



EDMONDS PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

**TECHNICAL SUPPLEMENT MEETING SUMMARIES
PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE (PROS) PLAN
COMMUNITY CULTURAL PLAN**

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Conducted for: the City of Edmonds Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department
November 20th – November 25th, 2013
n=400; Margin of Error: ± 4.9 percentage points
EMC Research #13-4884

*All numbers in this document represent percentage (%) values, unless otherwise noted.
Please note that due to rounding, percentages may not add up to exactly 100.*

Hello, my name is _____, may I speak with **(NAME ON LIST)**.

Hello, my name is _____, and I'm conducting a survey for EMC Research to find out how people in the City of Edmonds feel about some of the different issues facing them. We are not trying to sell anything, and are collecting this information on a scientific and completely confidential basis.

1. SEX (RECORD BY OBSERVATION)

Male	46%
Female	54%

2. To get started, what do you think Edmonds could do that would most improve the City's parks, recreation, and cultural programs?

Doing a good job/Satisfied	16%
Clean up/maintain what is currently there	8%
More areas open to dogs	5%
More money/funding	4%
More children activities/family activities	2%
Indoor pool	2%
More economic development/businesses	2%
Expand parks/more parks	2%
More parking	2%
More advertising	2%
Activities for adults/seniors	2%
Add sidewalks/walk ways	2%
Other	18%
Don't know/Nothing	32%

Now, I'd like you to rate a few items relating to life in Edmonds, using a scale of excellent, good, only fair, or poor.

[BEFORE EACH: How would you rate (QX)? Would you say excellent, good, only fair, or poor?]

[RANDOMIZE]	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	(Don't know)	Total Positive	Total Negative
3. the overall quality of life for people living in Edmonds	60%	37%	2%	0%	0%	97%	2%
4. the overall job Edmonds City government is doing	10%	53%	25%	6%	5%	63%	31%
5. the overall job the City of Edmonds Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is doing	28%	61%	8%	1%	3%	89%	8%
[RANDOMIZE]							
6. the maintenance and upkeep of parks in Edmonds	37%	47%	11%	1%	3%	84%	13%
7. the arts and culture events and programs in Edmonds	44%	47%	4%	0%	4%	91%	4%
8. recreation programs and services in Edmonds	25%	56%	10%	3%	5%	81%	13%

[END RANDOMIZE]

I'm going to read you a list of **functions and services** provided by the City of Edmonds Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department. For each one, please tell me how important that particular item is to you and your household. Use a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means that it is "not at all important" and 5 means it is "extremely important."

[RANDOMIZE]	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total Import.
	Not at all important			Extremely Important		Refused	
9. Maintaining the parks and recreation facilities we currently have	1%	3%	7%	31%	58%	0%	89%
10. Adding, expanding and improving parks in Edmonds	7%	9%	31%	29%	24%	1%	53%
11. Providing more recreation programs and activities in Edmonds	7%	12%	33%	30%	16%	1%	47%
12. Providing more arts and culture events and programs in Edmonds	9%	12%	33%	29%	16%	0%	45%
13. Maintaining or expanding beach access in Edmonds	2%	9%	17%	23%	48%	1%	71%
14. Preserving greenspace, forests, and wetlands in Edmonds	3%	5%	13%	18%	60%	1%	79%

[END RANDOMIZE]

I'm going to read you a list of potential projects that the City of Edmonds Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is considering undertaking in the next couple of years. For each one, please tell me how important that particular item is to you and your household. Use a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means that it is "not at all important" and 5 means it is "extremely important."

[RANDOMIZE]	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	
	Not at all important					Extremely Important	Refused	Import.
15. Building an Indoor Aquatic Center to provide a year round swimming pool for lessons, swim teams, aquatic exercise classes, that includes features like slides and play equipment.	16%	16%	19%	19%	29%	1%	48%	
16. Building an Indoor Recreation Center with a full size gymnasium, exercise rooms, classrooms, and social gathering spaces	19%	19%	28%	17%	17%	0%	34%	
17. Renovating and expanding the existing Frances Anderson Center to make it function better, provide more space for programs and activities, and improve accessibility.	6%	11%	24%	31%	26%	1%	57%	
18. Buying and renovating Civic Center Playfield to make sure it remains a public park.	3%	9%	18%	32%	34%	4%	66%	
19. Developing a year round turf field sports complex and community park at the Former Woodway High School site	17%	19%	22%	23%	17%	1%	40%	
20. Allocating funds to improve existing parks with new playgrounds, better amenities, restrooms	7%	9%	31%	30%	22%	0%	53%	
21. Restoring the natural functions of the Edmonds Marsh and adding boardwalks, viewing blinds, and other features	10%	10%	26%	23%	30%	2%	53%	
22. Creating more partnership projects with the school district to improve and expand parks and facilities at elementary and middle schools	10%	7%	24%	31%	26%	1%	57%	

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
	Not at all important				Extremely Important	Refused	Import.
23. Building more trail and sidewalk connections within Edmonds, including connections to the parks, the Interurban Trail, and downtown	8%	12%	24%	20%	36%	0%	56%

[END RANDOMIZE]

24.-27. Now I'd like you to choose how important these items are against each other. Among building an indoor aquatic center, building an indoor recreation center, renovating and expanding the existing Frances Anderson Center, buying and renovating Civic Playfield, and developing a sports complex and community park at the Former Woodway High School site, which item is the most important?

	Building an Indoor Aquatic Center (n=268)	Building an Indoor recreation Center (n=260)	Renovating and expanding the Francis Anderson Center (n=262)	Buying and Renovating Civic Playfield (n=253)	Developing a sports and playfield at the former Woodway High School site (n=268)
Most Important	26%	11%	36%	10%	20%
2 nd Most Important	17%	19%	25%	22%	14%
3 rd Most Important	6%	26%	8%	40%	14%
4 th Most Important	17%	35%	13%	19%	16%
Least Important	33%	9%	18%	9%	36%

28-30. And among the other items which are making improvements to existing parks, creating more partnership projects with the school district to improve and expand parks and facilities at elementary and middle schools, building more trail and sidewalk connections between Edmonds parks and the Interurban Trail, and restoring the natural functions of the Edmonds Marsh, which is the most important

	Making Improvements to existing Parks (n=368)	Creating more partnership projects with the school district to improve and expand existing parks and facilities at elementary and middle schools (n=371)	Building more trail and sidewalk connections between Edmonds parks and the Interurban trail (n=371)	Restoring the natural functions of the Edmonds Marsh (n=375)
Most Important	13%	23%	29%	37%
2 nd Most Important	33%	31%	18%	19%
3 rd Most Important	44%	21%	18%	16%
Least Important	11%	26%	36%	29%

Moving on

[ROTATE]

Knowing that some usage is seasonal or weather dependent, how often would you say that you or someone in your household uses the following types of parks and or recreational facilities? For each please tell me if you Regularly, Occasionally, Rarely, or Never use these facilities.

[RANDOMIZE]	Regularly	Occasionally	Rarely	Never	(Don't know)
31. Athletic Fields for league and team sports such as soccer, softball, baseball, lacrosse, and other sports	18%	19%	21%	42%	0%
32. Gymnasiums and courts for league and team sports such as basketball, pickleball, indoor soccer, tennis, and more	13%	12%	24%	51%	0%
33. Trails for walking, running, and biking	42%	34%	9%	15%	0%
34. Waterfront Facilities like boat launches, docks, fishing areas and beaches	47%	38%	9%	7%	0%
35. Yost Pool	11%	21%	27%	40%	0%
36. Facilities for family activities like playgrounds, picnic areas, and play areas	33%	35%	15%	17%	0%
37. Open Space & Wildlife habitat Conservation such as Edmonds Marsh, the Fish Hatchery, tidelands, forests, and other natural areas	27%	39%	20%	15%	0%
38. Dog parks	23%	16%	15%	46%	1%

[END RANDOMIZE]

39. I'd like to read two statements to you. Please tell me which is closer to your opinion even if neither one is exactly right please tell me which one you lean towards.

Which statement is closer to your opinion? (IF UNDECIDED) Well which statement do you lean towards, the first or the second?

[IF FIRST/Some] people say that our parks system has been neglected and here is an urgent need for more parks funding for day-to-day operations and maintenance of the system. Lean Statement 1	47%	→ 50%
[IF SECOND/Other] people say we can't afford new taxes for the Edmonds parks system right now and that the City should make do with what it has. Lean Statement 2	47%	→ 49%
Undecided/Not Sure	1%	
Refused	0%	

40. I'd like to read two more statements to you. Please tell me which is closer to your opinion even if neither one is exactly right.

Which statement is closer to your opinion? (IF UNDECIDED) Well which statement do you lean towards, the first or the second?

[IF FIRST/Some] people say that we not only need more parks funding for day-to-day operations and maintenance of the system, but that we should also be expanding parks, recreational programs, and cultural programs	49%	→ 50%
Lean Statement 1	2%	
[IF SECOND/Other] people say we can't afford new taxes for the Edmonds parks system right now and that the City should make do with what it has.	47%	→ 49%
Lean Statement 2	1%	
Undecided/Not Sure	1%	
Refused	0%	

41. In the past few years, funding for parks maintenance and day to day operations has been very unstable due to the economy. Many cities have chosen to cut budgets for parks maintenance and operations due to economic conditions. Some cities have chosen to create Parks Districts, which gives a city the ability to implement voter approved funding that is dedicated solely to parks and cannot be diverted to other purposes. An Edmonds parks district that would take care of all of the maintenance and day to day operations for all of Edmonds parks would cost the owner of a four hundred thousand dollar home about ten dollars per month. In general, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose creating this Parks District?

Strongly Support	33%	→ 71%
Somewhat Support	38%	
Somewhat Oppose	13%	→ 28%
Strongly Oppose	15%	
Don't Know	1%	
Refused	0%	

42. What specific active lifestyle and recreation programs would you like to see that aren't currently being offered? (TAKE ONE RESPONSE)

Indoor aquatic center/pool	10%
More hiking/walking paths	7%
Doing a good job/Satisfied	7%
More dog parks	2%
Concerts/music	2%
Wildlife/nature programs	2%
More bike paths	2%
Other	22%
Don't know/Nothing	45%

43. Can you safely access the nearest public park or trail via foot, bicycle, or public transportation?

Yes	93%
No	7%

Finally, I'd like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

44. Do any children under the age of 18 live in your household?

Yes	30%
No	69%
Refused	0%

45. Do you have a cell phone or not?

Yes	95%
No	5%
Refused	0%

[IF Q45=1 ASK Q46 IF Q45=2 OR 3, RESPONDENT DOES NOT HAVE CELLPHONE, SKIP TO Q47]

46. How much do you rely on your cell phone? Would you say you rely on your cell phone **[READ RESPONSES]**

All the time – it's your only phone	22%
A great deal – it's your primary phone	34%
Some – you use it occasionally	26%
Very little – you mostly have it for emergencies	17%
Don't know	0%
Refused	0%

(RESUME ASKING EVERYONE)

47. For statistical purposes, what year were you born?

[RECORD YEAR - VALID RANGE: 1900-1995] IF "Refused" ==> ASK Q48

48. **[IF VALID AGE IN Q48 - CODE AGE FROM PREVIOUS QUESTION, IF REFUSED ASK] Would you say you are age... (READ LIST)**

18-24	12%
25-34	11%
35-44	15%
45-64	31%
65+	30%
Refused	1%

50 We are trying to gather opinions of people from a variety of backgrounds. Which of the following best describes your ethnicity?

Caucasian or White	92%
Asian or Asian American	2%
Hispanic or Latino	1%
Black or African American	0%
Pacific Islander	0%
Native American	1%
Other	2%
Refused	2%

THANK YOU!



EDMONDS PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Advisory Team

Date August 14, 2013, 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Location Library Plaza Room

INTRODUCTION

The PROS Advisory Team (PAT) for the *City of Edmonds Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan* met on August 14, 2013. This group convened to advise on the update of the plan, and they will meet four times throughout the update process. The meeting was facilitated by Lauren Schmitt and Ryan Mottau of MIG, Inc., who provided an overview of the planning process and led a discussion of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges to consider in providing parks, recreation, facilities, events and programs in Edmonds.

The four-phased PROS plan update process will continue through the fall and winter, with the plan completed by the end of February 2014 in order to renew State and Federal grant eligibility for the next six years.

Please visit the City's website for more information about the project: <http://www.edmondswa.gov>. One important outreach method is the online questionnaire, available now at: <http://bit.ly/edmondssurvey>.

KEY THEMES

Key themes emerged during the discussion of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges.

- Enhancing the **existing system** is important to realizing new recreation opportunities.
- **Stewardship** of Edmonds' environment should be promoted and expanded through collaboration among all recreation providers and outreach to school communities, local institutions, and social networks.
- Parks, recreation programs and community culture are critical to the **identity** of the community.
- **Health and safety** can be promoted in Edmonds through improved accessibility (ADA, transit, parking), greater connectivity (complete paths), and more opportunities for physical activity (investment in facilities and programs).
- Finally, the group expressed a need for adequate and consistent **funding** of current and future projects.

MEETING NOTES

During the meeting, the conversation was recorded graphically at the front of the room. The notes below summarize the meeting discussion and a photo reduction of the wallgraphic is included at the end of the summary.

Parks System

Strengths

- Beach parks
- Edmonds Marsh
- Civic Playfield
 - Diversity of users
 - Amount of use
- Yost Park
- Senior Softball
- Boys & Girls Club
- Amount of use of facilities and programs
- Discovery Program – beach, forest
- Quick response Re: Accessible swings
 - See photos on Edmonds MOMS page of accessible swing
- Frances Anderson Center

Weaknesses

- Continuous pathway needed on waterfront
- Complete marsh trail circuit
- Parking in Yost Park
- Senior softball – fields not there
- Haines Wharf
 - Public questioning cost of project

Opportunities

- “Treadmonds” (walking programs)
- Creating awareness
- OS Acquisition downstream of Yost Park
- More use potential for Civic Playfield?
- New growth – New parks, facilities
- Reach out to school/communities
- Community garden!
- Metropolitan Park District (MPD) as a dedicated funding source

- Size and scale of the community
- Accessibility
- Senior center and site
- Reinvestment
- Maximize youth programming on beach
- Regional perspective

Threats/Challenges

- Lifecycle mobility
- Access by transit - car access/parking
- Civic playfield owned by school district (other sites, too)
- Aging community – resistance to change
- Planning fatigue
- Money – budget process looks at parks and recreation as a place to cut
- Tunnel vision don't forget about the rest of Edmonds outside of downtown or "the bowl"
- Duplication risk – regional context

Public Involvement Ideas

- Use Edmonds Moms FB page/network to reach young families
- Foodbank clientele – go to foodbank sites

Next steps

- Emphasize ownership of property (City vs. School District)

NEXT STEPS

Next PAT meeting scheduled for September 25, 2013

- Review of and Park, Facility, and Program Analysis
- Presentation of public engagement findings
- Discussion of the preliminary Needs Analysis, including service gaps and opportunities to address those needs



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PARKS RECREATION & OPEN SPACE PLAN

EDMONDS

PROS ADVISORY TEAM (PAT) #1
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STRENGTHS

- BEACH PARKS
 - EDMONDS MARSH
 - CIVIC PLAYFIELD
 - DIVERSITY OF USERS
 - AMOUNT OF USE
 - YOST PARK
 - SENIOR SOFTBALL
 - BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
- AMOUNT OF USE FACILITIES + PROGRAM
- DISCOVERY PROGRAM
- BEACH FOREST
- QUICK RESPONSE RE ACCESSIBLE SWIMMING
- FRANCIS ANDERSON CENTER
- Use Pros for Edmonds Parks page

WEAKNESSES

- CONTINUOUS PATHWAY NEEDED ON WATERFRONT
- COMPLETE MARSH CIRCUIT
- PARKING IN YOST PARK
- SENIOR SOFTBALL - FIELDS NOT THERE
- HAINES - COST OF THAT. WARE PUBLIC QUESTIONING. PARK

OPPORTUNITIES

- TREATMENTS (WALKING PROGRAMS)
 - OS ACQUISITION DOWNSTREAM OF YOST PARK
 - MORE USE POTENTIAL OF CIVIC PLAYFIELD? SCREEN
 - NEW GROWTH → NEW PARKS FACILITIES
 - REACH OUT TO SCHOOL COMMUNITIES
 - COMMUNITY GARDEN
 - MPD! SIZE + SCALE
 - ACCESSIBILITY
 - SENIOR CENTER + SITE
 - REINVESTMENT
- CREATING AWARENESS
- MAXIMIZE YOUTH PROGRAMMING ON BEACH
- REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE
- COOPERATION AMONG ALL RE PROVIDERS

THREATS/CHALLENGES

- LIFECYCLE MOBILITY
 - CIVIC PLAYFIELD OWNED BY SCHOOL DISTRICT (OTHER SITES TOO)
 - AGING COMMUNITY / RESISTANCE TO CHANGE
 - PLANNING FATIGUE
 - MONEY BUDGET PROCESS
 - TUNNEL VISION: DOWNTOWN = PARKS
 - DUPLICATION RISK - REGIONAL CONTEXT
 - FUNDING
- ACCESS BY TRANSIT CAR ACCESS / PARKING

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

- USE EDMONDS MOMS FB. PAGE / NETWORK TO REACH YOUNG FAMILIES
- FOODBANK CLIENTELE - GO TO FOODBANK SITES

NEXT STEPS

SHOW OWNERSHIP (CITY VS. SCHOOL DISTRICT)

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8/14/13

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EDMONDS PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Advisory Team

Date September 25, 2013, 5:00 – 6:30 PM

Location Library Plaza Room

INTRODUCTION

The PROS Advisory Team (PAT) for the *City of Edmonds Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan* met on September 25, 2013. This group is convened to advise on the update of the plan, for the second of four meetings throughout the update process. The meeting was facilitated by Lauren Schmitt and Ryan Mottau of MIG, Inc., who provided an update on the findings of the *Existing Recreation Resources* document and the public involvement to date. The final agenda item was a discussion of the considerations for analyzing the needs in the system.

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<http://www.edmondswa.gov>.

KEY THEMES

The group discussion focused on the elements of the parks and recreation system and considerations that are important to the needs analysis, which will be the next step in the process.

- Not all features need to be **close to home**, but residents should be able to walk to:
 - a place to play,
 - nature,
 - an open lawn,
 - gathering places, and
 - a basketball court or other small court.
- Other features should be **included in the system** but may be further away or be a unique element.
- Connections for walking are important, which could include **using some streets as extensions of the park system**.
- **Barriers** such as the railroad tracks and the perception of safety **limit use and access**.

MEETING NOTES

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Needs Analysis

Features to have close to home

- Nature – including the ability to get in it, explore it
- Restroom or port-a-potty
- Informational signage
- P-patch (community garden) in high density areas
- Water fountain
- Gathering place – bench grouping or seating area
- Place to sit
- Place to play
- Open space/unprogrammed lawn
- Game tables
- Basketball court

Features to include in the system

- Continuous walkway along beach
- Non-motorized boating center
- Better info about tides/Sound
- Adding green, including green roofs/walls
- Full sized athletic fields
- Year-round aquatic center
- Wayfinding – Interurban trail example
- Connections
- Indoor playground
- Indoor/covered space (flexible use or a variety of spaces)

Improving connections

- Walking
- Streets as parks
- In street/ROW trails
- Road end connections

Access considerations and barriers

- Maplewood Park entry
- Coal trains could have a major impact
 - Quality of experience
 - Access to waterfront
- Prioritize a S to N route for walking through Edmonds
- More info in Craze (tides, water access points)
- Highways
- Perception of safety
- Poorly drained soil/usability of some sites

Other comments and considerations

- Pine Ridge is a missed opportunity
- Park Board – should the City have one?
- Input could be addressed through Metropolitan Park District structure
 - Independent Board
 - City Council as Board
- System requires constant tinkering and refreshing
- What counts in measures?
 - Usable recreation space vs. maintenance workload calculations
- Where is planned density?

NEXT STEPS

Next PAT meeting is scheduled for November 20th and will include:

- Presentation of the Needs Assessment
- Discussion of findings from the community survey
- Identify recommendations and capital projects



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PAT MEETING #2
9/25/2013

- ▶ PARK BOARD - ADD ONE?
- ▶ MPD STRUCTURES
 - INDEPENDENT BOARD
 - CITY COUNCIL AS BOARD
- ▶ SYSTEM REQUIRES CONSTANT TINKERING + REFRESHING
- ▶ WHAT COUNTS IN MEASURES?
 - VEHICLE / PCL SPACE VS. MAINTENANCE WORKLOAD CALLS
- ▶ WHERE IS PLANNED DENSITY?

CLOSE TO HOME

RESTROOM OR PARTY POTY storage
P-PATCH IN HIGH DENSITY AREAS
WATER FOUNTAIN
NATURE
GATHERING PLACE
BASKETBALL COURT
GAME TABLES
OPEN SPACE / UNPROGRAMMED LAWN
PLACE TO PLAY
PLAY TO SIT

IN THE SYSTEM

CONTINUOUS NONMOTORIZED WALKWAY ALONG BOCA
FULL SIZED ATHLETIC FIELDS
YEAR ROUND AQUATIC CENTER
BETTER INFO ABOUT TIDE/SOUND INFO
WAYFINDING (↳ Inurban Trail Example)
CONNECTIONS
INDOOR PLAYGROUND
INDOOR COVERED SPACE (↳ flexible use or a variety of spaces)

CONNECTIONS

WALKING STREETS AS PARKS
IN STREET / ROW TRAILS
ROAD END CONNECTIONS
ADDING GREEN / ROOFS, WALLS

ACCESS / BARRIERS

- ▶ MAPLEWOOD PARK ENTRY
- ▶ COAL TRAINS
 - QUALITY OF EXPERIENCE
 - BARRIER
- ▶ PRIORITY A S TO H ROUTE FOR WALKING THROUGH EDMONDS
- ▶ MORE INFO IN CRUISE (TIDES, WATER ACCESS POINTS)
- ▶ HIGHWAYS
- ▶ PERCEPTION OF SAFETY
- ▶ POORLY DRAINAGE SOIL / USABILITY OF SOME SITES
- ▶ PINE RIDGE?

