and North 8th Avenues, and serves as the home fields of the Yakima National Little League. The City of Yakima has a use agreement with Yakima National Little League for the use and maintenance of the Elks Memorial Park ball fields. Amenities include six youth ball fields with dugouts and backstops, a concession stand building, a tether ball pole, play equipment, a picnic shelter and restroom facilities. The park also includes 4 horse shoe pits. Due to the high volume of visitors to the park during the little league season, parking is often problematic. There is some paved parking along North 8th Avenue on the east end of the park; however, the majority of the parking was gravel, but in 2020, the Streets Division paved the parking area along Hathaway Street.



*Elks Park*

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$46,000

**Revenue:** Minimal

**Capital Improvements:**

2001 - \$100,000 Irrigation – City of Yakima  
 2008 - \$120,000 Restroom – City of Yakima  
 2019 - \$3,000 Removed Horseshoe Pits – City of Yakima

2019 - \$40,000 Paved Gravel Parking Lot – City of Yakima  
 2020 - \$4,000 Removed Old Restroom Building – City of Yakima  
 2020 - \$10,000 Added Fencing – City of Yakima, Donations

**Total Capital Improvements:** \$277,000

**Planned Capital Improvements:**

- New Picnic Shelter
- Upgrade Fence Sections as Needed
- Replace Outfield Fence on Green Field
- New Sign
- Renovate Concession/ Storage Building
- New Playground
- Reconfigure Purple Field
- Irrigation Upgrade / Replace Pump/VFD

### **SUMMITVIEW PARK – 0.76 Acres**

Summitview Park is a small rectangular pocket park located at the intersection of Summitview and 11th Avenues. Due to the generosity of a descendant of the park's original owners, Summitview Park is well equipped with picnic tables. The park provides mature shade trees and green space.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$8,400

**Revenue:** NA

**Capital Improvements:** NA

**Planned Capital Improvements:** NA

### **POWERHOUSE CANAL PATHWAY – 1.54 miles (Total 8.0 Acres – remaining property within District 1)**

The first two sections of the Powerhouse Canal Pathway were constructed in 1996 along the irrigation canal right-of-way. Funding secured in 1999 continued the pathway through Chesterley Park to River Road while transportation enhancement grant funding awarded to Parks and Recreation in 2000 allowed construction of three additional sections: McGuinness Park southwest to 16th Avenue, 16th to 20th Avenues, and Englewood to Lincoln Avenue. The property includes automatic irrigation, park benches

and landscaping. The pathway extends 2.45 miles from 40th Avenue and River Road on the west to McGuinness Park on the east. The well-used pathway accommodates pedestrian and other non-motorized forms of transportation and offers safe off-street passage in portions of the City lacking in sidewalks.

***Maintenance/Operation Expense:*** \$47,000

***Revenue:*** NA

***Capital Improvements:*** NA

***Planned Capital Improvements:***

- Repair Sections as Needed
- Permanent Benches along Pathway
- Landscape Pathway from 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. to 20<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Fitness Equipment

**RIVER ROAD PUMP STATION – 0.34 Acres**

Grass area around Water Division Pump Station. Mowing, irrigation and weed control only.

***Maintenance/Operation Expense:*** \$4,000

***Revenue:*** NA

***Capital Improvements:*** NA

***Planned Capital Improvements:*** NA

## DISTRICT

<b>6</b>	<b>Gaillion Park Harman Center</b>	<b>1974 2004</b>	<b>3.70 Acres 16,000 Sq. Ft.</b>
	<b>Gilbert Park</b>	<b>1954</b>	<b>10.9 Acres</b>
	<b>North 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue Walkway</b>		<b>0.63 Acres</b>

### **HARMAN CENTER & GAILLEON PARK – 4.5 Acres / 16,000 Square Foot Building**

The Harman Center, located at 65th and Summitview, was constructed by a private foundation and donated to the City and opened in 2004. The center is dominated by a 1,200 square-foot lounge with a wide stone fireplace that reaches to the top of the 18-foot ceiling.



*Concert on the Patio - Covid*

The lounge accommodates areas for visiting, reading, television viewing and coffee. In addition, the center has classrooms for arts and crafts and other activities, a fitness room, computer lab, billiards room, and offices for staff. There is a multi-purpose room with attached commercial kitchen that is available for rentals. The center has been heavily used by seniors for a wide range of self-improvement, leisure and social activities. An electronic changing message sign was added in 2007. Seniors Inc. plays a large part in helping with the operation of the Harman Center. The center is located on 4.5 acres of park land. There is a patio with pergola and

landscaped surroundings as well as green space.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$443,000

**Revenue:** \$232,000

#### **Capital Improvements:**

- 2002-2006 - \$131,000 Improvements – City of Yakima
- 2003-2006 - \$67,000 Improvements – City of Yakima
- 2004-2006 - \$24,000 Additions – City of Yakima
- 2004 - \$3,500,000 Building – Donation from Harman Foundation
- 2008 - \$40,000 Parking Lot – City of Yakima
- 2012 - \$7,300 Fireplace Upgrade – City of Yakima
- 2013 - \$20,000 Installed New Security System – Donation, City of Yakima
- 2018 - \$35,000 Renovated Front Entrance – Seniors Inc., City of Yakima
- 2019 - \$5,000 Parking Lot Light Upgrade – City of Yakima
- 2019 - \$20,000 Replaced Commercial Dishwasher – Seniors Inc., People For People, City of Yakima

**Total Capital Improvements: \$3,849,300**

#### **Planned Capital Improvements:**

- Paint Interior and Exterior of Harman Center
- Upgrade Irrigation / Filtration System
- Replace HVAC Boiler Valves

### **GILBERT PARK – 11.62 Acres**

Gilbert Park is located on Lincoln Avenue at North 49th Avenue. Park amenities include expanses of grassy area, mature trees, picnic tables, and a labyrinth. Gilbert Park is popular with immediate neighborhood residents and city-wide users. The limited park amenities are a result of use restrictions placed on the park by its creators. Gilbert Park's use was intended, and always will be, for passive recreation uses. In 2015, the Allied Arts and Warehouse Theater building was removed due to safety issues.

***Maintenance/Operation Expense:*** \$55,000

***Revenue:*** NA

#### ***Capital Improvements:***

- 2013 - \$5,000 Parking Lot light replacement – City of Yakima
- 2015 - \$103,000 Removal of the Allied Arts and Warehouse Theater building- City of Yakima
- 2015 - \$30,000 Repaved Parking Lot – City of Yakima
- 2015 - \$2,500 Restriped Parking Lot – City of Yakima
- 2016 - \$1,000 Refinished Sign – City of Yakima

***Total Capital Improvements:*** \$141,500

#### ***Planned Capital Improvements:***

- Perimeter Walkway



*Gilbert Park Public Art*

### **NORTH 44<sup>th</sup> AVENUE PARKWAY – 0.69 Acres**

North 44th Avenue Park is an open space area providing neighborhood access via a pathway from Uplands Way to Lincoln Avenue. The green space provides an asphalt pathway.

***Maintenance/Operation Expense:*** \$9,700

***Revenue:*** NA

#### ***Capital Improvements:***

- 2015 - \$5,000 Repave asphalt walkway – City of Yakima
- 2015 - \$1,000 Replanted Trees along Pathway

***Total Capital Improvements:*** \$6,000

***Planned Capital Improvements:*** NA

## DISTRICT

7	West Valley Community Park	1998	26.2 Acres
	Randall Park	1967	37 Acres
	Fairbrook Islands 1, 2, 3, & 4	1966	2.03 Acres

### WEST VALLEY COMMUNITY PARK – 26.2 Acres

West Valley Community Park is located adjacent to West Valley Middle and Junior High Schools, with access off of South 80th Avenue. There is also eastside park access from S. 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The park property was transferred from Yakima County to the City in 2008. Amenities at the park include play equipment, a soccer field, nature trails, paved pathways, green space, a sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits, a multi-use court and 3 picnic shelters. Wide Hollow Creek runs along the north edge of the park.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$70,000

**Revenue:** \$5,300

#### Capital Improvements:

2008 - \$184,000 Land – City of Yakima  
 2008 - \$130,000 Land – City of Yakima  
 2008 - \$250,000 Improvements – City of Yakima  
 2014 - \$10,000 Irrigation Upgrade – City of Yakima  
 2015 - \$85,000 Resurfaced East Parking Lot – West Valley School District



West Valley Community Park

**Total Capital Improvements:** \$659,000

#### Planned Capital Improvements:

- New Signs
- Walking Bridge
- Repair / Replace / Add Asphalt Walkways
- Parking Lot Lights
- New / Additional Playgrounds
- Spray Park
- Creek Riparian Improvements
- Additional Shelter
- New Restroom
- Upgrade Irrigation System
- Resurface West Parking Lot

### RANDALL PARK – 40.24 Acres

Randall Park is located at South 48th and West Viola Avenues in the southwestern area of the City. The majority of the Park lies to the north of Wide Hollow Creek, there are 5 acres of land to the south that is home to a 1.6 acre fenced dog park. Randall Park is primarily a passive park which includes many acres of green



Randall Park Rotary Playground

space, asphalt pathway, and a nature area on the north part of the park. The nature area includes a duck pond and nature trails. Two bridges that linked the walking trails with the rest of the park were demolished in the fall of 2010 due to safety concerns. The park also includes a gazebo, 2 playgrounds, basketball courts, 2 picnic shelters, and a 9 hole disc golf course. Randall Park is a popular destination for the immediate neighborhood and resident nature-lovers alike. Anonymous donations in the amount of \$150,000 were given to the City to help renovate the 40-year-old park. In 2014 Parks and Recreation staff applied for a \$500,000 matching funds grant from RCO. In October 2015 the grant was awarded and work began on the Randall Park Improvement Project. The improvements were completed in 2019.

**Maintenance/Operation Expense:** \$80,000

**Revenue:** \$ 3,300

**Capital Improvements:**

2004 - \$6,400 Gazebo  
 2012 - \$6,000 Disc Golf Course  
 2014 - \$22,000 Dog Park – City of Yakima & private donations  
 2015 - \$115,000 Play equipment – Yakima Downtown Rotary  
 2015 - \$73,000 Pond observation deck – Southwest Rotary  
 2015 - \$10,000 Demolition of old Storage and Restroom Buildings –City of Yakima  
 2015 - \$5,000 Planting trees and shrubs – Triumph Actuation Systems  
 2016 - \$185,000 Restroom – City of Yakima, donations, RCO grant  
 2016 - \$45,000 Replaced Basketball Court – SW Rotary  
 2016 - \$48,000 Constructed 2 New Picnic Shelters – Sunrise Rotary  
 2017 - \$258,000 Pond Improvements – City of Yakima  
 2017 – 2019 - \$5,000 Dog Agility Equipment – Donations

2018 - \$100,000 Bridge to Nature Area – Lions Club, City of Yakima, Donations, RCO Grant  
 2018 - \$150,000 Resurfaced Walkways – City of Yakima, Donations, RCO Grant  
 2018 - \$450,000 Renovated Parking Lots / Additional Parking Stalls – City of Yakima, Donations, RCO Grant  
 2019 - \$5,000 Replaced Entrance Signs & Planters – City of Yakima, Donations, RCO Grant  
 2020 - \$40,000 Shelter at Dog Park – Donations, City of Yakima

**Total Capital Improvements: \$1,523,400**

**Planned Capital Improvements:**

- Pave Randall South - Dog Park Parking Lot & Driveway
- Re-establish Walkway by North Creek / Nature Area
- Additional Bridge to Nature Area
- Add Restroom on West Side
- Remove / Replace Soil in Dog Park
- Additional Dog Agility Equipment
- Sign for Dog Park
- Add Walkway Along 48<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- New Small Kids Playground
- Wide Hollow Creek Restoration
- Proposed Pump Track



*Turtles at Randall Park Pond*

**FAIRBROOK ISLANDS – 2.03 Acres**

Located within the Fairbrook Addition, these four areas of open space are maintained by the City. The open spaces are grass with some trees and shrubs.

***Maintenance/Operation Expense: \$14,200***

***Revenue: NA***

***Capital Improvements:***

***Planned Capital Improvements:***

- Xeriscape One of the Islands



## CHAPTER 5 GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

***“Our goals can only be reached  
through a vehicle of a plan, in  
which we must fervently believe,  
and upon which we must  
vigorously act. There is no other  
route to success.”***

Pablo Picasso

Our **MISSION** is to provide beautiful places with quality recreation opportunities that enrich the well-being of our community.

The Goals, Objectives and Strategies set forth in this Chapter are carried forward from the preceding plan with review, comment, additions and deletions recommended by staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission. These goals and objectives allow us to measure progress in the development and implementation of the plan and to make alterations as needed to meet the community's dynamic, ever-changing nature. Through an exchange of visions and ideals, the desires of the entire community are brought into focus, and an action plan can be drafted to turn Goals, Objectives, and Strategies into solid accomplishments.

Goals must be realistically achievable to be effective. Typically, they are long-range and remain largely unchanged throughout the life of the comprehensive plan. They may, however, evolve and change over time in response to altered circumstances. The Objectives comprise measurable tasks to be completed as part of each overall Goal and represent points at which operations are directed. Strategies identify ways that each Objective could be accomplished. Strategies provide the details and guidance system for Administrators to ensure consistent action throughout the department and the community.

### ADMINISTRATION

**1.0.0 Goal:** Offer professional administrative services to the people of Yakima and the Parks and Recreation service units.

**1.1.0 Objective:** All Park and Recreation staff will be required to attend planned pertinent trainings provided by the City of Yakima and other organizations to increase their ability to meet the recreation needs of the community.

**1.1.1 Strategy:** Establish and implement standards for on-going training for program safety and job performance.

**1.1.2 Strategy:** Stay abreast of developments, changes, and advancements in park maintenance and operations.

**1.1.3 Strategy:** Anticipate and prepare for future staffing needs that may arise due to retirements, budget, or other changes.

**1.2.0 Objective:** Goals will be established each year by Parks and Recreation Supervisors and the established goals will be reviewed annually by staff members.

**1.2.1 Strategy:** Annually draft service unit goals, objectives, and policies for recreation and maintenance operations and review them for compatibility with departmental and city priorities.

**1.2.2 Strategy:** Annually review and evaluate progress in meeting service unit goals.

**1.2.3 Strategy:** Review goals, objectives, policies, and performance annually with Park and Recreation Commission.

**1.3.0 Objective:** Create program guides three times per year and mail the program guides to all households in Yakima, create and distribute program specific brochures, write and distribute press releases to the media alerting them to special events, programs and park improvement projects and send email reminders and alerts of upcoming programs and events to the established email list throughout the year to develop an effective community and public relations program.

**1.3.1 Strategy:** Implement a program to educate the community about the benefits of parks and leisure service.

**1.3.2 Strategy:** Incorporate a public relations element into plans of action for park development, facilities, services and programs.

**1.3.3 Strategy:** Strive to work with and coordinate services with other agencies and program providers whenever possible.

**1.3.4 Strategy:** Address community members concerns in a timely manner.

**1.3.5 Strategy:** Promote Parks and Recreation Division accomplishments.

**1.4.0 Objective:** Utilize, social media, press releases, emails and public access television to increase marketing efforts and practices to solidify and enhance agency identity.

**1.4.1 Strategy:** Create recognizable agency brand/identity.

**1.4.2 Strategy:** Establish promotional practices that are consistent and supportive of the agency mission.

**1.4.3 Strategy:** Utilize new technology via the internet and social media to reach a broader number of park users.

**1.5.0 Objective:** Grants, donations and sponsorships will be sought from all avenues regularly and often to create additional sources of funding and support for park and program development and delivery.

**1.5.1 Strategy:** Examine feasibility of a Metropolitan Park District.

**1.5.2 Strategy:** Explore establishment of a Parks Foundation.

**1.5.3 Strategy:** Continue to identify and apply for appropriate private and public grants.

**1.5.4 Strategy:** Explore and develop underwriting partnerships with the private sector and service organizations.

**1.5.5 Strategy:** Develop an advertising program for implementation in park facilities.

**1.5.6 Strategy:** Develop practices that seek sponsorships, donations, and financial support for Parks and Recreation.

**1.5.7 Strategy:** Continue to develop operational efficiencies to reduce dependence on tax support for services.

**1.6.0 Objective:** Utilize volunteers for a wide variety of tasks and service as volunteers become available or are solicited for service to increase park maintenance and recreation program service delivery.

**1.6.1 Strategy:** Develop, coordinate, and direct a comprehensive volunteer program.

**1.6.2 Strategy:** Recruit and retain volunteers wherever possible for assistance in park and recreation operations and programs.

**1.6.3 Strategy:** Provide opportunities to support parks and recreation services through volunteerism.

## **RECREATION SERVICES**

**2.0.0 Goal:** Provide active recreation programs that meet the leisure interests and needs of the community and offer a wide variety of other recreation opportunities to all the people of Yakima.

**2.1.0 Objective:** Utilize the 2022 – 2027 Comprehensive Plan Community Survey for program suggestions and ideas to implement to better meet the recreation interests of the community and to enhance the program opportunities and program quality.

**2.1.1 Strategy:** Work cooperatively with local agencies, organizations, and special interest groups to support and enhance city recreation programs and services.

**2.1.2 Strategy:** Encourage recreation staff to keep abreast of current and future recreation trends by attending professional conferences and workshops as budget allows.

**2.1.3 Strategy:** Continually identify community interests and needs relating to recreation programs and services.

**2.1.4 Strategy:** Evaluate the effectiveness of programs and activities through the use of questionnaires, surveys, and participation evaluation forms.

**2.2.0 Objective:** Collaborate with Special Olympics and other agencies serving special populations to provide more recreation opportunities community members with special needs.

**2.2.1 Strategy:** Establish new programs to meet the changing and expanding needs of older citizens and those with special needs.

**2.2.2 Strategy:** Work with the Harman Center, Henry Beauchamp Jr. Community Center, and the Washington Fruit Community Center to establish recreational programs and services at those sites.

**2.2.3 Strategy:** Offer programs directly or by working cooperatively with the Yakima School District and other local agencies to provide a variety of activities for youth and teens with special emphasis on programs during after school hours and summer months.

**2.3.0 Objective:** Communicate with cultural diversity leaders within the community to establish recreation programs to meet the needs and interests of the city's culturally diverse population.

**2.3.1 Strategy:** Establish, coordinate and direct recreation programs for the city's culturally diverse population.

**2.3.2 Strategy:** Establish and offer adult and youth special interest classes that are taught by bilingual individuals.

**2.3.3 Strategy:** Establish bilingual promotional materials to encourage participation of Spanish speaking individuals in Parks and Recreation programs.

**2.4.0 Objective:** Establish a realistic, achievable annual level of self-support for each of the recreation service units.

**2.4.1 Strategy:** Make adult recreation programs 100% self-supporting whenever possible, but especially in the areas of sports and special interest classes.

**2.4.2 Strategy:** Set a goal of 80% self-support for combined programs and services for senior citizens.

**2.4.3 Strategy:** Set a goal of 50% self-support for the City's combined aquatic programs.

**2.4.4 Strategy:** Provide users friendly access to park facilities and, when feasible, support those offering special events.

**2.4.5 Strategy:** Encourage staff to become familiar with community programs and services in order to provide referrals and options to community members.

**2.5.0 Objective:** Solicit sponsorships and donations to supplement the cost of recreation program delivery.

**2.5.1 Strategy:** Establish collaborations and sponsorships with community service organizations and businesses to maximize the effectiveness of existing resources, to increase

the affordability of programs and services and to bring Parks and Recreation services within the financial reach of all members of the community.

**2.5.2 Strategy:** Develop opportunities for volunteer support of Parks and Recreation services and programs.

**2.5.3 Strategy:** Develop sponsorship programs such as ballfield signs and tee sponsors to provide program and facility enhancements.

**2.5.4 Strategy:** Develop scholarship programs for youth and low income families.

**2.5.5 Strategy:** Provide advertising space within the Seasonal Program Guides.

**2.6.0 Objective:** Facilitate and support recreational services offered throughout the community by not for profit groups, service agencies, and/or faith-based organizations.

**2.6.1 Strategy:** Share professional and, when available, financial resources to enhance recreational services to the people of Yakima.

**2.6.2 Strategy:** Promote community access to recreational services by acting as a clearing house and promoting those services.

**2.6.3 Strategy:** Create service delivery collaborations and partnerships with community groups and agencies.

**2.7.0 Objective:** Support and Collaborate with the Yakima Visitors and Conventions Bureau, the Yakima Valley Sports Commission and the Yakima Chamber of Commerce to support their efforts to promote tourism activities related to Parks and Recreation.

**2.7.1 Strategy:** Work with the Yakima Valley Sports Commission to offer sporting tournaments and events at city park facilities.

**2.7.2 Strategy:** Provide professional management, services and, when available, financial resources to support tourism activity. This may also include promotion, marketing, registrations and concessions.

**2.7.3 Strategy:** Explore options for networking to provide community events.

## **PARK OPERATIONS**

**3.0.0 Goal:** Maintain existing parks and recreation facilities at a level that meets the public's desire for safe, clean, and enjoyable parks.

**3.0.1 Goal:** Develop existing city parks and open space areas to meet the current and future demands and needs of both individual city neighborhoods and the community at large.

**3.0.2 Goal:** Establish and implement a long-range plan for the development of parks, open space, green belts and pathways within the City of Yakima and the greater urban growth area.

**3.1.0 Objective:** Request from the Yakima City Council adequate funding for the annual maintenance and operation of park services.

**3.1.1 Strategy:** Establish acceptable levels of maintenance through identification of basic standards for maintenance, service, appearance and safety.

**3.1.2 Strategy:** Provide appropriate resources to maintain that level of service.

**3.1.3 Strategy:** Explore opportunities for leveraging local money for park development through both public and private grant funding.

**3.1.4 Strategy:** Examine feasibility and appropriateness of privatizing certain maintenance functions.

**3.1.5 Strategy:** Develop and implement a plan for efficient water usage within City parks through research and analysis of appropriate water sources, equipment replacement, capital improvement and long-range cost effectiveness.

**3.1.6 Strategy:** Explore feasibility of cooperative maintenance agreements with Yakima School District, West Valley School District, and other appropriate agencies to provide service when parks are located adjacent to schools.

**3.1.7 Strategy:** Develop a program for volunteer support for beautification and maintenance projects.

**3.2.0 Objective:** Create and review the on-going five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Parks and Recreation facilities each year in January and add additional projects as needed.

**3.2.1 Strategy:** Establish a five-year CIP for annual renewal, revision and confirmation by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**3.2.2 Strategy:** Fund capital improvements through the City's general fund, parks cash balance and state, federal and other grants.

**3.2.3 Strategy:** Promote private, public and not for profit partnerships for capital improvements to parks.

**3.3.0 Objective:** Enhance the visual image and public appreciation of city parks and recreation facilities by making them cleaner and more aesthetically pleasing.

**3.3.1 Strategy:** Continually evaluate the effectiveness of park employees and programs to ensure the consistent delivery of quality services.

**3.3.2 Strategy:** Provide on-going training for parks employees that relates to maintenance

and landscaping practices, proper use of equipment and repair and upkeep of park facilities.

**3.3.3 Strategy:** Implement and/or work with allied groups to implement programs to provide development, upgrading and maintenance of park lands and recreation facilities according to needs.

**3.3.4 Strategy:** Develop and implement a plan for tree planting.

**3.4.0 Objective:** Actively seek additional funding through grants, donations and bequests for future land acquisition and park development based on neighborhood as well as the overall City's needs.

**3.4.1 Strategy:** Draft a community standard for public open space and green space.

**3.4.2 Strategy:** Develop and maintain an up-to-date park land acquisition plan that targets and sets priorities for future park acquisitions.

**3.4.3 Strategy:** Review the City standards for visual appearance and identify park needs according to that standard.

**3.4.4 Strategy:** Meet with local neighborhood associations and residents to identify their needs and interests.

**3.4.5 Strategy:** Consider existing school facilities and grounds and their current use by the public in future land acquisition and park development.

**3.4.6 Strategy:** Consider safe pedestrian and bicycle access in future land acquisition and park development.

**3.4.7 Strategy:** Identify potential sites and plan for a series of neighborhood parks in Yakima's Urban Growth Area.

**3.4.8 Strategy:** Promote private, public and not for profit partnerships for acquisition and development of future parks within the City of Yakima.

**3.4.9 Strategy:** Establish a Parks Fund dedicated to the acquisition of land for future neighborhood and community parks within the City of Yakima.

**3.4.10 Strategy:** Factor future ongoing maintenance needs and funding into planning for future development of city parks and green spaces.

**3.5.0 Objective:** Construct pathways and trails, as funding allows, to create a unique and positive image for the City through establishment and development of green belts and pathways within the City of Yakima.

**3.5.1 Strategy:** Continue to cooperate and share resources to develop and expand the Yakima Greenway.

**3.5.2 Strategy:** Work with the city Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathway Committee to use existing irrigation canal rights-of-way and Yakima Valley Transportation (YVT) corridors for pathways.

**3.5.2 Strategy:** Develop interpretive signage, trailheads and connections to pathways and trails extending beyond the urban area.

**3.5.3 Strategy:** Ensure that bikeways and pedestrian pathways are made a consideration in surface transportation planning for the City of Yakima.

**3.5.4 Strategy:** Establish landscaping standards for implementation along major city streets, arterials and city pathways and at urban gateways that are compatible with area uses and maintainable by existing city resources.

**3.5.5 Strategy:** Incorporate, whenever possible, greenbelts and pathways into all future residential, commercial, and industrial developments and keep these trails, as much as possible, separate from streets and arterials.

**3.5.6 Strategy:** Establish connectivity with the William O. Douglas Trail portion which goes through the City of Yakima.

**3.5.7 Strategy:** Explore possibilities for establishing pathway connections between existing and future parks.

**3.6.0 Objective:** Collaborate with all organizations and community groups that have expertise and motivation to create innovative approaches to creating new park facilities.

**3.6.1 Strategy:** Promote private, public and not for profit partnerships for capital improvements to parks.

**3.6.2 Strategy:** Encourage creation of a centrally located outdoor performing arts stage or facility through a public, private and/or business partnership.

**3.6.3 Strategy:** Encourage development of non-traditional recreation venues including a water park, BMX track, skate parks, bicycle pump tracks, disc golf, and other facilities for emerging sports and activities.

**3.6.4 Strategy:** Expand the use of school facilities to meet the City's need for new playgrounds.

**3.7.0 Objective:** Work with community groups and other organizations to develop innovative approaches to creating new park facilities.

**3.7.1 Strategy:** Use city cultural and historical landmarks as a cornerstone for park development whenever possible.

**3.7.2 Strategy:** Establish level of service standards for city park properties to provide guidelines for their appropriate use by the public and for special events.

**3.7.3 Strategy:** Create mixed-use parks which cater to a variety of recreational uses/needs.

**3.8.0 Objective:** Create and implement a long-range plan and program for the preservation of prime open space areas in or adjacent to the City of Yakima.

**3.8.1 Strategy:** Support continued expansion of the Yakima Greenway.

**3.8.2 Strategy:** Support the fostering of a strong relationship between the Greenway and abutting city neighborhoods.

**3.8.3 Strategy:** Advocate incorporation of greenbelts into future residential, commercial, and industrial development to minimize impacts of locating potentially incompatible land uses next to one another.

**3.8.4 Strategy:** Preserve open space through means other than ownership, such as transfer of development rights, tax obligation relief and land donations to not for profit open space preservation organizations.

**3.9.0 Objective:** Park Maintenance staff will conduct daily park facility safety checks to insure the highest standards of safety and accessibility in City Parks.

**3.9.1 Strategy:** Consider handicapped, pedestrian and bicycle accessibility when planning future land acquisition and park development.

**3.9.2 Strategy:** Stay abreast of current developments in park and play equipment and materials including those designed to facilitate use by citizens with special needs.

**3.9.3 Strategy:** Establish and implement a set of best practices for pesticide and herbicide programs to ensure protection of workers, citizens and the environment.

**3.9.4 Strategy:** Establish and implement standards for lighting in parks and along pathways with a conversion to LED whenever possible.

**3.9.5 Strategy:** Establish and implement standards for upgrading and replacement of aging park amenities for safety and handicapped accessibility.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**4.0.0 Goal:** Advise the City Council, City Manager, Director of Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Manager regarding formulation of strategies and plans for development, management, and operations of the City's Parks and Recreation Program.

**4.1.0 Objective:** Allow for opportunities at each monthly Parks and Recreation Commission meeting for communication from the public to the Parks and Recreation Commission and convey the information received from the public to the City Council in order to assist with the sound establishment of policies and procedures regarding park and recreation services.

**4.1.1 Strategy:** Annually review budgets, programs, and services.

**4.1.2 Strategy:** Assist in establishment of standards for park maintenance.

**4.1.3 Strategy:** Monitor and evaluate the park system.

**4.1.4 Strategy:** Assist in the establishment of short-term and long-term goals for Parks and Recreation.

**4.1.5 Strategy:** Promote parks and recreation programs to the community.

**4.1.6 Strategy:** Provide for community input regarding Parks and Recreation facilities and services.

**4.1.6 Strategy:** Endorse commission membership that is representative of the community.

## **LONG RANGE OBJECTIVES**

Long-range objectives present a special challenge from the standpoint of financing because municipal funding cycles typically run in increments of one to two years. Recognizing the uncertainty and the limitations that short-term budgets place on long-range objectives, we begin by planning today for facilities that we know we want and will need but cannot presently afford. With no vision for the future, we will be unprepared to take advantage of opportunities when they become available. In general, long term objectives will be to create new facilities, programs and services that meet the ever-changing needs and wants of the Yakima Community. Continued efforts to increase Mini-Parks, up to 3 acres throughout the city but particularly in areas where population density is the greatest, and West Valley. Efforts will be to continue to look for opportunities to build neighborhood parks, minimum of 3 acres, in all area of the community. In addition, long range planning will be to seek opportunities to develop community parks of 20 acres or more.

Throughout the process of creating the 2022 - 2027 Comprehensive Plan, many comments were received from people regarding taking advantage of other projects, if funds become available and/or grants are received. Some of the requests received are as follows:

- Water Park/Community Swimming Pool



- Conversion of the Yakima Valley Trolley corridor to a bike and walkway
- Bike and pedestrian connections to parks and existing trails – E.g. – Cowiche Canyon Trail from Chesterley Park
- Additional amenities along walkways and pathways, benches, bicycle racks, etc.
- A Second Dog Park
- Pump Bicycle Track
- Indoor and Outdoor Ice Skating Rink
- Mountain Bike Park
- BMX Track
- Velodrome
- Accessible Playground
- A Second Disc Golf Course

There will be additional suggestions for new facilities through the next 5 year period and the Yakima Parks and Recreation Division will explore the viability and feasibility of each and every opportunity for additional recreation facilities.

## CHAPTER 6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

***“Our lives begin to end the day  
we become silent about the  
things that matter.”***  
Martin Luther King Jr.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY 2022 - 2027 Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan Community Survey

In January 2021 a four page survey was written and reviewed by Parks and Recreation Commissioners, staff and community leaders. A randomized list of 5,000 addresses within the Yakima city limits was compiled and the surveys were mailed in July. A press release was sent to all media outlets alerting the community that the surveys were being sent out and another press release was sent to remind everyone that received a survey that the deadline for completing the survey was approaching. In addition to the mailed out survey, hard copies of the survey were made available at City of Yakima offices. An online version of the survey was also made available and publicized throughout the community. Our 2021 Summer Program Guide for park programs, which is mailed to over 30,000 home, also directed recipients to the website for the survey. The survey was also converted to pdf format and emailed to anyone that requested a copy. Of the over 5,000 surveys mailed to homes and apartments, 670 were returned or a 15 % return rate, which validates the survey information. The survey results from the randomly selected mailed out community wide survey is included in this comprehensive plan. Two hundred twenty one online, emailed and hard copy surveys were submitted.

Included in the mailed out survey was a letter from the Parks and Recreation Manager explaining the survey. The letter is included in this comprehensive plan. The letter was written in English and Spanish. Along with the survey and the letter was a complimentary pass for up to 5 people to swim free at Franklin Pool, our only outdoor swimming facility. A free pass for 9 holes of golf at Fisher Park Golf Course, owned and operated by the City of Yakima Parks and Recreation Division, was also given along with a 6 activity

punch card for programs at the Harman Center. One hundred and thirty five people utilized the free swim and 72 people utilized the free round of golf and 60 people used the free activities at the Harman Center punch card.

The results of the survey questions are identified in this chapter. All of the write in comments made by those completing the survey are included in this plan in Appendix 1. This analysis of the survey indicates some of the perceptions of the Yakima Parks and Recreation Division.

### **GENERAL PARK AND RECREATION QUESTIONS – Section I**

The question was asked about where people live in relation to the parks. It is not surprising that the majority of respondents identified that they lived near the larger parks. Franklin Park is located in the geographical center of the city and there are neighborhoods all around the park. Randall Park is also a large park with a high density of single-family homes in the surrounding area. The parks that are visited the most are Franklin, Randall, Kissel and West Valley Community Parks. Once again, these parks are large and have many opportunities for recreation. The survey asked why individuals and families chose to go to the park. The number one reason they chose to go to a park was its location at 19%, second was relation at 11%. It was a three-way tie at 12% for choosing the park to visit for safe environment, exercise and fresh air and open spaces. Respondents choose walkways and pathways as the number one facility they use a 21%. Open spaces was selected as the second highest facility use in parks and playgrounds came in third with 12%. Twenty five percent of the respondents stated that they go to the parks more than 10 times per month and 21% identified that they went to the parks 5 to 9 times per month. Only 1% stated that they never go to the parks.

### **COVID QUESTIONS – Section II**

The question about increased or decreased time spent in parks was asked and 35% stated that their time increased in parks during the pandemic and 33% identified a decrease in their time spent in parks. Twenty eight percent identified that their time stayed the same. The assumption was that due to people not being able to go to indoor activities, the increase in park usage was significant. The survey shows that this was not the case.

Walking in parks was selected as the number one activity that occurred in parks during the pandemic at 35%. Of the people that increased their park usage during the pandemic an overwhelming 79% stated that they will continue to spend more time in the parks in the future. When asked if parks are more or less important after the pandemic, 68% stated that they were more important. Zero percent identified that parks were less important after the pandemic

### **MEDIA QUESTIONS – Section III**

Thirty-seven percent of the respondents identified that they receive their park information through the Program Guide that is mailed to their home. Over 34,000 Program Guides are mailed to Yakima homes three times per year. Twenty nine percent would like to continue to get their park program and facility information through the mailed Program Guide. A combined total of 35% of respondents recorded social media and Yakima Parks and Recreation website as their preferred method of receiving park and recreation information.

### **PARK FACILITY QUESTIONS – Section IV**

The combined responses of the importance of parks for individuals and families was 95%. Thirty seven percent stated that parks were extremely important to them. The two top

responses as to the importance of parks was that it improves their quality of life (16%) and provides a space for fun (16%). Providing a space for relaxation was 14% and providing a place for free exercise was also at 14%. Eleven percent of the responses identified that parks created a sense of community pride as a reason why parks are important to them. Three hundred seventy-eight people stated that overall park maintenance was good, while 141 respondents identified park maintenance as excellent. Eighteen percent rated park maintenance as poor. The overall rating of park structures and features was 349 good and 179 fair. Forty-one people ranked them as poor and 27 reported the overall rating as unknown. Four hundred forty-four respondents said they felt safe in parks, however there were many comments related to this question which are shared in this document. Franklin Park received a rating of 3.99 out of 5 for quality of amenities in parks. Fisher Park Golf Course received a 3.98 rating and Randall Park received a 3.81. The Powerhouse Canal Pathway received a score of 3.12 out of 5. The lowest scores were for Southeast Community Park at 1.25 and Milroy Park at 2.14. In previous surveys, Martin Luther King Jr., Park received a low score, but due to the recent improvements to the park with a new playground, picnic shelter and security lighting, the park received a 2.5 rating. When asked what facilities and amenities people would like increased, 326 identified more pathways and walk ways as the most important and 278 wanted more park benches and picnic tables. The respondents also identified swimming pools and water features as amenities they wanted increased (278). Increasing the number of playgrounds received 189 responses.

## **RECREATION QUESTIONS - Section V**

This section relates to the recreation programs provided by the Yakima Recreation staff. Fifty – eight percent stated that someone in their

immediate family had participated in recreation programs recently. Concerts in the Park and Movies in the Park had the highest number of responses at 286 and 174 respectively. One hundred and five responded that they had played golf at Fisher Park Golf Course and 97 responded that someone in their family had taken swim lessons. The Harman Center provides a wide variety of programming for senior citizens and 102 stated that they had been a part of some of these programs. An additional programming question was asked and respondents stated they wanted more concerts, movies in the park outdoor programming, arts and crafts programs for youth and adults and fitness classes. The recreation staff will review the information and make increases in recreation programs accordingly. Of the 430 responses to the question regarding if they would participate in a recreation program again, 390 or 90.7% said they would participate again. Survey takers were asked to rank 3 of the recreation programs that they or a family member participated in and more than 80% of the responses listed the program as good or excellent.

The Harman Center, a community center with a focus on Senior Citizens programming, provides many programs to the community and 312 out of 615 that answered the question stated that they had visited the Harman Center. The number one activity enjoyed by the respondents was the special events, like the Holiday Bazaar or other special events. Forty-six of the respondents participated in classes and 35 identified that they attended dances at the center. The center is also available for private parties and receptions and 67 individuals stated that they attended these types of events. The respondents stated that they would like to see more classes of various types at the center. It was clear that individuals wanted more active types of recreation programming at the center like walking groups.

More dances were also identified as an area of possible recreational program increases.

## **CUSTOMER SERVICE QUESTIONS – Section VI**

Survey responders were asked to rate their customer service interactions with Parks and Recreation Administrative Staff, Recreation Staff and Park Maintenance Staff. The majority of the responses identified that there had been no interactions with staff, but of those that did have interactions whether in person, via email or by phone stated that the interaction was average, good or excellent. Only 1% of the respondents stated that their interaction was fair or poor.

## **BUDGET PRIORITY QUESTION – Section VII**

The question was asked of the survey recipients about how they would spend \$100 on a park capital projects, programs and/or maintenance. The respondents could decide to spend it all on one thing or distribute the funds as they felt appropriate. Of the \$100 dollars available to them, the respondents reportedly wanted to spend \$4,676.00 on maintaining existing park facilities. The second highest total dollar amount was \$3,514.00 to be spent on building more walkways and pathways. More indoor swimming opportunities was identified as \$1,883.00 and \$1,979.00 for outdoor swimming. Surprisingly, \$2,926.00 was identified to be spent on spray parks. Additionally, \$2,056.00 was designated to purchase property for a large park. Constructing new tennis courts was the lowest priority at \$331.00. A supposition can be made that tennis is lessening in popularity or that we have a sufficient number of tennis courts in our area to meet the recreation needs.

## **FUNDING FOR SWIMMING FACILITIES QUESTIONS – Section VIII**

The current swimming pool in Yakima are Lions Pool, an indoor pool, and Franklin Pool, an outdoor facility. Both pools are aging and will need to be renovated, replaced or removed in the future. Both facilities are operational now, but improvements will need to be made in the future. In addition to the current swimming pools, there have been discussion regarding the construction of another outdoor pool in East Yakima. The question was asked if individuals supported a tax increase to renovate or replace Lions Pool. Of the 638 responses to this question, 203 strongly agreed and 215 agreed that the pool should be replaced or renovated, and 104 were undecided. Thirty-one disagreed and 39 strongly disagreed. The same question was asked about Franklin Pool, and of the 637 responses, 228 strongly agreed and 225 agreed that the pool should be renovated or replaced through a tax increase. Ninety-one were undecided, 26 disagreed and 33 strongly disagreed. The question was asked about operating both Lions and Franklin Pools until they no longer are operational and then close them. Fifty-one strongly agreed and 121 agreed. One hundred thirty on were undecided and 91 disagree and 111 strongly disagreed. For Franklin Pool, 205 strongly disagreed and 122 disagreed. The responses show that there is strong support for not closing Franklin Pool. Of the total respondents, 97 agreed and 48 strongly agreed that the pool could be closed when not repairable. Responses to the question about a pool in East Yakima utilizing a tax increase indicated that 192 strongly agreed and 148 agreed that they supported this idea. One hundred thirty-three were undecided and 53 disagreed and 68 strongly disagreed. When asked if they supported a new pool in East Yakima, but did not support a tax increase to pay for the construction, 50 strongly agreed and 123 agreed. Of the respondents, 149 were undecided and 228 disagreed or strongly disagreed. To further explore these options, additional information will need to be gathered from the community regarding the future of public swimming both indoors and outdoors.

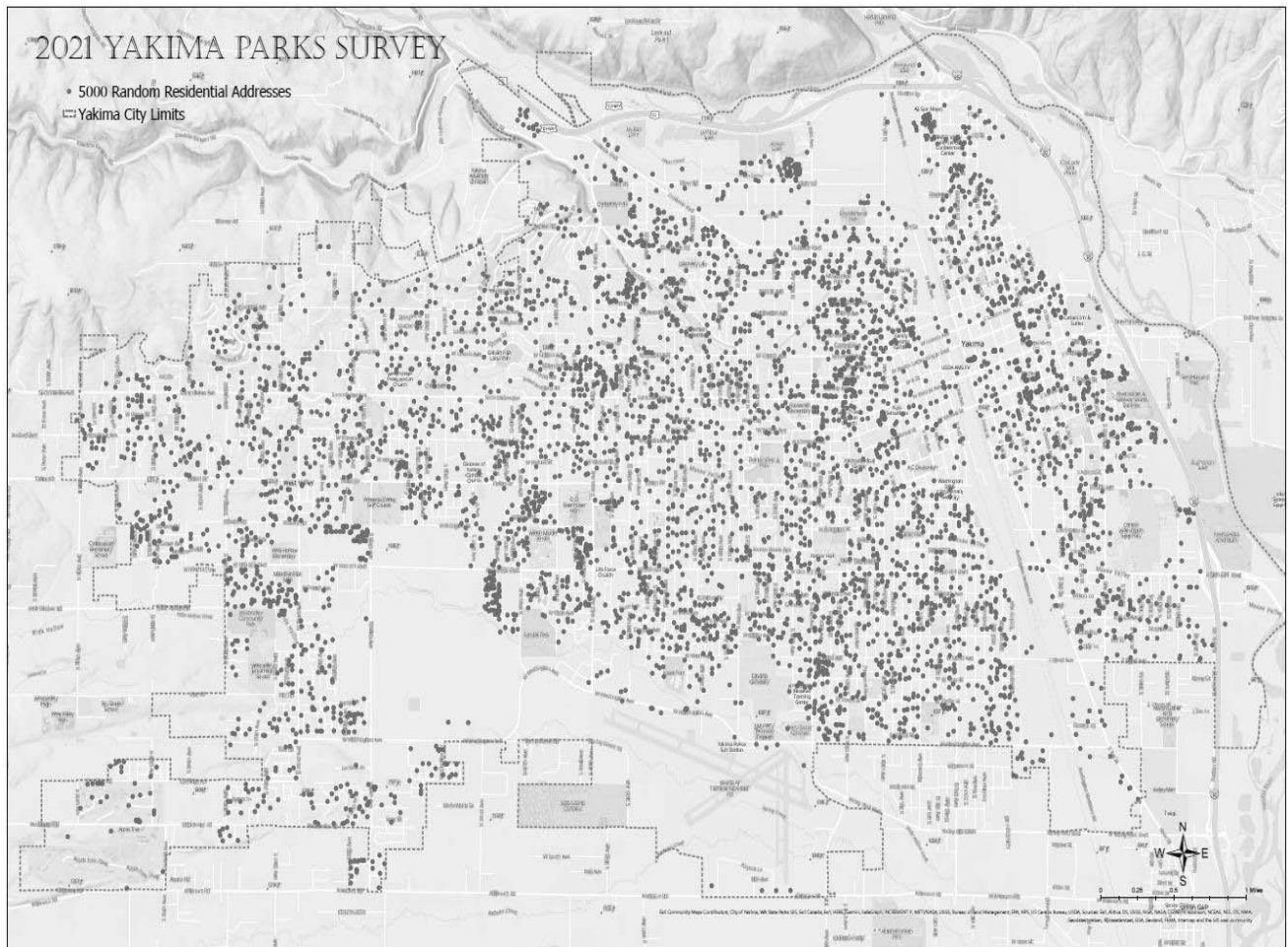
## DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION – Section IX

The survey was mailed to homes within the Yakima city limits and 92% responded that they lived within the city and 57% relayed that they have lived in Yakima for over 18 years. A varied sampling of age ranges was shown in the data. The majority of the respondents were between 20 – 29 (134) and 60 – 69 (132). Five respondents were between the ages of 15 – 19 and 30 were 80 years old or older. Most of the households reported that there were 2 people living in their home. Ninety-one respondents out of 649 or 14% stated that they had 2 children living in the home. Responses revealed that 63% of the survey takers were female and 32% were male. Seventy-three percent reported White as their Race and 16% stated they were Hispanic. Two percent reported to be of Asian descent and 2% reported to be African American. The yearly family income had a wide range with 101 out of the total respondents of 616 stated income between \$40,000 - \$60,000 and 90 reported

income at \$40,000 or below. The highest category was preferred not to answer with 119. Many of the respondents had some college coursework through Master's degrees. Only 12 out of 664 reported to not have a high school diploma or GED.

The total response to the survey was 13.9 %, which is a great response. The mailed surveys were sent to randomly selected to homes throughout the City and the map shows a good dispersal of homes to which they were sent. The sample data will be used in future decision making as to recreation programming, grant applications for capital improvements and budgetary focus for the next five years. Further analysis can be conducted on the data in the future.

Map of Households that Received the Survey in the Mail





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Dear Member of the Yakima Community,

The Yakima Parks and Recreation Board of Park Commissioners and staff need your help. We are in the process of updating our Comprehensive Plan for the City of Yakima Parks and Recreation Division. This plan will help guide us through the next ten years. We believe that the Parks and Recreation facilities and programs should be a direct reflection of what you and your family want and need. We have created a survey that will allow you to give us your thoughts, opinions and ideas regarding our future planning and also to identify problem areas that need improvement.

Please take 10 to 15 minutes of your time to fill out the survey and send it back to us as quickly as possible in the provided stamped envelope. I know that if you put it off you will forget, just like I do. Of the over 5,000 surveys going out, we are hoping for at least 1,000 surveys to be returned in order to give us a good sampling of information. These results will be shared with the Yakima City Council, Parks and Recreation Commissioners, civic leaders, staff and most of all, our community. The results will become an important part of our Comprehensive Master Plan.

As a way to thank you for your time and sharing your thoughts with us, I have included a free one-time pass to swim at Franklin Pool for a group of up to five people. I have also included a coupon for one free 9 hole round of golf at Fisher Park Golf Course and a punch card for up to 6 activities at the Harman Center. I hope you will bring a friend with you and enjoy some golf or spend some time at the Harman Center.

If you have any questions or need further information, please call me at 509 575 6020 or email me at [Ken.Wilkinson@YakimaWa.gov](mailto:Ken.Wilkinson@YakimaWa.gov). Again, thank you for your time and your thoughts. If you would prefer to complete the survey online, please go to our website at [YakimaParks.com](http://YakimaParks.com).

With gratitude,

City of Yakima Parks and Recreation Manager

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**Estimado Miembro de la Comunidad de Yakima,**

La Junta de Parques y Recreación de Yakima de los Comisionados y el personal necesitan su ayuda. Estamos en el proceso de la actualización de nuestro Plan Integral para la División de Parques y Recreación de la Ciudad de Yakima. Este plan ayudará a guiarnos a través de los siguientes diez años. Creemos que los parques e instalaciones de recreación y programas deben ser un reflejo directo de lo que usted y su familia quieren y necesitan. Hemos creado una encuesta que le permitirá darnos sus pensamientos, opiniones e ideas acerca de nuestra planificación futura y también para identificar las áreas problemáticas que necesitan mejorar.

Por favor, tome 10 a 15 minutos de su tiempo para llenar la encuesta y devolverlo tan pronto como sea posible en el sobre sellado. Yo sé que si no lo hace ahorita se le olvidará, como a mí. De las más de 5,000 encuestas que mandamos, esperamos que al menos se devuelvan 1,000 encuestas para darnos una buena muestra de información. Estos resultados serán compartidos con el Concejo de la Ciudad de Yakima, Comisionados de Parques y Recreación, líderes cívicos, el personal y sobre todo, nuestra comunidad. Los resultados se convertirán en una parte importante de nuestro Plan Integral.

Como una manera de agradecerle por su tiempo y compartir sus pensamientos con nosotros, he incluido un pase gratuito de una sola vez para nadar gratis en la Alberca Franklin para un grupo de hasta cinco personas. También he incluido un cupón para una ronda gratuita de 9 hoyos de golf en Fisher Park Golf Course y una tarjeta para un máximo de 6 actividades en el Harman Center. Espero que traiga a un amigo y disfrute de un poco de golf o pase algún tiempo en el Harman Center.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o necesita más información, por favor de llamarme al 509-576-6416 o enviarme un correo electrónico a [ken.wilkinson@YakimaWa.gov](mailto:ken.wilkinson@YakimaWa.gov). Una vez más, gracias por su tiempo y sus pensamientos. Si prefiere completar la encuesta en línea, visite nuestra página web en [YakimaParks.com](http://YakimaParks.com).

Con gratitud,

**Ken Wilkinson**  
Gerente de Parques y Recreación de la Ciudad de Yakima

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## YAKIMA PARKS AND RECREATION - 2021 COMMUNITY SURVEY

Please take 10 to 15 minutes to complete the survey and tell us what you think about Yakima Parks and Recreation. We will utilize the information that you give us in our planning for the next 5 to 10 years. We want to provide the best parks and recreation facilities possible and we need your input. We will use the information to create our 2022 - 2027 Comprehensive Master Plan. This plan allows us to be eligible for grants and donations to improve the parks. Thank you for your time.

### SECTION I - General Parks and Recreation Questions - Tell us about your park usage.

#### 1 Which Yakima City Parks listed below are close to where you live?

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cherry Park                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Kissel Park                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Randall Park & Dog Park    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chesterley Park              | <input type="checkbox"/> Kiwanis Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Raymond Park               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elks Memorial Park           | <input type="checkbox"/> Larson Park                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Rosalma Garden Club Park   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Avenue Triangles        | <input type="checkbox"/> Lions Park & Pool           | <input type="checkbox"/> S. 2nd Street Park         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fairbrook Parks 1, 2, 3 & 4  | <input type="checkbox"/> Martin Luther King Jr. Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Southeast Community Park   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fisher Park Golf Course      | <input type="checkbox"/> McGuinness Park             | <input type="checkbox"/> Summitview Park            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Franklin Park & Pool         | <input type="checkbox"/> Miller Park                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tieton Terrace Park        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gaileon Park & Harman Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Milroy Park                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Walter Ortman Pathway      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardner Park                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Portia Park                 | <input type="checkbox"/> West Valley Community Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gilbert Park                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Powerhouse Canal Pathway    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                |

#### 2 If you visit the Yakima City Parks, which do you visit regularly? Please check all boxes that apply.

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cherry Park                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Kissel Park                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Randall Park & Dog Park    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chesterley Park              | <input type="checkbox"/> Kiwanis Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Raymond Park               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elks Memorial Park           | <input type="checkbox"/> Larson Park                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Rosalma Garden Club Park   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardner Park                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Portia Park                 | <input type="checkbox"/> West Valley Community Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gilbert Park                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Powerhouse Canal Pathway    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                |

#### 3 Why do you and your family choose to go to the parks identified above?

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Location  | <input type="checkbox"/> Organized Activities/Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Relaxation       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports - tennis, pickleball, golf, softball, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise/Fitness            | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amenities - playground, pool, picnic tables, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh Air and Open Spaces   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____      |

#### 4 What type of parks and recreation facilities do you and your family use the most. Please check all boxes that apply.

