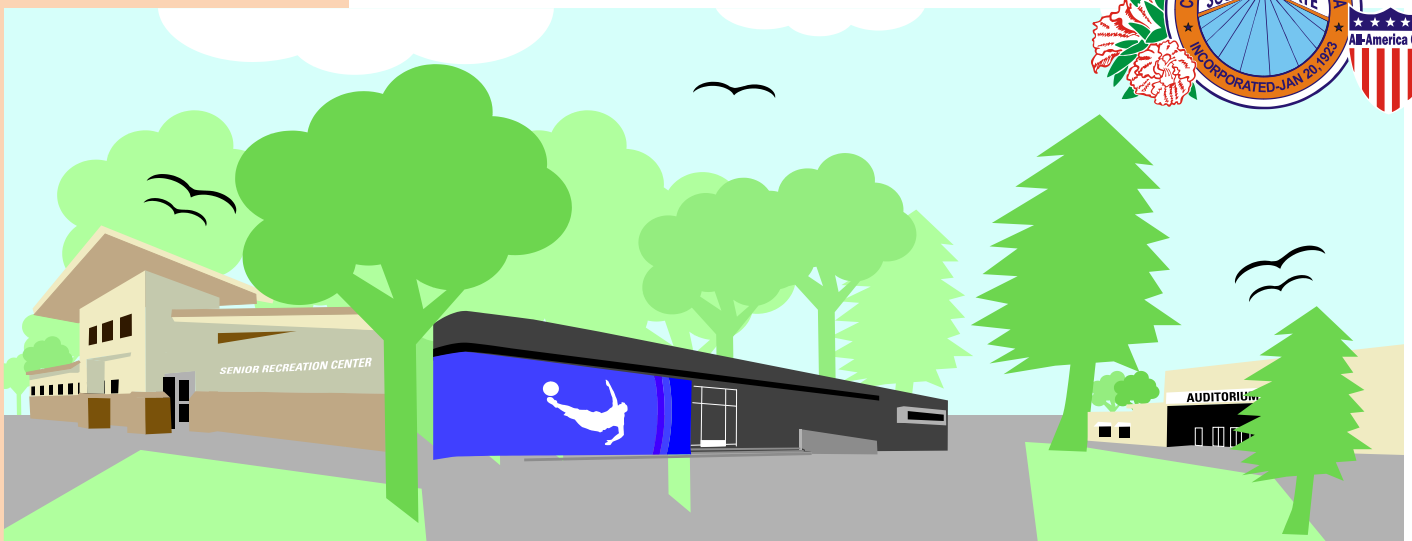


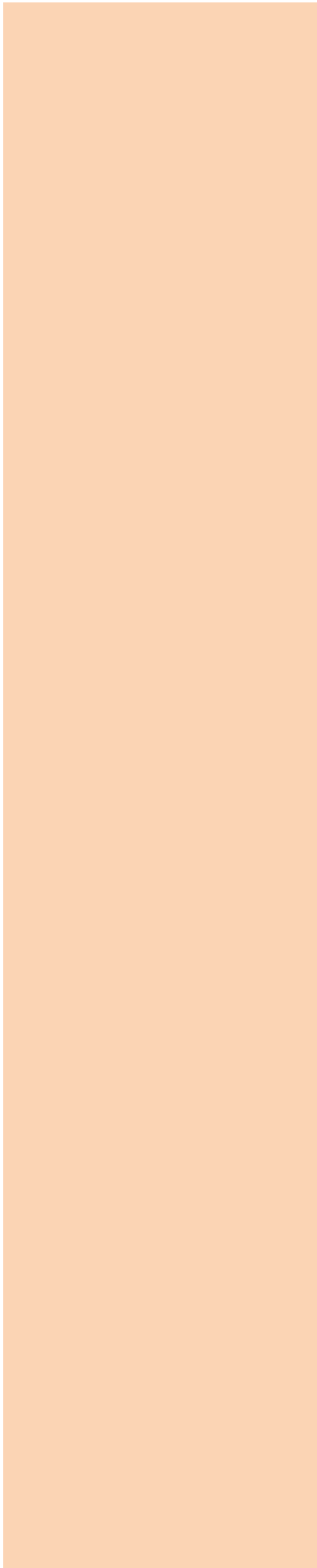
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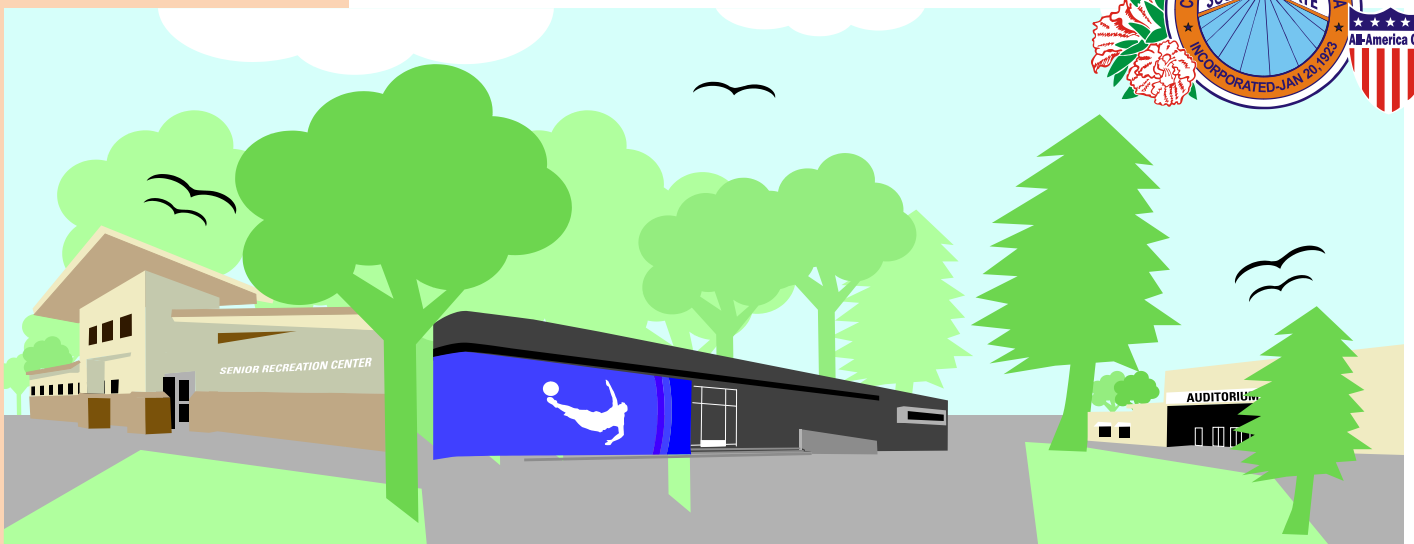
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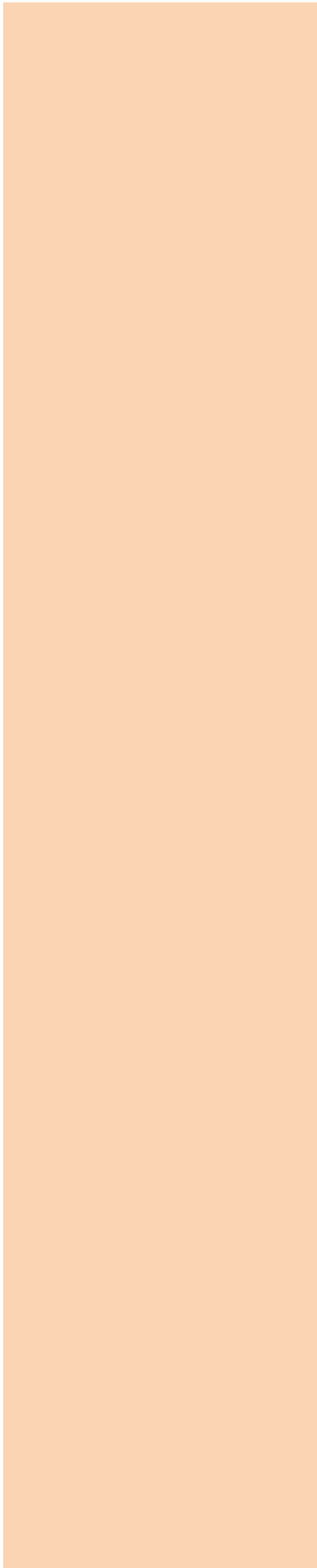
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# 5 YEAR UPDATE 2013

## INTRODUCTION





# **INTRODUCTION**

In 1987, the City of South Gate completed a master plan study for South Gate Park. In 2006, nearly 20 years after the preparation of the master plan, the newly appointed director reviewed the plan with the Parks & Recreation Commission. As part of this review, staff and the Commission determined that few of the recommendations from the 1987 plan had been implemented. Further, due to the changing nature of the community over the past 20 years, the Commission also identified that many of the basic assumptions on which the plan were based, were no longer valid.

In January of 2007, upon the recommendation of the Commission, the City Council awarded a contract to Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. (MIG) for the development of a new 20 year Parks & Recreation Master Plan. This comprehensive master plan was to look at current and potential future community needs and provide recommendations for improvements to the City's existing eight parks as well as what additional parks or facilities may be needed. The plan was also to look at the Department's ongoing operations including facility maintenance and recreation programming to determine how the department could best meet the communities changing needs. Finally, the plan was to include a list of "high priority" needs and suggestions on methods of accomplishing all of the recommendations contained in the final report.

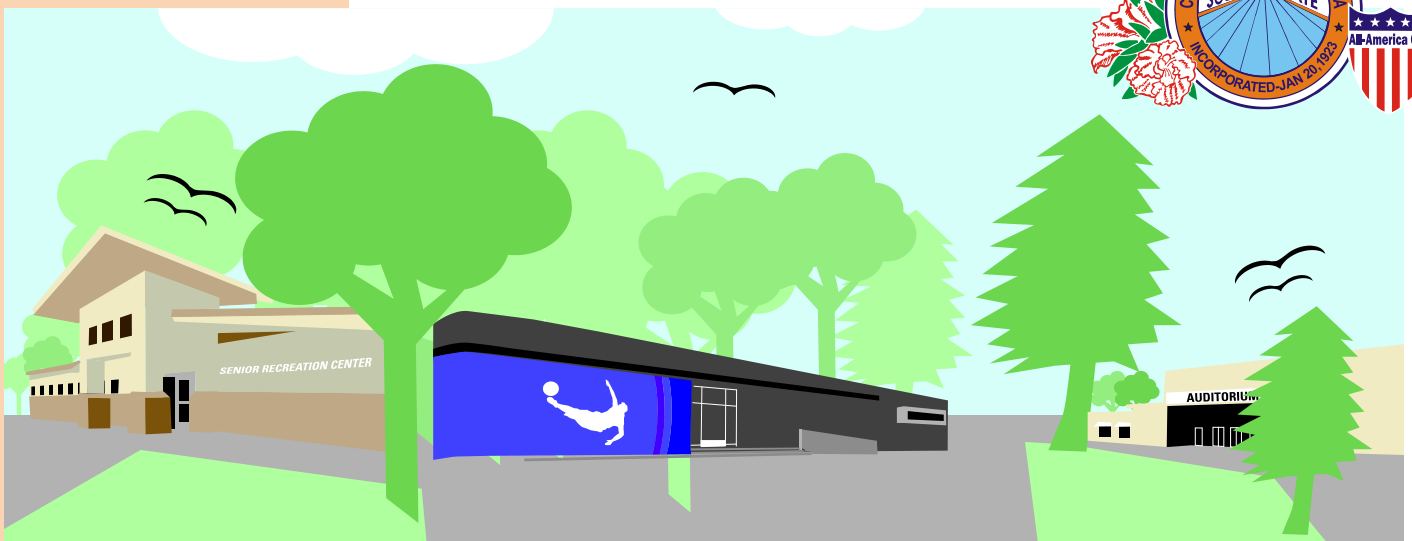
The MIG Final Report was presented to the City Council and the Master Plan was adopted in November of 2008. In adopting this Master Plan, the City Council wanted to insure that efforts would continue and that progress would be made in implementation of the master plan. To do this, the City Council task the Parks & Recreation Commission to return to the City Council annually with a report on progress made in implementing the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. The City Council also wanted to insure that, over the 20 year span of the master plan, that the plan would remain relevant and would include changes which could impact the goals and recommendations contained in the master plan. The City Council also charged the Parks & Recreation Commission with completing an update of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan every five years.

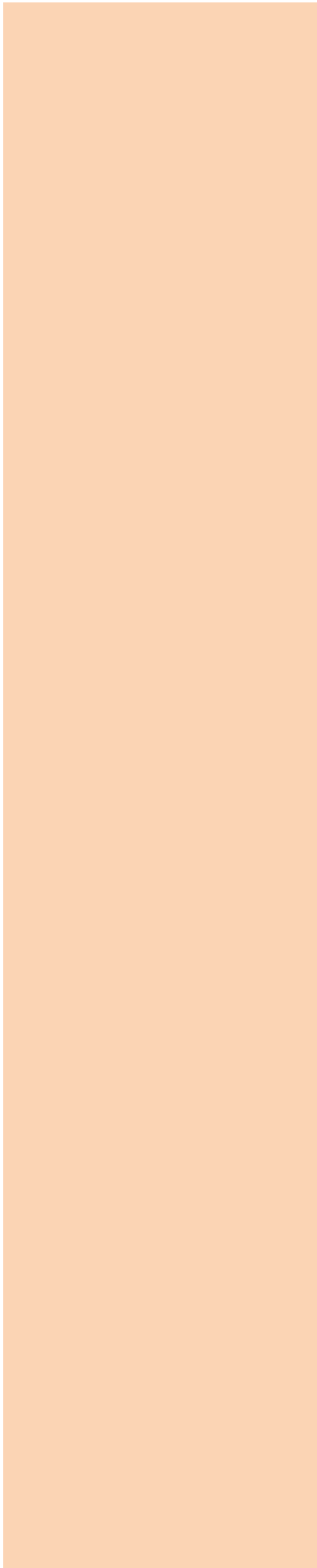




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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY





# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To complete this first five year update of the City's Parks & Recreation Master Plan, staff and the Parks & Recreation Commission spent ten months gathering data, reviewing the details and recommendations of the existing plan and gathering community input through a community survey and public workshop. This report outlines the findings and recommendations which have resulted from this process.

## **Process**

As with the original Master Plan, care was taken to involve the public in each step of the process and to reach as broad and diverse representation of the community as possible. Although the majority of data collection, interpretation and drafting of recommendations was completed by staff, information was regularly brought back to the Parks & Recreation Commission for review, comment and approval before moving on to further steps.

## **Findings**

The overall findings of this five year review were extremely positive. As promised, the Master Plan has been a powerful tool for staff in guiding efforts toward improvements which will be most meaningful for our community. It has also increased the success rate of our grant programs as granting agencies can see that South Gate's requests are backed up by public input and planning.

The result has been that significant progress has been made in completing the goals and recommendations of the Master Plan. Because so much progress has been made and the changes have all been in a direction requested by the community, residents have recognized the efforts and improvements and have a greater confidence in its Parks & Recreation Department and its City.

Customer satisfaction with both programs and facilities has increased significantly over the last five years. Specifically, two of the areas of highest concern in the 2008 process were cleanliness of our parks and security. Responses during the current process showed good improvement in the community's perceptions in these two areas.

One comment summarizes the overall findings of this report as simply, "Yes, more." In the most general terms, the findings resoundingly indicate high satisfaction with the changes that have been made and a strong desire to see the improvements continue in much the same direction.

## **Recommendations**

As part of this review process, staff gathered 133 recommendations from the original Master Plan report and staff and the commission reviewed each recommendation in terms of current conditions and input received during this process. A total of 55 recommendations from this original list were determined to be completed or to have new processes established to implement the recommended change.

There were also 13 of these recommendations that, after careful review, were determined to be no longer desirable or feasible. Some of these resulted from new information received after the original Master Plan was completed. Others relate to variations from the original vision during the implementation of related goals. The Parks & Recreation Commission has recommended that these 13 items be deleted from the list so that future efforts are focused in a productive direction.

No additional recommendations were added to the list, however, one change was recommended. In the original master plan, “improving cleanliness” of the parks was a higher priority for our residents than was “improving safety”. Feed back during this review has indicated that “improving safety” at our parks is now a higher priority. This has clearly been a result of increased public satisfaction with the Parks appearance and cleanliness and not an indication that there are greater concerns for safety than there were in 2008. In fact, public perception in both of these areas has improved. This change indicates that improvements in cleanliness have surpassed the improvements in security.

### **Proposed 5 Year Priorities**

In addition to updating the recommendations list, the Parks & Recreation Commission also recommended the addition of six, Five Year Priorities. These are designed to give staff additional focus on the priorities to be completed in the next five years. The recommended priorities are as follows:

#### **Parks –**

- Continue projects and enhancements to improve maintenance, appearance, and functionality of parks and facilities
- Take active steps to create and maintain a safe environment at our parks
- Support community organizations and families through access to our parks and facilities maintaining our parks as the central focal point of our community

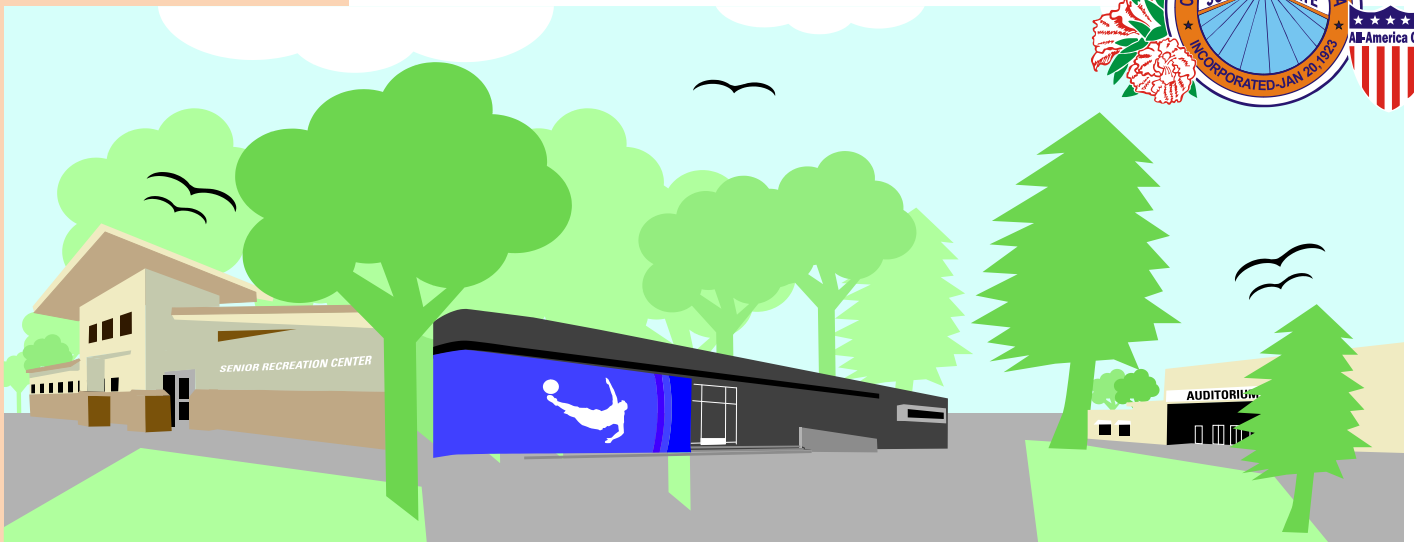
#### **Recreation –**

- Provide programs and opportunities which support and promote a healthy community
- Provide youth centered programs which engage our youth and support physical, social and mental development.
- Provide diversionary programs for teens that provide alternatives to negative behaviors and which support education and job preparation.

These priorities are not intended to alter any of the existing priorities or recommendations within the 2008 Master Plan, but simply to provide additional clarity as to the needs over the next five years.

# 5 YEAR UPDATE 2013

## PROCESS OVERVIEW



## **PROCESS OVERVIEW**

This process is to update the existing City of South Gate Parks and Recreation Master Plan which was completed in 2008. As part of the implementation plan, the Parks & Recreation Commission was tasked with preparing a report on progress for the City Council annually and to complete an update process every five years. The purpose of these two requirements was to keep the priorities set by the Master Plan in the forefront of the department and City Council's planning process and to ensure that the plan remained current in addressing the changing community needs. The following outlines the steps taking in preparing this report.

### **Process Planning**

Details of the update process were not specified in the original Master Plan. At the February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission, staff presented a report which discussed the goals of the process and proposed a similar, but abbreviated process, to that which was used in developing the original master plan. This plan was to include the following steps:

- 1) Review of existing data.
- 2) Review and tabulation of status on all recommendations contained within the Master Plan.
- 3) General survey of residents regarding current issues and needs.
- 4) Draft report prepared by staff including preliminary assumptions.
- 5) Public Workshop to clarify priorities and key issues.
- 6) Presentation of final report to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

The final report was stipulated to include:

- 1) An update of existing conditions.
- 2) A comprehensive listing of recommendations and their current status.
- 3) Results of all data collection and public input.
- 4) Revisions as needed to all goals and recommendations.
- 5) A restatement of the key priorities and vision to guide staff through the next five years.

This process was approved by the Commission and staff began work on the initial steps.

### **Review of Existing Data**

Along with the existing Master Plan report, staff compiled and reviewed a variety of other documents currently on file with the City to ensure that existing conditions and needs were documented. Staff reviewed two significant planning documents that the City has completed since the completion of the Parks Master Plan.

The first of this was the General Plan update that the Community Development Department completed in 2011. This document includes several sections which potentially impact the Parks

& Recreation Master Plan. The City's General Plan provides broad goals and guidelines for the continued development of the City. It is important that any recommendations or visions contained within the Parks Master Plan are consistent with those contained in the General Plan.

The second document was the City's Bicycle Transportation Plan completed in 2012. This document acts as a partner document to the Parks & Recreation Master Plan, addressing the development of bicycle routes, facilities and programs, just as the Parks Master Plan addresses the development of our parks and the recreation programming that takes place at them. Because of the overlap of bicycle planning and activities with Parks & Recreation facilities and programs, staff reviewed the Bicycle Transportation Plan for consistency with the Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

Staff also reviewed numerous documents and reports provide to the Commission or Council over the past five years including; annual implementation reports, program evaluation surveys, complaints received, budget requests and other planning documents. The results of these reviews assisted staff in completing the review of existing conditions and recommendation status. Findings from this review also assisted in developing a public survey that addressed those areas most likely to have changed since the completion of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan in 2008.

### **Status of Recommendations**

Staff compiled a list of all recommendations contained within the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. These recommendations were then reviewed against work completed and changes which have rendered the 2008 recommendations either no longer possible or no longer necessary. This list was presented to the Commission at its regular meeting on May 9, 2013 and was approved by the Commission as accurate. A complete copy of the recommendations list is provided later on in this report.

### **Public Survey**

A public survey was prepared using Survey Monkey, an internet based survey tool which was used as part of the original master plan process. This survey was available to the general public in both English and Spanish and an explanation of the purpose of the survey and a link to the online versions was posted on the City website for two months. In addition, emails containing the same explanation and links were sent out through the City's media center and to all participants with emails in the department's registration database. Finally, the information was posted via social media through the Friends of South Gate Park Facebook Page.

In addition to the electronic option, a paper survey containing the same questions was prepared. This four page survey was included as the center pull out of the Summer Recreation Guide and sent to every home in the City. Additional copies of the paper survey were available at all City recreation facilities and City Hall. Paper surveys could be mailed or returned to any City facility.

A copy of the survey as well as a summary of the survey results has been included as Appendix B of this report.

### **Preliminary Assumptions**

Using information received from the reviews of data, update reports and results from the survey, staff created some preliminary assumptions regarding changing priorities and needs. Along with any proposed changes to the recommendations list, staff also prepared a short list of priorities for the next five years.

### **Public Workshop to clarify priorities and key issues.**

On October 26, 2013, the City held a public workshop to receive feedback from members of the public regarding progress that has been made, changing needs in the community, and top priorities for the coming five years. The primary goal of this workshop was to confirm the preliminary assumptions and gather additional input specific to the identified changing issues.