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan and Community Cultural Plan

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9/25/2013

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MEETING NOTES

The notes below summarize the meeting discussion, which focused on the review package provided to PAT members.

PROS Concept

- Where does Aquatics fit in this concept?
- Ballenger Playfield should be noted as an Other Park
- College Place also provides park like access for some
- Good Hope Pond should be “Activate” or “Expand” or both
- Where does the Senior Center Fit?
- Add SR 104 to “Identity”

Goal Areas

- Include Senior Center in list of partners
- Other connection ideas: such as Swedish Hospital Health Trail, loop of downtown
- Visual connections and signage can be critical
- Add or expand on making the system more culturally relevant and address social equity
- Create a bicycle friendly environment
- Potentially update the wayfinding plan
- Shoreline trail should emphasize the crossing at the ferry dock
- Reestablish the past collaboration with Lynnwood on programming and advertising (CRAZE)
- Include boardwalk in references to the Edmonds Marsh
- Explore access from Point Edwards to the Edmonds Marsh
- Is there openness to using residential development as a way to fund Civic Playfield development?

NEXT STEPS

- Public review draft will be published on December 2nd.
- Comments from the PAT are welcome before or after that date
- A full revision incorporating Planning Board, City Council and further public review will be completed before this plan is finalized (during January and February)
- If PAT members have comments to include before the public draft they must be sent to Carrie Hite by the end of day November 25th. An electronic copy of the review package is attached with this summary.



EDMONDS PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

Community Culture (CC) Advisory Team

Date August 14, 2013, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Location Library Plaza Room

INTRODUCTION

The CC Advisory Team (CCAT), a group of people serving as advisors for the update of *The City of Edmonds Community Culture Plan* met for the first time on August 14, 2013 to discuss strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges with arts and culture in Edmonds. The meeting was facilitated by Lauren Schmitt and Ryan Mottau of MIG, Inc., who provided an overview of the planning process and led a group discussion on assets and issues.

This group will meet throughout the plan update process, coordinating with the PROS Advisory Team (PAT) serving in a similar role for the update of the *Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan*. A four-phased update process is being used for both plans, and both updates will be adopted by the end of February 2014, in response to a deadline to renew State and Federal grant eligibility for the next six years.

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<http://www.edmondswa.gov>. One important outreach method is the online questionnaire, available now at: <http://bit.ly/edmondssurvey>.

KEY THEMES

Key themes emerged during the discussion of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges.

- CCAT members agree that the **identity** and **economy** of Edmonds is closely tied to arts, parks and open spaces. Residents and visitors value access and views to the
- community's natural surroundings and the fun, unique opportunities provided by the arts and culture scene. There is opportunity to highlight the cultural and natural history of Edmonds in the Parks System.
- **Participation** in community culture should be promoted and expanded through a working partnership between Arts and Parks and collaborative opportunities provided by volunteers and local organizations. Several avenues of communication should be used to keep people informed and engaged (kiosk, web, etc).
- The advisory team values and promotes **diversity** in many forms – e.g. of cultural and recreational offerings, artist types, program users, and residents'

culture/ethnicity. **Spaces for art** is important and co-locating a variety of arts and cultural programs could lower costs and build community.

- **Transportation infrastructure** represents both a challenge (railroad and ferry especially) and an opportunity for the community. There is a strong connection between walkability and the aesthetics of the streetscape
- Finally, the group expressed a need for adequate and consistent **funding** of current and future projects. It is critical to show how the arts make financial contributions to the community.

MEETING NOTES

During the meeting the conversation was recorded graphically at the front of the room. A photo reduction of these notes is included at the end of the summary.

Supplemental notes were taken by City staff. The notes below summarize the discussion at the meeting, drawing from both the photo reduction and staff notes.

Arts and Culture

Strengths

- Unique
- Diversity of working artists
- City commitment/leadership
- Strong established arts organizations (e.g. performing arts companies)
- Fun place!
 - Multiple activities in all areas of arts
 - Great partnerships and collaborations in the arts
- International relationship (sister city) “committed”
- Variety and depth of artistic community, sometimes hidden
- Quality of volunteers
- Arts Commission
- Natural environment
- Historic, famous artists lived in Edmonds
- Walkable, small town
- Civic field

Weaknesses

- No large patron corporation as business sponsor
- Reaching the fringes of city - expand arts programs out of center of city
- Pedestrian crossing and access to water front
- Cultural/ethnic diversity could be highlighted more

Opportunities

- More participatory arts events/break down barrier between spectator and creator
 - Supporting kinetic arts – allow spectators to participate
- Broaden Arts Commission – include more literary arts represented
- Be more challenging/exploratory
- Edmonds Marsh history and unique habitat
- City as a Center for the arts (plural),
 - Co-locating a variety of arts
 - Multiple uses of spaces for arts
 - Long term work on expanded spaces at the ECA, more than performing arts
 - Live community arts calendar (displayed on a monitor or kiosk in the lobby of ECA)
- Growing participation through collaborative efforts
 - Finding common needs
 - Strategic alliances e.g. cause related marketing
 - “Neutralizing the enemy”
- Look at spaces that might be utilized for arts
 - Civic Field (Get more out of civic field)
 - Artistic
 - Fund with residential development on a portion of the site
 - Create a living room
 - Markets
 - A “Central Park” for Edmonds
 - Haines Wharf (the wharf not the park)
 - Catalyze projects using the right-of-way (streets)
 - Pedestrian spaces, alleys (e.g. Langley) etc.
- Implement 4th Ave. Cultural Corridor – start small, keep interest alive/”can of paint strategy”
- Pedestrian crossings of the railroad, access to waterfront and art
- What can we do now?
- “Festival of the week”- better advertising of what we have
- Recycling – free things for art
- Sculpture loan program, outdoor gallery
- Involve Native American artwork, research historic/contemporary connections (e.g. at the waterfront)

- Potential (and current) Partners
 - Swedish Hospital
 - Port of Edmonds: redevelopment of Harbor Square
 - Library
 - School District
 - Edmonds Community College

Threats/Challenges

- Orgs and artists in the shadows of others
- Funding
- Setting up us & us rather than us vs. them - Arts & Parks
- Transportation/parking in relation to region – RR, ferry, shuttle
- Prioritizing
- Protect views
- Create space for younger artists
- How to spend less money

NEXT STEPS

Meeting scheduled for September 25, 2013

- Review the Environmental Scan document
- Begin development of the Planning Framework



EDMONDS PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

COMMUNITY CULTURE PLAN

MEETING #1 8.14.13



WEAKNESSES

- SUPPORTING KINETIC ARTS
↳ ALLOW SPECTATORS TO CREATE
- NO PATRON CORP.
- REACHING FRINGES OF CITY
- ACCESS TO WATER FRONT
- CULTURAL/ETHNIC DIVERSITY

OPPORTUNITIES

- BROADEN ARTS COMMISSION
↳ MORE ARTS REPRESENTED
- BE MORE CHALLENGING/EXPLORATORY
- EDMONDS MARSH HISTORY
- CENTER FOR THE ARTS
- GROWING PARTICIPATION THROUGH COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS
- "NEUTRALIZING THE ENEMY"
"RISING COMMON NEEDS"
- GET MORE OUT OF CIVIC FIELD
- HYPERLE ROW
- IMPLEMENT "SMART GULL"
4th AVE CORRIDOR
"KEEP INTEREST"
"KEEP MOVING"
- WHAT CAN WE DO NOW?
- SWEDISH HOSPITAL
□ REDEVELOPMENT OF HARBOR SQ (PORT)
- PROTECT VIEWS
- CREATES SPACE FOR YOUNGER ARTISTS
↳ HOW TO SPEND LESS \$

THREATS/CHALLENGES

- ORG + ARTISTS IN THE SHADOWS OF OTHERS
- FUNDING
- SETTING UP US & US RATHER THAN US vs THEM
- TRANSPORTATION/PARKING IN RELATION TO REGION

ARTS & PARKS
- RR
- FERRY
- SHUTTLE

STRENGTHS

UNIQUE

- DIVERSITY OF WORKING ARTISTS
- CITY COMMITMENT
- STRONG EST. ARTS COMPANYS/NATURAL ENV.
- FUN PLACE!
- INTERNATIONAL RELATEDNESS "COMING"
- VARIETY & DEPTH
- QUALITY OF VOLUNTEERS
- ARTS COMMISSION
- HISTORIC
- WALKABLE
- CIVIC FIELD

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan and Community Culture Plan

Community Culture (CCAT) Advisory Team

8/14/13

Prepared By:





EDMONDS PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan and Community Cultural Plan Arts Summit

Date June 29, 2013
Location Edmonds Center for the Arts

INTRODUCTION

The Arts Summit provided a unique opportunity to discuss the future of arts in Edmonds, through informative presentations and interactive discussions among different organizations and interests.

Part 1: What's Working and What's Missing

The event began with a greeting from Mayor Earling and a presentation on arts in Edmonds. Following the introduction, Randy Cohen, VP Research and Policy at Americans for the Arts, provided a presentation on how arts are tied to business in Edmonds. During this time, participants provided feedback, responding to the questions, "what's working" and "what's missing," in regards to arts in Edmonds. Participants then broke into small groups to share information around different themes related to arts, including panels on funding, PR media, collaborations, video and social media promotion and other topics.

Part 2: Shaping the Future

During the second half of the event, participants broke into facilitated sessions covering some of the opportunities, issues and challenges covered during the morning session and addressed questions which included:

1. Programs – What are Edmonds' strengths, what could be leveraged?
2. People – Who do we need, how do we engage them?
3. Places and Spaces – How can we create more effective platforms for visual, performing & literary arts?

Results

The following summaries provide outcomes of the facilitated discussions. These are organized by business, community and education focus areas. Included in the summary is a list of comments provided from participants from interactive posters used during the event.

Focus Area: Business

<p>Assets <i>Note the assets from the discussion</i> <i>Circle the top 2 assets for your focus area.</i></p>	<p>Issues <i>Note the issues from the discussion</i> <i>Circle the top 2 issues for your focus area.</i></p>
<p>Range Friendly Many volunteers Groups willing to share Youth interest</p> <p>Top not marked</p>	<p>Entrance fee to festivals Art museum/ multi purpose facility One single thing that Edmonds promotes – destination promotion, branding Regional collaboration Collaborative communication for artists- citywide, county wide statewide Cooperative ads Organizations to support arts, administrative, financial, operational One place to get information on all arts activities Consideration of bartering Sharing to increase presence Arts clearinghouse Website, who, what when, where Free facility for arts organizations Support dedicated public money to the Frances Anderson Center Conduit to the younger generation Communication Diversity – ethnicity, regionality, generation Opportunities for performing artists</p> <p>Top One thing known for, branding One place for information on all arts Free facility for arts organizations Diversity</p>

<p>Programs <i>What does the future look like?</i></p>	<p>Professional development classes for artists, building strong entrepreneurs Include all of Edmonds, not just the bowl Businesses collaborating with arts, new practices for businesses Study of consequences of all this Bring arts to the schools Edmonds as an international arts destination Consistently scheduled festivals Strategically planned themes to bring buyers, rather than Festival goers Support Arts & Culture Committee (Chamber?)</p>
<p>Places and Spaces <i>What does the future look like?</i></p>	<p>ECA and/or gym as a facility for arts organizations – better utilize what we have already Civit Field as a central arts center Location for artists to work with kids, make art accessibility to younger generation Transportation, parking, transit Gateway arts and signage – representation of the arts at first glance Close down Main Street and make a park for family use and events Pedestrian focus – even connect trails at Yost Park to beach Artful concepts in signage</p>
<p>People <i>Who do we need and how can we engage them?</i></p>	<p>Volunteer clearing house Changes to bring in younger Strategic demographic marketing research Educators Younger generations Business owners Variety of ethnicities</p>
<p>Top Three Priorities <i>Spend the last few minutes identifying the top three priorities for your area, from the ideas discussed.</i></p>	<p>Physical spaces – identify, fully utilize, and expand Strategic strong bonding Transportation customer friendly Integrate arts and business</p>

Focus

Area: Community

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<p>Market(people) in Edmonds (buyers) Library supports lots of programs ArtWorks building space ArtSpot has free space too Things that attract people: Rick Steves, Farmers Market, Arts Festival Ferry terminal brings people City utility mailing for info Free local paper -Beacon – how to tap into Railroad, ferry, kiosk to communicate Convenience of local art, don't have to drive to Seattle Potential for national events such as world golf tournament which brings lots of people? Hwy 99 has lots of activity Many volunteers in Edmonds Location - Between Seattle and Boeing, but need to get people off I5, 99 Marina Ed Com College Beach Natural Beauty Dog Park Jazz festival for kids Beauty attracts beauty, gravitate towards arts Chamber has lots of service organizations</p> <p>Top: Uniqueness of place, natural resources, ferry Specialness of history, people and communications</p>	<p>Library wants free meeting space Hard to know who needs space, information sharing re needs and resources is an issue Empty store fronts, Temporary use of space? Reader board, bulletin boards – communication vehicles Outreach outside of Edmonds, King Co, need broader audience Parking issue, angled vs. parallel Hidden Treasure from I5 – hidden, need ways to get people to turn down to Edmonds Younger participants to be volunteers Shuttle, trolley to hike up hill Trains, negative, safety and noise Overtapping of volunteers, vitality? Capacity? Need to build intergenerational Its hard to sell the arts, have to reconcile volunteer service side of the arts with practical concerns of resources and cost</p> <p>Top: Communication coordination Arts to arts City to citizens Arts to city Arts to citizens</p> <p>Parking constraints Train track Space allotment</p>

<p>Programs <i>What does the future look like?</i></p>	<p>Intergenerational programs in multiple disciplines, year round opportunities for youth involvement Venue for teens to play music Place for external display of visual arts Teen art year round not just EAFestival Annual convening of artistic community Combine with Sister City? Artist in Residence program in connection with local businesses Arts listings in municipal mailings Community bulletin board/kiosk @ railroad, @ ferry terminal etc. Coordinate volunteers, fund a coordinator Chamber welcomes service to artists through marketing networks</p>
<p>Places and Spaces <i>What does the future look like?</i></p>	<p>Authenticity – can Edmonds be a place to develop artists. Better communication about spaces available 524 Main for rent as space, historic home Need for rehearsal space which allows sound without disturbing neighbors Temporary spaces – use empty stores Artwork not utilized to capacity Arts barge – performing ? Edmonds Community College</p>
<p>People <i>Who do we need and how can we engage them?</i></p>	<p>Volunteer coordinator, City staff role, or look into volunteers.org Volunteers for Arts Fest, Port, merchants, attract younger volunteers Continue to fund full time arts coordinator Coordinate with schools in ESD Provide leadership ladder so young people can learn how to transition from volunteers to leaders Involve young families Involve different ethnic communities Synergy between volunteers and artists who need to make \$, need to connect agendas Local and regional media outlets</p>
<p>Top Three Priorities <i>Spend the last few minutes identifying the top three priorities for your area, from the ideas discussed.</i></p>	<p>Communications Clearing House Volunteer Development Youth/teen Engagement Marketing Utilization of space, coordinate</p>

Focus Area: Education

<p>Assets <i>Note the assets from the discussion</i> <i>Circle the top 2 assets for your focus area.</i></p>	<p>Issues <i>Note the issues from the discussion</i> <i>Circle the top 2 issues for your focus area.</i></p>
<p>Scholarships Grants to schools (EAFF) WOTS EPIC ArtistsConnect ArtWorks with space for artists to work Best Book Poster Contest Artists in Action at the Port Third Thursday ArtWalks Edmonds Arts Festival Matinee programs – ECA Jazz Connection (HS students)</p> <p>Top: Edmonds Arts Festival Write on the Sound Artists Connect</p>	<p>Collaboration Website – need central resource Black Box Meeting Place for groups like EPIC Connection with youth in community Visual problems: place to connect More communication with School District Studio space Design</p> <p>Top: Need central resource Need Connection with youth Need collaborations</p>

<p>Programs <i>What does the future look like?</i></p>	<p>Programs like at the Shack LaConner Museum, kid friendly Integration – collect information, website, find a space Edmonds becoming a center for arts Directory of all artists including calendar Social media Next level – find money and a person to lead the effort, pick a project and do it</p>
<p>Places and Spaces <i>What does the future look like?</i></p>	<p>Art Space Venue ArtWorks Connct to EdCC, Blaxk Box Expanded Arts related offerings Find model from another City, Tacoma? Links to others Literary arts included Need leader: who would be the manager Annual Summit for Arts Keep Summit attendees informed</p>
<p>People <i>Who do we need and how can we engage them?</i></p>	<p>Edmonds School District and students Disability Other regional arts orgnizations Tourism promoters State elected reps, local etc. Bloggers Patrons, people who use and are interested in art</p>
<p>Top Three Priorities <i>Spend the last few minutes identifying the top three priorities for your area, from the ideas discussed.</i></p>	<p>Website etc Venue (all types of arts) Leader – human voice</p>

IDEAS BOARDS

Summer music festival

Accessible, affordable center for people and arts

Need young fresh art and artists

Need old fresh artists

Make Edmonds vibrant for youth and art, forget about reasons why this isn't happening

Younger artists and new ideas

Close Main St and create an Art Park

More public art and places to sit and view it

Need showcase to support visual artists in town

Invite diversity

A day of art for families to play and learn together

Edmonds Design Institute, design pays better than art, mentioned by keynote, bridge tween art & technology is design

Be part of the 3/50 project for small town brick and morters

Like Edmonds businesses on Facebook

Art Recycling Center – free resources for trade between artist, builds community, doesn't require more funding

Holiday skating on field at Frances Anderson

Comprehensive calendar of events

One visible space for listing upcoming events - kiosk

Comprehensive directory of artists, venues, and organizations

Stone Carving Gallery

Spring flowers festival

Arts & Music festival for locals only

Edmonds Scarecrow Festival, Oct 1 -31, community wide event

Music Festival – Maritime, Celtic, Pirates, Tall Ships

Include shell art in the Arts Festival

Make Edmonds a Fine Arts destination not business destination

More Dinner & Show opportunities

Combo Season Ticket – buy one season for five shows at different venues eg. CSO, ECA event, Driftwood, OBT, Phoenix

Free trolley shuttle up and down Main

Subscriptions to Art News, Art in America, Art Forum

Get the Arts Festival and Edmonds listed in Art News and Art in America

Music Walk, for live music

Become internationally known arts community destination

More balance needed between music and visual art, have too much music

There can never be enough music so lets collaborate on fair distribution of all arts, leave no one out

Business owner rent local artisans work to decorate

Free advertising supported wifi throughout downtown

A place for a writers s’‘salon’ (ArtSpot would be happy to host you)

Building that has art studios fro rent, gallery and workshops- NW Artists- Art Awakening

Affordable rates to local small performers for rehearsal and collaboration space @ ECA

Galleries used as reception or party venues (Cole Gallery does this)

Pull all of our diverse arts groups together in a coordinated way to attract visitors from Vancouver to Portland

Create a train travel package to Edmonds 2 times a year to include art exhibits, etc. Make the train station a “fishing lure”.

Mobile, friendly web pages for activities

Artists work lofts

Use empty buildings

Affordable artist studios

Focus Area: Making & Presenting

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<p>Amazing Arts Commission ArtWorks Amazing Arts Festival Amazing number of artists, wonderful assets for volunteers and ideas More than one performing arts facility (3) Excellent music program @ high schools Write on the Sound brings people from far away ECA space Frances Anderson Center Artists Connect Mayor Earlings vision Concentration of arts</p> <p>Top:</p> <p>ECA space Mayor Vision</p>	<p>?expanding WOTS Zoning permits for new buildings Not enough venues Spaces for artists to afford to show their work No free public space for performing No studio areas</p> <p>Quality, not enough competitive juried shows, don't want to just have art gift shops</p> <p>Space – need facility like Northwind Arts Center in Port Townsend. – visual and literary arts events, gallery exhibits etc. nonprofit</p> <p>Top (? Not clearly circled but seems to be the theme)</p> <p>Space, facility, studio space</p>

<p>Programs <i>What does the future look like?</i></p>	<p>Organize group of artists to create one month pop up galleries</p> <p>Classes in empty spaces, eg Frances Anderson Center, bring nationally recognized artists</p> <p>Central community database for arts, opportunities, connections, contacts</p> <p>Travel packaging (artists) collaboration</p>
<p>Places and Spaces <i>What does the future look like?</i></p>	<p>Empty storefronts as studio space</p> <p>Turn ECA extra space into studio space, Create something like the Shack Create permanent art Museum or group of businesses</p> <p>Add more public art to walkways</p> <p>Studio live/work space where people can see artists in action</p> <p>Digital kiosk with info on daily events for visitors</p>
<p>People <i>Who do we need and how can we engage them?</i></p>	<p>Art design institute in Edmonds to attract youth to community</p> <p>Improve communication system</p> <p>Improve youth involvement</p> <p>Build financial support</p> <p>Community liaison to facilitate</p> <p>Living community of artists</p>
<p>Top Three Priorities <i>Spend the last few minutes identifying the top three priorities for your area, from the ideas discussed.</i></p>	<p>Need something to make a draw for youth to stay engaged in the community</p> <p>Public funding for the arts</p> <p>Improved communication system</p> <p>Improved visibility of art</p> <p>Artist endowment, build financial support</p>



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Date September 25, 2013 6:45 – 8:15 PM

Location Library Plaza Room

INTRODUCTION

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The four-phased update process will continue through the fall and winter, in parallel with the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan update. Both updates will be adopted by the end of February 2014, in response to a deadline to renew State and Federal grant eligibility for the next six years.

Please visit the City's website for more information about the project:

<http://www.edmondswa.gov>.