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball & Softball Fields | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds       | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming Pools            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open Spaces                | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateparks        | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Courts             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pathways/Walkways          | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer Fields     | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Park                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic Facilities          | <input type="checkbox"/> Pickleball Courts | <input type="checkbox"/> Miller or MLK Spray Parks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Areas               | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Course       | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball Courts         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball Courts          | <input type="checkbox"/> Disc Golf Course  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____               |

#### 5 On average, how often do you visit parks?

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10+ times per month   | <input type="checkbox"/> Once per month on average  | <input type="checkbox"/> Very rarely            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 9 times per month | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 10 times per year      | <input type="checkbox"/> Never                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 - 4 times per month | <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 5 times per year | <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer not to answer |

### SECTION II - COVID - 19 Questions

#### 1 During the Covid - 19 pandemic, did your time spent in the park

- ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Stay the same ☐ I am not sure ☐ I prefer not to answer

#### 2 If your time in the parks increased, please select the activities in the boxes below. Check all that apply.

- |  |                                      |   |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking         | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf        | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Observation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jogging/Running | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Walking | <input type="checkbox"/> Disc Golf          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike Riding     | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____        |

#### 3 Did you and your family start any new activities during the pandemic? If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4 Many people used the parks during the pandemic for non-traditional park activities, like social clubs. Did you or your family use the parks for other activities? If so, please write them here. \_\_\_\_\_

#### 5 After the Covid - 19 pandemic has ended, do you think you will continue to spend more time in the parks?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

#### 6 After the Covid - 19 pandemic, do you think that parks are

- ☐ More important ☐ Less Important ☐ Same Importance ☐ Undecided ☐ I prefer not to answer

### SECTION III - Media Questions

- How do you receive information regarding park facilities and recreation programs?
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Program Guide - mailed to your home	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Brochure - soccer, softball, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Website - <a href="http://yakimaparks.com">yakimaparks.com</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Friends	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Media - Facebook, Instagram, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
- How would you like to receive your parks and recreation information in the future?
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Program Guide - mailed to your home	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Brochure - soccer, softball, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Website - <a href="http://yakimaparks.com">yakimaparks.com</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Media - Facebook, Instagram, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Direct mail
<input type="checkbox"/> TV/Radio Advertising	<input type="checkbox"/> Email	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

### SECTION IV - Park Facility Opinion Questions

- How important are Yakima City Parks and Recreation facilities to you and your family?
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Extremely Important	<input type="checkbox"/> Important	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<input type="checkbox"/> Very Important	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Important	<input type="checkbox"/> I prefer not to answer
- Please tell us why Yakima City Parks and Recreation facilities are important to you. Check all that apply.
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Improves my quality of life	<input type="checkbox"/> Gives me free places to exercise	<input type="checkbox"/> Increases my property value
<input type="checkbox"/> Provides a space for fun	<input type="checkbox"/> Creates a sense of community pride	<input type="checkbox"/> Gives me a place to be with friends
<input type="checkbox"/> Gives me a place to relax	<input type="checkbox"/> Gives me access to nature	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
- How do you rate overall park maintenance? (cleanliness, field conditions, mowing, graffiti removal, vandalism repair, etc.)
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
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- How do you rate overall park structures and features? (such as lighting, tables, parking, playgrounds, restrooms, etc.)
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
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- When you visit City Parks, do you feel safe? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided  
If No, which park and please tell us why. \_\_\_\_\_
- Please rate the quality of amenities, picnic tables, benches, athletic equipment, playgrounds, etc., in the following parks.  
Please rate 5 to 0    Excellent = 5    Poor = 0    If unknown please leave blank

score		score		score	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cherry Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kissel Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	Randall Park & Dog Park
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chesterley Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kiwanis Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	Raymond Park
<input type="checkbox"/>	Elks Memorial Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	Larson Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rosalma Garden Club Park
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fair Avenue Triangles	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lions Park & Pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	S. 2nd Street Park
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Franklin Park & Pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	Miller Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tieton Terrace Park
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gaileon Park - Harman Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	Milroy Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	Walter Ortman Pathway
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gardner Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	Portia Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	West Valley Community Park
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gilbert Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	Powerhouse Canal Pathway	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____

- What Parks and Recreation facilities and amenities would you like to see increased? Please check all boxes that apply.
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball & Softball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming Pools/Water Features
<input type="checkbox"/> Open Spaces	<input type="checkbox"/> Skateparks	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Courts
<input type="checkbox"/> Pathways/Walkways	<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer Fields	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog Parks
<input type="checkbox"/> Picnic Shelters	<input type="checkbox"/> Pickleball Courts	<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball Courts
<input type="checkbox"/> Park Benches & Tables	<input type="checkbox"/> Disc Golf Courses	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

### SECTION V - Recreation Programs Questions - Tell us about the recreation programs that you and your family enjoy.

- Have you or anyone in your family participated in ANY City of Yakima recreation programs? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Please identify below all of the recreation programs you or your family have participated in during recent years?
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Lessons	<input type="checkbox"/> Fitness Boot Camp	<input type="checkbox"/> "Beyond the Bell" After School Program
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Outdoor Volleyball	<input type="checkbox"/> Golf	<input type="checkbox"/> Virtual Recreation Programs
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Softball League	<input type="checkbox"/> Golf Tournaments	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Night Glow Ball Golf Outings
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Volleyball League	<input type="checkbox"/> Golf Lessons	<input type="checkbox"/> Letters to Santa Event
<input type="checkbox"/> Concerts In The Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Movies In The Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydro Fit/Water Zumba
<input type="checkbox"/> Harman Center Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Swim Lessons	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Baseball
<input type="checkbox"/> Harman Center Trips & Tours	<input type="checkbox"/> Trek n Travel Trolley	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Soccer
<input type="checkbox"/> Sports Camps - Rugby/LaCrosse/Cheer	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Walking	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Swim Lessons
<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Program at Kissel Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Step Up & Park It - step challenge	<input type="checkbox"/> A Bearable Adventure
<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoma Cemetery Historic Tours	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

**3 What additional recreation programs would you like us to offer or expand? Please check all that apply.**

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Programs - biking, SUP, hiking, etc.       | <input type="checkbox"/> After School Programs              | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Tournaments               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness Classes                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Movies In The Parks                | <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness Challenges             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Sports - flag football, soccer, etc.         | <input type="checkbox"/> Art Programs For Youth & Adults    | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Volleyball Leagues       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-traditional - kickball, ultimate frisbee, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Concerts In The Parks              | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Safety Classes           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Interest Classes                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent & Child Recreation Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-School Recreation Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drop-In Programs                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Soccer Leagues               | <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual Recreation Programs    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Swim Lessons                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Swim Lessons                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Exercise Classes - Indoor                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking Classes                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Exercise Classes - Outdoor                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Walking Tours             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                    |

**4 If you participated in ANY recreation programs, would you or your family members participate in the programs again?**  
☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes or No, please tell us why. \_\_\_\_\_

**5 If you participated in a program, how would you rate the quality of the recreation program? (Please rate up to 3 Programs)**

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| Program 1: write in program name _____                           | Program 2: write in program name _____                           | Program 3: write in program name _____                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor      | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor      | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor      |

**6 Have you visited the Harman Center? ☐ Yes ☐ No**

If yes, what programs or events did you participate in? Please check all that apply.

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Card Games/Board Games                | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Breakfast                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Rentals - wedding reception, banquet, etc.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events - Holiday bazaar, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch Program                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Billiards / Pool                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dances                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee Bar                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Visiting                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Trips and/or Tours                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Organized Groups - quilting, knitting, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Room & Classes               | <input type="checkbox"/> Classes - painting, wood carving, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                 |

**7 What would you like to see more of at the Harman Center? Please check all that apply.**

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Card Games              | <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast Program                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Rentals - wedding reception, banquet, etc.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Games                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch Program                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Billiards / Pool                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dances                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering Opportunities             | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee Bar                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Visiting         | <input type="checkbox"/> Trips and/or Tours                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Organized Groups - quilting, knitting, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Room & Classes | <input type="checkbox"/> Classes - painting, wood carving, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Skiing Group                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biking Club             | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking Group                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Memory Café                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cornhole Group          | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking Group                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Intergenerational Events                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Club               | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media Classes - Facebook, etc.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                 |

**SECTION VI - Customer Service**

**1 Please rate your telephone interactions with staff.**

- ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Average ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ No Telephone Interactions With Staff

**2 Please rate your interactions with park maintenance staff.**

- ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Average ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ No Interactions With Staff

**3 Please rate your interactions with recreation program staff.**

- ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Average ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ No Interactions With Staff

**4 Please rate your email interaction with staff.**

- ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Average ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ No Email Interactions With Staff

**SECTION VII - Future Planning Questions - Tell us how we should be planning for the future**

**1 This question will help us understand your priorities for Yakima Parks and Recreation to consider. We all know that there is a limited amount of money for park improvements. To help us understand your priorities, imagine that you have \$100 to spend as you like on the items below. You can choose to spend the entire amount on one item or you can spread the money around as you like.**

- |   |                                       |   |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| \$_____ More walkways and pathways              | \$_____ More outdoor swimming         | \$_____ Construct more tennis courts          |
| \$_____ More indoor swimming opportunities      | \$_____ More spray parks              | \$_____ Increase recreation programs          |
| \$_____ Maintain and update existing facilities | \$_____ Purchase land for large park  | \$_____ More small neighborhood parks         |
| \$_____ Increase open space areas               | \$_____ Construct more sports fields  | \$_____ More movies in the parks              |
| \$_____ Construct more pickleball courts        | \$_____ Create more natural areas     | \$_____ Create more outdoor volleyball courts |
| \$_____ Construct more playgrounds              | \$_____ Construct more skateparks     | \$_____ More concerts in the parks            |
| \$_____ Purchase land for small parks           | \$_____ Create more disc golf courses | \$_____ Other _____                           |

**2 What improvements would you like to see at your local park? Park Name \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Improvements desired \_\_\_\_\_**

## SECTION VIII - FUNDING FOR SWIMMING FACILITIES

Yakima has a long history of providing swimming pools for the public. Lions Pool, our indoor pool, was built in 1975 and renovated in 1986. Franklin Pool, our outdoor pool, was built in 1956 and renovated in 1986. These pools are aging and will need to be replaced or renovated in the near future. A tax increase was utilized to pay for the construction of these facilities and their renovations. A new outdoor swimming pool in East Yakima has also been discussed. We would appreciate your input. Please answer the following questions to help us plan for the future of our pools.

- 1 I support the renovation or replacement of Lions Pool in the future utilizing a tax increase for the funding. Please circle your response. SA – Strongly Agree A – Agree U – Undecided D – Disagree SD – Strongly Disagree NC – No comment  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 I support the renovation or replacement of Franklin Pool in the future utilizing a tax increase for the funding. Please circle your response. SA – Strongly Agree A – Agree U – Undecided D – Disagree SD – Strongly Disagree NC – No comment  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 I support the construction of a new outdoor swimming pool in East Yakima utilizing a tax increase for the funding. Please circle your response. SA – Strongly Agree A – Agree U – Undecided D – Disagree SD – Strongly Disagree NC – No comment  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 I support the current operation of Lions Pool, but only until it can no longer be operated due to funding, age of facility or both, and then close the facility. Please circle your response.  
SA – Strongly Agree A – Agree U – Undecided D – Disagree SD – Strongly Disagree NC – No comment  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 I support the current operation of Franklin Pool, but only until it can no longer be operated due to funding, age of facility or both, and then close the facility. Please circle your response.  
SA – Strongly Agree A – Agree U – Undecided D – Disagree SD – Strongly Disagree NC – No comment  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 I support the construction of a new swimming pool in East Yakima, but do not support a tax increase to pay for the construction.  
SA – Strongly Agree A – Agree U – Undecided D – Disagree SD – Strongly Disagree NC – No comment  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_

## OPTIONAL SECTION IX - Demographic Information - Tell us about yourself. All answers are optional.

- 1 Do you live within the Yakima City limits? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 2 If you live in Yakima, how long have you lived within the city limits?  
☐ less than one year? ☐ 4 to 8 years? ☐ 14 to 18 years?  
☐ 1 to 3 years? ☐ 9 to 13 years? ☐ More than 18 years?
- 3 What is your age?  
☐ 14 or younger ☐ 30-39 ☐ 60-69  
☐ 15-19 ☐ 40-49 ☐ 70-79  
☐ 20-29 ☐ 50-59 ☐ 80+
- 4 How many people live in your house or apartment? ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 +
- 5 How many children live in your home that are under the age of 18? ☐ None ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 or more
- 6 What is your gender? ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ I prefer not to answer
- 7 What is your ethnic origin? Please check all boxes that apply for those living in your home.  
☐ Latino/Hispanic ☐ African American ☐ White  
☐ Asian ☐ Pacific Islander ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 What is your yearly family income?  
☐ Under \$40,000 ☐ \$80,001 - \$100,000 ☐ \$140,001 - \$160,000  
☐ \$40,001 - \$60,000 ☐ \$100,001 - \$120,000 ☐ \$160,001 - Above  
☐ \$60,001 - \$80,000 ☐ \$120,001 - \$140,000 ☐ I prefer not to answer
- 9 What is your highest level of education?  
☐ Grade 8 or Less ☐ Some Technical School Courses ☐ College Graduate  
☐ Some High School ☐ Some College Courses ☐ Masters or Doctorate Degree  
☐ High School Graduate ☐ Technical School Graduate ☐ I prefer not to answer

## SECTION X - Additional Information

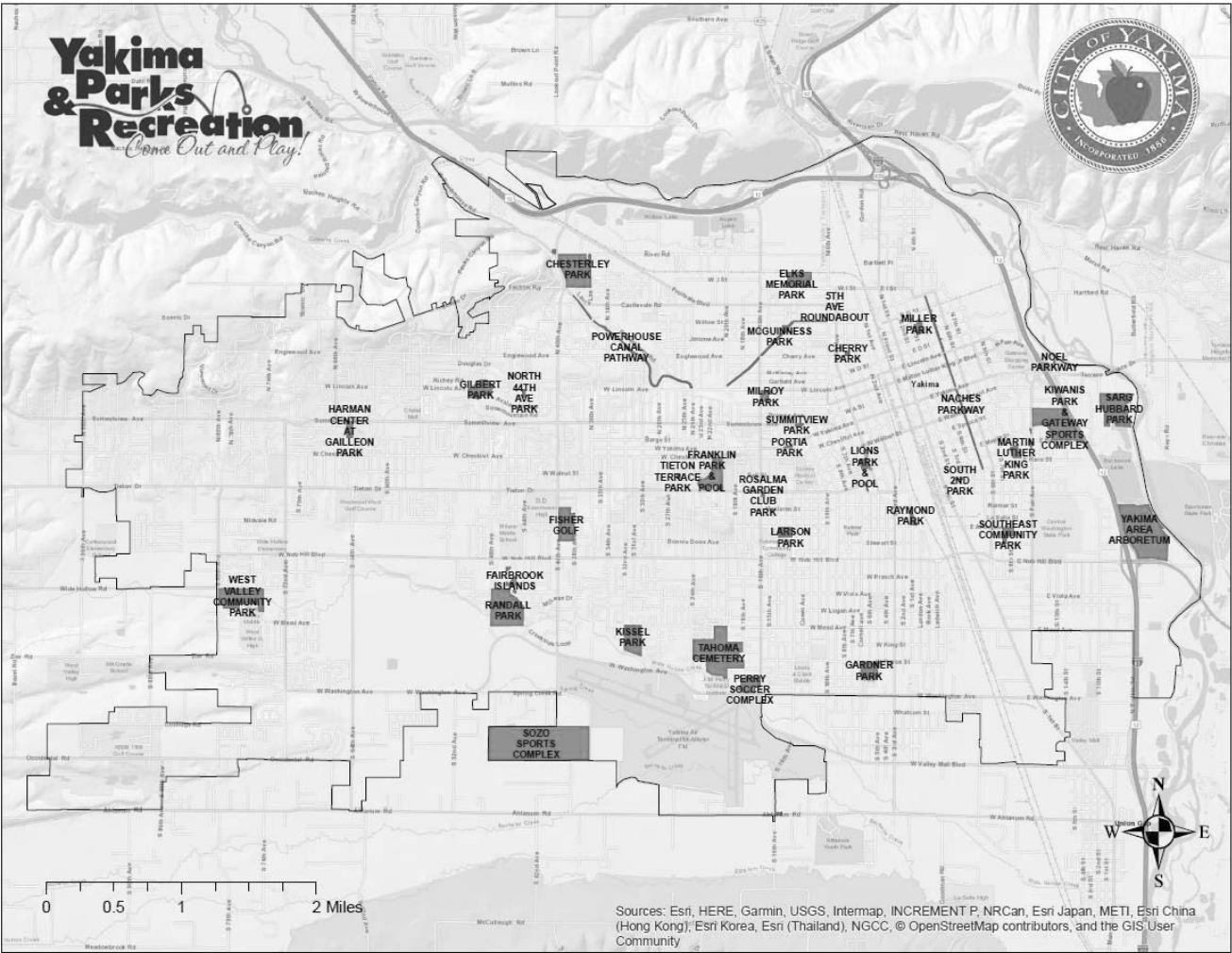
- 1 Please feel free to add any additional thoughts or ideas you have regarding Yakima Parks and Recreation.

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Park Location Map



Yakima Park Locations Map

## Coupons for Survey




Bring this postcard in for a  
**FREE**  
Round of golf at Fisher Park Golf Course  
Expires 10/30/21  
**Open March—October**  
**509-575-6075**

**Yakima  
& Parks  
Recreation**  
*Come Out and Play*

This postcard is good for a one time  
**FREE SWIM**  
for up to 5 people at  
**FRANKLIN POOL**  
2101 Tieton Drive  
Yakima WA 98902  
509 575-6035

Expiration date Saturday 8/21/2021

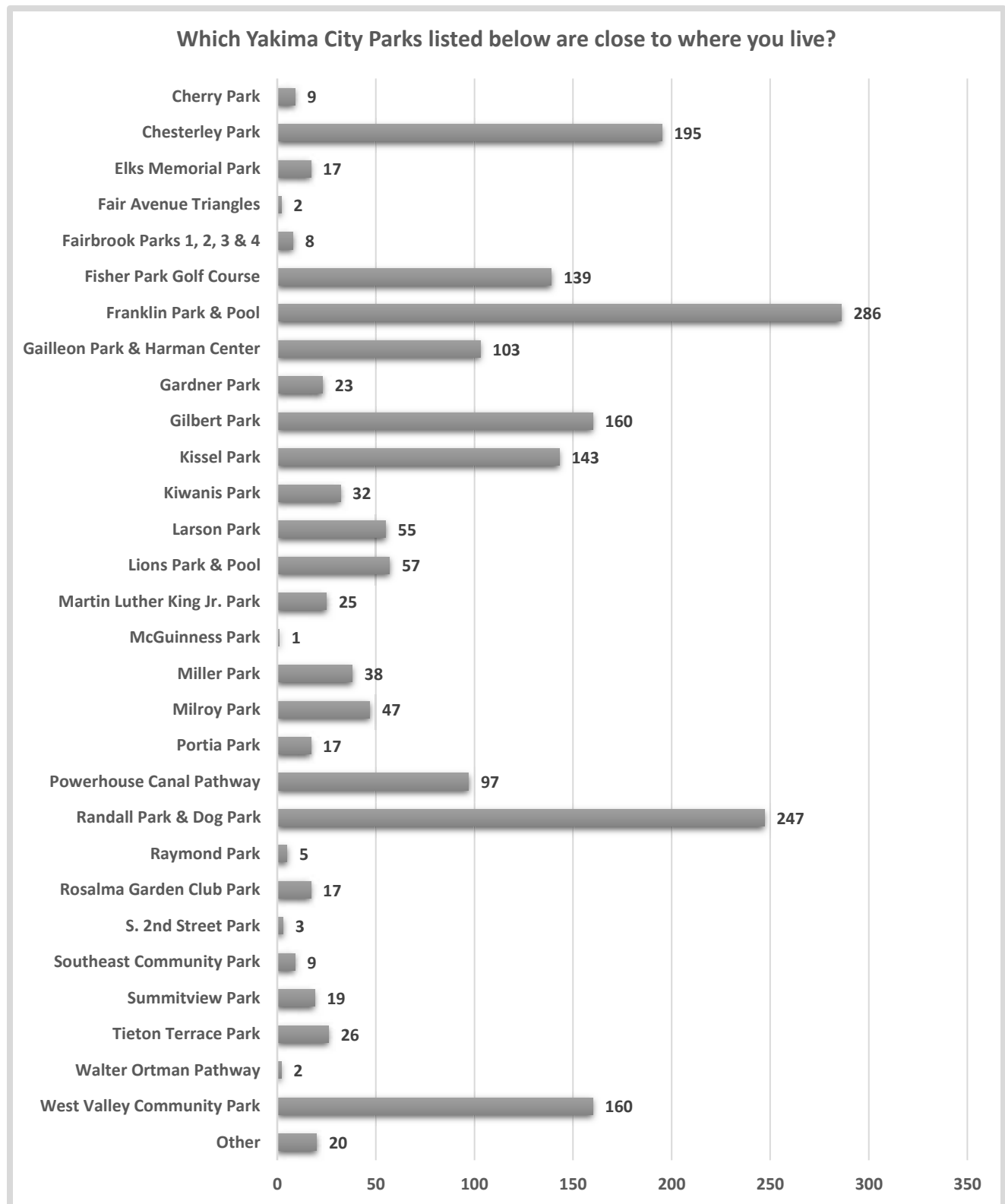


**Harman Center at Gailleon Park**  
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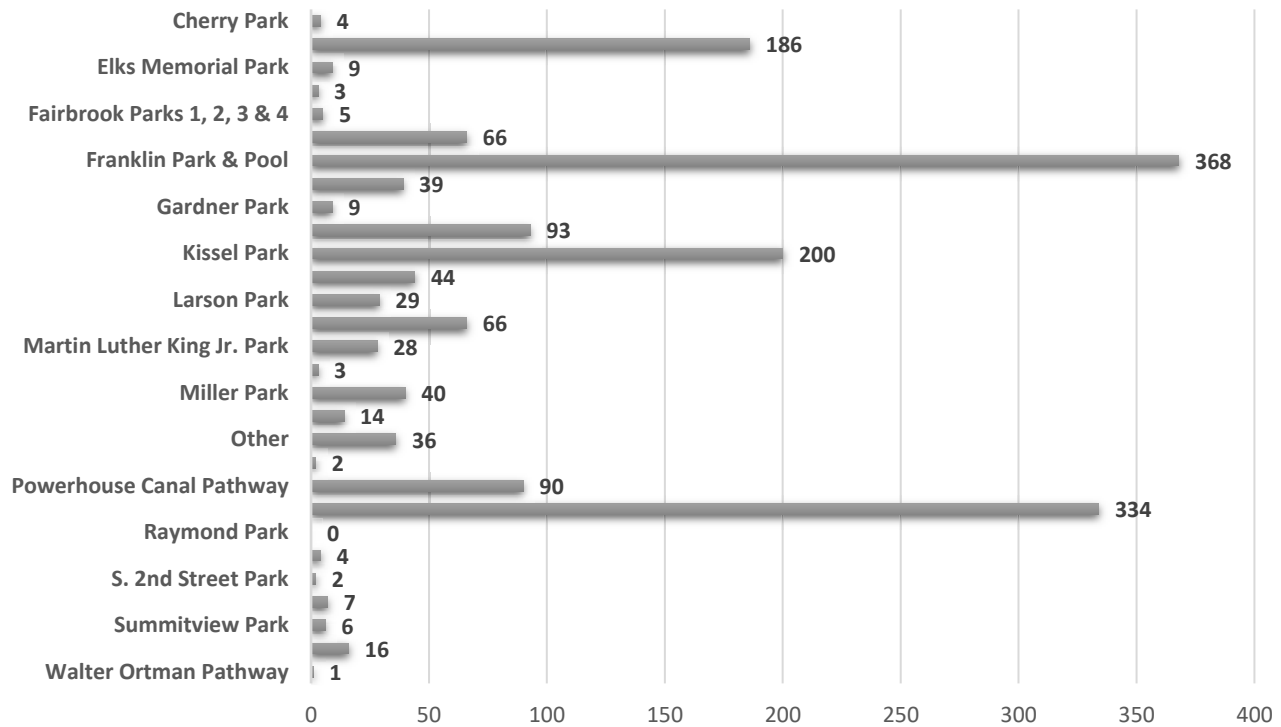
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## SECTION I – General Questions

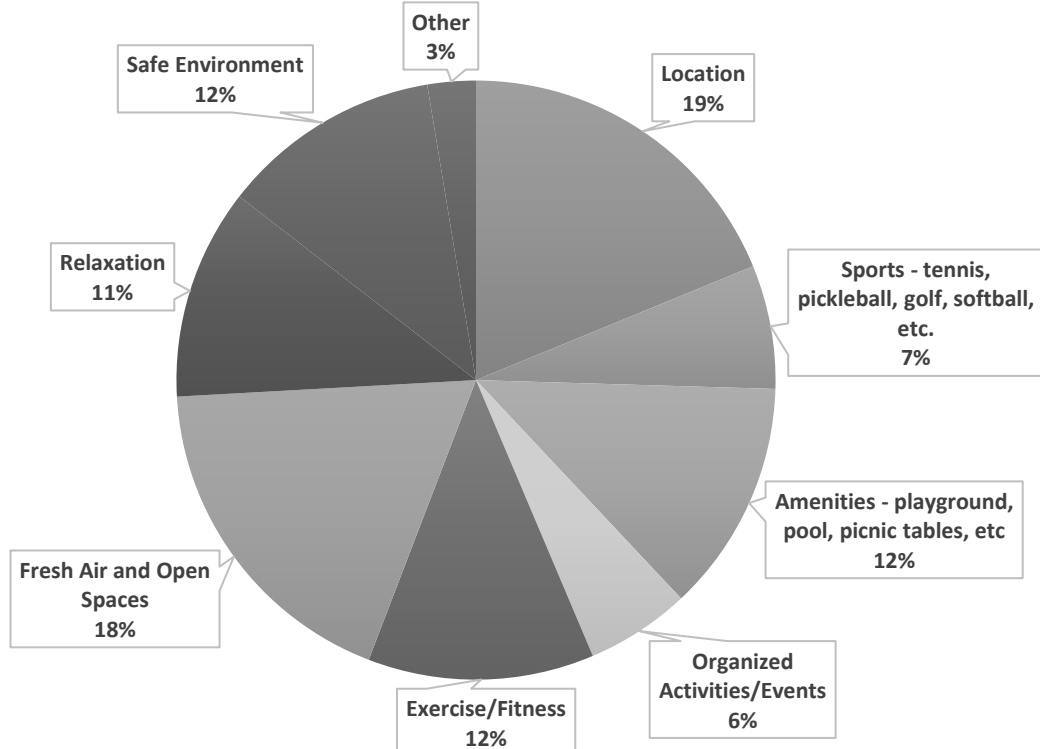




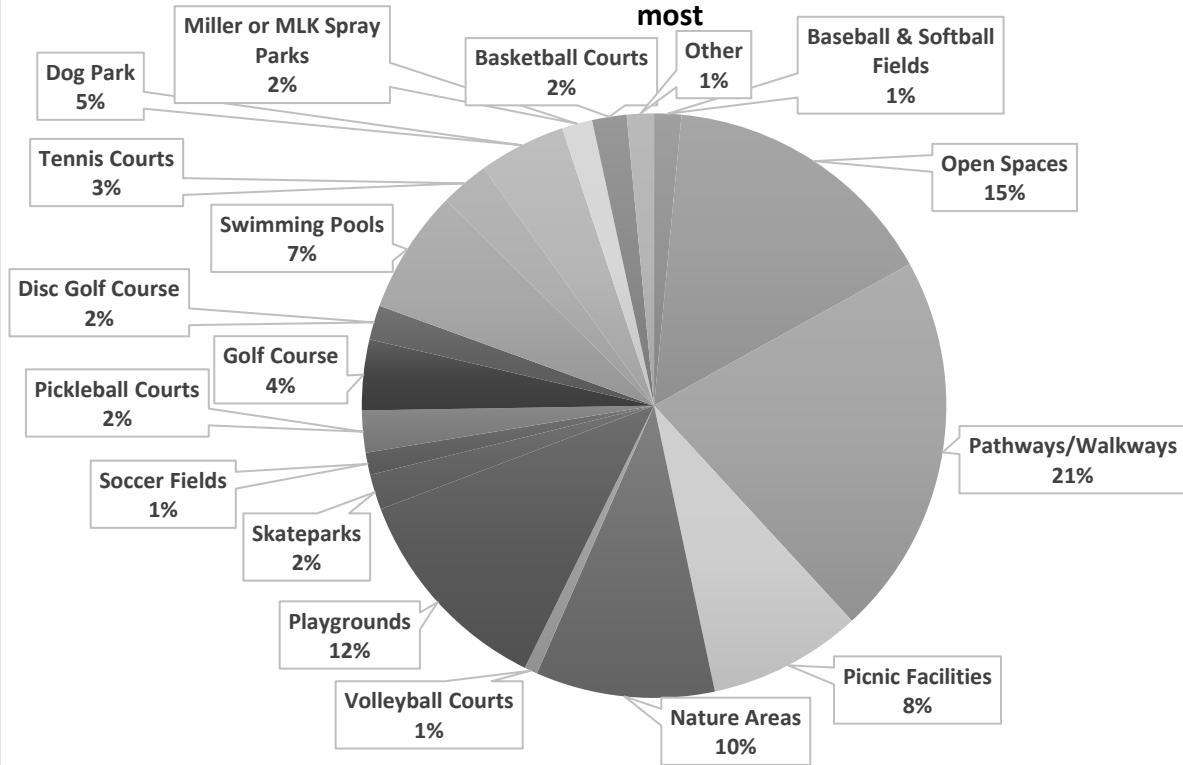
### If you visit the Yakima City Parks, which do you visit regularly?



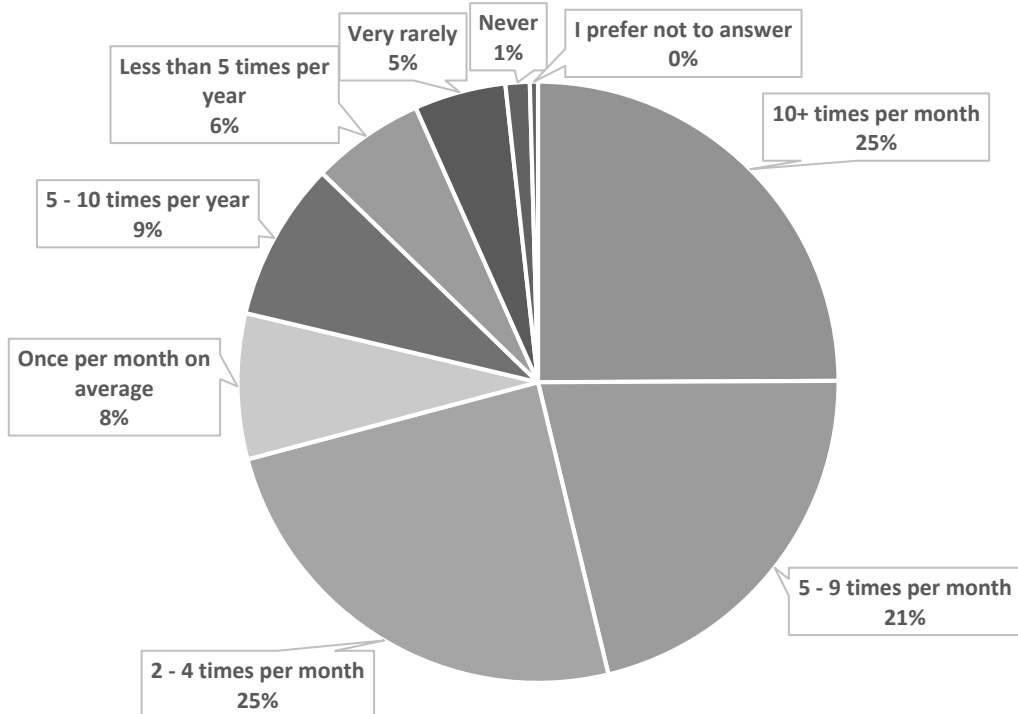
### Why do you and your family choose to go to the parks identified above?

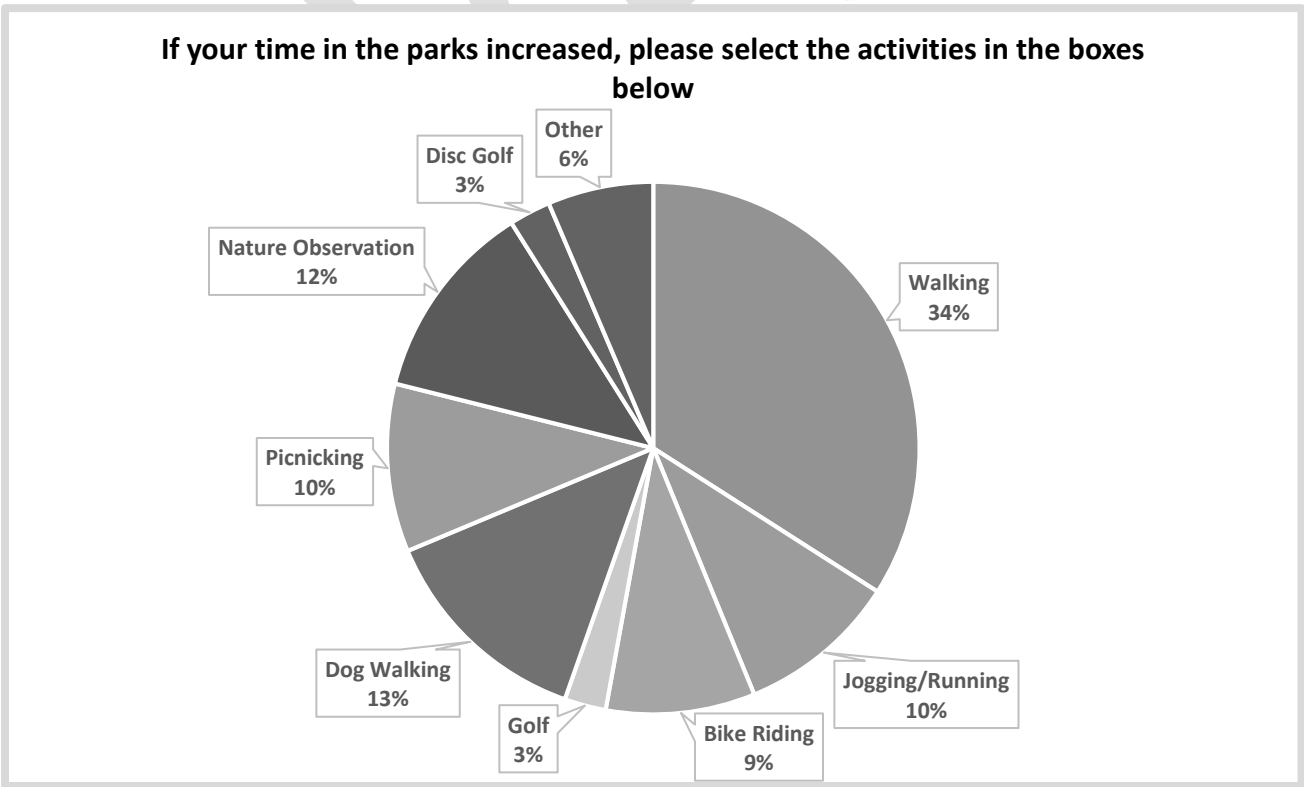
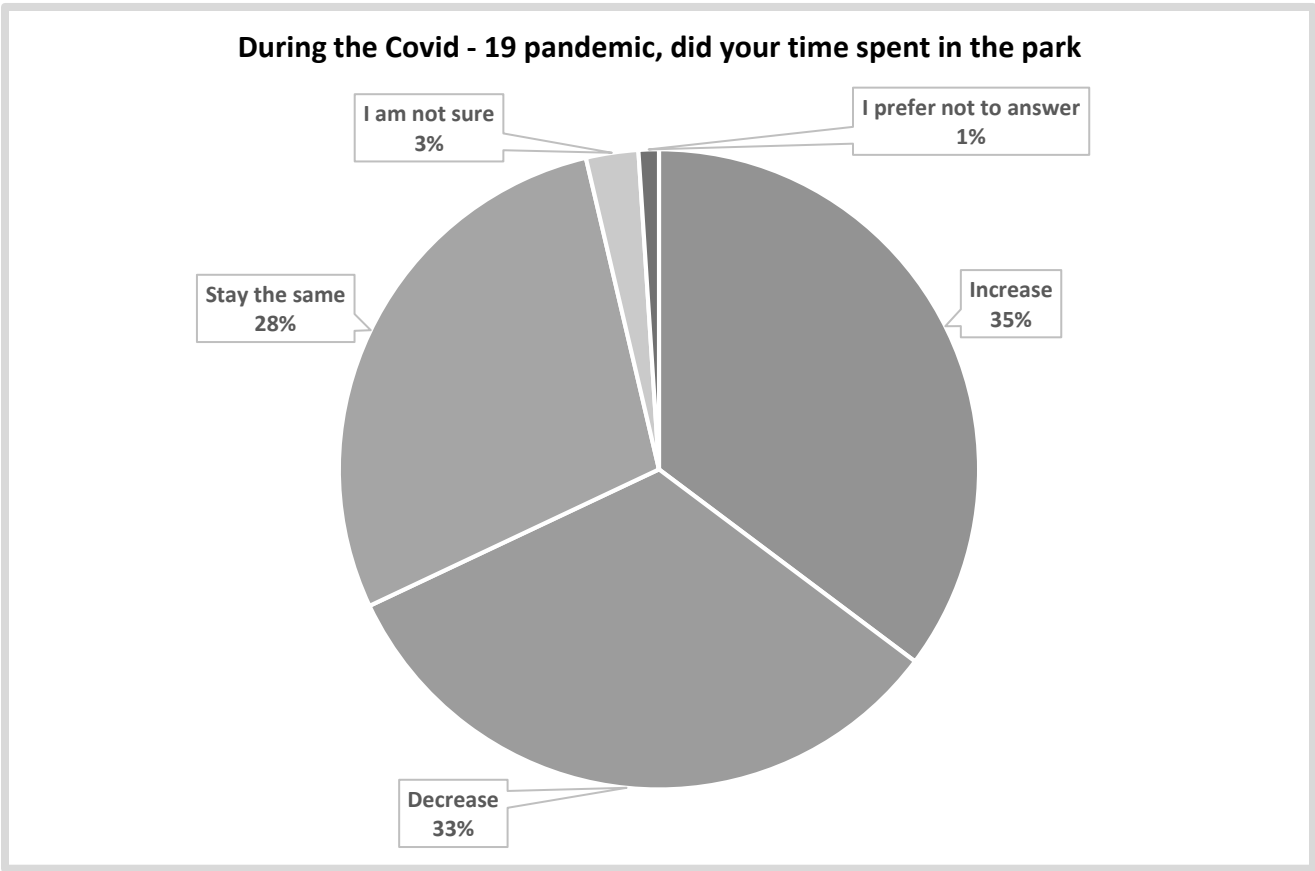


**What type of parks and recreation facilities do you and your family use the most**

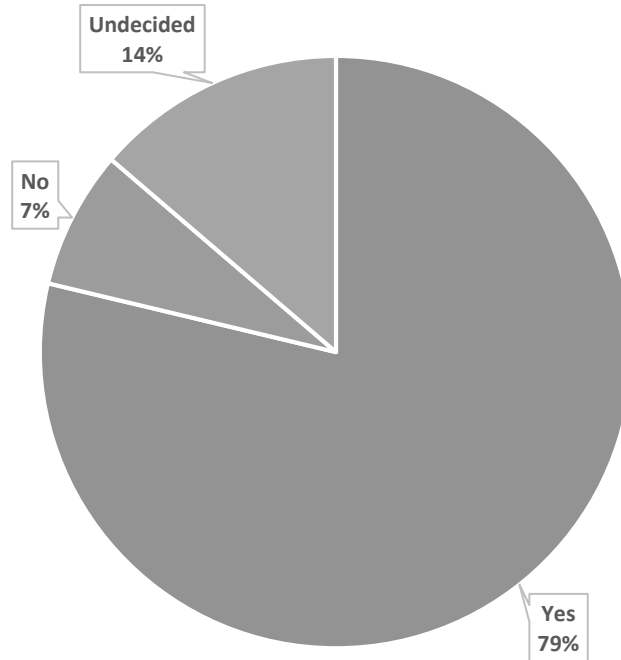


**On average, how often do you visit parks?**

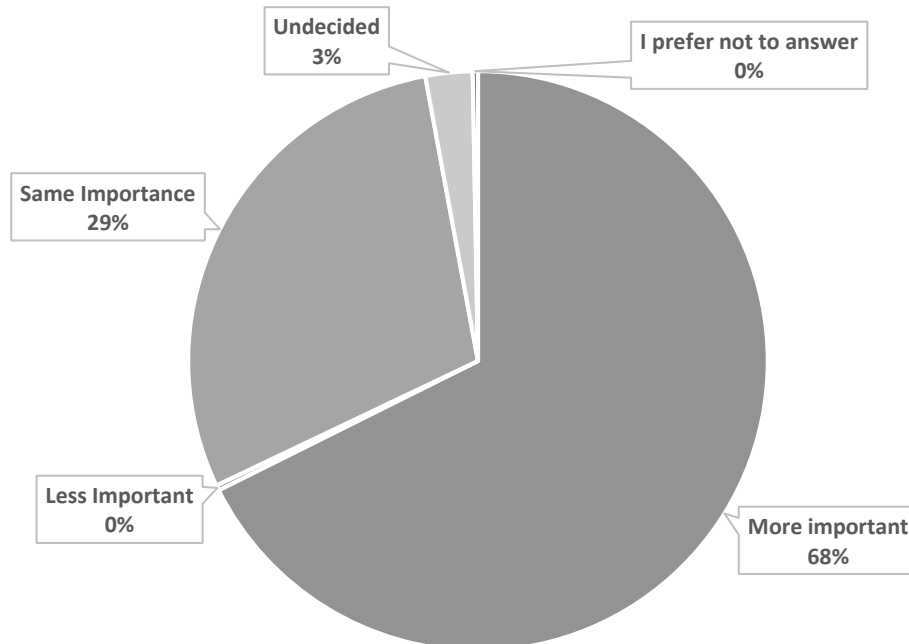


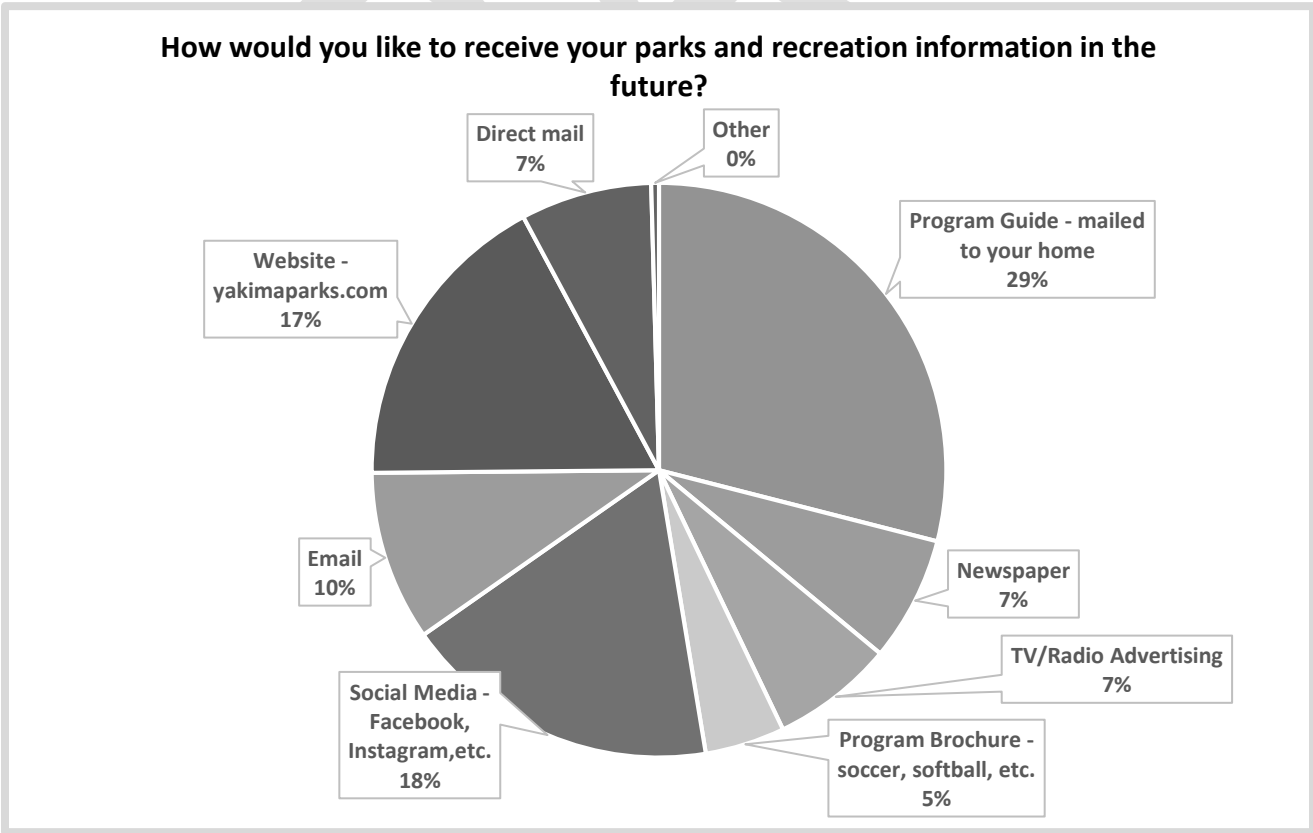
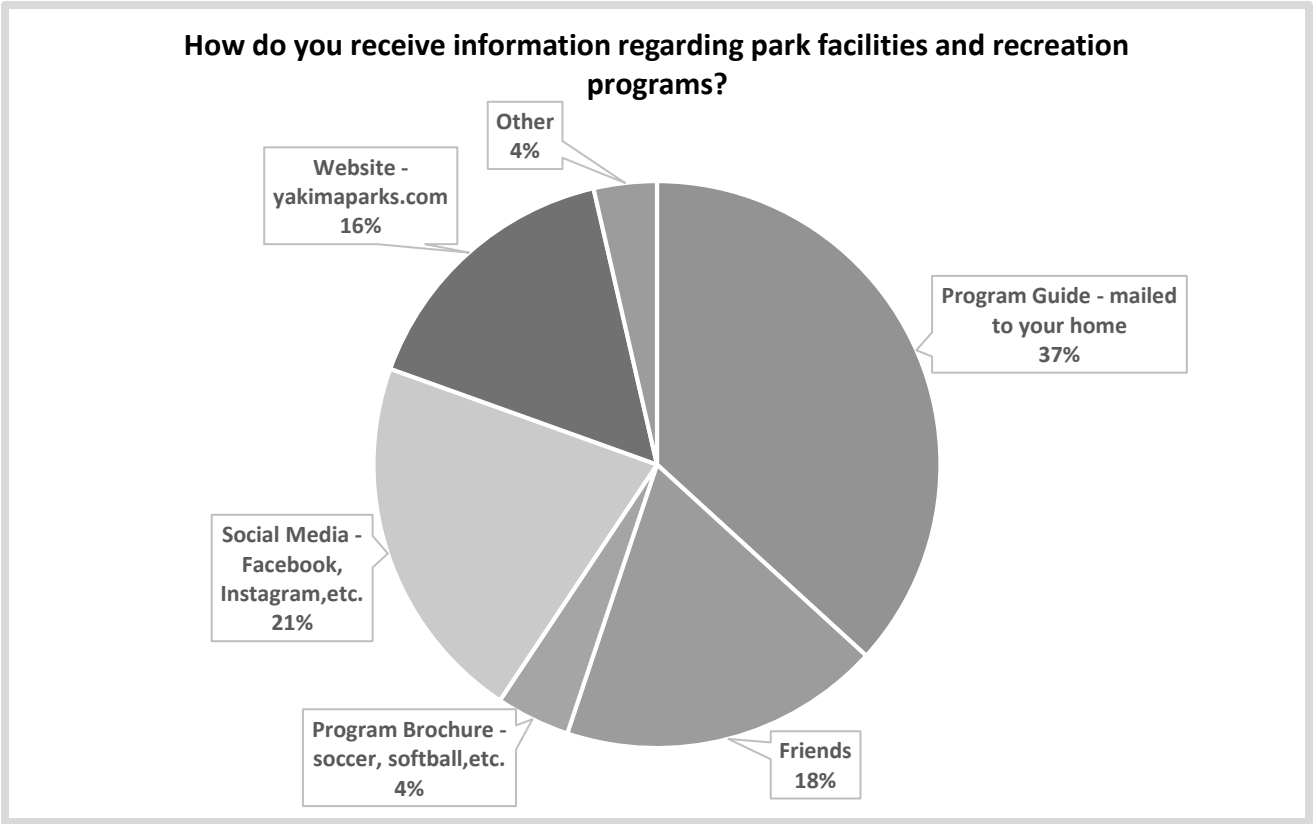


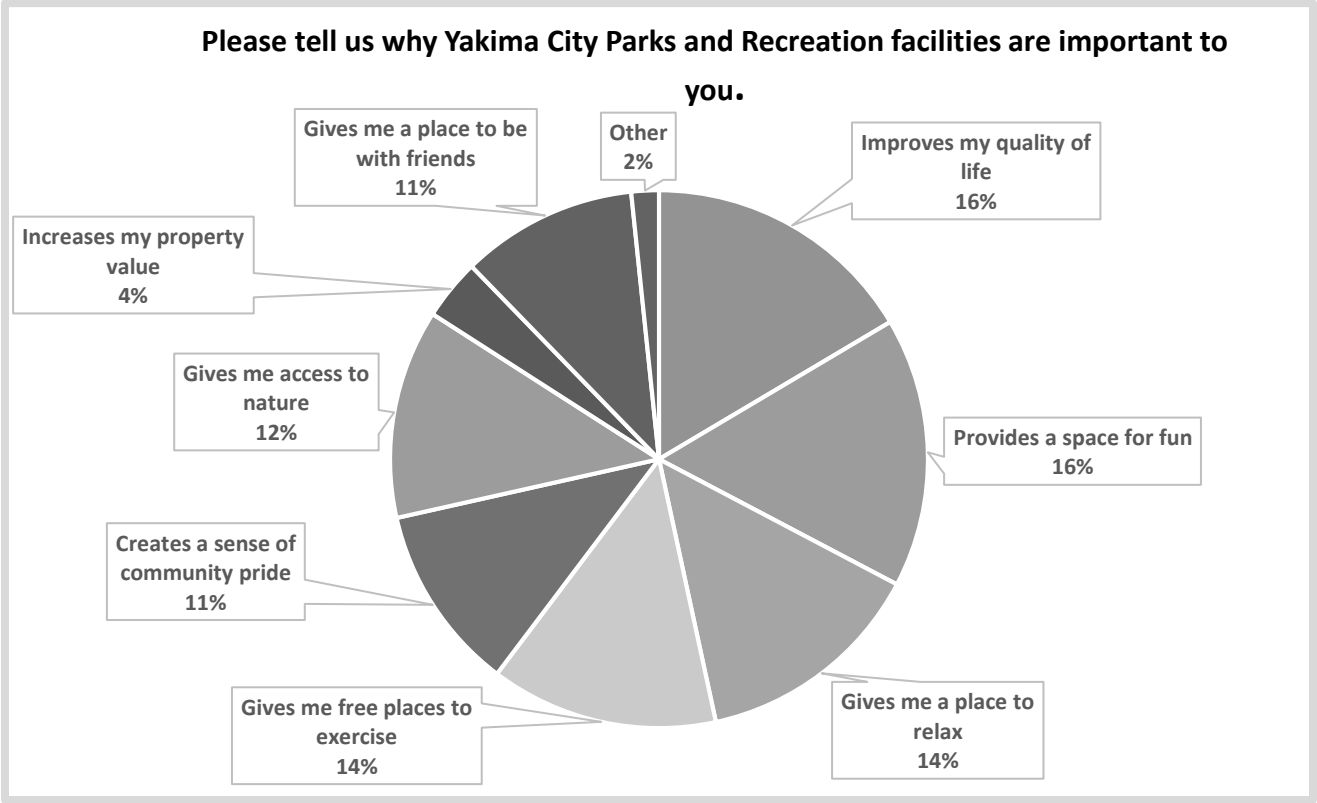
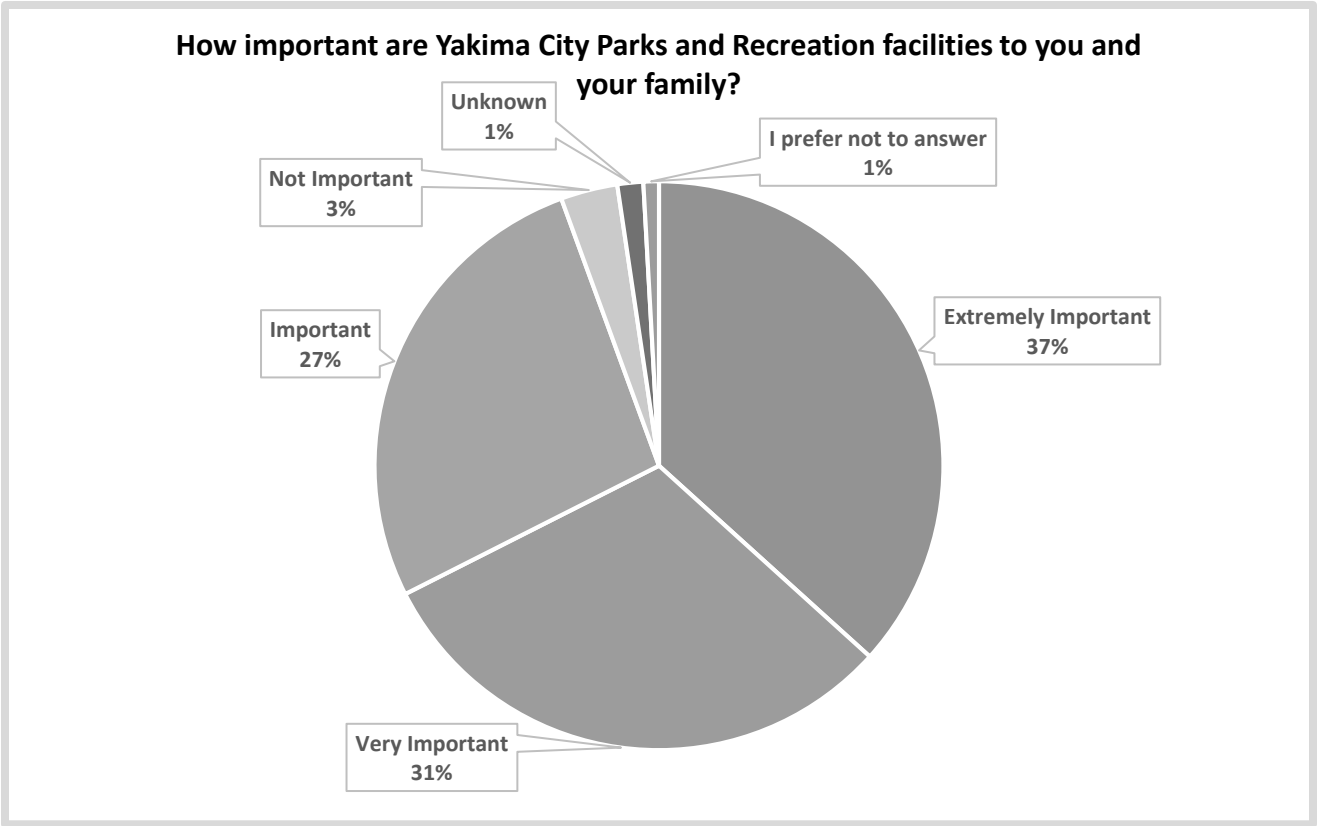
**After the Covid - 19 pandemic has ended, do you think you will continue to spend more time in the parks?**