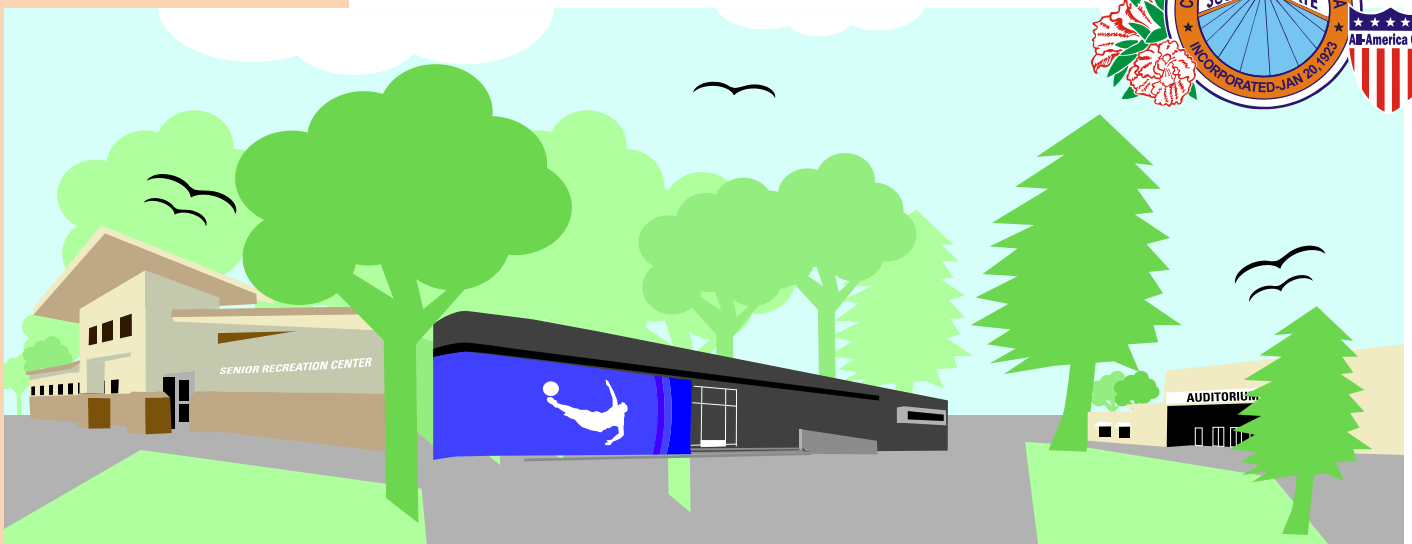
### **Presentation of final report to the Parks & Recreation Commission.**

Following the conclusion of the public workshop, staff presented the preliminary assumptions and results of the workshop to the Parks & Recreation Commission for their comment and acceptance. Staff then prepared this final report which was presented to the Commission and approved for presentation to the City Council. This report was presented to the City Council and adopted in January of 2014, providing staff with new direction for the next five years.



# 5 YEAR UPDATE 2013

## REVIEW OF 2008 RECOMMENDATIONS



## **REVIEW OF 2008 RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Parks & Recreation Master plan completed in 2008 contained a wide variety of recommendations, all of which were derived from the various forms of community input and comments. The top priorities were summarized and stated in a “Top Priority” list as the key recommendations. However, specific recommendations relating to Facilities, Parks, Recreation Programs and Operating Policies were stated throughout the Master Plan document. The following tables summarize the entire list of recommendations. To the greatest extent possible, these goals have been stated in the exact form as stated within the Master Plan document. In some cases, additional descriptions have been added to provide context.

In order to provide a tool in assessing both the progress in achieving these goals as well as to identify potential new goals which were not included in the original document, staff has provided a status comment where appropriate. After a complete review of these recommendations by staff and the Commission, recommendations have been coded to indicate (Done) “Complete or incorporated into departments normal work practices”, (IP) “In Progress - Some progress made with work continuing”, (NS) “Not Started - No progress made” and (XX) “Circumstances have been found making the goal undesirable”.

Upon the completion and adoption of this update report, those items marked “XX” will be disregarded from future efforts.

## THE TOP PRIORITY LIST

RECOMMENDATION	STATUS	COMMENTS
1. Replace existing restrooms in parks that have not had their restrooms replaced.	IP	6 replaced/renovated, two added, 3 remaining
2. Protect and upgrade existing facilities through allocation of resources including:		
2.1. <i>Emphasize deferred maintenance improvements to existing buildings and facilities as a priority for future capital funding.</i>	Done	Complete/Ongoing
2.2. <i>Make maintenance of existing parks and facilities a priority and implement recommended maintenance standards in Appendix F as a funding priority.</i>	Done	Ongoing
2.3. <i>Establish a three-prong approach dedicated Park Graffiti and Vandalism Abatement program in addition to regular park and facility maintenance programs.</i>	IP	Majority Complete, some ongoing efforts required
2.4. <i>Develop a long-term funding strategy for maintenance programs, such as Asset Management Programs or implementing a citywide Park Maintenance Assessment District or establishing a Commercial Impact Fee to ensure availability of funding.</i>	NS	Some efforts made, future plans ongoing, but not yet implemented
3. Develop and implement a specific plan for the eastern corridor of South Gate Park from Tweedy Blvd north to Southern Ave along Pinehurst St. to accommodate additional sports fields, an event plaza, a new Boy Scout Lodge, batting cages, revenue generating commercial sports facility, and associated additional parking.	IP	Planning complete, however plan is different from that outlined in master plan. Needs to be confirmed in update.
4. Increase trails, open space and recreational opportunities on the west side through the following:		
4.1. <i>Complete development of Cesar Chavez linear park.</i>	IP	Phase III under development, remaining improvements in planning with safe routes to schools grant.
4.2. <i>Utilize utility and rail right of ways to create trails, open space and a more attractive environment.</i>	NS	Efforts are ongoing. Utilities blocking most efforts.
4.3. <i>Establish a joint use agreement with LAUSD and with the College District to provide for mutual use of existing and new facilities as well as to encourage mutual projects that will address community as well as school needs.</i>	IP	Completed MOU with LAUSD. Need to work with new HS and continue efforts with College.
5. Expand teen opportunities in the community by including teen specific activities at the proposed events plaza, teen sports leagues and programs at the proposed sports center concession and the eventual establishment of a dedicated teen center.	IP	Teen Center has opened, need to expand programming.
6. Create a perimeter and internal trail system at South Gate Park to provide formal walking, jogging and exercise paths, pedestrian connections to all park venues from all parking areas, and a connection to a citywide trails system.	IP	4 of 5 phases complete. Seeking funding for final phase.
7. Replace existing Park Maintenance Yard in order to implement the recommended aggressive park maintenance program.	NS	Some minor improvements made.
8. Undertake refurbishment and recommended improvements to Hollydale Regional Park, renaming it Hollydale Community Park to reflect more appropriate context of its use.	Done	Improvements made. Limited value to name change.
9. Expand swimming pool facilities to include new uses for revenue generation.	IP	Many improvements made, some new revenue, Phase II unfunded.

## FACILITY SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

<p><b>Main Auditorium</b> The main auditorium facility consists of a large assembly hall with two smaller meeting/classrooms. The building appears to be structurally sound and the city continues to upgrade the building to current fire code and ADA access as funds become available. The following improvements should be pursued to enhance the environment and current operation of the facility.</p>		
<p><i>F1. Continue to make ADA and building code improvements as funding permits.</i></p>	Done	Renovation currently underway
<p><i>F2. Plan for general interior improvements including replacing floor tiles, clean/replace tile and grout, new carpeting, new acoustic ceiling tiles, and painting the building throughout as part of an ongoing building deferred maintenance program in the annual CIP.</i></p>	Done	Renovation currently underway
<p><i>F3. When funds are available, possibly from energy grants, the City should pursue energy conservation by replacing current windows with energy efficient windows, consider solar heating, and install low flow faucets in the rest rooms. The building should be evaluated as a candidate for solar energy panels on the roof to provide electricity.</i></p>	NS	Staff has met with Edison representatives and is currently seeking grant opportunities
<p><i>F4. The two meeting/classrooms could become more specialized for certain activities by improving one room with mirrors and flooring for space to conduct programs such as dance, music, acting and other performing arts activities; and the second room could be designed with washable surfaces to accommodate messy activities such as crafts, painting, model building, cooking, parties, etc. This would allow the recreation staff greater flexibility for programming contract classes, teen activities and facility rentals.</i></p>	XX	Smaller room is required to remain as staff lunch room by OSHA. Banquet room should receive upgrades but must remain primarily a meeting room.
<p><b>6.1.2 Sports Center</b> The Sports Center includes a main gymnasium, racket ball courts, a weight room, and several meeting rooms. The building is in generally good condition and improvement recommendations are as follows:</p>		
<p><i>F5. Continue to assess and do deferred maintenance projects to keep the roof in good condition, adequate lighting levels in the building, properly working heating and air conditioning, and replacement of ceiling tiles and floor surfaces as they wear out</i></p>	IP	HVAC replaced. Some roof repairs completed. Seeking funding to replace entire roof.
<p><i>F6. Continue to make ADA improvements as funding permits.</i></p>	IP	Ongoing
<p><i>F7. Fitness equipment and fitness programs were a major request in the public outreach and needs assessment so it would benefit the programming options if the City could enlarge or add additional weight room and fitness center space. This may be difficult due to land restrictions and space available.</i></p>	Done	New Fitness Center added
<p><b>6.1.3 Girls' Clubhouse</b> This facility includes a main assembly hall and several smaller meeting/ classrooms. The building appears to be in good structural condition and the City continues to make ADA accessibility improvements as funding becomes available. Recommended improvements include:</p>		
<p><i>F8. Continue to address deferred maintenance items such as floor renovation and ceiling tile replacement, kitchen refurbishment, restroom refurbishment, and updating of the electrical, plumbing, and heating and air conditioning as needed and funding is available.</i></p>	NS	Few improvements made to date
<p><i>F9. The existing roof should be replaced soon along with new flashing and gutters. The mechanical equipment on the roof should be screened from view.</i></p>	NS	Not addressed
<p><i>F10. For security purposes, the facility should have a single entry point</i></p>	NS	Not addressed

<i>with a check-in reception area. This would require some redesign and possible addition to the facility.</i>		
<b>6.1.4 South Gate Swimming Pool</b> The South Gate swimming pool recently underwent refurbishment in time for its June 2008 season.		
<i>F11. As time and funding permit the City should undertake a study to expand the swimming pool facility to include an outdoor recreational pool area with a zero depth pool, splash pool, picnic shelters that can be rented for parties, and a family recreation pool with food and rental concessions.</i>	NS	Spa is currently being replaced. No other progress in this area
<b>6.1.5 Senior Center</b> The senior center was recently renovated and is in good condition.		
<i>F12. The existing flooring should be addressed so that it contrasts with the colors of the walls so that seniors can distinguish where the walls end and the floor begins, possibly with a coving or different color carpet.</i>	Done	This has not been a problem for the participants.
<i>F13. In the future the City will have to consider possible expansion of the senior center to meet senior programming and activity needs in the years to come.</i>	NS	Seeking Funding
<i>F14. Creating an outdoor area adjacent to the Senior Center for activities would help provide space for programming requested by seniors during the public outreach.</i>	IP	Expanded use of Azalea Garden
<b>6.1.6 Golf Course Starter Shack</b> The golf course starter shack currently serves its purpose as a check in/golf shop for the City's three-par municipal golf course. If the city decides to keep the golf course operation,		
<i>F15. The City should consider replacing this building with a new modular building that would contain a check in starter area, golf shop, and snack bar/concession area. A new modular restroom facility should also be considered for the site.</i>	NS	Not started
<i>F16. The City should consider if a management contract for the operation and maintenance of the golf course, pro shop and food concession would make financial sense.</i>	XX	This has been researched several times. Prohibition on alcohol sales limits interest in concession.
<i>F17. The whole golf course operation should be considered in light of the master plan recommendations for the entire east side corridor of South Gate Park as described in Section 6.2.9.</i>	XX	The presence of three water wells located on the golf course limit alternative uses.
<b>6.1.7 Westside Community Resource Center</b> This building is in generally good condition and serves a critical recreation and human services need and will continue to do so in the future due to the projected demographic profile of the community.		
<i>F18. The facility should be put on an annual lifecycle improvement program to insure that it will continue to adequately deliver these necessary services.</i>	Done	Renovations completed by tenant
<b>Hollydale Community Resource Center</b> This facility is in generally good condition; however, there is a need for additional parking		
<i>F19. the City should consider adding on-site parking or purchasing additional land to add parking.</i>	NS	Not addressed
<i>F20. In the future, as funding becomes available it would be a benefit to programming if the kitchen could be expanded and kitchen equipment replaced with commercial standard equipment.</i>	Done	Renovations completed by tenant
<b>Park Restroom Buildings</b> Park restrooms are important to the community, as noted in all of the public outreach tools summarized in the Needs and Demands Analysis in Chapter 5.		
<i>F21. There should be a program of annually updating and improving park restrooms to insure they are attractive, secure and in good working</i>	Done	Updates and replacements complete. Repairs

<i>condition.</i>		completed as needed. Seeking ongoing funding.
<b>6.1.10 Park Maintenance Facility</b>		
<i>F22. As outlined in the Facilities Condition Assessment Report this building needs to be demolished and replaced with one that meets current code requirements and provides better functionality for park maintenance purposes.</i>	NS	Not addressed



## 6.2 PARK SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

<p><b>6.2.1 Cesar Chavez Park</b> The second phase development of Cesar Chavez Park will be completed in 2008. Future plans include leasing additional utility right of way to add to Cesar Chavez Park and continued development of the park.</p>		
<p><i>P1. Future improvements planned for the linier park include planting a landscape barrier on the perimeter walls such as vines and other low maintenance landscaping to provide more of a green belt look in addition to separating the adjacent residences from the park,</i></p>	Done	Being completed as possible and included in Phase 3 Designs
<p><i>P2. extending the park along Southern Avenue all the way to Atlantic Avenue and</i></p>	Done	Construction of phase 3 (State Street Park) will begin this fall. Improvements from California to Atlantic part of Safe Routes to Schools Grant
<p><i>P3. developing neighborhood park amenities to serve adjacent residential neighborhoods along the corridor such as tot lots, turf areas, picnic facilities and pedestrian paths.</i></p>	Done	
<p><i>P4. On the easement portions across from South Gate Park the City should try to use the areas for overflow parking for South Gate Park to accommodate busy weekends and special events.</i></p>	XX	No longer allowed by LACo. Fire Dept.
<p><b>6.2.2 Hollydale Regional Park</b> This park is located to the east of the 710 freeway, adjacent to Downey and Lynwood. A large portion of the park is on a utility easement, and it is also adjacent to a residential area, two factors which restrict its use.</p>		
<p><i>P5. Some possible considerations for the site include a dog park, basketball courts, group picnic shelters, and a perimeter trails system for walking, jogging and exercising.</i></p>	Done	Dog Park currently under construction
<p><i>P6. Because of its regional location to residents of surrounding cities the park has been classified as a regional park, however, in reality it functions as a community park with most users coming from the local community.</i></p>	XX	Recommendation is correct, However, changing name has costs with little value to doing so.
<p><b>6.2.3 Triangle Park</b> Triangle Park functions as a Gateway and a trail access to the L.A. River Trail. The park offers green space and a respite for bikers. There are no additional recommended neighborhood park uses for this site.</p>	Done	
<p><b>6.2.4 State Street Park &amp; Westside Community Resource Center</b></p>		
<p>State Street Park consists of a turf area which will eventually become part of Cesar Chavez Park.</p>	Done	
<p>The Westside Community Resource Center which is located across the street from the park was included in the evaluation for the Facility Condition Assessment Report and recommendations for the site are contained in Appendix E.</p>	Done	
<p><b>6.2.5 Stanford Avenue Park</b> Stanford Avenue Park is a small neighborhood park adjacent to an elementary school.</p>		
<p><i>P7. The park needs overall landscaping improvement including turf, trees, and ornamental planting to enhance the environment.</i></p>	NS	
<p><i>P8. The City plans to make improvements to this site which includes gaining access to basketball courts on school grounds as part of a joint use agreement with the LAUSD.</i></p>	NS	
<p><b>6.2.6 Circle Park</b> This is a four-acre neighborhood park on a utility easement adjacent to the Los Angeles River. It has a tot lot, basketball court, and informal play fields used for practice, but it also contains a back stop for softball. There is limited parking. Recommended improvements for this site</p>		

include:		
<i>P9. Adding a rest room facility</i>	Done	Restroom currently being added as part of renovations
<i>P10. Installation of a trail system around the perimeter of the park to allow for walking, jogging, and exercising</i>	Done	Trails added as part of renovations
<i>P11. Installation of dog stations as this park is heavily used by people walking their dogs</i>	XX	Dogs not allowed at this park, enforcement increased
<i>P12. Installation of landscaping and some turf to accommodate some picnic facilities to serve the adjacent neighborhood</i>	Done	Renovations recently completed
<b>6.2.7 Hollydale Community Park</b> This is a mini park with tot lot, picnic area and open turf practice field. There is also a neighborhood center for recreation classes and activities. This park serves the adjacent neighborhoods and		
<i>P13. the only recommendations are to keep it maintained and make lifecycle improvements/replacements as needed.</i>	Done	
<b>6.2.8 Gardendale Tot Lot</b> This is a mini park primarily serving as a tot lot and green space for the adjacent residential.		
<i>P14. The only recommendation for this site is to prune and lace the tree canopies to allow more light on to the site for better security.</i>	Done	
<b>6.2.9 South Gate Park</b> South Gate Park is the City's central park and contains most of the Park and Recreation facilities the department operates to meet community needs.		
<i>P15. Replace existing Huts with a new Boy Scout Lodge</i>	NS	
<i>P16. Create an Event Area for community gathering</i>	Done	Bandstand added to picnic area
<i>P17. Create Running Trails throughout the park</i>	IP	80% complete
<i>P18. Better connectivity between areas of the park</i>	IP	80% complete
<i>P19. Provide additional parking near key facilities</i>	NS	
<i>P20. Create batting cages</i>	Done	Complete
<i>P21. Commercially Operated Sports Center</i>	Done	Goals Soccer Center added
<i>P22. Provide additional Fitness Facilities</i>	Done	New Fitness Center added
<i>P23. Create indoor or outdoor Soccer Fields</i>	Done	Goals Soccer Center added



**6.3 RECREATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES** In addition to residents having access to recreation facilities, trails and open spaces, the availability of a wide range of recreation programs and leisure opportunities is a major component to the quality of life in any community. During the community outreach effort, South Gate residents identified the most important benefits of recreation programs and facilities that support the quality of life in South Gate to be:

- *Building stronger families and sense of community*
- *Promoting security and safety*
- *Involving people in the community*
- *Providing spaces and programs to keep youth out of trouble*
- *Ensuring open space is maintained and increased*
- *Creating opportunities that increase fitness and wellness for all residents*
- *Programs that engage all age groups*

The following recommendations for new or expanded programs and services were developed by the consultant team as a result of analyzing the community input tools and assessment of community needs during the Master Plan process.

<b>6.3.1 Youth Programming</b>		
<i>R1. Increasing program opportunities for youth in volleyball, basketball, soccer, gymnastics and other indoor sports can be accomplished if the recommended master plan for the eastern corridor of South Gate Park can be implemented and the proposed family sports center developed. This would be done through a public/private partnership designed specifically for the youth sports needs of South Gate and its regional area.</i>	Done	Goals Soccer Center added along with new fitness and sports classes
<i>R2. Increasing Parent-Child Aquatics activities and classes, especially family aquatic fitness programs, would fill a strong need of the community and should be included when developing the programming for the newly refurbished swim complex.</i>	IP	Added water polo and springboard diving.
<i>R3. Working with local service clubs, organizations and businesses to provide sponsorships or reduced fees for youth to participate in Youth Sports Programs and other youth activities offered by the Department would help with the affordability issue of youth programs that were a major concern of the community. So finding ways to involve sponsors to offer scholarships and/or reduced fees to ensure that those youths that need the programs and services are able to participate is an important objective for the department.</i>	IP	Additional fundraising and sponsorship program through Friends of South Gate Parks. Working with Police Department to provide scholarships through PAL program.
<i>R4. Expanding opportunities for more youth activities in citywide festivals and events should be a goal of City planned events and contracted promotional events. The community was very appreciative and supportive of the community festivals and events offered by the department and indicated a desire for more events targeted directly for youth. Implementation of the eastern corridor master plan for South Gate Park will provide a specialized specific venue for such events.</i>	NS	
<b>6.3.2 Teen Programs</b>		
<i>R5. Initiate a “street ball basketball league/tournament” for teens. This could be done through partnering with one of the national organizations, such as Hoop-It-Up, to provide this programming.</i>	XX	Attempted, then youth basketball program budget cut.

<p>R6. <i>Increasing offerings for art, dance, and music for teens should be pursued as a way to deter gang involvement, improve self esteem, develop social skills, promote diversity acceptance, and as a way to develop local performers for City events. If the recommendations for the Main Auditorium’s two classrooms are implemented it will provide specific space designed to accommodate more cultural, creative and performance based classes for teens.</i></p>	<p>NS</p>	<p>May be possible with Courthouse renovations</p>
<p>R7. <i>3. If the indoor/outdoor sports complex detailed in the “Eastern Corridor South Gate Regional Park Master Plan” is developed it will provide a tremendous facility for the City to work with the concessionaire and local service clubs and organizations to offer more teen social activities such as sports leagues and tournament competitions in soccer, volleyball, cheerleading, basketball, and other sports.</i></p>	<p>XX</p>	<p>No building will be allowed at the golf course due to water wells.</p>
<p>R8. <i>4. Initiating a teen volunteer internship program that places teens in volunteer working positions at City Park and Recreation facilities and programs will provide teens with positive work experiences and prepare them for future work opportunities through on the job training in park and recreation programs.</i></p>	<p>Done</p>	
<p><b>6.3.3 Adult Programming</b></p>		
<p>R9. <i>Initiating an information kiosk program through an asset management plan to place kiosks with City program information along with advertising at all city facilities in order to better communicate to the community about available opportunities for programming and activities would respond to the request by the community for more onsite information on City programs and activities. The department should also consider increasing the number of copies printed of the quarterly recreation brochure in order to distribute copies to local markets so that residents can pick them up when they do their shopping. Grass roots marketing such as this and distributing flyers, activity calendars and posting posters will help offset the fact that there is no local newspaper for residents to get their information about City program offerings.</i></p>	<p>IP</p>	<p>Staff has increased marketing efforts, particularly utilizing web based and social media methods. Improvements continue to be made as staff time and budget allow.</p>
<p>R10. <i>Partner with the Chamber of Commerce and local business community to distribute program and activity information in addition to the quarterly brochure being directly mailed to all residents. Providing program information and activity calendars in the Chamber newsletter and newsletters of community service clubs and organizations can be an effective tool in advertising City programs, activities and services.</i></p>	<p>NS</p>	<p>Chamber is currently limited on their advertising opportunities.</p>
<p>R11. <i>Add additional community events/festivals directed primarily to adults such as car shows, craft shows, farmer’s market, and entertainment events. In addition to family-oriented, city-wide events and festivals, the community expressed a desire for events specifically designed for adults to offer them a place to socialize, communicate with their neighbors, interact with public officials and display the cultural diversity there is in South Gate. If the “Eastern Corridor South Gate Regional Park Master Plan” can be implemented the ability to provide these activities, directly by the City and through promotional companies will greatly be improved.</i></p>	<p>Done</p>	<p>Concerts in the Park, Movies in the park and Poker tournament have been added. Staff has worked to reduce costs, secured sponsorships and better organize existing events to prevent reductions due to budget cuts. Currently looking at adding music festivals.</p>
<p><b>6.3.4 Senior Citizen Programs</b></p>		
<p>R12. <i>Initiate a “Seniors Driving Seniors” transportation system to</i></p>	<p>XX</p>	<p>Senior Center Shuttle</p>