MEETING NOTES

During the meeting, the conversation was recorded graphically at the front of the room and in notes on the handout summarizing the vision and goals framework from the 2008 Community Culture Plan. The focus of the group discussion was on the vision, goals and potential performance measures. The notes below summarize the meeting discussion. A photo reduction of the wallgraphic is included at the end of the summary.

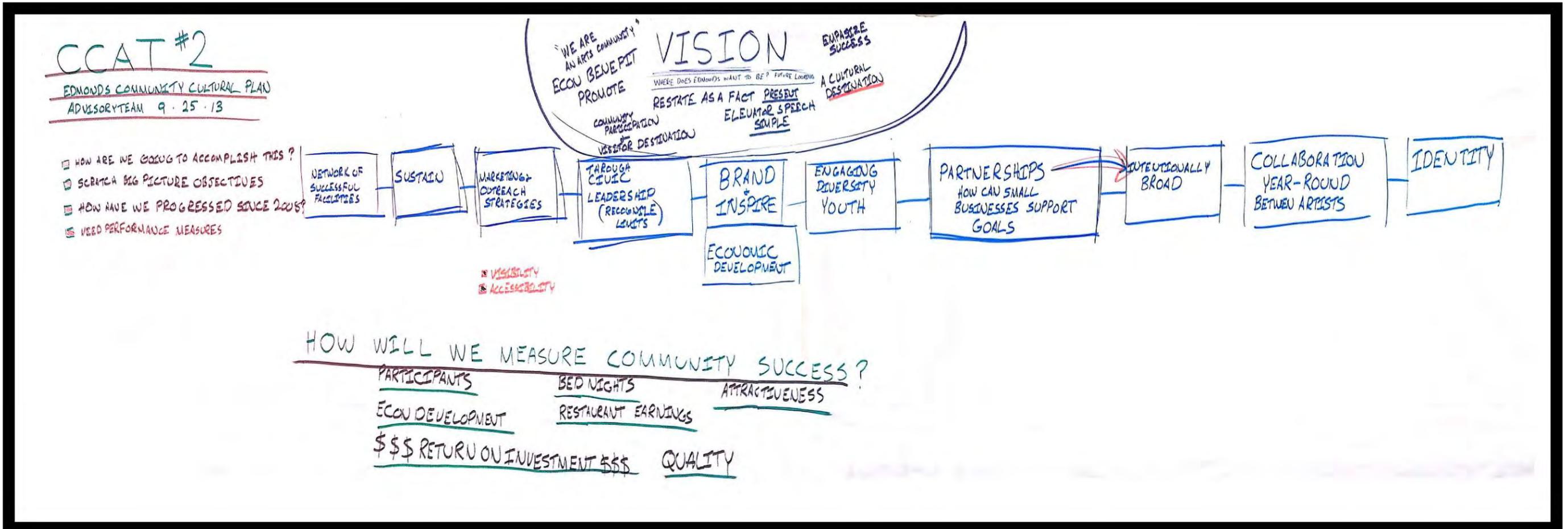
Vision

This should define where Edmonds wants to be, and be future-looking.

- “We are an arts community” – Edmonds already is an arts community, and the vision should reflect that.
- The “big picture” objectives from the 2008 plan should be reflected in the vision. The concepts of community participation and visitor destination should be included.
- The vision should promote economic benefit.
- The vision should be an “elevator speech” and be simple, yet inspiring.
- Emphasize success.



EDMONDS PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES



Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan and Community Cultural Plan

Community Culture Advisory Team

9/25/2013

Prepared By:





EDMONDS PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan and Community Cultural Plan Focus Groups Summary

Date August 15, 2013

Location Library Plaza Room

INTRODUCTION

The City of Edmonds *Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan* and *Community Cultural Plan* guide the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services in their mission to provide parks, open space, recreation programs, and cultural services for the enjoyment of Edmonds residents and visitors. The 2013 update to these plans will build on the strategies and successes of the original plans and past updates.

OVERVIEW OF THE FOCUS GROUPS

Three drop-in focus groups were conducted on August 15, 2013 in the Library Plaza Room. Each focus group was structured to include introductions; a brief description of the overall PROS Plan and Community Cultural Plan update process; a facilitated group discussion to consider favored parks and programs, challenges, opportunities, potential partnerships, and ways to increase participation in the Parks System; an around-the-table opportunity for participants to provide final thoughts; and a brief overview of the next steps in the planning process.

These meetings are part of the first of four phases of the PROS plan update process, which will continue with additional public outreach and analysis into September. The plan will be completed by the end of February 2014 in order to renew State and Federal grant eligibility for the next six years for parks, recreation, and boating capital projects. One important outreach method is the online questionnaire, available now at:

<http://bit.ly/edmondssurvey>

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KEY THEMES

The following common themes emerged during the facilitated discussions.

- Focus group members value a **variety** of park space and recreation opportunities, from "developed" to "wild" spaces and from individual, unstructured activities (birding, dog walking, mushroom picking) to community gatherings (classic car show, movie nights, concerts).

- **Stewardship** is key to the preservation and enrichment of Edmonds' natural and cultural assets, which include clean air and water, forests and wetlands, parks, schools and downtown. More environmental education would support this value. Volunteers could be recruited and deployed more effectively with improved communication networks.
- **Youth** and **seniors** are under-utilized as volunteers and creative assets, and would benefit from improved facilities and programs.
- Expanding and multiplying **partnerships** will increase the community's capacity to provide spaces, programs and services.
- Population **growth**, new development (including railroad and ferry infrastructure), and increase in density create challenges and uncertainty, as well as potential opportunities for the future of the Parks System.
- Focus group members identified that the Parks System is in need of dedicated, predictable **funding**.

MEETING NOTES

During the meetings, the discussion was recorded graphically at the front of the room. The notes below aggregate the discussions from all three focus groups. One sheet of paper was used for the first two focus groups, and a second sheet for the third. Photo reductions of these sheets are provided at the end of the summary.

Favorites

- Waterfront walk and sculpture
- Birding
- Ambience
- Air!
- Murals
- Yost park
 - The forest
 - No lawn!
- Walkability
- Dog park
- Westgate elementary is most used (closest to home)
- Waterfront/sculptures
- Edmonds has a downtown! Different from other nearby communities...
- Kid friendly town
- The variety of park space in Edmonds
- Fish hatchery and demo garden
- Marsh – environmental quality, volunteers, community focus
- Hickman – variety, quality of development

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- Plant palette (the change is positive)
- Flowers
- Beach
- City park and mix of developed/“wild”
- Arts walk
- Movie nights
- Concerts
- Yost pool/park
- Civic park
- Summer!
- Haines wharf park
- Athletic fields
- Playgrounds
- Maplewood park – mushroom picking!
- Classic car show

Issues/Challenges

- Getting the most out of existing system
- Funding (\$\$\$)
- Providing parks in developed context
- Topography
- Railroad, ferry effect on downtown
- Railroad and planned double tracking
 - Physical barrier
 - Noise impacts
 - Landslide risk
- Wetlands regulations and permits make trails very costly
- Condition of sports fields (in region)
- Practice and game fields
- Climate change
- Harness skills of retirees – not happening now
- Harbor square redevelopment and RR issues may draw off energy
- Lynnwood and MLT pools get very crowded in winter season
- Park dev. in mid-waterfront – undefined future park in comp plan
- Providing restrooms downtown
- Increasing density
- Mini parks
- 4th Ave. corridor status – cultural heritage tour signs coming out soon

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- Indoor hangout space (e.g. 3rd place in lake forest park)
- Move ferry dock w/over track loading – stalled due to funding
- Population growth
- Communication gap
- Loss of green space w/ increased density
- Need for unified voice

Opportunities

- Engaged citizens
- Capitalize on human resource/volunteerism
 - Accessing
 - Training
- Harness retiree skills
- Creating civic focused and engaged youth
- Expand/publicize adopt-a-park program
- Harbor square is a gathering place
- Interaction and flexibility – less age group segregation
- Online network expansion
- Create a central info hub – make more visible at visitors center
- Technology meetups in Edmonds – harnessing online networks and use of smart phones
- Better awareness of events/activities
- Edmonds Center for the Arts
- Edmonds School District partnerships
 - Civic field should be under city control
- Senior center model
 - 75% self supporting
 - Bastyr clinic
 - City provided building
 - Diverse funding
- Economic Development and Edmonds Community College
 - Edmonds promotion effort – visit WA website
- Edmonds Community College is a largely untapped resource
- Service learning
 - Needs to be for credit or part of curriculum
- Expand environmental education program
- Educate about local environment (e.g. Bird Fest)

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- User fees and diverse funding streams
- Bring in other people's \$\$\$
- Dedicated, predictable funding
- Get big \$\$ in little pieces – the kickstarter model
- Expansion opportunity – Chevron/WSDOT land near fish hatchery
- Food forests
- Mural by teens
- Esperance parks
- Connect coast and marsh
- Foraging/trackers
- Big full court for basketball
- Redo Yost tennis courts
- Fitness/chin-up bars – more
- Wayfinding – directional signs to nearby parks
- Signage in parks about other parks
- Protection of green spaces
- A late night hangout – later park hours for youth, a place for this
- Puget Sound recreation
 - Equipment rental
 - Non-motorized boat launch
- More integration of artists
- Explore Woodway site for a pool
- Edmonds as a destination! New focus/brand for visitors
- Sunset Ave. enhancement
- Put positive energy behind RR and ferry (creates an opportunity too) – multimodal hub
- More businesses near ferry, draw people
- Ferry dock move would open up mid waterfront
- More focus on Hwy 99 area
- Parks and economic development
- Health and wellness
- Shift \$\$ from repaving to 4th Ave. corridor

Emerging and Growing Activities

- Soccer
- Rugby
- Lacrosse
- Ultimate

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- Disc golf, Boche ball and other games
- Dog park – this becomes a default park use
- Pickleball?
- Fencing (happens near Masonic)
- Stand up paddle boards

Partners

- Port of Edmonds
- Edmonds Comm. College
 - Connection to youth
 - Source of volunteers
- Senior center is an example of how the City can work with a non-profit group to expand opportunities
- Hospitality industry
- Health and wellness industry

Follow-up Requests

- List of intercepts
- URL for questionnaire
- Summary of focus groups
- Map online



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FOCUS GROUPS

PROVIDE:

- LIST OF INTERCEPTS
- URL FOR QUESTIONNAIRE
- SUMMARY OF FOCUS GROUPS
- MAP ONLINE

FAVORITES

- ▶ **BEACH + DOG PARK**
- ▶ **WATERFRONT WALK + SCULPTURE**
- ▶ **YOST PARK - THE FOREST**
- ▶ **BIRDING**
- ▶ **AMBIENCE**
- ▶ **WALKABILITY**
- ▶ **MURALS**
- ▶ **AIR!**
- ▶ **CITY PARK**
- ▶ **DOG PARK**
- ▶ **WESTGATE ELEM** (CLOSEST TO HOME)
- ▶ **BEACH**
- ▶ **WATERFRONT**
- ▶ **MARSH**
- ▶ **EDMONDS HAS A DOWNTOWN!** (DIFFERENT FROM OTHER NEIGHBOR COMMUNITIES...)
- ▶ **FLUIDERS**
- ▶ **PLANT PALETTE** (THE GAME IS POSITIVE)
- ▶ **YOST PARK/NO LACON!** (THE VARIETY OF PARK SPACE IN EDMONDS)
- ▶ **HICKMAN** (VARIETY QUALITY OF DEVELOPMENT)
- ▶ **FISH HATCHERY + DEMO GARDEN**
- ▶ **MARSH - ENV. QUALITY, VOLUNTEERS, COMMUNITY FOCUS**

ISSUES/CHALLENGES

- ▶ **SSS**
- ▶ **PROVIDING PARKS IN DEVELOPED CONTEXT**
- ▶ **TOPOGRAPHY**
- ▶ **GETTING THE MOST OUT OF EXISTING SYSTEM**
- ▶ **PP & PLANNED DOUBLE TRACKING**
 - PHYSICAL BARRIER
 - NOISE IMPACTS
 - PICK RE: LANDSCAPES
- ▶ **WETLANDS RECS MAKE TRAILS VERY CLOSELY**
- ▶ **CONDITION OF SPORTS FIELDS (IN REGION)**
- ▶ **PRACTICE + GAME FIELDS**
- ▶ **CLIMATE CHANGE**
 - FORESTS
 - UNV. EDUCATION
- ▶ **MEETUPS IN EDMONDS/ BRASSING ONLINE NETWORKS + USE OF SMARTPHONES**
- ▶ **HARNESS SKILLS / NOT HAPPENING NOW**
 - HARBOUR SQUARE IS AN ANTI-AGING PLACE
- ▶ **HARBOUR SQ REDEVELOPMENT + PP ISSUES MAY DRAG OFF ENERGY**
- ▶ **LYNNWOOD + MULT POOLS GET VERY CROWDED IN WINTER SEASON**

THINK BIG, CUT + COVER

OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ **HARNESS RETIREE SKILLS** (HARBOUR SQ, EIA)
- ▶ **EDMONDS S.D. PARTNERSHIPS** (CIVIC FIELD - NEED CITY CONTROL)
- ▶ **EXPAND ENV. EDUCATION PROGRAM**
- ▶ **ONLINE NETWORK EXPANSION**
- ▶ **SENIOR CENTER MODEL**
 - 75% SELF SUPPORTING
 - BROTHER CLINIC
 - CITY PROVIDED BUILDING
 - DIVERSE FUNDING
 - ELL PARTNERSHIP (CREDIT PART OF CURRICULUM)
- ▶ **ENGAGED CITIZENS**
- ▶ **EXPAND / PUBLICIZE ADAPT-A-PARK PROGRAM**
- ▶ **FOOD FORESTS**
- ▶ **BETTER AWARENESS**
- ▶ **USER FEES + DIVERSE FUNDING STREAMS**
- ▶ **EXPANSION OPP** (CHEYRON/WISDOT LAND NEAR FISH HATCHERY)
- ▶ **CREATING CIVIC FOCUSED + ENGAGED YOUTH**
- ▶ **EDC/ELL EDMONDS PROMOTION EFFORT** (VISIT WA WEBSITE)
- ▶ **BRING IN OTHER PEOPLES \$\$\$**
- ▶ **DEDICATED / PREDICTABLE FUNDING**
- ▶ **GET BIG \$\$ IN LITTLE PIECES - THE KICKSTARTER MODEL**
- ▶ **INTEGRATION + FLEXIBILITY** (LESS AGE GROUP SEGREGATION)
- ▶ **MURAL BY TEENS**
- ▶ **ESPERANCE**
- ▶ **CONNECT COAST + MARSH**
- ▶ **BIG FULL COURT FOR BASKETBALL**
- ▶ **REDO YOST TENNIS COURTS**
- ▶ **A LATE NIGHT HANGOUT OR LATER PARK HOURS FOR YOUTH** (PLACE FOR THIS)
- ▶ **PUGET SOUND RECREATION...** (EQUIPMENT RENTAL NON MOTORIZED BOAT LAUNCH)
- ▶ **MORE INTEGRATION OF ARTISTS**

PARTICIPATION INCREASE

- Soccer
- Rugby
- Ultimate
- Disc Golf
- DOG PARK → THIS BECOMES A DEFAULT PARK USE
- Pickleball?
- Fencing (CHALLENGE NEAR MARSH)
- Stand Up Paddle

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FOCUS GROUP 3

FAVORITES

- ▶ ARTS WALK
- ▶ MOVIE NIGHTS
- ▶ CONCERTS
- ▶ YOST POOL/PARK
- ▶ HAINES WHARF PARK
- ▶ YOST PARK
- ▶ CIVIC PARK
- ▶ SWIMMER!
- ▶ WATERFRONT
- ▶ ATHLETIC FIELDS
- ▶ PLAYGROUNDS
- ▶ MAPLEWOOD PARK
MUSHROOM picking!
- ▶ BEACH
- ▶ FLOWERS
- ▶ CLASSIC CAR SHOW

ISSUES/CHALLENGES

- ▶ PARK DEV. IN MID-WATERFRONT
↳ UNDEFINED future park in Comp Plan
- ▶ PROVIDING RESTROOMS DOWNTOWN
- ▶ RAILROAD, FERRY EFFECT ON DOWNTOWN
- ▶ INCREASING DENSITY
- ▶ 4TH AVENUE CORRIDOR
STATUS ↑ cultural tour is coming out soon
- ▶ MOVE FERRY DOCK W/ OVER TRACK LOADING. STALLED DUE TO FUNDING
- ▶ LOSS OF GREEN SPACE W/ INCREASED DENSITY
- ▶ MINI PARKS
- ▶ INDOOR HANGOUT SPACE 3rd PLACE IN LAKE FOREST PARK
- ▶ POPULATION GROWTH
- ▶ COMMUNICATION GAP
- ▶ NEED FOR UNIFIED VOICE

OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ EXPLORE WOODWAY SITE FOR A POOL
- ▶ FERRY DOCK MOVE OPENS UP MID WATERFRONT
- ▶ FITNESS/CHIN UP BARS - MORE
- ▶ CREATE A CENTRAL INFO HUB - MAKE MORE VISIBLE AT VISITORS CENTER
- ▶ WAYFINDING: directional signs to reveal parks
- ▶ CAPITALIZE ON HUMAN RESOURCE/VOLUNTEERISM: accounting, training
- ▶ PARKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- ▶ HEALTH + WELLNESS
- ▶ EDMONDS CC. UNTAPPED RESOURCE
- ▶ SHIFT \$\$\$ FROM REPAIRING TO 4TH AVE. CORRIDOR
- ▶ MORE BUSINESSES NEAR FERRY, DRAW PEOPLE
- ▶ EDMONDS AS A DESTINATION! NEW FOCUS/ BRAND FOR VISITORS
- ▶ SUNSET AVENUE ENHANCEMENT
- ▶ PUT POSITIVE ENERGY BEHIND RR + FERRY (CREATES AN OPPORTUNITY TO) MULTIMODAL HUB
- ▶ MORE FOCUS ON HWY 99 AREA
- ▶ PROTECTION OF GREENSPACE

PARTNERS

- ▶ PORT
- ▶ EDMONDS COMM COLLEGE
- connection to youth
- source of volunteers (SENIOR CENTER EXAMPLE)
- ▶ HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY
- ▶ HEALTH + WELLNESS INDUSTRY

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Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan and Community Cultural Plan City Staff Focus Group Summary

Date October 17, 2013

Location Library Plaza Room

INTRODUCTION

The City of Edmonds Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan and Community Cultural Plan guide the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services in their mission to provide parks, open space, recreation programs, and cultural services for the enjoyment of Edmonds residents and visitors. The 2013 update to these plans will build on the strategies and successes of the original plans and past updates.

OVERVIEW OF THE FOCUS GROUP

To tap into the extensive knowledge of the system of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services staff, the planning team convened a focus group for all department staff on October 17, 2013 in the Library Plaza Room. It was structured to include a brief description of the overall PROS Plan and Community Cultural Plan process, and a facilitated group discussion to consider “what is great” about the system; challenges the system faces; quick actions the City can take to improve the system; opportunities and potential partnerships; and the “one thing” participants would change if they could.

KEY THEMES

The following common themes emerged during the facilitated discussion.

- City staff value the **variety** of park sites, as well as the variety of programs the City offers.
- Aspects of Edmonds that contribute to the success of parks, recreation, open space, and cultural services include the city’s **walkability**, aesthetic **beauty**, and **unique identity**.
- The perceived **separation between central and outer Edmonds**, **issues around being a destination** (including parking), and **aging infrastructure** all represent significant challenges.

- Improving City **technology** could prove a fast way to enhance services. Potential improvements range from maintaining a Facebook page to creating a digital parks maintenance tracking system.
- Day to day challenges facing City staff include **maintenance resources for** parks and facilities, and **aging structures** that limit what staff can accomplish.
- City **program growth is difficult** with a relatively **small population, changing user groups and limited regional visibility** (particularly from Interstate 5).

Meeting Notes

During the meetings, the discussion was recorded graphically at the front of the room. A photo reduction of the original sheet of notes is provided at the end of the summary.

What is Great

- Waterfront
- Diversity of sites
 - Keeps job interesting
- Flowers
- Walkability
- 4th of July/Big Events
- Variety of programs
 - Lots of classroom space
 - Character
- Utilizing what we have
- Partnerships
- Open spaces habitat
- Dive park

Challenges

- Under-recognized for our contributions, especially events
- Dog park
 - “Lots of dog owners”
 - Needs to be moved
- Geese (at Civic Playfields)
- Two Edmonds
- Not easy to attract recreation participants beyond the immediate residents
- Lots of out of town visits to waterfront
- Fields don’t have room for growing population

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- Dirt field hard to manage
 - Managing weeds on dirt fields represents 70% of chemical use in parks
- Changes in user groups (such as the decline in baseball)
 - Possibly convert Civic, Seaview fields to other uses
- Parking, for special events and anytime during the summer
- Using staff for capital projects draws down maintenance efforts
- Restrooms
 - Waterfront
 - Portables
 - Downtown
- Pathways
- Aging pool
- Expanding responsibilities without additional resources
 - Capital
 - Operating
- Office space
- Aging shop/facilities
- Greenhouse rebuild
- Upgrades to irrigation

Quick Actions

- Consider alternative work schedules such as 9/80
- Create a Facebook page
- Maintenance tracking system
 - Maintracker
 - Ticket system
- Allow for summer and winter seasonal employees
- Plant choices
- Resources for ranger/naturalist
- Technology
 - Desktop
 - Mobile
- Training board/commission volunteers
- Carpet cleaning

Opportunities/Partnerships

- Update the systems/services as renovation occurs
- Improve efficiency through new facilities
 - Covered storage
- Utilize the draw of the marine sanctuary
- Volunteer interest
- Compost service
- People will travel to dog park
 - Larger scale
 - Secure (current site is not, especially at low tide)
- Allow for some disappointment and move on

One Thing That You Question Why or How the City Is Providing

- Trash service (outsource) – pack in/pack out
 - Consider recycle/compost service as well
- Weight room
 - Existing facility is outdated
 - Provided better in the private sector



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PARKS, REC, + OPEN SPACE PLAN
COMMUNITY CULTURAL PLAN
STAFF FOCUS GROUP
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WHAT IS GREAT

- WATERFRONT
- DIVERSITY OF SITES
- KEEPS JOB INTERESTING
- FLOWERS
- WALKABILITY
- 4th OF JULY / BIG EVENTS
- VARIETY OF PROGRAMS
- LOTS OF CLASS ROOM SPACE
- CHARACTER
- UTILIZING WHAT WE HAVE
- PARTNERSHIPS
- OPEN SPACES HABITAT
- ~~DOG~~ PARK DIVE

CHALLENGES

- UNDER RECOGNIZED ESP EVENTS
- DOG PARK ^{LOTS OF DOG OWNERS}
NEEDS TO BE MOVED
- GEESE (CIVIC)
- TWO EDMONDS
- NOT EASY TO ATTRACT REC PARTICIPANTS
- LOTS OF OUT OF TOWN VISITS TO WATERFRONT
- FIELDS ROOM TO GROW
- DIRT FIELD HARD TO MANAGE
- ~~BASEBALL~~ DECLINE
→ CONVERT CIVIC SEAVIEW
- CHANGES IN USER GROUPS
- PARKING
- CAPITAL PROJ DRAW DOWN MAINT.