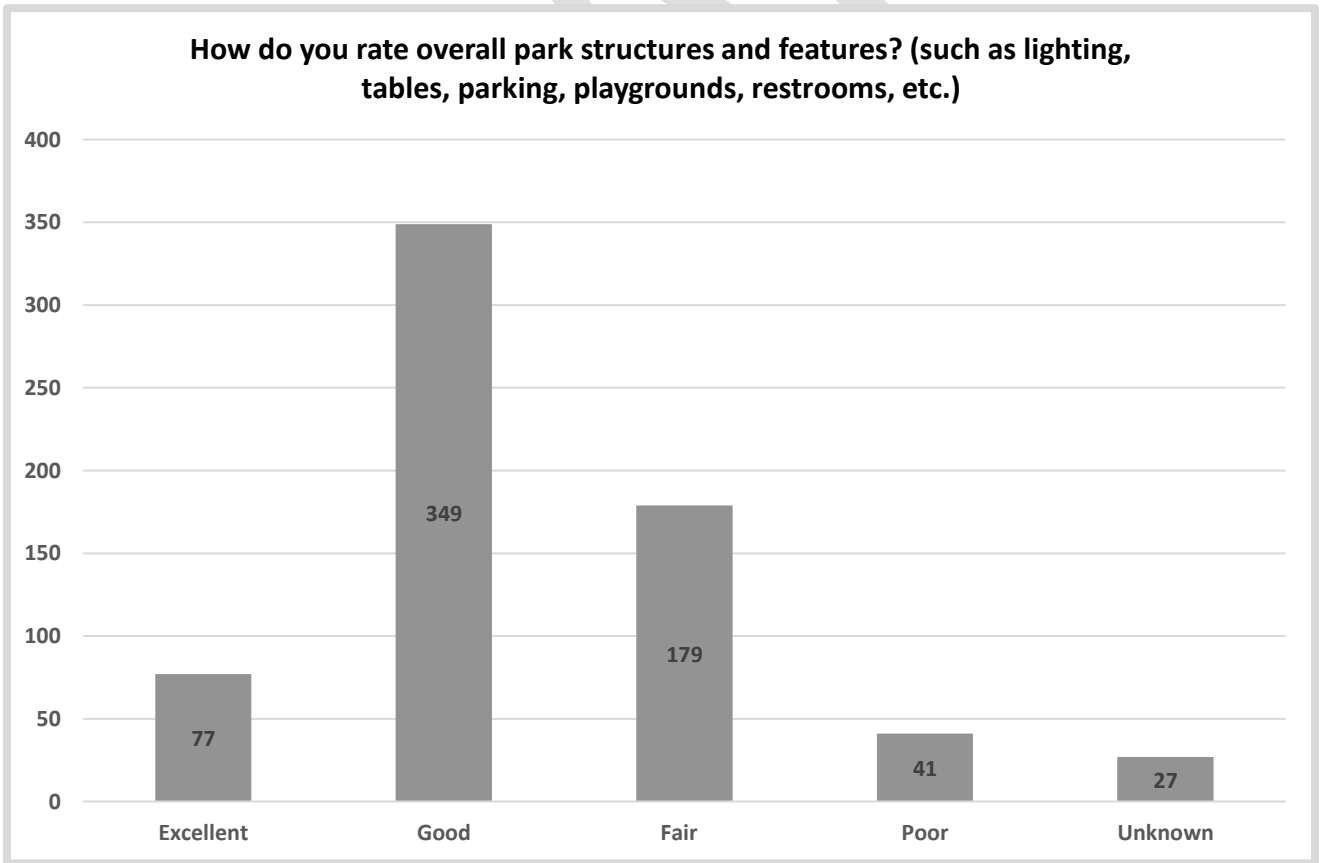


**After the Covid - 19 pandemic, do you think that parks are**

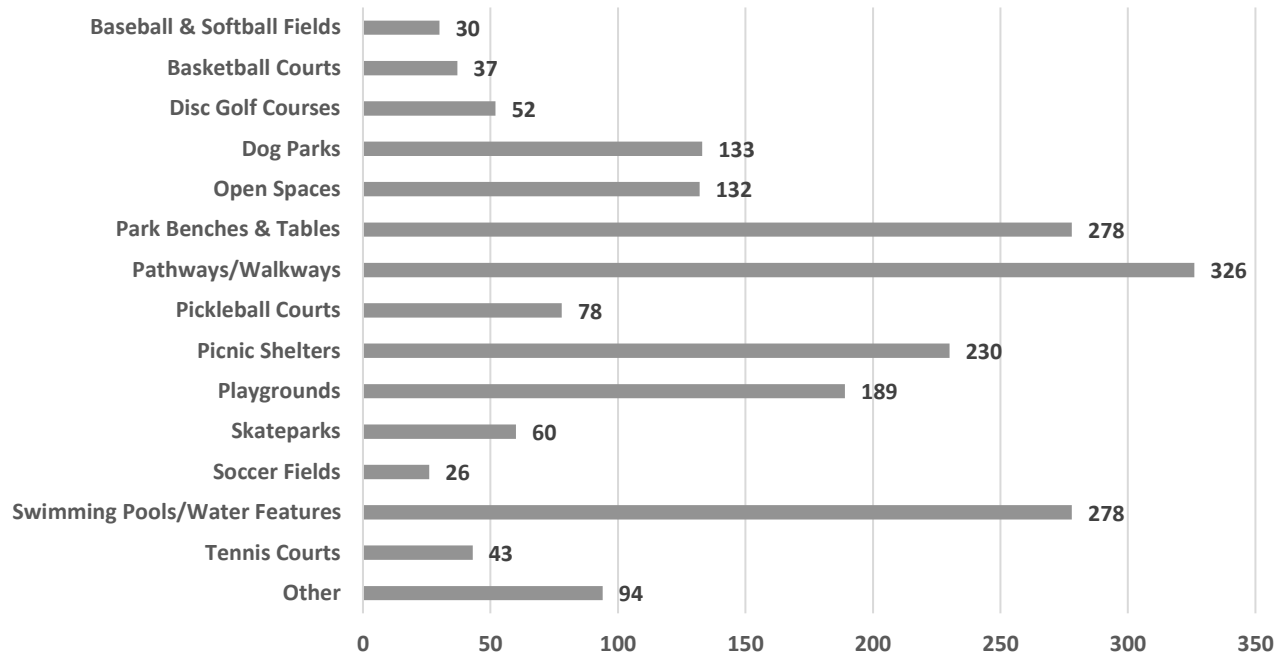




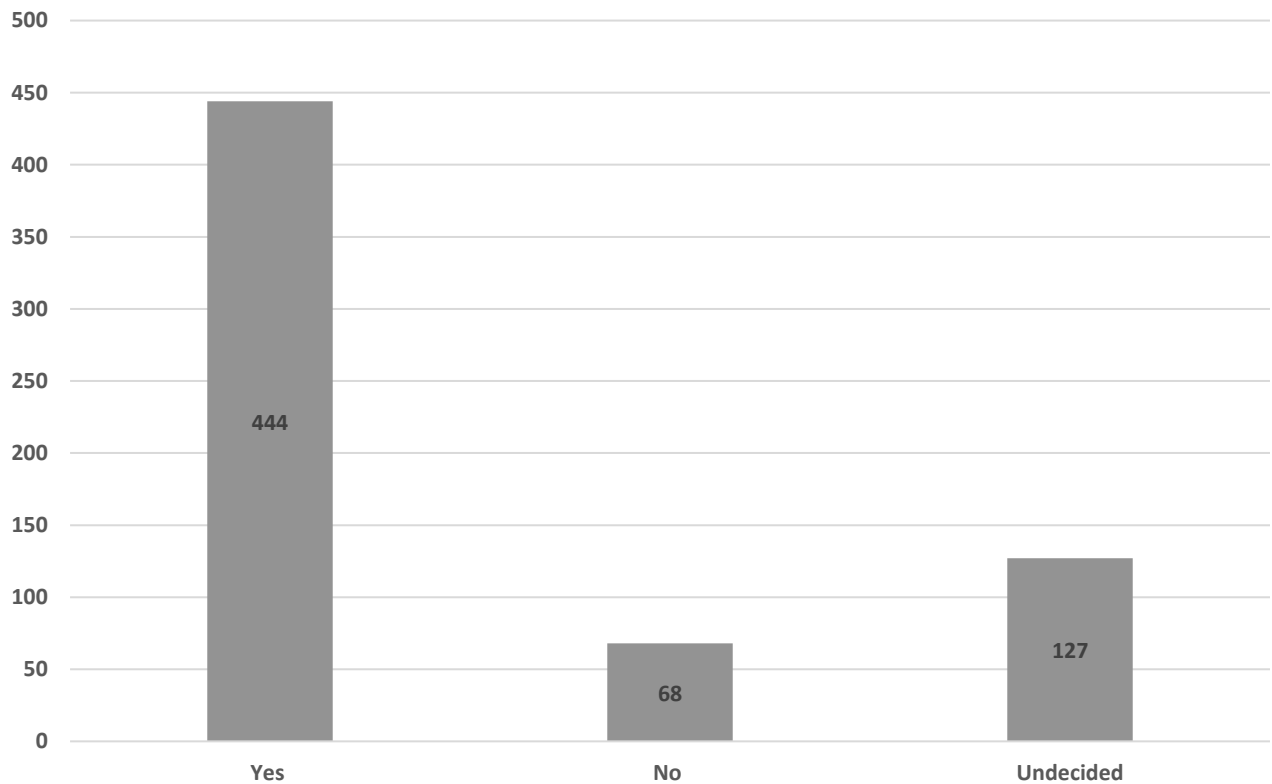




### What Parks and Recreation facilities and amenities would you like to see increased?

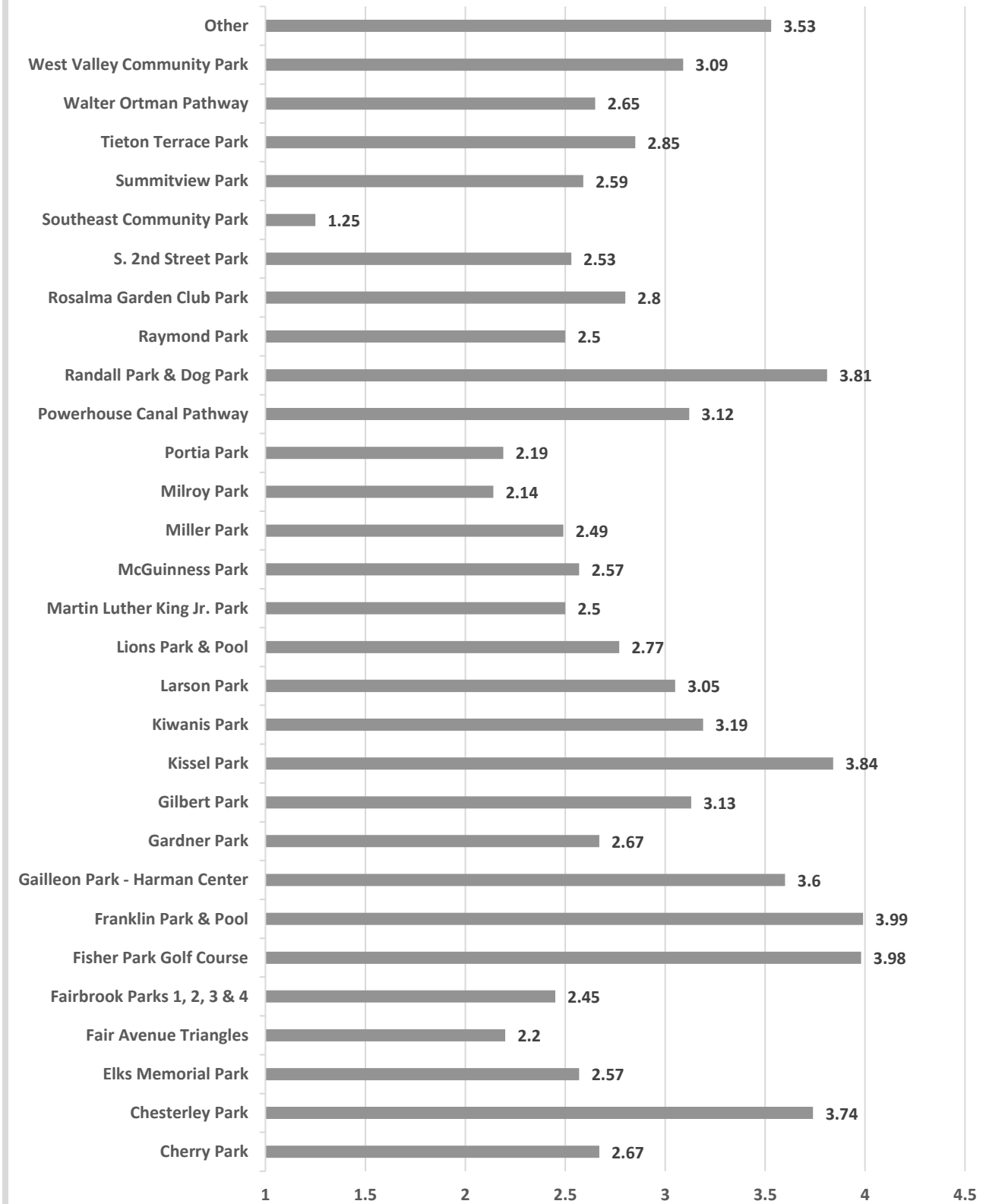


### When you visit City Parks, do you feel safe?



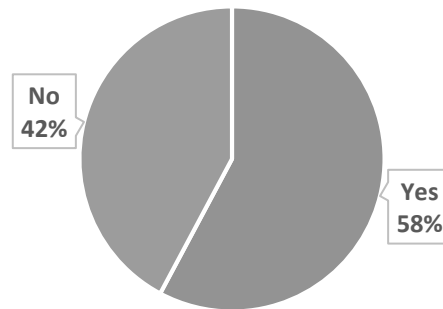


**Please rate the quality of amenities, picnic tables, benches, athletic equipment, playgrounds, etc., in the following parks**

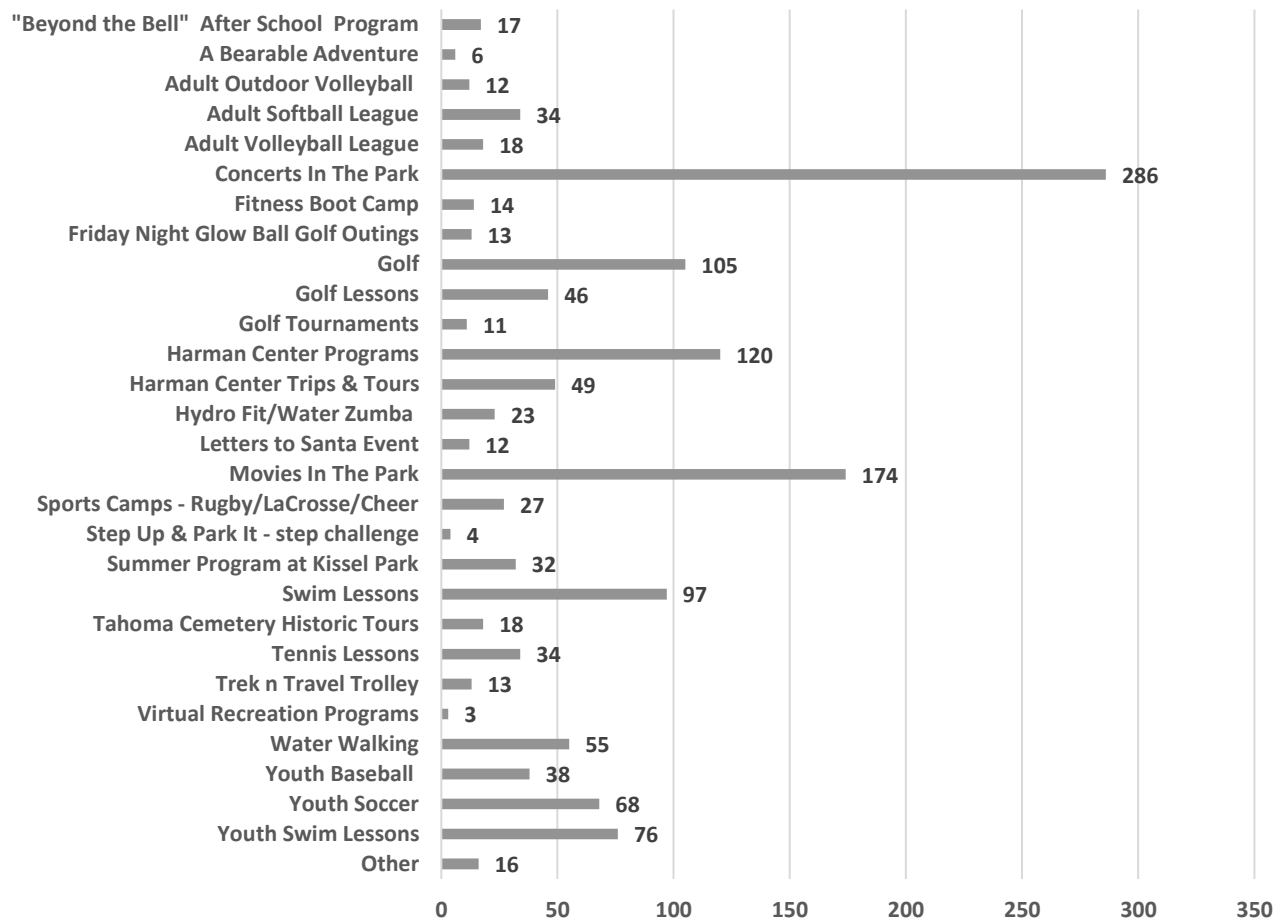


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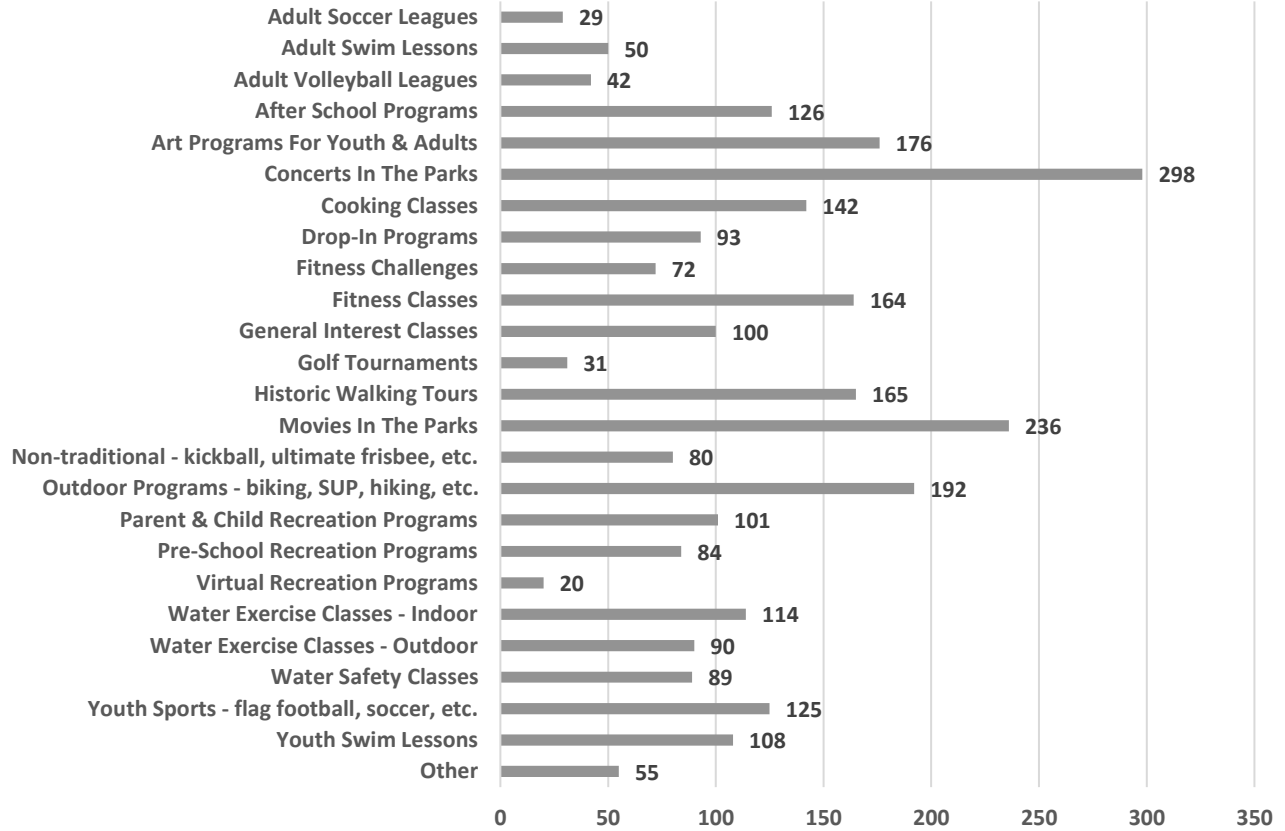
**Have you or anyone in your family participated in ANY City of Yakima recreation programs?**



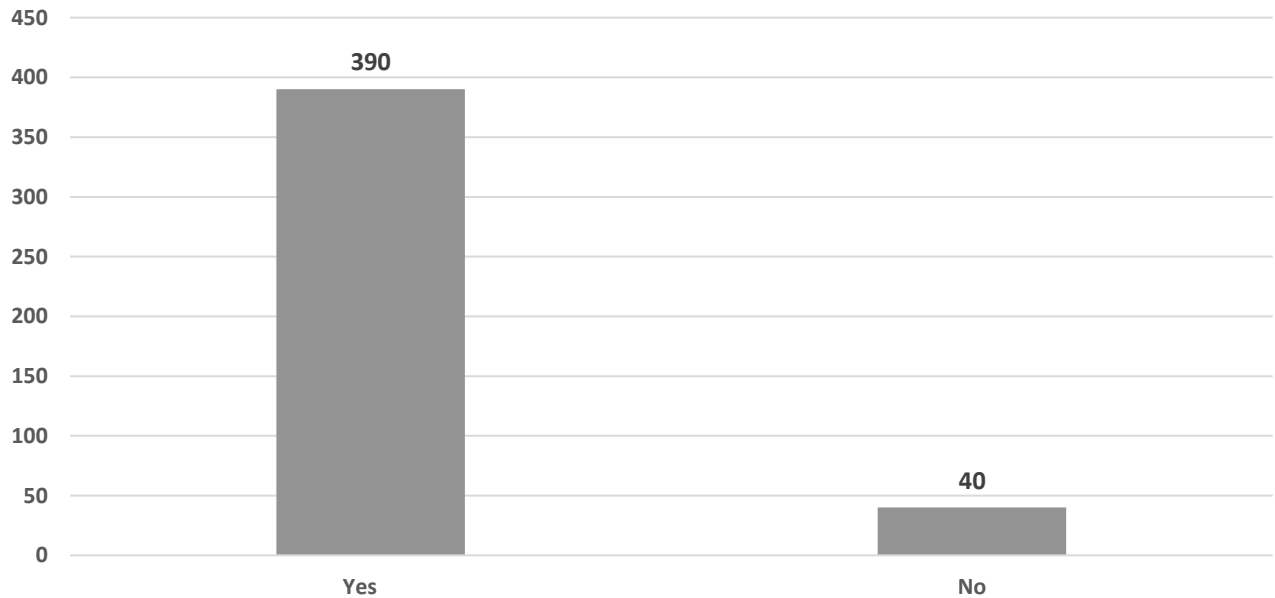
**Please identify below all of the recreation programs you or your family have participated in during recent years?**



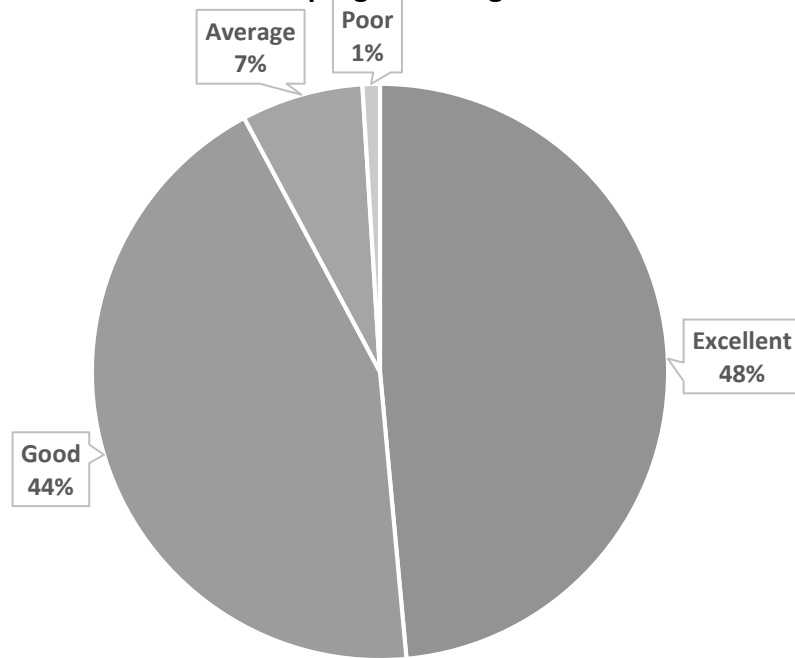
### What additional recreation programs would you like us to offer or expand?



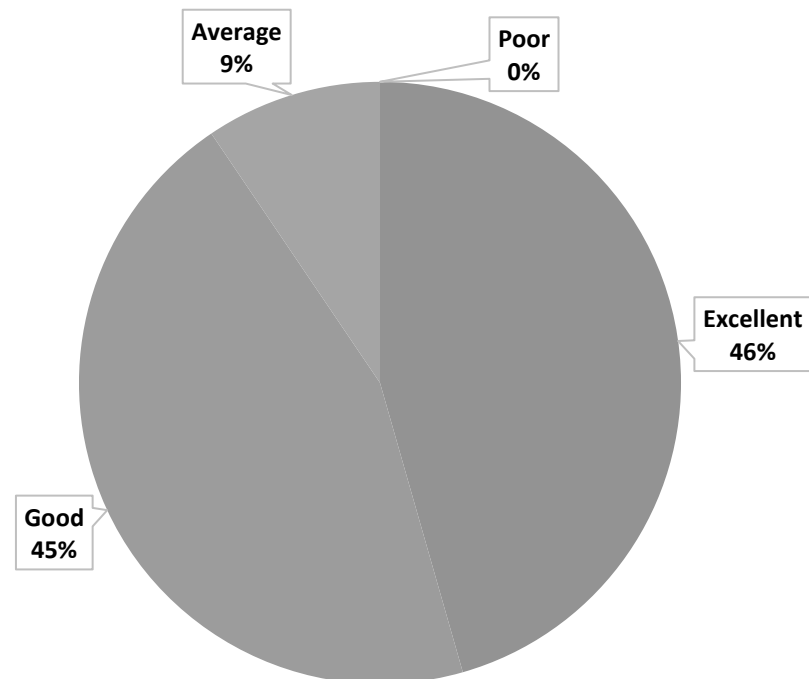
### If you participated in ANY recreation programs, would you or your family members participate in the programs again?



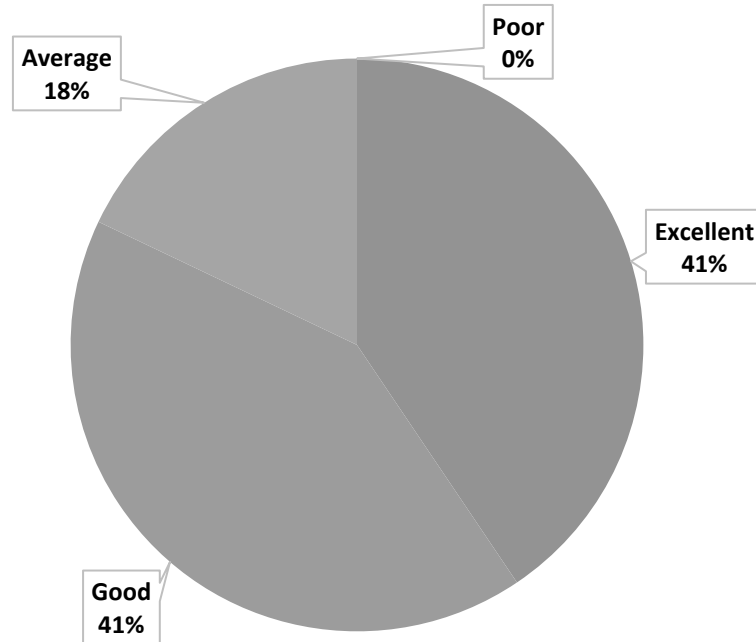
**If you participated in a program, how would you rate the quality of the recreation program? Program #1**



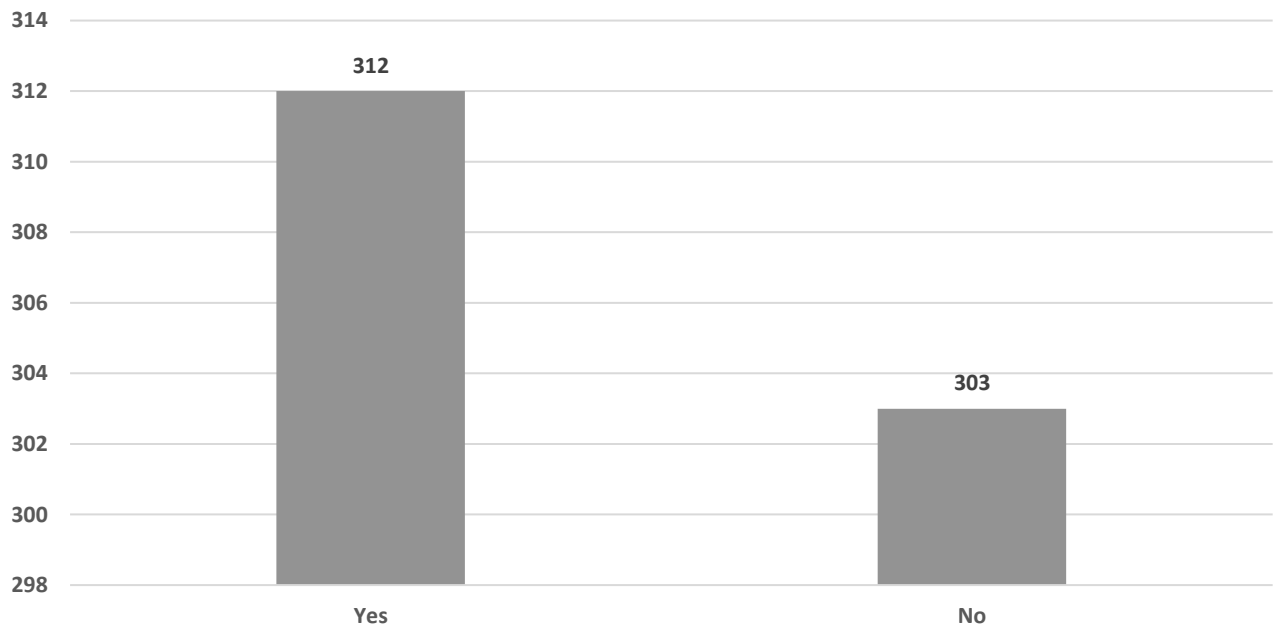
**If you participated in a program, how would you rate the quality of the recreation program? Program # 2**



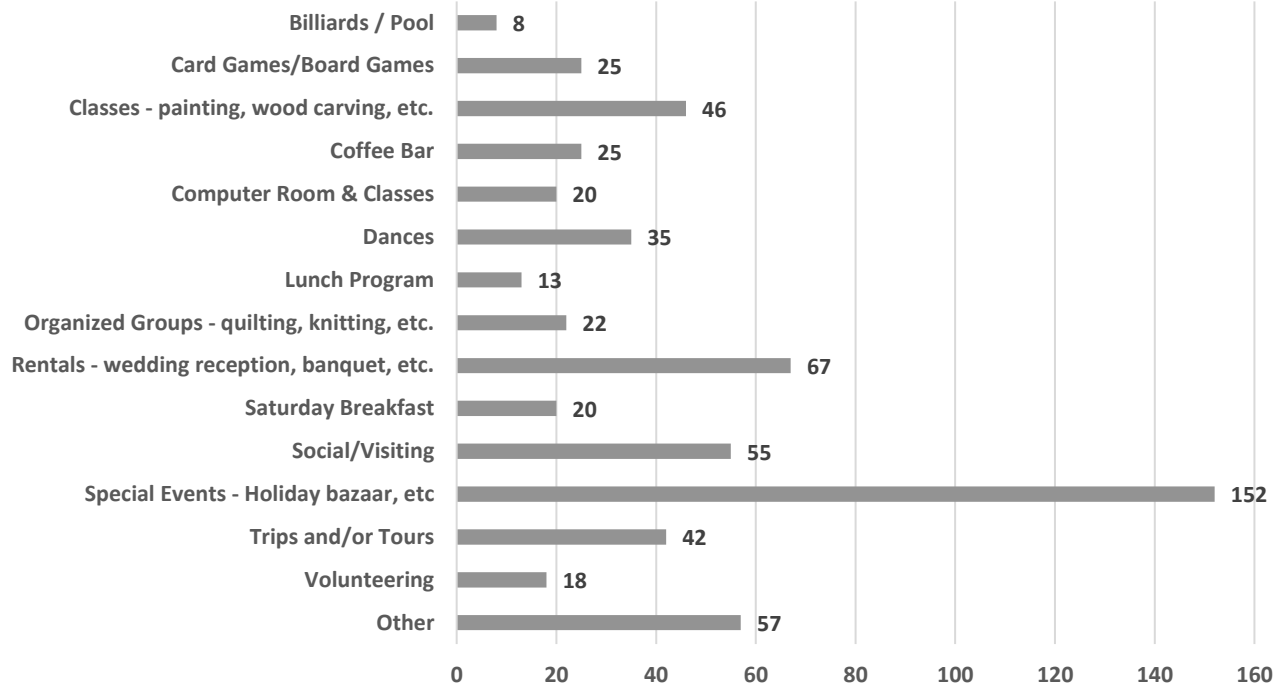
**If you participated in a program, how would you rate the quality of the recreation program? Program # 3**



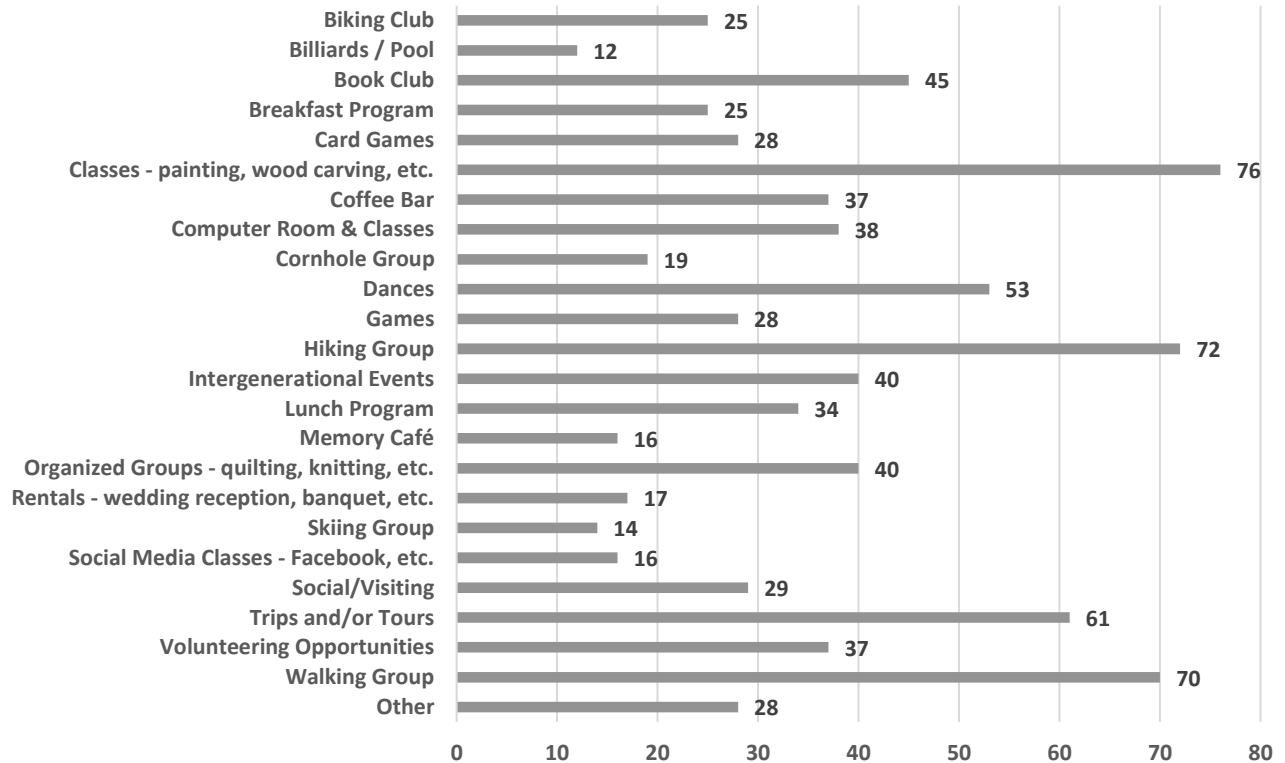
**Have you visited the Harman Center?**

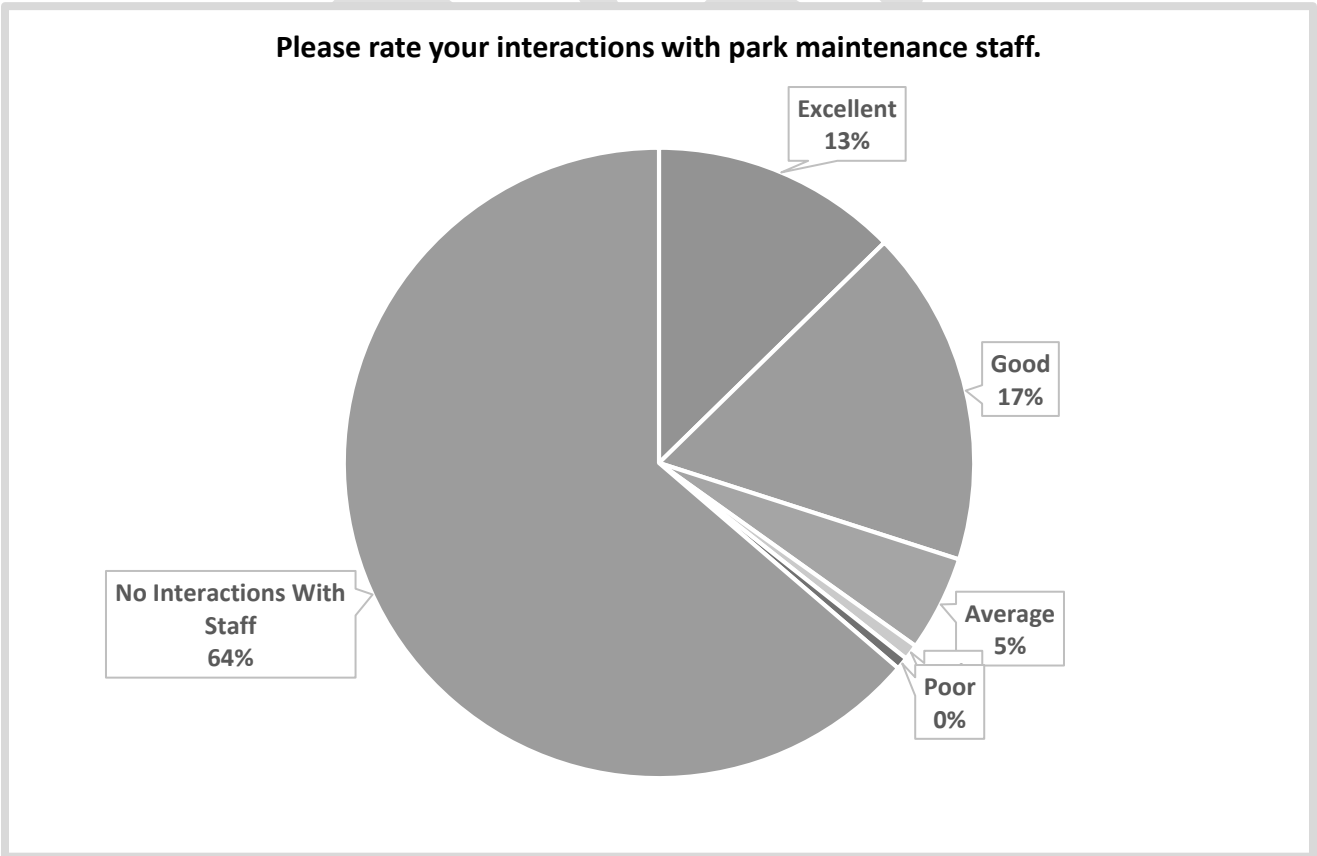
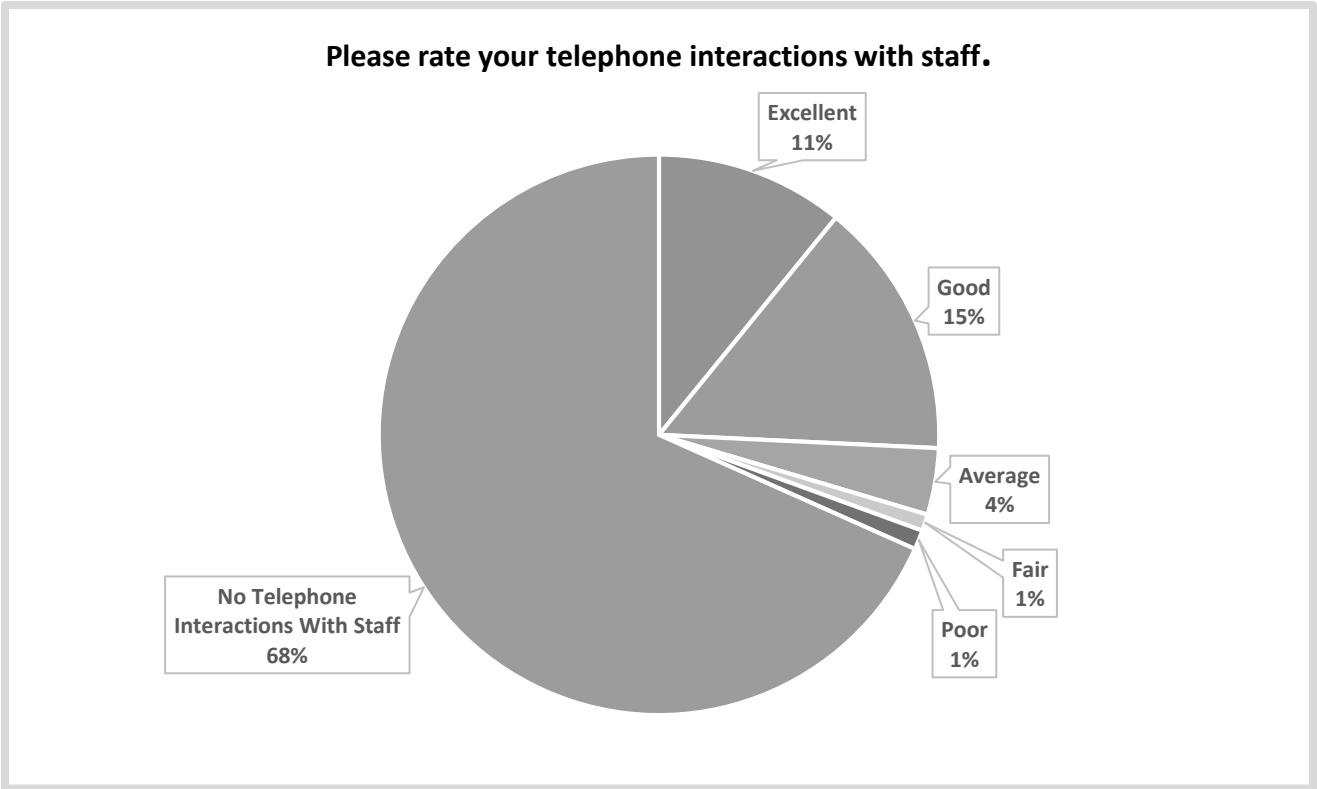