<p><i>provide curb side transportation to and from the senior center. Getting to the Senior Center was expressed as a major concern during the community input process. Although Dial-A-Ride services are available, they are primarily for disabled. Many cities have successfully developed volunteer operated “Seniors Driving Seniors” programs, whereby residents in the community volunteer one day per month to drive seniors to and from the senior center for activities and services. Chapter 7 explains in more detail how this program can be implemented.</i></p>		<p>started, then moved to Phone-a-Ride program. Liability determined to be too high with “seniors driving seniors concept”.</p>
<p><i>R13. Increase the number of lifestyle, social, and fitness activities during the day at the senior center. Explore partnering with the community college district to provide low cost classes. Feedback from the senior community during the community input process indicated a desire for more classes and social activities. Recruiting or starting special interest clubs that meet at the senior center could be one way of increasing activity offerings without incurring additional direct costs.</i></p>	<p>Done</p>	<p>Additional programs have been added and new fitness center is marketing early hours to Seniors. Additional programs continue to be sought.</p>
<p><i>R14. Partner with local businesses, service clubs, and organizations to sponsor entertainment events, holiday events, and dances at the senior center designed to attract active seniors. During the input process, seniors desired more social activities, parties and special event days at the senior center. A good way to both pay for the activities and involve the community is to partner with service clubs and organizations, as well as, businesses to sponsor and operate special events at the senior center. In addition to the above program recommendations presented by age group the following programming action items are presented by type of activity and apply to all age categories:</i></p>	<p>Done</p>	<p>Sponsored events held once or twice a month</p>
<p><b>6.3.5 Aquatics</b> Aquatics programs are especially valued by the community. The community is desirous of having a year-round full service aquatics complex for swim lessons, recreational swim, competitive swim, lap swimming, water polo, parent-child classes, and water exercise activities and for birthday parties. The community also would like to have water play/splash pools located at either neighborhood or community parks.</p>		
<p><i>R15. Continue with planned programming at the pool and strive to add additional aquatic programming in the areas of parent-child classes, water exercise, and recreational swim.</i></p>	<p>Done</p>	
<p><i>R16. Work with the School District and other interested agencies and organizations to insure that the design of new aquatics facilities in the future meets community needs and demands for future lessons, recreational swim, competitive swim, and special interest aquatic programs like scuba lessons, kayaking instruction, etc.</i></p>	<p>Done</p>	<p>Positive changes made to existing pool during pool replacement. Staff working with High Schools and community college on programming needs.</p>
<p><b>6.3.6 Sports</b> Sports fields and sports programs garnered the most number of requests and identified demand during the community outreach and public input process. For example, youth soccer was rated as a high priority need in the community. However, soccer was not the only requested sports activity. Youth baseball, youth basketball, youth football, as well as, boxing programs, softball, golf, gymnastics, and track were identified by the community as desired. Expanding tennis programs was also a persistent theme throughout the public input process. Junior tennis leagues, junior instruction and tennis competitions were consistently requested. It is evident that sports programming is very important to the community, not only for youth but for positive family involvement. The community equated youth sports activities as providing</p>		

youth with self-esteem, a sense of purpose, instilling responsibility and providing for social interaction.		
<i>R17. Continue to collaborate with youth sports organizations to both encourage their development and expansion and to help them meet their field needs for both practice games and league competition.</i>	Done	
<i>R18. Continue to provide youth basketball and expand the program when additional facilities become available.</i>	Done	Basketball program transferred to JAA. Program is growing.
<i>R19. As facilities permit, continue to expand the opportunities for junior tennis including lessons, clinics, events and junior tennis league. Consider offering a tennis program for special needs youth including development of special needs tennis Olympics.</i>	Done	Staff continues to seek additional opportunities.
<i>R20. As facilities permit, increase the offerings for youth volleyball. Consider offering volleyball clinics prior to the volleyball season to introduce new participants to the sport.</i>	Done	Drop in Volleyball nights started and gaining in popularity with teens. New outdoor volleyball courts added at South Gate Park
<i>R21. Work with the School District to expand both track and cross-country program offerings. Work to ensure that the design and implementation of South Gate Park will accommodate various configurations for cross country meets.</i>	NS	
<i>R22. Consider establishing a Spring track meet for elementary aged youth preceded by workshops or clinics for track events.</i>	NS	
<i>R23. Continue efforts to ensure girls' softball programs have access to the softball fields.</i>	IP	Availability can be arranged, work needs to be done to develop greater interest within the community.
<i>R24. Try to collaborate with a community group to offer a youth boxing program.</i>	NS	Several new boxing gyms have established in the community. Need to do outreach and create partnership.
<i>R25. Continue to collaborate with the School District to expand after-school sports activities for elementary school-age youth for flag football, volleyball, basketball, softball, and track.</i>	IP	Building relationship with Woodcraft Rangers who currently provide afterschool activities at most South Gate schools.
<i>R26. The development of the family sports complex as proposed in the South Gate Park Eastern Corridor Concept Plan (see Exhibit 6.1) would provide a facility to accomplish most of the above.</i>	XX	This concept was abandoned
<b>6.3.7 Extreme Sports</b> In today's world of electronic games and media marketing, so-called "extreme sports" are very popular among both youth and young adults. Many extreme sports centers are being developed across the country and provide not only individual opportunity for participation but also outlets for families to join in these activities. Extreme sports might include skateboarding, bicycle motor cross, rock climbing, paint ball, laser tag, par course/obstacle fitness courses, and roller hockey. During the community outreach and public input process, it became apparent that there is a high degree of participation and demand for extreme sports activities. Numerous cross sections of the community indicated that they currently drive great distances to facilities that offer extreme sports programming. Providing an opportunity to participate locally in such activities will satisfy a major segment		



of the community's recreation outlet needs.		
<p><i>R27. Consider partnering with a commercial recreation operator in developing an indoor rock climbing facility or with the Boy Scouts if the South Gate Park Eastern Corridor Concept Plan (see Exhibit 6.1) is implemented where instruction and clinics can be offered.</i></p>	NS	
<p><i>R28. Consider the alternative of facilitating the commercial development of an extreme sports park that could include a paint ball course, laser tag, or other team challenge opportunities at the equestrian rings and area at Hollydale Regional Park. The equestrian rings are not programmed by the City and are frequented mostly by equestrian users outside the City of South Gate. Reuse of this site for a commercial extreme sports center may make sense given its location. The Parks and Recreation Commission would have to determine the priority between equestrian use and extreme sports use, most likely through a community survey or public outreach effort. From a financial stand point the commercial extreme sports facility would provide revenue to the City to help maintain the other portions of the park, while the equestrian use requires subsidy for maintenance. However, the traditional equestrian use of the site may be a priority to subsidize. Exploring possible alternative uses of the equestrian rings and area could be placed in the work program of the Parks and Recreation Commission in the future if demand for equestrian activities diminishes and demand for other recreational activities increases and the equestrian space could accommodate alternative activities desired by the community.</i></p>	NS	
<p><b>6.3.8 Special Use Programs</b> Special Use Programs are defined as those activities that require a specialized facility for participants. For example, hiking programs require hiking trails; dog parks require an enclosed area; fairs and exhibitions require a venue for such activities. When special use facilities are developed, the City should determine the degree of involvement of the City in organized activities at these facilities and the role it needs to play in providing and coordinating the facilities for informal or community based organizations. For example, holding an annual 5k/10k Run in collaboration with community organizations and in coordination with a holiday event or other community event can be an example of a special use activity. The City already sponsors an Adopt-a-Pet day and a pet vaccination clinic which is an example of a special use activity. Some other ideas include:</p>		
<p><i>R29. Make physical fitness activities a part of community events, such as, adding a walk or a stretching class, or 10k Run, or specialty footraces as a warm up to concerts in the park.</i></p>	NS	
<p><i>R30. Hold monthly community hikes for beginning hikers. People who are avid hikers have local hiking clubs that organize group outings; however, these sometimes advanced hikes are intimidating to those who have never hiked in a group situation. So introducing newcomers to the sport of hiking is a valuable service. This could be done if the proposed recommended trail system is implemented at South Gate Park.</i></p>	NS	
<p><b>6.3.9 Special Interest Programs</b> Special interest programs are those programs that serve a small but active segment of the community. They are usually requested by community organizations or clubs who want to get involved in some kind of community service or have a common interest in a subject and need a place or outlet for their interest. Examples of such programs include providing opportunities for people or organizations to volunteer in their community, mentoring programs, service organizations, opportunities to raise</p>		

<p>funds for a special purpose and opportunities to serve on public committees or commissions. It is important for the City to offer such programs and opportunities, both to take advantage of the benefits these programs can provide and to offer outlets for residents who want to be involved.</p>		
<p><i>R31. Consider establishing a bi-annual “Park Improvement” or “Park Clean- Up Day” to allow clubs and organizations and individuals to provide community service in improving existing park facilities.</i></p>	Done	Earth day event established along with regular park work days
<p><i>R32. Consider establishing an “Adopt-A-Park” program whereby local community organizations, service clubs, scouting groups, school groups, etc. can raise funds for their organizations by adopting a park to keep clean for one year. For example, a local business would sponsor the “Adopt-A-Park” program by providing a \$500 donation to a local service club or organization in exchange for on-site signage for a year that the business adopted this park in coordination with the local service club or organization. This program provides opportunities for community service as well as the opportunity for local service clubs and organizations to raise funds for their charitable purpose. It also gives local businesses a chance to support community charities and gain local exposure for their efforts.</i></p>	XX	After discussions with local groups and businesses, this concept was determined to be not as attractive as alternative programs such as special event sponsorships.
<p><i>R33. Continue to provide residents with opportunities to participate on committees and commissions.</i></p>	Done	
<p><i>R34. Seek to dedicate space for community clubs, hobby groups, Scouts, and other special interest groups to meet and hold activities.</i></p>	Done	

**6.4 OPERATING POLICIES** The Park and Recreation Department offers direct programs and services, while overseeing and coordinating the services of community organizations and various non-profit groups. The following policies and guidelines can be used by the department when making decisions and implementing programs and services to ensure that they are consistent with the goals adopted by City Council. The Park and Recreation Department's Goals and Objectives for 2008 are as follows:

<b>Goals</b>		
1. Develop and improve park facilities to expand recreational programs and enhance the quality of life in the community.	Done	Significant progress has been made to improve our parks
2. Promote and market recreational activities to increase level of community participation.	IP	More work is needed here
3. Work with LAUSD to develop a joint use plan for South Gate that includes guidelines for school access to park facilities, opportunities to utilize school grounds as public playgrounds during non-school hours, and process for development of joint projects that will serve both school and public recreation needs.	Done	A general MOU is in place
<b>Objectives</b>		
1. Develop a capital improvement development plan based upon the recommendations of the Park Master Plan.	Done	
2. Continue implementation of new customer service program and objective-based management practices with all staff.	Done	
3. Work with the L.A. Department of Water and Power to develop a longterm lease and development plan for Cesar Chavez Park.	Done	
4. Establish a volunteer committee to assist with the development and management of programs and assets at the City's museum.	NS	Several efforts made with little success
5. Review hours of operation for recreation classes to address the changing needs of the community.	Done	
6. Establish new youth sports leagues and classes by offering sports clinic.	IP	
7. Partner with LAUSD and Special Olympics to offer daytime activities for Special Olympic athletes.	Done	
8. Schedule infield renovation for each ball field at least twice a year.	Done	
9. Work with the Commission for South Gate Youth to re-introduce a Teen Board with representatives from South Gate and South East middle schools.	Done	
The following operating policy recommendations should help the Park and Recreation Department meet the above goals and objectives which, in turn, will allow the Park and Recreation Department to successfully support its recreation programs and services in the community and better govern the planning, administering, publicizing, coordination, and communication that are necessary in meeting the desired needs of the community.		
1. Enforce, to the extent possible, all regulations regarding public safety, littering and drinking in public parks.	Done	
2. Seek out and encourage the provision of volunteer assistance from civic organizations, special interest groups, and individuals to provide program leadership or facility development to augment recreation opportunities.	IP	
3. Consider ways to facilitate the process of identifying and recognizing South Gate Park's historical significance and what amenities need to be preserved and what areas could be designated for new amenities.	IP	
4. Monitor program needs through surveys of neighborhood residents or other participation mechanisms and through periodic reviews of recreation and park needs.	Done	
5. Coordinate with the Los Angeles Unified School District to ensure that locations of existing and future portable classrooms on elementary, middle	IP	

school and high school campuses minimize the impact on available field space.		
6. Pursue developing joint use agreements with the Los Angeles Unified School District to improve and expand the City's ability to provide more recreation programs for the community. Identify and address problematic issues associated with developing joint use agreements with the School District. These issues may include scheduling, maintenance and operation, usage conflicts, shared maintenance costs, etc. It is recommended that each joint use agreement be as specific as possible relative to the times and days of the week the City will be able to use school facilities and school fields. The agreement should specify the waiver of rental fees and identify each agency's responsibility for the costs for maintenance and operations including security, utilities and replacement costs. The agreement should also set forth a procedure for quick arbitration of possible conflicts.	IP	
7. Consider developing Site Agreements or Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) between community groups using specific school facilities under the umbrella of the agreements the City would have with the School District. This will decrease the number of issues relating to who's responsible for what when there is third party use of school facilities.	Done	
8. City and School District staff should meet at least quarterly to discuss maintenance and operations issues. Meeting minutes should be typed up and distributed to all participants to allow for quick identification of any possible misunderstandings. The minutes should also identify issues and items requiring further follow up.	XX	
9. Seek opportunities to satisfy field space demands of sports leagues by installing artificial turf so that increased use does not unduly impact park and school fields.	NS	
10. Continue to provide customer service training for staff members. Provide other training opportunities that empower staff to do the very best job they can.	Done	
11. Review and revise operational policies to ensure that programs and services can be offered effectively and efficiently. Develop policies that ensure that service is available to all residents without barriers or limitations to program access.	Done	
12. Consider establishing a Coordinating Council made up of City representatives, School District representatives and representatives from non-profit community organizations that provide programs and services to the community. The Coordinating Council should meet twice per year to discuss mutual interest and concerns, ways of coordinating services and avoiding duplication, ways to reach underserved areas of the City, possible program collaboration, and possible joint facility development.	XX	
13. Pursue the implementation of the <i>South Gate Park Eastern Corridor Concept Plan-Exhibit 6.1.</i>		



## 6.5 OPEN SPACE & TRAILS POLICIES & RECOMMENDATIONS

**6.5.1 Trails** During community outreach events, attendees expressed a strong desire to improve trails systems throughout the City. Many walkers and joggers currently use South Gate Park’s perimeter as a path even though it is interrupted by driveways and other impediments. Cyclist requested a trails system they could access along Southern Ave. Both South Gate Park and Southern Avenue provide excellent opportunities for connecting the City’s east to west axis by foot or bike. Because of the City’s proximity to the Los Angeles River, opportunities already exist to connect the City with the trails that link the river-way systems. Cities through which flow the rivers of greater Los Angeles are seizing the opportunities to create paths that connect their residents to the water. There are a small number of equestrians who already take advantage of the trails near Hollydale Regional Park. The existence of equestrian facilities could provide an opportunity to encourage or expand that interest to a wider audience. A Trails Master Plan would help the City in several ways:

- *It would map out and phase in a trail system that would optimize the limited space available within South Gate.*
- *It would link South Gate to regional trails and waterways that run through and near the city.*
- *And it would create opportunities for alternative travel or non-motorized transportation for residents going to work or school.*

### Recommendations

1. As part of a new Master Plan for South Gate Park upgrade and standardize walking, jogging and biking trails in South Gate Park and look for opportunities to create additional walking, jogging and biking paths in other parks within the City.	Done	Complete
2. Look to expand trails throughout the City by providing on-street bike paths and off-street trails that link to trails systems of other nearby communities.	Done	Bicycle Transportation plan completed in 2012
3. Consider the feasibility of doing a Trails Master Plan within the next two to five years to define future and expanded trails throughout the City to link to trails systems of other nearby communities, design trail development standards, establish walkway/trail requirements for residential and commercial development projects, and to provide a trails map for public use.	IP	Bicycle Transportation plan completed in 2012. Working with Community Development for funding for Pedestrian Plan
4. When completing the Cesar Chavez Park Master Plan insure that the design of the liner park segments link the linear rights-of-way along Southern Avenue.	Done	Complete
5. Consider partnering with equestrian organizations currently leasing areas along the Los Angeles River to create interest among residents for equestrian activities for health and therapeutic uses.	Done	Have partnered with three separate non-profit equestrian groups offering programs
6. Consider installing exercise stations or par-courses along trails where appropriate in future park development.	Done	Complete

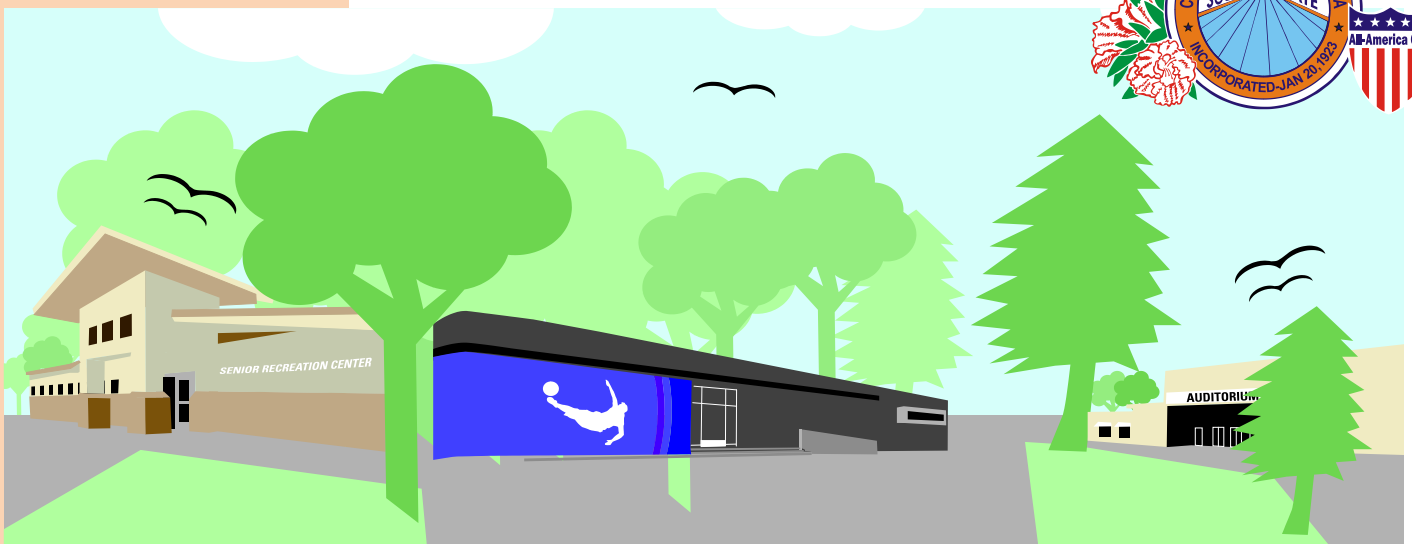
**6.5.2 Open Space** Natural open space is a rare commodity in the inner city; South Gate is no exception. However, open spaces surrounded by city environs can be designed to feel as though they are islands of green, natural habitat even though they are steps from busy traffic and hard edged buildings.

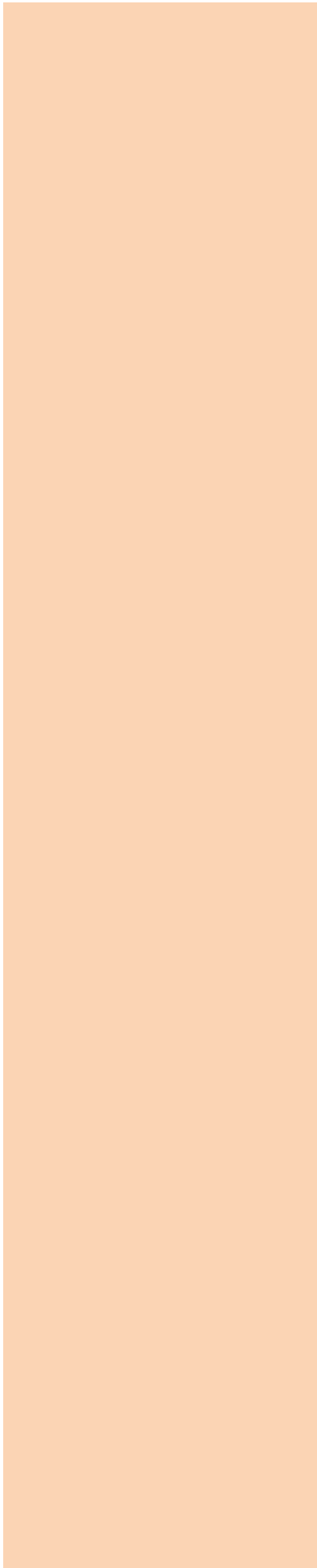
**Recommendations**

1. South Gate’s land is limited, but there are linear spaces along Southern Ave. that might be developed to fulfill the needs for open spaces adjacent to many local neighborhoods along that corridor.	NS	Requires cooperation of utility companies
2. As mentioned in the Trails section, the City should revisit the Cesar Chavez Park Master Plan and update it to include open space in appropriate areas along the liner park.	Done	Complete
3. Consider Hollydale Regional Park and Circle Park as locations to create more heavily planted passive areas that can also include trails and pathway systems.	Done	Complete
4. If property is acquired on the west sides of the City for park purposes make sure some passive open space area is included in the design of the park.	NS	None Acquired, new acquisitions limited with elimination of Agency
5. When partnering with the LAUSD for future development of school/park facilities try to include passive open space areas in the design.	NS	Requires cooperation of LAUSD
6. Consider acquiring lots or small parcels on the west side through tax deductible donations or use of grant funds to create “green patches” or “passive mini open space parks” to create islands of green, natural habitat even though they are steps from busy traffic and hard edged buildings.	NS	

# 5 YEAR UPDATE 2013

## SURVEY RESULTS





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Surveys were distributed electronically and in hard copy through a variety of means. Most significant was the inclusion of the survey in the Quarterly Recreation Guide which was mailed to every household. A total of 155 surveys were returned. Although not a large enough sample to be statistically significant, this is still a larger number of respondents than the original master plan survey and does provide some valuable insights into the feelings and needs of the community as relates to our parks and recreation programs.

Demographic data was collected from respondents to ensure that the demographics reached matched the communities. Compared with census data, the respondent data showed a higher education level, higher home ownership and more family oriented respondents than are reflective of the City's overall demographics. These factors do match more closely with our average park user. To provide a composite from the demographic data, the average respondent was a female, 25 to 44 with some college or trade training beyond their high school diploma. They are married with a household of five or more living in a home that is owner occupied. Most respondents were South Gate residents.

Over 75% of the respondents are regular users of the Parks visiting from daily to several times per month. Four of the respondents indicated that they had never visited one of our parks. By far, the most popular park was South Gate Park with 95% of respondents indicated that they had visited South Gate Park within the past year. Second highest was Hollydale Regional Park with 30% having visited Hollydale Park within the past year. The lowest was Triangle Park with less than 6% of respondents indicating that they had visited in the past year. Over 85% of respondents indicated that they visited South Gate Park most often.

Two of the most important questions in both this and the previous survey were related to how clean and how safe respondents feel our parks are. In the 2007 survey park cleanliness was a significant issue with only 32% of respondents indicating that the parks were "clean" or "very clean". In the 2013 survey, although only 15% of respondents rated park cleanliness as "excellent", another 50% rated park cleanliness as "very good". These results indicate a significant increase from the 32% results in 2007 to over 65% of respondents indicating cleaner than average parks. The majority of ratings being "good" and not "very good" also indicates that additional improvement is desired.

In comparing respondent's ratings of park safety, findings also showed improvement, increasing from 64% in 2007 to 84% finding the park "safe" or better in 2013. Top ratings of "very safe" increased from only 4% in 2008 to 21% in 2013, showing significant change, but also leaving room for improvement.

As a follow up, later in the survey, respondents were ask to rate South Gate Parks in several general areas. This question looked for customer reaction to issues such as meeting needs, accessibility and overall quality. In most areas, our parks scored very high showing strong customer satisfaction. Restrooms remained the most significant need with 40% rating them "poor" or "very poor". This was followed by Parking and Picnic Areas.

The next set of questions focused on facilities and the improvements that have been and should be made. Facilities most used by respondents focused on outdoor facilities with the top three most used facilities being the jogging paths, playgrounds and picnic areas. By far, the most used were the jogging paths with over two thirds of respondents indicating they use the jogging paths regularly. Highest rated of the indoor facilities was the swimming pool with one quarter of respondents indicating that they used it regularly, followed closely by the fitness center and the gymnasium.

The survey also asked respondents to rate the importance of the recent improvements made around the park. Although there have clearly been more outdoor improvements at the parks in the last five years, this question related to the importance of each improvement to the overall park system. The top three responses in descending order were “walking paths”, “Lighting” and “Restroom Upgrades”. Our very popular fitness center rated eighth just narrowly beating out the batting cages and rating well above any of the other indoor facility improvements.

Because indoor activities often require registration and recording of attendance, it is easier to verify the level of use and participation than for outdoor facilities, where activities and participation are often on a more casual basis. The significantly higher number of respondents who indicated regular use of outdoor facilities versus indoor facilities supports the high levels of use of our outdoor facilities and park space indicating a continued need for investment in both rehabilitation and maintenance of our exterior space as well as our buildings.

Looking forward, respondents were asked two separate questions as to what new facilities they would like to see added to our parks and what improvements to existing facilities they would like to see. Responses were numerous and varied, however a few suggestions made multiple appearances. A dog park was the most requested addition. This project is currently under construction.

Improvements to restrooms and picnic areas were also repeated often as well as requests for additional picnic tables and benches in the parks. There were also a number of requests for additional fitness equipment, either “indoor”, “outdoor” or “larger fitness center”. These comments all support the findings of the initial Master Plan and the work that is already underway or has been completed.

One area that received significantly more attention than during the original Master Plan process is security. Of 83 comments regarding improvements to the parks, 21 mentioned some aspect of increasing security or supervision. Some of these involved improvements to facilities, other requested additional supervision either by the police department or by recreation staff. Clearly, security and staffing remains an issue for many of our residents.

The next group of survey questions moved away from facility needs and focused more on programs and activities. Respondents indicated a high level of participation in the City’s various special events with the highest, the Fourth of July Fireworks show, reporting 74% of those responding as having attended within the past three years. Several respondents also indicated their attendance at the annual Health Fair under the write-in category.

When asked what other events and activities they would like to see, respondents focused on community and family oriented events, supporting the desire for South Gate Park to remain a focus of community building and gathering. Many of the responses related to existing events, which may indicate a need to promote the existing events better, but most specifically indicated that they would simply like to see “more” of the events that they enjoy. In fact, in reviewing the overall list, it is clear that “More” summarizes the responses well. Respondents appear to be happy with the events taking place at the park and would like to have more opportunities available.

Respondents indicated a good amount of experience with the various programs offered at our parks and a variety of programs participated in. Overall satisfaction with the programs offered was generally good and ratings were consistent with program evaluation surveys taken regularly within programs.

Respondents were asked to rate the programs that they have participated in the following areas:

- Programs are interesting to me or my family
- Convenient Schedules
- Reasonably Priced
- Easy to Register
- Adequate Parking
- Programs for all Ages
- Met my Needs
- Programs/Facilities too Crowded

In all areas, about one third of respondents rated various aspects of our programs as “Very Good”, with “Programs are Interesting” receiving the highest percentage of Very Good ratings at 37% and “Programs Crowded” receiving the lowest rating at 22%. The largest rating for every category was “Good” with more than a 50% response rate in every category. This, combined with the “Very Good” responses puts over 80% of respondents as satisfied with all areas polled for program satisfaction.