○ RESTROOMS ^{WATER FLOT PARADES POINT TO U}

○ PATHWAYS

○ AGING POOL

○ EXPANDING RESPONSIBILITIES ^{W/OUT}

○ CAPITAL OPERATION \$

○ OFFICE SPACE

○ AGING SHOP / THEATRES

○ GREEN HOUSE REBUILD

○ UPGRADES TO IRRIGATION

QUICK ACTIONS

- 9 80
- FACEBOOK PAGE
- MAINT TRACKING SYSTEM ^{MAINT TRACKING SYSTEM}
- SUMMER / WINTER SEASONALS
- PLANT CHOICES
- RESOURCES FOR RANGER / NATURALIST
- TECH NOLOGY ^{DESKTOP MOBILE TRACKING BOARD / UNIT}
- CARPET CLEAN

OPPORTUNITIES PARTNERSHIPS

- SYSTEMS / SERVICES AT RENOVATION
- IMPROVE EFFICIENCY THROUGH NEW FACILITIES
- DRAW OF MARINE SANCTUARY ^{COVERED STORAGE}
- VOLUNTEER INTEREST
- COMPOST SERVICE
- PEOPLE WILL TRAVEL TO DOG PARK ^{LARGER SCALE}
- ALLOW FOR DISAPPOINTMENT ^{FOR + MOVE ON} - SECURE

ONE THING: WHY?

- TRASH SVC (OUTSOURCE) ^{PICKUP - PICKUP}
- RECYCLE / COMPOST
- WEIGHT ROOM, OUTDATED, COMPRESSION

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Public Involvement Activity Summary: Intercept Events

Introduction

During August and September 2013, the City of Edmonds held a number of interactive displays at popular public events to gather information for the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan and the Community Cultural Plan. The activities are the result of a collaborative effort between the planning consultants and City staff to maximize exposure of the plan to the citizens of Edmonds. Through this partnership, intercept events were held at a variety of different venues and locations, interacting with many different audiences over a short period of time.



These intercept events allowed for informal and educational discussions with the public, while generating awareness and interest in the planning process. Typically, these events engage many people who would not otherwise be involved in the process due to schedule conflicts or an unwillingness to attend traditional community meetings.



The intercept events included the use of five display boards. The boards posed questions and provided answer choices that participants selected using colored sticky dots. This summary provides the results of this exercise from all seven event locations:



1. Yost Pool – August 21, 2013
2. City Park – EAC Concert, August 25, 2013
3. Waterfront – Olympic Beach, August 26, 2013
4. Edmonds Senior Center – August 27, 2013
5. Main Street – September 10, 2013
6. Frances Anderson Center – September 13, 2013
7. Art Walk (Main Street) – September 19, 2013

Board Results

The following provides outcomes of the seven intercept events, organized in order of each of the display boards.

Board 1 - How Important are parks, recreation and cultural services, and open space to Edmonds' quality of life?

Table 1: Board 1 Detailed Results from Separate Locations

Location	Not Important	Between Not Important and Important	Important	Between Important and Very Important	Very Important
Yost Pool	0	0	0	8	37
City Park - EAC concert	0	0	1	4	47
Waterfront - Olympic Beach	0	0	1	1	34
Edmonds Senior Center	0	0	2	6	23
Main Street	0	0	3	1	25
Frances Anderson Center	0	0	0	2	17
Art Walk (Main Street)	0	0	1	4	59
TOTAL	0	0	8	26	242

Most frequent response
 Second most frequent response

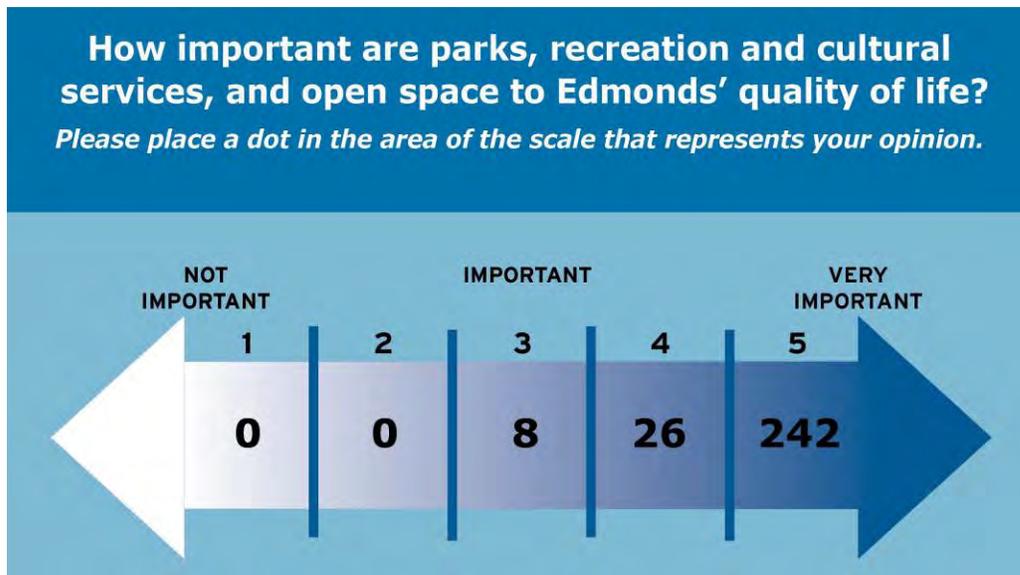


Figure 1: Board 1 Compiled Results from All Locations

- Overall, the events generated a large turnout. Between the seven events, 276 individuals answered the first question (How important are parks, recreation and cultural services, and open space to Edmonds’ quality of life?).
- A majority of participants at all seven intercept events responded that parks, recreation and cultural services, and open space are “Very Important” to Edmonds’ quality of life—between 74% and 94%, depending on location.
- Of the total participants, 87% selected “Very Important.” All remaining participants selected “Important” or the area between important and very important. This indicates strong agreement among the public that parks, recreation and cultural services, and open space have a positive impact on life in Edmonds.

Board 2 – In your opinion, what are the highest priority projects or services for parks and recreation in Edmonds?

Table 2: Board 2 Detailed Results from Separate Locations

Location	Renovate existing parks	Develop new parks	Expand the trail network, including bicycle and pedestrian connections to trails	Improve maintenance of existing parks	Improve and expand courts and fields for sports activities	Protect more open space	Secure more water access	Offer more programs, events and activities	Upgrade or replace Frances Anderson Recreation Center	Build a new swim center with outdoor and indoor pools
Yost Pool	15	0	14	18	11	9	9	1	6	19
City Park - EAC concert	16	1	27	19	6	27	19	19	4	16
Waterfront - Olympic Beach	15	7	24	14	9	28	14	2	3	7
Edmonds Senior Center	22	3	13	12	4	15	4	1	6	12
Main Street	14	4	25	10	2	19	7	1	9	8
Frances Anderson Center	2	2	11	4	3	7	5	5	5	6
Art Walk (Main Street)	13	6	33	18	6	20	21	9	9	23
TOTAL	97	23	147	95	41	125	79	38	42	91

- Top priority
- Second priority
- Third priority

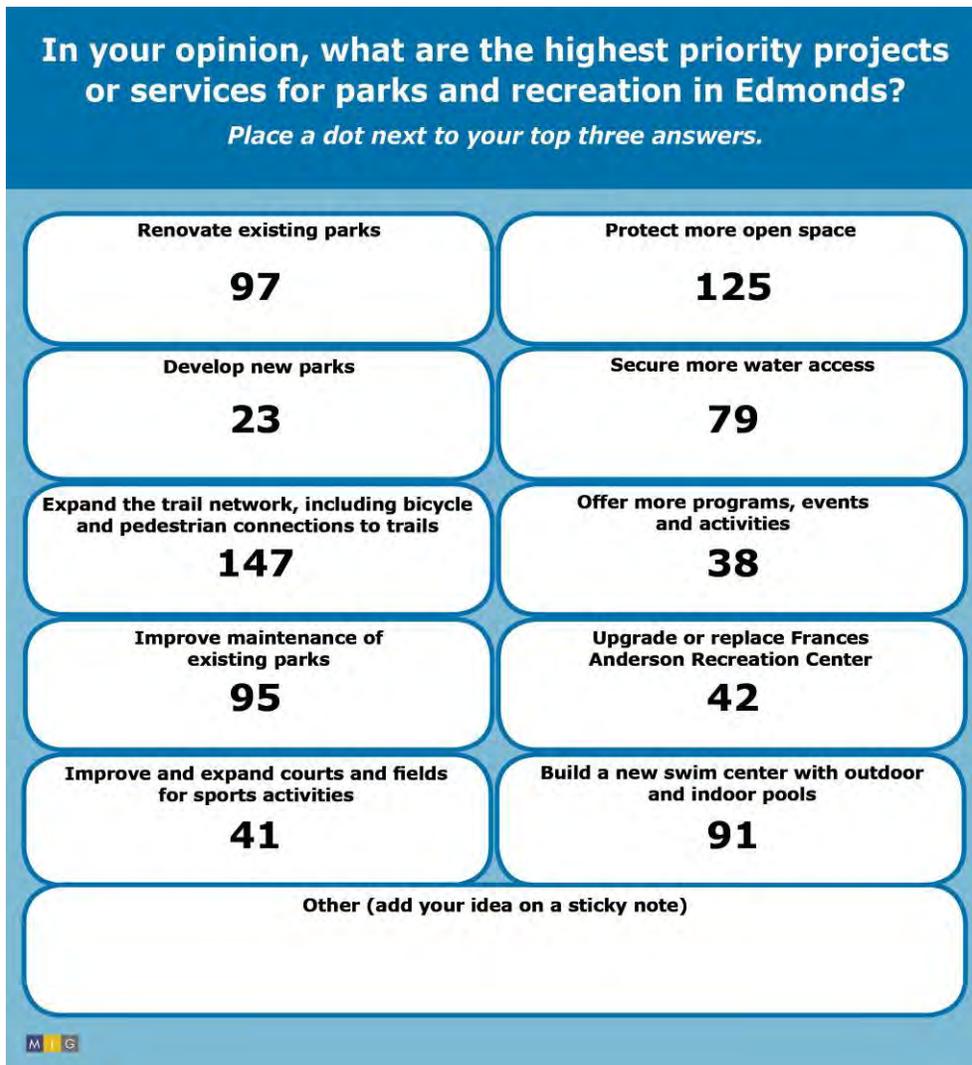


Figure 2: Board 2 Compiled Results from All Locations

- Table 2 shows that alignment of priorities between intercept sites was significant but not uniform. The two most popular projects from the overall results fell within the top three priorities at six out of seven sites. However, there were a few notable deviations from the norm. The top priority at the event at Yost Pool, for example, was to build a new swim center with outdoor and indoor pools. The top priority at Edmonds Senior Center was to renovate existing parks. Neither of these two categories was a top priority at any other site.
- Overall, participants reported on Board 2 that their two highest priority projects are to expand the trail network, including bicycle and pedestrian connections to trails (19% of total responses) and to protect more open space (16%).
- A second tier of priority emerged (all at approximately 12%), which includes renovating existing parks, improving maintenance of existing parks, and building a new swim center with outdoor and indoor pools.

Other comments Board 2

The following is a list of individual comments posted to Board 2, listed by event.

Yost Pool Event

- Upgrade to Yost & include revenue making options, snack bar, etc.
- Spray park
- Upgrade Yost and make more open swim options - longer season
- Expanding the gymnastics rooms
- Update/renovate locker room at Yost
- No need for lazy rivers
- Indoor pool
- Spray park
- Good walking and biking paths
- Upgrade Yost pool and playground
- Make Yost available longer and often
- Secure Old Woodway HS for play fields

City Park – EAC Concert

- Update Senior Center Facility (keep location)
- Protect and support Senior Center
- Existing pool fine; keep open longer
- Stop cutting trees
- No more murals!
- Options didn't include closing or reduce \$ for parks so I didn't vote here
- Remember handicap in your planning
- Wheelchair friendly trails
- Keep Yost Park safe by not covering pool
- Public restrooms; one that is pet friendly

Waterfront – Olympic Beach

- Tree ordinance
- Expand Marsh and open up Willow Creek so fish can return
- Restore and expand Edmonds Marsh
- Plant more trees everywhere
- Antique cars museum

Edmonds Senior Center

- More parking
- Senior Center x 30

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Main Street

- More concerts in town
- Allow people to have more PDA
- Install a "Whale Trail" sign at BLN

Frances Anderson Center

- Water access in North Edmonds

Art Walk (Main Street)

- Fix roads!
- Restrooms downtown - at least 2
- Have nonprofit art groups host events to reduce City costs
- Add more activities to center of town by the fountain
- Leave FAC the way it is! It's a beautiful old building
- Public restrooms x 3

Board 3 – Regarding art in our public environment in Edmonds, how important is each of the following?

Table 3: Board 3 Detailed Results from Separate Locations

Location	Increasing the number of permanent public works of art in Edmonds					Placing more artworks OUTSIDE the downtown area					Creating artist-enhanced public amenities, e.g. light poles, flower poles, sidewalk inlays etc.					Having works of art temporarily displayed in public spaces					Having free publicly accessible arts and culture events in Edmonds				
	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Too Important	Not At All Important	Don't Know	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Too Important	Not At All Important	Don't Know	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Too Important	Not At All Important	Don't Know	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Too Important	Not At All Important	Don't Know	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Too Important	Not At All Important	Don't Know
Yost Pool	1	13	15	7	0	4	12	15	3	0	11	16	4	2	0	13	13	3	0	0	28	8	0	0	0
City Park - EAC concert	12	20	12	0	0	3	16	19	2	0	16	28	3	1	0	11	22	2	2	0	43	9	0	0	0
Waterfront - Olympic Beach	17	17	6	0	0	14	16	4	2	0	26	11	4	0	0	16	17	1	1	0	34	10	1	0	0
Edmonds Senior Center	5	14	7	3	2	3	17	7	1	2	18	9	1	3	0	17	5	2	2	1	26	8	0	1	0
Main Street	10	14	3	3	0	5	15	7	2	0	16	10	1	2	0	3	14	6	1	0	18	8	2	0	0
Frances Anderson Center	1	4	7	1	0	2	4	4	3	0	7	3	3	1	0	11	1	0	3	0	13	1	0	0	0
Art Walk (Main Street)	34	10	3	0	1	17	11	9	3	3	28	11	3	1	2	16	16	6	1	2	44	4	0	0	1
TOTAL	80	92	53	14	3	48	91	65	16	5	122	88	19	10	2	87	88	20	10	3	206	48	3	1	1

Most frequent response
 Tie for most frequent response

**Regarding art in our public environment in Edmonds,
how important is each of the following?**

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Too Important	Not At All Important	Don't Know
Increasing the number of permanent public works of art in Edmonds	80	92	53	14	3
Placing more artworks OUTSIDE the downtown area	48	91	65	16	5
Creating artist-enhanced public amenities, e.g. light poles, flower poles, sidewalk inlays etc.	122	88	19	10	2
Having works of art temporarily displayed in public spaces	87	88	20	10	3
Having free, publicly accessible arts and culture events in Edmonds	206	48	3	1	1



Figure 3: Board 3 Compiled Results from All Locations

- Each of the five scenarios posed on Board 3 regarding art in Edmonds public space garnered a “Very Important” or “Somewhat important” rating from the majority of total participants (61% to 99%). The fifth scenario showed the most enthusiastic response—80% of respondents gave a rating of “Very Important” to having free, publicly accessible arts and culture events in Edmonds.

- Creating artist-enhanced public amenities, e.g. light poles, flower poles, sidewalk inlays, etc., received the second strongest response with a “Very Important” rating from about 50% of participants.
- Table 3 indicates a general alignment of opinion between intercept sites for the two most popular scenarios, and less alignment in regards to the other three scenarios. Increasing the number of permanent public works of art in Edmonds and placing more artworks outside the downtown area were both rated as “Very Important” and “Not Too Important” by significant numbers of people, indicating a split in public opinion.
- Participants at the Art Walk showed a tendency to rate all five scenarios as “Very Important,” indicating that attendees of that event consider the arts to be a particularly high priority.

Board 4 – What activities would you most like to see more of in Edmonds’ parks, recreation and open space system?

Table 3: Board 4 Detailed Results from Separate Locations

Location	Playing (running, sliding, climbing, etc.)	Walking/biking	Social gathering (community events, picnics, parties, etc)	Artistic or cultural expression (music & theatre, literary, visual arts, public art, etc)	Fitness and wellness	Participating in team or individual sports	Playing casual sports or games	Swimming or water play (indoor or outdoor)	Water activities (such as swimming, fishing, kayaking, scuba, paddleboarding, boating, etc.)	Dog walking or playing with dog(s)	Skateboarding	Nature observation
Yost Pool	4	8	3	4	10	5	2	25	19	5	0	3
City Park - EAC concert	8	35	12	20	14	0	4	12	14	18	2	19
Waterfront - Olympic Beach	4	23	9	10	4	3	2	4	12	5	3	16
Edmonds Senior Center	2	5	12	11	4	2	1	10	5	9	0	10
Main Street	9	11	7	7	3	0	3	8	12	10	2	7
Frances Anderson Center	2	7	2	5	3	0	0	3	1	2	0	6
Art Walk (Main Street)	6	29	15	21	9	1	5	10	19	15	3	16
TOTAL	35	118	60	78	47	11	17	72	82	64	10	77

■ Most popular response ■ Second most popular response

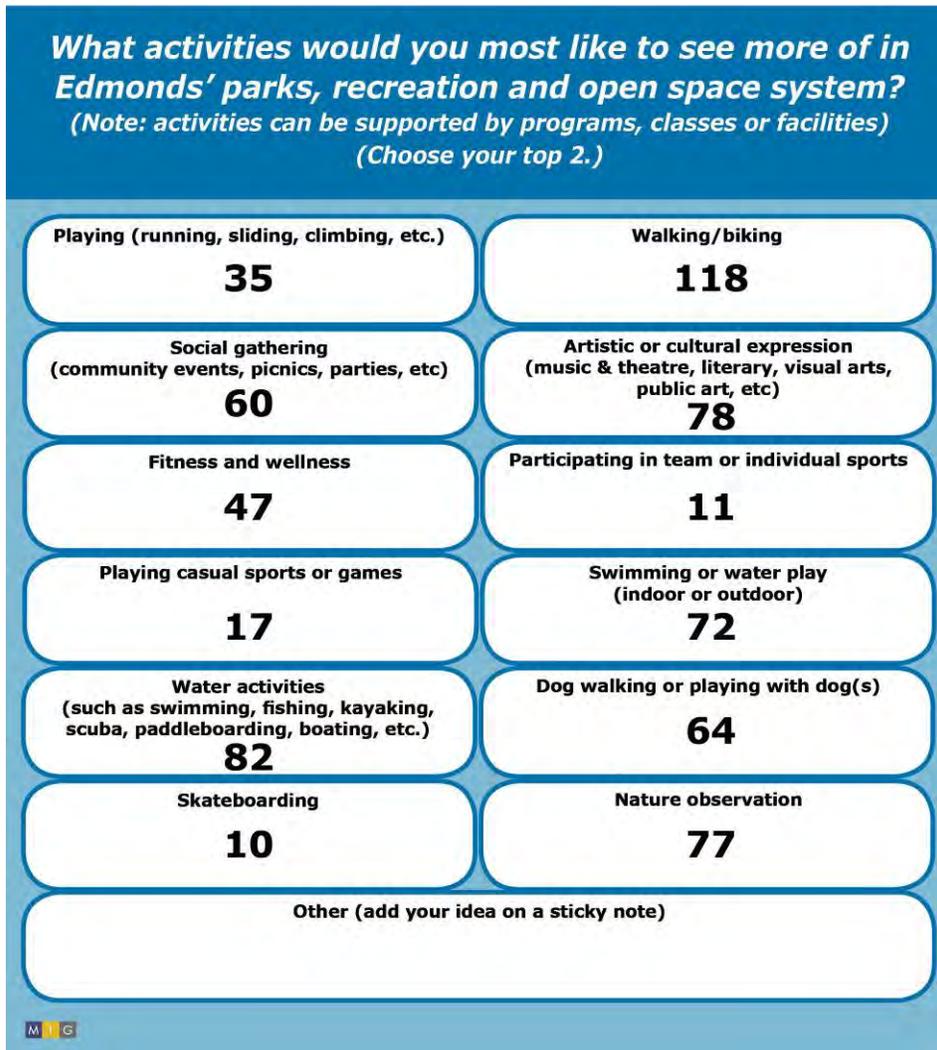


Figure 4: Board 4 Compiled Results from All Locations

- On Board 4, the top two activities selected by the total pool of participants were walking/biking—with 18% of total votes—and water activities (such as swimming, fishing, kayaking, scuba, paddleboarding, boating, etc)—with 12% of total votes.
- Walking/biking—the most popular overall response—was one of the top two responses at five out of the seven intercept sites. Water activities, the second most popular overall response, was one of the top two responses at only two of the seven intercept sites.
- At the Yost Pool event, swimming or water play was the top response. At the Edmonds Senior Center, social gathering was the top response. This wide difference of opinion between sites highlights the importance of providing a

variety of activities and facilities to serve the varied needs of different demographic groups.