### If yes, what Harman Center programs or events did you participate in?

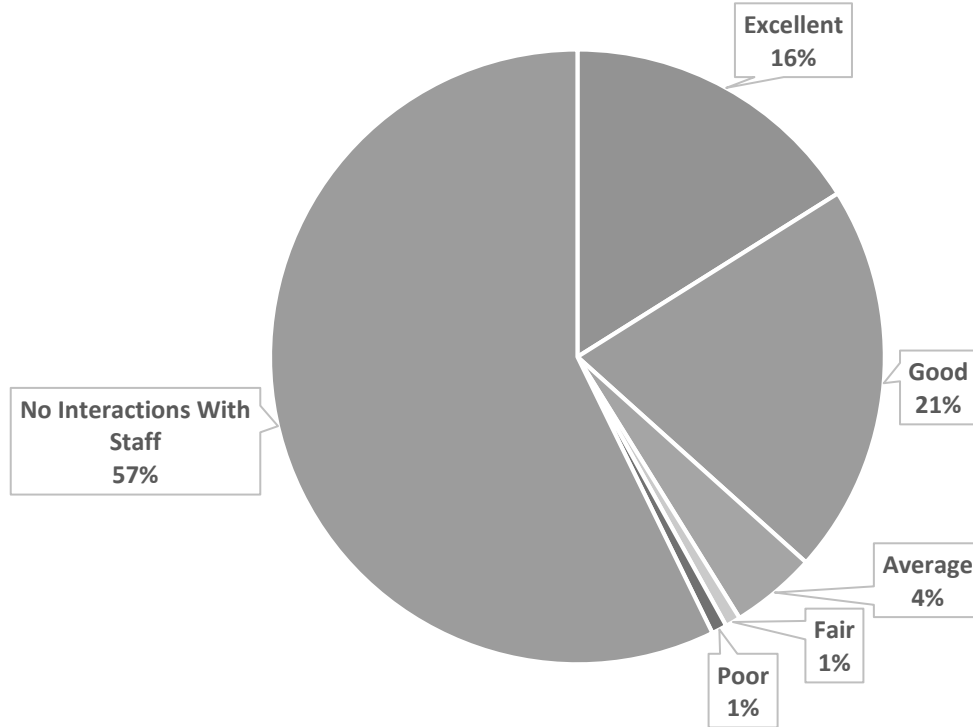


### What would you like to see more of at the Harman Center?

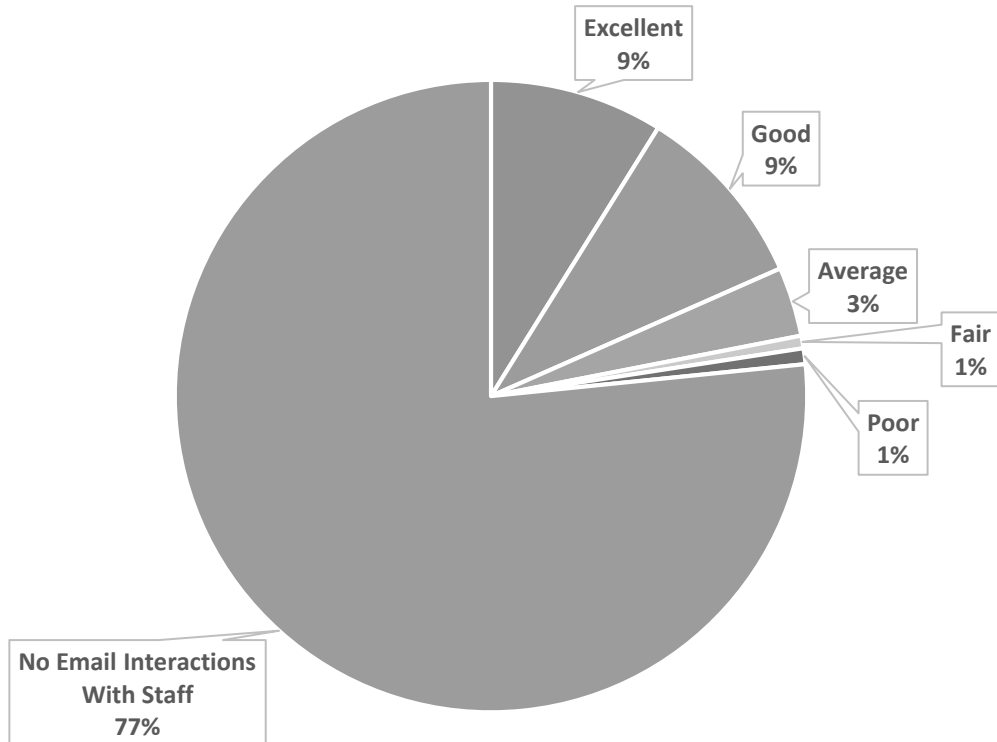




**Please rate your interactions with recreation program staff.**

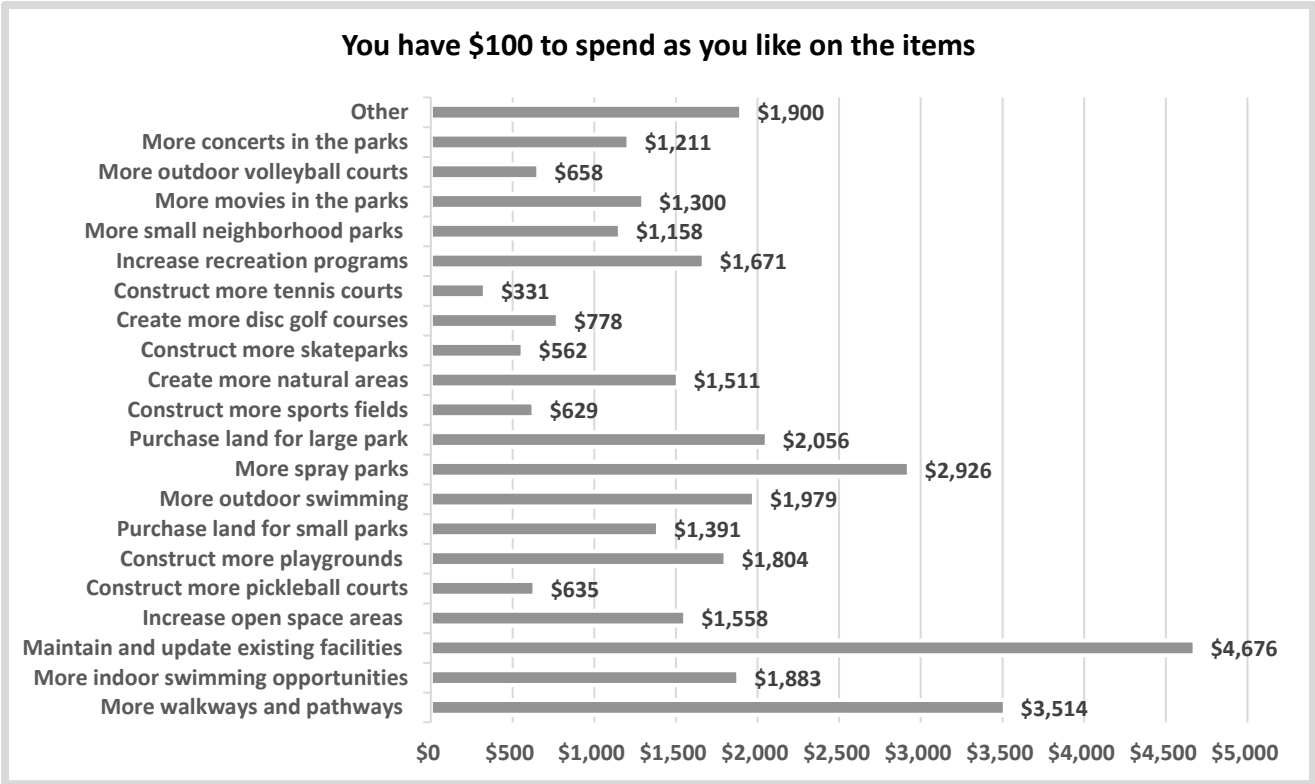


**Please rate your email interaction with staff.**

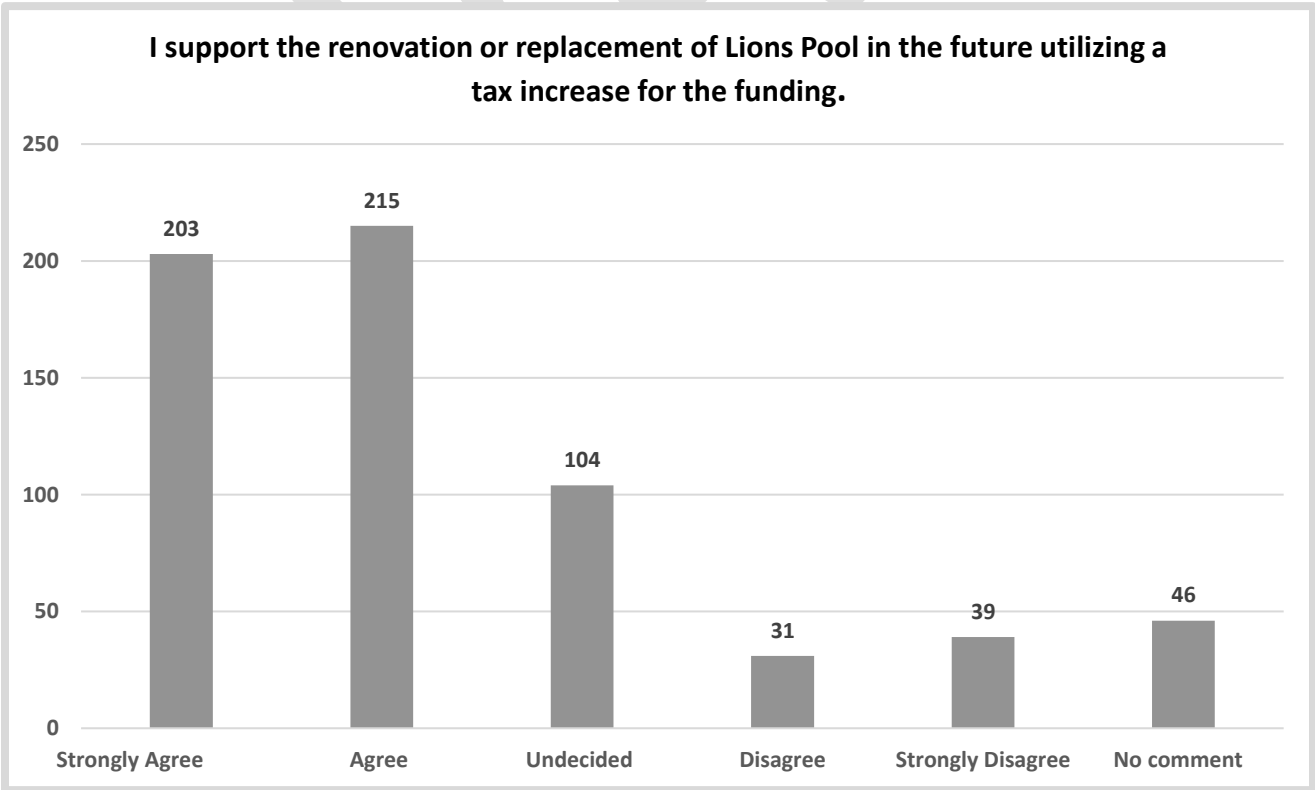


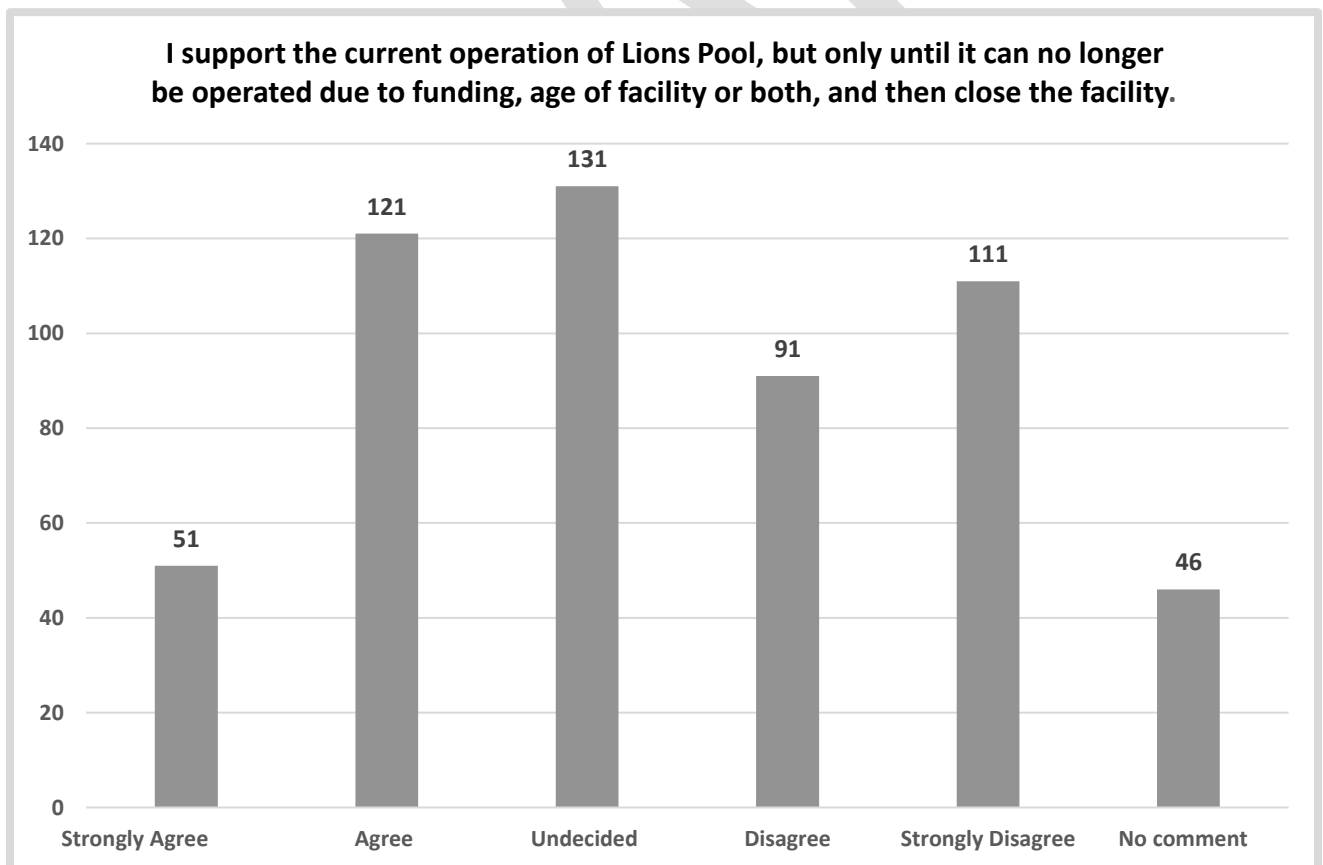
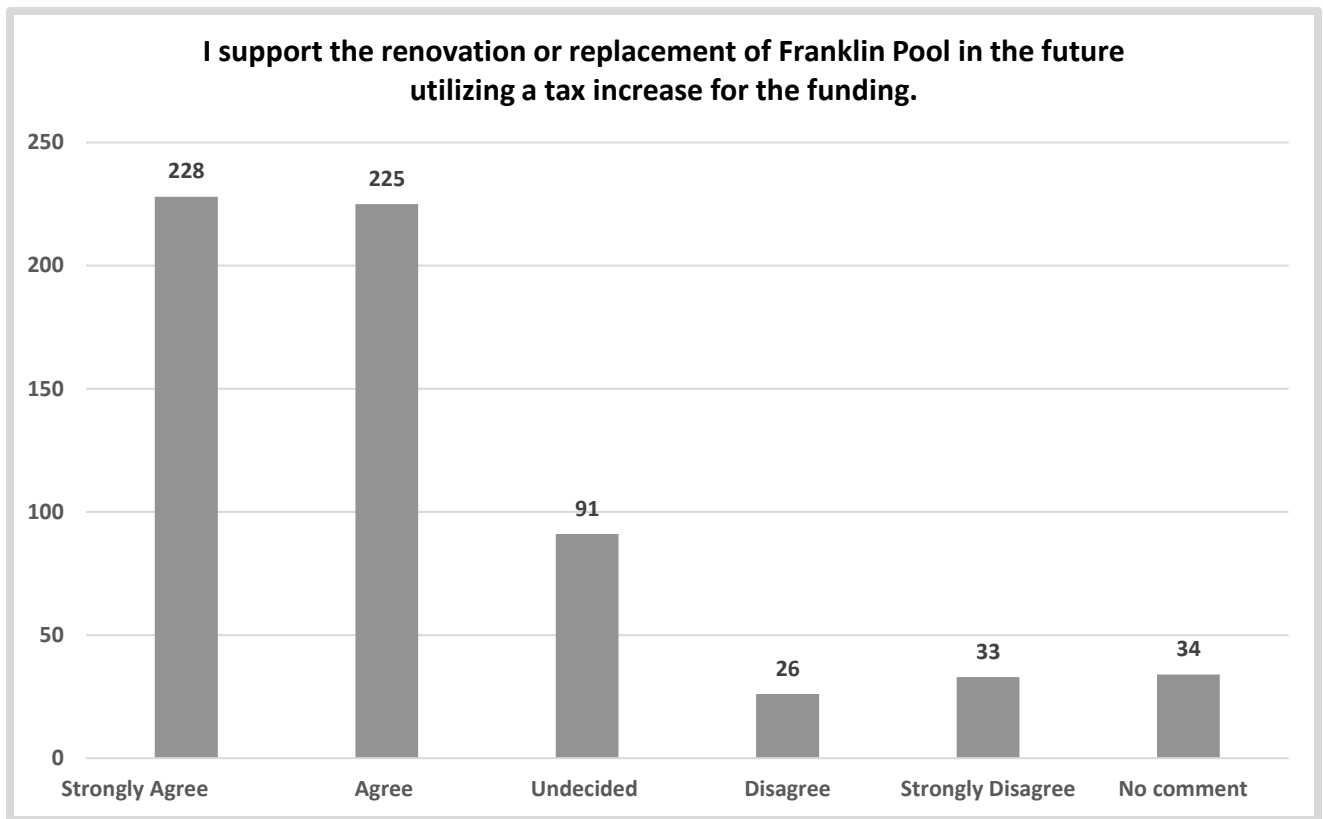


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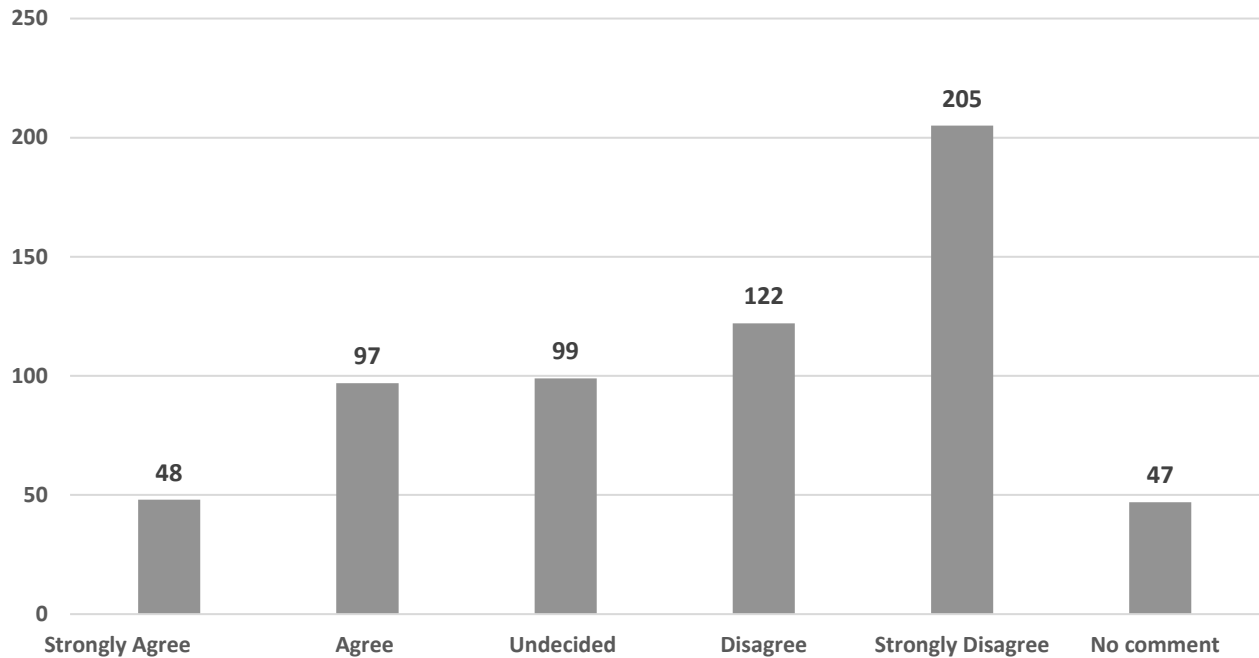


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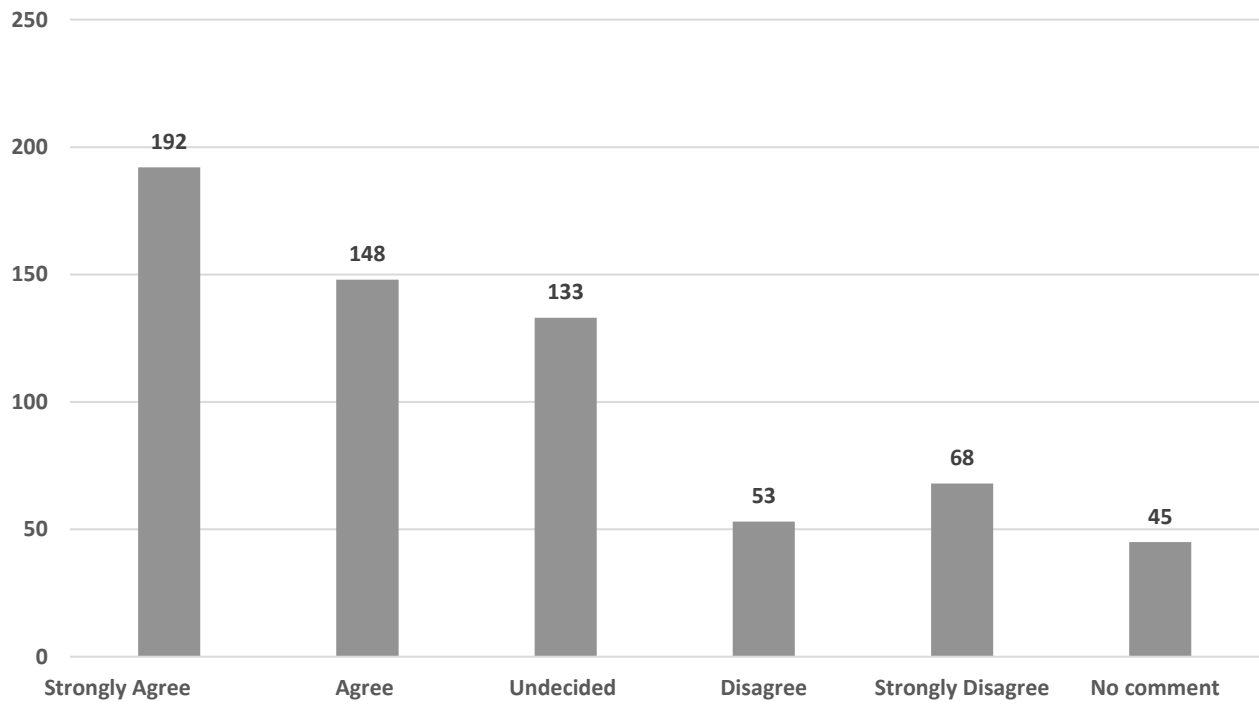


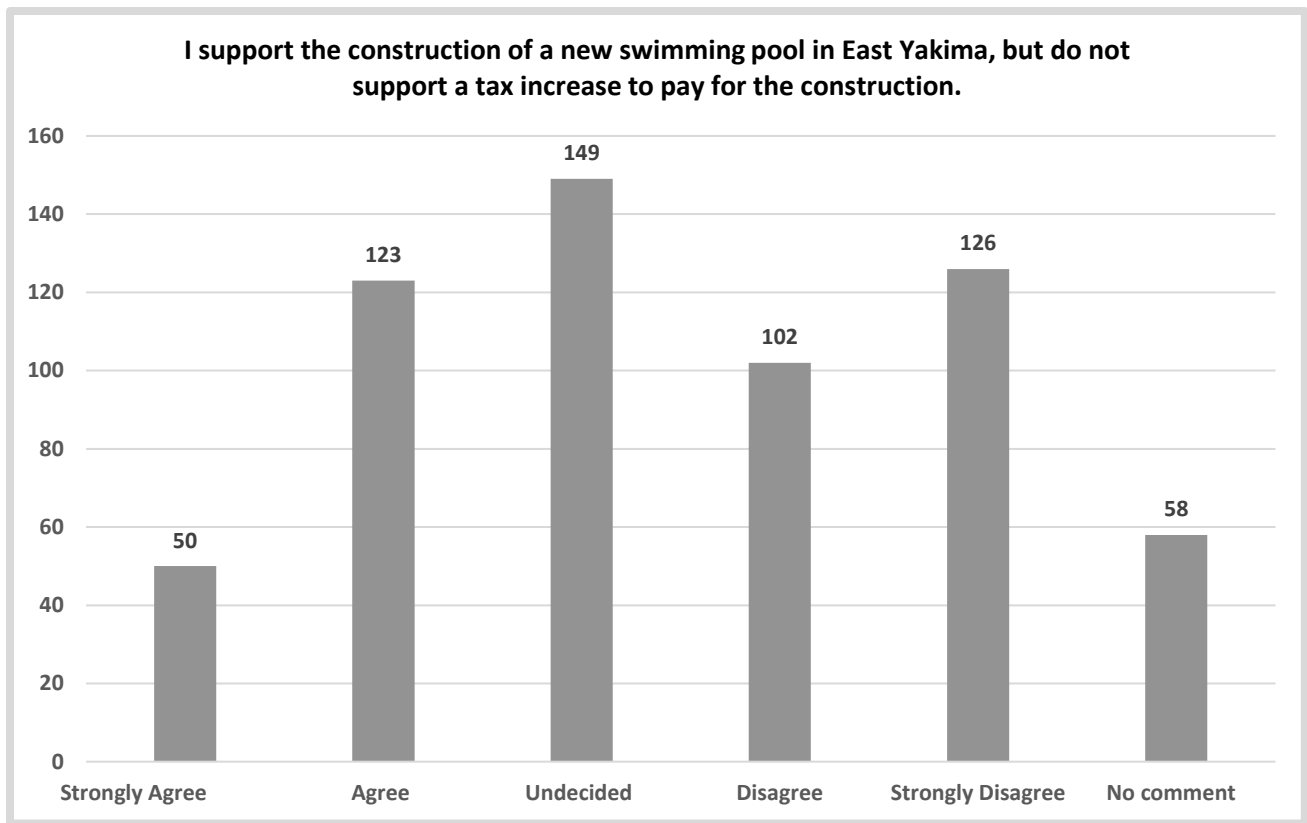


**I support the current operation of Franklin Pool, but only until it can no longer be operated due to funding, age of facility or both, and then close the facility.**

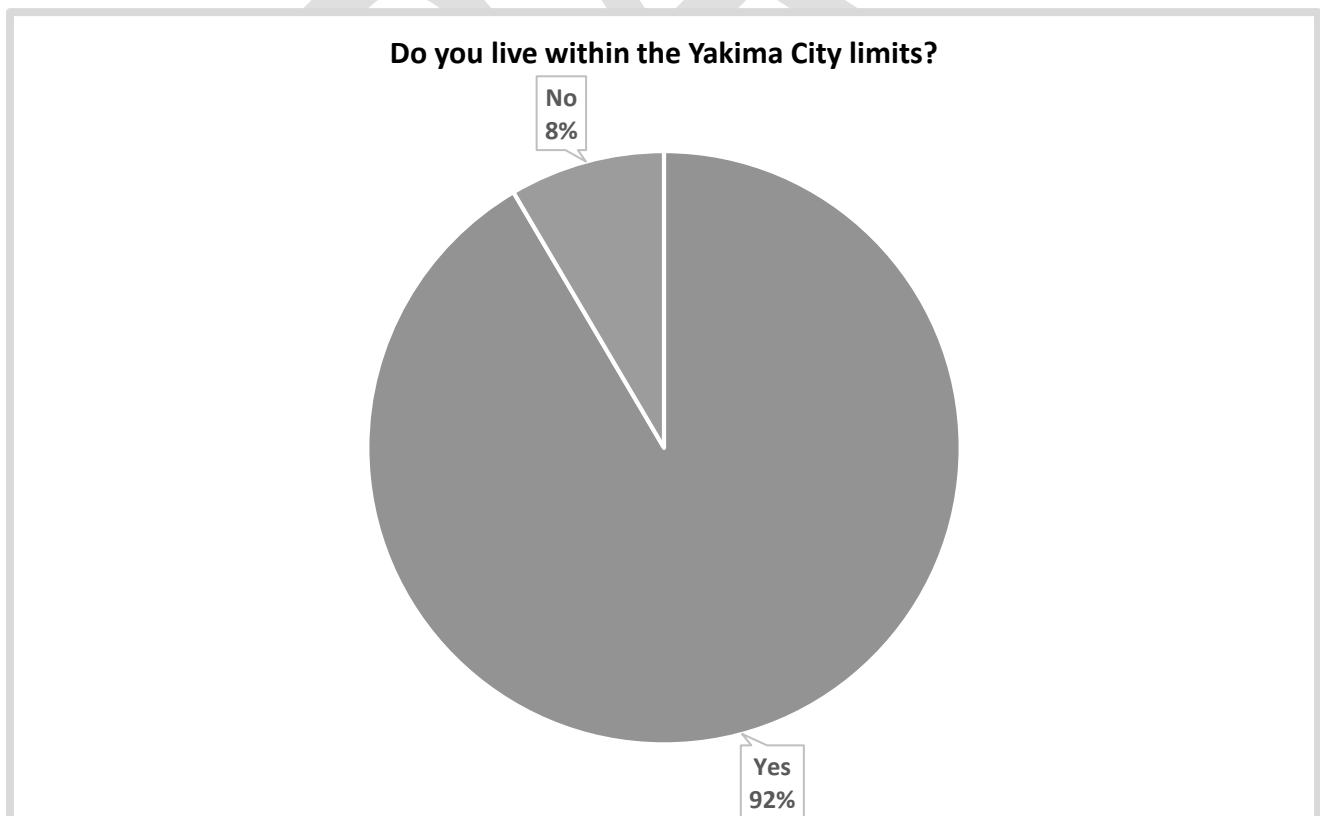


**I support the construction of a new outdoor swimming pool in East Yakima utilizing a tax increase for the funding.**

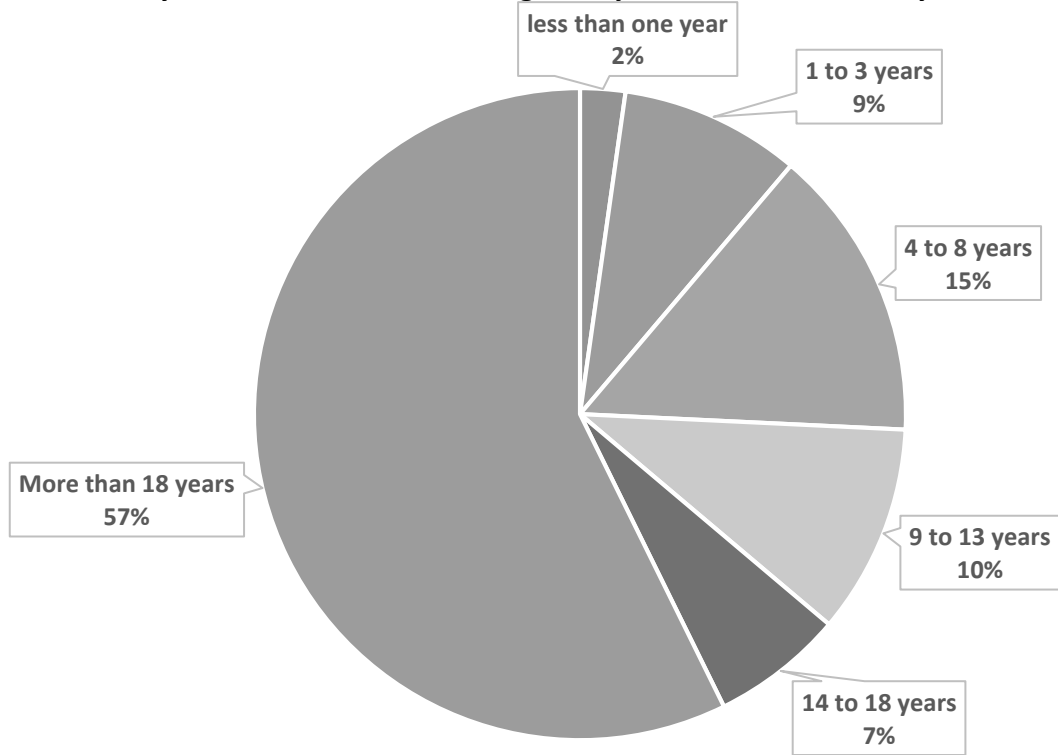




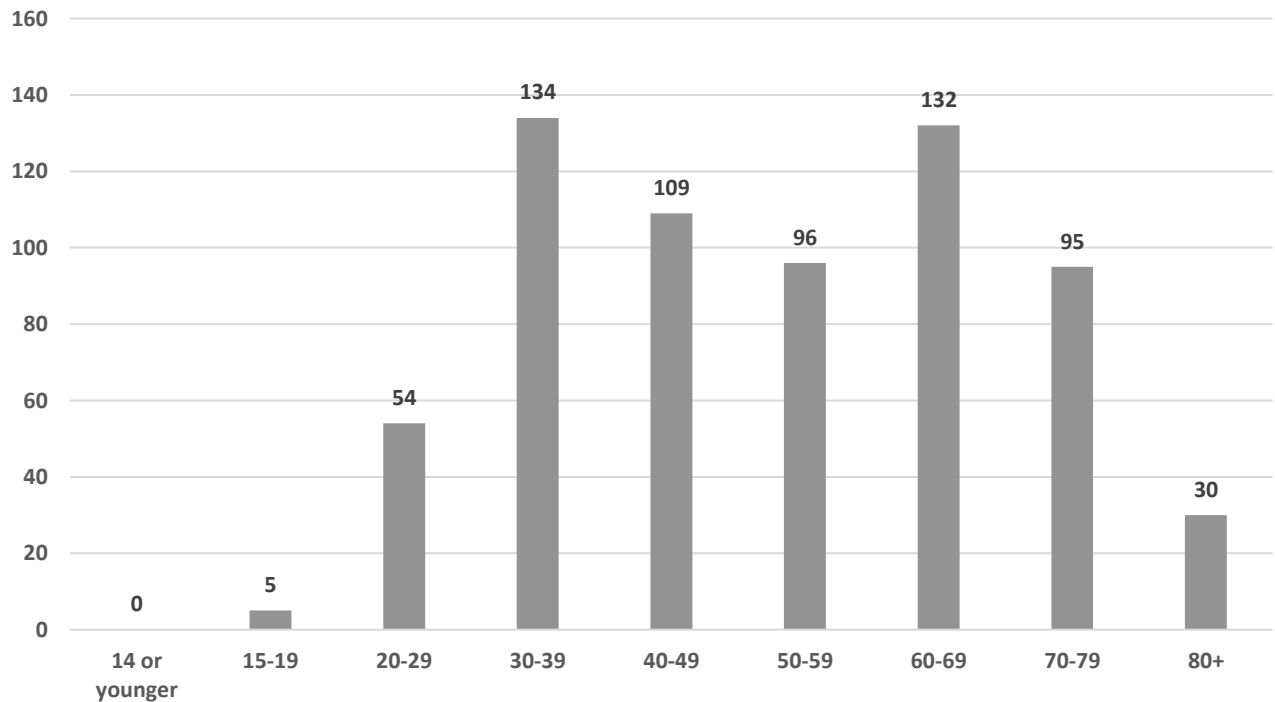
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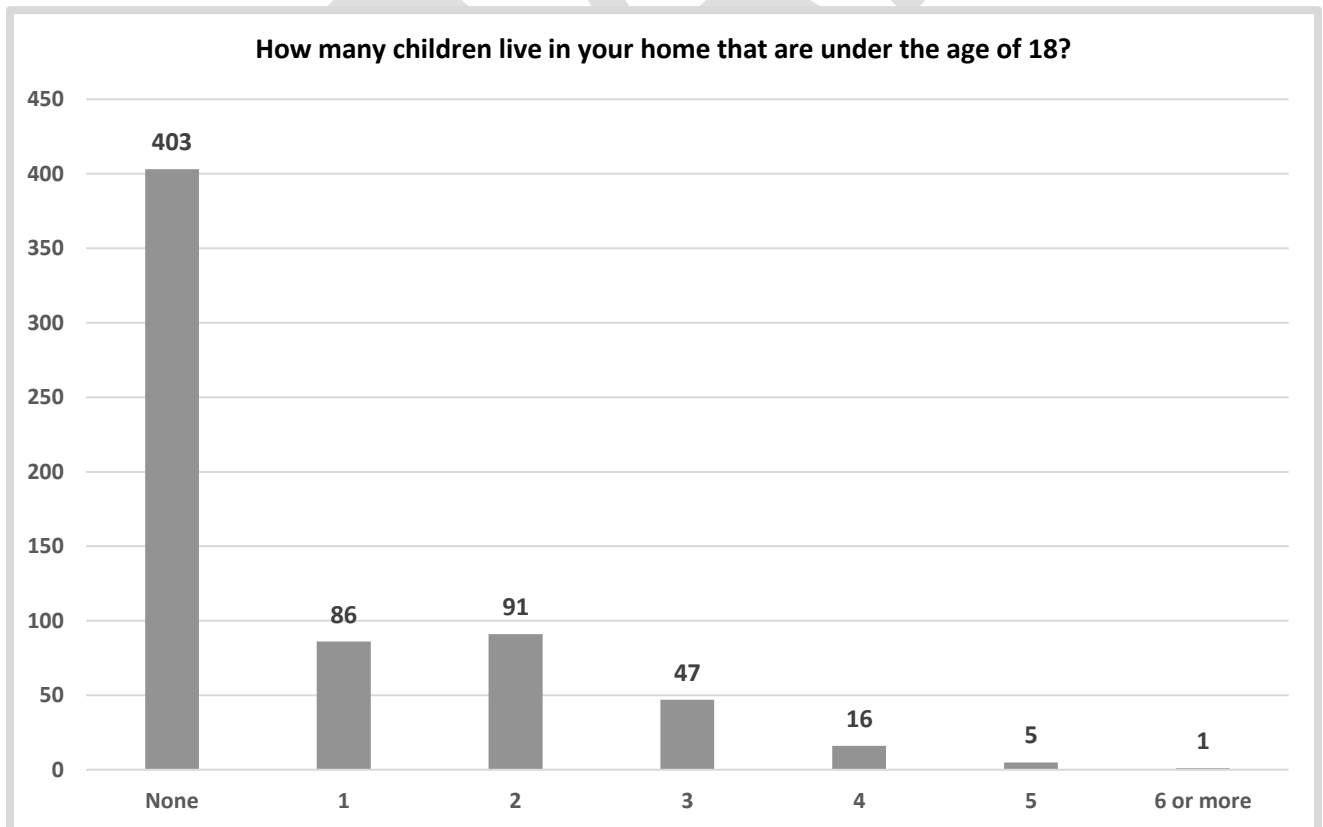


**If you live in Yakima, how long have you lived within the city limits?**

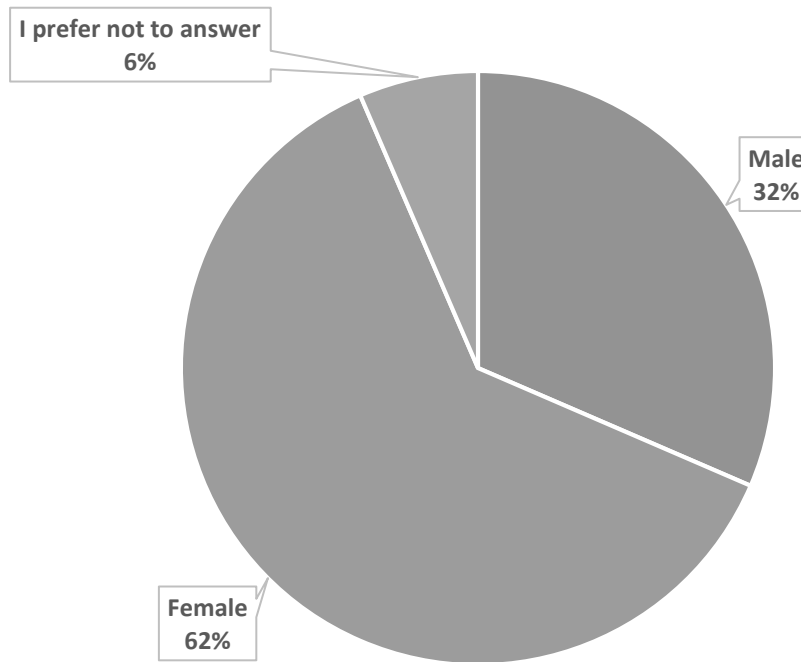


**What is your age?**

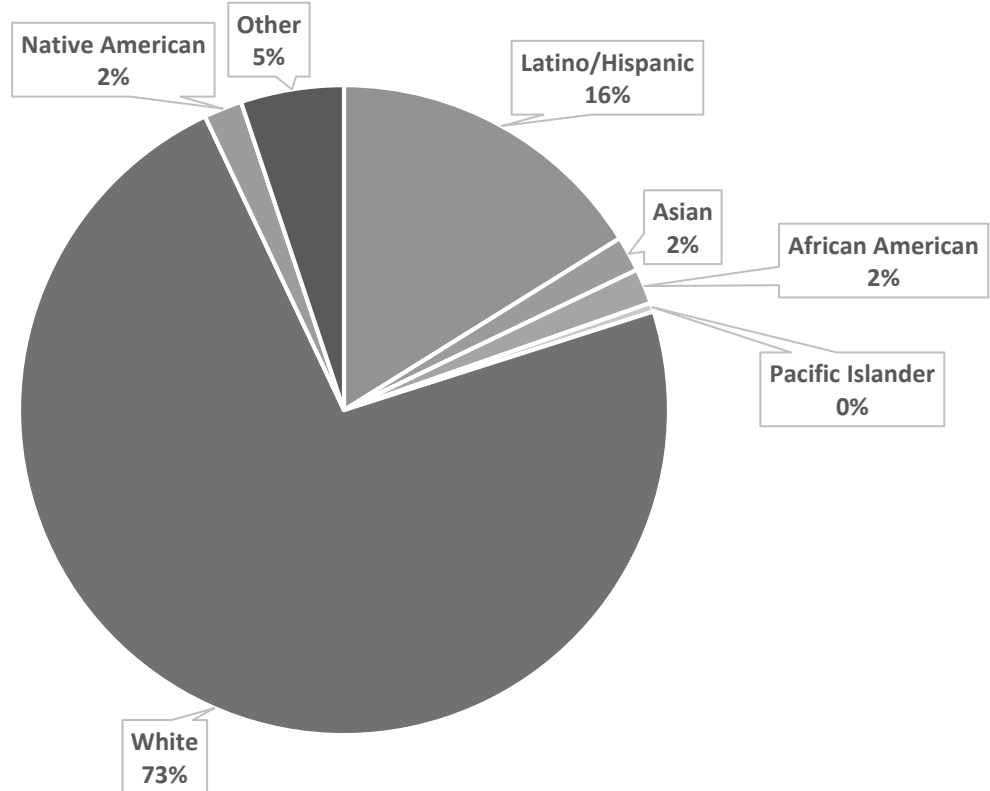


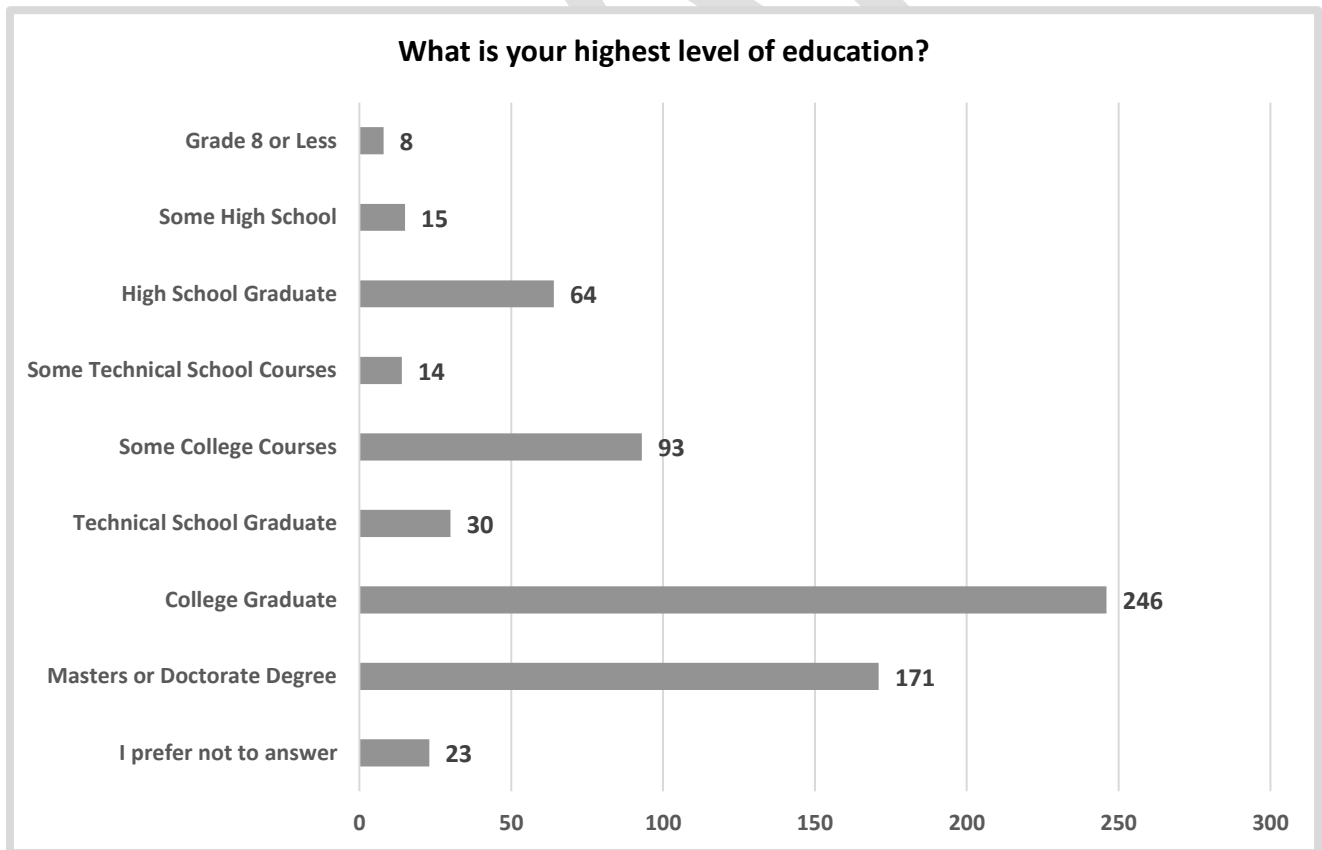
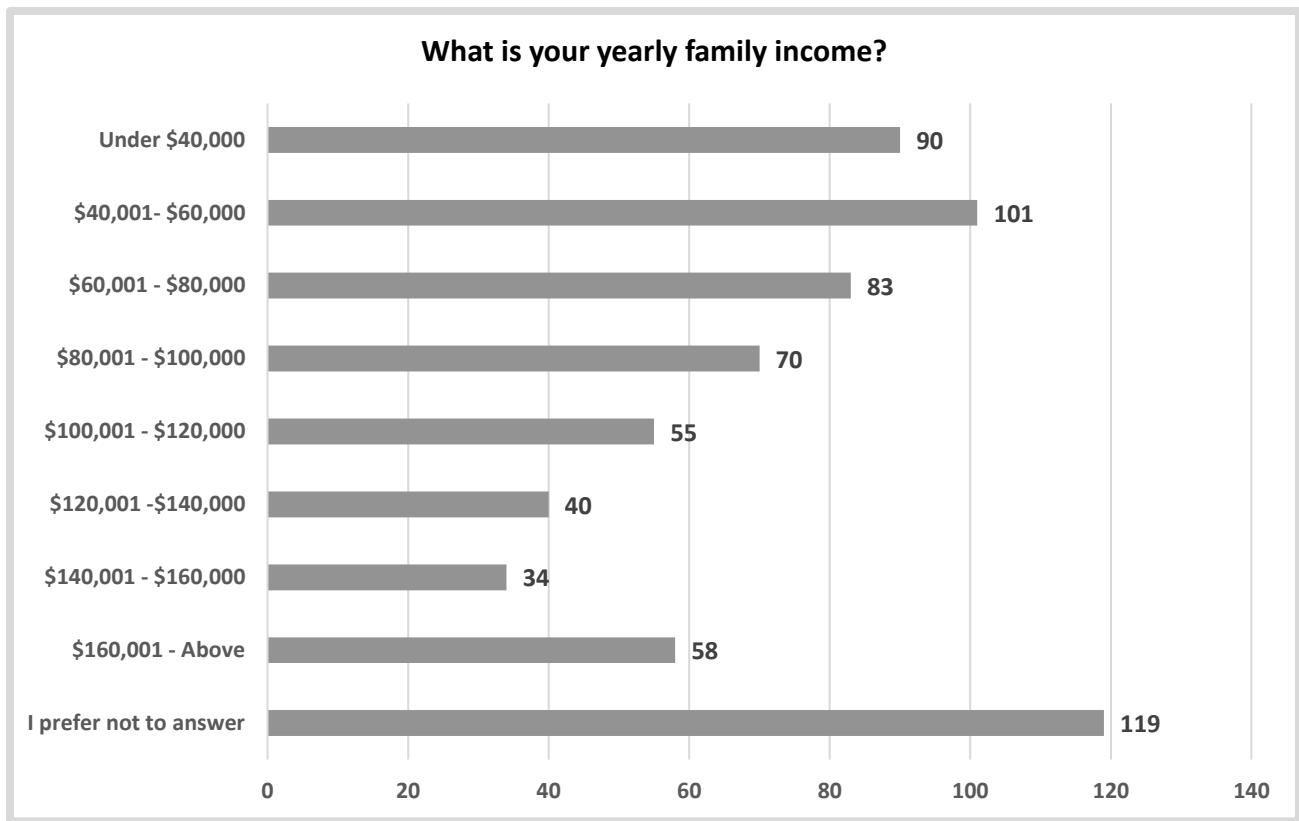


### What is your gender?



### What is your ethnic origin?







## **Survey Data Presentations**

The survey data was presented to the Yakima Parks and Recreation Commission on October 13, 2021 at a regular monthly meeting. The information was given to Yakima City Council on November 1, 2021 as an informational item and was discussed briefly. A formal presentation was made to the Yakima City Council on February 15, 2022 and a resolution was presented to the City Council for approval. The resolution adopting the 2022 – 2027 Comprehensive Master Plan for Yakima Parks and Recreation was formally adopted by the Yakima City Council. All of the meetings were live streamed and videotaped and made available to the public for review. Some of the meetings were held via Zoom due to Covid restrictions. The video presentation to Yakima Parks & Recreation Commission can be viewed at the link below.

<https://videos.yakimawa.gov/CablecastPublicSite/show/11360?channel=2>



City of Yakima

# **News Release**

**Subject:** Parks and Recreation Survey

**Contact:** Parks and Recreation Manager Ken Wilkinson – 576-6416

Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler – 901-1142

**Release Date:** Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## **Survey to Help Chart the Future of Yakima Parks**

The City of Yakima wants to hear from the community about Parks and Recreation facilities and programs.

A survey designed to provide guidance and direction for City of Yakima parks facilities and recreation programs over the next decade should be arriving in mailboxes this week. The 2021 community survey, which is being sent to 5,000 randomly-selected households throughout the city, is a key part of the information that will ultimately be used to update the Parks and Recreation Division's Comprehensive Plan.

The survey is available online at [2021 Community Survey | Yakima Parks and Recreation](#)

September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 is the deadline to submit the survey. As incentive, coupons for free swims at Franklin Pool, a free round of golf at Fisher Park Golf Course and punch cards for free activities at the Harman Center are included in the survey packet.

"The comprehensive plan helps us determine how best to use our resources to provide the kinds of facilities and programs that the community wants most," said Parks and Recreation Manager Ken Wilkinson. "The survey is an excellent way to gather feedback, whether it's positive or negative, that will lead us to craft a plan that will serve us well for the next 10 years."

The survey takes approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete. The four page survey is available in English and Spanish. Participants will be asked to provide information ranging from when, why, and how they use City parks to optional demographic data. The survey also provides opportunities to rate parks facilities and recreation programs, evaluate Parks and Recreation Division customer service and to share new ideas.

"We're confident the survey will give us a broad perspective about how the community feels when it comes to parks and recreation," said Wilkinson. "That information is absolutely invaluable to us as we make decisions that will affect how we spend taxpayer dollars in the next decade."

The survey is required in conjunction with the Yakima Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan in order for the City to be eligible for grant funds through the Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office.

Wilkinson said all work on the survey is conducted by City staff. "That saves the Parks and Recreation budget a lot of money," he said.

Staff outreach includes in-person surveys at the Franklin Park Summer Sunset Concert series on July 9<sup>th</sup>, Downtown Yakima Farmers Market on July 11<sup>th</sup> and July 18<sup>th</sup>, as well as Viva La Musica concerts at Miller Park (July 11<sup>th</sup> and July 18<sup>th</sup>) and Martin Luther King Jr. Park (August 1<sup>st</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup>). Staff will distribute free golf, swim and Harman Center punch cards while conducting the in-person surveys.

Visit [Yakima Parks and Recreation](#) for more about Yakima Parks and Recreation.



City of Yakima

# **News Release**

**Subject:** Deadlines Approaching for Community Surveys

**Contact:** Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler – 901-1142

**Release Date:** Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## **Deadlines Approaching for Community Surveys**

The City of Yakima currently is conducting three surveys to receive public input on pedestrian access, park facilities/programs and car washing.

The deadline is Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, to complete a survey that will help the City develop its first **Pedestrian Master Plan**.

Survey links:

- English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YakimaPedPlan>
- Spanish: <https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/YakimaPedPlan-ES>

The deadline is Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, for a survey that will provide guidance and direction for City of Yakima **parks facilities and recreation programs over the next decade**.

Survey links:

- English: [2021 Community Survey | Yakima Parks and Recreation](#)
- Spanish: [2021 Encuesta de la Comunidad | Yakima Parks and Recreation](#)

Also underway is a survey to understand current methods of car washing in the City of Yakima. **Responses will impact future education and outreach programs implemented by the City of Yakima to help preserve our natural environment.**

The first 200 City of Yakima residents who complete the car wash survey and bring a printout or screenshot of the survey confirmation page to the Stormwater Booth in the SunDome during the Central Washington State Fair will receive a voucher for a free commercial car wash in Yakima. The next 500 City residents who do the same will receive a \$3 off coupon.

Survey links:

- English: [Car Wash Wastewater Management E&O Effectiveness Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#)
- Spanish: [Educación para la gestión de aguas residuales en lavado de coches y encuesta de estudio sobre efectividad de alcance Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#)

# Officials ask Yakima residents what they like and want in city parks and rec facilities, programs

Sept. 1 is deadline to return surveys sent to 5,000 randomly selected households

**TAMMY AYER**  
YAKIMA HERALD-REPUBLIC

As one of Yakima's mini neighborhood parks, Portia Park doesn't draw big crowds. But there's often someone enjoying the shady triangle of green space along Yakima Avenue just east of 16th Avenue.

Many residents are more familiar with Yakima's bigger parks, such as Franklin, Sarg Hubbard, Randall and Chesterley. All have something

to offer, and members of the Yakima Parks & Recreation Board of Park Commissioners and staff hope to get feedback about that through the 2021 community survey recently sent to 5,000 randomly-selected households throughout Yakima.

City parks officials and staff are updating the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Yakima Parks and Recreation Division. It will guide the office through the next 10 years, according to a letter from Ken Wilkinson, city parks and recreation manager. The letter accompanied the survey, which was designed to provide direction for city parks facilities and recreation programs.

Considered a key part of information that will be used to update the comprehensive plan, the survey is also available at <https://yakimaparks.com/2021-community-survey/>. Park officials hope to get back at least 1,000 surveys.

"The comprehensive plan helps us determine how best to use our resources to provide the kinds of facilities and programs that the community wants most," Wilkinson said in a news release. "The survey is an excellent way to gather feedback, whether it's positive or negative, that will lead us to craft a

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## SURVEY

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plan that will serve us well for the next 10 years."

The four-page survey in English and Spanish takes about 10 to 15 minutes to complete. People are asked to provide information ranging from when, why and how they use city parks to optional demographic data.

It also asks about park use during the COVID-19 pandemic, provides opportunities to rate parks facilities and recreation programs, evaluate Parks and Recreation Division customer service and provide input on what residents would like added

to city parks.

"We're confident the survey will give us a broad perspective about how the community feels when it comes to parks and recreation," Wilkinson said. "That information is absolutely invaluable to us as we make decisions that will affect how we spend taxpayer dollars in the next decade."

The survey is required in conjunction with the master plan in order for the city to be eligible for grant funds through the Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office, according to the news release.

Sept. 1 is the deadline to submit it. Those who got the survey packet in the mail also received coupons for

free swims at Franklin Pool, a free round of golf at Fisher Park Golf Course and punch cards for free activities at the Harman Center as incentives to complete it.

Parks and recreation staff are also conducting in-person surveys at various events and giving out the free golf, swim and Harman Center punch cards to participants. They've already done so at the Franklin Park Summer Sunset Concert series, the Downtown

Yakima Farmers Market and the Viva La Musica concerts at Miller Park.

They'll be at Martin Luther King Jr. Park, which is next to Washington Middle School at 510 S. Ninth St., on Aug. 1 and 8.

City staff are conducting all the work on the survey, Wilkinson said. "That saves the Parks and Recreation budget a lot of money," he said.

• Reach Tammy Ayer at [tayor@yakimaherald.com](mailto:tayor@yakimaherald.com) or on Facebook.



Evan Abell, Yakima Herald-Republic

Heriberto Valencia, right, pushes his daughter Yuribia Valencia, 1, on a swing Thursday at Emil Kissel Park in Yakima. A four-page survey on Yakima's city parks — sent to 5,000 homes — aims to get feedback on what community members want in their parks.

## CHAPTER 7

# INDUSTRY STANDARDS, DEMANDS AND NEEDS

***“Parks and playgrounds are the  
soul of a city.”***

Marty Rubin

Yakima Parks and Recreation has a long-standing policy supporting acquisition and development of park and recreation areas and facilities on a neighborhood, community and city-wide scale. The Division has a similar policy advocating supervised recreation both on its own and in cooperation with other local agencies. Determining appropriate levels of service is one of the elements of putting together the plan or blueprint for the future. How many parks should there be? How big is big enough? Where are they needed? What recreation is relevant to the community? Is there already enough or do we need more? Like contractors everywhere, Parks and Recreation relies on industry standards to guide and measure what development is needed and to ensure adequate service levels.

Parks and Recreation standards have traditionally focused on space needs for recreation areas. National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) standards have been used in Yakima's Comprehensive Plan's since 1995. The NRPA standards, which have been published since 1991, continue to represent a benchmark for space standards at the national and state levels.

A set of guide posts were adopted in 1973 by the Washington State Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC), which is now the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). Similar to the NRPA measures, these localized standards served for a while. However, recognizing the different recreational personalities of communities within the diverse geographic extremes of Washington State, RCO has directed grant applicants to demonstrate a more relative need for particular services and facilities by basing that need on the desires of their own communities. Be that as it may,

there are a couple of factors that can help provide direction determining the need for park and recreation facilities:

**Service Radius:** This varies from neighborhood to neighborhood. Travel in neighborhoods of high population density can be difficult with many stop signs, little on-street parking, and generally slow travel speeds. It is estimated the service radius within these neighborhoods may be one quarter to one half a mile. In less densely populated neighborhoods, the number of people may reach 10 to 15 people or even fewer per acre. In these areas the desirable travel or service radius may extend further to as much as one mile. The general consensus is that travel time as opposed to distance is the important factor to consider.

**Space and Number Required:**

Recommended minimums for the amount of park space run between 2 and 5 acres per 1,000 people depending on the size and purpose of the park or facility. National recommendations for park size range from a minimum of 3 acres for Neighborhood Parks to 20-30 acres for a Community Park (See NRPA Standards below). Yakima Parks and Recreation's inventory also consists of Mini-Parks which are smaller than 3 acres, but still included in the calculation with Neighborhood Parks. Generally speaking, Yakima falls short of the recommended ratio of park acreage to resident. The following chart shows the minimum acreage of Mini/Neighborhood Parks and Community Parks compared to actual acreage. Yakima has 27% of the minimum acreage for Mini/Neighborhood Parks and 48% of the minimum acreage for Community Parks. The chart below shows the future acreage needs based on 25-year population estimates which show an increase in population to 106,096. As the population continues to grow, so will the need to develop additional park

lands and facilities. As the city continues to expand into the urban growth area, it will be important to identify potential areas for park development.