Of those who rated our programs as “Poor” or “Very Poor” in any category, no area received a negative rating by more than 20%. Lowest was “Programs are interesting” with less than 5% of respondents indicating our programs as “Poor” or “Very Poor”. The two areas receiving the highest number of negative ratings were “Parking” and “Crowded” with 19% and 20% respectively. Parking and adequate facility space are both known problems, particularly in the evenings. These areas already have recommendations in the facilities sections. These results should help to reinforce these priorities.

Responses to the open response question regarding new programs that respondents would like to see resulted in much the same results as with special events. Many respondents cited programs already offered or suggesting that “more” of a general program category is needed. A complete list of responses to both of these questions is available in the appendix.

The Survey also asked respondents to identify from a list of social issues and concerns, which of these concerns that they felt the Parks & Recreation Department should focus on in the coming years. The two highest ranked issues, both receiving more than 50% of respondents indicating these issues as important, were “Childhood Obesity” and “Fitness and Health Education”, two closely related issues. The third highest ranked concern receiving just under 50% of responses was tutoring and afterschool programs. The three issues receiving the lowest number of responses, all with only 22% of respondents indicating that these are issues that the department should focus on were; “Conservation of Open Space”, “Childcare” and “Public Transportation”.

In looking at where and why respondents may be receiving services from other organizations, almost half of those completing a survey failed to respond to these questions. Of those who did respond, 50% indicated that they participated in programs or received services from “Other Cities” and 36% reported participating in leisure activities at “Church or School”.

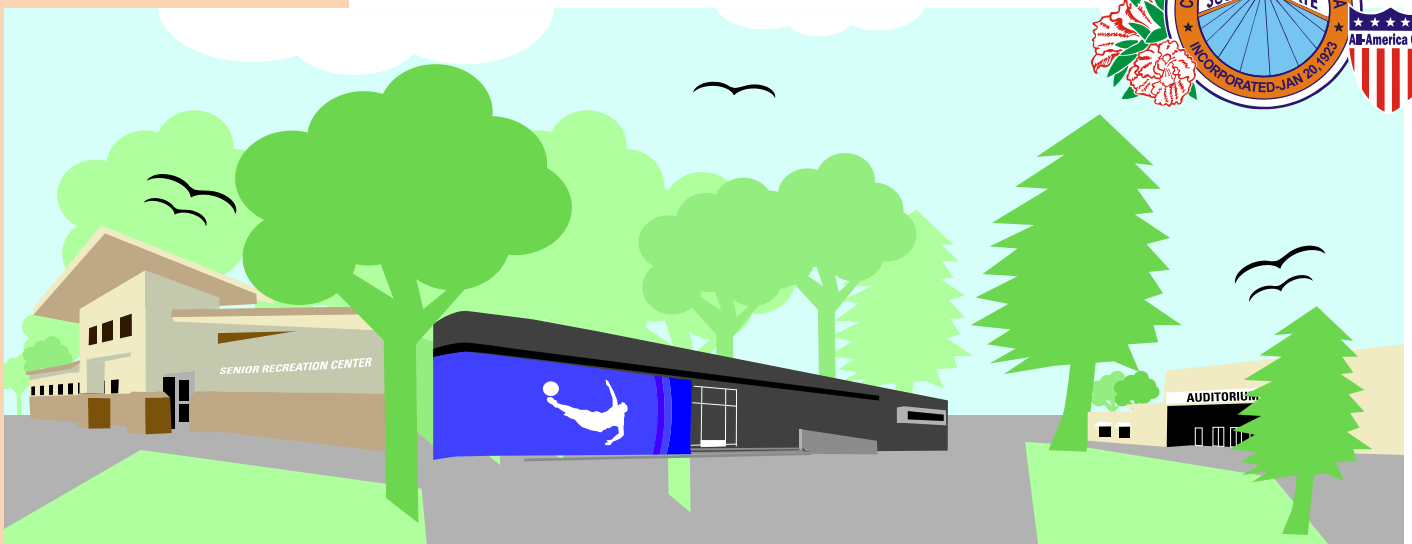
Of responses as to why respondents chose to participate in programs offered by other agencies, highest was “program not offered by City of South Gate” with 44% followed by “better quality” with 40%. “Lower cost” received only 25% of affirmative responses to this question.

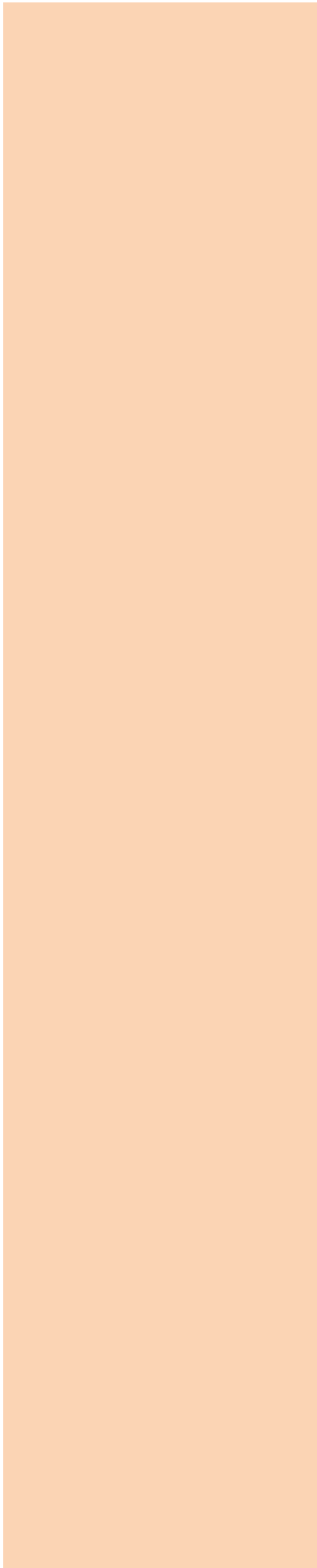
In the final questions regarding how the respondents would like to hear about our Parks and Recreation Programs, 40% indicated that they would like to have the quarterly newsletter delivered to their home, while 35% indicated that they preferred electronic media such as email. A total of 17% of respondents indicated that their preferred language for receiving such information is in Spanish, supporting the continuation of bilingual marketing materials.



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## PUBLIC WORKSHOP RESULTS





# PUBLIC WORKSHOP RESULTS

A public workshop was held at the Margaret Travis Senior Center on Saturday, October 26, 2013 at 10:00am. The workshop was advertised through various means including flyers and signs at all park facilities, email blasts to survey respondents and park participants for those with emails on file, social media through friends of South Gate Park and announcements at various public meetings. A total of 10 participants attended. The workshop was moderated by Steve Costley, Recreation Superintendent and Paul Adams, Director of Parks & Recreation.

The public workshop began with an introduction and overview of the existing master plan, the update process and the purpose and benefits to each. Participants were encouraged to ask questions and provide feedback throughout the event. Numerous displays were pointed out around the room which included the full list of recommendations from the 2008 Master Plan and photos of projects completed as well as representations of projects currently underway.

To get discussions started, individuals were formed into small groups to discuss the following three questions. Groups then reported their ideas and discussed these with the entire group. Responses were recorded.

Question #1: What is the best thing about our parks?

All agreed that the top answer was the many activities that are provided at the parks. In particular, a comment was made emphasizing the creative use of space and variety of activities available. A specific example was the Movies in the Park program being held at the Golf Course. It was stated that this is a creative, successful family program that utilizes a space for other than its designed purpose, but which seems to enhance the program while increasing the utilization of the space.

Another comment receiving general agreement was the availability of Open Space which our parks provide our community. Along with the enjoyment of the outdoors, space to accommodate family and social gatherings and the beautification of our community that our parks provide were also cited as values of this open space.

Questions #2: What is the most important service we provide?

Two answers clearly received the groups support as the top answers. These were “Senior Services” and “Organized Activities (sports) for Youth”. Seniors were identified as an important group that the Department needs to provide services to. The array of service provided through the Senior Center was considered to meeting important needs focusing on nutrition, health and social activities. The other service identified began as simply “Youth Sports”, but soon evolved to a more general category of “Organized Activities for Youth”. Comments included the developmental and social value of these activities as well as helping to keep our young people involved in positive pursuits.

Other comments included inclusion and offering programs for all age groups, particular emphasis was placed on family activities. Walking and jogging at the park was stated as important as community health and fitness opportunities are an important issue. Statements were also made about the affordability of our programs being a big benefit.

Question #3: If you could change one thing about our parks over the next five years, what would it be?

There was less consensus on this answer with more emphasis being placed on each individuals personal experiences. Answers included (in no particular order); Parking, Security, Bike Access, Soccer Fields and Improvements to the Jogging Paths.

Additional Parking was one of the recommendations in the 2008 master plan and is only an issue for South Gate Park. Although some improvements have been made; some additional parking as part of the Goals Soccer Center and access to

some under used lots has been improved through the park improvement projects, some lots remain undersized at peak hours. Additional parking options need to be identified and existing lots maintained and expanded when feasible.

Security was also an issue addressed in the 2008 plan. At the time, it was somewhat overshadowed by the emphasis on improving maintenance and the condition of our parks. As maintenance and appearance of our parks has improved, a greater emphasis on security has evolved. This was also apparent from the Survey Results. Improved lighting has been added to many of our parks and new restrooms are designed with a more open design to discourage unwanted activity. The suggestion was made to improve and expand the Park Ranger program.

Additional bike racks and trails which can accommodate bicycles have been included in all new park projects. It was commented that, although good progress has been made, our parks still lack adequate facilities to fully allow bike access to encourage more uses. Improvements should be continued. Likewise, improvements to our existing soccer fields should be made, possibly including artificial turf to improve safety and reduce maintenance.

Finally, improvements to the new jogging paths were suggested. A number of low spots and misaligned irrigation were cited that are causing puddles and muddy areas along the new jogging paths. Some additional directional signs were also suggested to encourage more use.

### **Top Priorities**

A list of the top priorities from the 2008 Master Plan was reviewed. Projects which have addressed these priorities were discussed along with those few priorities that have had little or no progress. It was also discussed that the list is a prioritized list, explaining why more progress has been made at the top of the list than those items listed at the bottom. Participants were provided with colored dots and asked to do the following:

Place a Red Dot on any item that they feel is no longer a priority and should be removed from the list.

Place a Blue Dot on the item that they feel should be the top priority for the coming year.

Place a Green Dot on any items that they feel should also be given a high priority during the next five years.

----- A copy of the results are provided on the next page -----

# LIST OF TOP PRIORITIES FROM 2008 PARKS MASTER PLAN

Replace existing restrooms in parks that have not had their restrooms replaced.



Protect and upgrade existing facilities through allocation of resources including:

Address deferred maintenance issues

Improve existing maintenance funding and standards

Reduce Graffiti and Vandalism

Find additional funding for maintenance



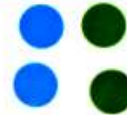
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Increase trails, open space and recreational opportunities on the west side



Expand teen opportunities in the community by including teen specific activities at the proposed events plaza, teen sports leagues and programs at the proposed sports center concession and the eventual establishment of a dedicated teen center



Create a perimeter and internal trail system at South Gate Park to provide formal walking, jogging and exercise paths, pedestrian connections to all park venues from all parking areas, and a connection to a citywide trails system



Replace existing Park Maintenance Yard in order to implement the recommended aggressive park maintenance program

Undertake refurbishment and recommended improvements to Hollydale Regional Park



Expand swimming pool facilities to include new uses for revenue generation.



The prior top priority, Replace Existing Restrooms, received only one Green Dot. Since 2008, the City has replaced or renovated six of its nine existing park restroom buildings and has added three additional new restroom buildings. Funding is currently being sought for renovation of the remaining three buildings, but this item has clearly dropped in priority due to the progress that has already been made.

The only priority to receive a Red Dot was the third priority, Development of the Eastern Corridor at South Gate Park. This priority has had mixed results. It recommends development of a soccer field and batting cage at the old Tweedy School site, replacement of the golf course with a commercial sports facility and replacement of the aging Boy Scout Huts with a modern lodge.

The establishment of the Goals Soccer Center met much of the first criteria, providing soccer facilities and batting cages along with a commercial sports facility to generate additional revenue. It was found that, due to the presence of three water wells, development potential for the existing golf course is very limited. The Scout Huts remain in the planning stages. Again, due to the progress and changes, it appears that this item should be moved down in priority.

Two items received two blue dots each along with two green dots. These two items; Protect and Upgrade Existing Facilities and Expand Teen Opportunities, would move up in priority. A third priority, Improvements at Hollydale Park, received only one Blue Dot, but four Green Dots and should also move up in priority.

One additional item was discussed as potentially being added to the list of Top Priorities, which was also strongly stated in the survey was "Improve Security". Participants felt that this was a high priority and should be added to the list, but stopped short of recommending that it replace any of the existing priorities.

### **Programming**

Specific program offerings are often subject to short term trends and market shifts that are best decided by staff with consultation with the Parks & Recreation Commission on a periodic basis. The goals of the programming which a department provides and the social issues that these programs should seek to address are a long term direction which provides staff with an understanding of the types of programming that are needed and desired by the community.

A chart of potential social issues which could be addressed through recreation programming was provided and discussed. Again, colored dots were provided to the participants with similar directions:

Place a Red Dot on any item that they feel is not a priority or should be addressed through different means.

Place a Blue Dot on the item that they feel should be the top priority for the coming year.

Place a Green Dot on any items that they feel should also be given a high priority during the next five years.

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WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY CONCERN  
YOU FEEL THAT OUR PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTM  
SHOULD FOCUS ON THE COMING YEARS?

Tutoring and After School programs ● ●

Services for Seniors and the Disabled ●

Conservation and Expansion of Open Space ●

Public Transportation ● ●

Fun Activities for Youth ● ●

Improving Park Maintenance ● ● ●

Childhood Obesity ● ●

Fitness and Health Education and Opportunities ●

Activities for Teens ●

Building a Stronger Community ● ● ●

Job Training and Education ● ● ● ●

Childcare and Preschool programs

Family Activities and Services ●

Programs for the Homeless and Low Income ●

Focus on improving their current Programs and not  
take on anything new

A follow up discussion was held and a list of specific programs that the participants would implement if they were in charge for a day was created to see which areas were addressed by the group.

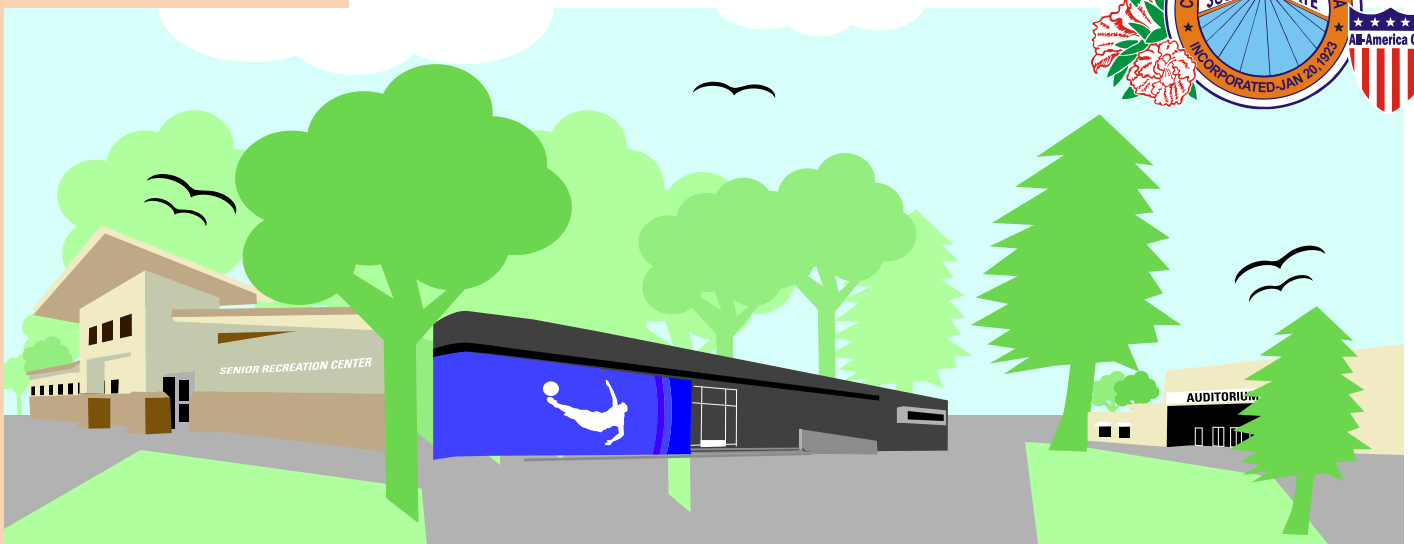
A number of community events and community outreach efforts were suggested which supports the issue of “Building a Stronger Community”, one of the top issues indicated in the dot exercises. Other suggested programs included “College Fairs” and “Events with Schools” which support educational issues and “Healthy Activities” and “Music and Drama for Teens” were suggested, all supporting issues which were rated low in the dot exercise indicating they may hold more importance than indicated.

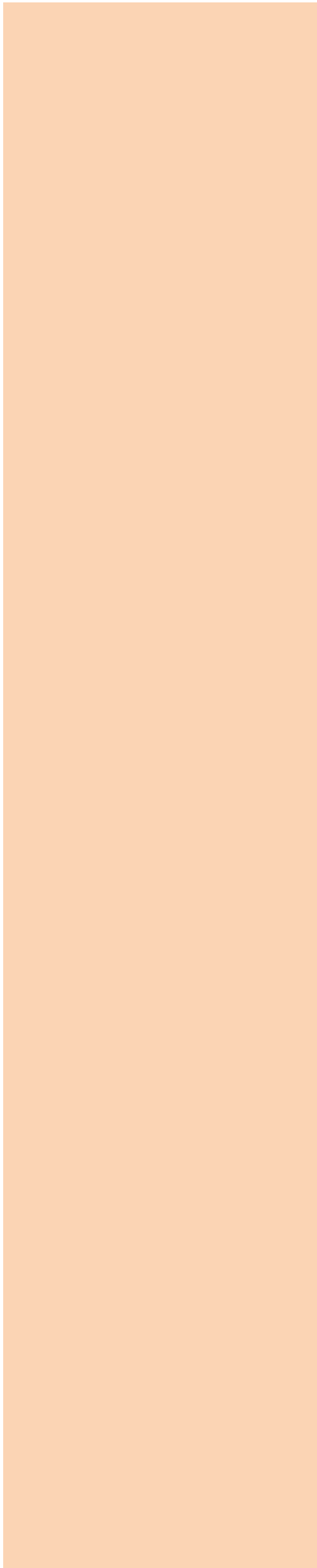
Responses also varied from those received from the survey. This can be attributed to the small sample size of both the Survey and the Workshop participants. However, responses from the workshop exercises and the results from the survey both support existing priorities and did not provide any indication of changing needs. Improving Park Maintenance, Building a Stronger Community, Tutoring and Education, Health and Fitness and Activities for specific groups such as Youth, Teens and Seniors continue to lead the list of community needs and concerns.



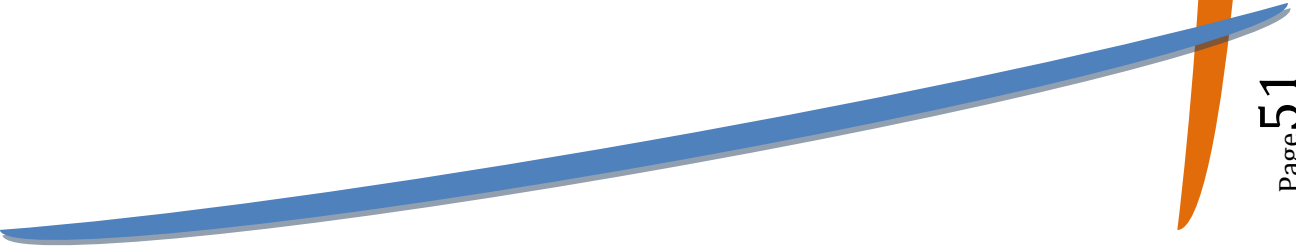
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## Appendix





Appendix A  
Master Plan Annual Implementation Reports  
2009 - 2012





*City of South Gate*

*Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting*

*November 12, 2009*

# **STAFF REPORT**

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

**To:** Honorable Parks & Recreation Commission

**From:** Paul L. Adams, Parks & Recreation Director

**Date:** September 23, 2009

**Subject:** Annual Report on Implementation of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan

**Recommended Motion:** Motion to Approve and Refer to Council

**Report Summary:** A new Parks & Recreation Master Plan for South Gate was adopted and approved by this Commission and the City Council in November of 2008. As part of the implementation process for the Master Plan, the Commission is required to report to the City Council annually as to the progress that has been made in achieving the goals that were outlined. The following report shows that progress. If approved, staff will forward the report to the City Council on behalf of the Commission.

### Goals of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

The Parks & Recreation Master Plan contains over 200 individual recommendations for actions, improvements or projects to be implemented over the next 15 to 20 years. The Commission and Council summarized these recommendations into a prioritized list of goals. This list is provided below along with comments regarding steps that have been taken to achieve these goals during the past year.

**1. Replace existing restrooms in parks that have not had their restrooms replaced.**

Restrooms #1 and #4 at South Gate Park were replaced with new, modular restroom buildings. Funding has been secured for replacement of Restrooms #2 and #3 at South Gate Park along with installation of a new Restroom # 7 to be located near the new batting cages. These are expected to be installed in January of 2010.

Top priorities looking forward are renovation of the Hollydale Regional South restroom building and addition of a restroom at Circle Park.

**2. Protect and upgrade existing facilities through allocation of resources including:**

- **Emphasize deferred maintenance improvements to existing buildings and facilities as a priority for future capital funding.**

Renovation of the North Playground at South Gate Park has been completed and \$1.7M in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) has been allocated for infrastructure improvements at South Gate Park. This includes replacement of lighting, sidewalks and service roads. These improvements are currently in design and should be completed in 2010.

Staff is working with public works on initiating a 5 year program for roof replacement and HVAC upgrades. The first year of roof repairs at the Sports Center and Auditorium have already been completed, funded through CDBG. Funds have been allocated for replacement of the HVAC in the Gymnasium with funding in process to replace the other air handlers at the Sports Center in 2010.

The rubberized flooring in the Gymnasium and racquetball courts will be repaired and top-coated in November of 2009.

Two additional phases of the infrastructure improvements remain unfunded and will be completed when funding becomes available.

Staff is working on securing funding to replace the worn out playground at Stanford Avenue Park.

- **Make maintenance of existing parks and facilities a priority and implement recommended maintenance standards in Appendix F as a funding priority.**

Parks staff is working on developing new park maintenance standards that include the associated costs in materials and manpower. This will allow better decisions to be made as to what standards are achievable and realistic for the City and to give policy makers a better guide as to where improvements can best be made when additional funds become available.

- **Establish a three-prong approach dedicated Park Graffiti and Vandalism Abatement program in addition to regular park and facility maintenance programs.**

Staff from the Parks Division will be addressing this issue with the Public Works Department during the coming year. Currently, no additional funding is available, but staff is looking at opportunities for grants and at methods to improve the effectiveness of efforts and methods within existing resources.

- **Develop a long-term funding strategy for maintenance programs, such as Asset Management Programs or implementing a citywide Park Maintenance Assessment District or establishing a Commercial Impact Fee to ensure availability of funding.**

3. **Develop and implement a specific plan for the eastern corridor of South Gate Park from Tweedy Blvd north to Southern Ave along Pinehurst St. to accommodate additional sports fields, an event plaza, a new Boy Scout Lodge, batting cages, revenue generating commercial sports facility, and associated additional parking.**

Agreement signed and plans in development for Commercial Lease for Soccer Center on old Tweedy School site which will include development of a city owned batting cage facility as well. Construction scheduled to begin early 2010. Once opened, the Soccer Center will generate \$154,000 in rent to be allocated to park improvement projects.

4. **Increase trails, open space and recreational opportunities on the west side through the following:**

- **Complete development of Cesar Chavez linear park.**

Three grant applications completed and submitted this year and negotiations continuing with DWP on lease for entire project limits.

- **Utilize utility and rail right of ways to create trails, open space and a more attractive environment.**

Negotiations with Union Pacific Railroad for a trail along Ardmore Avenue ongoing. One grant application completed and submitted.

- **Establish a joint use agreement with LAUSD and with the College District to provide for mutual use of existing and new facilities as well as to encourage mutual projects that will address community as well as school needs.**

Negotiations with LAUSD for a Reciprocal Use agreement that will allow for City and community program access to school facilities during non-school hours are currently in progress and proceeding well. This agreement will be followed by negotiations of a broader Joint Use agreement which will include opportunities for joint projects and planned cooperative use of certain facilities.

The Community College District is currently utilizing the City's Sports facilities to offer a variety of Physical Education classes under an agreement that allows city residents to participate in those classes as well. The City and the College District are in agreement that this relationship should be expanded to include the new facilities that the College may be building in the near future and will result in a Joint Use agreement as well.