Other comments Board 4

The following is a list of individual comments posted to Board 4, listed by event.

Yost Pool Event

- Keep Yost open longer
- Longer swim team session

City Park – EAC Concert

- No more murals
- More tennis courts & basketball hoops
- Murals are fantastic!
- 1-1/2 hour concerts (longer)
- More public restrooms; pet friendly one
- More handicap accessible; no curbs for those who can't walk

Waterfront – Olympic Beach

- Glass bottom boat
- Move the dog park from waterfront
- Keep the segways off park walkways where kids play and foot traffic
- Bigger deeper marina
- Open Marsh area to allow/return salmon spawning
- Social activities - Senior Center
- Quiet zones for trains

Edmonds Senior Center

- Senior Center x7

Main Street

- N/A

Frances Anderson Center

- Running trails
- American Sign Language activities for kids (i.e., library storytime)

Art Walk (Main Street)

- More parking downtown
- Golf
- More beach available for dog walkers
- Where's the parking

Map Exercise

The final display board included a map with instructions to place a color coded dot for two location types: a blue dot for where the respondent lives, and three yellow dots for the areas where the respondent most frequently plays. An image of the board is provided below. Photos of the completed maps for each location are presented on the following pages.

- All locations reported that the waterfront, downtown (including the Frances Anderson Center), Marina Beach Park, City Park and Yost Park are popular recreational “play” areas.
- The Yost Pool event and Main Street were the only two locations where less than 5 participants reported living outside of the Edmonds city limits, indicating that Edmonds facilities and special events are frequented by members of neighboring communities.

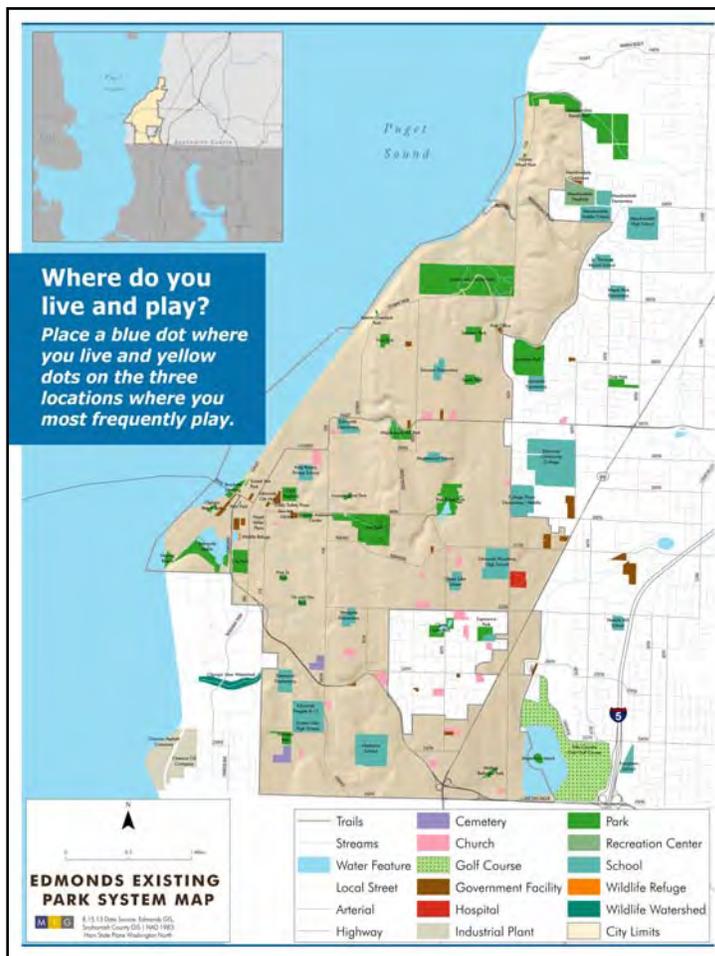


Figure 5: Map Board

Yost Pool Event



Color Coding

Live: **Blue**

Play: **Yellow**

City Park – EAC Concert



Color Coding

Live: **Blue**

Play: **Yellow**

Waterfront – Olympic Beach



Color Coding

Live: **Blue**

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Edmonds Senior Center



Color Coding

Live: **Blue**

Play: **Yellow**

Main Street

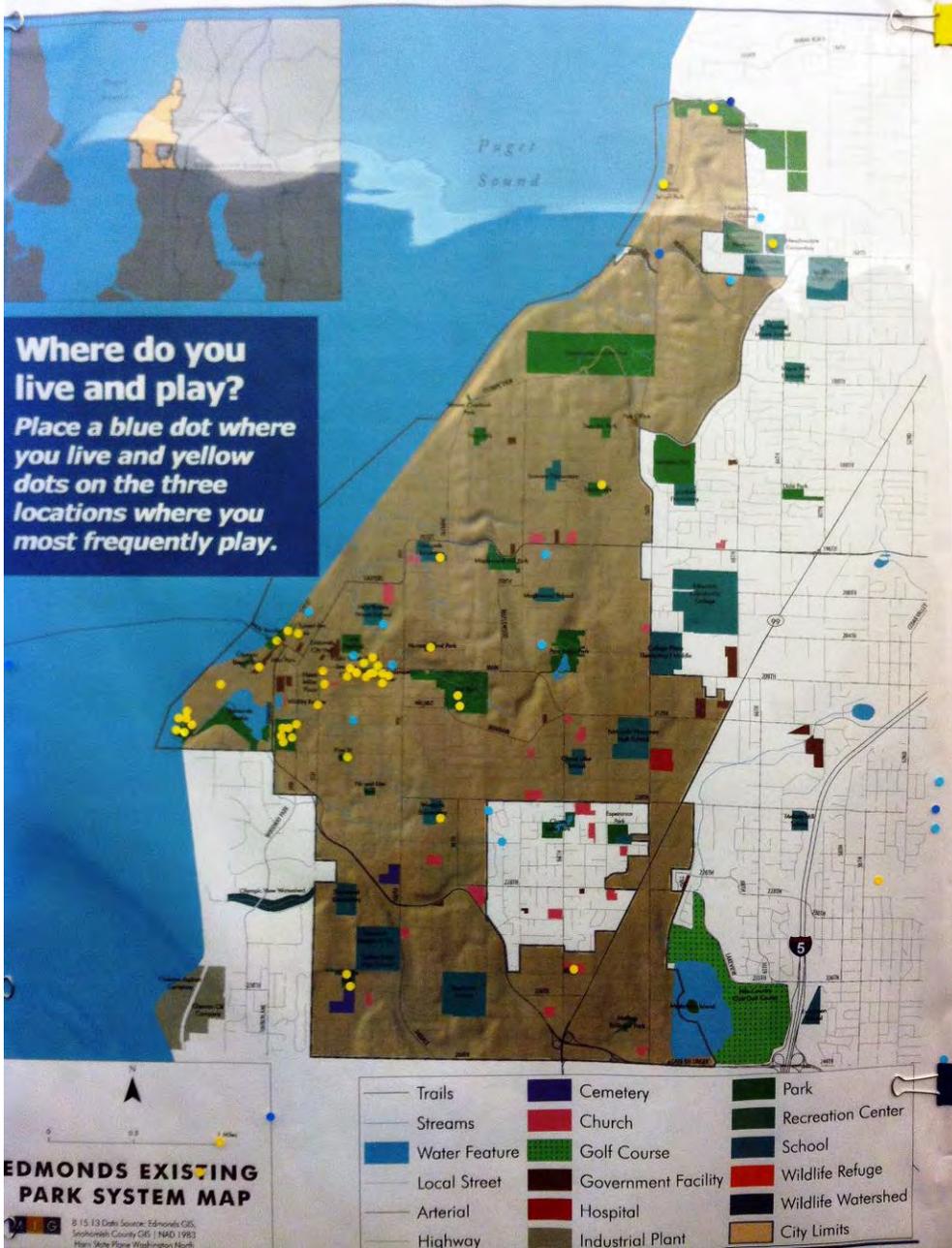


Color Coding

Live: Blue

Play: Yellow

Frances Anderson Center



Color Coding

Live: **Blue**

Play: **Yellow**

Art Walk (Main Street)



Color Coding

Live: **Blue**

Play: **Yellow**



EDMONDS PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan and Community Cultural Plan Community Workshops Summary

Dates, Locations October 15, 2013, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Public Works Building
October 16, 2013, 3:30 – 5:30 PM, Library Plaza Room

Summary

The City of Edmonds and MIG led two community workshops as part of the update of the PROS Plan and Community Cultural Plan. The workshops were held on consecutive days, at different times and in different locations, to provide two options for Edmonds residents to participate. Building on the earlier broad public outreach, these workshops were designed to get public input on preferences around the character of development and renovation of Edmonds parks, including how art can be integrated into public places, as well as public priorities for services.

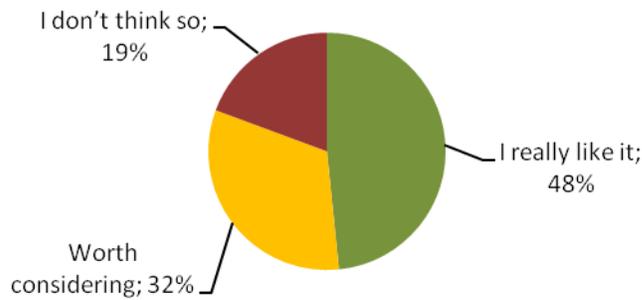
These workshops included two exercises. The first was a Visual Preference Survey exercise, during which participants were shown images of potential park elements and asked to mark their opinion of each as “I really like it,” “I’d consider it,” “I don’t think so” or “I’m not sure.” The second exercise was a Sustainable Priorities exercise, during which participants reviewed a detailed list of parks, recreation and open space services, rated their priority of each as “high,” “medium,” or “low” and checked boxes to indicate which entities they feel should contribute to supporting each service. Both exercises included space for further suggestions and comments.

This summary aggregates findings from both workshops. For the Visual Preference Survey, each summary page includes the image that was shown, a pie chart depicting the percentage of participants who marked each opinion category, and any written comments. For the Sustainable Priorities exercise, the summary table includes pie charts depicting the percentage of participants who indicated each level of priority for a given service, with “X” indicating the level of agreement among participants that each entity should provide support (X = at least 25%, XX = at least 50%, XXX = at least 75%), and any written comments.

Appendix A: VPS Data Breakdown



Preference



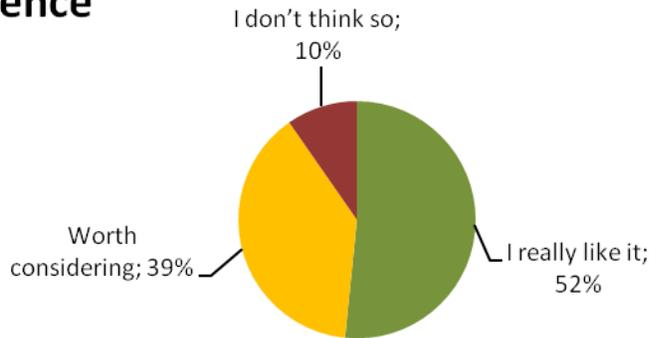
Comments:

- Ping pong tables great.
- Ping pong doesn't seem to fit.
- Using the park well.
- Like the permanent ping pong.
- Not Yost Park!
- Useful for variety.
- Ping pong in a park?
- Yost and City Park.

- Or other large outdoor games.
- Ping pong table.
- Costs--would enough people like it?
- Fun!
- It seems that City Park could accommodate this.
- In areas that don't already have.
- Bringing your own paddle/balls? Seems like it wouldn't get used much.



Preference

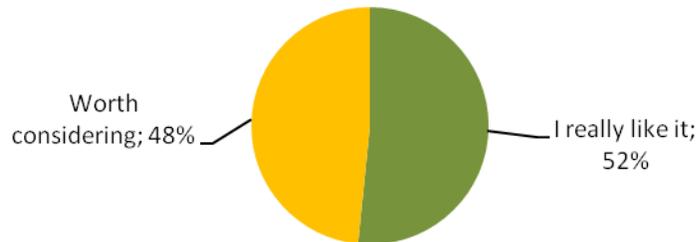


Comments:

- Good for Northwest--sharp edges?
- Would be great if you could climb on it.
- Fabulous.
- Yes, important.
- Not Yost Park!
- Mindful of % of people/activities.
- Good substantial pieces.
- On/near waterfront.
- Depends on cost.
- Art kids can climb on.
- Depends on location.
- Make is accessible for interaction.
- If it could be hands on for children.
- Interactive art? ABSOLUTELY! We need more art installed.
- If multi-purpose.



Preference

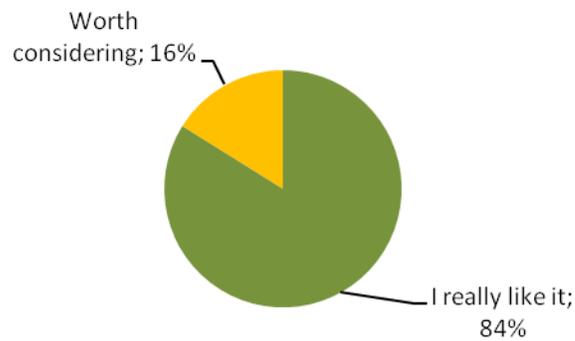


Comments:

- Post and platform out of date.
- Too busy--would like to see it fit into landscape.
- Important for families.
- Seems a bit busy/contrived.
- Not Yost Park!
- Valuable to designate areas.
- Playground.
- Neighborhood parks, NOT on waterfront.
- Climbable art.
- But better play features.
- Cost concern / Also Honey Buckets.
- Great for little kids.
- Great place to take children.
- Old school.
- Is there a way to make it appeal to youth AND adults?
- If upgrading current or none near.
- We need more nice playgrounds in Edmonds.



Preference

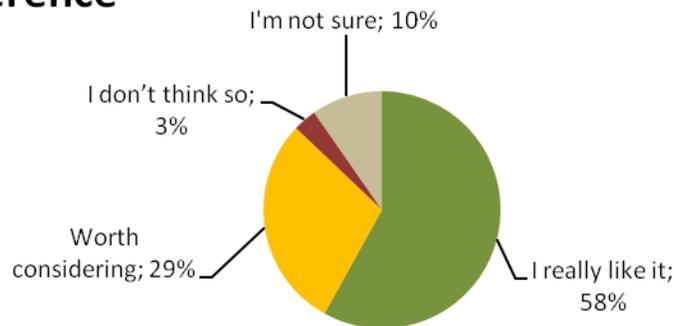


Comments:

- Edmonds is lacking public restrooms.
- Every park should have a restroom.
- We have waterless urinals and low water toilets. We need these--but make sure.
- As long as they are maintained regularly.
- Important/need cleaning.
- No room in Yost Park!
- Needed; dependent on cost of upkeep.
- Every park needs one.
- ANY park or public area--high need in this town.
- Downtown.
- Boring.
- Restrooms needed.
- It is costly.
- Too fancy.
- This could be added to many of our parks.
- Yes! Please!!!! Many of these.
- Hickman Park.
- If none near by.

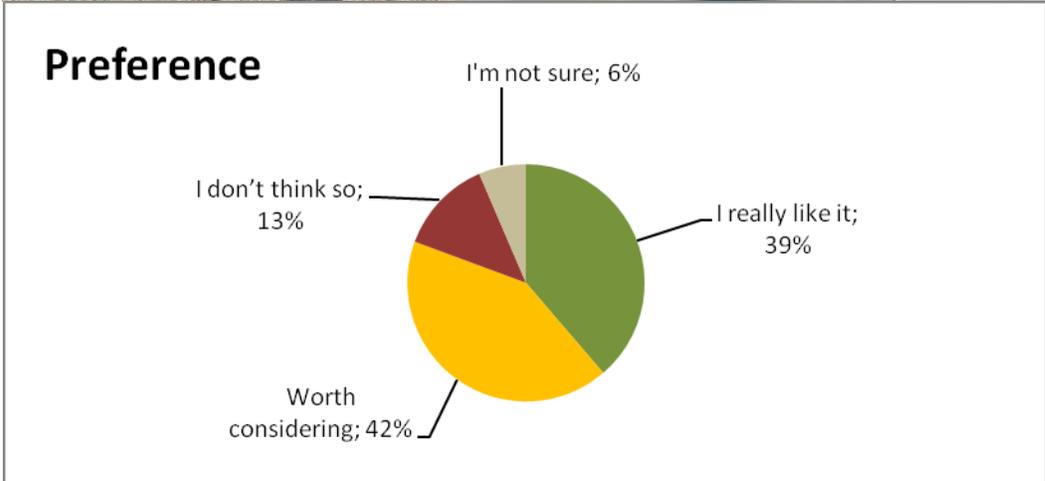


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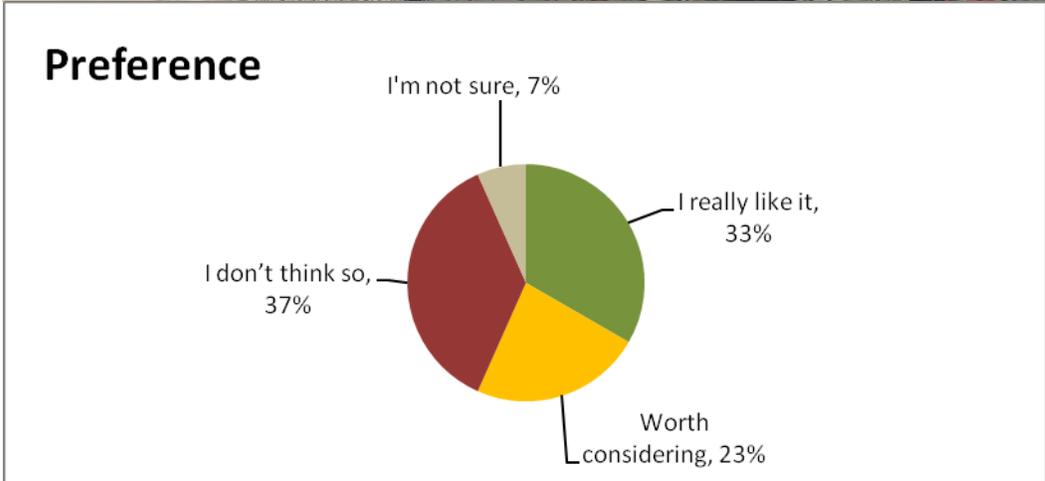
- Fun in right locations, multiple use.
- As long as water is reused and pervious.
- Great concept!
- Yes, but not on concrete.
- Instead of pool in Yost Park!
- Realistic use of space, interest cooling.
- Limited use water spray.
- Spray park!!
- City Park, Yost Park.
- Only within a current 'BN' zone public area development.
- Is water recycled?
- Would love this on the International Area.
- Depends on park--only for major parks.
- Right location could work.
- This concept would get a lot of use.
- Depends. It rains here and we have beaches. Not sure it would be used.
- If it can serve more purposes.
- If multi-purpose.
- My kids would love it.



Comments:

- Good in right location. Kids love hills.
- Like opportunity for natural play.
- Fun, visually entertaining.
- Safety factor.
- Too much problems for lawsuits.
- City Park on 3rd.
- Need for climbing experiences in cityscapes.

- Leave out the rocks.
- Any park/public area with a hill.
- Kids love hills to roll down.
- This could be incorporated in many of our parks.
- Too much concrete. Too "fake"--just go climb on real rocks.
- I like a less structural look.
- Not multi-purpose or aesthetic.



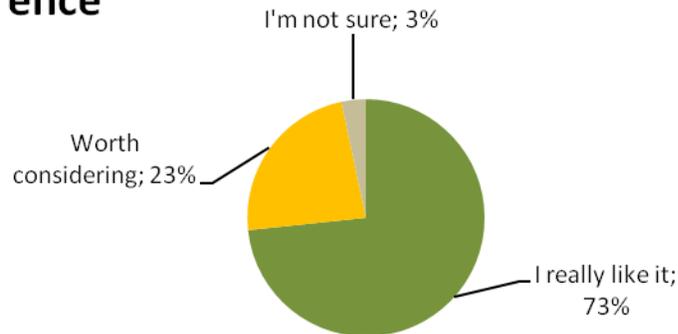
Comments:

- Good way to hide fence for short term art.
- Ok on fence--not on living things.
- Wonder about liabilities. (Wrote this before Carrie explained.)
- We keep trying to make this happen.
- Gets "tatty" too fast.
- Not Yost Park.
- Absolutely! Difficulty comes from coordination of length of "show."

- Bring out the arts!
- Bordering on graffiti--high maintenance!
- Depends on cost and waste.
- In right location would work.
- Great temporary use of an otherwise ugly sight.
- Good. Why not? Interesting and different.
- Great, low budget, design the park around temporary installations!
- Fad?



Preference

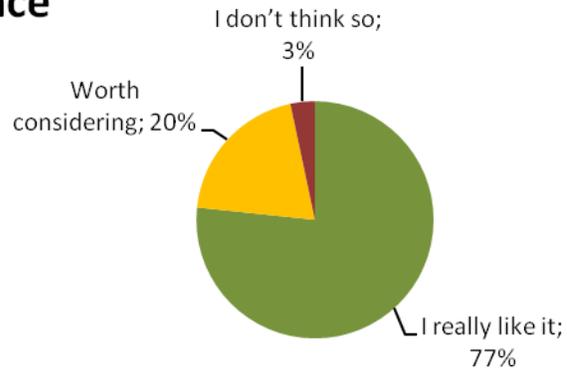


Comments:

- Good use of small area for everyone.
- This is fabulous!
- As long as it doesn't endanger the wildlife in Yost Park like the foxes, quail, owls, etc.
- Just plain grass!! What an idea!!
- Any neighborhood park--lawn=high maintenance.
- Field may be too small.
- Multi-use park good.
- We need more open play space it could accommodate many uses.
- Yes--open place to run. Good options to play.
- If games were chosen that could endure wear/tear.
- Multi purpose, animal friendly?
- Open space for multipurpose.