How to fund a significant increase in park land is a major hurdle. At a conservative estimate of \$35,000 per acre, it would cost more than \$20 million just for the land needed to bring the city up to NRPA standards. Development and construction of facilities would be an additional challenge. In the past, Yakima Parks and Recreation has drawn funding from a variety of resources – its own budget, lines of credit, contributions, grants and the generosity of the community and local service clubs. However, most of these revenue sources are unpredictable and dependent on the strength of the economy. The only other funding source would be impact fees, which is allowed in the State of Washington for purposes of park development. This method has not been used in the past and is not proposed to be used any time soon. Even if financial resources do become available, finding adequate and appropriate property within the city limits will be difficult. Vacant land is at a premium and generally only available in small isolated parcels. Acquiring several adjacent pieces of property to combine into even a mini-park would not only be expensive, but difficult. Fortunately, the open nature of Yakima's geography and its generally sunny skies temper the need to develop a vast park acreage that the national standards recommend or other communities require. It has been noted that the demand for public recreational activities in Yakima is considerably higher than national standards. This is due, no doubt, to a combination of factors including a history of community recreational activity, a relatively young population, a climate conducive to such activities and Yakima's reputation as a regional activity center. This high demand

for activities can be seen in the heavy use experienced by the city's existing recreation facilities. In terms of specific types of facilities, we have observed the following of Spokane Valley for the purposes of comparison.

**Softball Fields:** For many years, Parks and Recreation has experienced a need for additional and updated fields, as evidenced by the numbers of teams signing up for city leagues and the number relegated to waiting lists or turned away for lack of facilities. The expansion of the Gateway Complex at Kiwanis Park has helped remedy this issue. The completion of the 3 new fields brings the Kiwanis/Gateway Complex total to 8 lighted fields. There are now 10 fields owned and maintained in the City. NRPA standards require 18 fields, so Yakima will still be below standards; however the additional fields help us get closer.

**Baseball Fields:** Yakima currently has one public baseball field suitable for adult baseball. It is unlighted and located within the Little League complex at Elks Park. Adult baseball leagues are no longer offered due to a lack of interest. Elks does have 4 additional fields suitable for youth baseball.

**Soccer Fields:** The city's inventory of soccer fields are utilized on a consistent basis. The fields at Chesterley see thousands of soccer players each year. Fields at local schools, Ahtanum Youth Park, and Sozo Sports Complex fill the additional need. While youth teams are able to access fields for practices, there is a shortage of other sites suitable for adult teams. Heavy use of the fields makes it difficult for maintenance to keep the fields in playable condition. Additional fields could allow for a longer down time by permitting more than one field to be out of play at a time. NRPA standards only call for 9 fields; however, given the popularity of soccer in Yakima, additional fields would be welcome.

**Tennis Courts:** The City of Yakima has 26 tennis courts. Some of the older courts are in need of repair. The courts do receive a generous amount of use and with the 12-court campus at Kissel and the new courts that have been completed at Lions Park as part of the Davis High School renovation project, the inventory should be sufficient.

**Basketball/Volleyball Courts:** Yakima Parks and Recreation relies on existing community indoor basketball and volleyball courts located at school district facilities for operation of its basketball and volleyball programs. While the school district's number of gymnasiums exceeds NRPA standards, Parks and Recreation would benefit greatly from owning its own facilities. The school gyms have limited availability due to staffing requirements and a preference for youth programs.

**Ice Hockey/Skating Rink:** The City currently has one privately owned ice rink. It would not be economical at this time to have an additional publicly owned facility.

**Golf Courses/Driving Range:** The City-owned 9-hole course, in combination with privately held courses, appears to meet the current public need. A driving range net was erected at Fisher Golf Course in the summer of 2011 and has received ample use.

**Outdoor/Indoor Swimming Pools:** The City has one indoor pool at Lion's which is open year-round and one outdoor pool at Franklin which is open during the summer months. Spray parks at Miller Park and MLK Jr. Park round out the City's only water-themed offerings. There was a large amount of need expressed in the survey for additional spray park and pool facilities. Swim lessons were the number one answer for recreation programs. Pools and spray parks are difficult to fund due to limited resources and high

maintenance costs.

**Mini-Parks:** Usually less than 3 acres, these parks consist of greenspace and minimal amenities such as picnic tables or benches. Mini-Parks are primarily used for passive recreation by community members residing within ¼ miles.

Park	Acres
Cherry Park	0.5
Fairbrook Islands	2.03
McGuinness Park	1.91
North 44th Avenue Parkway	0.63
Portia Park	0.52
Raymond Park	2.17
Rosalma Garden Club	0.45
South 2nd Street Park	0.52
Summitview Park	0.76
Tieton Terrace Park	0.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8.15</b>

**Neighborhood Parks:** Generally greater than 3 acres, these parks consist of open space and can contain additional amenities such as a playground, picnic shelter, or limited active recreation areas such as a

Park	Acres
Gilbert Park	10.9
Larson Park	4.4
Martin Luther King Park	3.48
Miller Park	3.96
Milroy Park	3.36
Southeast Community Park	4.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32.21</b>

basketball or tennis court. These parks are used mostly for passive recreation, but active recreation does take place as well. Most users who frequent these parks live within a ½ mile radius.

**Community Parks:** Usually 20 acres or more, these are well-developed parks which contain a variety of available area for active and passive recreation. Included in this list are several parks which fall below 20 acres; however, the amenities available attract users from throughout the community which is the main intent of a Community Park.

Park	Acres
Chesterley Park	31.7
Elks Park	11.8
Emil Kissel Park	17
Fisher Golf Course	18.2
Franklin Park	16.7
Gardner Park	9.2
Harman Ctr./Gailleon Park	3.7
Kiwanis Park	35.8
Lions Park	4.38
Randall Park	37
Tahoma Cemetery	55
West Valley Community Park	26.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>276.04</b>

**Greenway/Pathways:** These areas consist of established trails and parkways which generally consist of linear asphalt paths.

Pathway	Miles	Acres
Naches Parkway	1.89	5.86
Powerhouse Canal Pathway	1.87	8.85
Walter Ortman Parkway	0.31	0.87
William O. Douglas	2.09	N/A
South 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Parkway	0.1	0.17
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.16</b>	<b>15.58</b>

**Summary:** While the amount of Yakima's Parks and Recreation facilities, for the most part, lie below industry standards, we strive to maintain high quality and availability in



park lands. As additional funds become available and projects present themselves, we will do our best to bridge the gap between current numbers and optimal standards. Paramount in our effort will be implementing those projects which received the greatest amount of input from our survey (see chapter 6) such as Walking/Nature Trails, Swimming Pools/Water Features, and Pathways. Even with the lower numbers presented above, Yakima citizens do have the advantage of being close to a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities with easy access to the Cascade Mountains to the west and multitude of river and lake access to the east. In addition, a generally favorable climate in the spring, summer and fall months provide greater opportunity to recreate outside than other cities west of the mountains which receive a substantially greater amount of rain.

**NRPA Standards:** The following standards are from the National Recreation and Parks Association.

Community Parks - 20 – 30 acres  
5 acres per 1,000 people

Neighborhood Park - 3 acre +  
1 to 2 acres per 1,000 people

Softball Fields 1 per 5,000 people  
¼ to ½ mile travel

Baseball Fields/Lighted 1 per 30,000 people  
¼ to ½ mile travel

Baseball Fields/Unlighted 1 per 5,000 people  
¼ to ½ mile travel

Soccer Fields 1 per 10,000 people  
1-2 mile travel

Football fields 1 per 20,000 people  
¼ - ½ hour travel time

Tennis Courts 1 per 2,000 people  
¼ - ½ mile travel

# APPENDIX 1

## SURVEY COMMENTS

***“Criticism, like rain, should  
be gentle enough to  
nourish a man’s growth,  
without destroying his  
roots.”***

Frank A. Clark

### 1.1 Which Yakima City Parks listed below are close to where you live?

- Live East Valley
- Selah - Wixon Park
- All parks
- Sarg Hubbard Park (9)
- Fullbright
- Handball
- Harlan Landing, Greenway parks
- I live 40 miles from Yakima
- Yakima Arboretum/ Sarg Hubbard Park
- None in WV
- Performance Park
- Greenway (2) , Greenway which I know is owned by someone else
- Arboretum (2)
- Sozo

### 1.2 If you visit the Yakima City Parks, which do you visit regularly? Please check all boxes that apply.

- SOZO
- ARBORETUM, SARG HUBBARD (5)
- If I did it would be "o"
- Arboretum (11)
- Greenway (4)
- Sarg Hubbard (7)
- Ahtanum Park, Greenway
- None (2)
- Many other parks along the Greenway, Sarge Hubbard, Sherman, Arboretum. I know they aren't part of Yakima Parks & Rec.

- None - Do not feel safe
- Harman Center
- too many homeless at Chesterley
- Sozo
- WISH I COULD
- Selah - Wixon Park
- Fullbright Park (2)
- Harlan Landing, Greenway
- None. There aren't any attractions available that offer what I want
- Yakima Green Way
- Performance Park
- S Naches ave park
- Sarge Hubbard park and the greenway

**1.3 Why do you and your family choose to go to the parks identified above?**

- Festivals
- my dog
- Water walking at Lions pool
- Pet friendly
- walk dog (8)
- Dog park (3)
- Shade
- Good places to walk our dogs
- Disc Golf Access
- Playing Pokémon Go
- Disc golf (5)
- Ducks, friendly people, bike trail suitable for young kids
- Handball
- Walking (3)
- Although not the greatest, they do have paved walkways for handicap accessibility
- Skate Park
- playground equipment, pond for fowl
- Access to walking path
- Dog park. Our dog loves the dog park
- Less rifraf!
- Walk Path
- bridge and meetings
- skateboarding (2)
- walk the park daily
- well maintained
- Frisbee golf
- If I did it would be "o"
- play w/Grandkids
- picnic
- Playtime
- We do not
- letdogsrnaround
- art activities
- social activities for seniors
- nature, ducks, geese
- family gathering/picnic
- Volleyball
- don't feel safe anymore
- Playground for kids (2)
- Duck Pond (5)
- Fordogs
- Fireworks & Friday Music
- grand childrens practice
- bicycles

- Parking at Kissel
- eat, hang out, volleyball
- get together with friends
- Dog park, Duck pond
- Get information
- Pets
- Be near creeks, pond ducks
- None
- walk dog close to office
- Path for bikes
- JUST ME
- Bird watching
- safe place during COVID

**1.4 What type of parks and recreation facilities do you and your family use the most. Please check all boxes that apply.**

- Spray Parks - we need one in West Valley that's safe
- pool
- Track (5)
- Dog friendly not dog parks
- cards
- We use the former tennis courts at Franklin for roller hockey
- there's not a type in box for the next question on how often you visit that accurately describes my usage. I can walk to 3 parks a day, totaling over 50 visits a month.
- Ice rink
- Shady spots to relax/ picnic (2)
- Fishing
- Handball

- As a paraplegic I frequently use parks with pathways that are wheelchair accessible. I would like to see a paved pathway that circles the properties of all of Yakima's biggest parks.
- River Running/ Water Recreation Access
- River Access and bike facilities
- Football
- concert in park (2)
- Bathrooms!
- water features would be nice
- Bike Rides Pathway
- Harman Center (4)
- I use just the park and college area for walking my dog, or just passing through.

- Feed the ducks (2)
- safety
- exercise/ bike/ dog walking
- Greenway
- Access for wheelchairs
- fly kites
- benches
- None (3)
- Horseshoes
- playgrounds for kids - you need some shaded area! Too hot in the summer
- Running & Walking
- swings & slides are a must

**2.2 If your time in the parks increased, please select the activities in the boxes below. Check all that apply.**

- Sports: Baseball, Pickleball
- Pickleball (7)
- bringing family (2)

- Soccer practice
- Kid playgrounds/equipment (7)
- cards/ pool
- meeting friends (6)
- yoga
- Pokémon go playing.
- Photography
- tennis
- Reading.
- Handball
- Handcycling in a safe environment instead of the streets of Yakima
- holding open air meetings when inside was discouraged
- River Running/Water Recreation/Paddling/Kayaking
- Bike riding at Rocky Top and Cowiche Uplands
- Meeting friends, exercising
- tried disc golf
- Feeding the ducks (2)
- Swimming (2)
- Gathering of friends at social distance (2)
- hasn't increased
- not yet quite elderly
- time w/kids!
- Skateboarding (3)
- sledding
- walking on the street instead of the park
- new spots for my dogs
- Fresh air

- class on life, ball games, all kids sports
- Volleyball (2)
- gardening (2)
- basketball
- Picnicking (2)
- None (3)

### **2.3 Did you and your family start any new activities during the pandemic? If so, what?**

- Tennis (4)
- Running (3)
- No (96)
- Enjoy nature
- board games
- N/A (18)
- skateboarding
- Bridal shower @ Franklin was originally going to be indoors
- Walking (21)
- gymnastics
- crafts/ painting (3)
- crossfit
- rock climbing (2)
- None (11)
- Football
- biking -= used Naches trail. Yakima needs more safe bike trails.
- Indoor, stay at home
- decrease because pool was closed
- art activities
- outdoor movies, Drive in mountains
- house/ yard renovation

- Duck feeding
- Pickleball, walking uphill @ Franklin
- camping
- Jeeping in mountains
- Cards, puzzle, board games
- visiting w/others
- frisbee & baseball catch & tennis
- T.V.
- Pickleball (7)
- biking, bmx, golf
- Games
- exotic animals
- slacklining & we got a dog
- outdoor games - ladder ball, bocce ball, badminton
- Golf (2)
- disc golf (6)
- too many to list, lol, board game
- we got a dog
- running/ walking/ dog walking
- sewing, gardening
- more games, gardening, walking outdoors
- sledding
- stand up paddleboarding
- Yes - Computer games
- No, I worked in Healthcare. I wasn't unemployed.
- joined the YWCA
- meet friends
- We started playing badminton
- Puzzles
- Volleyball (4)
- SourDough Baking
- picnicking
- Pickleball, social distance small group
- Walking more, tennis, bird-watching
- Frisbee
- Bird watching
- Spending distance talking on phone
- Bike riding and skating
- walks in our neighborhood or in places we were not likley to come into contact with groups of or multiple people.
- Increased my walking routine.
- Beachbody workouts/home projects
- Kayaking
- Spray parks!
- Pickle ball, golf
- tennis, pickleball
- Hiking, biking the Greenway, swimming
- playing board games
- Daily walks because the gyms were closed
- Soccer, badminton
- Roller skating outside and more golf
- Handball
- SUP on the local rivers
- I started walking about five days a week at Franklin Park because I was working from home and I live a block from the park.
- Gardening
- Movie nights.
- more frequent walking

- Hiking at other state Parks.
- Pickleball and Riding Bikes
- Bike riding (6)
- Walking, biking
- Dog walking (7)
- None, plans for nature walks
- Disc golf, gardening
- we went to more national parks rather than city parks
- No, we have had a lot of illness

**2.4 Many people used the parks during the pandemic for non-traditional park activities, like social clubs. Did you or your family use the parks for other activities? If so, please write them here.**

- Birthday Parties (2)
- Monday Morning QB meeting at Randall
- meetings for business
- NA (18)
- Youth Groups
- Church (2)
- None (7)
- No, but continued as before, to meet friends to walk Kissel Path.
- Parents as Teachers Mtgs
- No (103)
- Running club meets for social runs
- We have been having mom group meet ups
- family
- no, we avoided all groups
- Toddler singing time
- Walking

- Gather for meetings (2)
- Smoked a cigar a couple of times just to be outside in an open space and linger.
- Yes. Homeschool meetups
- conversation and lunch of coffee with friends
- Playing pokemon go with groups
- Pokemon go
- Yes meeting friends for dinner
- dinner with a few friends
- Pokémon Go
- Yes. I am the facebook admin for the Yakima Pokemon Go club. We have over 3,000 members and utilize Larson Park for our meet ups.
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- Yes , yoga and greenway events
- meeting up with friends, being able to get fresh air and be around trees at a safe distance from others
- Recess breaks for online schooling, meeting friends for coffee, worship
- Bible study with a group
- Handball
- social gatherings, painting class
- Meeting with friends that we may have met at a bar or reassurance. Restaurant
- Started a Disc Golf League
- Yes to celebrate birthdays.
- knitting group
- Non Profit Board Meeting, Bible Study
- Outdoor meetings

- Taekwondo lessons
- Yes, I led a yoga class for my co-workers every other week in June and July.
- Yoga
- Knitting with friends
- Nice weather, our club brought lawn chairs and met at Randall Park
- Social meeting
- Our reading/book club met at Gilbert Park
- Yes the music
- Get fresh air
- lunch with a friend
- Nature bingo
- plein air painting
- walking
- Yes (2)
- None, avoided gatherings
- birthday, play dates
- meeting friends in outdoor setting
- social club, book club
- MOM - GILBERT PARK BOOK CLUB
- going on dates
- Yes picnics, get togethers
- Family Birthday
- place to visit over coffee; small Bible study group
- yes, small group for art activities
- social clubs
- cornhole
- sports mostly
- spread out and talk with friends
- meeting with friends (2)
- pleasure
- Meet with friends to work out because gyms were closed
- Duck feeding
- 1
- Gathering with friends
- social
- Volleyball
- Yes, Bday parties
- Group gatherings in lawn chairs
- Gathering of Bahat Community
- Professional development counselors
- yes - group toddler music time
- gathering with friends
- open space
- Book club in Gilbert Park
- to meet safely with friends outdoors
- exercise group
- My Tai Chi class moved from studio to Franklin Park
- pcnics
- graduation party
- Book club
- Yes, for a team meeting.
- Only social clubs
- Outdoor meeting
- church small group
- social w/ friends, sledding, XC skiing, snowshoeing
- Ham radio functions



- walk with friends
- Sit in our car eat lunch and watch the park activity
- B-day parties, walks
- Yes, parties
- Yoga, meeting for club lunches
- social clubs, plein air painting
- walking and nature
- Yes - church life group
- Boojk club; meet with friends
- Meetin where we had ample distance.
- Tai Chi / Yoga classes
- Yes, funeral dinners
- Cook out/ outdoor dining
- as above
- did not
- visits with friends
- Get together outside
- Picnics
- social school gatherings

### **3.1 How do you receive information regarding park facilities and recreation programs?**

- DON'T GET ANY INFO (2)
- Newspaper (3)
- Yakima Herald-Republic (6)
- I haven't received any, but I'd love one to be mailed.
- We are new to Yakima, currently receive information from friends.
- Radio (4)

- We are new to Yakima, currently receive information from friends.
- word of mouth, internet searches
- while visiting a park (2)
- News or paper
- handout at farmers market
- Phone call to facility
- E-mail
- T.V.
- Family
- Harman Center Newsletter
- notices through the mail
- Never received info
- Local Newspaper ( El Sol de Yakima)
- TV News (2)
- drive there
- Google (2)
- current events sign board at Museum

### **3.2 How would you like to receive your parks and recreation information in the future?**

- No preference (2)
- Kiosks at each Park
- no paper
- & not general mailer
- jessicaq697@gmail.com
- any type of notice you can just pick up when you are out and about
- any way put out news
- like the options

**4.2 Please tell us why Yakima City Parks and Recreation facilities are important to you. Check all that apply.**

- pool
- Lions pool is the most economical choice in Yakima for water exercise
- Exercise and time with dogs
- A new exciting place for my kids to explore and get energy out!
- Gives me a safe place for my children to play. Gets us out of the house.
- Gives kids a chance to play with other kids
- They are safe
- It's the only place I can play disc golf
- Kids
- For the parks with paved pathways, they give me a safe place to ride my handcycle
- Post Injury/Surgical Rehabilitation- Home Exercise Program
- Important to health of the community - we have an epidemic of obesity and community parks and planning is a way to facilitate increased physical activity and social connection
- more green natural areas are needed
- Each park has it's own history. Town fathers, etc.
- A fun place for my family to interact
- Improves my dogs quality of life
- Comfortable place to swim with my daughter.
- There are so few yards anymore. Every apartment complex and housing development should be required to put in a good sized park.
- free pickleball!
- Conversation
- kids to play & sports
- place to play w/Grandkids
- Gives a place to have a picnic or party
- A place to go when you are trapped.
- good for kids to run
- Gives me a place to walk my dog and gives me a place to go.
- go with children
- Duck feeding
- Kids Love play Eq.
- Ducks and geese
- great for kids
- My children play there
- dog walking
- All of the above
- We are seniors
- Sports practices
- Dogs love it
- community green space
- Increase exercise for dogs
- Open space and dog play
- Need more fencing
- safe palce to walk
- Activities & place to take my 4 yr old son
- To have my kids spend less times on their phones and have them spend more time outside
- sports
- Nice to walk the dog
- allows my kids a "safe" place

- Place to exercise dog
- Great, cheap golf
- classes/fairs
- playground for my niece
- Place to take my kids

#### **4.5 When you visit City Parks, do you feel safe?**

- DON'T VISIT THAT MANY PARKS
- Some are worse than others
- Just keep out eye on homeless people who want to camp in park & gang members
- Randall, it's open and there is a lot of people @ dark.
- Only in West Valley
- Depends on which one (6)
- The ones I visit yes, they are clean, ppl around me are engaged in park like activities and not just wondering around with no purpose, there are other families, I have seen cops come through the parking lot that tells me they are watching,
- My last visit found a needle near our picnic table.
- Feel safer at Franklin because of neighborhood. But have negative experiences at all.
- Off leash dogs and motorized vehicles on walkways with no enforcement even when calls are made.
  - The parks I use are heavily trafficked, which adds to the safety factor.
  - Not 100%, but generally, yes
  - Homeless drug addicts in my park and nothing is done about them.
  - usually

- We just moved here, but we have not come across any homeless people or camps in the parks. Plus they are mostly clean and well kept.
- I would not go to Parks that are on the East side of town, not safe, even the greenway
- That's a tough question. I do at a few, but most down town parks in Yakima I do not.
- There are often homeless people sleeping, unclean facilities and old run down equipment
- The parks I frequent are generally safe, though Franklin has trouble at times.
- People seem to enjoy being out and are friendly
- I have not had a negative interaction with anyone.
- people at parks are usually engaged in activities with friends, parks are clean and well maintained
- Not at all parks and usually only visit those that are in safe areas.
- Lots of people, they are open
- Depends sometimes it is sketchy but I need fresh air!
- recent shootings near Chesterly and Franklin area
- Some times yes and other times no just depending on how many homeless people are camping out or if there's been a shooting or not. But other times when there is no one else in the parks I feel safe or when they're other families in the park we feel safe but I also carry bear spray on me while being in any park just in case.
- Larson Park lacks lighting

- Not at all parks and usually only visit those that are in safe areas.
- Depends on the area of town the park is in
- The only parks I feel safe in are Franklin and Gilbert, but lately Franklin has been too sketchy for me to go to after dark
- Emil Kissil Park is in a quiet residential neighborhood that makes me feel safe.
- significant populations of homeless park, particularly on the powerhouse trail decrease feelings of safety
- Increased traffic around Franklin park makes walking there sometimes risky because of speeders.
- The parks I frequent are very safe and in lower-crime areas, partly because I live nearby and partly because that's where I choose to go
- Randall and Kissel are the only two I feel safe with. West Valley Park has become a gang area, Kiwanis is well known gang area, and Chesterley has become more dangerous due to homeless people and gangs.
- Bums
- I feel safe at the ones I go to. I would love to take my toddler to the splash parks but don't feel comfortable doing so.
- I don't feel safe anywhere in Yakima
- Vandalism is a problem in many of Yakima parks. It makes it feel unsafe and unclean in the parks. Yakima itself has felt dangerous lately and there have been drive by shootings and crime in close proximity to some of the parks we have enjoyed in the past and now do not visit.
- no gangs or crime, lots of people
- At the parks I visit. I don't visit parks near my home. I don't feel Miller Park is safe.
- My wife does not walk the green way alone
- I've never encountered unsavory people on the park grounds which caused me concern.
- Yes... There always appears to be a decent mix of users.
- Would love to take my kids to a splash pad but due to homelessness, gangs, and drugs it's not safe.
- The parks I visit are in neighborhoods that seem safe and don't have a lot of homeless. However, I don't know how safe I'd feel at a lot of parks east of 16th Ave. because they appear to be used/lived in by a lot of homeless people. This is a serious safety concern and reduces the value of those parks to the people who live in those parts of town.
- There are lots of people at Franklin Park at most hours, and it feels like a safe area.
- Depends on the park. Milroy does not feel safe.
- Homeless/vagrant camping
- Depends on the park location
- Have never had any issues when visiting a park
- Some parks feel safer than others. Transient populations in/near some parks make me want to stay away from them. Gangs, violence, and inappropriate activities make me stay away from others. I would love to take advantage of one of the 2 splash pads in town, but those areas have become less safe over the years, and the splash pads are often not fully functioning. I understand the need for kids in those

areas to have access to the splash pads; I was really excited when the city put those in. I would love to see splash pads in other parks/areas too. Areas that are more family friendly.

- As much as I love some of our spaces, places such as pathways I don't go alone.
- But it depends on the park—I usually go to Gilbert Park in my neighborhood. I feel safe because it's near my home and it's on a well-traveled road with lots of wide open space. Other parks have felt less safe as drugs and other criminal activity are clearly happening even in broad daylight
- The Harmon center is well staffed
- I've never even thought about being in danger in the parks
- Just constantly on the lookout. Probably just paranoid
- I usually go when it is not crowded
- Homeless encampment along river provides unsafe environmental hazards
- All the gang shootings in unexpected places now occurring.
- Families are there
- Open space and lots of people around.
- Homeless, vagrants and vandals ruin it
- A Yakima 'thing'...parks and 'dark' do not mix.
- I generally feel safe at park facilities or I wouldn't go
- Go as a group go to parks and go during the day.
- Greenway has increased homeless population during the day.

- I don't go by myself
- The parks that we frequent feel safe, but some of the others do not. Observing others engaging in questionable behaviour is the primary reason we avoid some parks.
- Depends on the park. West valley park, no but Randall park yes
- The parks we visit seem to be utilized by families
- Homeless issues
- Gang activity at Kissel Park in late evening. Please put the gate back and close at sundown. Also the noise is terrible
- Too many homeless around the park
- usually there during daylight
- Safe activities attract safe people to gather
- Prefer not to be alone in most parks
- Homeless problem in park at S Naches park
- Sometimes the homeless make a home out of the park and bother people for money. Can't say I trust some of these people's mental health.
- There is to many homeless people doing drugs or drinking in front of children and camping on the green way
- Sometimes (2)
- Yes for the most part i feel safe because I usually go on walks with my family or friends never alone,if I went alone I'd probably be afraid because I hve seen homeless people that are talking by themselves or yelling or sometimes I see syringes or like condoms out in the open those type of things make me feel a little uneasy

- Only during daylight hours (2)
- Parts of Randall not safe / other feel safe
- safe during daytime, leary at night
- Chesterley - people sleeping in the restroom
- After dark Franklin is very dark and I didn't feel totally comfortable walking dog around the border of park.
- my boys love to skateboard. All skateboarders agree that Chesterley is not good so they go to Kiwanis which is not safe.
- Chesterly - teenagers smoking marijuana & lots of cussing at skateparks
- BUT ONLY PARKS I'M AWARE OF & GO TO. ADD LIGHTING TO OTHERS FOR SAFETY
- Too many gangs
- alot of crime and gangs in yakima
- ALL Parks. Need to check for needles, ect before kids play
- I haven't felt safe in any park for years (Danger Danger)
- Yakima Area Arboretum, too many homeless people
- creepy people hanging out/ drugs in cars
- I only visit Randall, WV, and Franklin
- drug trafficking, people wioth backpacks and knives on their belts
- sometimes. Miller park, because in the area there are a lot homeless people.
- 1st street and over has had alot happen.
- watch constantly, no place feels safe right now - drive by every week
- only go to places we feel safe
- ANYWHERE THE HOMELESS ARE/ DRUGS USERS (IN CARS) BUMS /TWEAKERS MORE LIGHTS AT KIWANIS SKATEPARK
- It is unknown where the "evil" ones will attack!
- only @ certain times of day/night, but overall, yes
- NA
- always mindful of my surroundings, Life in Yakima has changed
- to many shooting & homeless
- Randall Park cars drive too fast south of Viola & 44th. No speed bumps
- mostly, but I try to be aware with the way things are today.
- Lions has homeless parked at the old restrooms.
- appreciate increased police patrols
- Kiwanis Park attracts some trouble at times - during summer league softball
- Homeless going through garbages
- Cahalan Park - There was a vandalized car out front for months
- Miller, Kiwanis
- Randall Park- unsavory characters hanging around parking lot.
- gang activity seems to be everywhere
- typically yes, sometimes shady people are hanging out
- increasing presence of homeless people
- usually - not when dogs are off leash

- West Valley Park - shootings in news, homeless/drug activity in creek area. We do not go to any spray parks because they are unfortunately in high crime areas.
- Yes, but I only go to those that feel safe and clean
- all have homeless & drug users in them
- all parks are the same round here
- Kiwanis, lots of gang activity, tweakers, and homeless
- Randall & Chesterly Park are not safe
- Southeast parks, Milroy etc have a gang element
- most time, certain parks feel unsafe WV Comm Park - creek area
- all parks are vulnerable to shootings & homeless harrasment
- besides Miller Park, I don't have to say why
- Love the Greenway but it is becoming unsafe
- Not during evening hours
- Sometimes there are suspicious people around, more security would be better
- yes and no. No to Milroy Park, last time I went shady people and a car with windows covered.
- The two parks I go to (Chesterly & Gilbert) often have homeless and strange cars loitering, gang activity.
- I go into the Harman Center
- depends who is around
- especially powerhouse path & WV park - looks like drug deals might be happening. Sometimes scary looking men around.

- most parks in Yakima aren't very protected.
- Best to go w/someone else
- Need fenced off/Admission charge
- There is no where in Yakima "safe" anymore.
- Not at night, but for most part safe.
- All parks
- West Valley Community Park - drug/gang like activity
- Most of the time (2)
- Alot of people smoke and/or drink in Gardner Parking lot. It's common but it can make people uncomfortable.
- Powerhouse Canal Pathway/Gilbert
- Sarg Hubbard & Sportsman = both not safe& sometimes Chesterley
- Lions, Randall
- The parks I visit yes.
- Not recently 2% increase gang violence/ homeless
- But some things have been changing lately - Franklin Park
- Sometimes there are homeless and you just never know what will happen. Of the 30 odd times nothing bad happened

**4.6 Please rate the quality of amenities, picnic tables, benches, athletic equipment, playgrounds, etc. in the following parks. Please rate 5 to 0 Excellent=5 Poor=0 If unknown please leave blank**

- I mostly go to Franklin Park
- Sarg Hubbard (3)
- Not enough benches in any of the parks. No amenities on the west side of Franklin park. No benches in Larson park. It makes it hard

to bring my disabled dad to the park to watch the kids with no where to sit.

- Structures are in good shape. There just needs to be more of them! Yakima needs shade in summer and shelter in winter.
- S Naches park 0-Poor
- concrete (cement is nasty)
- Arboretum
- fencing/admission fee
- Randall only one restroom (0= no nearby restroom)

**4.7 What Parks and Recreation facilities and amenities would you like to see increased? Please check all boxes that apply.**

- I picked all so kids can do more outside.
- parking space
- Skateparks and Splashpad in WV (2)
- splash pads
- Water features (not just a pool), nature based playgrounds for younger kids like toddlers, community gardens (high on my list of wishes for Yakima)
- shade
- Yakima needs an Ice Rink
- I would love to see the play structures covered so they are usable even in summer.
- Spray parks!
- Swings for children that are wheelchair bound, swings for parents and little ones to swing together in our parks would be wonderful.
- Ice rinks
- Shade coverings at playgrounds. Allows kids to use all the equipment during the summer regardless of time of day
- Why is Franklin Pool tied to school opening and closing schedules? Is this pool intended only for kids? If so, have it supported by user fees as it doesn't serve the general public. Open May through September, the weather justifies it. Outdoor pools are too expensive to use only 2 1/2 months a year - expand that to 5 months a year (May-Sept). Increase lap swims and exercise programs!
- Bathrooms. River Access
- Better restrooms
- Accessible playgrounds and paved pathways to them. Would increase park usage by disabled individuals and elderly. More disabled parking.
- Sprinkler playground like Tri Cities
- TREES. Wide open spaces are nice, but our hot summers make it difficult to enjoy those spaces because there is no/limited shade. All of the playground equipment in Yakima is unusable for several hours a day in the summer because it's too hot to play on.
- Outdoor Handball courts
- Proper bathroom facilities like Portland
- Outdoor Handball Courts
- Handball-Racquetball 3-wall courts
- Resurface tennis courts
- Restrooms that are wheelchair accessible
- Kid Activities!
- Restrooms (5)
- skateparks on the West side
- volleyball sand court



- SPLASH PARK IS COOL. LIKE PVT/PUBLIC COMBO W/YMCA! WAYTO GO!
  - better restrooms, cooling opportunities for when it's hot
  - Football Fields
  - splash pad/ water
  - Franklin needs bathroom
  - benches need backs! garbage cans lacking! american flag at each park
  - BMX RACE TRACK
  - not cement
  - dead trees/branches removed
  - quality off leash dog park
  - More trees!
  - volleyball courts (2)
  - Why aren't helmets required? Gilbert needs picnic shelter, park benches and a playground.
  - covered stage for outdoor concerts
  - Picnic tables
  - Bicycle lanes
  - Nature trails, spray parks
  - bathroom near Franklin playground
  - bathrooms/swings
  - security
  - small dog parks
  - Bike Paths
  - I feel I can't answer these questions as I wouldn't feel safe at any of the parks anymore.
  - grass, flowers and shrubs
  - Venue for music like at Franklin
  - volleyball nets
  - Wildlife - Ducks, Geese
  - playground equipment
  - Tennis backboards for individual practice
  - fenced areas/admission charge
  - need more swimming and water features!
  - garden spaces with native flora, community gardening & composting
  - Natural areas - signage warning of dangers of feeding bread to ducks
  - baby and toddler swings - there is 1 at Kissel & 1 somewhere else
  - Running & Walking Areas
  - Golf - driving range
  - BBQ's
  - Golf Courses
  - Dance at Harman
  - DOG PARKS WITH GRASS
  - outdoor theater/concerts
  - spray and splash pads
  - happy with recent upgrades to Randall Park
- 5.2 Please identify below all of the recreation programs you or your family have participated in during recent years?**
- 5K-Running
  - Yakima Disc golf association
  - Peewee Soccer at Chesterly Park.
  - Youth summer camp trips (Mt Rainer, Lake Chelan, etc)
  - Kayak classes and pool practice

- Kayak instruction at Lions
- Art in the Park (this is an older program that hasn't run for awhile, but which I often took my kids to)
- Friday night concerts
- Fed the ducks
- Lap swimming (4)
- S Naches park has no events
- over past 10 years no longer able
- N/A
- jazzercise
- Open swim times
- Clean up Tahoma. Looks pathetic.
- Adult Soccer

**5.3 What additional recreation programs would you like us to offer or expand?  
Please check all that apply.**

- Pickleball leagues, Baseball - Mens/Adult league
- Pickleball (2)
- I pick all because Id like to see our park system be like Tricities park system
- Painting for kids
- Youth Swim Lessons
- Community gardens, nature based playgrounds, childrens nature and science days, I fused math and literacy on park pathways similar to the story walk to help families have meaningful conversations with young children at the park
- More slots in the summer camp program at Kissel park. That specific location has a HUGE demand.
- art shows
- Ice skating
- Ice skating
- Adult Partner Dance classes- Ballroom, Salsa, tango, foxtrot, waltz etc
- I do my own hydrofit exercise at Lions pool in the deep end
- Disc Golf for kids
- Disc golf tournaments
- Disc golf related activities. Maybe a tournament
- Programs for children and adults with Autism.
- More disc golf courses
- Hockey
- More youth trips
- Beer Gardens of Yakima!
- A play park on the Yakima similar to Bend,OR.
- Whitewater kayaking on the Naches/Yakima
- More Splash Pads
- Adult Dance Classes, Archery, XC Skiing (when possible)
- Programs for disabled, special needs.
- Adult softball leagues with individual signups
- Improve the dog parks
- N/A
- Just more police presence at S Naches Ave Park
- Small daily contest or small group classes
- More bike paths.

- Evening youth center at WFCC - exercise and dance classes
- youth pickleball
- More summer programs like Kissel at other parks.
- Seasonal Music/Entertainment
- warm water for therapy
- self defense class
- tennis
- more Dancing at the center
- COMMUNITY EVENTS - JOG/RUN/WALK, DOG WALK PARTNER EVENTS W/PRIVATE - HOPS, FRUIT, ARBORTEUM
- Emergency Preparedness, Programs for adults, Adaptive options
- more spray & splash locations
- Walking Paths
- Tackle Football
- Yoga
- Badminton
- Yoga in the park, dancing in the park
- Any type of frisbee/disc events
- Yakima River area more Rec around River like Tri Cities!!
- parenting classes, summer programs for teens, unbulling programs
- Computer/Digital photography classes/Spanish class for English speakers
- volleyball stuff
- Biking club
- more senior activities
- nothing, you have failed to keep people safe
- Shakespeare in the Park or outdoor plays
- disc golf
- water fountain or place to cool off
- More activities for people in wheelchairs
- Dance (Adult Ballet)
- Tennis group lessons
- fenced areas/admission fees
- pickleball lessons
- nature ID: plants, animals, etc
- Tai Chi
- Art in the Park
- Lap Swimming
- Parkour Course
- Litter pick up exercise
- Music talent nights
- Dance Adults
- All activities are important - based on need

**5.4 If you participated in ANY recreation program, would you or your family members participate in the programs again? If Yes or No, please tell us why.**

- Attended our first Concert in the Park July 9. Loved it !
- Give more social interaction to with different group of people
- We felt save leaving our kids at the kissel park summer camp. Swimming times and lessons are ones that our kids have enjoyed. It is great to have the concert, I would love to see more options of multicultural concerts (more

than viva la musica)- let's make our community even more inclusive by promoting acceptance of diversity.

- For my grandkids
- Summer program is high demand
- We enjoyed the programs we participated in
- The concert series booked some terrific acts this year.
- My children enjoy the movies and concerts in the park.
- Not sure
- I have young grandchildren.
- Enjoyed the swim exercising and concerts
- Friday night concerts are very enjoyable.
- Helps me feel connected to the community
- programs are well presented and meet interesting community members
- It was fun (5)
- Enjoyed the events
- Due to work schedule
- Fun and affordable
- We hunted those bear stickers last year only to find them peeled off. I e-mailed the parks department with my concerns. There was no way for anyone to know if they actually found any when people were able to remove them.
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- Well led,
- Because they are fun, informative, and it's a plus to be out in nature.
- loved youth swim lessons, would have liked evening classes
- My daughter loves the skiing and summer trips. Definitely need more of these.
- We attended the concerts in the park. They were free and fun.
- My children have grown up and are working out of town, now
- We recreate a lot together
- Love having things to do with the kiddos
- safe friendly place to relax and take in music or a movie
- So appreciate the Exercise Program at Harman Center
- We like to do activities together as a family
- Well designed programs, good instructors and leaders
- Yes... Fitness will always be a daily part of our lives. We prefer to support Local Parks/Employees!!
- I enjoy kayaking and like to help teaching others
- Enjoy water walking for exercise, swimming lessons were great for the kids, concerts/movies are a fun family outing.
- I like to participate in parks programs that are accessible and in SAFE parks.
- Enjoy the music at Franklin during the summer. Easy to walk to and from.

- Softball was not monitored. Illegal bats as well as alcohol were allowed.
- we did the lego event at batman center and it was done and cleaned up super early so we missed most of it
- If I regain my health, I would enjoy swimming, knitting, art, walking again
- Gets us out of the house.
- I would participate in anything that interests me.
- concerts in the park
- We enjoy the music and it's a good way to connect with friends
- Gets us out of the house. (2)
- Summer camp at Kissel is amazing and just what my family needs. Enjoy swimming lessons every year too
- They were well done....
- Needs to be more affordable way too expensive
- Lap swimming - good for seniors and when my husband retires, he will participate
- Swim lessons at the new YMCA went very well. Staff was great
- enjoyed the events, not too crowded
- support the parks program and our city
- It's nice to get outside, and enjoy outdoor concerts, and movies with other people.
- Helpful & enjoyable
- N/A (6)
- enjoyable, healthy
- Had a positive experience
- good experience
- It's not safe at S Naches park to walk
- If I can afford it, they are enjoyable.
- I like music. I like the outdoors.
- WE'RE OLD!
- enjoyment health
- We've aged - only enjoy nature walks :)
- concerts at Franklin are fun for all ages
- mainly kid oriented programs - help with teaching life lessons
- lack of mobility
- enjoyed softball
- yes because it give my family & I something to do
- if close by
- W Relay for Life
- like watching a movie outdoors / after covid
- Concert in the park was fun/enjoyable while it lasted
- They have always been fun and enjoyable.
- Because I like them
- It was to learn a new sport!
- Took golf lessons at Fisher - very enjoyable
- wonderful way to learn and feel like a part of the community.
- we are old, kids are almost graduated
- continue healthy exercise
- Enjoyed - felt safe
- very enjoyable (but sometimes too crowded)
- If I had time, I would participate more

- Exercises my mind & my body
- Good social contacts plus fitness
- I get no info on programs so dont attend any!
- Fun Factor.
- The leaders need more training to deal with mentally challenge kids.
- Love listening to music in the parks.
- well run and inexpensive
- inexpensive, accessible
- Love having music & events in our neighborhood
- me & my friends play volleyball alot
- I have a large group of friends that love volleyball
- B/C its a great way to meet ppl & get to know community
- Love concerts in the park, more please
- low threshold required for engagement
- The swim lessons were excellent!
- We enjoyed these programs
- It was a fun experience
- & community activities
- concerts in the park are great
- Great experience
- Golf lessons
- Love the music in Franklin Park
- They were fun
- great fitness clas at the Harmon Center
- good for community mental health & relieve stress
- elderly
- Youth baseball at Elks is great for the kids
- It's funa and we have a great time.
- (Program was cancelled due to Covid)
- If I was interested
- love music & movies
- Great to be outdoors while exercise
- Adds quality of life - fresh air, sun, social, mood lifter!
- When grandchild visits, we look for activities available through Parks & Rec
- We like the movies in the park
- To keep my family active and away from their phone screens
- To keep my family and kids active
- I like to water walk/exercises
- good value, keeps us busy
- swim lessons (2)
- Deep water exercise at Lions for fitness and friends
- We have our own pool
- stay healthy
- yes, now with grandkids
- Golf lessons with Molly - Great!
- Fun and inexpensive
- not the same ones - more kids at home
- enjoyable, informative
- Getting too old for competitive volleyball.
- Great staff at Beyond the Bell 2017-2019
- Too old
- Liked it

- swimming lessons; concerts; movies
- Good exercise
- brings community together
- concert Miller Park - we had fun
- A good experience/ Met new people etc

**5.5 If you participated in a program, how would you rate the quality of the recreation program? (Please rate up to 3 Programs)**  
**Program #1**

- Flag for Youth
- Tennis (2)
- Concert in the Park (58)
- Beyond the Bell (5)
- Kissel Park Summer Program (7)
- Adult volleyball (2)
- Movie in the park (14)
- Water walk swim Lions Pool
- HC exercise 5, trips & tour 5,
- Youth Soccer (8)
- Lions pool water aerobics
- cards
- Youth swim lessons (12)
- Adult softball (2)
- Golf (13)
- Swim lessons (17)
- Son's Peewee soccer
- Youth swim (6)
- Youth skiing
- Beer Gardens
- Sports
- pool practice

- Kayak Instruction
- Family Tennis
- Water Walking - Franklin
- Harman Center (2)
- I haven't
- Youth sports (2)
- N/A (2)
- water walking (6)
- Computer course at Harman Center
- Lions pool family pass
- Water aerobics (2)
- water zumba
- Golf Lessons (10)
- Swimming (3)
- Baseball
- Softball (3)
- Toddler swim lessons
- Tennis lessons
- Senior Center Dance
- Itty Bitty Soccer
- youth baseball (2)
- summer program - Miller
- Skyhawks (2)
- Harman Center Tai Chi (3)
- Hydro fit
- Golf Tournaments (3)
- Kids @ Kissel Park
- Cemetery Tour
- Adult volleyball Grass Dash
- Fisher kids golf lessons

- Trek n Travel
- Harmon Center Class
- Harman Quilting
- Volleyball Indoor
- Water Walking Indoor
- Harman Center Trips & Tours (3)
- bicycling
- Little League
- Adult Outdoor Volleyball
- Computer
- outdoor music
- Letters to Santa
- Youth Golf
- Bootcamp
- Outdoor Programs
- Art in the Park
- water exercise
- Deep water exercise - Lions
- Lap Swimming (2)
- Water Walking
- Soccer (2)
- Volleyball
- Harman Center Fitness (4)
- youth softball
- Tennis - kids summer camp
- Adult baseball

#### Program #2

- Cheerleading for youth
- Forever Fitness - Jill Carroll
- Beyond the Bell (2)

- Swimming
- Swim lessons at lions pool
- Concerts in the park (34)
- Walking Franklin Park
- Youth Swim Lessons (2)
- Movies in the park (25)
- Historic Walking Tours (2)
- Adult softball
- Glow ball golfing (2)
- Trek and travel
- Tahoma Cemetery Tour
- Youth summer camp trips
- Water exercise program indoors
- Kids sports
- Indoor Aquatic Water Walking/Water Exercise
- Golf (8)
- Youth soccer (3)
- Art in the Park (2)
- youth swimming (4)
- Kissel summer camp (2)
- Science Camp
- bike rides
- Water walking at Lions Pool
- Walking
- Soccer (4)
- swim lessons (4)
- Harman Center activities (2)
- N/A
- water exercise



- Fisher Gof - Peewee
- Harman Center Writing Group
- zumba
- Lewis & Clark Volleyball- Adult
- Harman Center Trips
- Fisher adult golf lessons
- Harman Center (3)
- Youth golf lessons
- Golf lessons (2)
- Hydrofit
- disc golf
- art exhibition
- Water Walking
- Cooking Classes
- Youth sports
- baseball
- Free Swim Lessons
- Tennis Lessons
- Computer Class on Security
- Pool
- spray park
- Youth baseball

#### Program #3

- Swim at Lions / Franklin
- charity walks
- Harmon Center Easter
- Youth swim lessons
- Golf lessons
- Randall dog park
- Beyond the Bell (2)

- Sports lessons
- Golf (7)
- Childcare
- Outdoor Aquatic Water Walking/Water Exercise
- Movies/Concerts
- Youth sports (for introducing 4/5 year olds to sports)
- Beauchamp Community Center
- Ducks
- dog park facility and grounds
- Youth golf lesson
- Music programs
- Spirt camps
- Harman Center (2)
- Swimming at Franklin park
- Movies in the park (11)
- Kissel tennis
- Adult Softball
- Youth Baseball
- youth swim
- Basketball
- water walking (3)
- Swim lessons (2)
- N/A
- Exercise
- Harman Center Dancing
- Swim Lessons - Lions
- water walking
- Tour
- Harman Center trips

- Concerts in Park (9)
- water walking
- Adult Sports Leagues
- Harman Center - beginning painting
- summer program @ Kissel
- Fitness classes
- Youth soccer
- swim
- Soccer
- boot camp
- Water safety classes
- Franklin Pool
- swim/water exercise
- Sports camps
- softball
- Running/Walking
- walk challenge

**5.6 Have you visited the Harman Center? If yes, what programs or events did you participate in? Please check all that apply.**

- Congressman Newhouse Presentation
- MWF 8:30 am exercise class
- Just toured
- Running meeting- it was only once.
- A Play
- None
- Jazzercise (2)
- Cooking for One Class
- City wellness program
- Event

- I am looking into beginning the use of Harman Center
- Library, and special presentations
- Taxes (3)
- Social Connections
- wedding
- Japanese Lessons (2)
- Christmas event
- Bday parties
- training for work
- AAA Driving Class Quilt Club
- Line Dancing
- walking exercise
- my retirement group organized a visit with lunch
- Holloween
- sewing/social
- Wood carving club
- school play
- Fitness
- guest speakers
- fundraiser
- Bazaar (2)
- Graduation ceremony
- Exercise Classes (8)
- making a donation
- various meetings
- Private Events
- Ping Pong
- Santa Breakfast
- would like more info on center (2)

- Aktion club advisor
- Travel Program presentation
- Senior Fitness
- cards
- bad experience volunteering
- We do workshops for seniors there in the fall
- Check the place out. Very nice. Senior Drivers Ed
- Place for reading
- computer access

**5.7 What would you like to see more of at the Harman Center? Please check all that apply.**

- Choir
- I havent been there for overt 12 yrs or so.
- Language Classes
- I'm not a senior, so none of these programs are for me aimed at me. There are no options in Yakima for adults to get together and do this stuff. I do not feel welcomed or comfortable participating in Harmen Center actives.
- I was not aware the Harmon Center was part of Yakima Parks and Rec. I have lived in this community for 3 decades.
- Senior ski group!
- Board Games (2)
- all are good and cater to many groups
- space for individual book clubs to meet
- wish this was open to stay at home moms
- YOGA, PILATES
- scrapbooking
- a pickup service for those that don't drive, acceptance of all seniors Not just a few
- Dementia caregiver support & Act. for citizens with dementia
- cooking classes
- geneology
- A place where the whole community has somewhere to ventture when they are down on their luck. Tear down dead trees that might cause fires and put grass and tables and structures for summer. Do something about the homeless!
- I have my taxes done there.
- gardening
- They do a wonderful job
- sewing class
- I do not have time yet to utilize all that is currently available.
- crafting
- Not sure yet.
- Be less clicky! Hard to fit in when new.
- Not w/o better air conditioning!
- myself & husband! It is across town from us so we don't frequent it often but would like to do so. Looking to downsize and am considering moving close to the center.
- More friendliness
- Everything, the Harman Center is a hidden jewel and needs a lot of promotion!
- anything that helps the elderly
- I would like to see something like this for people who aren't seniors.