5. **Expand teen opportunities in the community by including teen specific activities at the proposed events plaza, teen sports leagues and programs at the proposed sports center concession and the eventual establishment of a dedicated teen center.**

- 6. Create a perimeter and internal trail system at South Gate Park to provide formal walking, jogging and exercise paths, pedestrian connections to all park venues from all parking areas, and a connection to a citywide trails system.**

This goal is being address as part of the South Gate Park Infrastructure Improvement Project listed under goal #2 above.

- 7. Replace existing Park Maintenance Yard in order to implement the recommended aggressive park maintenance program.**
- 8. Undertake refurbishment and recommended improvements to Hollydale Regional Park, renaming it Hollydale Community Park to reflect more appropriate context of its use.**
- 9. Expand swimming pool facilities to include new uses for revenue generation.**

### Summary

The progress achieved during the past year represents only a portion of the total work required to fulfill the goals of the Master Plan. However, it is a significant start and illustrates the commitment of staff, the Commission and the City Council to fulfill and support this plan.

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*City of South Gate  
Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting  
November 9, 2010*

# **STAFF REPORT**

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

**To:** Honorable Parks & Recreation Commission

**From:** Paul L. Adams, Parks & Recreation Director

**Date:** November 22, 2010

**Subject:** Annual Report on Implementation of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan

**Recommended Motion:** Motion to Approve and Refer to Council

**Report Summary:** A Parks & Recreation Master Plan update for South Gate was adopted and approved by this Commission and the City Council in November of 2008. As part of the implementation process for the Master Plan, the Commission is required to report to the City Council annually as to the progress that has been made in achieving the goals that were outlined. The following report shows that progress. If approved, staff will forward the report to the City Council on behalf of the Commission.

### Goals of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

The Parks & Recreation Master Plan contains over 200 individual recommendations for actions, improvements or projects to be implemented over the next 15 to 20 years. The Commission and Council summarized these recommendations into a prioritized list of goals. This list is provided below along with comments regarding steps that have been taken to achieve these goals during the past year.

#### **1. Replace existing restrooms in parks that have not had their restrooms replaced.**

Restroom #2 at South Gate Park was replaced with a new, modular restroom building, bringing total replacements to three. Installation of a new Restroom # 7 located near the new batting cages has also been

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completed. A new restroom has been ordered and is awaiting delivery to replace restroom #3 at South Gate Park. This replacement will be installed as part of the Park Infrastructure Project.

In other parks, a new roof was installed on the south restroom at Hollydale Regional Park. A project currently in development with Amigos de los Rios will complete renovations of the Hollydale South Restrooms and add a restroom at Circle Park.

**2. Protect and upgrade existing facilities through allocation of resources including:**

- **Emphasize deferred maintenance improvements to existing buildings and facilities as a priority for future capital funding.**

Designs have been completed for phases 1 – 3 of the South Gate Park Infrastructure Improvement projects and a total of \$2.7M in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) have been allocated for the project. This includes replacement of lighting, sidewalks and service roads. The project is currently out to bid and construction is expected to begin in February 2011.

Additional roof replacement and HVAC upgrades have been completed this year with the remaining air handlers at the Sports Center currently being replaced. This project should be completed by the first of the year.

The rubberized flooring in the Gymnasium and racquetball courts was repaired and top-coated and both areas were painted.

Prop A Maintenance and Servicing Funds were secured to replace the worn out playground surfacing at Stanford Avenue Park and Hollydale Regional Park. Security light replacement is being addressed at Hollydale Regional Park in the coming fiscal year.

Staff has secured a \$500,000 grant with Amigos de los Rios for improvements at Circle Park and Hollydale Park to include facility upgrades (restrooms) and additional native landscaping to reduce water use and maintenance costs. Additional grants are being sought to enhance this effort further.

- **Make maintenance of existing parks and facilities a priority and implement recommended maintenance standards in Appendix F as a funding priority.**

Parks staff is working on developing new park maintenance standards that include the associated costs in materials and manpower. This will allow better decisions to be made as to what standards are achievable and realistic for the City and to give policy makers a better guide as to where improvements can best be made when additional funds become available.

- **Establish a three-prong approach dedicated Park Graffiti and Vandalism Abatement program in addition to regular park and facility maintenance programs.**

Staff from the Parks Division has been discussing this issue with the Public Works Department as well as surveying other nearby cities. Staff is proposing a program that would provide graffiti coating to be applied to susceptible park structures and trained staff and materials to properly remove graffiti around the park rather than painting over it. Staff has submitted a request for CDBG funding for this program in the coming fiscal year.

- **Develop a long-term funding strategy for maintenance programs, such as Asset Management Programs or implementing a citywide Park Maintenance Assessment District or establishing a Commercial Impact Fee to ensure availability of funding.**

Goals Soccer Center has opened and rent is being received. New batting cages are being built and should begin operation after the first of the year. A concession agreement for operation of the batting cages has been signed which will generate additional rent in future years. An additional cell tower at South Gate Park has been approved and is under construction. Funds from these projects have so far been allocated for:

Purchase of banquet tables to enhance event rentals

Lease of a new mower for Parks

Upgrade of Park Yard electrical system

\$50,000 match for \$500,000 County grant for Hollydale and Circle Park improvements through Amigos de los Rios

Staff will begin meeting with the Finance Director in the coming year to look at long term funding options for our parks.

3. **Develop and implement a specific plan for the eastern corridor of South Gate Park from Tweedy Blvd north to Southern Ave along Pinehurst St. to accommodate additional sports fields, an event plaza, a new Boy Scout Lodge, batting cages, revenue generating commercial sports facility, and associated additional parking.**

Goals Soccer Center opened in June of 2010 representing the first step in completion of this goal. Batting cages are currently under construction and should be completed after the first of the year.

4. **Increase trails, open space and recreational opportunities on the west side through the following:**

- **Complete development of Cesar Chavez linear park.**

The City was awarded a Proposition 84 grant for development of State Street Park, the third and final active recreation section of Cesar Chavez Park. Staff continues to work with DWP on finalizing a long term lease agreement for the property.

- **Utilize utility and rail right of ways to create trails, open space and a more attractive environment.**

A grant for development of a trail along the UPRR right of way was awarded to South Gate this past year. Unfortunately, use of the right of way was denied by UPRR and the grant was lost. Staff is working with other local, state and federal agencies to address the issue of utility right of way blight and how to gain cooperation from the utility owners.

- **Establish a joint use agreement with LAUSD and with the College District to provide for mutual use of existing and new facilities as well as to encourage mutual projects that will address community as well as school needs.**

A Reciprocal Use agreement with LAUSD that allows for City and community program access to school facilities during non-school hours has been finalized. This agreement will be followed by negotiations of a broader Joint Use agreement which will include opportunities for joint projects and planned cooperative use of certain facilities.

The Community College District is currently utilizing the City's Sports facilities to offer a variety of Physical Education classes under an agreement that allows city residents to participate in those classes as well. The City and the College District are in agreement that this relationship should be expanded to include the new facilities that the College may be building in the near future and will result in a Joint Use agreement as well.

5. **Expand teen opportunities in the community by including teen specific activities at the proposed events plaza, teen sports leagues and programs at the proposed sports center concession and the eventual establishment of a dedicated teen center.**

Some teen related enhancements have been made including additional teen events and updating of our Teen Town program. A new Teen Volunteer Leadership program has been established this year and currently has 30 teens involved.

6. **Create a perimeter and internal trail system at South Gate Park to provide formal walking, jogging and exercise paths, pedestrian connections to all park venues from all parking areas, and a connection to a citywide trails system.**

This goal is being address as part of the South Gate Park Infrastructure Improvement Project listed under goal #2 above. Additional funding has been received for improvements along Hildreth Avenue from a Safe Routes to Schools Grant.

7. **Replace existing Park Maintenance Yard in order to implement the recommended aggressive park maintenance program.**
8. **Undertake refurbishment and recommended improvements to Hollydale Regional Park, renaming it Hollydale Community Park to reflect more appropriate context of its use.**

Staff has secured a \$500,000 grant in cooperation with Amigos de los Rios to complete some of the needed improvements at Hollydale and Circle Parks.

9. **Expand swimming pool facilities to include new uses for revenue generation.**

### Summary

Staff believes that the past two years represent significant progress in achieving the goals of the Parks Master plan. Continued work is planned to ensure similar progress in coming years. As the national and local economy improves, staff is doing all it can to be ready to take advantage of additional funding and resources which may become available. Documents such as the Parks Master Plan which can guide staff efforts through established priorities and advanced planning as well as provide support to those requests are extremely helpful in moving the department forward to address the growing needs of our community.



*City of South Gate*

*Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting*

*December 8, 2011*

# **STAFF REPORT**

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

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**To:** Honorable Parks & Recreation Commission

**From:** Paul L. Adams, Parks & Recreation Director

**Date:** November 28, 2011

**Subject:** Annual Report on Implementation of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan

**Recommended Motion:** Motion to Approve and Refer to Council

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**1. Replace existing restrooms in parks that have not had their restrooms replaced.**

Installation of a new Restroom # 7 located near the new batting cages was completed along with replacement of restroom #3 at South Gate Park. Plans are currently in development and funding has been secured for a new restroom to be installed at Circle Park and renovations of the second restroom building at Hollydale Park in 2012. An additional restroom building will also be included at State Street Park to begin construction in 2012.

South Gate Park Restroom #1	Replaced
South Gate Park Restroom #2	Replaced
South Gate Park Restroom #3	Replaced
South Gate Park Restroom #4	Replaced
South Gate Park Restroom #5	Waiting Funding
South Gate Park Restroom #6	Waiting Funding
South Gate Park Restroom #7	New Added
Hollydale Regional – EQ	Renovated
Hollydale Regional – Main	Funded for 2012
Hollydale Industrial	Waiting Funding
Cesar Chavez #1	Installed in 2002
Cesar Chavez #2	Installed in 2006
Circle Park	Funded for 2012

**2. Protect and upgrade existing facilities through allocation of resources including:**

- **Emphasize deferred maintenance improvements to existing buildings and facilities as a priority for future capital funding.**

The first three phases of the South Gate Park Infrastructure Improvement project is nearing completion and a total of \$2.9M in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) have been allocated for the project. This includes replacement of lighting, sidewalks and service roads. Designs for the fourth of the five phase project are currently under development and work is expected to begin on this phase in 2012.

All air handlers at the Sports Center have been replaced and only a few sections of park roof buildings remain to be replaced. Funding has been secured to replace the fencing at Hollydale Industrial Park and new rubberized surfacing as well as equipment repairs have been completed at Stanford Avenue Park.

Renovations have now been completed at both Resource Centers by the current tenant, Human Services Association. Although the renovations have included improvements to allow for preschool licensing of the buildings, many of the improvements have improved the overall condition of the building and most are directly applicable to any future city use of these facilities.

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- **Make maintenance of existing parks and facilities a priority and implement recommended maintenance standards in Appendix F as a funding priority.**

The City's current financial condition has required additional cutbacks that has prevented significant progress in this area. Staff has established an equipment replacement program which has already funded the purchase of a new wide area mower and tractor for the Parks division.

Parks staff is working on developing new park maintenance standards that include the associated costs in materials and manpower. This will allow better decisions to be made as to what standards are achievable and realistic for the City and to give policy makers a better guide as to where improvements can best be made when additional funds become available.

- **Establish a three-prong approach dedicated Park Graffiti and Vandalism Abatement program in addition to regular park and facility maintenance programs.**

Staff received funding for a pilot program to utilize a combination of graffiti coating and a new non-toxic graffiti remover to address this problem. Funding was not adequate to provide for additional staffing as originally requested, but staff has been working with the park infrastructure contractor to ensure that all of the new facilities are coated and with our Public Works graffiti crew and our own custodial staff to see that graffiti on the parks is removed rather than painted over.

- **Develop a long-term funding strategy for maintenance programs, such as Asset Management Programs or implementing a citywide Park Maintenance Assessment District or establishing a Commercial Impact Fee to ensure availability of funding.**

Additional park funding from the Goals Soccer Center continues to provide staff with options for funding some of the greatest needs. Additional grants have been received through partnerships with Amigos de los Rios, Central Basin Water District and HSA. These smaller grants would not normally be cost effective for staff to secure alone, but with the assistance of our partners in these projects, a greater stream of funding can be generated for the park needs.



Staff has also started an annual sponsorship program with Friends of South Gate Parks and is working on two separate advertising programs which may help to generate additional revenues. Staff believes that the best funding mechanism, rather than a park assessment district would be to update our existing Lighting and Landscape District, but any changes will still be several years away.

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- **Complete development of Cesar Chavez linear park.**

The City was awarded a Proposition 84 grant for development of State Street Park, the third and final active recreation section of Cesar Chavez Park. Staff has received approval on the lease agreement from our City Council and the agreement will be considered by the DWP Board in December of 2012. Once approved, the State Street Park project will begin moving ahead.

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This Goal has proven to be a challenge as considerable resistance has been found with the various land owners/utility companies. Progress has been made with Southern Avenue and the LADWP. The Department is also heading up the City's efforts to complete a Bicycle Master Plan which should be completed in early 2012. This plan will take an additional look and should provide additional recommendations regarding trails as well as some possible new solutions.

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A Reciprocal Use agreement with LAUSD that allows for City and community program access to school facilities during non-school hours has been finalized. This agreement will be followed by negotiations of a broader Joint Use agreement which will include opportunities for joint projects and planned cooperative use of certain facilities.

The Community College District is currently utilizing the City's Sports facilities to offer a variety of Physical Education classes under an agreement that allows city residents to participate in those classes as well. The City and the College District are in agreement that this relationship should be expanded to include the new facilities that the College may be building in the near future and will result in a Joint Use agreement as well.

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Some teen related enhancements have been made including additional teen events and updating of our Teen Town program. A new Teen Volunteer Leadership program was established last year and currently has 30 teens involved.

Plans for expanding the existing weight room at the Sports Center will be implemented in 2012. Once completed, the current weight room area will be converted into a teen center and should be completed in 2013.

- 6. Create a perimeter and internal trail system at South Gate Park to provide formal walking, jogging and exercise paths, pedestrian connections to all park venues from all parking areas, and a connection to a citywide trails system.**

This goal is being address as part of the South Gate Park Infrastructure Improvement Project listed under goal #2 above. Additional funding has been received for improvements along Hildreth Avenue from a Safe Routes to Schools Grant, Cycle 1 and along Tweedy Blvd from a Safe Routes to Schools Grant, Cycle 8.

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Replacement of the Spa is underway and should be completed in early 2012.

### Summary

Staff believes that the past three years represent significant progress in achieving the goals of the Parks Master plan. Continued work is planned to ensure similar progress in coming years. As the national and local economy improves, staff is doing all it can to be ready to take advantage of additional funding and resources which may become available. Documents such as the Parks Master Plan which can guide staff efforts through established priorities and advanced planning as well as provide support to those requests are extremely helpful in moving the department forward to address the growing needs of our community.





*City of South Gate*

*Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting*

*November 8, 2012*

# **STAFF REPORT**

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

**To:** Honorable Parks & Recreation Commission

**From:** Paul L. Adams, Parks & Recreation Director

**Date:** October 28, 2012

**Subject:** Annual Report on Implementation of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan

**Recommended Motion:** Motion to Approve and Refer to Council

**Report Summary:** A Parks & Recreation Master Plan update for South Gate was adopted and approved by this Commission and the City Council in November of 2008. As part of the implementation process for the Master Plan, the Commission is required to report to the City Council annually as to the progress that has been made in achieving the goals that were outlined. The following report shows that progress. If approved, staff will forward the report to the City Council on behalf of the Commission.

### Goals of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

The Parks & Recreation Master Plan contains over 200 individual recommendations for actions, improvements or projects to be implemented over the next 15 to 20 years. The Commission and Council summarized these recommendations into a prioritized list of goals. This list is provided below along with comments regarding steps that have been taken to achieve these goals during the past year.

**1. Replace existing restrooms in parks that have not had their restrooms replaced.**

Plans are currently in development and funding has been secured for a new restroom to be installed at Circle Park and renovations of the second restroom building at Hollydale Park in 2012. An additional restroom building will also be included at State Street Park to begin construction in 2013.

South Gate Park Restroom #1	Replaced
South Gate Park Restroom #2	Replaced
South Gate Park Restroom #3	Replaced
South Gate Park Restroom #4	Replaced
South Gate Park Restroom #5	Waiting Funding
South Gate Park Restroom #6	Waiting Funding
South Gate Park Restroom #7	New Added
Hollydale Regional – EQ	Renovated
Hollydale Regional – Main	Funded for 2012
Hollydale Industrial	Waiting Funding
Cesar Chavez #1	Installed in 2002
Cesar Chavez #2	Installed in 2006
Circle Park	Funded for 2012

**2. Protect and upgrade existing facilities through allocation of resources including:**

- **Emphasize deferred maintenance improvements to existing buildings and facilities as a priority for future capital funding.**

Phase 4 of the South Gate Park Infrastructure Improvement project is nearing completion at a total project cost of \$4.7 million. This includes replacement of lighting, sidewalks and service roads. Two Safe Routes 2 Schools projects have been added to the overall project, with one completing work along Pinehurst Avenue this year and work along Tweedy Blvd to begin in 2013. Designs for the last of the five phase project has been completed and grant applications are being prepared in an effort to fund the final phase.

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Renovations have now been completed at both Resource Centers by the current tenant, Human Services Association. Although the renovations have included improvements to allow for preschool licensing of the buildings, many of the improvements have improved the overall condition of the building and most are directly applicable to any future city use of these facilities.

Staff has secured a over \$750,000 in grants with Amigos de los Rios for improvements at Circle Park and Hollydale Park to include facility upgrades (restrooms) and additional native landscaping to reduce water use and maintenance costs. Construction is expected to begin in late 2012.

- **Make maintenance of existing parks and facilities a priority and implement recommended maintenance standards in Appendix F as a funding priority.**

Purchase of new equipment such as a wide area mower and a new tractor from the Park Enhancement Fund (GOALS) has helped with equipment needs. In the past year, several pieces of custodial equipment have been replaced from the General fund.

Of the specific facility recommendations, some progress has been made. Many of the recommended improvements at the Sports Center, Swimming Pool and Auditorium have been or will be resolved through grant funded projects which have taken place or are funded and scheduled in the coming year. Improvements at both the Westside Resource Center and the Hollydale Resource Center have mostly been resolved through the renovations completed by HSA, the current tenant at those facilities. As stated under Goal #1, many of the park restrooms have been completely replaced or fully renovated resolving the recommended improvements at these facilities.

Several Facilities remain with outstanding issues. Priorities for coming years include the Girls Club House, Golf Starter Shack and the Park Maintenance Yard.

- **Establish a three-prong approach dedicated Park Graffiti and Vandalism Abatement program in addition to regular park and facility maintenance programs.**

Staff continues to work with the City Graffiti Crew, Public Works Staff, Parks Staff and the graffiti coating system implemented last year. Improvements have been made and graffiti overall on the parks is down significantly. Graffiti on the interior of our independent restroom buildings remains our biggest challenge.

- **Develop a long-term funding strategy for maintenance programs, such as Asset Management Programs or implementing a citywide Park Maintenance Assessment District or establishing a Commercial Impact Fee to ensure availability of funding.**

Additional park funding from the Goals Soccer Center continues to provide staff with options for funding some of the greatest needs. Additional grants have been received through partnerships with Amigos de los Rios,

Central Basin Water District and HSA. These smaller grants would not normally be cost effective for staff to secure alone, but with the assistance of our partners in these projects, a greater stream of funding can be generated for the park needs.

A number of additional grants, primarily from County Prop A, have also been received this past year allowing for smaller projects such as creation of a Dog Park, Tree replacement, renovations of the Park Auditorium and upgrades to the electrical panel at Hollydale Resource Center.

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This Goal has proven to be a challenge as considerable resistance has been found with the various land owners/utility companies. Progress has been made with Southern Avenue and the LADWP. The Department recently completed a Citywide Bicycle Master Plan which should assist in establishing more non-vehicular pathways. It will also make available more bicycle transportation grants to the City.

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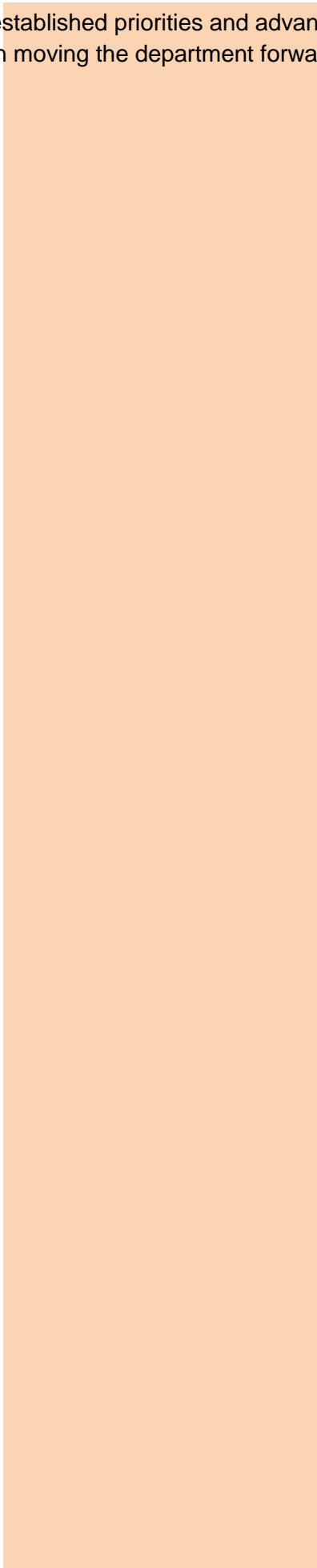
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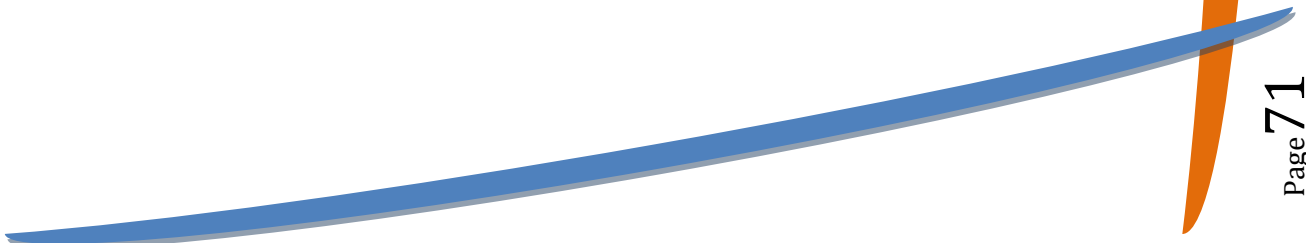
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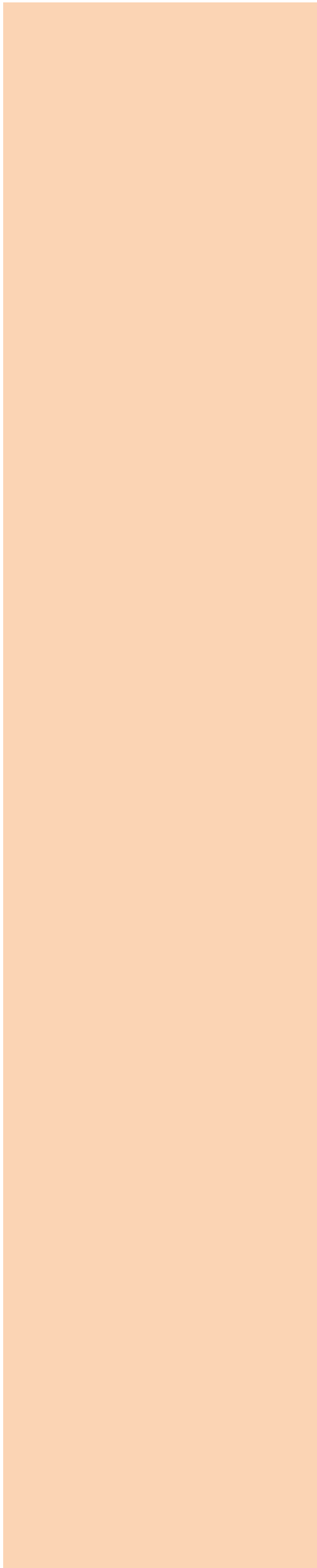
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Appendix B  
Master Plan Update Survey  
Survey Form and Results







# PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE COMMUNITY SURVEY

In 2008, the City of South Gate completed a 20 year Parks & Recreation Master Plan to guide the efforts to improve and reinvigorate our parks and the programs that we offer. The input that was received during the two year process helped insure that the improvements and changes that we have made, followed the desires, needs and priorities of our community.

Five years is a long time. Much has been accomplished and there is much that still remains to be done. In order to ensure that our progress continues to meet our communities changing needs, the Parks & Recreation Commission along with the staff in the Parks & Recreation Department are currently completing a 5 Year Update.



To help us and make sure that your voice is heard, please complete this community survey and return it by July 1, 2013 to any of your City Park facilities or to City Hall. You may also return this survey by placing proper postage below and dropping it in the mail box. You can also complete this survey online by going to [www.sogate.org](http://www.sogate.org) and look for "Parks Master Plan Update" on the home page.

If you would like more information, please call (323) 563-5478 or drop us an email at [padams@sogate.org](mailto:padams@sogate.org).

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**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SURVEY IN BLACK PEN**

1) How often do you visit one of our Parks?