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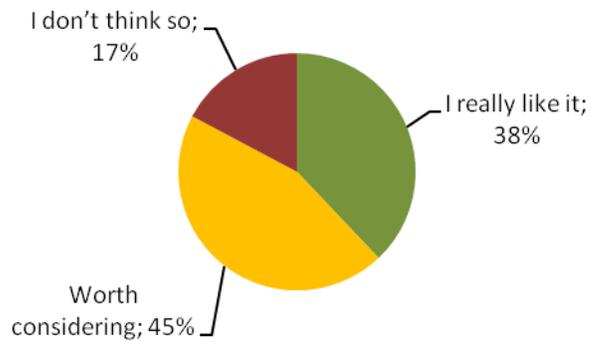


Comments:

- Good safe pathways are needed in Edmonds.
- Need more of these! Like the bench.
- Love it! Best so far.
- I like lots of trees and park benches.
- Idea for trails in Yost Park.
- Successful at Brackett's Landing and Marina Beach--need more.
- Good walking rolling surface.
- Any public park area--developed trail--excellent, but high maintenance!
- Trails are very important. Need safety separation, pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Developed trails are good.
- Great for older people.
- Safety concerns but great idea.
- In specific areas would work w/sights.
- I'd prefer non-paved trails in the woods.

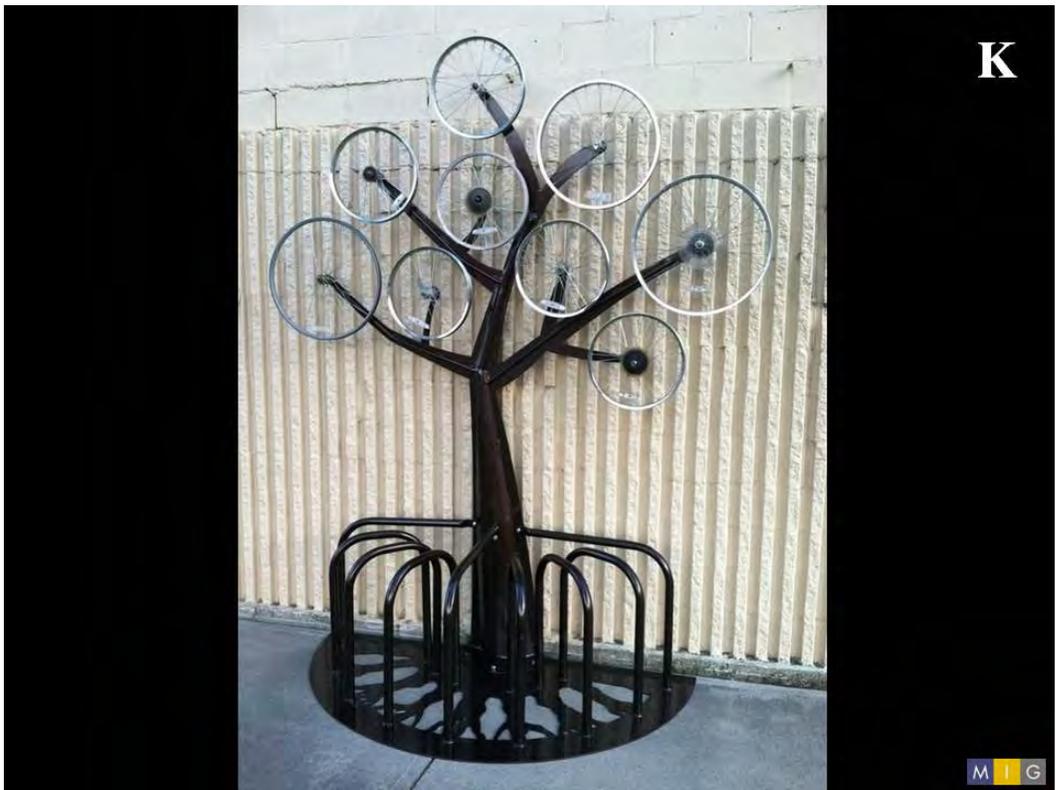


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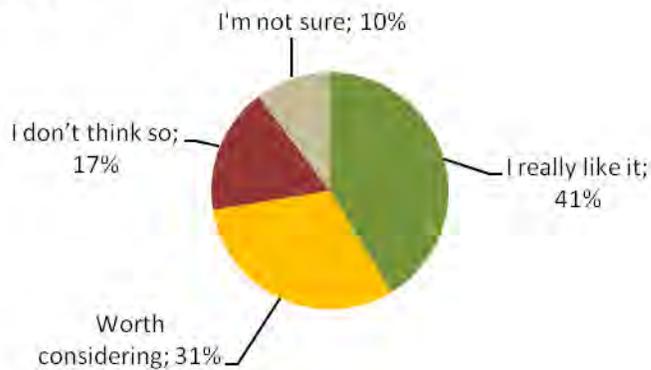


Comments:

- Interesting idea which help kids or adults think.
- Great opportunity for cognitive play.
- Really cool.
- Another park but not Yost Park.
- Accessibility/scheduling/keeping track of accessories.
- Interesting.
- Downtown or City Park.
- Too "niched"--subject to vandalism, abuse, etc.
- Cost?
- Or petanque.
- Again, location could work.
- Like a lot.
- This could be fun.
- Hard to manage.
- Which game is more useful.
- Wastes space, not a sharable space.



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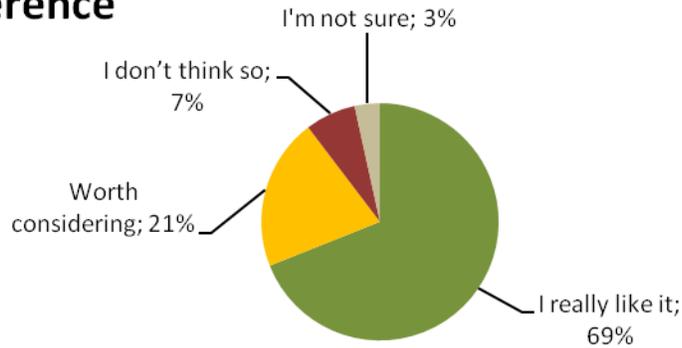


Comments:

- Don't care for bike rack.
- Design specified.
- Need the racks--need the art.
- Art is good and useful.
- Need more amenities w/an artistic bent.
- Not in BI zone--otherwise, ok.
- Bike parking is very important but racks like this may be expensive.
- Functional art -- yes!
- Great idea for some areas.
- Did not care for bike rack.
- Nice combination of art and function.
- FAC.
- If in well visited area.
- Useless art in activity space.
- Bike racks are so boring. This is much more than typical. Like it.



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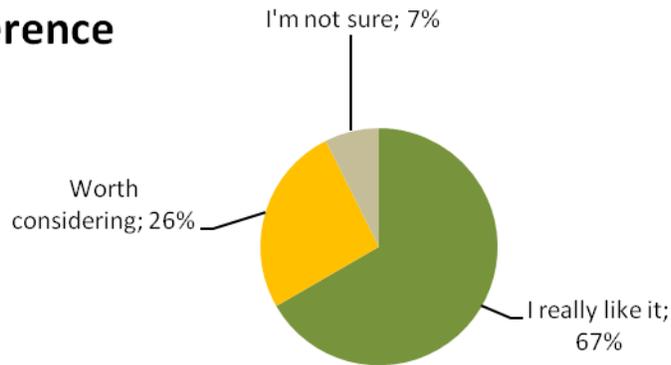


Comments:

- Very nice paver type pathway.
- Pervious please--great idea.
- For walkway in front of pool in Yost.
- Very useful to all ages.
- Double wide strollers.
- Integrated "art" needs a lot of planning.
- Rather have longer trails than shorter expensive trails.
- Inlaid art is great.
- Good concept.
- Very nice brick pathway.
- High climbing toy, appropriate for elementary school?
- Nice walking space.
- Very useful.
- Nice width and seating.
- Not necessarily needed.



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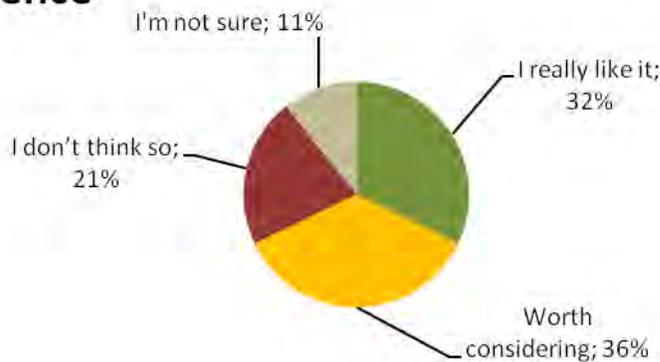


Comments:

- Very popular with kids which challenges kids.
- Need more of this variety of play.
- For playgrounds in park.
- Needed activity for our youth. Ease of maintenance.
- Locate near residential.
- Yost Park, Meadowdale, and "uphill" non-bowl parks.
- Like different play experiences.
- Great play toy and makes children think and exercise.
- Good for slightly older kids.
- More focused for older kids.
- Depending on list and actual kid use.



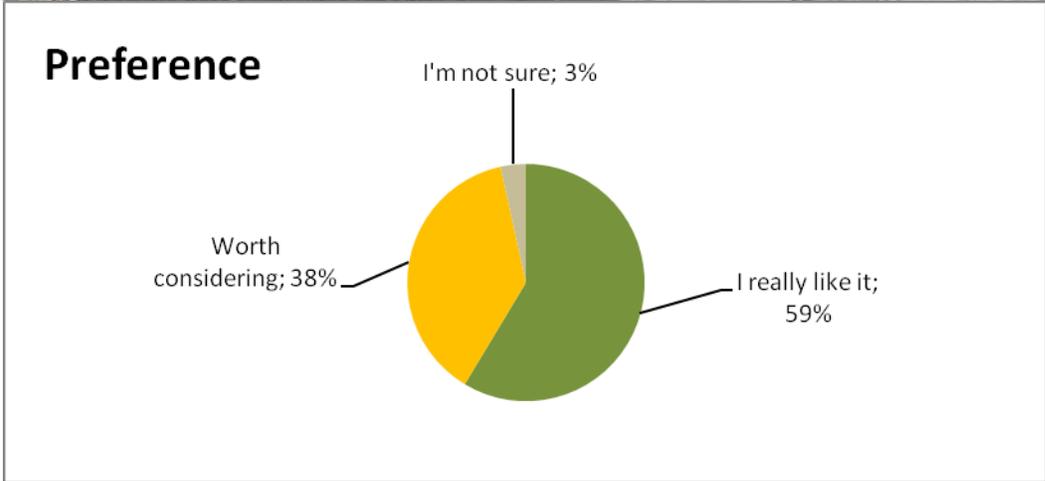
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Comments:

- Good way to slow traffic and use of art work by volunteers.
- Interesting idea--could backfire.
- Design specific/color etc.
- I have no idea what that is.
- Too dependent on the "goodwill" of the volunteers to maintain it.
- Any intersection to slow down traffic.
- Several intersections in Edmonds would benefit--with boundaries.
- Symbols - who decides.
- House paint is not environmentally sound.
- Too vulnerable to abuse/vandalism.

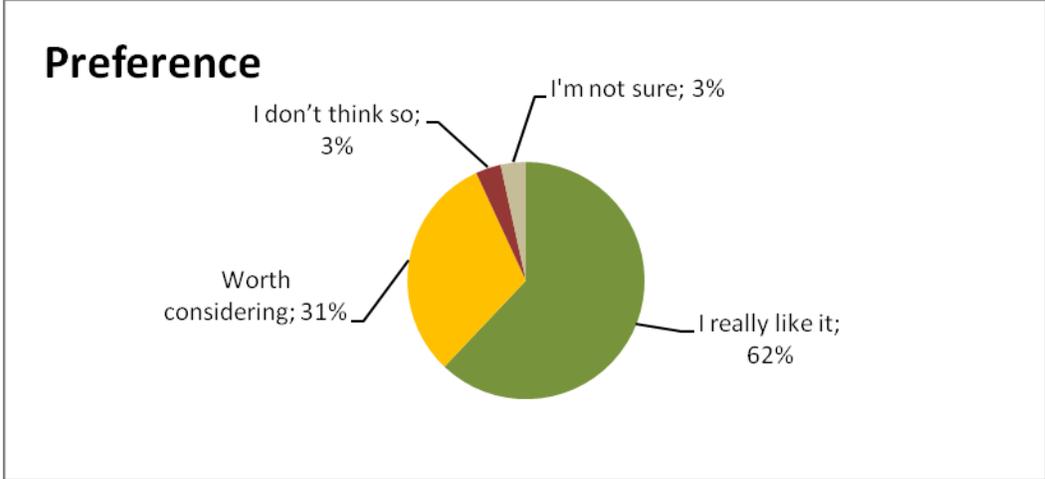
- Concerned that art work may distract motorists from seeing children.
- Certain areas--4th Ave?
- Too busy but would consider.
- I see this outside of the Park Dept--I like it, though.
- Interesting. Concerned about safety issues. But I suppose it has a calming effect.
- Great idea to fit in to a neighborhood.
- How managed? Can't imagine for Edmonds. Could be ugly if done wrong.
- In the right area.
- Would love more volunteer driven community.
- Up to the area?
- If all volunteer, both paint and time.



Comments:

- Great for kids to have fun and challenging.
- We need more of these--use what's available. Functional and using natural equipment.
- I'd be concerned about the safety factor. Like idea however.
- Everything is about kids.
- Any park but Yost.
- Needed activities for children, healthy environment.

- Rustic.
- Any small park/neighborhood park.
- Skipping rocks is fun.
- This is not unlike City Park as a walking and jumping activity.
- Fun for children.
- Aesthetically appealing.
- Not multipurpose but not a massive installment.
- I could see this working well on City Park.



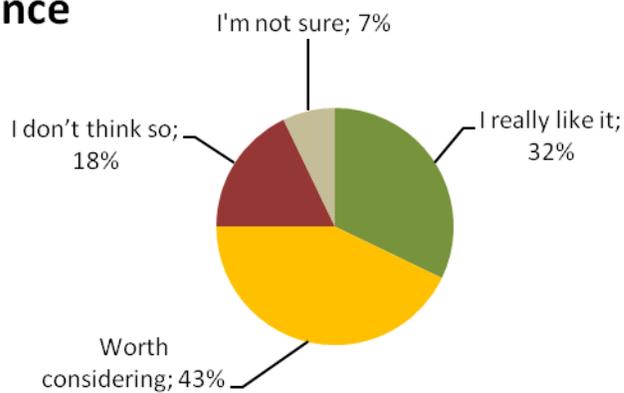
Comments:

- Great for gathering space and pretty.
- Finally something for adults!
- European and useful.
- Like it, but we have little parking space as it is!
- Need parking spaces, some sidewalk space.
- Extremely successful for pedestrians; difficult for parking spaces.
- Pedestrian mall.
- Downtown.
- Locations carefully selected in downtown B1-B5 zones (takes parking spaces).

- I like it but won't loss of parking be a concern? Also, weather concerns.
- Like seating area in parking area.
- Perfect for Sunset Ave.
- I like this one. Pocket parks. Gathering places.
- A great gathering space with limited size.
- Great idea! Nice gathering place.
- In high traffic areas. Moveable is cool.
- Curious about policy w/parklets-- do restaurants rent them? Etc.
- May not really fit very well except in the very small downtown core.

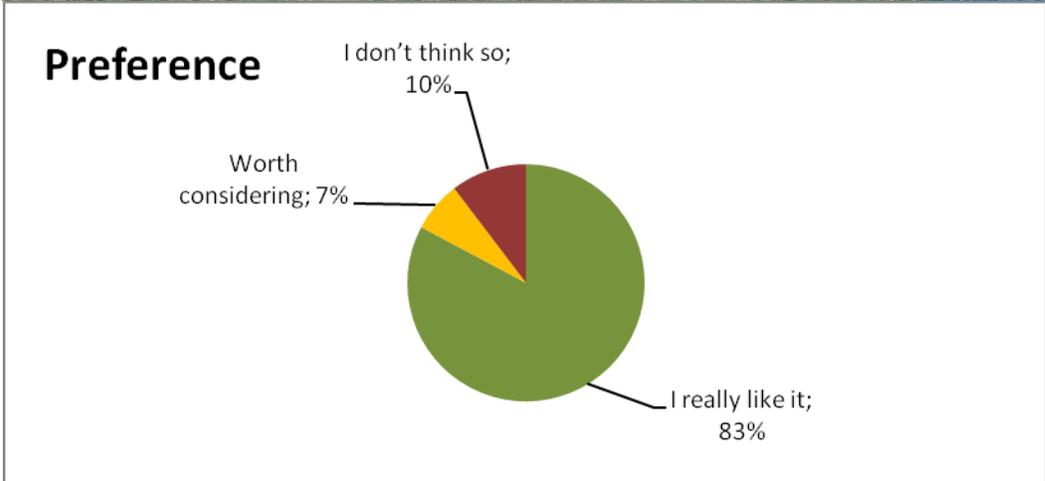


Preference



Comments:

- People sit on this type of art.
- Unlikely to be used.
- Worth consideration.
- In the right place--library.
- Downtown--maybe in BN zone developments.
- Isn't art expensive.
- Looks interesting in right location.
- Nice combination of art and rec.
- Great for library plaza.
- As a city street post.



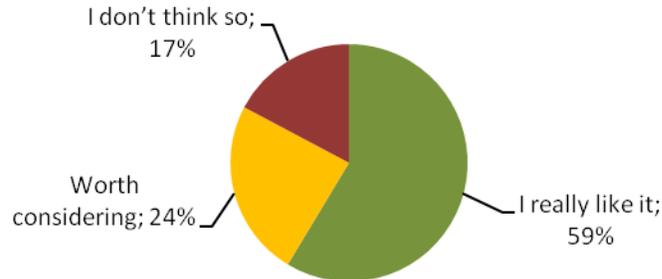
Comments:

- Really need this--would attract young people and promote physical activity.
- We pay for this in our school/property taxes.
- To change field at Frances Anderson Center and play field near safety building.
- Requires planning/coordination.
- Schools only.
- Need more in the city.

- Old EW HS grounds—maybe in certain grade school sites.
- Definite health benefits, prefer natural turf.
- Yes!
- Multi-use fields.
- Use schools not park space.
- Need sports fields!
- We need more of this type of all year use.
- Yes--encourage outdoor activity.
- Love multi-purpose.



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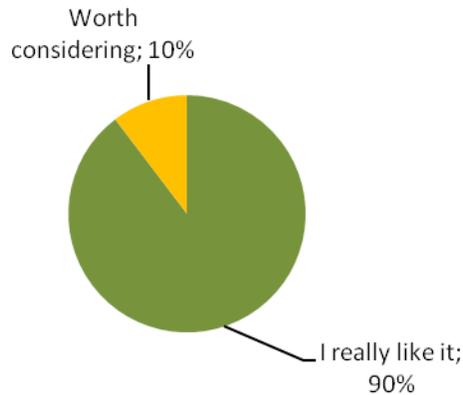


Comments:

- Great for parents to visit where children play-- like the natural elements.
- Good idea/where in Edmonds?
- Small space for activity keeps people moving/shopping, etc.
- Every place is not a playground.
- Only within a new RE development/mixed use development.
- Seating, climbing rock great.
- Great but how do we get parking?
- I do not see this in Edmonds.
- Nice combination use of a business space/park.
- Can't visualize a space for this in Edmonds.
- High traffic areas.
- Doesn't require new land acquisition.



Preference



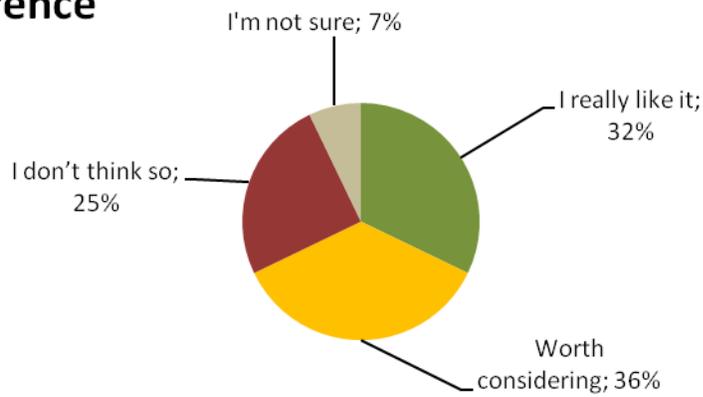
Comments:

- With interpretive signage and bird blinds-- would be great!
- Very good!
- Beautiful.
- Make certain it's wide enough for wheelchairs!
- Yes for our Marsh area.
- How to change the walkway in Yost Park.
- Needed/makes residents more aware.
- Get into nature.
- They should undertake this in Edmonds Marsh.
- Essential to Edmonds Marsh. Also create such for Meadow Beach.

- Love it! Great opportunity to learn.
- Need this around the Marsh.
- Edmonds Marsh--Natural Area boardwalk great.
- Different and good variety.
- A nice access to natural area.
- Complete walkway around Edmonds Marsh.
- Need to expand our wetlands.
- All for it! Would love installed binoculars.
- Educational.
- Natural intrusion is good if balanced w/education and conservation priorities.
- Prefer to keep development/construction outside wetlands/sensitive areas.