- Coloring was great
- Exercise classes (3)
- IRS tax
- Activities for adults w/ disabilities

**7.1 To help us understand your priorities, imagine that you have \$100 to spend as you like on the items listed below. You can choose to spend the entire amount on one item or you can spread the money around as you like.**

- There are a lot of ball fields of all types and I've never seen them full except for special events. We are short on nature trails and safe outdoor swimming opportunities.
- Community gardens
- Equipment for development my challenged
- More summer camp slots at Kissel park
- larger dog park
- Would love to see an open water swimming/family water recreation beach developed.
- An outdoor beach for swimming
- Construction of ice rink (2)
- Food Forest
- More benches around the playground equipment. And keeping the grass alive.
- BMX Park of some sort
- More inclusion swings for kids with disabilities.
- Shade coverings over playgrounds
- A POOL on the east side of town!!!!
- The beer gardens of yakima crew should get a run in franklin
- I don't know how to improve safety at the parks, but it is a huge concern for the community. It's a shame many of the parks have become virtually unusable for families.
- \$5 Other
- Whitewater park (2)
- Live theatre!
- White water park below Nelson Dam!
- River park with channels for tubing and whitewater kayak play waves.
- Build whitewater river feature/surf wave
- Develop river play park like Bend, it is a multi-user park - tubing, boarding, kayaking
- Would like to see more on river recreation - a kayaking/SUP/Tubing on the Naches below Nelson Dam
- More places to stand in the shade at the dog park
- Franklin park is used by many. Kids love to go there and hangout. Volleyball courts and basketball courts would benefit and help the community.
- Increase Accessible Playgrounds and pathways to them.
- Sprinkler park
- outdoor handball courts
- Out door Handball / Racquet ball courts
- A new park in west valley with safe playgrounds for young children. maybe a splash pad
- bike riding paths
- Cooking classes
- a general community center
- \$25 for special needs, disabled

- Parks with ponds and nature
  - improve dog park grounds
  - Land for Garden Plots
  - More covered areas for shade
  - Walk way around the entire park.
  - Bathroom facilities
  - There is no place in yakima for dogs to run. I mean really run, and I think we should develop a park where that could happen along with more opportunities for kids to swim. The spray parks are not the same as a pool.
  - 3-Wall Handball-Racquetball courts
  - More Security at S Naches Ave Park
  - More shade at Randall Dog Park
  - A real dog park! Priceless!
  - I think that the current children's playgrounds are EXCELLENT and a top priority. I do not know if there is a need for more. High school age students need a safe place to hang out. I hope that WFCC will provide that.
  - large grassy dog park
  - Local Entertainment
  - parks that are more wheelchair friendly
  - WV Park
  - Big inside/outside water park
  - \$35 infrastructure to support community as temperature continues to increase, \$65 more/better restroom facilities for houseless people
  - or more play structures
  - Bike route pathways connecting parks
  - safer parks
  - BMX RACE TRACK
  - Yakima River greenway why drive when we have it here
  - off leash dog in nice park
  - More parks like Powerhouse
  - New covered picnic
  - Drinking Water
  - plays in the park
  - security officers to monitor anti social behavior
  - golf courses
  - Safety - clean up needles
  - more dog parks
  - maintain and improve existing pools
  - More sports for handicapped adults and kids
  - more safety - police officers
  - Pickleball at Harman Center
  - More trees!
  - opportunities that serve those with limit income & options (poor and handicapped)
  - more restrooms and shade
  - Benches along walkway - Franklin Park
  - Dog park near Barge Chestnut neighborhood
  - Waterpark
- 7.2a What improvements would you like to see at your local park? Park Name**
- Miller Park (7)
  - Kissel Park (10)
  - Elks Park (3)
  - Gardner Park (4)
  - a climbing wall at Franklin park

- Randall Park (33)
- Franklin Park (43)
- More parks in West Valley
- Gilbert Park (29)
- All parks with sand courts. West Valley Community park, miller
- pathways at all parks
- Randall Dog Park (3)
- perhaps divert some irrigation water that flows through a park--Harmon center or Gilbert park --add a sand beach and develop for open water swim/family water recreation.
- All parks (8)
- Randall and Franklin
- Yakima really needs a beach -- something like Irene Rinehart Park in Ellensburg would work fine. A lake/pond with inflow/outflow that could become a community gather place, perhaps in partnership with Yakima County, the Yakima Greenway Foundation, the YMCA and other entities. The project at the former Boise Cascade site could present such an opportunity.
- I would like to see better sidewalks and bike lanes connecting our neighborhoods to our parks. Too many of our streets don't have bike lanes, and too many of our sidewalks are right next to the roadway's lane of traffic without any buffer space.
- Benches right on the perimeter of playgrounds. And Randall park small blue play equipment is disgraceful! It's dirty, and is desperate need of repairs.
- a Skatepark in the WV area, more WV parks, splash pad in WV
- West Valley Park (20)
- Covered play equipment and spray area/splash pad
- More picnic tables and covered areas
- Fezzel Park
- Randall & West Valley Community Park
- Sarg Hubbard (3)
- Lions park & pool
- More benches and shade for summer months
- More spray parks on the west side of town
- Larson Park (7)
- For the disc golf courses to match the quality of other courses throughout the state
- Would love to see a DG course at Gilbert Park
- Not a park, but Tahoma Cemetery, my grandfather is buried there and the upkeep is atrocious, along with broken headstones. It's a disgrace.
- West valley park- disc golf
- Ice Rink
- Complete walking pathway around Franklin Park, playground equipment and a walking path around Gilbert Park.
- Gilbert park, bathroom facilities added, people come to use park, but with no facilities available trees, shrubs, etc. are used instead.
- West Valley, and Chesterly parks.
- A permanent rest room on 48th Ave side of Randall Park
- Removal of people camping out. Hanging out at park with carts
- Lighting,

- Powerhouse Trail better signage and lighting and landscaping. Its a great path for exercise and walking through town but unsafe and ugly.
- I would love to see a big splash pad in the west valley area where it's safe for kids to play and enjoy
- Bathrooms placed in Franklin Park (open during daylight hours)
- Chesterly and Gilbert - More picnic tables with green shade for socializing. Gilbert needs a playground.
- More places to stand in the shade at the dog park
- west valley area
- Tieton Terrace (3)
- Franklin park, volleyball and basketball courts please.
- West Valley Park/Kissell Park/Gilbert Park
- Gilbert Park needs a playground or some kind of amenities
- Harmon Center
- I live in Selah
- Chesterly Park (18)
- Walkways at Chester's, pools on east side of town
- MLK (5)
- My handicap accessible tables... bigger bathroom stalls... more wheelchair accessible activities
- Volleyball court
- Increased safety and a pool in east yakima mLK park
- Randall dog park grounds - highly used
- All Playgrounds (2)
- West Valley Park, more security, better lawn care, with the school so close I am surprised there isn't more security. Kids walk home thru that sketchy part of the creek
- Bathroom facilities at Miller
- Yakima Greenway (2)
- Restrooms need MAJOR improvement at Chesterly. We love that park, but those restrooms are just horrible. We were just at Franklin for concert in the park and there were no restrooms, several people left because of this. More swings at Kissell. I'd really hope to see the west valley community park playgrounds improve. We are so close to this park and it just has so much more potential to be a clean and fun park. The blue playground at Randall needs to be updated. The board has graphite on it. Lions pool should have more open swim options for family.
- Miller, Lions,
- Lions pool (3)
- More police patrols at S Naches Ave
- Randall Park dog park more shade
- On some big outdoor holidays like memorial day 4 th of july and labor day you need reset the sprinklers times when they turn on and please spray for biting pest at the parks like Randall and ND sarge hubbard
- I love lions pool but ive seen drug deal, people getting arrest, and bad teenagers while going to and from the pool. I wish we could use the park or have tables in the shade.
- Gaillean Park
- None
- N/A (2)

- No improvement
- Lions (3)
- recreation programs for kids/ summer programs
- Franklin, Gilbert and Chesterly
- Lion, Franklin, Randall
- American flags at all larger parks like Randell
- KIWANIS
- Free water station
- Randall Park - more
- Randell and Franklin and Chesterly
- Cahalan, Randall & Franklin Park
- Fisher Golf
- I think Gilbert Park is nicely maintained.
- Franklin & Kissel (2)
- Powerhouse Canal Pathway (4)
- Franklin Larson
- Franklin & Lions Lessons
- Gilbert & Franklin (2)
- Kiwanis and MLK
- Excellent restrooms
- Playground (5)
- Updated pool with more options for water play for youth
- Cleaning, new picnic tables that r not wood
- Handicapped playgrounds
- All of the parks with outdoor volleyball courts are severely neglected. the nets are in poor condition. there is little to NO sand on most courts. There needs to be sand on the courts not just dirt. The sand needs to be leveled and added. Weeds should be sprayed down around the courts. Many of the courts are not usable due to their conditions.
- cane/walker friendly
- Regular maintenance, grass areas(!!!), shaded area to sit, more benches
- Enforcement of posted rules be park employees or remove signs so there is no expectations of enforcement. Why have rules if there is no one to enforce them?
- Improve restroom facilities
- I would like to see better sidewalks and bike lanes connecting our neighborhoods to our parks. Too many of our streets don't have bike lanes, and too many of our sidewalks are right next to the roadway's lane of traffic without any buffer space.

## **7.2 b Improvements desired.**

- Cleaniness
- Pickleball courts & volleyball nets
- Baseball field improvements / cleaning & availability
- Playground / picnic areas
- more snow park courses for sledding.
- Having more concerts brings people together
- Splash pad & skatepark
- We need an ice rink
- Bathroom and tennis court
- Get rid of the pond therefore eliminating geese and their poop. They make the park stinky and dirty.
- Benches, green grass and clean, maintained playground equipment



- Splash pad (4)
- More policing to deter trouble.
- Any park. I would drive for these improvements.
- More toys that kids can play on
- Safe playground structures for 0-5yo
- I would like to see a quality splash pad somewhere in Yakima.
- More picnic and seating areas
- wider pathways to accommodate bikes & pedestrians
- I'd like to see the tennis courts either repaired or converted to roller hockey
- More parks in the Terrace Heights area (2)
- Upgrade the pool. I went to the pool tonight after work. It was closed due to mechanical issues
- Water parks for kids! And disc golf for kids!!
- restrooms and handwashing areas
- Splash pad or fountain for kids
- More spray parks on the west side of town
- More picnic tables (3)
- Larson Park is in need of new playground equipment. We're down to one broken down swing set. The sprinkler system is spotty and needs upgraded. There is no interior lighting. A perimeter walking path along Arlington and 12th is highly desired. There is a blind man who walks the park and is forced into traffic because there's no walkway.
- More courses in areas where walkers aren't at risk. Speed of play is often delay considerably due to waiting for

people walking directly through course or for walker safely. I run a league (there are two in yakima) for DG and would love to get the information out there for new players. Maybe lessons can be offered.

- Pickleball & tennis courts (2)
- None, it's practically perfect.
- safety and better maintained
- Large fenced dog area. Or just turn it into a dog park.
- Better care of the lawn, a majority of it's dead.
- More disc golf
- West Valley Park
- Shade coverings over playgrounds
- Cleaner bathrooms, better maintained picnic tables, more places to sit (benches)
- Better parking, more picnic tables,
- Additional lighting along pathways and sidewalks. It's very dark walking the dogs along chestnut in the winter
- I would like to see some new picnic tables and more of them, as well as the old playground being taken down or redone. Also we need swings!
- Walking paths around parks. Playground at every park.
- Beer gardens, i think this was encouraged by parks and rec at other parks, franklin is likely to be the most successful.
- Please, please consider a solution to the restroom faculties
- Please, please fix or remove the blue smaller play structure. It is dangerous for children.

- Roller skating has made a huge comeback since the pandemic and it's always been fairly popular, it would be so great to have concrete/sidewalk walkways rather than gravel or rough chunky pavement so skaters could skate outdoors easily and safely. Roller skating is great for all ages and so good for your body and health.
- I would like to see walking/biking paved pathways constructed all the way around them
- A Permanent Restroom at 48th side of Randall Park
- Miller Park.
- Lighting
- Lighting and landscaping and signs
- More bike friendly paths, more sheltered picnic spots.
- 9 Disc Golf Baskets
- Splash pad at a safe park.
- Splash zones in safe neighborhoods!!!
- I would like the bathrooms to be better maintained.
- More places to stand in the shade at the dog park
- Better light and restroom facilities
- desegregate Concerts in the Park. The white=Franklin and brown=Miller is obnoxious and unnecessary
- Tree maintenance, new picnic table
- Include an Accessible Playground and a paved pathway to it. Upkeep on current walkways for safety of those with a disability.
- Repair walkway, Night sky friendly lighting
- Updated playground equipment, splash pad
- More parks that have trails at least 1 mile long (prefer 3 miles or more).
- Concerts
- a few more seating options but otherwise love it
- Fix or replace Air-conditioning and heating system
- All over improvement
- Spray park and shaded areas
- More garbage cans, so maybe people would use them. It doesn't help if they are overflowing, because the wind blows litter.
- Eliminate homelessness in river areas
- Swimming pool (4)
- More benches or tables
- Improve playground. Swings, jungle gyms, etc.
- Add a pool at MLK park
- More tables, Gazebo area. Splash pad area
- grounds and add facilities
- More shade with more trees
- Security/police drive by would help it be a safer destination.
- More Swings!
- Might consider removing all the brush near the creek weirdos hang out there
- The trees at Tieton Terrace Park are dying or need some love.
- Dog park
- Create amenities at Gilbert Park
- Bathroom facilities (2)

- Walking path around park
- Swings for children
- better maintained bike paths
- 3-Wall Handball/Racquetball courts
- Update shower rooms
- More Kids programs
- Increased cleanliness of S Naches parks. Homeless leave a lot of garbage everyday of year.
- Lions and Franklin Pools need to be updated and amenities fixed up.
- Benches in shade or tables fix the pop machine
- The trash needs to be picked up more often, maybe more opportunities to volunteer to clean up the water, I have also seen trash inside the small lake there as I have also seen many fish & beautiful birds & ducks in the lake it's sad to see the trash just floating around in the water
- Swings for kids/ adults
- More lighting in both parking lots and along the pathway
- People are distressed about Tahoma Cemetery maintenance.
- a way to control/clean up duck waste signs advising on what to feed ducks/what not to feed or dump in the pond
- tennis courts resurfaced, pickleball lines painted on those courts
- Miller Park is a great place, but could use more attention to cleanliness.
- Take out dead tree & do some pruning
- Add small playground
- Just maintenance. The parks are perfect in general.
- Better grounds upkeep, Appearance, Appeal
- more shaded benches, picnic tables by playground
- pathway Lights
- cleaner tables
- Walking areas
- More benches, play grounds, shade, water park areas.
- Bathrooms (3)
- make a splash pad and safe good skatepark
- Larger Dog Park would be Nice
- benches, tables, covered picnic area
- More signage for waste pick up for dogs. Immediate graffiti removal.
- Fix playground equipment
- Better landscaping, lawn & trees
- SIGNAGE - CLEAN/MODERN, MAP OF PARKS? - MAYBE ON WEBSITE
- more tables and spray parks for children
- More shade (4)
- Necessary. Leave as is.
- my family really enjoys the space this park offers
- more outdoor swimming fitness, 5K's
- Flowers planted in openings in concrete, edging grass along sidewalk
- Nice park but need bathroom (open during the day) homeless need somewhere else to be during the day.

- picnic shelter/ amphitheater - similar to Franklin Park
- Better bathrooms, more benches/sitting areas for parties, clean pond for ducks
- Gated parke area for toddlers
- water feature/ spray park
- restrooms!
- movies in the park
- More skate area for kids.
- Bathroom
- maintain and update all existing facilities
- Bathrooms, another picnic shelter, spray park
- BUM REMOVAL! GANG ACTIVITY CRUSHED! CHESTERY HAS OCCASIONAL TWEAKERS NOT TOO BAD
- Larger
- More sidewalks, around and through the park.
- none
- more parking, picnic tables
- Working water fountain, picnic tables near trees, better walking paths
- new benches/ tables. Murals updated/added
- More backboards at tennis courts so single persons can practice
- garbage cans around park
- more natural paths!!
- bathrooms, tables, benches, safer, cleaner
- repair broken play structures, safety for resident, users going to park cars, SUV, truck drive too fast, make safer slower
- splash/spray or wading pool
- another playground
- Walking trail
- modernize pool/facilities, more lifeguards
- Tennis courts added
- More music or events @ park during spring/summer/fall
- volleyball courts both sand and grass
- Volleyball courts, sand & grass
- Bathroom facilities (soap/hand dryer)
- Playground/ picnic tables/ benches for resting
- Outdoor volleyball net or disc golf, or kids area / play structure
- open to walk when golf is done or year round golf
- Covered concert stage for music and/or outdoor theatre
- nothing at this time
- clean open restrooms at all parks
- Better bathrooms, less homeless hanging out/sleeping/living
- Swimming pool, playground equipment for children and adults, picnic tables to sit down and eat
- fenced area for dog park
- Expand and update pool facilities
- Playground and spray park!! This park could be amazing with added ammenities for families.

- Franklin Park needs a restroom @ playground. Gilbert Park needs a playground.
- Duck poop cleaning of tables
- remove druggies, pan handlers and homeless
- Spray Park - there's enough open space for it.
- More pathways
- bathrooms, cool water drinking, swings, shaded areas with seating
- security around all parks
- playground, volleyball court, welcoming view for people, picnic shelters, park benches to enjoy.
- cleaner & walkway cracks paved again
- restrooms, picnic shelters, playground
- Bathroom - water fountains
- WiFi onsite, Better Bike path through park, Better Picnic Facilities
- Improve conditions of track
- Franklin Park is - excellent!
- update the old blue playground
- Keep up the maintenance - clear garbage etc.
- Disc golf hole #7 is often flooded at the tee-off box
- more security, but I realize Inslee is tying the police hands, so security hands would also be tied.
- The ground around the sidewalks is in horrible shape
- access to bathrooms/ porta potties for events
- Bathroom cleaning
- would like XL park like Spokane Riverfront Park. MANY ACTIVITIES! and boosts economy with a beautiful river & walkways. Lots of rentals available as well.
- when it snow, keep sidewalks shoveled and graveled
- water fountain/ wading pool
- Improve building and pool
- Plant more trees
- more toys
- A large water attraction or fountain
- more shelters
- Restrooms, walkway
- Gated tennis or volleyball courts for those that are gonna use it. More nets on Ahtanum.
- chain-link fence - off leash dog park
- Fix cracked and old tennis courts. Pickleball took away from tennis.
- more police presence in the park and parking lot.
- More garbage cans! More picnic tables. Clean and repair restrooms. Upgrade the signage and put in a spray park or other additional children's play structures and upgrade the swings.
- Better playground equipment, more benches and tables.
- increase playground equipment and repairs
- Pool or spray park
- fenced off and admission fee not higher taxes
- playground - we love this park, but it doesn't have a playground so we don't visit

- Roots are a problem for bikes
- Pickleball courts
- community garden and composting
- I am very pleased with our parks and appreciate how well kept they are.
- Duck food vending machine, less trash in creeks, more trees
- Indoor pool, volleyball court, skate park
- More availability (pools) maintenance
- additional swings (baby/toddler) & children swings. Sidewalk installation on Mead. Have to walk in road to get to park.
- Flush toilets
- Picnic shelters and benches
- walkway pathway nicer dog park
- more sprayers
- sport courts, pathways by creek
- Water fountains for people to get wet
- walkway resurfaced- Bathrooms maintained better
- Improve area behind pond/ walkway
- for school age swimming for safety
- Pump track for bikes and skateboards!
- More tables, cleaner bathrooms
- Repair picnic shelter
- Cut back vegetation along south edge, plant a couple trees
- More walking paths
- the pool restrooms are too far away from the picnic areas & elderly or disabled have a difficult time getting there & there is always a line to wait for a stall!
- Playgrounds / Pickleball
- BBQ Areas
- Allow food trucks/ beve nearby
- More restrooms
- better bathrooms, more activities for kids
- West Valley Community Park needs more swings for children, teens, adults
- More benches and playground equipment
- More benches (2)
- Landscaping along pathway. Many times pathway is covered with debris.
- Volunteer all picking up the trash
- Pathways
- Few more benches along walkway
- My kids would really like a pump track ever since we saw rumors of one in the news.
- Too much deferred maintenance to rehab and modernize
- Speed bumps on surrounding streets! Children & adults who walk are endangered by speeding cars.
- Better Benches, sidewalk maintenance
- tennis courts
- More walkways
- We need more benches and tables - all of them
- Create a small dog park
- The pathway along the north edge of the park needs to be cleaned up, and it would be great if it connects to the main park not only at the bridge, but also at the east parking lot.

- Graffiti removed more quickly
- Indoor Pool; Kids Activities
- More benches along pathway, BR on East side of park
- Parking, Restroom, Seating
- Trees & lawn
- Consistent landscaping - make it more attractive
- Signs for dogs on leash & clean up after dog
- pool, picnic tables, shade areas
- More seating around playgrounds (benches), and parking lot cleanup
- Widen walkway along Tieton/ move route
- Nature trails; water/spray feature
- trash bins/ lights/ animal protection

**8.1 I support the renovation or replacement of Lions Pool in the future utilizing a tax increase for the funding. Please choose one.**

- nice that it is year round
- As the only indoor pool I would like to see it remain. I have concerns about the almost always present drug and mental health issues of the nearby Lions park.
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- as long as it remains an indoor pool.
- It would depend on the plan and the amount of the tax increase.
- Replace Lions Pool with an ice Rink
- I would approve a voter tax increase for a nice, safe place to swim.
- Sad we closed Ike and Washington rather than maintaining them
- Lions Pool must be the priority and these are vital assets for the community of all ages.
- We are already over taxed, people using the pools pay too little for entry and usage, pools need to operate closer to a cost recovery basis.
- This pool is a vital resource in our community. Several high schools utilize this pool for their swim teams, and it provides an affordable alternative to the private/club pools. It is the only indoor pool available to the general public. It would be a travesty to lose this pool.
- I utilize Lions every week during my work lunch break. I value the facility immensely and know other users do as well. I rate maintaining the facility as a top priority.
- And the park outside too Gazebo area
- Close it
- Lions Pool is a wonderful place for seniors.
- There isn't enough open swim times for my family. We have a 4 year old and the only option is Friday nights from 7-9??
- Yakima needs more public indoor pools.
- For people on the south side this is the only indoor pool for water walking we can get to the rest are to far to enjoy or are outside pool.
- No taxes!!
- A year round facility benefits the community!
- To always keep maintenance up for the pools
- YMCA

- its economical
- Our family rarely uses this pool but I understand for the high school it would be sad to not maintain
- unsafe park.
- Do you already have the tax increase for this? If so, "SA", If not "D"
- don't use indoor pool
- Pools increase the quality of life in Yakima
- Support renovated pool!
- would need more information
- depends on tax increase
- This is a wonderful pool, love to water walk.
- The pool is a valuable community asset. We should do what we can to preserve and enhance these assets.
- I'm not paying for it. Find another way.
- pool for year round use is very important with easy access
- Need to have evening exercise program year around for seniors
- need to see specific use of money before making a decision
- I took swimming lessons in the 1950's
- Good location & stays busy - just needs some TLC!
- with limited time, targeted increase only
- we need affordable indoor swimming. The Y is too expensive.
- Please provide more opportunities for open swim, and it might be more utilized.
- stop taxing us!
- Do not know where Lions is located.
- without tax increase
- We need more than just YMCA, we need to keep Lions Pool.
- SA; the lockers are too small therefore useless. I don't swim there anymore.
- providing it is used a lot (particularly for kids and families)
- Lions is the only covered pool
- Lions Pool is a critical community resource for elderly, disabled and all.
- No increase in taxes fence parks off increase admission fee
- I'd like more information re: timeline + tax increase specific
- We need 2 outside pools because we don't have Miller Pool or Washington Pool
- Please visit the Osborn Aquatic Center in Corvallis, Oregon. Otter Beach is fabulous. I'd like to see a similar one in Yakima!  
[www.corvalisoregon.gov/osborn/page/iesure-podotter-beach](http://www.corvalisoregon.gov/osborn/page/iesure-podotter-beach) (better in person)
- We NEED pools in Yakima
- I know several people who regularly use this pool
- no tax increase
- we need an indoor location
- It's supported by seniors, handicapped - needs to be continued.
- gotta do it
- Budgets need to include ongoing maint and replacement
- NICE POOL, COULD BE NICER



- Not a fan of overly chlorinated indoor pools. Why not use ozone or salt chaning system?
- This needs to happen.

**8.2 I support the renovation or replacement of Franklin Pool in the future utilizing a tax increase for the funding. Please choose one.**

- Highly used pool!
- A central based pool/park provides recreation for all, hopefully utilized by public.
- bigger outdoor pool
- What's wrong with it?
- See #1 Comments
- Support to renovated pool!
- depends on tax increase
- No If you want it raise your own money.
- Is only used small time in year but important for youth
- see comment #1
- needs renovated by not replaced
- same
- with a time limited, targeted increase only
- no tax increase
- A - you should link with the aquatic center - their locker system is excellent.
- same as above
- Not sure what needs to be done
- Franklin Pool seems in better shape than Lions Pool and is also a critical community resource.
- It is a good family pool
- no tax increase
- never used it but support it!
- Local area committee lower income use it!
- Franklin Park/ Pool is the very heart of Yakima.
- widely used
- Not thru property taxes, fund raise thru community
- Franklin Park is centrally located in the city and is always busy
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- It would depend on the plan and the amount of the tax increase.
- My family and I went to the Franklin Pool on the Sunday morning in late June when the temps were extremely high too have fun and stay cool. We were informed that in the morning, the pool is dedicated entirely to lap swim and/or adult exercise activities. I think that is very inappropriate given the fact that Franklin pool is only open for part of the year, it is the only public outside pool, and there are portions of the day when Lyons pool is dedicated/available for those same activities. Perhaps a portion of the pool could be dedicated for part of the day for those activities, but I'm not even sure about that. Yakima is very hot in the summer and when people want to go cool off at the public pool they should be able to. This is scheduling practice likely disproportionately impacts lower income people and people of color, which is another legitimate reason for reconsidering it.
- This is a fun outdoor pool facility and provides a needed service during the summertime. This pool is also vital the community, but priority should be on Lions pool.
- Lazy river
- Close it

- Outdoor pools provide an area for socializing and playing for kids and fitness for adults.
- What are all the people who live south of nobhill suppose to go.
- No taxes!

**8.3 I support the construction of a new outdoor swimming pool in East Yakima utilizing a tax increase for the funding. Please choose one.**

- A neighborhood pool creates activity, for all ages!
- More pools are needed in Yakima
- don't go to East Valley
- you had one and closed it because of money also MLK
- There was a pool there before. This is a costly endeavour
- UTILIZE ONES THAT WE HAVE - GIVE KIDS FREE BUS SHUTTLE
- "SD" we had 2 and the city Removed them. (Miller and Washington)
- Why did the city close the old pool instead of fixing it?
- They had one better - was not used
- depends on tax increase
- I support this but my support is evident upon proffesionals at parks & rec determining that there is a need - the pool will get used.
- with bullets flying nearby, as a tax payer I would not use a park in East Yakima
- If you use different money and not tax us.
- It maintained and kept clean and safe
- see above
- A pool is needed there.
- or at least increase water features
- We'd be unlikely to use a pool in East Yakima, but can see the benefit for those who live near it.
- deal with the pool!
- Miller use to have a pool
- Would prefer in West Yakima
- Pools are expensive to operate.
- SA - all areas should have equal access to good, clean facilities.
- Equity in Yakima access to pools is a priority to address.
- There needs to be a pool on the southeast side
- West Valley needs one first
- Franklin Pool only outside pool
- If it is used properly I agree but hopefully not vandalized.
- no tax increase
- I live in West Valley, doesn't seem fair for me to decide for them
- I don't live there.
- Already have a pool?
- THE POOR NEED IT
- This needs to happen.
- East Yakima needs equal access to rec facilities. So important for the youth & families.
- These swimmers are given FREE admission all over Yakima. These are most unkempt by the public.
- We need to invest on building a new swimming pool for families in East yakima. Although ww have the other two pools, it is not always easy for families to drive to them. I think it is important to build one near

that community to make sure that swimming opportunities are equitable for all children and families in Yakima.

- Monies were already spent to cover previous pool and from my understanding there was not much interest when it was open. Unfortunately it seems like other city facilities in the area are not cared for and fall into disrepair quickly. Lots of homeless/mental health and drug issues at nearby Kiwanis Park.
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- We need a pool in west valley!!! No one wants to go to east valley!
- It would depend on the plan and the amount of the tax increase.
- I live in West Valley, so using my tax dollars for something I would likely never utilize is not something I can get behind right now.
- I believe maintaining and improving existing sites as the most prudent course.
- Lions and Washington outdoor pools and spray fields are needed. needed
- Yes a pool, lazy river, water slides, splash pad area,
- The other one was closed due to too much vandalism-
- Spray Park
- Depends on where on the east side. Some sort of location would help.
- No taxes

**8.4 I support the current operation of Lions Pool, but only until it can no longer be**

**operated due to funding, age of facility or both, and then close the facility. Please choose one.**

- Yakima needs a public indoor option for year round use.
- Only if there is a plan or construct a new facility before shutdown.
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- I support funding for Lions Pool
- Keep the pools open!
- The Lion's Pool needs to stay open.
- An indoor pool for year-round use is important to our community
- This facility should not close. Important community space for elders and youth. PLEASE DO NOT CLOSE>
- Running the place into the ground is a bad idea. The cost to use the pool needs to increase to accommodate maintenance and operation.
- No
- Don't close the facility
- Do not close it!!!!
- Needs updates
- Lions Pool is an affordable place for seniors to use. If it goes away, I will go to another facility in Yakima that offers lap swimming
- That place matters for familys and females can feel comfortable going there
- As the MLK Pool has shown, it would have been far less expensive to replace it at the time it needed it, then to fill it in, then dig it out and start over. Same with the pool at Miller Park.
- many swim laps there

- The pool is a primary facility for students, local events, family, adult, youth swim; year round recreation.
- More new pools are needed for when the weather is hot to remain cool
- YMCA
- HIGH SCHOOL NEEDS IT - THEY SHOULD HELP SUPPORT!
- What's to keep the city from putting off repairs/replacement like they've done in the past??
- Please don't eve close this pool.
- I would be so sad if Lions closed!!!
- But that just leaves you open to say we cannot afford it still gives you a choice to close it. It's over crowded. I don't like going. People steal your stuff.
- year around indoor exercise is si important for disabled needs to be warm pool for arthritis care
- see above
- renovated not replaced or closed
- this is the only pool around that has diving/is good for HS teams
- I don't want to see Lions close.
- we need a winter indoor pool
- It's suboptimal. Update it.
- Build a new covered facility
- If pools can't be operated they should be replaced or renovated. They are a critical community resource.
- keep open and do repairs through higher admission fee, fence the area
- We haven't used these pools, but would be open to help keep them open
- It is a well used pool
- If it needs repair fix it don't replace

- no closure!
- KEEP LIONS POOL OPEN
- sooner is always better & cheaper than later
- Great pool for seniors
- see above comments
- how popular is it?
- Fund parks - grass does not pay for itself nor should it be expected to
- Keep it open until replaced - Don't put for much money to upgrade - maintain only until
- Its the only public access to indoor pool, very important for many low income & elderly access in non summer months.

**8.5 I support the current operation of Franklin Pool, but only until it can no longer be operated due to funding, age of facility or both, and then close the facility. Please choose one.**

- It's kind of tough to support Franklin pool when it's only open 8-10 weeks a year.
- Necessary in our community
- It has to have funding
- would like to see pool continued
- I feel this is the #1 pool in Yakima. I would like to see it maintained or improved.
- Keep tjhe pools open
- Franklin pool is important to the community and one of the few places to swim.
- Why is closing the option? Upkeep first, then renovation when needed.
- These assets are heavily used by the community we must not close them.
- Again, those using the pool need to see an entry fee reflective of the actual cost of

using the pool. Using the pool till it is junk is a bad business move.

- No
- Don't close the facility
- Do not close it!!!
- Needs updated.
- An outdoor pool is essential in Yakima
- Just add some kind of shade.
- Ideal location for Yakima citizens of all ages, gatherings; entertainment; sport events
- The pools need to be kept in good condition
- need outdoor location
- The kids need it!
- important to community for youth we must provide for our youth. Gangs must be stopped. Kids need healthy exercise.
- DITCH THIS POOL. TOO SHALLOW.
- depends on many factors - not enough info
- same answer as 4
- A pool is needed there
- The park and pool is a great combo - don't get rid of!
- same as above
- The pool is refreshing, but add to it - fun play
- Keep outdoor pool no matter, please
- Franklin pool is a great community resource & should be maintained.
- I support it being updated but as is, it's pretty good. Could use lockers.
- Keep it functioning
- As above, if the pools can't be perated they should be replaced or renovated. The pools are an essential community resource.
- keep open and do repairs, higher admission, fence the area
- We haven't used these pools, but would be open to help keep them open
- It is a well used pool
- If it needs repair fix it don't replace
- no closure!
- KEEP LIONS POOL OPEN
- same reason as number 4
- great pool variety to meet all age groups!
- Repair and replace as needed
- we need it
- Fund parks - grass does not pay for itself nor should it be expected to

**8.6 I support the construction of a new swimming pool in East Yakima, but do not support a tax increase to pay for the construction. Please choose one.**

- TAX FUND THIS PROJECT
- I do not support East Yakima Pool or using my tax \$ for it.
- I support building it and increasing tax for it.
- See prior comments. I think an open water swim option would be more affordable, would not need lifeguards.
- It would depend on the plan and the amount of the tax increase.
- I'm not sure how lions pool is not considered to be on the east side of yakima
- No pool in East Yakima and no tax increase to pay for it. East Yakima used to have two pools, Miller and

Washington, but were closed for non-use. Think this through before spending the money to build something that won't be used. Learn from history!

- I would support a tax increase for a quality project.
- Why should the East side be left out???
- The pool users need to be the parties responsible for its costs.
- Property tax increases to pay for maintenance for homes over \$300,000 in value - this would increase my taxes
- "I want free stuff" is that the question?
- There are a lot of residence in East Yakima who could probably support this pool with their taxes. As a West Valley resident, I do not want to use my taxes for that.
- I would like to see budget spent on maintenance and improvement of existing facilities.
- support the pool construction but not at the expense of other programs—splash pads seem like a better option
- I support a pool in East yakima AND a tax to fund it
- We need this
- No Tax or pool
- i would pay for it with taxes. Tax expenditures should not be limited to the west side.
- Id dont mind a tax increase for an additional pool.
- I strongly support a new eastside pool and would support a tax increase
- money has to come from somewhere
- The operations of a local pool benefits all age groups, paying for the pleasure

makes individuals appreciate their opportunities. Low poverty grants maybe available

- only if it is safe
- I would require at least partial tax dollars
- UTILIZE EXISTING
- I don't know anything about that part
- Not in East Yakima
- I support neither the construction or the tax increase.
- prefer to see on the west side - not all families have \$\$ in the west
- Should have fixed the old pool, would have cost less!
- There needs to be more chances for kids to swim and stay fit.
- 2/3 of my taxes are Yakima School District. How about funding our schools since we choose a private school where my kids aren't taught CRT and others. Use my tax dollars for school to parks.
- How else would it be built and maintained?
- Do not support it
- MOST IMPORTANT!
- see above
- Folks in east Yakima will NOT pay for it.
- I support tax increase
- No more pools!
- do not support tax increase
- I support a tax increase to achieve construction of a new pool in E. Yak.
- two questions, I support a new pool, but needs taxes to build, nothing is free

- Eastside needs a pool
- temporary tax increase okay
- I support a new pool in East Yakima and a tax increase to pay for the construction.
- no pool
- I'd like more information re: timeline + tax increase specific
- Support operation Lions Pool do not support tax increase to pay construction
- It would need to be paid for somehow
- If it needs repair fix it don't replace
- I don't care
- We need a pool on the east side of town.
- I want to know what is considered East Yakima?
- Only with credible maint. and replacement budget
- JUST DO IT
- maintenance of existing pools, then funding for additional pool.
- agree w/ increased taxes to support community development!

What is your ethnic origin? Please check all boxes that apply for those living in your home.

- thanks for the survey. Please consider the open water swim/family water recreation beach option.
- Native y
- to personnel
- Irish American
- Human (2)

- this should not make any difference to you
- Eastern European
- American Mix
- NA
- Alaskan Native
- Native (2)
- Native American (4)
- guess
- Middle Eastern
- and Indian

**10.1 Please feel free to add any additional thoughts or ideas you have regarding Yakima Parks and Recreation.**

- We need safe river/pond access for outdoor recreation. How can Parks partner with the Greenway? I'm thinking about river launch locations for float/kayak/SUP from 16th interchange to Sarge Hubbard. Or, community access to Myron Lake as a swimming hole. Right now it's dark, hidden, with fish tackle all over. Not good for kids.
- NEED MORE PARKS & REC FACILITIES IN EAST VALLEY
- It would be nice to see our parks like Tricities parks and Spokane riverside park.
- Always a pleasure to come to a place to bring family & friends to enjoy our time Thank you Bless day!
- Good Job guy
- I don't need 'more' just continued beauty & maint.
- Survey too long!
- I like going to the park to walk but more so to take my grandchildren to the

aquatic park, that is why I would like youth swim classes for them.

- We need more splash pads, it's hot here!
- Maintenance and upkeep of parks is very important. I have been to other cities where parks and restroom facilities are much better. Didn't have to use a disgusting honey bucket.
- I would reiterate my stated desire for a beach along a body of water, whether pond or small lake. It can be used for warm-weather swimming and year-round as a gathering place and open space. Irene Rinehart Park in Ellensburg serves that community very well and could be a model. A site on the former Boise Cascade site also would serve an economically challenged neighborhood, but any riverside site may be considered. I understand the city's budget constraints, so a partnership with the county, the Greenway, YMCA and service clubs could be a possibility.
- It's important
- I wish that our parks were better integrated into our community. Too many of our parks are places that Yakima residents have to drive to. It's not feasible to safely walk or bike to many of our city parks, and that is unfortunate. It is really important that the City of Yakima both increase and improve its pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.
- more trees, and water access for people and dogs
- I would like to see improvements to West Valley Park. There is a lot of space and very minimal amenities. Other than building another pool in Yakima I would like to see a city ice rink. Yakima has the only ice rink in central

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- Put a splash pad or outdoor pool in West Valley where it is safe.
- I would like to see the movie in the park moved to Saturday. I have been unable to attend on Sunday since I have to work the next day. Therefore, my child has to get up early the next day as well.
- Food forest!
- West Valley need some more things for the kids to do, not just the East side of town. More parks for the area
- We'd love a splash pad or a closer safe lake to play in. I feel like there are few good fun parks in the west valley area. I also think we could use a trail similar to the greenway close to the west valley area.
- The perks here are run down and sketchy. We need more family friendly parks. Outdoor splash pads and pools. The parks are an embarrassment to our



community. West Valley needs an attraction.

- Yakima parks should have a priority position in any budgeting discussion. They greatly enhance the quality of living in the city.
- Thanks for all you do!
- We appreciate all of the hard work your staff does on a very limited budget. I think your collaboration with the Yakima Pickleball Club was a great idea. It would be nice to see more partnerships where outside resources could be paired with City funds to create opportunities like this. Keep up the good work.
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- More parks/features in the Terrace Heights area please! We need splash pads where families can feel safe. I do not feel safe taking my son to either of the current splash pads and even if I did, the features are underwhelming at best. Other places of similar size have far superior facilities.
- I'd like to see Yakima Parks and Rec support the Yakima Ice Rink in some capacity.
- Yakima parks are awesome and well maintained. The staff at Lions pool are so nice
- Thanks for improving our parks. I support swimming opportunities in the valley. Would love to see more pools or water features in the Valley. Lions is getting old but could be replaced with a

new facility in a different area. We need to keep our pools open

- The Eschbach Nature Area needs some attention, including a plan for dumping trimmings from other parks.
- We love playing Pokémon Go in the parks and having benches along the pathways is really nice if someone needs to sit and rest for a bit of time.
- Thank you for providing us with a survey to voice our opinions. I feel like some of our smaller parks are being neglected in favor of large, paid for park programs. Yakima has some lovely parks, and all they need is some better care. There are noxious weeds in Randell park. I would love to see some art installations in some of the parks. Yakima is rich in history and culture, parks seem the perfect place to celebrate that.
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- Thank you! Randall park is always busy with young families and we'd LOVE a spray park there!
- In all the years that I have lived in West Valley I have watched as my community has grown but have seen little to no increase in parks for the area. Every time there is a discussion about parks it seems that only east valley gets the attention. I'm beginning to feel like the citizens of west valley are never

considered when planning to meet the needs of the community.

- Nationally, disc golf has really boomed over the past year. I see an issue with players/walkers at Randall but it isn't necessarily from experienced players. I believe that the issues are from newer players who don't understand the rules of DG nor the course layouts. New players don't realize that there are Mandatory Rules for safety. I would love to talk to someone about possible programs that can educate players as well as grow the sport in Yakima. Lisa 509-910-1658 email - cm9yso@gmail.com Thank you for your interest in what the community is thinking/wanting!
- West Valley Park needs a skatepark
- An increase of dog parks and paths/trails to walk dogs on would be very helpful.
- Please maintain Tahoma Cemetery and teach the maintenance workers that it's disrespectful to step on headstones! Imagine my surprise when I saw one stepping on one while leading me to a grave, telling me it's just a wives tale about not stepping on them, but yet he knew better not to step on my grandfathers! Another thing, right before Memorial Day, the cemetery actually looked nice, green, mowed lawn! but now that the holiday is over it's back looking horrendous. It's ridiculous,
- When discussing funding for pool maintenance and construction, i would like more details before deciding on tax increases for such projects. would also like to see other funding options maximized such as private donors or funding drives, or even small increases in fees for programs.
- More disc golf courses
- An ice Rink would've been nice next to the new ymca pool. A multi-rink facility would bring in lots of additional revenue as teams travel from all over the northwest and Canada to play at the current Rink. With NHL now in Seattle this sport is going to expand tremendously in the youth sector, and many kids can't travel daily to Pasco to play. The future of the current is Rink is up in the air, as the race track has recently sold. The Yakima Amateur Hockey Association would love to have a sit down with the City of Yakima, Parks and Rec. (509) 961-1206. T.J. Davis- VP
- We need more sports and activities opportunities for younger kids and toddlers.
- During the summer, Franklin Pool's lines have been incredibly long and they meet capacity quickly. The nearest pool with a later recreational swimming time is Selah pool. More pools and water features will make Yakima a much more fun place. We need more recreation for young people as there isn't much to do here.
- We are blessed with many great parks in Yakima. I can walk to several and during the time of COVID I have visited them numerous times. I really appreciate the continuous walking paths at Kissel and Randall Parks. These parks also have great playgrounds and picnic areas. People have flocked to the parks and happy sounds are everywhere. Thank you to all the maintenance workers for their hard work keeping the parks looking great!
- The Beer Gardens of Yakima campaign had some success, with the proposal okayed for a number of parks. The problem is that the parks proposed by parks and rec don't fairly give the

program the best chance at success. I live by Franklin and know that it can be successful there with some willpower / wrangling of the local residents. They don't exclusively pay for the maintenance of the park so I'm not sure I believe they should have outsized representation here.

- A splash pad in west valley would be great
- Restating my earlier comments. You need to expand the operational dates of Franklin Pool to May-Sept. Why is it only open when public schools are out for the summer? Do not tie this pool only to a play toy for kids - have lap swim and group water exercise classes. I'm against a new pool in eastern Yakima. History has shown it's not used - there were two pools in east Yakima, Miller and Washington, but were closed. A new pool is political, just because the Aquatic Center was built in west Yakima, east Yakima thinks they need one too, whether they'll use it or not.
- The parks are incredibly important to the community. We all need to do a better job taking care of them and supporting new projects. A splash park at Randall would be a very welcome addition to the community, that is not on the east side of town. Many, many families I know do not feel comfortable taking their children to play on the east side of town, even those who live there.
- I am a paraplegic and I use parks and pathways frequently to ride my handcycle. More pathways are needed and I support any measure that will increase the walking/biking pathways footprint in the Yakima park system.
- I do not live in the city limits, but have been a Yakima area resident for all but 10 years of my life. All the Yakima area benefits from our Parks and Pools. Why

not partner with the county for upkeep, especially of the pools. Upkeep, maintenance and renovation are very expensive, but we have seen the loss when we have not kept them up and in top working condition--the closing of two well-located pools. Short-sighted decision, in my view.

- Maintenance is important bathroom facilities need to be kept up. Tables and benches in good shape to share meals and rest
- Summer stock theatre performances touring the parks could be a really great experience for everyone.
- We support the positive community created by all aspects of the Yakima Parks and Rec. it's been a valuable addition to our family. Thank you!
- We need a river access park below Nelson Dam.
- The pools must be updated and preserved for the future generations. I strongly believe those have a positive economic benefit for the city and improve our quality of life. We also need more natural areas and pathways
- Trek & Travel-ish Program that gets kids/parents/adults volunteering with Park Maintenance Staff so they become educated on what it takes to keep these Parks going as well as what would be required to expand/rebuild including monetary/tax burdens from each side of the argument.
- Would love to see a splash pad in the good areas of yakima that are not taken over by gangs, violence, drugs as homelessness.
- We want splash zones in safe parks!
- Overall the parks we go to have nice equipment and seem well maintained. The bathrooms could be better

maintained, but that is probably a pretty big challenge. The biggest challenge to the parks in my opinion is dealing with the homeless people who essentially live there. I am not sure what, if any, program or plan the City has currently implemented to address the situation, but it doesn't seem to be working. I realize there are legal challenges to restricting the use of public property by homeless people, but it is possible. I think that should be the top priority of the Parks Dept./City, because people shouldn't have to be concerned for their safety or that of their kids when they go to the park. Unfortunately, I think that is how a lot of people feel right now, especially those who live on the east side of town. I would also reiterate my comments expressing the inappropriateness of having Franklin pool completely dedicated for any portion of the day to lap swim and/or adult exercise activities.

- We need a river park at the old Boise Cascade site with supporting amenities. We need river access site upstream to allow people to float the river from as far as the US12/Hwy410 junction. We need more mountain bike facilities....pump tracks, skills parks, trails etc.
- I have heard some talk of a proposed constructed surf wave in the Yakima River. I believe this would be a great investment, and put Yakima on the map as an outdoor recreation hot spot. With the already existing breweries and trail networks, I feel a surf wave would supplement a growing outdoor recreation community and bring in visitors. Towns such as Bend, OR that have invested in river features like this, have seen huge number of users, both local and coming from all over, to enjoy the river feature. With a river system that has predictable flows given the Yakima Basin reservoir system, I

believe a river feature that works during much of the summer would be a very reasonable endeavor.

- I strongly support that any new housing developments should be required to have green space for residents to gather, have a playground for children to play to facilitate healthy lifestyles. It is frustrating to see all these new West Valley multi-dwelling developments going in with out this. I also strongly support Yakima in taking advantage of having a river running through it and develop a multi-user water play park like that in Bend, OR. It can be used for tubing, paddle board, kayaking etc. It provides a great experience for users and observers and encourages interaction with nature. The kayak club and individuals in the community have been working on this for years with little support from the government bodies. Time for you to get on board and get all the agencies and tribe to do this!
- For over 25 years, there has been discussion of creating river recreation opportunities on our local rivers. It would be great to see that included in the City's strategic plan.
- As noted above - ALL the concerts at Franklin Park are "white friendly" and ALL the concerts at Miller Park are "hispanic friendly" - systemic segregation, to what purpose?
- I would like equity in parks for East Yakima.
- Please add basketball and volleyball courts at Franklin park.
- I live in a multigenerational household. We love going to the park but I have a disability that requires me to use a walker. Many areas of the parks are inaccessible to me due to no paved walkway. My granddaughters love the park and the playgrounds but I am

unable to take them myself during the summer months as the playgrounds are to far away from a walkway. We drive out to Selah to use Volunteer Park as it has everything we need. There is ample handicap parking, accessible bathrooms, well maintained paved walking path, flat surface near the playground where I can take a chair to sit, accessibility to the playground for me incase one of the girls injures themselves. An all inclusive park isn't just about kids with disabilities, parents and grandparents can also have a disability that prevents them from taking their kids/grandkids to the park to enjoy playgrounds. Every park/playground in Yakima should be converted to be all inclusive.

- When I visit other cities, parks are often a highlight of my visit. Think Chicago, New York City, Seattle, Portland. A friendly welcoming city with community has good parks
- I support Yakima Parks 100%. A community thrives when their parks are alive and functioning as the community spaces they are intended to be. Yakima has several parks, but they are not great parks. Just having open green spaces is not enough. Our parks need trees, amenities that support the community, and programs that appeal to a wide variety of residents. Why do we not have any parks with real water access? Why do we not have any parks along the river?
- Thank you for the opportunity to comment and participate.
- Parks are an essential service for physical and mental health as well as bringing people together. I strongly support enhancing their function and facilities.
- Yakima is a good location for Senior softball, but most players are uncomfortable in the current "Kiwanis park" program. Selah has been much more accommodating and comfortable.
- We lost the outdoor courts at YVC When they built the Deccio building and they were not replaced it might be worth looking into replacing them
- The Harmon Center Heating and Air-conditioning unit has not been working right for the 6 yrs we have been going there. Each year it gets worse. We are all old people that get hot and cold real easy. The Air-conditioner is so cold in there that we have to bring extra cloths just to be in there. During the winter it is also cold in there, because the heater does not heat up the place. The system breaks down a lot making it not healthy for anyone to be there. Please look into fixing or replacing it so it will work right and we don't have to bring extra cloths to put on. We want to stay healthy and enjoy our old age, not die of frost bite.
- Grocery carts need not to be seen anywhere near the Greenway path
- I would love to have cooking classes available.
- You guys are doing great but would like more youth programs to help kids stay out of trouble and more outdoor activities in the summer time like another water park or pool.
- Offering general interest classes, not just limited sports. Other cities do it. Indoor water exercise AFTER work!
- Volleyball is the only way I get outside so it would be nice if we had more courts around and give opportunities to the people who don't have a personal net and ball

- More publicity..."If" it is possible to donate funds for memorial purposes. Can a bench, brick, etc. have a name engraved on it? Example: Nice green benches around Franklin walking area....can a plaque be mounted on a bench? You know its me, Jerry Ward
- Please add a pool in east Yakima.
- More rentals, a park like Volunteer park in Selah, electric and water hook ups at all locations, toddler area, misters, benches around or in play ground. Soap in restrooms. Community garden. Solar lighting to help keep park lit. Events at every park throughout summer.
- Thank you for all you do!
- Living on the west side of Yakima there are not many parks close enough for my kids to walk to. We always have to drive to a city one. My kids either go to a school to use their playgrounds, or end up needing a ride. Having better transit options to get to a larger city park might be more reasonable than maintaining more small local parks.
- It's too bad we are zoned for more activities along the Greenway, restaurants, breweries, etc. It would make Yakima much more attractive
- I really appreciate our parks! Thank you for all you do for our community!
- I love Gilbert Park. Our reading group met there during the pandemic and I noticed very little use of the area. Of course, part of that was due to the pandemic, but the lack of facilities/amenities is certainly a factor.
- Bathroom facilities at miller like the ones in Portland for easy to use and clean up with removing homeless as well
- survey too long
- Trim the trees and bush on the pathway to a clear height of at least 6 feet.
- Chesterley Park could use some more shade trees around the play structure. It's almost impossible to play there during the afternoon in the summer due to the heat. Gilbert Park should have a play structure and covered picnic area.
- It would be really cool someday to have a volunteer park like out at Selah, here in west valley. That park is so incredibly kid friendly and has some many activities. I've spoken to several parents that go there and are from Yakima. A water splash park part would be a hit in this town during the summers!
- I think we need to invest in the East side of town. A few years back, we closed Miller Pool, and left that area with nothing -- well sprayers, but essentially nothing.
- Outdoor Handball
- Yakima Parks are a great part of the City of Yakima. It's really important to have eastside parks maintained for working families that allow the kids to walk or bike to the park. When they took the outdoor Handball courts down to build the Decio Building at YVC they never got replaced. These would be a great addition to parks for both Handball and Racquetball along with tennis practice, and volleyball serving practice.
- While I live in West Valley and want to see a spray park on this end of town, I highly support providing opportunities and facilities for east Yakima to support families and children that live in that area. I think Parks and Recreation has an opportunity to provide programs to help our city grow to provide opportunities for those that need positive experiences.

- I'm guessing you work pretty closely with the police's gang department. There has to be some options to shootings and doing drugs. And, all kids need a safe place to do something physical and social in contrast to the almighty screen and now the pandemic. Yours is a very important department in city government.
- Our community needs more positive recreational activities for all age levels to maintain a healthy environment for all to enjoy and live in.
- We need more programs for kids
- S Naches park. Yakima Parks and Recreation needs an effective way of dealing with homeless in this park. Posting signs in park about acceptable behavior. Such as no Alcoholic beverages, Amplified music, smoking, after-hour use, loitering, camping. Respect park rules as they are intended for the benefit and protection of all park users. No Littering. Park is open dawn to dusk, one-half hour before sunrise and one-half hour after sunset. No destruction or removal of park property and vegetation. No open fires. No unauthorized sale of merchandise, food or services. No Soliciting. I would rank S Naches park as the worst park in Yakima because of constant homeless in the park, crime, drugs, etc.
- During concerts in the park, dogs should be somewhere else if you feel the need to bring them. Keep them on a leash in a different area.
- Please spray pesticides at the park to get rid of the biting flying bugs and change the sprinklers times on big summer holidays
- Ive gone to lions pool since i was a kid on quarter family night. My brother took their kids to family night often now the do water walking. Thats the only indoor

pool with in a reasonable distance from home. 3rd and nobhill going to the new indoor park is not realistic for most people without alot money. Please dont take that away.

- I believe that as a community there needs to be places for all community members of all ages to hve access to pools and recreational areas as it crucial to have a safe space to exercise for a healthy community to exist there needs to be affordable and options. I hve personaly witnessed long lines at Franklin pools .
- I really believe real estate developers should include parks and green areas in every development. I also think developers should restore unused/neglected/trashed former green space for every new green space that they turn into buildings/asphalt/concrete.
- Stealing money from the parks to fund the pay for play AQUATIC center and Sozo was unconsciousable fraud by the City Council. City parks for all are vastly more important the pay for play ventures that should have been privately sourced. We were bamboozled.
- I support Beyond the Bell, youth camps, and evening youth program for WFCC.
- PM Swimming lessons should be a priority, not the morning classes. Most people work in the mornings.
- Pickleball at Chesterley might mitigate waking any neighbors if it is over by the YMCA - just a thought. Youth associated with the YMCA might use these courts. Love to see more youth programs for pickleball. Somehow! Ken and his staff are awesome!!
- Summer and after school programs for kids and youth so they won't get

involved in gangs, opportunities to practice sports.

- Parks are essential for the community/recreational swim enhances activities and better health; social event opportunities are important.
- Police need to patrol the parks more to keep people who use the walkways safe. Thank you very much.
- I & my family have utilized & enjoyed the parks & rec of our area until age & geography have changed. I will gladly support & encourage your work however I can for future generations. Thank you
- just moved near Franklin. Is there a complete pathway that circles park? I would like that. Also, at S. 3rd St and E. Chestnut there is a small flower bed in middle of street just south of intersection. NO ONE at city will maintain it. It seems to be in a no man's land between Park & Rec and downtown association. Thanks.
- Miss the art van at the concerts in the park. This is such an important survey! We need to do things that make Yakima more desirable for families. It often feels like money goes to the poor and unsafe areas of Yakima BUT we need more safe family fund in WV. splash pads, pickleball courts, & skateparks in West Valley as a necessity!
- Skateparks for kids in West Valley would be awesome. W. Valley Community Park unsafe - ran down & dangerous
- I wanted to volunteer to help the small rose garden in Franklin. I have a rose garden across from the arches at Franklin. I didn't know how to get with others to help. Maybe you have it done.
- Kissel needs new trees in the SE corner

- ASK FOR MORE HELP FROM PVT. BUSINESSES/VOLUNTEERS IF NEEDED DO FUNDRAISERS FOR SMALL PROJECTS.
- People control what goes on in park for safety in parks for people & kids
- Parks are a very important part of our community! Keep them going!!
- Keep it up
- we looked to Parks to try to meet people when we moved here, but there weren't many options for folks our age. Homeless people are part of the community. A lot of parks are in the sun and it is hot. It seems like parks should be welcoming to people who are outside all the time. How can parks respond creatively and helpfully to climate change?
- Parks are Danger Danger. Parks are important Pandemic or not. This is a Survey in Futility. The city pays its citizens lipservice and raises our taxes, Win Win for the city and Lose Lose for the rest of us. Ethnic origin? Seriously? Parks, centers, pools are for all-anyway that's the way it should be.
- Activities for youth are extremely important Especially on the East side of town
- Yakima's summers get quite hot and think the need for several spray parks is near the top of the list - once could convert to ice in winter it would be so cool to have one or two ice skate parks in winter
- I fully support increased taxes to improve our parks and recreation opportunities. Having these facilities makes living in Yakima better.
- Keep crime under control



- I would like to see more open green spaces for the West side of Yakima.
- Please consider expanding hours that the bathrooms are open at the parks and time through the year. In summer they should be open sun up to sun down and should close only when it gets really cold.
- Parks and Recreation should be prioritized in the City's budget. Its importance is likely second only to our schools. We should invest more in our parks. We are blessed with beautiful parks and we have opportunity to develop new opportunities for the next 50-100 years.
- Gated parks for toddlers would be great at any of the parks!
- How about not making Yakima a sanctuary city?
- Thank you for considering my opinion!
- Maintenance of restrooms is a continual problem. We need more facilities and more effort. Portable toilets are not a good solution.
- Don't tax me to get this fixed. Not my problem. Do something for the homeless. Government is for the people when they need help. Yakima has failed these people. Town looks like \*\*\*\* with them camping all over.
- I have lived in Yakima since 1972. I feel very fortunate that the community has supported an indoor year-round Lions Pool all these years. I have used Lions Pool since 1975. I believe that its important to maintain and replace both Lions and Franklin pools. I feel sad that we have eliminated Eisenhower, Miller and other pools. I strongly support a new outdoor pool in East Yakima. Pools are needed to keep our youth physically active and occupied especially during the summer months.
- Parks and recreational opportunities are vital to attract professional people to the area as well as preventing gangs. Our children must have choices. Our community needs physicians and they will not come or stay if the community is not safe and attractive for their family life.
- The Harman Center is very important for seniors. It gives them somewhere to go and meet and socialize with people. Love the library and coffee bar. A nice place to go and enjoy yourself. Wonderful staff.
- The swim classes for adults is only during the day in the summer time are working people can't do that! Exercise adult classes after 5:30 year around!
- field workers great
- CALLED STUPID BY LAWNMOWER. COULD HAVE BEEN COURTEOUS. PUMP TRACK IS COOL BUT BMX TRACK WILL BE MORE INCLUSIVE TO ALL AGE GROUPS. 3-70 YEARS OF AGE. TAKE CARE!
- Giving this thought took longer than 15 minutes
- Great programs but usually too crowded and/or not publicized widely enough to be able to participate.
- Nothing more, but please feel free to send more surveys. I like them.
- My husband and myself, we are in our 80's, so some of the questions are not relevant for us - but we do enjoy going for walks. We moved to Yakima 20years ago. We visited and loved the beautiful parks all over Washington state.
- Yakima needs to invest in community building. Parks bring people together. Our children need community pools in

the summer that are neighborhood based.