- Daily or almost daily
- Several time per week
- Several times per month
- Once a month or less
- Never

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- Circle Park
- Triangle Park
- Stanford Avenue Park

3) Which Park do you visit most often?

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- Hollydale Community Park
- Circle Park
- Triangle Park
- Stanford Avenue Park

4) How would you rate our park's cleanliness?

- Excellent  Good
- Average  Poor
- Very Poor

5) How Safe Do you feel in our Parks?

- Very Safe  Somewhat Safe
- Somewhat Unsafe  Very Unsafe

6) Which Park Facilities do you use regularly?

- Picnic Area  Sports Fields
- Playgrounds  Tennis Courts
- Sports Center—Gymnasium
- Sports Center—Fitness Center
- Sports Center—Other
- Swimming Pool  Golf Course
- Senior Center  Skate Park
- Goals Soccer Center
- Jogging/Walking/Bike Paths
- Horseshoe Pits  Equestrian Arena
- Outdoor Basketball Courts
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

7) What facilities would you most like to see added?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

8) What recent improvements do you feel have been the most important?

- Restroom upgrades  Batting Cages
- Lighting  Walking paths
- Fitness Center  Teen Center
- Dog Park  Band stand
- Pool Renovation  Soccer Center
- Cesar Chavez Park
- Playground Renovations
- Landscape improvements
- General Appearance and Safety
- Conservation upgrades reducing water and power usage and maintenance costs
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

9) What improvements would you most like to see in the future?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

10) How do you rate our South Gate Parks in the following areas:

- Sports Facilities  Very Good  Good  Poor  Very Poor
- Meeting/Activity rooms  Very Good  Good  Poor  Very Poor
- Open Space  Very Good  Good  Poor  Very Poor
- Picnic Areas  Very Good  Good  Poor  Very Poor
- Parking  Very Good  Good  Poor  Very Poor
- Accessibility  Very Good  Good  Poor  Very Poor
- Restrooms  Very Good  Good  Poor  Very Poor
- Easy to get to  Very Good  Good  Poor  Very Poor
- Overall Maintenance and Appearance  Very Good  Good  Poor  Very Poor
- Playgrounds  Very Good  Good  Poor  Very Poor
- Meets my needs  Very Good  Good  Poor  Very Poor



11) Which Community Events have you attended at South Gate Park in the past three years?

- Fourth of July Fireworks
- Azalea Festival
- Summer Concerts
- Movies in the Park
- Family Day in the Park
- Sporting Events
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

12) What other Events or Activities would you like to see at South Gate Parks?

\_\_\_\_\_

13) Which Recreation Programs have you or a family member enrolled in at South Gate Park in the past three years?

- Preschool/Kindergarten Readiness
- Art or Dance Classes
- Senior Excursions
- Youth Sports Classes
- Youth Sports Leagues
- Adult Sports
- Fitness/Exercise
- Swim Lessons

14) What programs would you like to see offered at the Parks that are not currently offered?

\_\_\_\_\_

15) How would you rate the programs that you have participated in at South Gate Parks?

- The Programs are interesting to me or my family
- Very Good    Good    Poor    Very Poor
- Convenient Schedules
- Very Good    Good    Poor    Very Poor
- Reasonably Priced
- Very Good    Good    Poor    Very Poor
- Easy to Register/Find information
- Very Good    Good    Poor    Very Poor
- Adequate Parking
- Very Good    Good    Poor    Very Poor
- Programs for all ages
- Very Good    Good    Poor    Very Poor
- Met my needs
- Very Good    Good    Poor    Very Poor
- Programs/Facilities are not too crowded
- Very Good    Good    Poor    Very Poor

16) Which of the following Community Concerns do you feel that our Parks & Recreation Department should focus on the coming years?

- Tutoring and After School programs
- Services for Seniors and the Disabled
- Conservation and Expansion of Open Space
- Public Transportation
- Fun Activities for Youth
- Improving Park Maintenance
- Childhood Obesity
- Fitness and Health Education and Opportunities
- Activities for Teens
- Building a Stronger Community
- Job Training and Education
- Childcare and Preschool programs
- Family Activities and Services
- Programs for the Homeless and Low Income
- Focus on improving their current Programs and Facilities and not take on anything new

17) What other organizations have you used for recreation and leisure activities during the past year?

- Private Business
- Other Cities
- YMCA
- Youth Sports (such as SGJAA or AYSO)
- Church or School
- Woodcraft Rangers
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

18) If so, what reasons lead you to participate in the other programs?

- Lower Cost                       Better Quality
- More Convenient               Friend Involved
- Not offered by City of South Gate
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

19) How do you prefer to receive information about our Parks and Programs?

- Quarterly Newsletter mailed to my home
- City Website
- Local News Papers
- Flyers and signs at City facilities
- Email notices and newsletters
- Social Media

20) Would you Prefer to receive information from your Parks in Spanish?

- Yes                                       No

**Please Continue on the Next Page.**

## Demographic Data

The following information will help us to validate that the survey data captured is representative of our community.

1) What is your age?

- Under 18       19 to 24 years  
 25 to 44 years       45 to 64 years  
 65 years and older

2) What is your gender?

- Male       Female

3) Highest Education Completed

- Less than High School Diploma  
 High School Diploma or equivalent  
 Associate Degree or Trade training  
 Bachelor's Degree  
 Graduate or Professional Degree

4) Marital Status

- Single       Married  
 Divorced/Widowed/Separated

5) Language Spoken in Home

- English       Spanish  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

6) Size of Household

- 1       2       3       4       5 or more

7) Housing Status

- Rent       Own

8) My Zip Code is: \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU!**

**For Completing your Survey**

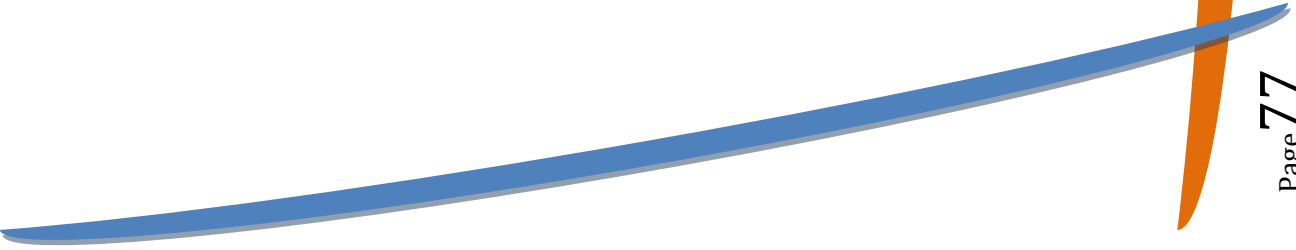
We appreciate your input. Please remove this insert from your Recreation Guide, Fold and Staple for your privacy, and drop it in the mail box or return it to our offices at South Gate Park.

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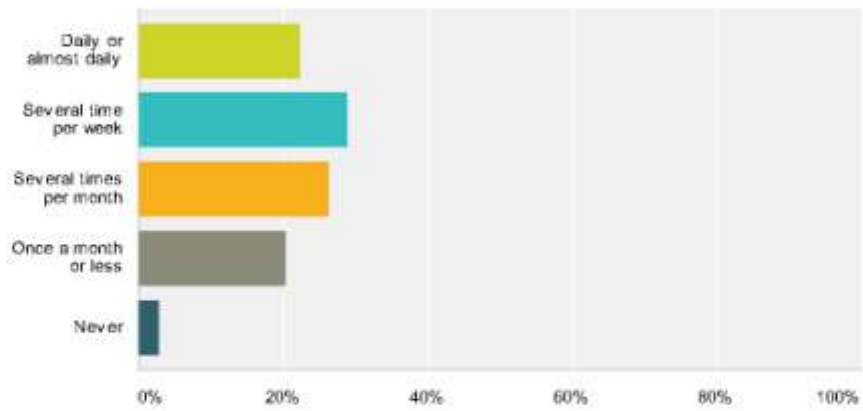




## South Gate Parks Master Plan Update

### Q1 How often do you visit one of our Parks in South Gate?

Answered: 153 Skipped: 2

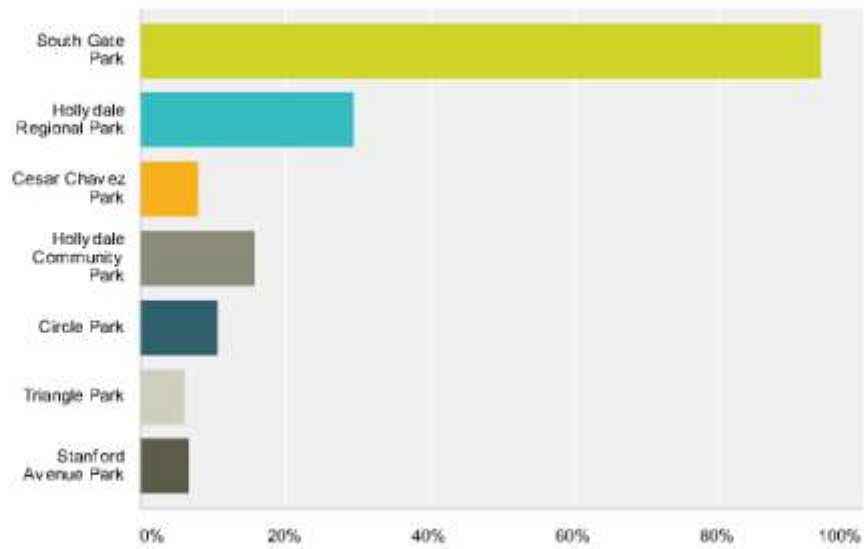


Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Daily or almost daily	22.22%	34
Several time per week	28.76%	44
Several times per month	26.14%	40
Once a month or less	20.26%	31
Never	2.61%	4
Total		153

## South Gate Parks Master Plan Update

### Q2 Which of our parks have you visited in the past year?

Answered: 153 Skipped: 2

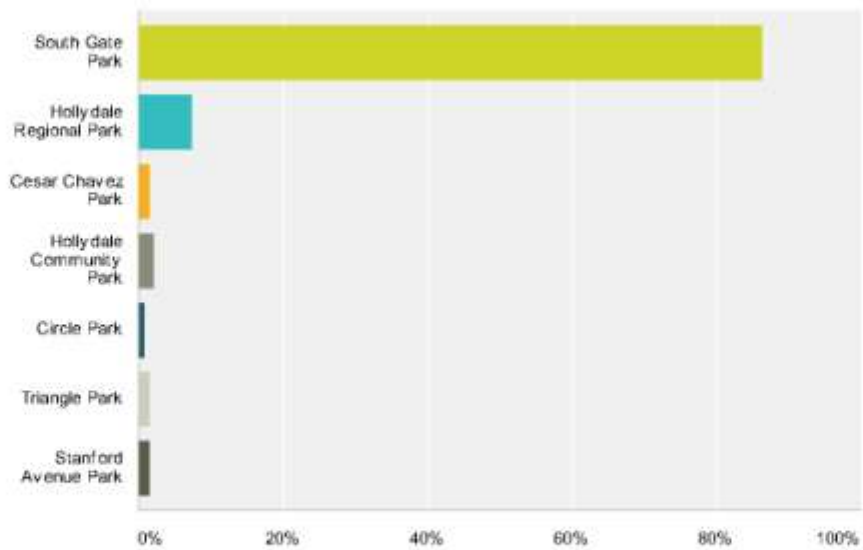


Answer Choices	Responses	Count
South Gate Park	94.12%	144
Hollydale Regional Park	29.41%	45
Cesar Chavez Park	7.84%	12
Hollydale Community Park	15.69%	24
Circle Park	10.46%	16
Triangle Park	5.88%	9
Stanford Avenue Park	6.54%	10
Total Respondents: 153		

## South Gate Parks Master Plan Update

### Q3 Which Park do you visit most often?

Answered: 153 Skipped: 2



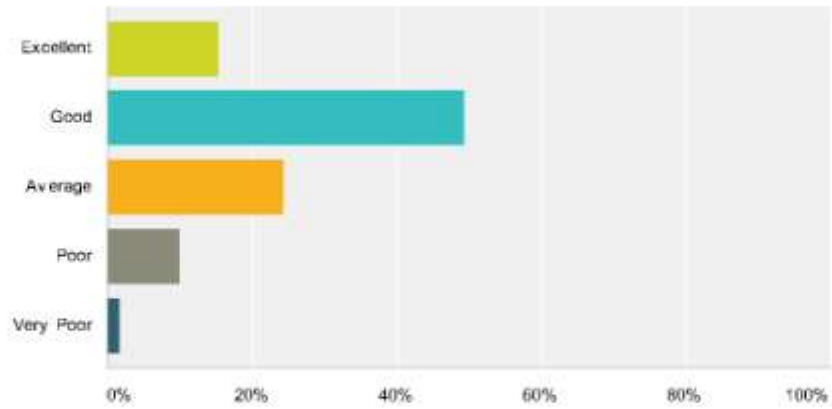
Answer Choices	Responses
South Gate Park	86.27% 132
Hollydale Regional Park	7.19% 11
Cesar Chavez Park	1.31% 2
Hollydale Community Park	1.96% 3
Circle Park	0.65% 1
Triangle Park	1.31% 2
Stanford Avenue Park	1.31% 2
Total	153



# South Gate Parks Master Plan Update

## Q4 How would you rate our park's cleanliness?

Answered: 132 Skipped: 23

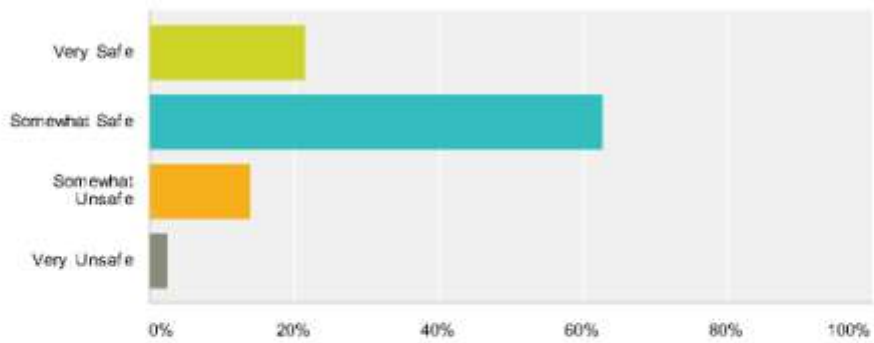


Answer Choices	Responses
Excellent	15.15% 20
Good	49.24% 65
Average	24.24% 32
Poor	9.85% 13
Very Poor	1.52% 2
Total	132

## South Gate Parks Master Plan Update

### Q5 How Safe Do you feel in our Parks?

Answered: 131 Skipped: 24

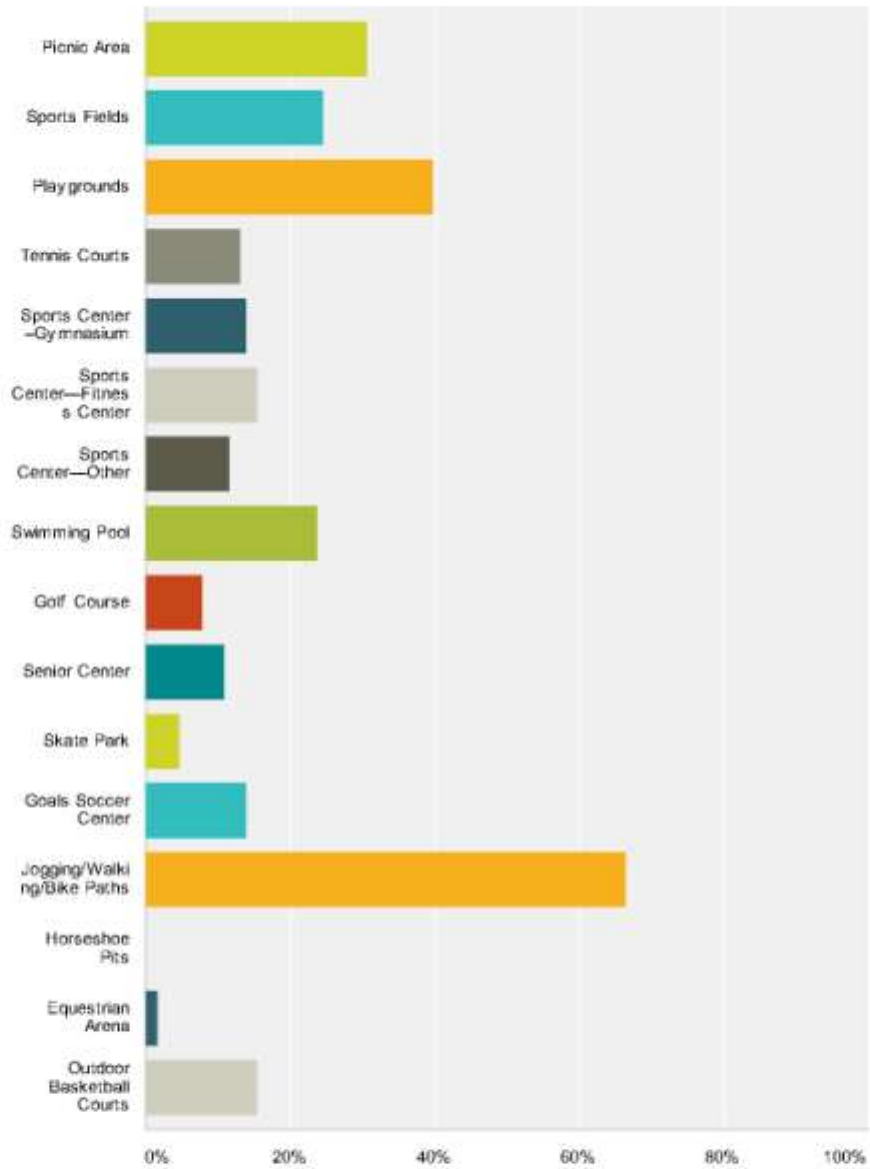


Answer Choices	Responses	
Very Safe	21.37%	28
Somewhat Safe	62.60%	82
Somewhat Unsafe	13.74%	18
Very Unsafe	2.29%	3
Total		131

# South Gate Parks Master Plan Update

## Q6 Which Park Facilities do you use regularly?

Answered: 131 Skipped: 24



Answer Choices	Responses
Picnic Area	30.53% 40
Sports Fields	24.43% 32
Playgrounds	39.69% 52
Tennis Courts	12.98% 17
Sports Center -Gymnasium	13.74% 18
Sports Center -Fitness Center	15.27% 20

## South Gate Parks Master Plan Update

Sports Center—Other	11.45%	15
Swimming Pool	23.66%	31
Golf Course	7.63%	10
Senior Center	10.69%	14
Skate Park	4.58%	6
Goals Soccer Center	13.74%	18
Jogging/Walking/Bike Paths	66.41%	87
Horseshoe Pits	0%	0
Equestrian Arena	1.53%	2
Outdoor Basketball Courts	15.27%	20
Total Respondents: 131		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	pracise running for marathon with high school	7/16/2013 9:06 AM
2	Dance Classes	7/16/2013 9:04 AM
3	bandstand	7/16/2013 9:01 AM
4	Low impact exercises	7/16/2013 9:01 AM
5	Relaxing on Park Bench	7/16/2013 8:56 AM
6	Soccer Fields	7/16/2013 8:28 AM
7	would use fitness center if it opened at Gam	7/10/2013 7:43 AM
8	<b>Baiting Cages</b> Baiting Cages	6/7/2013 12:53 PM
9	<b>Girls Club House and Audi</b> GIRLS CLUBHOUSE AND AUDITORIUM	6/3/2013 10:10 AM
10	Cookhouse	6/1/2013 1:13 PM
11	<b>Girls Club House and Audi</b> girls club house & aud.	5/29/2013 3:04 PM
12	<b>Girls Club House and Audi</b> girls clubhouse	5/29/2013 3:04 PM
13	Boy scout huts	5/29/2013 11:09 AM
14	restrooms	5/28/2013 8:23 PM
15	<b>Girls Club House and Audi</b> Girl's Clubhouse	5/28/2013 2:56 PM
16	<b>Girls Club House and Audi</b> auditorium	5/22/2013 11:17 AM
17	game room	5/14/2013 9:51 AM
18	<b>Baiting Cages</b> Sluggers Baiting Cages	5/14/2013 9:19 AM
19	Bike paths/trails	5/11/2013 10:52 PM
20	Hockey Rink	5/10/2013 11:16 AM

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### Q7 What facilities would you most like to see added?

Answered: 54 Skipped: 101

#	Responses	Date
1	Better, cleaner restrooms	7/16/2013 9:04 AM
2	Horse and carriage rides	7/16/2013 8:56 AM
3	sports center & event rooms at hollydale regional	7/16/2013 8:42 AM
4	more soccer fields	7/16/2013 8:28 AM
5	an outside water area	7/10/2013 7:43 AM
6	football field	6/21/2013 3:14 AM
7	Additional space at the sports center to have a greater exercise programs available for current and future participants. Outdoor volleyball courts or at least poles necessary to set up own volleyball net. Performing Arts Center, the auditorium does not count. Education Center	6/7/2013 12:50 PM
8	I would like walking paths and fitness routes at Hollydale Regional Park. .	6/6/2013 1:32 PM
9	ADDITIONAL MEETING ROOMS	6/3/2013 10:10 AM
10	outside fitness equipment	6/1/2013 9:19 AM
11	y oga	5/31/2013 10:15 AM
12	More restrooms, cleaner and more drinking fountains	5/30/2013 6:46 PM
13	a better walk and running paths.... dog park in south gate park	5/30/2013 6:30 PM
14	Frisbee Golf , Gymnastica bars, 2 sand volleyball courts	5/29/2013 12:18 PM
15	restroom, although as there are not many tables, probably not necessary	5/29/2013 9:03 AM
16	Bike path	5/29/2013 7:52 AM
17	batting cages	5/29/2013 7:09 AM
18	The swimming pool	5/28/2013 9:36 PM
19	snack bar	5/28/2013 8:23 PM
20	Transportation Dep't access on Tweedy Blvd.	5/28/2013 8:18 PM
21	Bar B.Q.	5/28/2013 5:06 PM
22	<b>Dog Park</b> Dog park at SG park.	5/28/2013 4:14 PM
23	None, it'd be best to improve cleanliness of existing facilities.	5/28/2013 4:01 PM
24	I am completely satisfied with the park.	5/28/2013 3:49 PM
25	more basketball courts and more parking	5/28/2013 3:32 PM
26	Better Bike Trail	5/28/2013 3:14 PM
27	<b>Dog Park</b> Dog park	5/28/2013 3:05 PM
28	<b>Dog Park</b> Dog park and more picnic areas.	5/28/2013 2:31 PM
29	water park	5/28/2013 2:29 PM
30	community gardens	5/22/2013 11:17 AM
31	A larger recreation center with a wide variety of sections that are meant for sports. As well as an indoor mini turf field for kids to practice football.	5/21/2013 6:17 PM
32	ponds	5/16/2013 9:22 AM
33	Better weight room	5/14/2013 2:58 PM
34	The park has superb facilities. Perhaps, a coffee shop/cafe would be nice for people to relax/study.	5/14/2013 2:56 PM
35	<b>Dog Park</b> DOG PARK! for small and big dogs	5/14/2013 2:34 PM
36	none	5/14/2013 2:14 PM

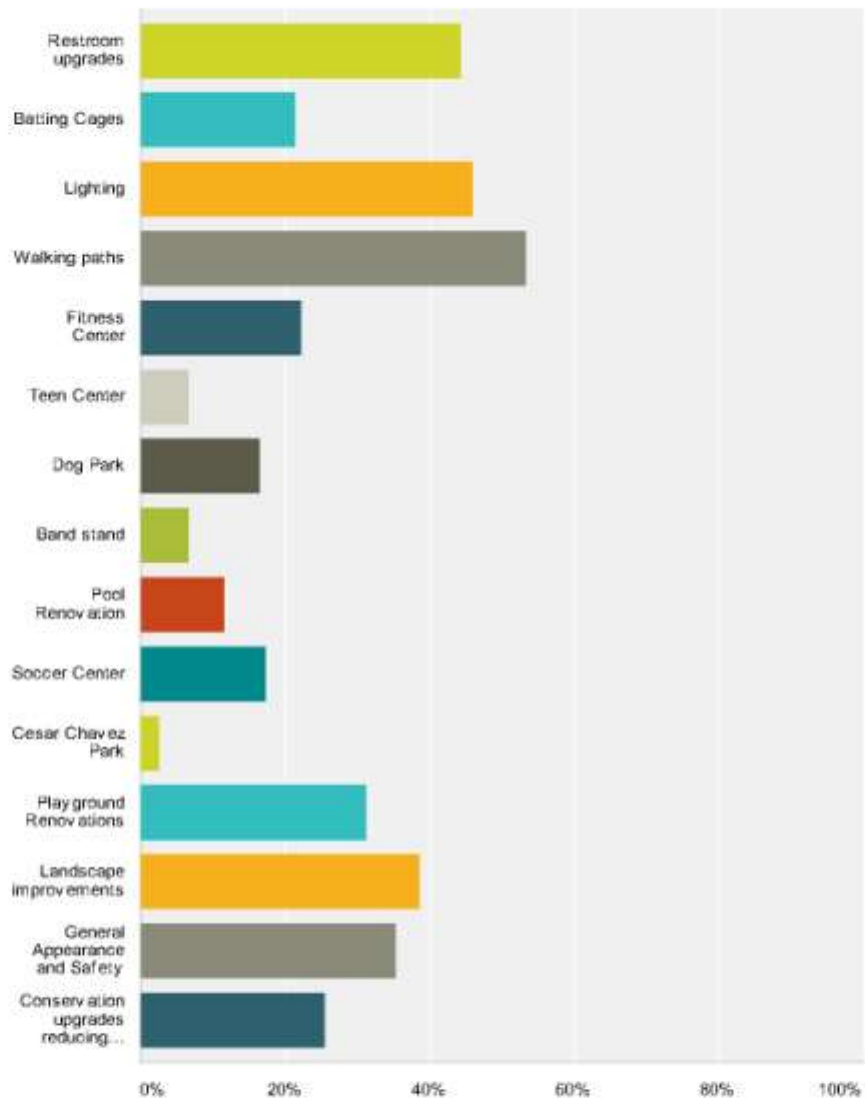
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37	<b>Dog Park</b> Dog park	5/14/2013 2:11 PM
38	<b>Dog Park</b> Dog park	5/14/2013 2:10 PM
39	None	5/14/2013 12:38 PM
40	More lights and safer restrooms!	5/14/2013 11:41 AM
41	<b>Dog Park</b> Dog Park	5/14/2013 11:38 AM
42	A pond/Lake/Outdoor water area. Paintball combat area would be awesome. Maybe an adult obstacle course.	5/14/2013 11:24 AM
43	<b>Dog Park</b> A dog park	5/14/2013 10:35 AM
44	LGBT center; dance classes	5/14/2013 10:33 AM
45	indoor soccer	5/14/2013 10:30 AM
46	<b>Dog Park</b> A space where dogs are allowed	5/14/2013 10:28 AM
47	swimming pool	5/14/2013 10:18 AM
48	<b>Dog Park</b> Dog Park	5/14/2013 10:14 AM
49	A pond, with amphibious creatures and exotic plants.	5/14/2013 10:14 AM
50	Community Gardens	5/14/2013 9:58 AM
51	new pool tables	5/14/2013 9:51 AM
52	<b>Dog Park</b> Dog park	5/14/2013 8:41 AM
53	Appropriate bike parking that allow locks on rear wheels	5/11/2013 10:52 PM
54	Roller skating rink	5/10/2013 11:16 AM

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### Q8 What recent improvements do you feel have been the most important?