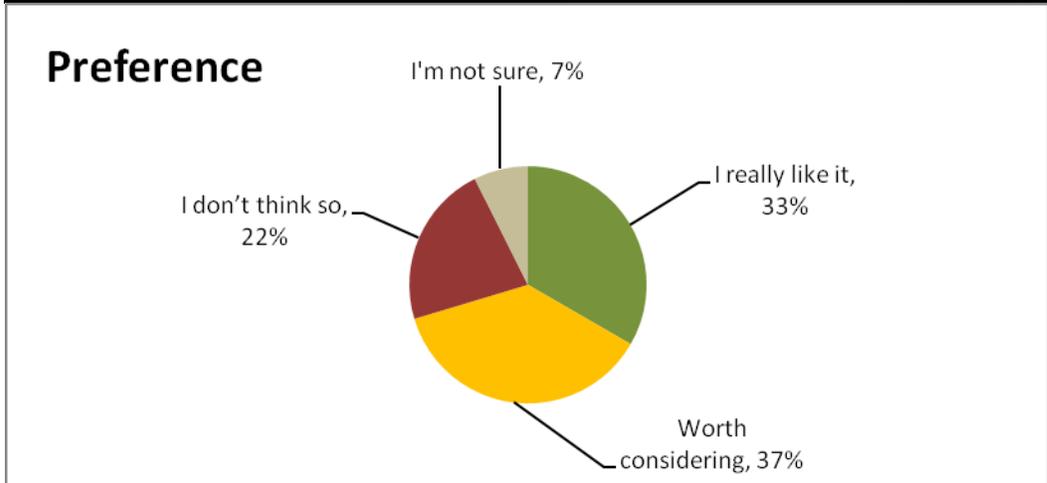


Preference



Comments:

- Too much concrete.
- Too expensive.
- Not in Yost Park.
- Interactive space--needed.
- Too fancy.
- Gathering places are important.
- Larger park--high maintenance!
- Large art work wave maybe.
- This is another fun idea and combination art and play.
- Multi-purpose is good.



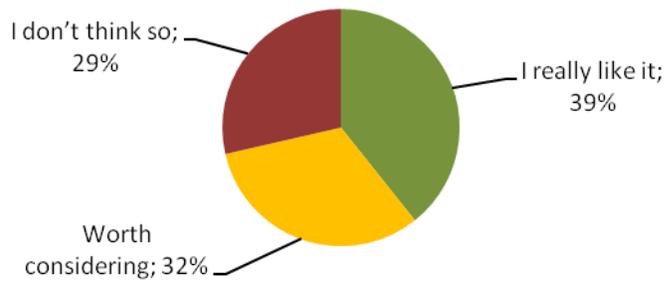
Comments:

- Need to make sure Edmonds buy into this.
- Too many hills in Edmonds.
- Safety concerns.
- Not on my dead end street.
- Education of markings needed for both bikers and drivers.
- Bicycles + autos = death
- Remember older drivers!!
- Only appropriate on low speed streets.
- Need more connections.
- Prefer bike lane for kids especially, share lanes don't all feel safe.

- Shared street and walkway great.
- Great. But add the word "share."
- I'm not sure how well this will work. I'd like to know more.
- Not a biker. Is this a safe alternative?
- Worries me--car/bike accident.
- Why do you need organized lane?
- Streets aren't multimodal and are paid for w/user impact fees.
- May need different type of marking other than regular sharrow to clarify this is different than typical street.



Preference



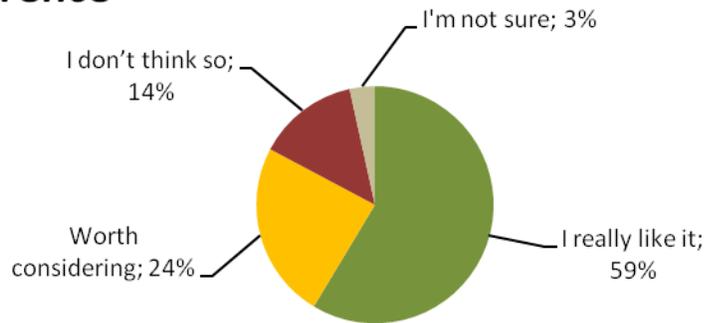
Comments:

- Have plenty of natural play or beaches (water waste).
- As long as there are benches.
- If we have room in any park.
- Not in Yost Park.
- Try boat pond instead.
- Beach/waterfront.
- But we have beaches.

- Could work in right location.
- Don't need it--we have the real thing.
- Kids would love this!
- Just go to the beach: very sloppy in rainy weather.
- On-site castle equipment?
- In places that don't have water.
- We have beaches--kids should see them.

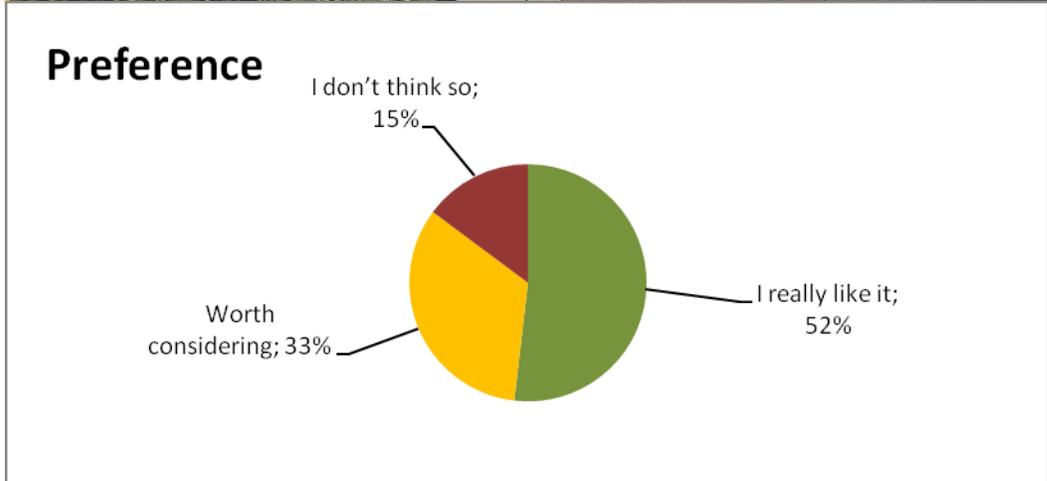


Preference



Comments:

- Nice try.
- Good idea.
- I see nothing wrong with it.
- Rust? Put a screening fence up.
- These are done in so many places--we need these!
- Particularly downtown/bowl area.
- Where space permits.
- Covered painted boxes great.
- Great way to camouflage something that is an eyesore.
- Very clever idea to hide an eye sore.
- If they met a standard for public art--passed a committee.
- Looks great, would want it more "oasis" like.
- If box is in plain view.
- Seems corny to me; maybe would be ok if it wasn't camouflaging them.



Comments:

- Don't think that would work here--like idea though.
- Very similar to Vancouver B.C.--very wonderful!
- Too many signs in our streets, but paving works.
- Not in Yost Park of my neighbor.
- Limited areas.
- You've got it right!!
- OK for 100th and maybe other main, but secondary routes--like Casper or Main St. east of 9th Ave., 84th Ave., 76th Ave, etc.
- Great concept.

- Good bike, pedestrian pathway, for traffic pedestrian separation.
- Need to ID candidate street.
- Yes! Emphasize non-motorized (de-emphasize motorized).
- Nice pathway/street combo.
- Although it would be great on Olympic view drive. More separation from busy traffic.
- Connect already made trails? More opinion/research needed?
- Concerns related to comments in V.
- I perceive some hazard w/two-way traffic next to two-way traffic.

City of Edmonds Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan and Community Cultural Plan

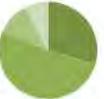
Other Comments:

- Need more opportunities to use water for recreation--such as stand up paddle and kayaking, sailing, etc. Also--climbing wall (or low ropes course) in a natural setting--would have to cordon off when not supervised--or locate with schools. There is a model for this--Redmond and Arlington I think.
- I would like to see more adult use areas. What was shown was nearly all child oriented areas. Also, what about park areas for the disabled--physical, sight impaired.
- Need benches for adults and older people. Lighting after dark.
- Most of my "I'd consider it" answers had to do with cost.
- My "I don't think so" answers reflected a feeling that the ideas were too busy, looked or would contribute to a "junky" appearance over time.
- Interesting temporary direction for 4th Ave corridor changes.
- Needs: Benches. Wider, firm, level (side to side) walkways. Wetlands boardwalks or wildlife observation points.
- Need plenty of bike racks at park facilities. Walkway/sidewalks on 80th-180th connecting Seaview, Sierra and Southeast County parks. Develop sports fields at Old Edmonds High School, sharrows and bikeways connecting parks. Complete walkway around Edmonds Marsh.
- Permeable concrete w/storm water planters. When a city has no growth area existing space can be used better.

Appendix B: Sustaining Priorities Data Breakdown

	Priorities	City	School District	Local Businesses	Nonprofit Organizations	Volunteers	Grants (Private, State and Federal)	Corporate Sponsors	Other/Comments
Park Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> high med low no response 	X X X			X	X X	X X	X	Cost should be kept down. This could be a great opportunity for community involvement.
Natural Area Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> high med low no response 	X X X			X	X X X	X X	X	High priority, low maintenance. This could be a great opportunity for community involvement. Trimming, so can walk on trails.
Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> high med low no response 	X X		X X	X X	X X	X X	X X	
Aquatics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> high med low no response 	X X X	X			X	X	X	Other cities offer this close by. Don't use swimming (keep uncovered). We need a year round center across from the downtown fire station.
Environmental Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> high med low no response 	X X	X X	X	X X	X X	X	X	PAWS
Athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> high med low no response 	X X	X X	X	X	X	X	X	
Fitness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> high med low no response 	X X	X	X					Bicycle riding, walking. Up to each individual!!
Children and Youth									
Arts and Crafts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> high med low no response 	X X	X X	X	X	X X	X	X	Parents

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	Priorities	City	School District	Local Businesses	Nonprofit Organizations	Volunteers	Grants (Private, State and Federal)	Corporate Sponsors	Other/Comments
Nature/ Science	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> high med low no response 	X X	X X		X	X	X		Parents. Beach programs.
Gymnastics	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> high med low no response 	X	X X		X	X	X		Parents. Niche Program, regional draw.
Youth Fitness	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> high med low no response 	X X	X X		X	X	X		Parents
Parent Participation Classes	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> high med low no response 	X X	X X	X	X	X	X		Parents
Day Camps	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> high med low no response 	X X	X X		X	X X	X		Parents
Preschool	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> high med low no response 	X X	X X		X	X	X		Parents. Private organization.
Outdoor Recreation	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> high med low no response 	X X	X	X	X	X	X		Parents. Need things for seniors to do, too.
Cultural									
Assistance / Training Workshops	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> high med low no response 	X X	X	X	X	X X	X		Parents. City should manage with volunteers conducting the training.
Tourism Promotion	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> high med low no response 	X X X		X X	X	X	X	X X	Parents
Youth Arts Education	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> high med low no response 	X	X X	X	X	X	X	X	Parents

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	Priorities	City	School District	Local Businesses	Nonprofit Organizations	Volunteers	Grants (Private, State and Federal)	Corporate Sponsors	Other/Comments
Literary Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ high ■ med ■ low ■ no response 	X X	X	X	X X	X X	X	X	Parents
Performing Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ high ■ med ■ low ■ no response 	X X	X	X X	X X	X X	X	X	
Visual Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ high ■ med ■ low ■ no response 	X X	X	X X	X X	X X	X	X	City does a good job.
Special Events									
Concerts in the Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ high ■ med ■ low ■ no response 	X X X		X X	X	X	X	X	
Outdoor Movie Nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ high ■ med ■ low ■ no response 	X X		X	X	X	X	X	
Large Scale Performing Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ high ■ med ■ low ■ no response 	X X		X X	X X	X	X	X	
Music/Arts Festivals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ high ■ med ■ low ■ no response 	X X	X	X	X X	X X	X	X	
Sports Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ high ■ med ■ low ■ no response 	X X	X	X	X	X X	X	X	
Flower Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ high ■ med ■ low ■ no response 	X X		X X	X	X X X	X	X	
Other Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ high ■ med ■ low ■ no response 								Water activities, bicycle riding, walking.

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Other Comments:

- Many of these could/should/are part of what the Edmonds Chamber of Congress does.
- Need a plan and funding source for land acquisition for parks--also for community gardens.



EDMONDS PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan and Community Cultural Plan Planning Board Visual Preference Survey Summary

Introduction

Four City of Edmonds Planning Board members participated in the PROS Plan and Community Cultural Plan Visual Preference Survey following the community workshops, at their regularly scheduled meeting.

Results

This summary compiles the visual preferences reported by Planning Board members and compares them to those reported by the general public in previous community workshops. Total Planning Board survey results are represented in Table 1. Total general public survey results are represented in Table 2, to aid in comparison. Darker colors signify a majority opinion, lighter colors signify a minority opinion, and no color signifies a 0% opinion.

Over all, Planning Board opinion roughly matched that of the general public. Instances where Planning Board reactions to specific potential park elements differed significantly from those of the public are highlighted in figures 1 through 7.

Table 1. Compiled Planning Board Visual Preference Survey Results

IMAGE	I really like it	Worth considering	I don't think so	I'm not sure	TOTAL RESPONSES
A	50%	50%	0%	0%	4
B	100%	0%	0%	0%	4
C	50%	50%	0%	0%	4
D*	50%	25%	0%	25%	4
E	50%	50%	0%	0%	4
F	50%	25%	0%	25%	4
G	25%	50%	25%	0%	4
H	25%	75%	0%	0%	4
I	75%	25%	0%	0%	4
J	25%	25%	25%	25%	4
K	50%	50%	0%	0%	4
L	50%	25%	0%	25%	4
M	25%	50%	0%	25%	4
N	25%	25%	0%	50%	4
O*	0%	75%	25%	0%	4
P*	100%	0%	0%	0%	4
Q*	0%	100%	0%	0%	4
R	75%	25%	0%	0%	4
S	75%	25%	0%	0%	4
T*	25%	50%	0%	25%	4
U	25%	50%	25%	0%	4
V*	0%	75%	0%	25%	4
W*	0%	50%	50%	0%	4
X	25%	75%	0%	0%	4
Y	50%	50%	0%	0%	4

* Divergent opinions analyzed in figures 1 through 7.

Table 2. Compiled General Public Visual Preference Survey Results

IMAGE	I really like it	Worth considering	I don't think so	I'm not sure	TOTAL RESULTS
A	48%	32%	19%	0%	31
B	52%	39%	10%	0%	31
C	52%	48%	0%	0%	31
D*	84%	16%	0%	0%	31
E	58%	29%	3%	10%	31
F	39%	42%	13%	6%	31
G	33%	23%	37%	7%	30
H	73%	23%	0%	3%	30
I	77%	20%	3%	0%	30
J	38%	45%	17%	0%	29
K	41%	31%	17%	10%	29
L	69%	21%	7%	3%	29
M	67%	26%	0%	7%	27
N	32%	36%	21%	11%	28
O*	59%	38%	0%	3%	29
P*	62%	31%	3%	3%	29
Q*	32%	43%	18%	7%	28
R	83%	7%	10%	0%	29
S	59%	24%	17%	0%	29
T*	90%	10%	0%	0%	29
U	32%	36%	25%	7%	28
V*	33%	37%	22%	7%	27
W*	39%	32%	29%	0%	28
X	59%	24%	14%	3%	29
Y	52%	33%	15%	0%	27

* Divergent opinions analyzed in figures 1 through 7.

Figure 1. Image D: Public Restroom



The public voiced strong support for this concept of a public restroom in a park, with 84% reporting that they really like it. Public comments indicated perception of a strong need for this type of unit in Edmonds parks. Planning Board members reported less resounding support. Two out of four reported really liking the concept, while one reported it is worth considering and one reported they aren't sure, with a comment indicating that cost is a factor contributing to hesitation.

Figure 2. Image O: Nature Play Equipment



The public indicated significant support for this concept of “nature play” playground equipment built with logs and boulders. Fifty-nine percent reported that they really like it, and 38% reported that they would consider it. Planning Board members reported markedly less support for this concept. Zero really like it, three out of four would consider it, and one out of four doesn't think so. The two “consider” members wrote comments indicating that safety is their primary concern, while the “don't think so” member suggested that kids should visit real natural areas for this type of experience.

Figure 3. Image P: Curbside Parklet



All four Planning Board members reported that they really like this concept of a wooden parklet built in a curbside parking area, with one commenting that this is “very necessary on Main Street” and that it would “appeal to teens.” The public was more divided on this concept, with 62% reporting that they really like it, thirty-one percent reporting that they would consider it, three percent recording that they don’t think so, and three percent aren’t sure. The public concerns voiced in comments include the loss of parking spots and that location would be key to the concept’s success.

Figure 4. Image Q: Public Art



All four Planning Board members reported that they would consider this image of writing-themed, interactive public sculpture. Their two comments regarding this concept expressed concerns about adequate space in the pedestrian right-of-way. The public’s opinion was more divided, with thirty-two percent reporting that they really like it, forty-three percent reporting that they would consider it, eighteen percent reporting that they don’t think so, and seven percent reporting that they aren’t sure. Public concerns expressed in comments included potential cost, location considerations, and some confusion about how or whether the art would be used.

Figure 5. Image T: Wildlife Viewing Platform



This concept of a boardwalk-style viewing platform in a natural area was the public's highest-ranked concept. Ninety percent reported that they really like it, and the remaining ten percent said they would consider it. Several public comments indicated this is considered a good idea for Edmonds Marsh. The Planning Board's opinions were more diverse, with one member reporting that they really like it, two reporting that they would consider it, and one reporting that they aren't sure. The two "considers" raised concerns that this type of infrastructure could impede on the health of the natural habitat.

Figure 6. Image V: Dedicated Bicycle Shared Street



Three out of four Planning Board members indicated that they would consider this concept of a dedicated shared street for bicycles and motorized vehicles. The fourth member indicated that they aren't sure. Public opinion was more divided, with thirty-three percent reporting that they like it, thirty-seven percent reporting that they would consider it, twenty-two percent reporting that they don't think so, and seven percent reporting that they're not sure. Public comments reflected bicycle safety concerns.

Figure 7. Image W: Sand and Water Nature Play Equipment



Two Planning Board members reported that they would consider this concept of playground equipment using sand and water as interactive play materials, while the other two reported that they didn't think so. The comment one member included under this entry indicated that they do not perceive a need for water play features in parks when Edmonds already has natural water features (e.g. the waterfront). The public's opinion on this concept was also divided. Thirty-nine percent reported that they like it, thirty-two percent reported that they would consider it, and twenty-nine percent reported that they don't think so. Public comments indicated that some participants agree that there is no need for this type of play experience in parks due to Edmonds' proximity to the beach, while others would like to see this type of equipment in those areas that are not conveniently close to the water.



EDMONDS PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

Community Questionnaire Results

Available online on the City's website: www.edmondswa.gov

Active between August 19th – September 15th, 2013

Overview

This summary provides the results of the community questionnaire for the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan and the Community Cultural Plan for Edmonds. The questionnaire is a key tool for broadening participation and validating the input received via other public involvement activities. Of all of the planned activities, the questionnaire provides the most flexibility both for the respondent (by allowing them to provide input on their own schedule and giving open-ended responses) and for the planning team (by allowing for easy and accessible distribution, self-entry and low overall cost).

This questionnaire was designed to be open and self-selecting to allow anyone interested to respond and collect the largest number of responses and ideas. The results of this effort are not randomly distributed and are not considered to be statistically representative of the entire population. However, the overwhelming number of participants presents a broad insight into the opinions of the community and allowed for far more participation in the planning process than a random sample survey.

There were 1,161 responses to the online questionnaire, comprising 968 complete questionnaires and 193 partials. The following provides a summary of key findings from the questionnaire by common theme and individual results of the survey questions. A text version of the questionnaire is attached as Appendix A to this document; responses to the open-ended questions are provided in Appendix B.

Key Findings

City Services

- Respondents rated most City services highly, including parks maintenance and arts & cultural events and programs. However trails availability and availability of information about cultural opportunities rated the lowest.

Parks and Facility Use

- Nearby parks and waterfront parks had the highest visitation. Some specialized facilities such as Yost Park Pool, Edmonds Senior Center and Wade James Theatre had the lowest visitation according to the results.

- Walking and biking are popular, according to the questionnaire, and are the types of activities that respondents participated in most frequently. Respondents ranked expanding the trail network, including bicycle and pedestrian connections to trails as the highest priority project or service.
- Social gathering and nature observation had the second and third highest participation rates. These were also the most popular of additional activities desired by respondents. Respondents also rated protecting more open space as the second highest priority project or service.

Recreation Programs

- The majority of respondents have participated in recreation programs, classes or activities offered by the City. Respondents also indicated that there is very good to excellent program variety and availability.
- The top types of programming include arts and culture presentations or events, fitness and wellness programs, youth sports, education/special interest classes and arts and culture workshops or classes.
- More respondents hear about programs and events from the City's recreation program guide, "Craze," and word of mouth than any other resource.

Arts and Culture

- Artistic or cultural expression (music, theatre, visual arts, public art, etc.) is the top rated activity desired by respondents. Arts and culture presentations or events have the highest participation rate according to the results.
- Of arts and culture activities, the top three selected by respondents were visiting galleries and/or exhibits, attending performances and attending arts or cultural festivals.
- Respondents identified the highest priorities for arts and culture services as engaging more youth and young adults in the arts and having free publicly accessible arts and culture events.

Future Priorities

- Respondents indicated that they prioritize renovating existing parks and upgrading existing facilities over developing new parks and facilities.

Questionnaire Results

In addition to the key findings above, this summary provides the complete results of the individual questions by count and percentage. Some results include a brief summary and/or chart where findings are particularly relevant to the plan process.