- You deserve a pat on the back for maintaining Franklin, West Valley and Randall Parks so beautifully.
- Community and parks are so important in Yakima - Proper and clean bathrooms are a must - Water stations would be great!
- need more speed limit signs in my area around Randal Park area!
- I am a 79 year old single person Living on 93rd and do not use the parks. I do believe we need good safe parks for people to enjoy. There need to be more facilities for this area as there is lot more housing being Built for families. Most facilities are ended at 40th.
- greenway
- We need more safe activities for children
- I have no respect for any of them. They don't know how to handle mentaly challenged kids. A pool is needed in West Vally.
- As a bicyclist, would love to see more dedicated lanes/paths other than that, keep up the good work!
- need more awareness of safety for elders at the parks
- It has been a hard couple of years. Keeping the pools going supports a huge range of our community.
- The pandemic was/is tough but more music outside would be so welcomed! THANK YOU YAKIMA PARKS!
- Me and lots of friends play volleyball at the parks a couple times a week in the spring, summer and a little into fall.

- I play volleyball multiple times a week with up to 20+ people. There are no volleyball courts. We want to make more friends and find people to play with. Email: Valentine.Jeremy@gmail.com
- Appreciate the work you do to improve our community and bring people together! Thank you!!
- Thank you for taking care of our parks! Please keep them top priority.
- Need more open/nature spaces. Make the riverwalk safer - too many homeless & panhandlers.
- Mary Mendoza, she's the best
- I look forward to seeing the new McGuire playground completed.
- We appreciate your service and thank you for the coupons which we gave to those who can use them.
- I do not feel safe going to parks with the homeless "camping" there.
- I think putting a greater emphasis on outdoor recreation opportunities would make a huge difference in Yakima. Larger cities have so many more parks, trails, and pools, and those make a place more desirable for families to live. More parks and splash pads would be wonderful especially since summers are getting hotter.
- Your all doing a great job
- stop raising taxes! use other means to get money
- Build a park in West Valley a dog park or kids splash pad would be great! There are tons of parks in east Yakima.
- Thank you for free passes to Fisher & Harman activities.

- Parks need good bathrooms and cool water drinking, swings are nice too
- Clean & regulate what you already have. And upgrade security against drugs, gangs, and other vagrants. Clean up what you have before making more.
- We are not physically active. We have a granddaughter we take to a swimming pool on occasion.
- Thank you for asking - most parks are very nice and well maintained. I hope to always have access to all offerings.
- We do not need any more tax increases.
- I would like to see new park tables and benches.
- Thank you for asking our input on these matters.
- Pools need to be paid for by the users. Pools are not general use, so tax payers should not be on the hook to pay for others.
- I love our parks!
- Every time I drive by a Yakima Park - it is used by all ages and all demographics. They are important to keep & maintain.
- We are fortunate to live near Franklin Park, which is a nearly ideal facility. I have visited other parks and thought they looked nice, e.g. Milroy, however I don't know if all parks are equally safe. I would hope you link with the YPD in planning for security/safety at parks/facilities.
- My family has really enjoyed the swim lessons offered at Lions pool. Lions is really nice since its an indoor pool and can be used year-round. I feel sustaining the pool options we have is better than opening a new pool in East

Yakima. If the Franklin and Lion can be updated than I would not be opposed to opening a new pool.

- More shaded areas @ the parks to stop, sit, and enjoy lunch
- At my age and health issues I no longer go to parks but feel they are valued for families and children who are not able to leave the city for other recreation. I may use the walking paths for exercise in the near future when I feel better including the Harman Center.
- I do not feel that Yakima is safe for anyone because of gang activity & the homeless in the parks. I would leave the Yakima area & even the Washington State if I had the ability to do so.
- Need more water (safe) fun. Maybe like a hvac fountain where kids and adults can go. There's a good one in tricitys, Olympia are ones I know. Like run through, even if they spout from the ground - check it out-
- Love Randall Park, visit daily - exercise for us & our dogs. Used to go to dog park however big dogs can be a problem. Some owners do not control dog behavior.
- I just retired a year ago. Looking forward to using the Harman Center. We need more programs for middle school aged youth. East side needs a pool.
- We love Franklin and it was a huge draw for us to move into our area. We'd like to see more events there like a food truck fest, etc. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!
- Lions Pool just needs to be more clean.
- More cleanliness to restroom facilities

- We have a pool here, but they don't heat it. Would like to wade in warmer water.
- Extremely polite and positive staff at Franklin and Lions Pools. The large shade trees in Yakima's older neighborhoods and parks are vital to the community and the earth. The City should play a role in making sure the trees are protected including by subsidizing private property owners as needed to protect trees (subsidize new sewer pipes as needed when roots disturb old pipes)
- You are understaffed
- More security, cleaning for the ducks, more accessibility and ramps for people in wheelchairs
- Appreciate the beauty and cleanliness of your parks. Thank you!
- Tennis courts at Kissel need to be resurfaced
- A park with volleyball nets and tennis courts would be ideal.
- Any possible way to increase security or police patrols/presence would be great.
- go to Bend, Oregon - very nice parks everywhere - very nice swim pools for year round use. Housing developments are required to provide parks
- Whoever was in charge of that stunt...well played.
- I'd like to know more data about useage of parks - that should help paint a picture as well.
- We need safer parks.
- I can speak most knowledgably about Larson Park because I'm there almost daily, but if your employees are spending as much time kicking back at

the other parks as they are at Larson you - we, the citizens actually - are definitely not getting our monies worth from them. Whoever has oversight responsibility over them needs to do some whip-cracking.

- West Valley is increasing in population and housing. We need more options here.
- Stop building near the care of old facilities. All this does is add to our taxes and a lot of senior cannot afford more taxes. I don't use any of these facilities so why do I have to pay for other peoples joy. We have enough parks for a city our size.
- The parks are really all Yakima has for familys the are valuable and must be maintained.
- We imagine your job isn't easy. Please keep up the hard work. Thank you for all you do! Our family appreciates it, and all of you.
- We need 2 swimming pools for the kids to have fun
- Community gardens! Also, thank you. :)
- Thank you for maintaining our parks!
- Print less - send us to fill out survey online
- Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.
- You are doing a good job w/ resources you have. I can see it in the new playgrounds we just need to maintain and keep taking care of our parks.
- I really enjoy Yakima Parks - I enjoy the ones close to my home even if I'm just in the parking lot eating lunch! Please partner with the Greenway - Making Yakima fun and safe. Thank you for your work.

- I love the fact that Yakima has many parks. The green space enhances the whole community. Safety, good repair & functional facilities should be high priority. Serving the whole community, especially those with income-related restrictions should be high priority. We used Parks & Rec more extensively while raising our six children and am grateful for the opportunities Parks & Rec facilitated. I want that for other families as well. It is sad to go to communities that don't have parks. Keep up the good work at serving the community! I feel Ken had a great job directing Park & Rec. I don't know Ken personally, but have spoken with him through the years while I was teaching in Yakima and always appreciated his personal and thoughtful responses and willingness to try to make things happen.
- Would really like to have Pickleball/Tennis courts at Chesterley Park!!!
- Growing up I spent a lot of time at Lions Pool (Outdoor!) That's where I learned to swim. Today they've taken most of the fun out (removed the diving boards - ridiculous!!) But still pools are very important for our kids.
- At 102 I don't use the parks anymore but I enjoy looking at the greenery and the people enjoying them.
- School children need to learn to swim regardless of economic level. Rotary pool is inadequate due to small deep end for my deep water exercise. There are many of us who think this.
- I have noticed a number of homeless pooping in most parks I visit my dog find the evidence more porta potties to decrease free range pooping
- Overall I am pleased with the parks I visit and hope you can continue to maintain them
- I do not use the parks and have not rated them. Yakima is lucky to have the Harman Center and it should be promoted a lot more!
- We need good recreation year round to allure more people to be attracted to Yakima
- swings & slides at every park would help. Also having a park like Selah's Volunteer Park that is all ability inclusive!
- Purchase land for large parks on the Boise Cascade Property
- I think Parks & Rec's is a vital component to any thriving community. I understand that there are costs and I believe that the money a community spends is an investment in the quality of life for our society.
- Fisher Park is a jewel. I appreciate the hard work of the maintenance crew. The staff is great - Please don't ever close this facility. We need a low cost golf option in Yakima.
- In the late 50's the parks department held a Mr./Mrs. Lions Park for 3-8 year olds. It was fun for all and I was Ms. Lions 1958. It would be good for kids to feel they are a part of the park. Maybe respect and care for it.
- Keep up the good work!
- Outdoor parks etc programs are needed here and will keep kids busy/out of trouble! Let's invest in our future!
- I am disabled so I do not use parks much because I would need someone to go with me.

- Randall Park has graffiti on the picnic tables.
- Please do something about the attitude of Lori Shwartz at the Harman Center. Very rude and mean to patrons. She is loud, bossy, unkind to clients. Will not take any more trips because of her. She's horrible.
- I live in county but own office and property in City. I support taxes for parks and open space.
- People my age (82+) have few benefits. Events that relate to old people - I love to sing - I'm a professional artist-? anything! I want to live!
- I believe throwing \$ at parks that have gang & drug activity is smart. We need more security or Police presence to stop activity or get rid of the homeless @ the parks.
- You do a great job but on-going maintenance is expected and needed - thank you Theresa Roberts 509-457-1947
- It's great to have parks and the recreational activities they support. For years I belonged to the Yakima Tennis Club and I have used tennis courts at Franklin Park. Unfortunately, due to my age and physical limitations, I can no longer play tennis which I miss enormously!
- You're doing a good job. Thanx
- Try to keep dog bags full - it helps
- more picnic tables would be nice
- None
- Kissell - enforce no camping
- WHEN I WAS YOUNG I SWAM ALOT AT MILLER AND WASHINGTON
- Thank you for contributing to the overall health and well being of Yakima residents who understand the value of parks and recreational opportunities in our community. May your efforts be sustained!
- Beyond the Bell was a fantastic program. We had kids on site at Roosevelt Elem and it was a lifesaver having a safe A.S. program. Safe, dependable A.S. programs are so needed in all of Yakima. Transportation - what about the same (smaller) programs at more schools?
- I believe parks are important for every age. The programs are good for kids during the summer months.
- Nature programs - gardening programs would be great
- Thank you for your service, We love our hometown!
- Park maintenance - need to attend to dead trees. I live by Chesterley Park and enjoy the children playing soccer.
- I have a pool, so I have no use for City pools. My family uses our pool often in the summer - I don't feel it is for me to answer regarding the pools - Although I do not want to see my city taxes raised.
- Be considerate of homeless people. Hostile architecture does not fix the issue. Low income areas deserve the same maintenance as those of rich areas.

**APPENDIX 2  
PARKS AND  
RECREATION  
COMMISSION  
AGENDAS  
&  
MINUTES  
2019 – 2021  
COMPREHENSIVE  
PLAN DISCUSSION**

***“Never doubt that a small  
group of thoughtful,  
committed citizens can  
change the world. Indeed, it  
is the only thing that ever  
has.”***

Margaret Mead

City of Yakima  
**Parks and Recreation Commission**

Regular Monthly Meeting  
5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Public Works – Training Room  
2301 Fruitvale Blvd., Yakima, WA

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**AGENDA**

- I. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2020
- II. Miller Park Improvements Update
- III. Parks & Recreation Division COVID–19 Update
- IV. 2022 – 2027 Comprehensive Master Plan
  - a. Mission Statement review
  - b. Timeline
  - c. Community Survey discussion
- V. Parks & Recreation Manager’s Report
- VI. For the Good of the Order

Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 9, 2020 - 5:30 pm  
Location TBD



Yakima Parks and Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes for  
October 14, 2020

Commissioners Present: Chairman Rod Bryant, Vice Chairman Jo Miles, Roger Lewis, Brynn Johnson (phone), Stacy Hackenmueller, Matt Tweedy, Joshua Korevaar-Dorsey, Margarita Capetillo Absent and Excused: Alec Regimbal and Eliana Macias, Yakima City Council Liaison Staff present: Ken Wilkinson, Parks & Recreation Manager and Jenise Sanders, Parks and Recreation Administrative Secretary

**Call to Order**

Welcoming everyone, Rod Bryant called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at Public Works in the Facility Training Room, 2301 Fruitvale Blvd., Yakima, Washington.

**Approval of the Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2020**

It was **Moved by Jo Miles, Seconded by Margarita Capetillo, to approve the Minutes as written from the September 9, 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.** The motion carried unanimously.

**Miller Park Improvements Update**

Ken reported on the Miller Park Improvement Committee and stated that the fundraising brochures for the project are printed. Ken advised that Nicole Donegan and her staff at the Field Group designed them at no cost and Parks and Recreation paid for the printing. He stated that the Miller Park Improvement committee has met four times and the next meeting will be Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Ken reported that Jenise has submitted the information to Walmart regarding a grant for the basketball court lights and he has been in contact with Granite for the possible donation of some of the asphalt for the replacement basketball court. He said that the Streets Division will be doing the work and are looking at November 2<sup>nd</sup> as the start date for the removal and replacement of the court. He stated that the other three courts are just in need of repair not replacement. The crack seal on those courts will be done later. Ken advised that just over \$1,200 has been raised in the Miller Park Fund through the Yakima Valley Community Foundation. He stated that he just sent the brochure to a major donor to review. Parks and Recreation does not have much money for matching funds. He commented that completing the basketball courts and lights is probably the main focus of the project. He stated that he received a quote of \$143,000 for a CXT restroom like the others that Parks has purchased in the last few years. There will be additional costs for the water, sewer, electrical and site prep for the restroom. He received three design concepts for the playground each with a price of approximately \$100,000, the quote for the second picnic shelter came in at about \$35,000 and we had previously received the quotes for the basketball court lights at \$30,000 and the cost to resurface the courts at \$10,000. Ken advised that Drew Harris, a committee member, has been out speaking with potential donors. Ken reported that the spray parks were closed and there were no Viva la Musica concerts at Miller or MLK Jr. parks this year due to COVID-19. Rod asked how long the fundraising efforts have been going. Ken stated that he met with the group of business owners and community members at Miller Park in July and from that formed the Miller Park Improvement Committee and held the first meeting in late July. Nicole Donegan and the Field Group created the website about a month later and the goal was to just get the momentum started.

**Parks & Recreation Division COVID-19 Update**

Ken reported that Yakima moved into Phase 2 yesterday and Parks staff is just trying to figure out what all can be done with this move. He stated we are trying to get approval from our Health District to allow some soccer and softball tournaments. Jo commented that Chesterley Park looks great. Ken responded that there have not been any irrigation breaks since we made the \$35,000 irrigation pump system improvements last year and the \$17,000 irrigation pipe improvements this year. Ken stated that moving to Phase 2 will allow us to let more people into Lions Pool for exercise, lap swims and water walking. We have been approved to allow small group exercise and wellness classes at the Harman Center. They will begin next Monday with protocols in place and exercise equipment will not be provided. Recreation staff is offering a social distance pumpkin carving event on Saturday in the Public Works parking lot. The Harman Center will be hosting Hands Off Halloween in the Harman Center parking lot on Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>. Ken reported that there is a group practicing volleyball at Chesterley Park. Jo asked about the group at West Valley Park. Ken stated they are a drop-in group, like many other groups throughout the parks. Stacy asked how COVID-19 has affected Park's budget. Ken stated that the loss of revenue and lack of expenses, mostly staffing, is very equal. We saved money on not running programs and facilities and did not bring in revenue, but we also were not able to serve the community with those programs and facilities. Stacy commented that Parks did serve the community well with the virtual programming and the events like the drive-in movies at Kiwanis. Ken stated that he will provide the Fisher Park Golf Course stats at one of our next meetings. Discussion followed regarding the golf course attendance being good this year. Ken reported that the playgrounds are now open for kids to safely play on by following the protocols. MLK Jr. park playground is completed and we are hoping to set a time for a ceremony to officially open the

playground and picnic shelter. Ken stated that SW Rotary is contributing to the project by donating up to \$20,000 for lighting. We will be adding more lights in the park near the playground.

### **2022-2027 Comprehensive Master Plan**

Ken stated that we are starting the Comprehensive Master Plan 2022-2027 process as it is due to the state in April of 2022. He advised the first thing is to review the mission statement. Everyone agreed that the mission statement is relevant and accurate. The mission statement will remain the same. Next, Ken gave an overview of the timeline, with the first items being to update the capital plan list of improvements and to write a good survey and get it out for the community to fill out. Once they fill out the survey we can get the information and create a plan from that. Stacy and Jo stated that we need to get a comparison from the last survey and find the areas that may need to be changed or additions that need to be made. Stacy suggested making the survey online and mobile friendly. Ken advised that online surveys are not random and for it to be scientific, it needs to be random. Ken stated that IT Division will use a program to randomly select about 4,500 city addresses that will have a survey mailed to them to fill out and return in the self-addressed stamped envelope. We also included a free round of golf and swim pass last time to thank them for filling it out, which we will most likely do again this time. Ken commented that most of the time the person taking the survey is not only answering the question for themselves but for their entire family. Jo stated that the State agency that we have to submit this to may have suggestions on new ways of getting surveys out to people. Ken said that one question he would like to see on the survey is "During the COVID-19 quarantine, did your park usage increase, decrease or stay the same?" Matt asked if the Master Plan is a requirement and for whom. Ken advised that in order for Parks to be eligible for grants with Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) we have submit the Master Plan to them. He commented that it is also a great tool to share with potential donors. Ken stated that we have received funds from RCO for projects like Kiwanis/Gateway Sports Complex, Lions Pool, and Randall Park. Stacy suggested putting the reason this survey is important at the top of the survey, letting them know that filling it out will help us fulfill our requirement to make us eligible for grants. Joshua suggested putting the average time it will take to fill it out so people don't feel so overwhelmed. Matt asked if we could apply for RCO grants for pools. Ken responded that we can apply but RCO's focus is on outdoor activities more often than indoor. Joshua asked about the cost to complete a survey like this. Ken stated it will cost about \$8,000 with mailing and return postage.

### **Manager's Report**

Ken reported that Parks received a grant from Legends Casino in the amount of \$14,000 for a pressure washer to help with graffiti removal. Matt asked if we had ever received grant funding before from Legends. Ken advised that we did received funding in 2013 for the other pressure washer, but have not received anything since then until now. Ken stated that the Blue Star Memorial plaque that will be placed by the tank near the Veteran's section at Tahoma Cemetery arrived today. The group that donated the plaque along with the Veteran's clubs in the area were planning to reveal it at the Veteran's Day ceremony on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Ken stated that due to the COVID-19 restrictions, they are not sure if the ceremony will take place or not. Ken reported that a contractor will begin work next week to reroof the mausoleum at the cemetery. He commented that there did not seem to be much damage from the windstorm the night before.

### **For the Good of the Order**

Matt asked when we can meet back at City Hall. Ken advised that we will not be having a meeting in November as it is Veteran's Day and hopefully we can meet in the Council Chambers in December.

### **Adjournment**

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be December 9, 2020. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

City of Yakima  
**Parks and Recreation Commission**

Regular Monthly Meeting  
5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 9, 2020

ZOOM

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AGENDA

- I. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from October 14, 2020
- II. Miller Park Improvements Update
- III. Fisher Park Golf Course 2020 Report
- IV. 2022 – 2027 Comprehensive Master Plan  
2016 Community Survey
- V. Parks & Recreation Manager's Report
- VI. For the Good of the Order

Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 5:30 pm  
Location TBD

Yakima Parks and Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes for  
December 9, 2020

Commissioners Present: Chairman Rod Bryant, Vice Chairman Jo Miles, Brynn Johnson, Stacy Hackenmueller, Matt Tweedy, Joshua Korevaar-Dorsey, Eliana Macias, Yakima City Council Liaison Absent and Excused: Roger Lewis, Alec Regimbal and Margarita Capetillo Staff present: Ken Wilkinson, Parks & Recreation Manager and Jenise Sanders, Parks and Recreation Administrative Secretary

**Call to Order**

Chairman Rod Bryant called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. via Zoom.

**Approval of the Meeting Minutes from October 14, 2020**

It was **Moved by Stacy Hackenmueller, Seconded by Joshua Korevaar-Dorsey, to approve the Minutes as written from the October 14, 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.** The motion carried unanimously.

**Miller Park Improvements Update**

Ken reported there has been some progress made on the Miller Park Improvement project and he shared photos. He advised that the Streets Department was able to remove the basketball court furthest to the north. He stated that they were surprised to find that one court had been laid on top of another court, so there were actually two layers of asphalt that needed to be removed. Ken stated that the excavator used in the demo by the Streets Department was donated for the day by NC Machinery. He said they estimate that to be over a \$1,000 donation. He stated that there were many loads of asphalt that had to be removed and disposed of. He said part of the fence had to be removed to allow the trucks access to the court and that will be an added cost to replace it. Ken reported that the Streets Department also laid the new asphalt basketball court after removing the old one. He stated that the fog seal and line painting will have to wait until warmer weather. Ken advised the donation balance in the Miller Park Improvement fund is \$1,800 at this point. The cost for the asphalt for the basketball court was approximately \$5,000, so Parks funds will pay for this until more money can be raised for the project. Ken reported that the letter of request for additional funding was submitted to the Governor's Office. It was due by December 1<sup>st</sup> and we submitted it around the middle of November. We received a letter back informing us that the request for over \$600,000 had been received. Rod asked what the plans are for the \$600,000. Ken advised that the overall goal is to put in a restroom, new playground, another picnic shelter, walkways through the park, new fencing around the basketball court, basketball court improvements and a shelter over the performance area. Ken stated that it will most likely be a while before we hear back from the Governor's office whether we are approved or not. It will depend on how the State's budget process goes this year.

**Fisher Park Golf Course 2020 Report**

Ken advised that Tami Andringa, Recreation Program Supervisor that oversees Fisher Golf Course has prepared the report for this year's statistics. The golf course opening was delayed until May 5<sup>th</sup> due to COVID-19. He shared the slides that showed Adult rounds were down about 1,000 compared to last year, Youth were up about 250, Seniors were down 1,400, Specials were down 1,400, there were no tournaments this year due to the COVID restrictions and 20 Round Passes were up over 3 times the amount sold last year. Total rounds for the year were 12,614 which was only down a small amount compared to 13,716 in 2018 and 14,114 in 2019. Ken advised that Lessons were down this year by about half. Ken shared the slide on the Revenue; \$105,406, which was down about \$10,000 from 2019 and \$4,000 more than 2018. Next were the Expenditures; overall the expenditures were down \$60,000 from last year, mostly due to the salary savings for the weeks we were not able to open. Jo commented that it appears that golf was a beneficial activity during Covid-19.

**2022-2027 Comprehensive Master Plan**

**2016 Community Survey**

Ken advised that this will be on the agenda for the next 12-14 months. He stated he shared the timeline for the Comprehensive Master Plan at the last meeting. He said one of the first steps is for staff to go out and visit the parks and see what capital needs there are and also to make note of what has been updated or improved over the last 5 years. He commented that it is interesting to see what we have been able to accomplish with the help of donations and grants from local service clubs. He stated that once the list of capital needs and improvements has been compiled he will be sharing it with Park Commission. Ken advised that he is also working on rewriting the community survey. He went over the questions and data received from the last comprehensive plan's survey. He commented that some of the questions will remain the same and he would like to add a question or two about COVID-19. Jo asked what time of year do we conduct the survey. Ken stated that we like to send them out sometime late spring or early summer; just about the time that many of our programs are going and people are a bit more active. Jo suggested that it might be productive to distribute to schools or classrooms

and possibly have the teacher explain to the students the importance of this survey to take home and have someone fill it out. Ken stated that we will be mailing out 5,000 surveys to random addresses that will give us our scientific data. He advised that we will be looking at doing some of community outreach at events to help increase the number of people filling out the surveys also. Brynn asked if surveys will be available at the Harman Center. Ken advised they will and at the other community centers and city facilities as well as online surveys. They will be available in English and Spanish. Rod asked if the online surveys will be set up so that people can pause them and come back to finish if they need to as it is a long survey. Ken stated that we will check into that with our IT staff that helps create the online version. Stacy asked if the data from the online and other location surveys are incorporated into the comp plan or if that is just the data from the scientific surveys that are mailed out. Ken stated that all of the data is used for the comp plan. He commented that most of the time the unscientific data just supports the data from the scientific returns. Stacy suggested doing paid Facebook advertising to promote the online survey to get more feedback. Discussion followed. Ken stated that it will cost about \$8,000 to mail out the survey and postage to get them back. Discussion followed regarding an incentive for taking and returning the survey.

#### **Manager's Report**

Ken reported the Parks and Recreation staff put together the Letters to Santa event in the PW parking lot on December 5<sup>th</sup>. This was the first year for the drive through event and it was quite successful. Ken thanked the staff of Tami Andringa, Kim Lopez, Juan Arias and Sarah Lopez for all of their hard work. Ken also acknowledge Gabby Wilson with Columbia Bank for helping organize the event. He stated there were lighted trucks and many other partners with decorated booths handing out goodies as people drove through on their way to drop off their letters to Santa at the giant mailbox. He thanked YPD and the Streets Department for helping with traffic control. Ken stated that an estimated 1,000 kids were able to enjoy the event at no cost. Columbia Bank sponsored the event and contributed funds to make sure that it was free. Ken reported the theft of the Chesterley Park new irrigation filter and pump. He stated we are helping with the investigation by YPD. He advised that we will need to replace it at a cost of approximately \$25,000. Matt asked if it was insured. Ken stated we will try and use funds from our self-insurance account. Discussion followed.

#### **For the Good of the Order**

Rod commented that the concrete bases are in and asked about the lights at MLK Jr. Park. Ken advised that he believes we are waiting for the light poles to come in. They have been ordered but just have not arrived yet and once they do come in, Knobels will finish the install. Jo asked about the replacement signs for West Valley Park. Ken stated they were picked up today. Ken said that the three signs will have the vandal shields put on them to help with graffiti removal. Stacy commented that the new MLK Jr. playground and shelter are very impressive. Matt asked how the budgeting process went after the year with COVID-19. Ken stated that the budget wash basically a wash with expenditures and revenue. We just were not able to provide the programs that we normally do. Rod wished everyone Happy Holidays.

#### **Adjournment**

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be January 13, 2021. The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

City of Yakima  
**Parks and Recreation Commission**

Regular Monthly Meeting  
5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, January 13, 2021

ZOOM

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AGENDA

- I. Election of Officers
- II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from December 9, 2020
- III. Pump Track proposal – Wil Hollingberry
- IV. 2022 – 2027 Comprehensive Master Plan – Survey Draft #1
- V. Tahoma Cemetery 2020 Report
- VI. 2021 Parks & Recreation Division Major Goals
- VII. Parks & Recreation Manager's Report
- VIII. For the Good of the Order

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 5:30 pm  
Location TBD

Yakima Parks and Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes for  
January 13, 2021

Commissioners Present: Chairman Rod Bryant, Vice Chairman Jo Miles, Brynn Johnson, Stacy Hackenmueller, Matt Tweedy, Joshua Korevaar-Dorsey and Roger Lewis Absent and Excused: Alec Regimbal, Margarita Capetillo and Eliana Macias, Yakima City Council Liaison Staff present: Ken Wilkinson, Parks & Recreation Manager and Jenise Sanders, Parks and Recreation Administrative Secretary

**Call to Order**

Chairman Rod Bryant called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. via Zoom.

**Election of Parks and Recreation Commission Officers**

Rod Bryant opened the floor for nominations. Matt Tweedy nominated Rod Bryant to remain Chairman. Jo Miles seconded the nomination. Stacy nominated Jo Miles to remain Vice Chair. Roger Lewis seconded the nomination. The motions carried unanimously.

**Approval of the Meeting Minutes from December 9, 2020**

It was **Moved by Matt Tweedy, Seconded by Joshua Korevaar-Dorsey, to approve the Minutes as written from the December 9, 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.** The motion carried unanimously.

**Pump Track Proposal – Wil Hollingberry**

Ken advised that he has been speaking with Wil Hollingberry along with the group that previously came before the Commission about the City owned property off of Summitview near Anderson Rock. They were given permission to put up some signs and created bike trails on that property. Ken stated that they are now discussing the possibilities of building a pump track. Ken showed a short video of the what a pump track is. Wil advised that the video shows a pump track in Redmond, OR that is built by a company out of Switzerland called Velosolutions. He stated that they build them all over the world. He said that this company would be the one that they would be seeking to construct the one in Yakima. Ken explained that we are in our Comprehensive Master planning phase and now is a great time to add these kinds of ideas to the plan, that way they are established and will allow us to go for grants through the State and other organizations to help fund the project. Ken introduced Wil to begin his PowerPoint presentation. Wil stated he is from and still lives and works in Yakima. He is passionate about riding bicycles and building trails. In 2011, he and a friend formed the non-profit called Single Track Alliance of Yakima (STAY) that is dedicated to building trails and getting kids outside using them. He stated they started building the Rocky Top trail system shortly after they formed the 501(c)(3) and are looking to expand beyond Rocky Top. He advised that they currently have dirt jumps and a pump track at Rocky Top but it is very difficult to maintain. He stated that it has proven to be very popular with entire families. He explained that a pump track is a continuous loop of asphalt with rollers and berms for bikes, rollerblades, skateboards, and even scooters. Wil explained the benefits of an asphalt pump track in comparison to the necessary maintenance of the dirt pump track. Wil stated they have been working on getting an asphalt pump track built in Yakima for about 10 years and they just need a location property to start the fundraising efforts. He stated that an average pump track needs about half an acre and the cost is several thousand dollars. Wil advised that the grassy area at South Randall Park would be an ideal option. Ken stated that it is just west of the dog park and is about half an acre. Wil stated that their goal for this first pump track would be to make it very visible to attract interest and eventually build more throughout the city. Matt asked if the City would be donating the land for the pump track. Ken stated that it would remain a City of Yakima Parks property to be maintained by Parks. Wil stated that STAY would facilitate the project with the City being a partner and in the end the track would be a Parks facility. Stacy made a motion to include this in the Comprehensive Plan. She commented it is lower on her priority list due to the location and thinks that we should focus on the east side park projects first. Brynn commented that the Boise Cascade property would be an ideal location. Roger seconded the motion to add this to the Comprehensive Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

**2022-2027 Comprehensive Master Plan – Survey Draft #1**

Rod advised that Ken emailed the draft of the Comprehensive Master Plan survey to the Park Commissioners. Ken stated that it is a large task and extremely challenging to figure out the best way to ask questions to get the answers we need. He stated that he included questions about funding for swim facilities. He advised that City Council has not yet seen the survey. Ken stated that he has been asking some of the staff to take the survey and give feedback. Everyone agreed that this draft

looks good. Ken said we are looking at sending out 5,000 surveys in May and hope to get 1,000 back. The surveys will be provided in English and Spanish.

#### **Tahoma Cemetery 2020 Report**

Ken shared the Tahoma Cemetery Report for 2020. There were 68 plots sold, 90 burials; 48 standard and 42 cremains and 80 monuments set. The total revenue was 168,142.46. Stacy asked what the annual expenses are for the cemetery. Jo stated that the budgeted amount was \$325,121 for 2020. Ken stated that there are always improvements being made at the cemetery. He advised that a new roof was put on the mausoleum, costing about \$57,000 of REET funds, the new Blue Star Memorial was put up and we are investing in a new pump for the irrigation system to hopefully improve the way we are able to water. He stated that staff have been aerating, over seeding and spraying weeds to help improve the turf. Ken reported that Ralph "Smokey" Pierson, our Cemetery Technician will be retiring this summer and we will be looking to fill his position with a Cemetery Supervisor. Our goal is to implement a Cemetery Comprehensive Master Plan after we get the new Supervisor on board. Ken stated that Brad Schneider, Parks Operations Supervisor, currently oversees the cemetery.

#### **2021 Parks & Recreation Division Major Goals**

Ken stated that he met with staff and put together the major goals for 2021; pave the Gardner Park parking lot, restore all programming that was cancelled due to COVID-19, reopen facilities to full capacity, complete 2022-2027 Comprehensive Master Plan, maintain full staffing, hire new temporary landscaper, upgrade HVAC at Harman Center, replace air handling unit at Lions Pool, replace shower boiler at Lions Pool and resurface tennis courts. Jo requested that Ken send this list to the Commissioners. He commented that his main concern is still maintenance of the parks and that some of the planned improvements and practices along with possible additional staff seem to address that concern.

#### **Manager's Report**

Ken reported that he along with staff have been out walking in the parks to see what improvements need to be made. He stated that he will be sharing that list in March. Jenise will be updating the capital improvements section of the Comprehensive Master Plan. He stated that WIAA has announced that some high school sports will begin within the next couple of months. Ken advised that at the City Council meeting last Tuesday, the Washington Fruit Community Center (WFCC) was discussed. Parks was given the task to put together a proposal to operate the facility. He stated that most of the funding to operate it is already in the budget. The City already pays the utilities and maintenance for the building. He said that we would be looking to move our Beyond the Bell afterschool program out of Roosevelt Elementary and into the WFCC, which already has a staffing budget. We have had some challenges being in the Yakima School District and it not being our facility. He stated that if additional funds would become available, we may be able to have a second site. Ken commented that it appears that the Yakima School District will not have kids back in school until fall, but we may be able to offer some kids programming at the WFCC before that. Leslie Richards has also been helping think about senior programming within the WFCC. Ken stated that it is also a great opportunity for us to have a home base to do programs in Miller Park. He commented that we would also need additional funding to run a second site for the Summer Playground program. There will also be space for third party groups to come in and run community programs. Ken stated that the goal is to have this on the agenda for the first meeting in February.

#### **For the Good of the Order**

Nothing to report.

#### **Adjournment**

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be February 10, 2021. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.



City of Yakima  
**Parks and Recreation Commission**

Regular Monthly Meeting  
5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, February 10, 2021

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AGENDA

- I. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2021
- II. Yakima Area Arboretum – Master Plan Presentation – Colleen Adams-Schuppe
- III. 2022 – 2027 Comprehensive Master Plan – Goals & Objectives Review – Part 1
- IV. Washington Fruit Community Center Update
- V. Parks & Recreation Manager’s Report
- VI. For the Good of the Order

Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 5:30 pm  
Location TBD

Yakima Parks and Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes for  
February 10, 2021

Commissioners Present: Chairman Rod Bryant, Vice Chairman Jo Miles, Stacy Hackenmueller and Eliana Macias, Yakima City Council Liaison Absent and Excused: Brynn Johnson, Matt Tweedy, Joshua Korevaar-Dorsey, Roger Lewis, Alec Regimbal, and Margarita Capetillo Staff present: Scott Schafer, Director of Public Works, Ken Wilkinson, Parks & Recreation Manager, Tami Andringa, Recreation Supervisor, Kim Lopez, Recreation Activities Coordinator and Jenise Sanders, Parks and Recreation Administrative Secretary

**Call to Order**

Chairman Rod Bryant called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. via Zoom.

**Approval of the Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2021**

No approval of Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2021 due to lack of quorum. Informational meeting only.

**Yakima Area Arboretum – Master Plan Presentation – Colleen Adams-Schuppe**

Rod introduced Colleen Adams-Schuppe, Executive Director of the Yakima Area Arboretum. Ken advised that the Arboretum board has been working on their Master Plan for a while and it was suggested that they share it with Park Commission. Colleen began with how the Arboretum was started and the partnership with the City. She advised that back in the early 1960's the Central District of the Federation of Garden Clubs (36 clubs) had been looking for a place to have a curated collection of trees and plants. They discovered that the City Park District was planning to acquire this piece of farmland, they approached the City and asked if they could turn the piece of land into an arboretum. They worked together and on August 8, 1967 the Yakima Area Arboretum, a non-profit organization, was formed. Some key elements of the agreement are that the Arboretum would be responsible for curating, procuring and maintaining the plant collection; all building and facility installation, remodeling and maintenance, as well as all associated utilities and insurance expenses; prepare all landscape design plans and will not make substantial alterations or begin construction without prior city approval; and all investments made by the YAA belong to the City of Yakima once installed. The City agreed to be responsible for seasonal grass mowing and fertilizing; electrical charges associated with the irrigation system; and providing fire insurance for select buildings. The Agreement renews automatically every 10 years unless either party requests revisions. She commented that they are currently working with Scott Schafer, Director of Public Works, to make some revisions as the agreement has not been updated for about 30 years. Colleen proceeded with the presentation of the Arboretum Master Plan. She advised the Arboretum is 46 acres and has 1000+ labeled trees and shrubs, display gardens and the Jewett Interpretive Center. She stated that they have been in the process of developing a Master Plan since 2015. They contracted AHBL to help create the Master Plan. Colleen continued with the Master Plan presentation. Jo commented that one of the City's responsibilities is fertilizing. He asked how often that is done. Colleen stated that they don't request that very often. Stacy asked about the plans for the Kids Center. Colleen stated that most of the children's activities are outside right now, so in the future they would like to have a kid's nature area and a new education center. Colleen stated that the future plans for the land would reduce mowing and watering. She commented that she will be wanting to discuss the construction of a viewing platform in the future. Colleen asked if the Master Plan has to be taken to City Council for their review and approval. Ken and Scott both stated they believe Scott would be the one to approve that, but will have to double check the agreement. Scott stated that it could go to City Council along with the revised agreement. Rod thanked Colleen for the informational presentation.

**2022-2027 Comprehensive Master Plan – Goals & Objectives Review – Part 1**

Ken shared the PowerPoint presentation of the Goal, Objectives and Strategies for the Comprehensive Master Plan. He stated this information was taken from our last Comp Plan, the only thing that changed is the word "policies" has now become "strategies". He stated that the word "policies" is the wrong definition for what we are trying to do. Ken went over the Administration goals during this meeting and stated we will cover the Recreation goals at the next meeting and the Maintenance goals in April. Jo inquired about the Objective 1.1.0, "staff will be required to attend planned pertinent trainings" and asked if staff is able to attend trainings due to budget constraints. Ken stated that due to the budget, staff has not been able to attend a lot of the trainings that are available. He advised they do attend mandatory trainings that are required to keep certifications and licenses. Jo stated that he would recommend that staff stay connected as much as possible with the State organizations as it is very beneficial to keep those contacts. He stated he would like to see that back in the budget. Ken continued with the presentation.

**Washington Fruit Community Center Update**

Ken reminded the Commissioners that at the last meeting he advised them that City Council had directed Parks staff to put together a plan proposal to operate the Washington Fruit Community Center. He advised that we were able to put the

proposal together and present it to Council at their February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. He stated that Jo had emailed some questions earlier this week, so Tami Andringa, Recreation Supervisor and Kim Lopez, Recreation Activities Coordinator were present to answer those. Ken began with the PowerPoint presentation that was given to City Council on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jo commented that he did not realize that staff would be moving from the Parks and Recreation office to the Washington Fruit Community Center. He stated that helped answer many of his questions. Tami and Kim addressed the questions that Jo had emailed.

### **Questions concerning Beyond the Bell and Washington Fruit Community Center**

1. Of the actual expenditures in 2019 (the last full year of programming) for Beyond the Bell (\$232,198) how much of that amount was expended for Kissel Summer Playground Program? **The actual expenditure in 2019 was \$252,200.04. Of that \$97,028.57 was expended for the Kissel Summer Playground Program.**

2. Noting that in budget year 2020, the amount of \$323,821 was approved by the City Council for Beyond the Bell, what was the additional \$91,623 intended to be used for compared to 2019? **The additional amount was mostly Temp Salaries – minimum wage increased from \$12 per hour in 2019 to \$13.50 in 2020. The Part-time Recreation Leader position was added in June 2019 so that was only 6 months funded; it was a full year funded in 2020.**

3. What programs are included in the category "Community Recreation" (Budget amount \$185,172 in 2019, and \$121,775 in 2020) and why was there a decrease in budget compared to the year before? **Programs include Movies, Concerts and Special Events like the Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween Haunted Egg Hunt . Part of the funding for the Part-time Recreation Leader position was moved from Community Recreation to Beyond the Bell.**

4. For the last completed year of programming in 2019, what was the average daily attendance for Beyond the Bell? And what was the average daily attendance for the Kissel Summer Playground Program? **The average daily attendance for the BTB afterschool program for the 2019 – early 2020 school year was 92 students. The average daily attendance for the Kissel Park Summer Playground Program was 96.**

5. For the last completed year of programming in 2019, how many individual participants were enrolled in each program, Beyond the Bell, and the Kissel Summer Playground Program.

<b>BTB (2018-2019)</b>	<b>129 participants</b>	<b>Kissel (2019)</b>	<b>136 participants</b>
	<b>12 Jr volunteers</b>		<b>24 Jr volunteers</b>
	<b>140 Total participants</b>		<b>160 Total participants</b>

6. On page 14 of the city staff's proposal presented on Feb. 2, it states that \$55,000 is projected to be collected in fees from both Beyond the Bell and Kessel Summer Playground Program combined. During the last completed year in 2019 how much in fees (at \$3 per person per day) was collected from Beyond the Bell participants **\$43,277.50**

7. What is the individual fee amount that each participant is charged for the Kissel Summer Playground Program? **\$60.00 one-time registration fee**

8. What was the total amount of revenue collected for Kissel Summer Playground Program in 2019? **\$8,160**

9. It is noted that Roosevelt School (traditional location for Beyond the Bell) is located outside of the service area circle drawn for Washington Fruit Community Center and Miller Park on the city staff's presentation slide #7 and page 7. **Ken will address this during the presentation.**

What is the estimated number of children that previously received services at Roosevelt School and may be displaced or unable to attend the program after it moves to a new location 24 blocks away at Miller Park? **Of the 140 participants, 40 of them were Roosevelt Students. YSD Transportation Dept. bused kids to the BTB program at Roosevelt from 10 other schools within the school district.**

***\*Students may not attend the school closest to where they live\****

10. At the December 9 Park Commission meeting it was reported that asphalt costs at Miller Park were \$5,000 and the balance of the improvement fund was \$1,800 leaving a deficit of \$3,200. It was also reported that fence replacement costs, "will be added." What are the total expenses so far? Also, what is the current improvement fund balance, and what is the remaining deficit as of February 8, 2021?

**Granite Asphalt (REET) - \$6,435**  
**Walmart Grant - \$5,000**

**Community Donations - \$1,800**  
**GESA Donation - \$4,000**

Ken commented that we have spoken with the Principal at Roosevelt and they may and hopes that they will run afterschool programs or activities of their own. Rod asked about bussing the kids to the Community Center. Ken stated that we will be speaking with the School District about that hopefully before next school year. Jo asked how the kids pay for the afterschool program. Kim advised that it is \$3.00 per day and most pay for the entire month. She commented that they receive a small price break if they register and pay early, \$49.77 per child for the month. Jo commented that he was most concerned about who was going to be in the Washington Fruit Community Center during the day and he is happy those questions have been answered. Stacy asked about looking for State and Federal funding for the programming in the Community Center. Ken stated absolutely we will be looking at those things as well as third party organizations running programs.

#### **Manager's Report**

Ken gave an update on the donations for the Miller Park Improvement Project. He stated that we received the grant funds and donations from Walmart, GESA and private donations and those are all in the Yakima Valley Community Foundation account. He stated that we will be seeking more funds from Walmart as their grants cycle renews this month. We also have a sent a request to the WA State Legislature through Jeremie Default's office and another through the Governor's office via the Commission on Hispanic Affairs. Ken stated that he is not sure whether the funding would be in 2021 or 2022. He stated that the next step will be to finish the basketball courts by filling the cracks, fog sealing and painting the lines. Ken reported that the lights are up in MLK Jr. Park. He stated there is still some dirt work that needs to be done and that should be soon. The high school swim teams are practicing at Lions Pool. We are not able to hold swim meets yet, not until we get to Phase 2. Softball will be starting at Gateway Sports Complex later this month or the first part of March. He advised that we are working with the Planning Department and Councilmember Kay Funk on partnering with some organizations to get some community gardens in the City. He stated that we will be going out for bid on the dehumidification system at Lions Pool sometime in the next couple of months. We are currently in the process of replacing the shower water heater at Lions. There are a couple of cross country meets scheduled at Franklin in the coming month.

#### **For the Good of the Order**

Nothing to report.

#### **Adjournment**

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be March 10, 2021. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

City of Yakima  
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Regular Monthly Meeting  
5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 10, 2021

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AGENDA

- I. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2021 & February 10, 2021
- II. Harman Center Programs and 2021 Trips & Tours – Leslie Richards
- III. 2022 – 2027 Comprehensive Master Plan – Goals, Objectives & Strategies Review – Part 2
- IV. Miller Park Improvements Update
- V. Washington Fruit Community Center Update
- VI. Parks & Recreation Manager’s Report
- VII. For the Good of the Order

Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 5:30 pm  
Location TBD

Yakima Parks and Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes for  
March 10, 2021

Commissioners Present: Chairman Rod Bryant, Vice Chairman Jo Miles, Stacy Hackenmueller, Matt Tweedy, Brynn Johnson, Roger Lewis and Eliana Macias, Yakima City Council Liaison Absent and Excused: Joshua Korevaar-Dorsey and Alec Regimbal Staff present: Scott Schafer, Director of Public Works, Ken Wilkinson, Parks & Recreation Manager, Leslie Richards, Recreation Program Supervisor, and Jenise Sanders, Parks and Recreation Administrative Secretary

**Call to Order**

Chairman Rod Bryant called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. via Zoom. Ken advised the group that Margarita Capetillo will no longer be serving as a Youth Park Commissioner as she has moved out of Yakima.

**Approval of the Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2021 and February 10, 2021**

It was **Moved by Matt Tweedy, Seconded by Stacy Hackenmueller, to approve the Minutes as written from the January 13, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.** The motion carried unanimously. It was **Moved by Jo Miles, Seconded by Stacy Hackenmueller, to approve the Minutes as written from the February 10, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.** The motion carried unanimously.

**Harman Center Programs and 2021 Trips & Tours – Leslie Richards**

Ken advised that Leslie Richards, Recreation Program Supervisor, was in attendance to speak about the Harman Center programs and Trips and Tours. Leslie reported that the Center is now back open at limited capacity. She stated that all the regular programs are running with limited participants except dancing, that is still not allowed under the COVID-19 guidelines. Leslie advised they have a new instructor for the forever fitness and she is receiving good reviews. Seniors Inc. have been approved by the Health District to begin serving soup and sandwich lunches on Mondays and Tuesdays starting March 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday morning breakfasts starting on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Leslie reported that the Harman Center sent out the Trips and Tours catalog at the beginning of the year and many people have already been signing up. The trip scheduled for March was moved to May due to COVID-19 restrictions. The first trip will be to the Tulip Festival in Mt. Vernon on April 14<sup>th</sup>. There will only be 50 travelers so they can social distance on the bus and are able to meet all of the safety protocols. There are 18 Pacific Northwest trips, 4 of which are already sold out. There are 11 World trips planned for 2021. She commented that there are already 5 trips announced for 2022 that people are signing up for. Discussion followed regarding people getting vaccinations.

**2022-2027 Comprehensive Master Plan – Goals, Objectives & Strategies Review – Part 2**

Ken continued with the review of the next phase of the Comprehensive Master Plan. He advised that last month we reviewed the Administration Goals, Objectives and Strategies and this month we would be reviewing the Recreation Goals, Objectives and Strategies. Ken shared the PowerPoint of that section. He commented that he presented the Washington Fruit Community Center operation planned proposal to the Yakima Community Integration Committee on Monday night and will be working with them to help with outreach and support getting the input from the surrounding area of the Center to find out their needs and wants for programming in that facility. Ken returned to the PowerPoint. Stacy commented that she likes the fact that the self-support levels are staggered to be realistic, making them achievable. Jo stated that the reason that most cities and local governments are involved with parks and recreation is because they are not self-sufficient and it is for the public good to provide parks and recreation facilities and activities. Rod asked if softball tournaments will be able to return this year, as they bring in a lot of revenue for the City. Ken stated that we are still reviewing the protocols and guidelines and at this point tournaments are not allowed, but games and possibly leagues will be. That is subject to change and we are closely monitoring the protocols, guidelines and restrictions from the Governor and Yakima Health District. Rod asked about Lions Pool. Ken stated that Lions attendance has been steadily increasing. There has been a number of high school swim team practices and meets as well as lifeguard training classes. Ken commented that we are hoping to be able to open Franklin Pool this summer even if it is at a reduced capacity and we will need lifeguards.

**Miller Park Improvements Update**

Ken reported that the progress stalled out a bit over the winter but will be starting up again soon. He shared the fundraising efforts for the project; Walmart \$5,000, GESA \$4,000, Del Monte \$5,000, private donations \$3,000. Ken advised that a meeting was held 2 weeks ago with representatives from Governor Inslee's Office and the Commission on Hispanic Affairs. He stated that a request for funds in the amount of \$625,000 has been submitted to the Governor's Office as part of his equity plan. He advised that it was also sent to Rep. Gina Mosbrucker and she has sponsored it as part of the House budget. Ken commented that we do not know if the request for funds for this project will be budgeted or not but it is worth

the ask. He advised that we will continue the local fundraising efforts. Ken stated that we will probably not know if we receive funding from the State until after April, when the budget sessions end. Ken advised that quotes are in for crack filling, sealing, and painting the basketball courts. We will be reviewing those quotes and starting that with the donated funds that we have already received. Ken gave praise to Drew Harris, Bertha Alicia Garza and all the others on the Miller Park Improvement Committee for working to raise the funds for the project.

#### **Washington Fruit Community Center Update**

Ken stated that he shared the PowerPoint presentation of the operation planned proposal last month which he also shared with City Council last month and the Yakima Community Integration Committee on Monday night. He stated that we have started conversations with a number of other organizations that are interested in providing programs and services within the facility. Ken advised that Parks and Recreation can officially take control of the building on April 10<sup>th</sup>, which is a Saturday so our first day in the building will be Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. He commented that there will be a lot of work that needs to be done before we have staff in the offices and the Beyond the Bell afterschool program in the building. He stated our goal is to have some kind of program in the facility starting in May. We are committed to running a Summer Playground Program at Miller Park and operating out of the WA Fruit Community Center. There will be two smaller day camps, one at Miller and one at Kissel Park. Ken commented that we applied for a grant from one of the local service clubs to hopefully increase the number of kids that we can serve at each Summer Playground Program. Jo stated that the information given by the Recreation staff, Tami and Kim, at the last meeting was very helpful. He requested to get those statistics annually. Rod asked if YPAL will continue to be in the WA Fruit Community Center. Ken stated that he will be meeting with them to discuss that at a later date.

#### **Manager's Report**

Ken advised that there have been high school cross country meets at Franklin Park and they have been playing high school slow pitch softball at Gateway/Kiwanis. Ken said we are working on replacing the pedestrian foot bridge that goes over Wide Hollow Creek at West Valley Community Park. We have had wetland reports done and will have to have surveying completed. He stated we will be reaching out to various organizations and State agencies to help fund a new walking bridge. The bridge connects the park and West Valley Middle School and Jr. High to the cul-de-sac on 75<sup>th</sup> Ave. Many kids from those neighborhood homes and apartments use the bridge to get back and forth to school. Ken shared the randomized mailing map for the Comprehensive Master Plan survey. He stated our goal will be to send out 5,000 surveys and hopefully get back 1,000 responses. Ken advised that we will be doing the community outreach at the Concerts in the Park and at the Farmer's Market also. The survey will be online again in English and Spanish. Ken stated that we will be reviewing the Goals, Objectives and Strategies for Park Maintenance at the April meeting and then the Capital Improvements, Needs and Opportunities at the meeting in May.

#### **For the Good of the Order**

Nothing to report.