Answered: 122 Skipped: 33



Answer Choices	Responses
Restroom upgrades	44.26% 54
Batting Cages	21.31% 26
Lighting	45.90% 56
Walking paths	53.28% 65
Fitness Center	22.13% 27
Teen Center	6.56% 8
Dog Park	16.39% 20
Band stand	6.56% 8

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Pool Renovation	11.48%	14
Soccer Center	17.21%	21
Cesar Chavez Park	2.46%	3
Playground Renovations	31.15%	38
Landscape improvements	38.52%	47
General Appearance and Safety	35.25%	43
Conservation upgrades reducing water and power usage and maintenance costs	25.41%	31
Total Respondents: 122		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	none done in holly date	7/16/2013 8:42 AM
2	circle park trees	5/1/2013 5:59 PM
3	I haven't been to circle park since the recent innovations. looks nice from afar though.	5/29/2013 9:03 AM
4	No other	5/28/2013 9:53 PM
5	I know the restrooms are being upgraded, but it's taking too long.	5/28/2013 2:31 PM
6	I like the new service roads	5/22/2013 11:17 AM
7	I see dog park on the list...is there a dog park area? email me @ srsergiofelix@gmail.com	5/14/2013 2:34 PM
8	None, they all suck	5/14/2013 12:11 PM



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### Q9 What improvements would you most like to see in the future?

Answered: 83 Skipped: 72

#	Responses	Date
1	restrooms	7/16/2013 9:06 AM
2	redo outside basketball courts and tennis courts	7/16/2013 9:01 AM
3	more exercise programs in the morning	7/16/2013 9:01 AM
4	Equestrian Arena	7/16/2013 8:56 AM
5	new picnic tables, these are too old	7/16/2013 8:51 AM
6	Bathrooms	7/16/2013 8:50 AM
7	Dog Park	7/16/2013 8:48 AM
8	running track and improved exercise stations at hollydale	7/16/2013 8:42 AM
9	larger fitness center	7/16/2013 8:41 AM
10	remove handball courts in Hollydale	7/16/2013 8:28 AM
11	drinking fountains	7/15/2013 6:36 PM
12	secure parking lots ..people sit in there car and never get off. i'm afraid they might be up to something malicious	6/21/2013 3:14 AM
13	Bleachers and bleacher shade for baseball fields	6/7/2013 12:53 PM
14	Sports Center needs an additional facility to increase space usage. Build a second floor in the Fitness Center, add track for running. New Exercise equipment such as yoga mats, weights, sound equipment etc. Lighting needs improvement, lights at night are too dim.	6/7/2013 12:50 PM
15	I would like to see a teen center and landscaping improvements. I would also like to see better maintenance and community-based security. I encounter marijuana smokers when I go out to the park in the early evenings.	6/6/2013 1:32 PM
16	GIRLS CLUBHOUSE AND KITCHEN FACILITIES	6/3/2013 10:10 AM
17	Nicer picnic areas, more maintance during the busy times	6/3/2013 9:18 AM
18	more police presence	6/1/2013 9:19 AM
19	Bathrooms and overall safety of the park	5/31/2013 10:15 AM
20	More restrooms, cleaner and more drinking fountains	5/30/2013 6:46 PM
21	a better walk and running paths, security, and dog park in south gate park	5/30/2013 6:30 PM
22	a larger senior room. the room they use for tai chi and voting is too small. The eating area is crowded and they do not help individuals who live in South Gate and are in a wheelchair	5/30/2013 1:00 PM
23	restroom and picnic tables at Circle Park, garden and dog park at Hollydale	5/29/2013 8:39 PM
24	More visible park security patrols	5/29/2013 12:18 PM
25	boy scout huts & lighting in bs area / security	5/29/2013 11:09 AM
26	The playground could use a good scrub, maybe even some paint. A lot of graffiti is on it.	5/29/2013 9:03 AM
27	safety	5/29/2013 9:02 AM
28	improve bike path.. Almost got hit by a car while riding	5/29/2013 7:52 AM
29	More sitting areas for parents at Standford Ave park and more patrolling. There are a lot of older kids that hang out at Standford ave park to smoke marijuana and deface the playgroud.	5/29/2013 7:09 AM
30	Not sure	5/28/2013 9:53 PM
31	More supervision for the children safety even if involves the community	5/28/2013 9:36 PM
32	pot holes filled in	5/28/2013 8:23 PM
33	More concerts, movies	5/28/2013 8:18 PM
34	Park personal at all parks	5/28/2013 8:16 PM

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35	cleaner park & better patrolling to ban people from smoking marijuana	5/28/2013 7:54 PM
36	Instructors with a good attitude	5/28/2013 7:49 PM
37	Bar B.Q.	5/28/2013 5:06 PM
38	Splash area for the toddlers.	5/26/2013 4:14 PM
39	Improved maintenance of sprinkler system (often runs off in to street and spouts on moving cars).	5/28/2013 4:01 PM
40	I am completely satisfied with the park.	5/28/2013 3:49 PM
41	walking paths - I think it can be better and we need more parking spaces where the sport center is.	5/28/2013 3:32 PM
42	Cleanliness of bathrooms	5/28/2013 3:23 PM
43	More trash cans	5/28/2013 3:11 PM
44	More lights	5/28/2013 3:09 PM
45	Better lighting of the basketball courts at South Gate Park.	5/28/2013 2:59 PM
46	Better bike paths.	5/28/2013 2:56 PM
47	Lighting, walking paths, fitness center, batting cages, playground renovations, general appearance and safety	5/28/2013 2:31 PM
48	better playing fields	5/28/2013 2:29 PM
49	community gardens to promote healthy eating	5/22/2013 11:17 AM
50	Larger recreational center	5/21/2013 6:17 PM
51	sports center improvements	5/16/2013 9:22 AM
52	The tennis courts need to be resurfaced. Many people who used to play in these courts started using salt lake parks courts since they were renovated	5/15/2013 6:26 AM
53	Golf course improvements	5/14/2013 8:43 PM
54	cleaner restrooms	5/14/2013 3:48 PM
55	Perhaps, there should be an art wall where graffiti artists and other local artists can display their work on a bi-weekly schedule. Another improvement may consist of health/exercise education awareness posters, information over the history of south gate park, and a new electronic media/announcement board on Tweedy Blvd.	5/14/2013 2:56 PM
56	Theater for local schools to have plays	5/14/2013 2:34 PM
57	Better restroom facilities	5/14/2013 2:14 PM
58	restroom availability and constant cleanliness	5/14/2013 2:14 PM
59	Dog park	5/14/2013 2:11 PM
60	Dog park	5/14/2013 2:10 PM
61	Allowing dogs in the park	5/14/2013 1:28 PM
62	Better outdoor basketball courts	5/14/2013 1:06 PM
63	Maintain the basketball courts more often, new nets, and ESPECIALLY have someone remove the damn puddles from the basketball courts after it rains because they linger for days and one cannot use the courts	5/14/2013 12:38 PM
64	Picnic areas need to be revamped.	5/14/2013 12:28 PM
65	better lighting	5/14/2013 12:16 PM
66	A New City Council Board and Mayor	5/14/2013 12:11 PM
67	better well lit park as a whole, cleaner safer restrooms, and more security	5/14/2013 11:41 AM
68	More security patrols, especially in the parking lots.	5/14/2013 11:24 AM
69	A dog park	5/14/2013 10:35 AM
70	I want an LGBT center	5/14/2013 10:33 AM
71	more grass	5/14/2013 10:30 AM
72	Accessible Farmers' Markets, more community events	5/14/2013 10:28 AM
73	dog park improvements	5/14/2013 10:18 AM
74	A dog park	5/14/2013 10:14 AM
75	More maintenance and custodial staff.	5/14/2013 10:14 AM

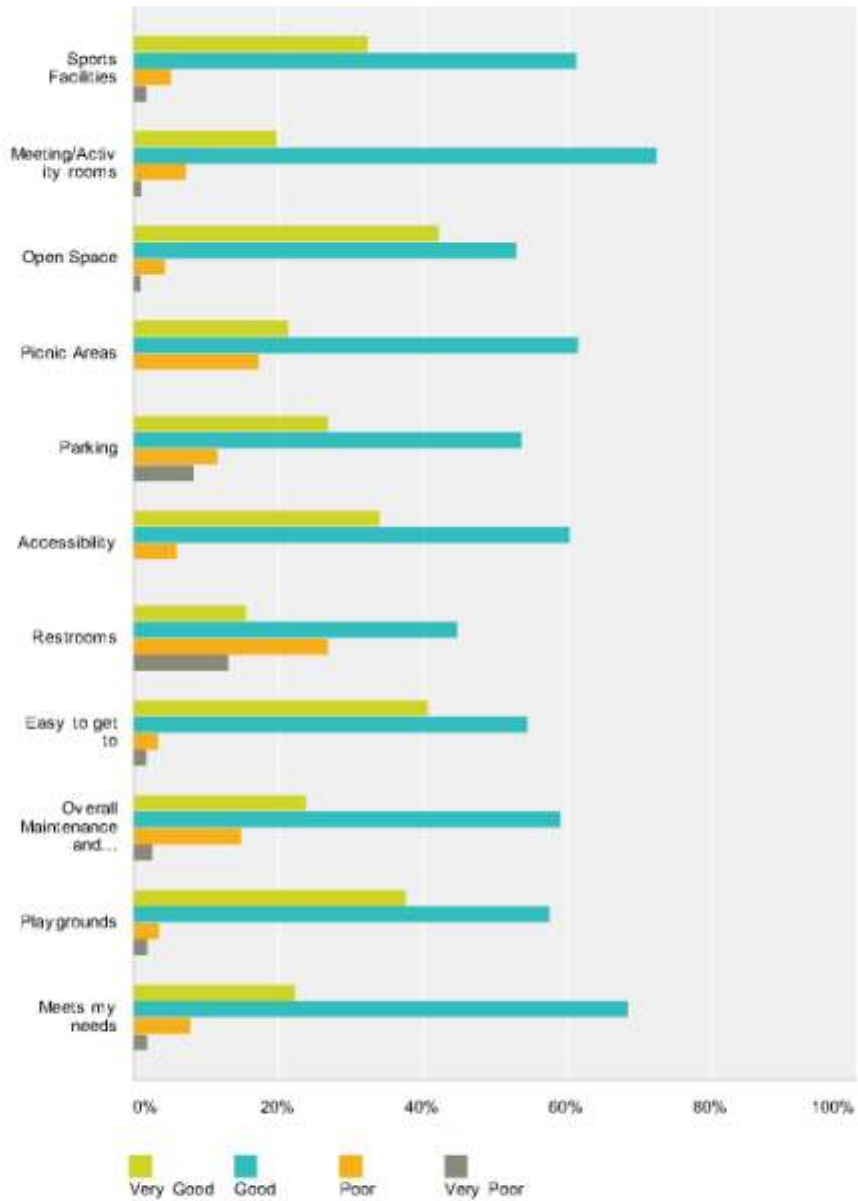
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76	more dog parks in unused or abandoned lots	5/14/2013 9:58 AM
77	dog park at south gate park	5/14/2013 9:51 AM
78	bathroom	5/14/2013 9:46 AM
79	there used to be a wading pool years ago, I would like to see that come back, it was very useful for us with toddlers.	5/14/2013 9:37 AM
80	Increased security and patrols	5/14/2013 9:19 AM
81	More cleanliness	5/14/2013 8:41 AM
82	Expand Southern Ave. Park to South Gate Park	5/11/2013 10:52 PM
83	area for music entertain. mini amphitheater	5/10/2013 11:16 AM

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### Q10 How do you rate our South Gate Parks in the following areas:

Answered: 125 Skipped: 30



	Very Good	Good	Poor	Very Poor	Total
Sports Facilities	32.23% 39	61.16% 74	4.96% 6	1.65% 2	121
Meeting/Activity rooms	19.64% 22	72.32% 81	7.14% 8	0.89% 1	112
Open Space	42.15% 51	52.89% 64	4.13% 5	0.83% 1	121
Picnic Areas	21.31% 26	61.48% 75	17.21% 21	0% 0	122
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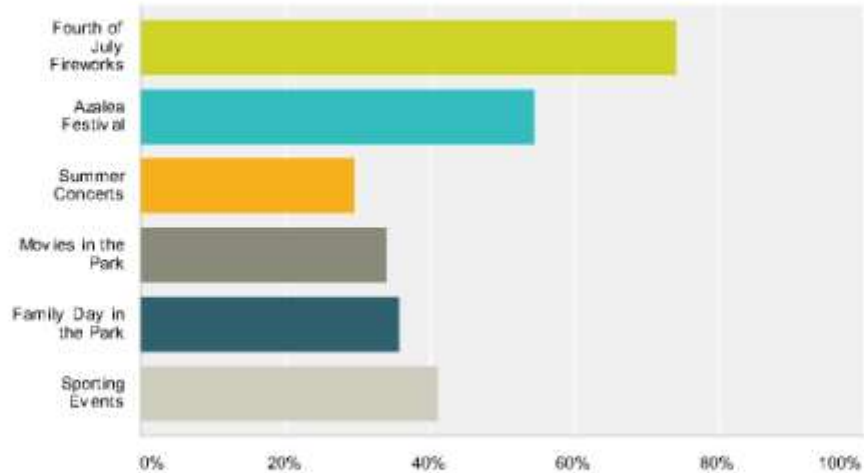
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<b>Parking</b>	<b>45.03%</b> 33	<b>59.05%</b> 60	<b>11.20%</b> 14	<b>0.12%</b> 10	123
<b>Accessibility</b>	<b>33.88%</b> 41	<b>60.33%</b> 73	<b>5.79%</b> 7	<b>0%</b> 0	121
<b>Restrooms</b>	<b>15.45%</b> 19	<b>44.72%</b> 55	<b>26.83%</b> 33	<b>13.01%</b> 16	123
<b>Easy to get to</b>	<b>40.65%</b> 50	<b>54.47%</b> 67	<b>3.25%</b> 4	<b>1.63%</b> 2	123
<b>Overall Maintenance and Appearance</b>	<b>23.77%</b> 29	<b>59.02%</b> 72	<b>14.75%</b> 18	<b>2.46%</b> 3	122
<b>Playgrounds</b>	<b>37.50%</b> 45	<b>57.50%</b> 69	<b>3.33%</b> 4	<b>1.67%</b> 2	120
<b>Meets my needs</b>	<b>22.22%</b> 26	<b>68.38%</b> 80	<b>7.69%</b> 9	<b>1.71%</b> 2	117

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### Q11 Which Community Events have you attended at South Gate Park in the past three years?

Answered: 112 Skipped: 43



Answer Choices	Responses
Fourth of July Fireworks	74.11% 83
Azalea Festival	54.46% 61
Summer Concerts	29.46% 33
Movies in the Park	33.93% 38
Family Day in the Park	35.71% 40
Sporting Events	41.07% 46
Total Respondents: 112	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	health fair, dance shows	7/16/2013 9:02 AM
2	Health Fair, Recycling Event, Beatles Tribute at Band Stand , After Christmas Parade event, 2012 and a Housing workshop.	6/7/2013 1:01 PM
3	MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES .PAGEANT OF TREES	6/3/2013 10:13 AM
4	Miss Azalea/ Miss South Gate Pageant	5/31/2013 10:17 AM
5	None	5/30/2013 6:49 PM
6	memorial day service, National Night Out, Women's Club Christmas Boutique, CIA meetings, City Council Meeting, Festival of the Trees,free flu shots	5/29/2013 8:45 PM
7	Recital Events	5/29/2013 3:05 PM
8	None	5/29/2013 9:05 AM
9	Health fair	5/28/2013 9:37 PM
10	Farmer's Market	5/28/2013 9:00 PM
11	South Gate Middle School Mother's Day event.	5/28/2013 4:05 PM
12	Pageant of the Trees, Posado, Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Community Meetings, Youth Commission Meetings	5/28/2013 3:51 PM
13	fairs	5/28/2013 3:35 PM

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14	Health fair	5/28/2013 3:06 PM
15	The Fair	5/14/2013 12:39 PM



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### Q12 What other Events or Activities would you like to see at South Gate Parks?

Answered: 43 Skipped: 112

#	Responses	Date
1	summer time petting zoo and pony rides	7/16/2013 8:57 AM
2	Dog Park	7/16/2013 8:48 AM
3	battle of bands and halloween bon fire , & grese pole	7/15/2013 6:46 PM
4	local evening swim competitions	7/10/2013 7:47 AM
5	5 de mayo	6/21/2013 3:15 AM
6	Community events that include music performances, exhibits ,health, community fundraisers/donations, environmental awareness or recycling events,community resource fair, and south gates performing arts showcasing residents talents.	6/7/2013 1:01 PM
7	SUMMER DAY FOR YOUTH/TEENS	6/3/2013 10:13 AM
8	more family events	6/3/2013 9:19 AM
9	more youth activities	6/1/2013 9:19 AM
10	Teenage Motivational Guest Speakers and for young children (series of speakers)	5/31/2013 10:17 AM
11	Events that are more adult friendly like Art and Music festivals	5/30/2013 6:49 PM
12	free days for the community in your Sports Facilities	5/30/2013 6:33 PM
13	I live on the east side of South Gate, east of the 710 and we have very busy schedules so we don't really have time for the events.	5/29/2013 9:05 AM
14	More family oriented events.	5/29/2013 7:12 AM
15	more music concerts	5/28/2013 9:37 PM
16	community fair	5/28/2013 8:25 PM
17	extend summer concerts	5/28/2013 6:53 PM
18	n/a	5/28/2013 5:07 PM
19	Competitive events to motivate participation of talented teens: art exhibits, concerts, skating competitions, cycling events, martial arts competitions, etc.	5/28/2013 4:05 PM
20	I am completely satisfied with the park.	5/28/2013 3:51 PM
21	Basketball but with real coaches not volunteers. This volunteers don't know the rules and regulations and always give preference of playing more to their own kids or others.	5/28/2013 3:35 PM
22	Better concerts, movies not just for kids	5/28/2013 3:16 PM
23	More teen/tween events and better advertising of events	5/28/2013 3:11 PM
24	Family active events, such as a 5k.	5/28/2013 3:04 PM
25	More family oriented activities at Hollydale Regional Park	5/28/2013 2:32 PM
26	better youth sports	5/28/2013 2:31 PM
27	fourth of July bonfire	5/22/2013 11:19 AM
28	Football games	5/21/2013 6:18 PM
29	n/a	5/16/2013 9:22 AM
30	Would like to see educational activities and projects for at-risk youth.	5/14/2013 2:58 PM
31	Theatrical	5/14/2013 2:35 PM
32	farmer market, health fairs and music concerts	5/14/2013 2:15 PM
33	police involvement to get rid of the drugs	5/14/2013 2:14 PM
34	Dog park	5/14/2013 2:12 PM
35	Basketball Tournaments	5/14/2013 1:07 PM



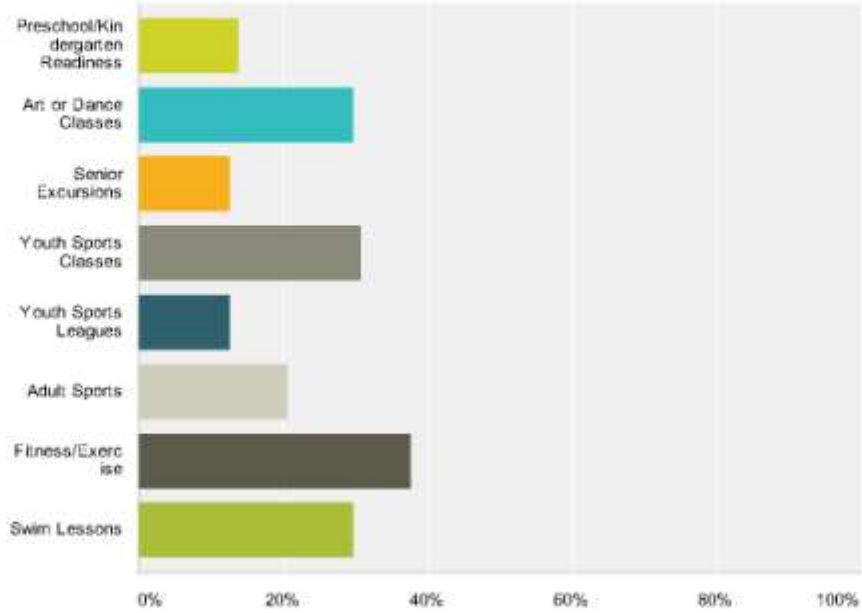
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36	None	5/14/2013 12:39 PM
37	I would like to have more park led clean up events. More events to inform folks of issues affecting our community.	5/14/2013 12:30 PM
38	more dance classes	5/14/2013 11:42 AM
39	An adult obstacle course, or a paintball shooting combat area.	5/14/2013 11:24 AM
40	Weekly Farmers' Market and more weekend events	5/14/2013 10:28 AM
41	Theatre and performing arts events.	5/14/2013 10:16 AM
42	more billiard tournaments	5/14/2013 9:52 AM
43	Would like more events at Chavez park	5/10/2013 11:17 AM

## South Gate Parks Master Plan Update

### Q13 Which Recreation Programs have you or a family member enrolled in at South Gate Park in the past three years?

Answered: 88 Skipped: 67



Answer Choices	Responses
Preschool/Kindergarten Readiness	13.64% 12
Art or Dance Classes	29.55% 26
Senior Excursions	12.50% 11
Youth Sports Classes	30.68% 27
Youth Sports Leagues	12.50% 11
Adult Sports	20.45% 18
Fitness/Exercise	37.50% 33
Swim Lessons	29.55% 26
Total Respondents: 88	

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### Q14 What programs would you like to see offered at the Parks that are not currently offered?