#### **Adjournment**

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be April 14, 2021. The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

City of Yakima  
**Parks and Recreation Commission**

Regular Monthly Meeting  
5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 14, 2021

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AGENDA

- I. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2021
- II. 2022 – 2027 Comprehensive Master Plan – Goals, Objectives & Strategies Review – Part 3
- III. Miller Park Improvements Update
- IV. Washington Fruit Community Center Update
- V. Parks & Recreation Manager's Report
- VI. For the Good of the Order

Next Meeting – Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 5:30 pm  
Location TBD



Yakima Parks and Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes for  
April 14, 2021

Commissioners Present: Chairman Rod Bryant, Vice Chairman Jo Miles, Matt Tweedy, Brynn Johnson, Roger Lewis, Joshua Korevaar-Dorsey and Eliana Macias, Yakima City Council Liaison Absent and Excused: Stacy Hackenmueller and Alec Regimbal Staff present: Scott Schafer, Director of Public Works, Ken Wilkinson, Parks & Recreation Manager and Jenise Sanders, Parks and Recreation Administrative Secretary

**Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Jo Miles called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. via Zoom.

**Approval of the Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2021**

It was **Moved by Joshua Korevaar-Dorsey, Seconded by Brynn Johnson, to approve the Minutes as written from the March 10, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.** The motion carried unanimously.

**2022-2027 Comprehensive Master Plan – Goals, Objectives & Strategies Review – Part 3**

Ken stated that we are continuing to work on the Comprehensive Master Plan. He advised that we review and update the Comprehensive Master Plan every 5 years. He said that the Goals, Objectives and Strategies for Park Operations (Maintenance) would be reviewed at this month's meeting. Ken began the PowerPoint. Jo inquired about the identification of the basic standards for maintenance and if those standards have been developed or written out for them to visualize. Ken stated that there is a Park Maintenance Management Plan which is more of a guide of what it costs to maintain and what basic work is done for each park. He stated that making the parks safe is the main priority. Jo commented that if there are basic standards that are not being met, due to the resources not being available, that may need to be addressed during budget season. Ken stated that there is a wide range of acceptable levels and explained the budget discussion process. Jo commented that he feels that a review of the basic standards would be helpful before the next budget season. Ken returned to the PowerPoint. Ken suggested possibly rewording 3.3.3 to help clarify the Strategy. Ken continued the PowerPoint. Rod asked if we still have agreements with the Yakima School District. Ken advised that the City does have joint use agreements with Yakima School District and West Valley School District, they use our facilities and we use their facilities at no cost, except for Lions Pool. Back to the PowerPoint. Ken commented on 3.4.10. He stated that if we receive the funding that we have requested from the State for Miller Park, a new restroom will be constructed. That will increase work for the Park Maintenance staff and he will need to put together a policy issue to take to City Council asking for an increase in the budget to cover the cost for that improvement. PowerPoint continued.

**Miller Park Improvements Update**

Ken reported that we have a request in for over \$600,000 from the House, Senate and Governor's budgets. He stated that we have not heard whether we will receive those funds or not but as soon as we know he will pass that along to them. The crack filling, sealing and line painting of the basketball courts is to begin the week of April 26<sup>th</sup>. Ken advised that the rest of the projects; restroom, playground, shelter, walkway, etc. are on hold right now until we find out if we will be receiving the funds from the State. Rod asked about the restrooms. Ken stated that they will be the prefab building with a male and female side with two stalls on each side and can only be locked from the outside. Rod inquired about locking the restrooms at night. Ken stated that we hire Phoenix Security to lock the restrooms every night and Park Maintenance staff opens them each morning.

**Washington Fruit Community Center Update**

Ken stated that we officially took control of the Washington Fruit Community Center on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. We started doing some work within the building on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Ken advised that YPAL has removed most of their belongings from the building and will be running its program out of the Madison House. Ken reported that Parks staff has begun assessing the needs for furniture, equipment and supplies for the Washington Fruit Community Center. Ken stated that we have an aggressive goal of getting people into the building just after May 1<sup>st</sup>, but not sure if that will be possible or not. There is a lot of work that needs to be done before programs can take place in the building. He commented that the floor in the multi-purpose room needs to be repaired and resurfaced and we are trying to get a contractor to do the work. Ken advised that we have been meeting and giving tours to organizations that are interested in running programs out of the Center. The Beyond the Bell program will be our anchor program in the facility. Ken stated that we are preparing the survey to be sent to the neighboring community to see what services and programs they would like to see at the Center. Rod asked about senior programming. Ken advised that we would like to have senior programs and services. Eliana asked about the condition of the kitchen. Ken stated that we think that most, if not all, of the appliances work and most of what was in the kitchen does belong to the City. Eliana asked if anyone has shown interest in providing a meal or cooking program. Ken advised that he

has spoken with People for People to serve senior meals like they do at the Harman Center and possibly Chef Shawn Niles might be interested in doing a youth cooking program. Brynn stated that Jr. League has provided a healthy eating choices program in the past and may be willing to do that again. Brynn also suggested reaching out to Healthy Eats Nutrition. Eliana asked about the computer lab. Ken advised that the computers belonged to YPAL and are no longer there. He stated that we have submitted a grant to Legends Casino to purchase 10 computer stations for the Center. Rod suggested that this would be a good time to partner with the Yakima School District, since the kids are still learning remotely. Ken advised that we did speak with them last year about making internet services more accessible to all students. Eliana asked about the restrooms in the building also being accessible to park users. Ken advised that creates challenges because of the vulnerable population that will be in the building, seniors and children. The importance of having the restroom in the park for that reason was discussed during the Miller Park Improvement Committee meetings. Eliana asked if the person that cleans the building would be able to clean the restroom in the park also. Ken advised that they might be able to, but our Park Maintenance staff clean the restrooms in all of our parks.

#### **Manager's Report**

Ken advised that we will be reviewing the Comprehensive Master Plan Capital Needs at the next meeting. He stated there is a 32 team girls fastpitch softball tournament at Kiwanis/Gateway this weekend. The tournament directors are in charge of creating and following the safety protocols. He reported that Ike and Davis high school slow pitch is finishing up and fast pitch will begin soon. Ken stated that we have finished putting together our Summer program guide and that will be coming out soon. He commented that there is also a 4 team softball tournament at Gardner Park this weekend. Ken shared the article from the Business Times about the Tahoma Cemetery virtual tours that are on the City's website. He stated that staff worked with Sean Davido from YPAC and Ellen Allmendinger, tour guide, to create these virtual historical tours.

#### **For the Good of the Order**

Jo asked if we can meet in person next month. Ken advised that when City Council begins to meet in person, Park Commission can meet in person.

#### **Adjournment**

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be May 12, 2021. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

City of Yakima  
**Parks and Recreation Commission**

Regular Monthly Meeting  
5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 12, 2021

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AGENDA

- I. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from April 14, 2021
- II. 2022 – 2027 Comprehensive Master Plan – Goals, Objectives & Strategies Review – Part 4
- III. Miller Park Improvements Update
- IV. Washington Fruit Community Center Update
- V. 2022 – 2027 Comprehensive Master Plan – Capital Improvements
- VI. Parks & Recreation Manager's Report
- VII. For the Good of the Order

Next Meeting – Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 5:30 pm  
Location TBD

Yakima Parks and Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes for  
May 12, 2021

Commissioners Present: Chairman Rod Bryant, Matt Tweedy, Stacy Hackenmueller and Eliana Macias, Yakima City Council Liaison Absent and Excused: Jo Miles, Brynn Johnson, Roger Lewis, Joshua Korevaar-Dorsey and Alec Regimbal Staff present: Scott Schafer, Director of Public Works, Ken Wilkinson, Parks & Recreation Manager and Jenise Sanders, Parks and Recreation Administrative Secretary

**Call to Order**

Chairman Rod Bryant called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. via Zoom.

**Approval of the Meeting Minutes from April 14, 2021**

No approval of Meeting Minutes from April 14, 2021 due to lack of quorum. Informational meeting only. Rod advised that Matt Tweedy joined the meeting at approximately 5:40 pm. Ken stated that makes a quorum as there are seven commissioners. He stated that Jo Miles has resigned as of May 10, 2021 and Margarita had previously resigned so four commissioners is now a quorum. It was **Moved by Matt Tweedy, Seconded by Stacy Hackenmueller, to approve the Minutes as written from the April 14, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.** The motion carried unanimously.

**2022-2027 Comprehensive Master Plan – Goals, Objectives & Strategies Review – Part 4**

Ken advised that this is the last part of the Goals, Objective and Strategies section to review for the Comprehensive Master Plan and it is for the Park Commissioners role. Ken reviewed the PowerPoint with the Park Commissioners.

**Miller Park Improvements Update**

Ken reported that we are continuing to make improvements at Miller Park and working with the community group. He advised that we have not received official word from the State that we have been awarded the \$625,000 that we requested from the budget, although we have received the unofficial word that we will be getting that money. We will be adding a new restroom, playground, second picnic shelter, lights and improvements for the basketball courts and walkways. He stated that work will begin after we receive the funds and that some work has already been done. One of the basketball courts was removed and replaced back in November 2020 by the Streets Department. The other three courts were crack sealed and all of the courts were coated and had the lines painted by Stripe Rite. Ken shared photos of the renovated courts. Ken advised that we will need to ask City Council for additional funds to maintain the new restroom facility once it is constructed. He commented that the restroom was high on the priority list from the community group. He stated that the park does have a spray park and is quite busy during the summer. He reported that Park Maintenance does have the spray park up and running and will be ready to open on schedule for the Memorial Day weekend. Ken advised that along with the restroom, playground and second picnic shelter, we will be installing lighting for the basketball courts, replacing the fence that had to be removed during the court renovation and replacing the backboards and rims. He stated we will be looking at adding a walkway from one end of the park to the other. Rod asked if the community group applied for the funds from the State or if Parks staff worked on that. Ken advised that Parks staff did the application for the funds and that we received support from the group by way of letters of support from them and other community members and businesses. We also received the support of the local representatives and legislators. Ken reiterated that we will be asking for additional funding through our annual budget process to pay for the added maintenance and utility costs for the new restroom. Eliana asked if we will be adding lighting within the park. Ken advised that the lighting in the park is good and has been updated within the last couple of years. We will be adding lighting for the basketball courts.

**Washington Fruit Community Center Update**

Ken stated that making building improvements inside and out is continuing at the Washington Fruit Community Center. Facility Maintenance staff and Recreation staff have been cleaning, painting, making repairs, landscaping and adding furniture to get the building in working order. The IT Department is working on getting the phones and internet set up for our staff to be able to work out of the facility. Ken advised that we have set a date of June 14<sup>th</sup> to be open to the public, as that will be the first day of our Summer Playground Program. He stated that most of the temporary staff have been hired and their training will begin soon. Ken reported that the wood parquet floor in the multi-purpose room still needs some work as there was some damage from the boxing ring and the wrestling mats that were removed. Rod asked when the signups start for the Summer Playground Program. Ken advised that registration will begin at 8:00 am on May 14<sup>th</sup> and will be online only. He commented there will be two sites this year; Kissel Park and Miller Park/ Washington Fruit Community Center. Rod asked about the School District Lunch Program. Ken stated that we do participate in that program and hope that they will be doing that this year. Stacy praised Park staff for the amount of work that has been done and commented that maybe Kim Lopez

would be able to attend a future meeting to speak about the progress and/or the Park Commission could take a tour of the Center. Ken said that he was thinking about having a Park Commission meeting there, but that may cause issues for the YPAC staff to record the meeting.

#### **2022-2027 Comprehensive Master Plan – Capital Improvements Review**

Ken advised that we have been working on the Comprehensive Master Plan Capital Improvements and this is a major component of the Plan. This is how we set the future for what we would like to accomplish. Ken stated that as a group back in November and December, Parks and Recreation staff began walking the parks and documenting things that need to be done and things that have been done since the last time this list was updated for the previous Comprehensive Plan. Ken began to review the capital improvements PowerPoint. Rod asked if the School District still uses the tennis courts at Kissel and if so, are they helping with the cost of resurfacing the courts. Ken advised that they do use them and have not been helping with the resurfacing costs but we can ask again. Ken returned to the PowerPoint. Ken commented that Rosalma Garden Club Park was named after two woman that belonged to that club; Rose Larson and Alma Graham. PowerPoint continued. Ken advised that we applied for a Legends Grant to replace a feature at the Chesterley Skate Park but we did not receive it. We will need to find the funds elsewhere. Ken continued with the PowerPoint. Rod asked if the irrigation pump that was stolen from Chesterley Park was one of ones that was recovered. Ken advised it was not. Rod asked about the Cemetery Comprehensive Master Plan. Ken stated that Heidi, the Department Assistant for the cemetery has already begun working on it. He advised that Ralph “Smokey” Pierson, the Maintenance Technician at the Cemetery will be retiring at the end of July and we are currently in the process of hiring a Cemetery Supervisor. Once hired, we will create the Cemetery Comprehensive Master Plan. Matt requested a PDF of the Capital Improvements document that Ken just shared. Ken advised we will email a draft document. Matt asked what the 2021 capital budget is. Ken stated that we are currently using funds out of REET for capital projects. He advised he thought that there were about \$100,000 of funds needed for the projects we wanted to do this year, not counting the dehumidification system for Lions Pool. Matt commented that he thought we used to have \$150,000 of capital funds each year. Ken stated that it has been different amounts over the last few years due to the approved \$750,000 and then that funding now goes to pay for the YMCA and SOZO. Ken commented that we have been fortunate to get funding from our service clubs, grants and donations. Matt asked if the funding for Miller Park is RCO money. Ken stated it is not RCO funds, it is funds straight from the State budget.

#### **Manager’s Report**

Ken shared that our 2021 Summer Program Guide is out. We received word from the Yakima Health District that we will be able to open Franklin Pool at 50% capacity, which will be 200 people. The camps, Summer Playground Programs, concerts and movies are all scheduled to take place this year. Rod suggested shorter swim sessions due to the smaller capacity. Ken advised that is being discussed. Ken reminded the Commissioners that Youth Commissioner, Margarita Capatillo resigned as she moved out of the area, Roger Lewis’ term is up and he will not be reapplying and Jo Miles has resigned. This leaves openings on the Commission for others in the community to apply for. Eliana asked what the age limit is for the Youth Commissioner. Ken advised that he believes it is 16 – 22 years of age at the time of appointment. Their terms are only 2 years.

#### **For the Good of the Order**

Matt asked when we will be able to meet in person again. Ken advised that he will check on that. Matt asked about meeting at Public Works. Ken advised that YPAC is able to record the meetings on Zoom and make it available to view by the public.

#### **Adjournment**

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be June 9, 2021. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

City of Yakima  
**Parks and Recreation Commission**

Regular Monthly Meeting  
5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, June 9, 2021

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AGENDA

- I. Election of Officer – Vice Chairman
- II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from April 14, 2021 and May 12, 2021
- III. 2022 – 2027 Comprehensive Master Plan – Park Facilities Review & Survey
- IV. Randall Park South – Pump Track update
- V. Washington Fruit Community Center Update
- VI. Parks & Recreation Manager's Report
- VII. For the Good of the Order

Next Meeting – Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 5:30 pm  
Location TBD

Yakima Parks and Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes for  
June 9, 2021

Commissioners Present: Chairman Rod Bryant, Matt Tweedy, Stacy Hackenmueller, Norma Cody and Eliana Macias, Yakima City Council Liaison Absent and Excused: Brynn Johnson, Roger Lewis, Joshua Korevaar-Dorsey and Alec Regimbal Staff present: Scott Schafer, Director of Public Works, Ken Wilkinson, Parks & Recreation Manager and Jenise Sanders, Parks and Recreation Administrative Secretary

**Call to Order**

Chairman Rod Bryant called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. via Zoom.

**Election of Officer – Vice Chairman**

The commissioners in attendance agreed to wait until the next meeting to elect a new vice chairman.

**Approval of the Meeting Minutes from April 14, 2021 and May 12, 2021**

Ken advised that there were not enough commissioners at the May meeting to meet the requirements of a quorum. It was **Moved by Matt Tweedy, Seconded by Stacy Hackenmueller, to approve the Minutes as written from the April 14, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.** The motion carried unanimously. It was **Moved by Stacy Hackenmueller, Seconded by Norma Cody, to approve the Minutes as written from the May 12, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.** The motion carried unanimously.

**Introduction of New Commissioner – Norma Cody**

Ken introduced new Park Commissioner, Norma Cody.

**2022-2027 Comprehensive Master Plan – Park Facilities Review & Survey**

Ken advised that the Comprehensive Master Plan is due to the State in April of 2022. He shared the PowerPoint with the map and overview of park locations and amenities. Ken advised that we did receive official word that we will be receiving \$625,000 for the improvements to Miller Park. The work will continue over the next year and a half. Ken invited the commissioners to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the improvements at MLK Jr. Park on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Ken shared the survey that will be sent out to 5,000 homes with the hope of getting back 1,000. He stated it is in English and Spanish and will be online also. The survey should be going out sometime in June. Stacy asked what types of amenities were being planned at Raymond Park. Ken stated that a small picnic shelter and small playground have been discussed. Stacy commented that she drove by there and thought that it was very close to YCH and thought they might be interested in donating funds for seating so their staff could use it for lunches and breaks. She also suggested speaking with the Yakima Railway Museum about putting up some fun and educational information or attractions since it is close to the railroad tracks. Rod asked what our return was on our last survey. Ken stated we sent out 4,500 and had almost 900 returned. Ken advised that the cost for the survey printing and mailing will be about \$8,000.

**Randall Park South – Pump Track Update**

Ken gave an update on the pump track that was presented by Will Hollingbery and Pat Huwe from STAY (Single Track Alliance of Yakima) a couple of months before. He advised that the group went out and collected enough donations to pay to have a pump track design created. They are working with Velo Solutions and American Ramp Company and Progressive Bike Ramps. The company will be coming to Yakima for a community outreach event. They will be doing a bike contest and giving information about pump tracks on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Randall Park South and will be looking for community feedback. Ken stated that there are a few pump tracks located in the Pacific Northwest and are very popular. Ken invited the Commissioners to attend the event on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm. Eliana requested that Ken email the flyer to them. Ken stated once they get the design work done, they can start raising funds to have it built.

**Washington Fruit Community Center Update**

Ken advised that on June 14<sup>th</sup>, the Washington Fruit Community Center will officially open and Kim Lopez will be running the Summer Program out of Miller Park as well as using the building. Ken reported that a listening session will also be conducted at the Center in the evening on June 14<sup>th</sup>. He stated that we want to hear from the community about what programming they would like to see in the Center. A questionnaire has been created to hand out at the listening session. Rod asked what part of the building would be rented out. Ken stated that most likely it would be the ballroom or multi-purpose room used for rentals. There is one classroom that could also be rented out. He stated that one of the rooms will be used primarily for the afterschool program and at some point, one of the other rooms will be used as a computer lab. We have received a grant from Legends Casino to purchase 5 computer work stations. Stacy requested that we hold our next meeting at the Center if

we are able to meet in person. Ken advised that due to our meetings being recorded, we will need to either Zoom or meet at City Hall if we can meet in person. He suggested that after the meeting, those that want to can take a tour of the Center. Ken advised that we are looking for partners and will be sending out the Request for Qualifications soon.

**Manager's Report**

Ken shared that Franklin Pool will open tomorrow at 50% capacity. We are in the process of hiring a Cemetery Supervisor. We have again had some issues with our irrigation at the cemetery and did not present well for Memorial Day. We are working with the irrigation company, the City's Water Division and also the City's Stormwater Division to try and come up with solutions for the debris and dirt in the canal water during the Spring and early Summer. Ken advised that we are moving forward with all of our concerts and movies this year and those will begin the second week in July.

**For the Good of the Order**

Matt asked if there are any updates about the Lions and Franklin Pools studies. Ken stated that the studies are done but COVID shut the process down. He commented that is why he hopes that the section in the survey about aquatics will be helpful moving forward. Ken advised that it is good to have the studies done so that we can share those with granting agencies in the future.

**Adjournment** The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be July 14, 2021. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



City of Yakima  
**Parks and Recreation Commission**

Regular Monthly Meeting  
5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, July 14, 2021

City Hall  
129 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Yakima, WA

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AGENDA

- I. Election of Vice Chairman
- II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from June 9, 2021
- III. Miller Park Mosaic Project Presentation – Ed Marquand
- IV. 2022 – 2027 Comprehensive Master Plan Update
- V. Miller Park Improvement Update
- VI. Parks & Recreation Manager's Report
- VII. For the Good of the Order
- VIII. Adjournment to the Washington Fruit Community Center for a Tour

Yakima Parks and Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes for  
July 14, 2021

Commissioners Present: Stacy Hackenmueller, Brynn Johnson, Joshua Korevaar-Dorsey and Eliana Macias, Yakima City Council Liaison Absent and Excused: Chairman Rod Bryant, Matt Tweedy and Alec Regimbal Staff present: Scott Schafer, Director of Public Works, Ken Wilkinson, Parks & Recreation Manager and Jenise Sanders, Parks and Recreation Administrative Secretary

**Call to Order**

Commissioner Stacy Hackenmueller called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**Election of Officer – Vice Chairman**

The commissioners in attendance agreed to wait until the next meeting to elect a new vice chairman.

**Approval of the Meeting Minutes from June 9, 2021**

It was **Moved by Brynn Johnson, Seconded by Joshua Korevaar-Dorsey, to approve the Minutes as written from the June 9, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.** The motion carried unanimously.

**Miller Park Mosaic Project Presentation – Ed Marquand**

Ken shared that we are working on exciting projects for Miller Park. He advised that he spoke with Elizabeth Herres-Miller from the Millennium Foundation about the possibility of placing some artwork in Miller Park. Ken said that Elizabeth introduced him to Ed Marquand from Mighty Tieton Mosaics. Ken stated that they proposed a very unique project for Miller Park. He reported that this has been presented to the Miller Park Improvement Committee at one of the meetings earlier this year. Ken introduced Ed Marquand to speak about the idea for the artwork project at Miller Park. Ed gave a brief overview of the company Mighty Tieton Mosaics and some of the projects they have done around the valley and in the Seattle area. Ed stated that after visiting the park and meeting with Elizabeth and Ken, he wanted to create something very distinctive that would really make Miller Park stand out, not only locally, but also nationally. He advised that there are four components to the proposed project. Ed handed out a brochure for the Commissioners to review. He stated his idea was to create mosaic selfie stations throughout the park. The piece would be flat glass with a steel pole and they would rotate to capture the optimum light. People can stand in front of them and it gives a halo effect in the selfie. He stated that they are still working on the shape and designs. The second component is a welcome mat at the entrances of the park. They would be a 4 or 5 ft. square made out of porcelain tiles with welcoming comments on them. The next component is a mosaic winged wall. He stated the south wall on the Washington Fruit Community Center would provide a sufficient canvas for the mosaic angel wings selfie wall. The last component that Elizabeth asked for is a mosaic band or ring around the top of the Rotary picnic shelter. Ed explained the process in which they produce the mosaic artwork and shared some small examples. Ed stated that they will get community involvement by allowing community members to help fabricate the pieces in the Washington Fruit Community Center with supervision from his artists. He advised that the next step is to provide preliminary budgets for the project to the Millennium Foundation and Ken. Stacy asked about the feedback from the Miller Park Improvement Committee. Ken advised that we shared this with them in May and they were supportive as well. Discussion followed regarding the community input and involvement. Ken stated that he will be speaking with the Arts Commission in September and the project will eventually be presented to the City Council. Stacy asked if the Millennium Foundation will be covering the entire cost for this. Ken advised that at this time yes, but there may be some donations or other groups that would like to contribute along the way. Ken advised that we should have a vote to move forward with the mosaic project. Brynn made a motion to approve the mosaic artwork project in Miller Park. Joshua seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**2022-2027 Comprehensive Master Plan Update**

Ken advised that we mailed out 5,000 surveys randomly throughout the City. They were mailed out the week after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The packets included a letter explaining what it is and why it is important for us to get a response, a map of the City parks, the survey in English and Spanish, a postage paid return envelope and the "Thank You" coupons for a round of golf at Fisher, swim pass for a group of five at Franklin and a punch card for free activities at the Harman Center. Ken advised we are doing community outreach at the concerts at Franklin, Miller and MLK Jr. Parks and also at the Yakima Farmers Market. The survey is also online and a QR code was created so those that wanted to could easily take the survey on their phone. Ken stated that a deadline of September 1<sup>st</sup> has been made to either return the paper survey or take it online. The data will be tabulated and we will create the presentation for Park Commission as well as City Council. The information will then become part of the Comprehensive Master Plan that will need to be approved by the State for us to receive grants in the future.

### **Miller Park Improvement Update**

Ken advised that we are currently working with a company to replace or repair the backboards and rims for the basketball court, the fence company to replace the fence that had to be removed to resurface the courts, the playground company that is working on a design for the new play equipment and the restroom company to get that process started. He advised that we do have confirmation that we are officially getting the funds from the State and there is paperwork that staff need to complete before we can receive any reimbursement. Ken commented that we currently have a Summer Playground Program at Miller Park as well as the spray park that is very popular.

### **Manager's Report**

Ken reported that Franklin Pool is up and running. He advised that concerts and movies have begun and have been very well attended. Ken stated that we received a grant from OSPI, AWC, and WRPA for summer programs. We received one hundred percent of what we applied for, which is \$76,000. This will help us continue doing what we have been doing at the Miller/WFCC and Kissel Playground Programs. Stacy asked if this will be a recurring grant. Jenise advised that it is a grant made possible by relief funds for this summer and next summer. We will apply for the grant for next year sometime this Fall.

### **For the Good of the Order**

Stacy asked what concerts and movie are taking place this weekend. Ken advised that the Franklin Park concert is on Friday and the Viva la Musica concert is on Sunday at Miller. The movie in the park on Sunday at Chesterley is Coco.

### **Adjournment to the Washington Fruit Community Center for a Tour**

Stacy commented that they can discuss whether or not they want to tour the WFCC after adjournment of this meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be September 8, 2021. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

City of Yakima  
**Parks and Recreation Commission**

Regular Monthly Meeting  
5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Yakima City Hall – City Council Chambers  
129 N. 2nd Street  
Yakima, WA 98901

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**AGENDA**

- I. Election of Vice Chairman
- II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from July 14, 2021
- III. Miller Park Update
- IV. 2022 – 2027 Comprehensive Master Plan Update
- V. Parks & Recreation Manager's Report
- VI. For the Good of the Order

Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 5:30 pm  
Location TBD

Yakima Parks and Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes for  
September 8, 2021

Commissioners Present: Chairman Rod Bryant, Matt Tweedy, Brynn Johnson and Joshua Korevaar-Dorsey Absent and Excused: Stacy Hackenmueller, Alec Regimbal and Eliana Macias, Yakima City Council Liaison Staff present: Ken Wilkinson, Parks & Recreation Manager and Jenise Sanders, Parks and Recreation Administrative Secretary

**Call to Order**

Chairman Rod Bryant called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. via Zoom.

**Election of Officer – Vice Chairman**

Matt Tweedy moved to nominate Stacy Hackenmueller as Vice Chairman. Brynn Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the Meeting Minutes from July 14, 2021**

It was **Moved by Matt Tweedy, Seconded by Brynn Johnson, to approve the Minutes as written from the July 14, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.** The motion carried unanimously.

**Miller Park Update**

Ken reported that we just finished the paperwork and submitted it to the Department of Commerce for the \$625,000 that we will receive from the State Legislative Capital budget for the improvements to Miller Park. The paperwork had to be submitted for final approval for us to receive the reimbursement funds for the project. Ken stated that once we receive approval of the paperwork we will be able to start moving forward on the project. Ken advised that the playground design was the main focus at the last Miller Park Improvement Committee meeting. One of the things discussed by the committee was including more things to do for kids who have special needs. He stated that the playground company went back to the drawing board and came back with 3 new playground design concepts. Ken shared the new concepts with the Park Commissioners. Matt asked if all 3 options are similar in price. Ken stated that options B is a little less expensive than options A and C. Option A is \$139,000, option B is \$123,000 and option C is \$136,000. Ken stated that the budget for the playground was set at \$125,000. Rod commented that option 3 does not seem as accessible for kids with special needs as option A. Ken stated that there are some sensory play features and activities on options B & C. Matt commented that option A has the ramps and platforms throughout the play structure for kids with mobility challenges. Matt asked about some of the feature getting damaged by wear and tear and vandalism. Ken advised that they are pretty durable but do have to be replaced from time to time. Matt and Rod recommended option A. Rod asked where the additional funding would come from if one of the more expensive options was chosen. Ken advised that there may be a cost savings on one of the other items within the project or possibly an additional donor would come forward and want to help with the project. Ken reported that there will be some improvements made to the basketball courts soon. One set of the basketball goals are too high and they will be cut and adjusted either this week or next, depending on the contractor's schedule. Ken stated that the placement of the restroom is being discussed and next week staff will be on site to talk about the location of the walkway throughout the park. He advised we have also been in contact with the fencing company to replace the fence around the basketball courts as soon as we get approval from the State.

**2022-2027 Comprehensive Master Plan Update**

Ken advised there has been quite a bit of community outreach done for the community survey; 2 Downtown Farmer's Markets, 1 Franklin Park Concert, 2 Miller Park Concerts and 2 MLK Jr. Park Concerts. He stated that we handed out surveys and survey contact cards so they could take it online if they wished. The deadline to take the survey online was September 1<sup>st</sup> but it remained open online until September 10<sup>th</sup>. Ken advised that Parks Administrative staff were currently entering the surveys and once they were done, the data would be tabulated and brought back before them to review, most likely at the October meeting. He stated we believe we received about 600 mailed back and about 300 online. He commented that it will also be presented to City Council in the near future. The resolution for approval of the Comprehensive Master Plan will also have to go before City Council once it is completed and ready to be sent to the State. The draft of the Comprehensive Master Plan has to be sent to the State before the end of the year and the final draft has to be sent to them in April of 2022. Rod asked about how many responses were we hoping to get back from the survey. Ken advised that he was hoping to get 1,000 responses back.

**Manager's Report**

Ken reported that the first official pickleball tournament would be starting the next day. It is a 3-day tournament at Franklin Park pickleball courts and some of the participants will be traveling from out of town. Ken stated that the budget process has

begun and he has turned in a list of capital improvements we would like to see over the next five years. He stated he will be reviewing that with the Finance Department and City Administration over the next couple of weeks. He reported that the pump at Randall Park that irrigates the entire park stopped working after approximately 20 years. He stated that we had issues trying to get a new pump ordered and installed so the park was without water for over 3 weeks. The new pump was installed and after running for about ½ hour, it caught on fire and had to be replaced. The new pump went in today and we will be watering around the clock for the next couple of days. The weather has cooled and we will hopefully bring most of the grass back. He advised that we may lose a little turf but Park Maintenance was able to hand water the trees using a water truck from the Streets Department last week. Park Maintenance will need to over seed some areas and hopefully most of the turf will be restored. Ken reported that Ralph “Smokey” Pierson has retired from Tahoma Cemetery as of the end of July. We have hired a new Cemetery Supervisor, Todd Lunning, who came to us from the City of Zillah Public Works and Cemetery. Ken stated that we are in the process of getting proposals in for the programs at the WFCC. We held the Summer Program there this summer and that went well. We are currently operating the Beyond the Bell afterschool program in the building and that also is going well. The Request for Proposals is out for non-profits to propose additional programs to be held in the building. Those are due in by September 17<sup>th</sup>. The Kissel Summer Playground Program and the Miller Summer Playground Program each had 94 participants over the summer. Ken advised that the last Viva la Musica concert at Miller Park will be held this Sunday beginning at 3:00 pm. He stated that Franklin Pool and both spray parks were closed for the season and we were transitioning into Fall sports, programs and maintenance. Rod asked if Ken had any idea of how Fisher did this year. Ken stated that the initial figures were up but there were some days with very warm temperatures and smoke, so hopefully they did not affect the numbers too much. Rod asked about Franklin Pool attendance. Ken advised that the pool operated at 50% capacity and even though we did not allow as many people in, we still had to staff about the same amount of guards. He commented that he didn’t think the numbers will be very good this year, but we were able to provide some swim lessons and outdoor recreation for the community.

#### **For the Good of the Order**

Matt congratulated Stacy for her successful Vice-Chair campaign. Matt asked about the resurfacing of the Franklin Park tennis courts. Ken advised that we have all of the supplies but we are very short staffed and they may have to wait until next Spring.

#### **Adjournment**

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be October 13, 2021. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

City of Yakima  
**Parks and Recreation Commission**

Regular Monthly Meeting  
5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, October 13, 2021

ZOOM

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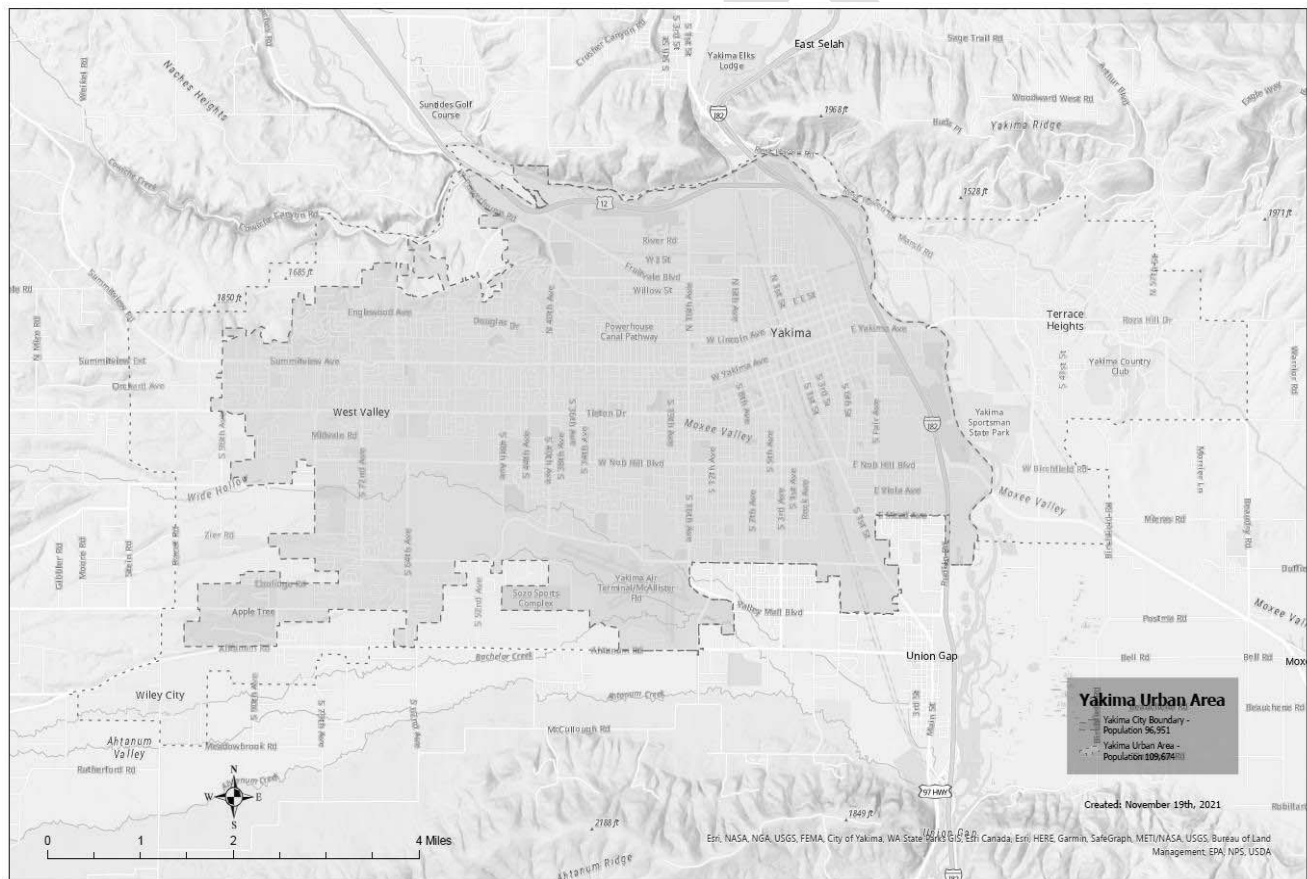
## APPENDIX 3

### MAPS

“A map, it is said, organizes wonder.”

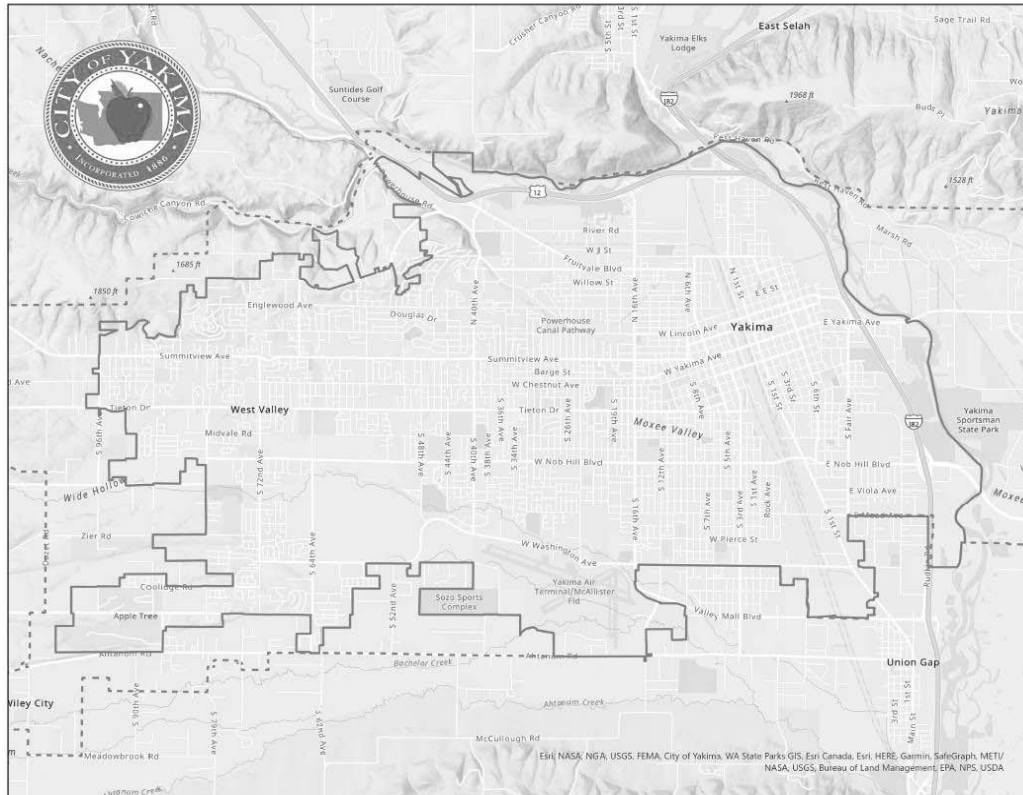
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Yakima Urban Area





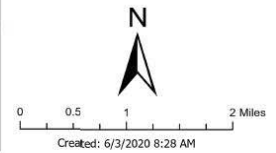
## Yakima City Boundary



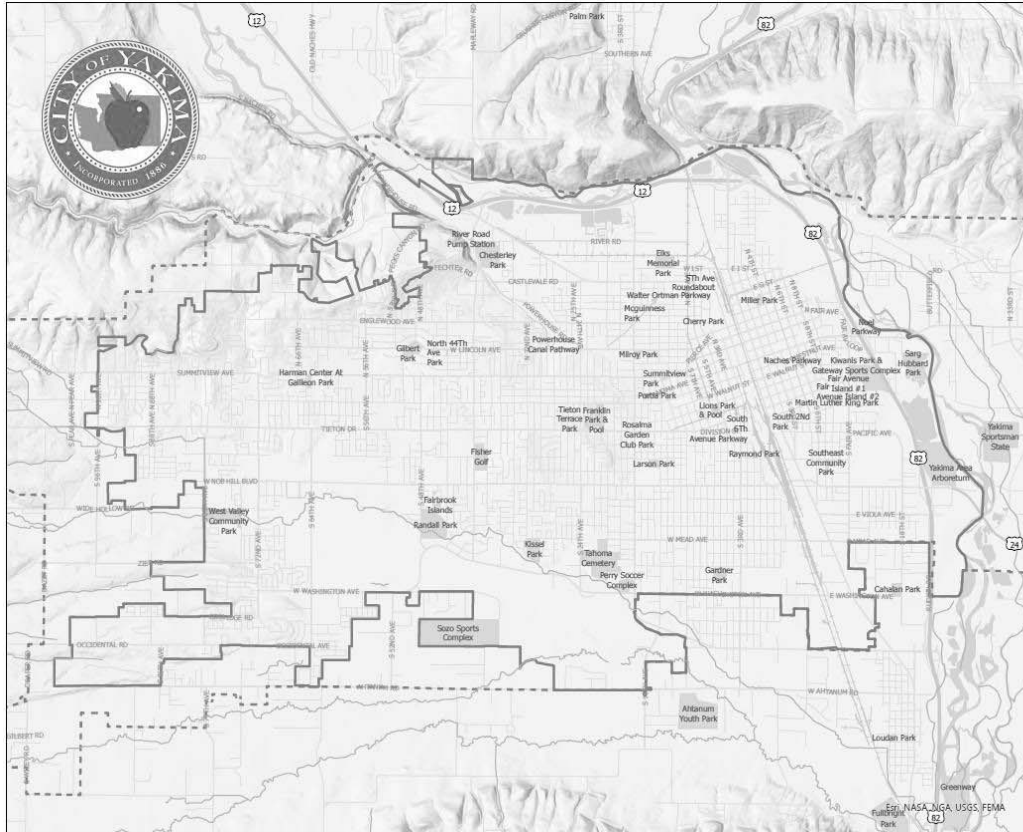
## Comprehensive Master Plan

### Boundaries

- Yakima City Boundary
- Urban Growth Area Boundary



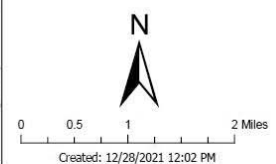
## Yakima Park Locations



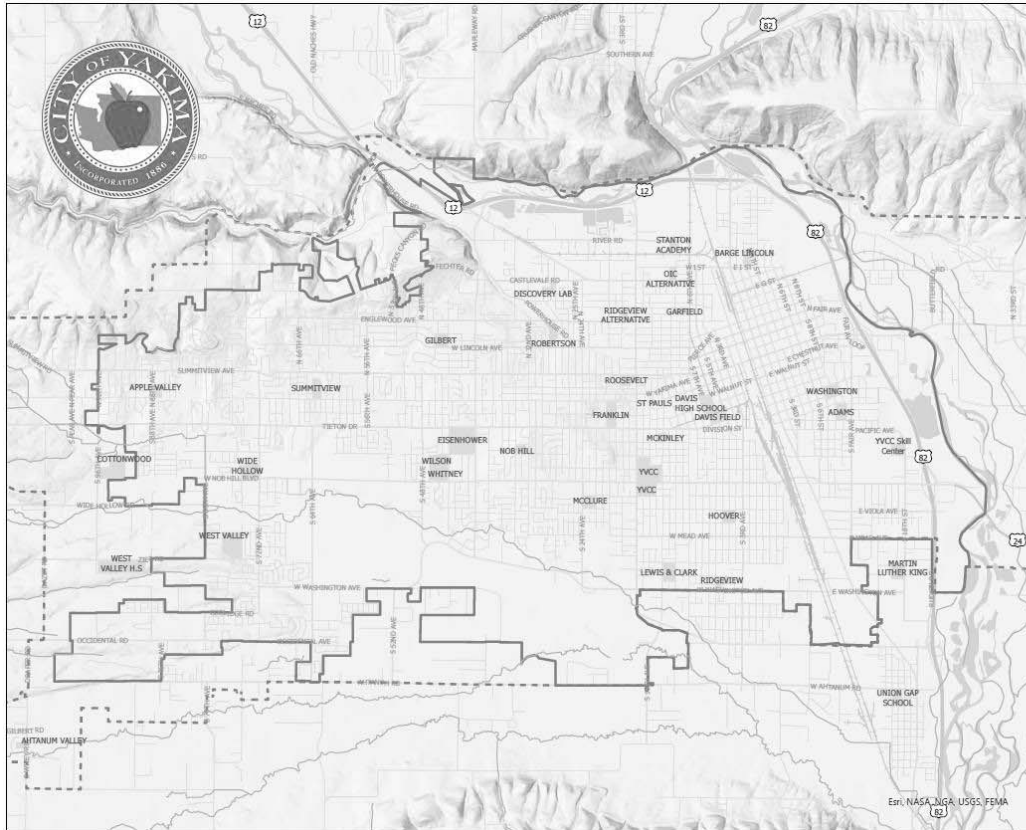
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### Park Locations

- Parks



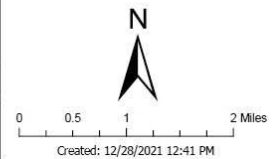
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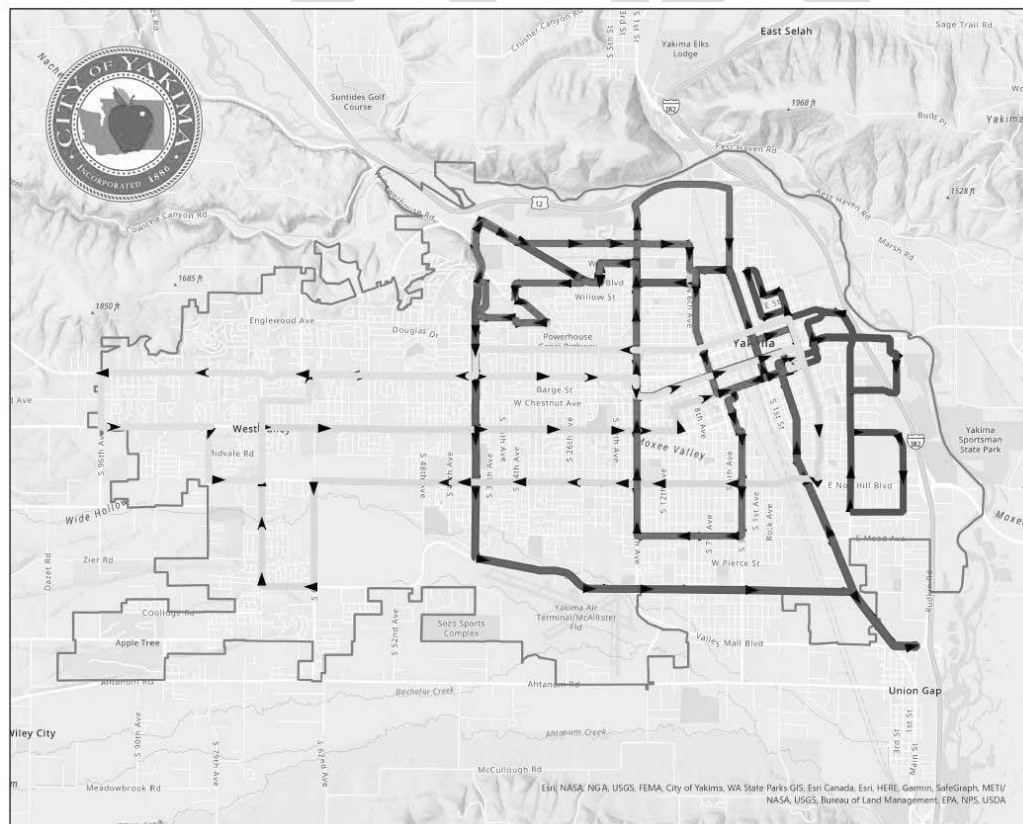
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### School Locations

■ Schools



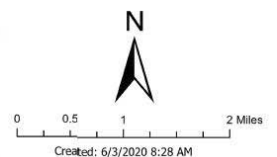
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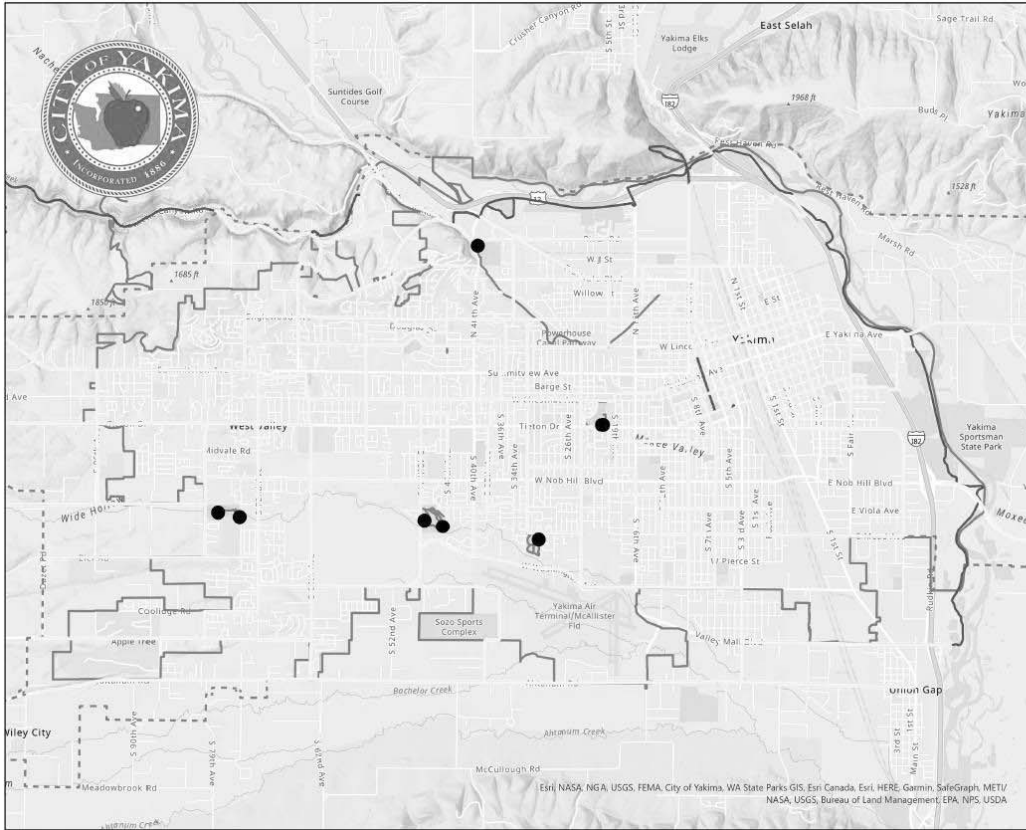
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### Transit

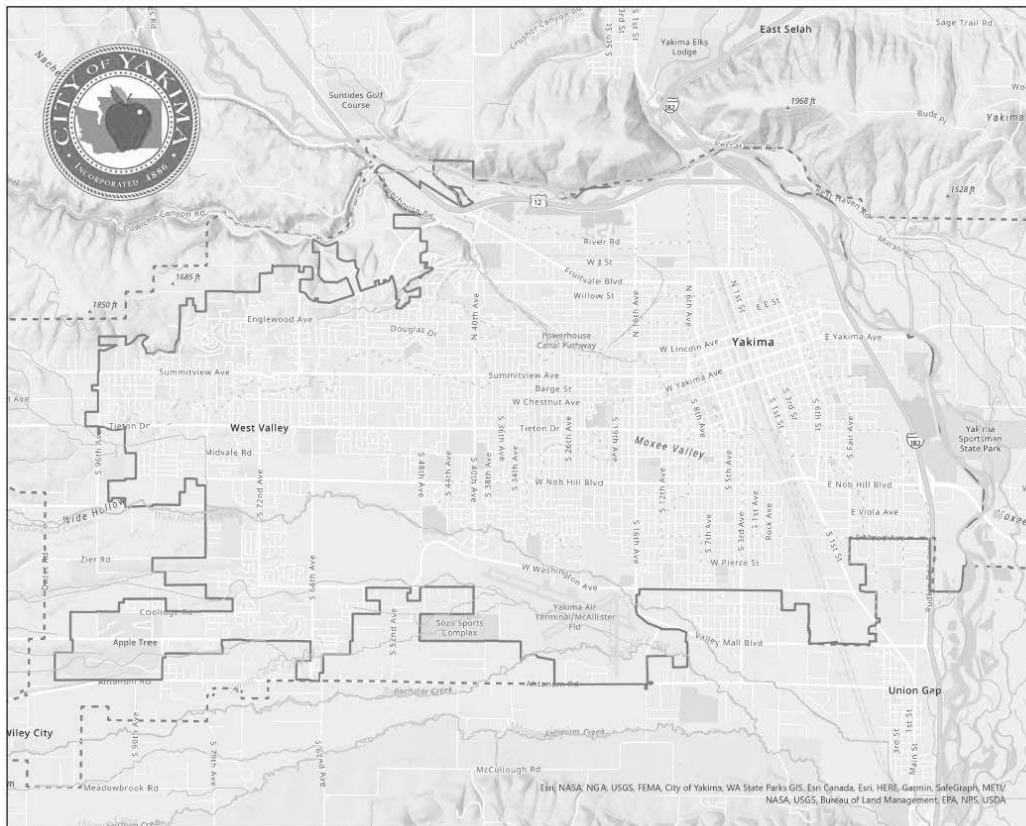
- 1 - Summitview / Lincoln
- 3 - Mead / Fruitvale
- 4 - Fruitvale / Mead
- 5 - Nob Hill / Tieton
- 6 - Fair Ave / N 4th St
- 7 - 40th Ave / Washington
- 8 - Yakima Avenue
- 9 - 1st Street / Washington
- 12 - Fair Ave / N 4th St



## TREK Yakima Trailheads and Bike Paths



## Yakima Waterways



**APPENDIX 4**  
**PLAN ADOPTION**

**“We cannot become what we want by remaining  
what we are.”**

Max De Pree

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