Answered: 44 Skipped: 111

#	Responses	Date
1	advanced gymnastics	7/16/2013 9:05 AM
2	computers for seniors	7/16/2013 9:03 AM
3	Yoga	7/16/2013 9:02 AM
4	Mounted Police Program	7/16/2013 8:57 AM
5	all the above at hollydale	7/16/2013 8:43 AM
6	more Zumba	7/16/2013 8:42 AM
7	volleyball	6/21/2013 3:17 AM
8	More community Excursions, affordable cooking/eating healthy alternatives,	6/7/2013 1:08 PM
9	Girls Scouts	6/7/2013 12:58 PM
10	more programs for kids under 4 years old	6/3/2013 9:20 AM
11	the golf course, we are not using it as much as we should	6/1/2013 9:19 AM
12	Educational (math, English maybe workshops for our children who struggle in school)	5/31/2013 10:18 AM
13	Programs for adults (ages between 20+)	5/30/2013 6:52 PM
14	more pool time for the public ....	5/30/2013 6:37 PM
15	walking club	5/29/2013 8:46 PM
16	self defense	5/29/2013 12:20 PM
17	i would like to be able to register online for the youth classes	5/29/2013 9:06 AM
18	Culinary classes	5/28/2013 9:38 PM
19	zumba dance classes	5/28/2013 8:26 PM
20	summer camp for kids	5/28/2013 8:01 PM
21	Girls soccer	5/28/2013 7:53 PM
22	education	5/28/2013 6:16 PM
23	Sporting goods rental access boot	5/28/2013 5:10 PM
24	More art classes: oil, pastels, water colors, ceramics.	5/28/2013 4:09 PM
25	Tutoring for school age children, parenting classes	5/28/2013 3:52 PM
26	A Tennis League.	5/28/2013 3:06 PM
27	zumba for families	5/28/2013 2:33 PM
28	better youth sports.	5/28/2013 2:32 PM
29	Pop Warner football	5/21/2013 6:20 PM
30	More evening classes after 7PM	5/19/2013 5:19 PM
31	Fitness classes	5/14/2013 8:45 PM
32	Programs that target at-risk youth in the city.	5/14/2013 2:59 PM
33	Dog training	5/14/2013 2:27 PM
34	Zumba	5/14/2013 2:16 PM
35	yoga	5/14/2013 2:15 PM
36	Summer camp for all ages	5/14/2013 1:31 PM
37	belly dancing	5/14/2013 11:45 AM

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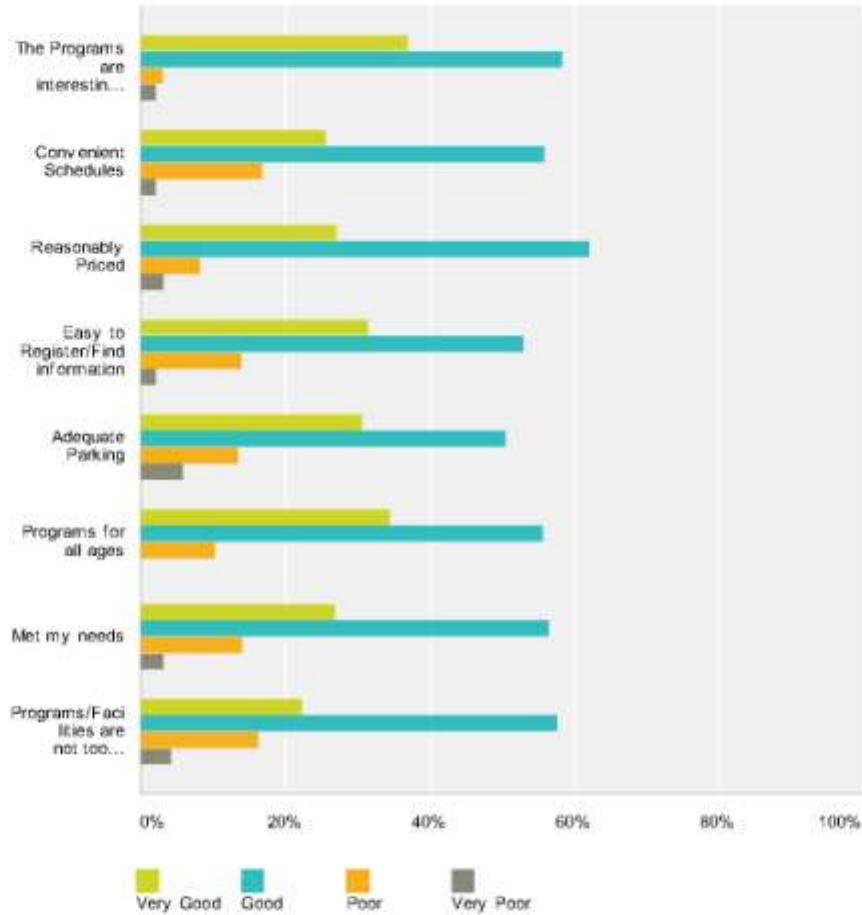
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38	More adult swimming hours.	5/14/2013 11:25 AM
39	more dance classes	5/14/2013 10:35 AM
40	More yoga or pilates classes	5/14/2013 10:29 AM
41	Yoga courses.	5/14/2013 10:17 AM
42	Weekend farmers markets so that working folks can attend	5/14/2013 10:00 AM
43	dance classes	5/14/2013 9:52 AM
44	More music courses	5/10/2013 11:19 AM

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### Q15 How would you rate the programs that you have participated in at South Gate Parks?

Answered: 106 Skipped: 49

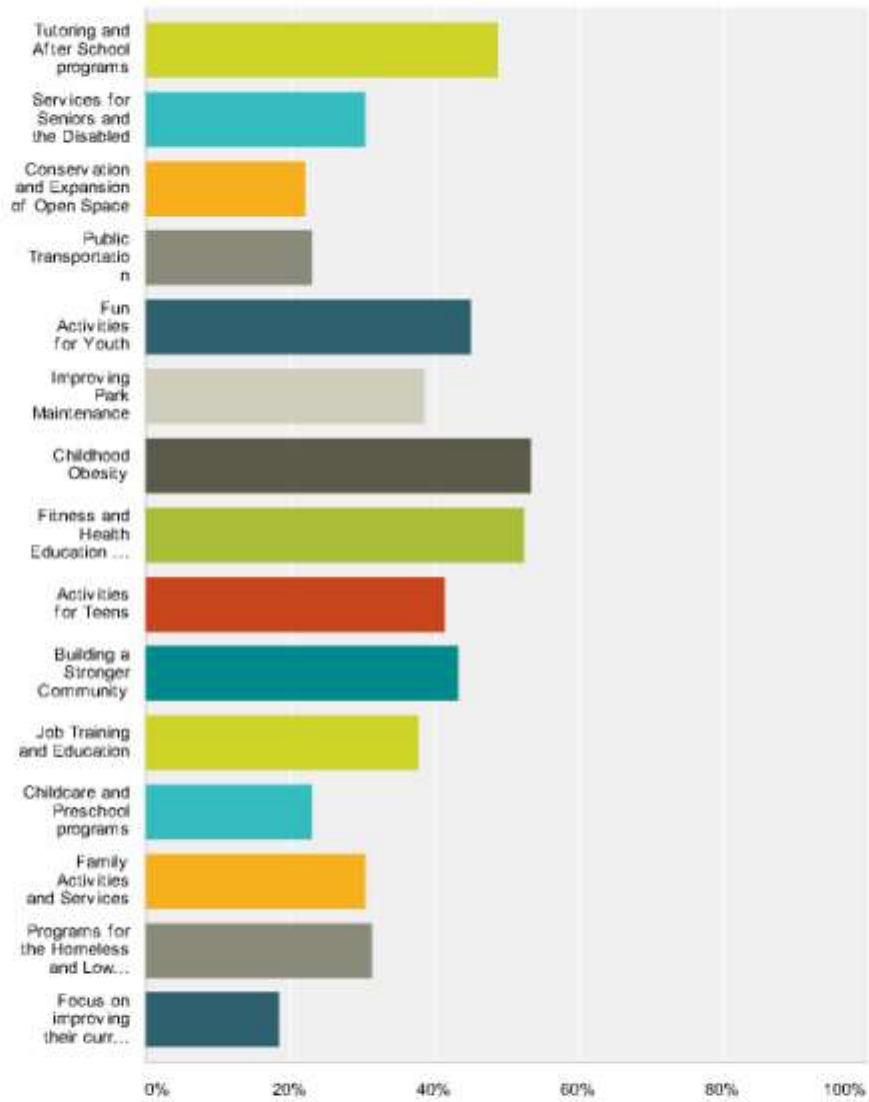


	Very Good	Good	Poor	Very Poor	Total
The Programs are interesting to me or my family	36.89% 38	58.25% 60	2.91% 3	1.94% 2	103
Convenient Schedules	25.49% 26	55.88% 57	16.67% 17	1.96% 2	102
Reasonably Priced	27% 27	62% 62	8% 8	3% 3	100
Easy to Register/Find information	31.37% 32	52.94% 54	13.73% 14	1.96% 2	102
Adequate Parking	30.48% 32	50.48% 53	13.33% 14	5.71% 6	105
Programs for all ages	34.34% 34	55.56% 55	10.10% 10	0% 0	99
Met my needs	26.73% 27	56.44% 57	13.86% 14	2.97% 3	101
Programs/Facilities are not too crowded	22.22% 22	57.58% 57	16.16% 16	4.04% 4	99

## South Gate Parks Master Plan Update

### Q16 Which of the following Community Concerns do you feel that our Parks & Recreation Department should focus on the coming years?

Answered: 109 Skipped: 46



Answer Choices	Responses
Tutoring and After School programs	48.62% 53
Services for Seniors and the Disabled	30.28% 33
Conservation and Expansion of Open Space	22.02% 24
Public Transportation	22.94% 25
Fun Activities for Youth	44.95% 49
Improving Park Maintenance	38.53% 42

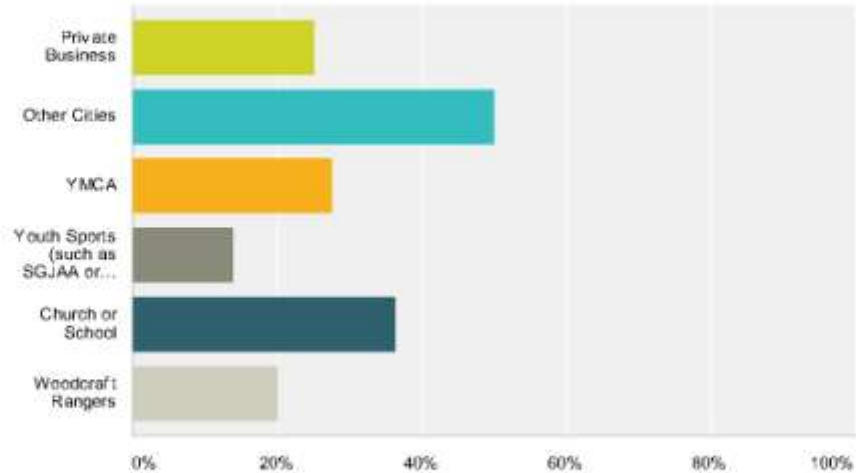
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Childhood Obesity	53.21%	58
Fitness and Health Education and Opportunities	52.29%	57
Activities for Teens	41.28%	45
Building a Stronger Community	43.12%	47
Job Training and Education	37.61%	41
Childcare and Preschool programs	22.94%	25
Family Activities and Services	30.28%	33
Programs for the Homeless and Low Income	31.19%	34
Focus on improving their current Programs and Facilities and not take on anything new	18.35%	20
Total Respondents: 109		

## South Gate Parks Master Plan Update

### Q17 What other organizations have you used for recreation and leisure activities during the past year?

Answered: 80 Skipped: 75



Answer Choices	Responses
Private Business	25% 20
Other Cities	50% 40
YMCA	27.50% 22
Youth Sports (such as SGJAA or AYSO)	13.75% 11
Church or School	36.25% 29
Woodcraft Rangers	20% 16
Total Respondents: 80	

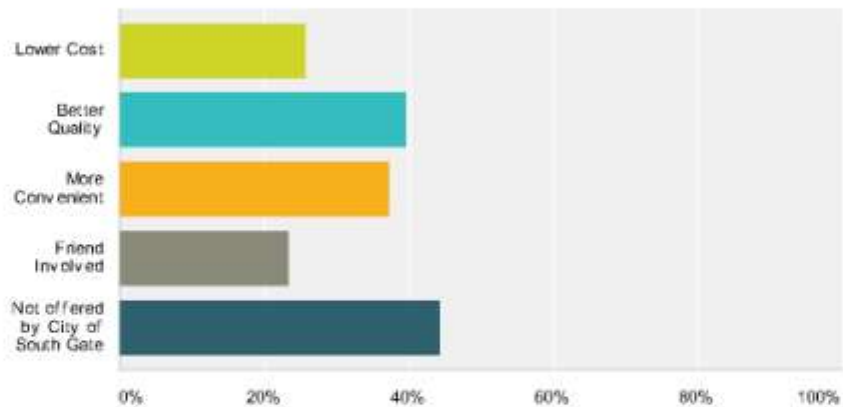
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2	LA Fitness	7/16/2013 8:45 AM
3	bowling	7/15/2013 6:53 PM
4	Y.D.P.	6/1/2013 1:15 PM
5	Tumbling classes (Santa Fe Springs)- South Gate doesnt offer this service	5/31/2013 10:20 AM
6	other city parks around area ...Residents. prices are to much for south gate	5/30/2013 6:46 PM
7	boy scouts	5/29/2013 11:16 AM
8	College community program	5/28/2013 9:05 PM
9	Volunteer activities	5/28/2013 8:26 PM
10	y outh basketball (no volunteers coaches)	5/28/2013 3:43 PM
11	Moose, Elks Lodges	5/28/2013 3:18 PM
12	Other recreational parks	5/14/2013 10:19 AM
13	Biking in long beach	5/14/2013 10:02 AM
14	LA fitness	5/14/2013 9:53 AM



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### Q18 If so, what reasons lead you to participate in the other programs?

Answered: 86 Skipped: 09



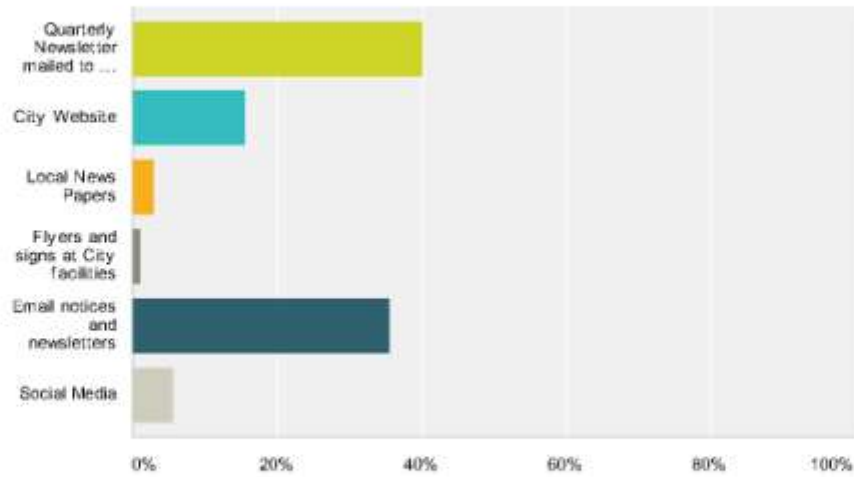
Answer Choices	Responses
Lower Cost	25.58% 22
Better Quality	39.53% 34
More Convenient	37.21% 32
Friend Involved	23.26% 20
Not offered by City of South Gate	44.19% 38
Total Responders: 86	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	advanced gymnastics	7/16/2013 9:06 AM
2	horses	7/16/2013 8:59 AM
3	family activity	6/21/2013 3:19 AM
4	Residents prices need to fix first...	5/30/2013 6:46 PM
5	South Gate has streets not available to wheelchair people unless we go into the street, dangerous curbs, unaccessible areas by chair and the areas available is for seniors are not available for those who are wheelchair bound in the age of 50 and over. Doors of opportunity are slammed in your face because I am not 65, even though I do have specific needs that are NEVER met	5/30/2013 1:05 PM
6	I tried to sign up my daughter for softball through the SGJAA program but every time I called i got a recording and I was never able to speak to a live person to get any information about registration. I had to go register at Salt lake park , they send me email reminders for sports registrations.	5/29/2013 7:22 AM
7	weekend classes	5/28/2013 9:05 PM
8	Not enrolled in other programs	5/28/2013 6:56 PM
9	I have to enroll my son into basketball with another city because South Gate has volunteers parents as coaches and these parents don't know the rules and regulations most of the time.	5/28/2013 3:43 PM
10	SG did not respond to my calls	5/28/2013 3:14 PM
11	South gate sports center does not provide leagues	5/28/2013 2:37 PM
12	we need more bike lanes	5/14/2013 10:02 AM

## South Gate Parks Master Plan Update

### Q19 How do you prefer to receive information about our Parks and Programs?

Answered: 110 Skipped: 45



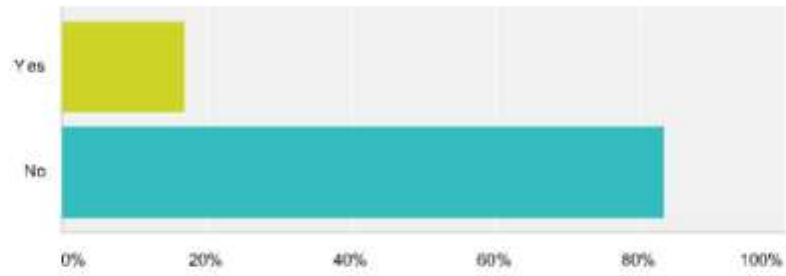
Answer Choices	Responses
Quarterly Newsletter mailed to my home	40% 44
City Website	15.45% 17
Local News Papers	2.73% 3
Flyers and signs at City facilities	0.91% 1
Email notices and newsletters	35.45% 39
Social Media	5.45% 6
<b>Total</b>	<b>110</b>

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Flyers, emails.	5/28/2013 8:26 PM
2	I think information should be made available through all of these sources - city website, local news paper, flyers and signs at city facilities, email notices and newsletters, church, schools, and social media.	5/14/2013 3:03 PM
3	I would take a multi-pronged approach to ensure that all folks are informed. Younger folks social media, older folks newsletter mailed, and middle-aged email notices.	5/14/2013 12:33 PM

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### Q20 Would you prefer to receive information from your Parks in Spanish?

Answered: 113 Skipped: 42

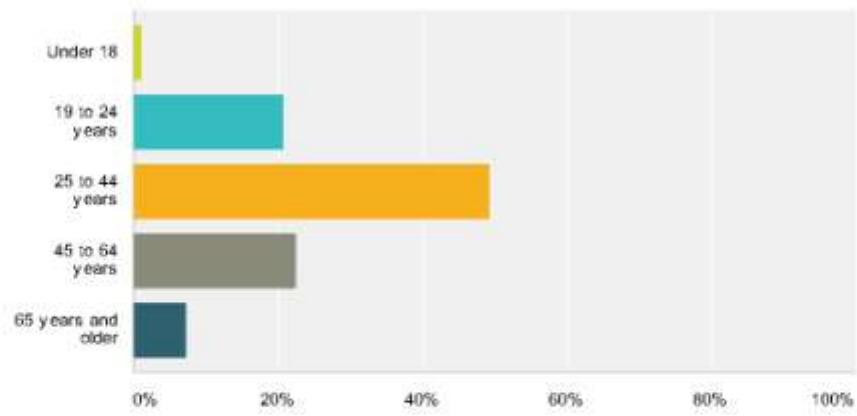


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	16.81%	19
No	83.19%	94
Total		113

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## Q21 What is your age?

Answered: 112 Skipped: 43

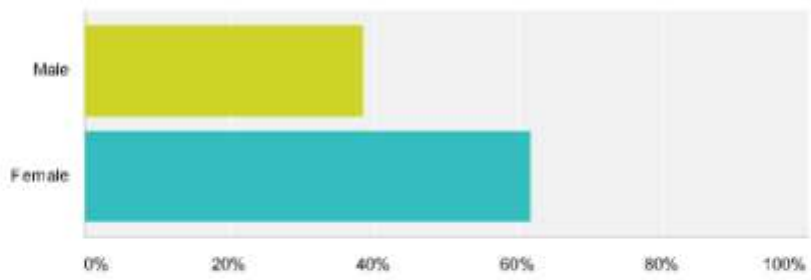


Answer Choices	Responses
Under 18	0.89% 1
19 to 24 years	20.54% 23
25 to 44 years	49.11% 55
45 to 64 years	22.32% 25
65 years and older	7.14% 8
Total	112

# South Gate Parks Master Plan Update

## Q22 What is your gender?

Answered: 112 Skipped: 43

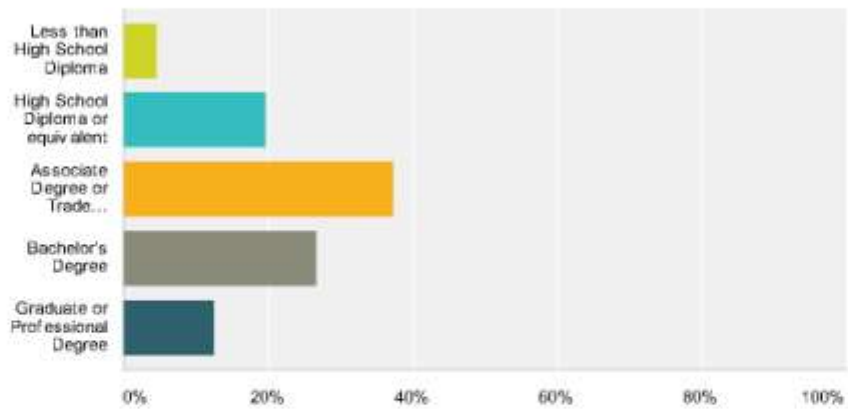


Answer Choices	Responses
Male	38.39% 43
Female	61.61% 69
Total	112

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### Q23 What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Answered: 113 Skipped: 42

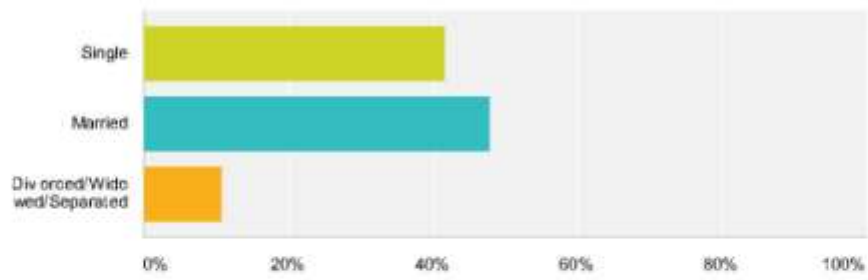


Answer Choices	Responses
Less than High School Diploma	4.42% 5
High School Diploma or equivalent	19.47% 22
Associate Degree or Trade training	37.17% 42
Bachelor's Degree	26.55% 30
Graduate or Professional Degree	12.39% 14
Total	113

# South Gate Parks Master Plan Update

## Q24 Marital Status

Answered: 113 Skipped: 42

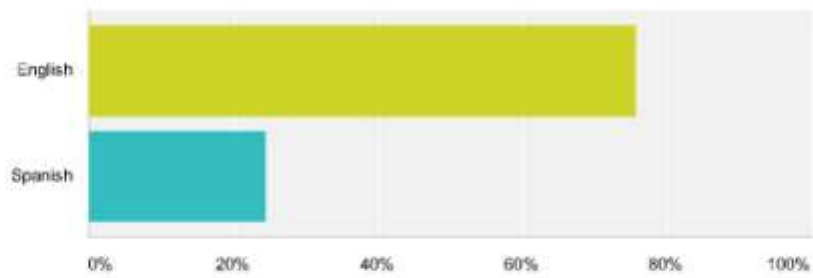


Answer Choices	Responses	
Single	41.59%	47
Married	47.79%	54
Divorced/Widowed/Separated	10.62%	12
Total		113

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### Q25 Language Spoken in Home

Answered: 111 Skipped: 44



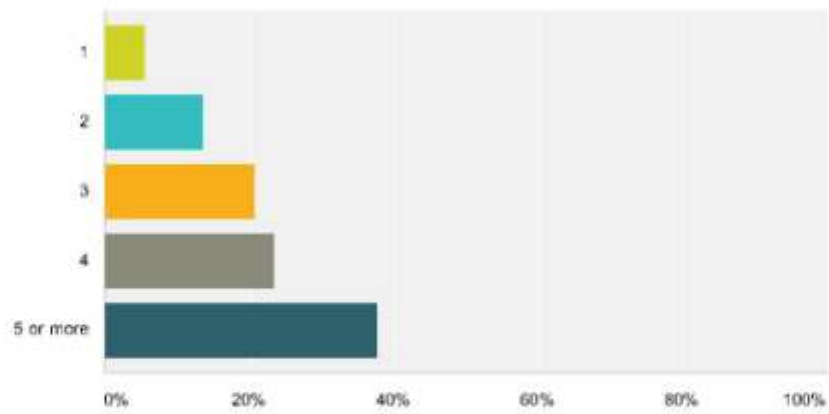
Answer Choices	Responses
English	75.68% 84
Spanish	24.32% 27
Total	111



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## Q26 Size of Household

Answered: 112 Skipped: 43

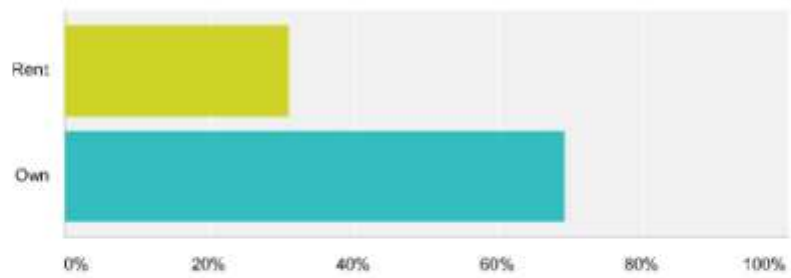


Answer Choices	Responses	
1	5.36%	6
2	13.39%	15
3	20.54%	23
4	23.21%	26
5 or more	37.50%	42
Total		112

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### Q27 Housing Status

Answered: 110 Skipped: 45



Answer Choices	Responses	
Rent	30.31%	34
Own	69.09%	76
Total		110



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