Note on percentages: in order to capture the maximum number of results, all percentages in the tables below are calculated based on the total number of respondents who were presented the question. This number shifts due to partially completed surveys. Further, in the case of questions allowing multiple responses, the percentage is not based on the sum of the answers indicated but the number of respondents.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

Table 1: How important are parks, recreation and cultural services and open space to Edmonds' quality of life?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Very Important	715	65%
Very Important - Important	146	13%
Important	124	11%
Important – Not Important	21	2%
Not Important	4	0%
No answer	89	8%

- Parks, recreation and cultural services are important to quality of life in Edmonds. Eighty-nine percent indicated that parks, recreation and cultural services and open space are important to very important to Edmonds' quality of life. Less than one percent indicated that these services are not important.

Table 2. How do you most frequently travel to parks, facilities, and recreation and cultural activities? (Select your top 2)

Answer	Count	Percentage
Drive or get a ride in a car	871	79%
Walk or run	645	59%
Bike	124	11%
Take transit	21	2%
Skateboard, scooter, other small wheels	6	1%

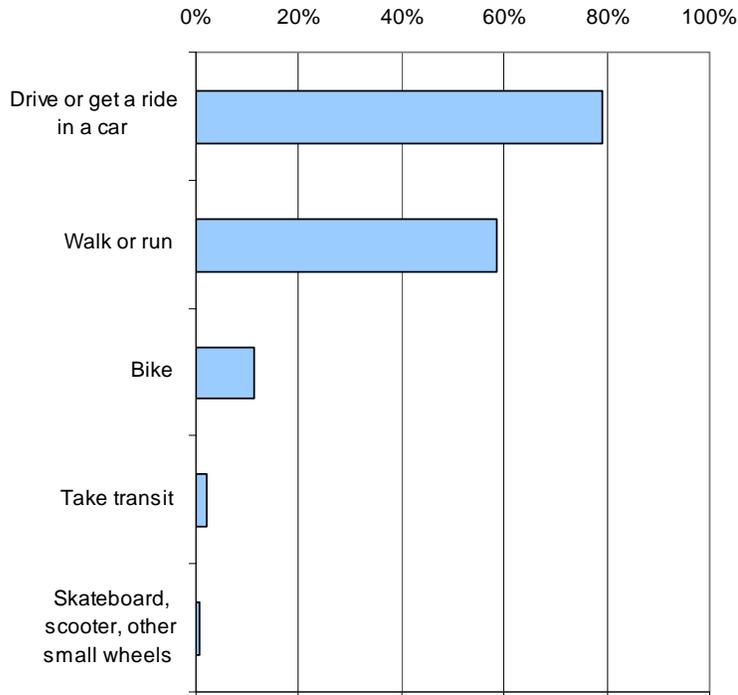


Figure 1: How do you most frequently travel to parks, facilities, and recreation and cultural activities? (Select your top 2)

- Of respondents getting to parks, facilities and recreation and cultural activities, most drive or get a ride in a car (79%). However, there are also many (59% of respondents) who walk or run to access these places.
- Fewer bike (11%) or take transit (2%) to these areas.

Table 3: Please rate each of the following provided by the Edmonds Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know	No answer
Overall quality of services	23%	59%	8%	0%	5%	4%
Parks maintenance	27%	55%	10%	1%	3%	4%
Recreation facility availability (e.g., sports fields, tennis courts)	12%	43%	16%	6%	18%	5%
Availability of trails	13%	40%	23%	6%	14%	5%
Yost Pool facility	9%	32%	10%	3%	41%	5%
Yost Pool programs	9%	23%	9%	2%	51%	6%
Recreation programs and services	18%	47%	11%	2%	16%	6%

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know	No answer
Arts & Culture events and programs	32%	44%	9%	1%	10%	4%
Affordability of programs	16%	50%	16%	2%	12%	4%
Availability of information about recreation opportunities	19%	48%	19%	4%	6%	4%
Availability of information about cultural opportunities	16%	43%	21%	4%	11%	5%

- According to respondents, some of the highest ranking services provided by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department are overall quality of services (83% rated as excellent/good), parks maintenance (82% rated as excellent/good) and arts & culture events and programs (77% excellent/good).
- Respondents rated availability of trails (29% fair/poor) and availability of information about cultural opportunities (25% fair/poor) as some of the lowest ranking types of services.

Table 4: How do you hear about recreation and cultural programs and activities in Edmonds? (Select all that apply)

Answer	Count	Percentage
Craze (the recreation program guide)	731	67%
Friends/Word of mouth	678	62%
Newspaper	434	39%
Edmonds website	356	32%
Social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter)	201	18%
Online blogs, news media	159	14%

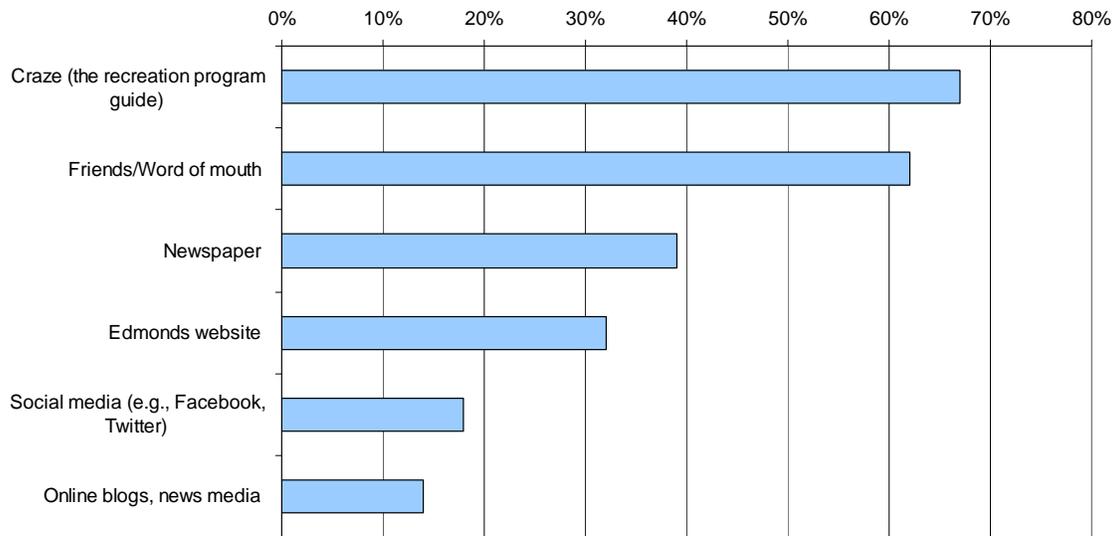


Figure 2: How do you hear about recreation and cultural programs and activities in Edmonds? (Select all that apply)

- More respondents hear about recreation and cultural programs and activities through the recreation guide “Craze” and from friends or word of mouth than any other resource.

Parks and Facilities

Table 5: How frequently have you visited the following parks and facilities in Edmonds over the past year (12 months)?

	At least once a week	A couple of times per month	Every few months	Once or twice a year	Never	No answer
A park near my home	31%	29%	18%	11%	5%	7%
A school field/playground near my home	20%	18%	17%	15%	22%	9%
A larger park with more or larger features (such as athletic fields)	14%	20%	22%	23%	13%	8%
A waterfront park	29%	38%	20%	7%	2%	5%
Frances Anderson Community Center	11%	14%	29%	28%	12%	6%

	At least once a week	A couple of times per month	Every few months	Once or twice a year	Never	No answer
Yost Park Pool	5%	6%	7%	23%	53%	7%
Edmonds Center for the Arts	2%	7%	22%	38%	26%	6%
Wade James Theatre	0%	1%	8%	27%	57%	7%
Edmonds Senior Center	2%	4%	7%	14%	66%	7%

- The most frequently visited types of parks and facilities are a waterfront park (67% visited at least once a week to a couple of times per month) and a park near my home (60% visited at least once a week to a couple of times per month).

Table 6: What keeps you from visiting Edmonds' parks and facilities more often? (Select all that apply)

Answer	Count	Percentage
Nothing	368	35%
Not interested/No time available	212	20%
Lack of information on where they are/what's available	207	20%
Lack of programs of interest	188	18%
Too crowded/no parking	120	11%
Lack of amenities (i.e. restrooms, picnic shelters, etc. Please specify below)	111	11%
Can't walk or bike there safely	72	7%
Poorly maintained	41	4%
Feel unsafe	23	2%
I am physically unable to participate	18	2%
Don't have transportation	7	1%

Activities

Table 7: What activities do you typically participate in when you visit Edmonds' parks? (Select all that apply)

Answer	Count	Percentage
Walking/biking	780	75%
Social gathering (community events, picnics, parties, etc)	582	56%
Nature observation	505	49%
Artistic or cultural expression (music, theatre, visual arts, public art, etc)	435	42%
Playing (running, sliding, climbing, etc.)	384	37%
Fitness and wellness	371	36%
Dog walking or playing with dog(s)	338	33%
Swimming or water play (indoor or outdoor)	228	22%
Playing casual sports or games	189	18%
Participating in team or individual sports	177	17%
Water activities (such as swimming, fishing, kayaking, scuba, paddleboarding, boating, etc.)	159	15%
Skateboarding	18	2%

- Walking/biking (at 75%), social gathering (at 56%), nature observation (at 49%) and artistic or cultural expression (at 42%) were the top ranked activities that respondents participated in when they visited parks.

Table 8: What activities would you most like to see more of in Edmonds' parks, recreation and open space system? (Note: activities can be supported by programs, classes or facilities) (Select your top 2)

Answer	Count	Percentage
Artistic or cultural expression (music, theatre, visual arts, public art, etc)	290	28%
Walking/biking	235	23%
Nature observation	177	17%
Social gathering (community events, picnics, parties, etc)	174	17%
Fitness and wellness	161	16%
Dog walking or playing with dog(s)	144	14%

Answer	Count	Percentage
Water activities (such as swimming, fishing, kayaking, scuba, paddleboarding, boating, etc.)	115	11%
Swimming or water play (indoor or outdoor)	109	11%
Playing (running, sliding, climbing, etc.)	91	9%
Participating in team or individual sports	73	7%
Playing casual sports or games	54	5%
Skateboarding	13	1%

- Artistic or cultural expression (at 28%), walking/biking (at 23%), nature observation (at 17%) and social gathering (also at 17%) were the top ranked activities that respondents would like to see more of in City parks.

Priorities

Table 9: In your opinion, what are the highest priority projects or services for parks and recreation on the following list? (Select your top 3)

Answer	Count	Percentage
Expand the trail network, including bicycle and pedestrian connections to trails	521	51%
Protect more open space	356	35%
Renovate existing parks	314	31%
Build a new swim center with outdoor and indoor pools	280	27%
Secure more water access	241	23%
Improve maintenance of existing parks	213	21%
Upgrade or replace Frances Anderson Recreation Center	168	16%
Improve and expand courts and fields for sports activities	140	14%
Offer more programs, events and activities	134	13%
Develop new parks	109	11%

- Based on responses, the top prioritized projects or services would be expanding the trail network (at 51%), protecting more open space (at 35%) and renovating existing parks (at 31%).

Table 10: What is your top priority for improved/enhanced sports facilities? (only visible if “Improve and expand courts and fields for sports activities” is selected)

Answer	Count	Percentage
Improve existing fields (surfacing, lighting, restrooms)	66	47%
Develop new/additional fields for soccer	48	34%
New outdoor courts for basketball, tennis or volleyball	34	24%
More indoor gym space or time	24	17%
Develop new/additional fields for baseball/softball	21	15%

Recreation Programs

Table 11: How would you rate the variety and availability of recreation classes and programs provided by Edmonds?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Very Good. There are several opportunities to do many of the recreation activities and programs I enjoy.	397	39%
Satisfactory. There are some opportunities to do the recreation activities and programs I enjoy.	283	28%
Not sure. I don't know what is offered.	128	13%
Excellent. There are many opportunities to do all or most of the recreation activities and programs I enjoy.	122	12%
Not very good. There are a few opportunities to do the recreation activities and programs I enjoy.	45	4%
No answer	37	4%
Totally inadequate. There are no opportunities to do any of the recreation activities and programs I enjoy.	5	0%

- Respondents indicated that the variety and availability of recreation classes and programs provided by Edmonds are very good (at 39%) compared to only four percent that felt that these opportunities are not very good.

Table 12: Have you participated in recreation programs, classes or activities offered by the City of Edmonds over the past two years?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes	586	58%
No	400	39%
No answer	31	3%

Table 13: Why haven't you participated in City recreation programs? (Select your top 2 reasons) (only visible if "No" selected in 15)

Answer	Count	Percentage
Lack of time	170	43%
Not aware of programs	89	22%
Not interested in programs offered	83	21%
Held at inconvenient times	64	16%
Participate in programs outside of Edmonds	45	11%
Participate in programs offered by other groups or businesses in Edmonds	37	9%
Affordability	33	8%
Too far away	24	6%
Quality of programs	13	3%
Inadequate facilities	8	2%

Table 14: What types of recreation programs, classes or activities have you participated in over the past two years? (Select all that apply)

Answer	Count	Percentage
Arts and culture presentations or events	368	36%
Fitness and wellness programs	282	28%
Youth sports	221	22%
Education/special interest classes	196	19%
Arts and culture workshops or classes (hands on)	186	18%
Aquatic programs/swimming	151	15%
Outdoor recreation programs (hiking, kayaking, etc.)	121	12%
Summer camps	119	12%
Beach ranger programs	110	11%
Adult sports	105	10%
Volunteer programs	100	10%
Special events	75	7%
Senior programs and trips	58	6%
Preschool	35	3%
Non school day programs	13	1%

- Of the programs, classes or activities that most respondents participated in over the past two years, arts and culture presentations or events (at 36%), fitness and wellness (at 28%) and youth sports (at 22%) were the top responses.

	Yes, in Edmonds	Yes, outside of Edmonds	No	No answer
Children in your family were signed up for arts or cultural classes or lessons	18%	5%	54%	22%
A member/supporter of a cultural or arts organization	23%	10%	49%	18%

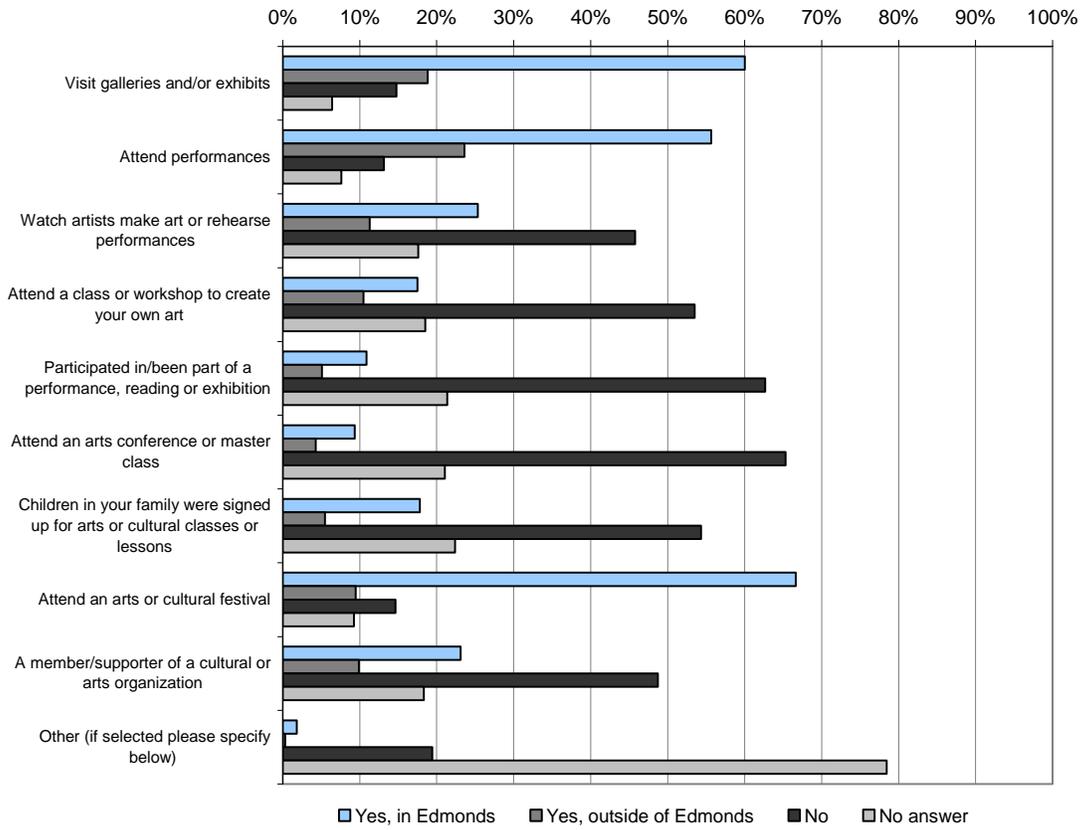


Figure 4: Have you participated in the following cultural activities in the past two years?

Table 16: Do you create art?

Answer	Count	Percentage
No	479	49%
Yes, as an amateur	254	26%
No, but wish to	141	14%
Yes, as a professional	78	8%
No answer	31	3%

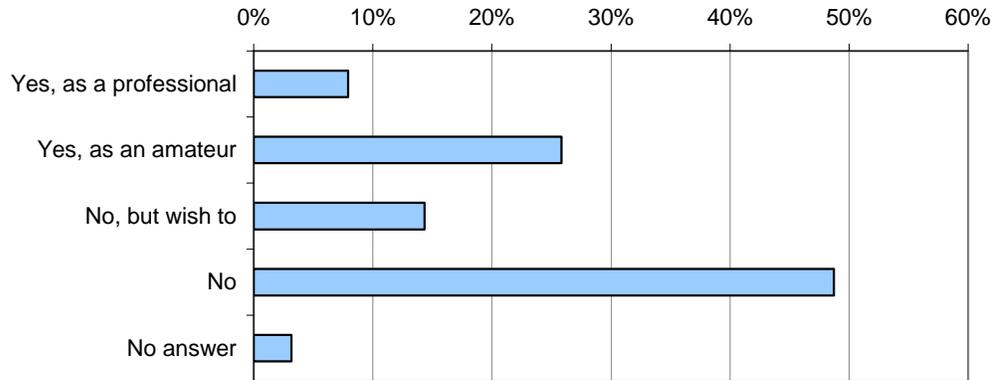


Figure 5 Do you create art?

- Though the many respondents (49%) do not create art, the responses indicate that the majority do in some way. Twenty-six percent create art as an amateur, while eight percent do so as a professional.

As a follow up to those who answered yes to this question, an open ended question was asked: "What art form(s) or artistic discipline(s)?" The word cloud below summarizes the responses (each word's size is proportional to the number of times it was mentioned) which are presented in full in Appendix B.

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Too Important	Not At All Important	Don't Know	No answer
An arts and culture scene that is more inclusive of all cultural and ethnic groups in Edmonds	22%	31%	17%	10%	9%	10%
More integration of arts and culture and the business community	16%	33%	22%	10%	10%	9%
More high quality, dedicated spaces for rehearsing, displaying, meetings and performing	12%	28%	26%	13%	12%	10%
Engaging more youth and young adults in the arts in Edmonds	31%	36%	11%	5%	7%	9%
Marketing of Edmonds as an arts destination	25%	33%	18%	8%	7%	8%
More City of Edmonds funding for arts and culture	19%	29%	20%	13%	10%	9%
Better communication and coordination among arts and cultural groups in Edmonds	24%	31%	14%	8%	14%	9%

Table 18: Regarding art in our public environment in Edmonds, how important is each of the following:

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Too Important	Not At All Important	Don't Know	No answer
Increasing the number of permanent public works of art in Edmonds	15%	40%	25%	10%	4%	6%
Placing more artworks outside the downtown	14%	36%	27%	12%	4%	7%
Creating artist enhanced public amenities, e.g. light poles, flower poles, sidewalk inlays etc.	22%	42%	19%	8%	3%	6%
Having works of art temporarily displayed in public spaces	23%	45%	17%	7%	3%	6%
Having free publicly accessible arts and culture events in Edmonds	40%	36%	11%	5%	3%	6%

Table 21: Male or Female?

Answer	Questionnaire Count	Questionnaire Percentage	Census Data Percentage ²
Female	817	70%	52%
Male	289	25%	48%
No answer	55	5%	NA

Table 22: Do you live, work or go to school in Edmonds? (Select all that apply)

Answer	Count	Percentage
Live in Edmonds	857	74%
Work or own a business in Edmonds	263	23%
Live in a nearby community	198	17%
Visit	117	10%
Go to school in Edmonds	47	4%

Table 23: Where do you live in Edmonds?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Within Zone 1 (North of Puget Drive/196th St. SW)	198	23%
Within Zone 2 (South of Puget Drive/196th St. SW, East of 9th Ave., North of 220th St. SW)	255	30%
Within Zone 3 (South of Elm St./220th St. SW)	185	22%
Within Zone 4 (West of 9th Ave., South of Casper St., North of Elm St.)	204	24%
No answer	14	2%

² Ibid.

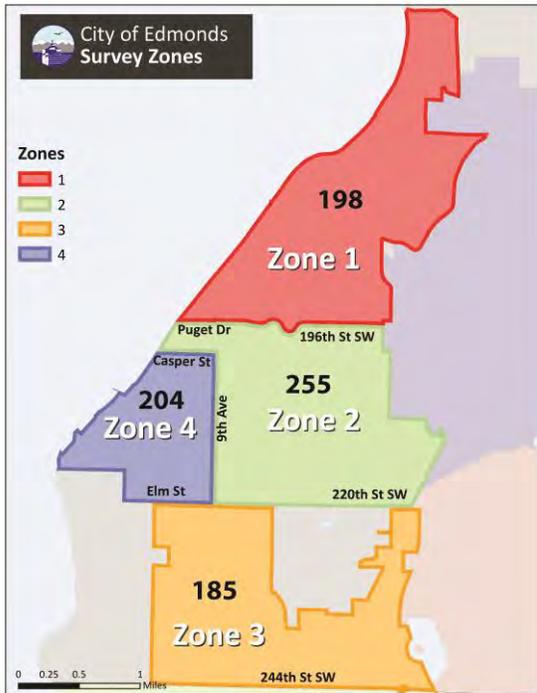


Figure 9: Where do you live in Edmonds?

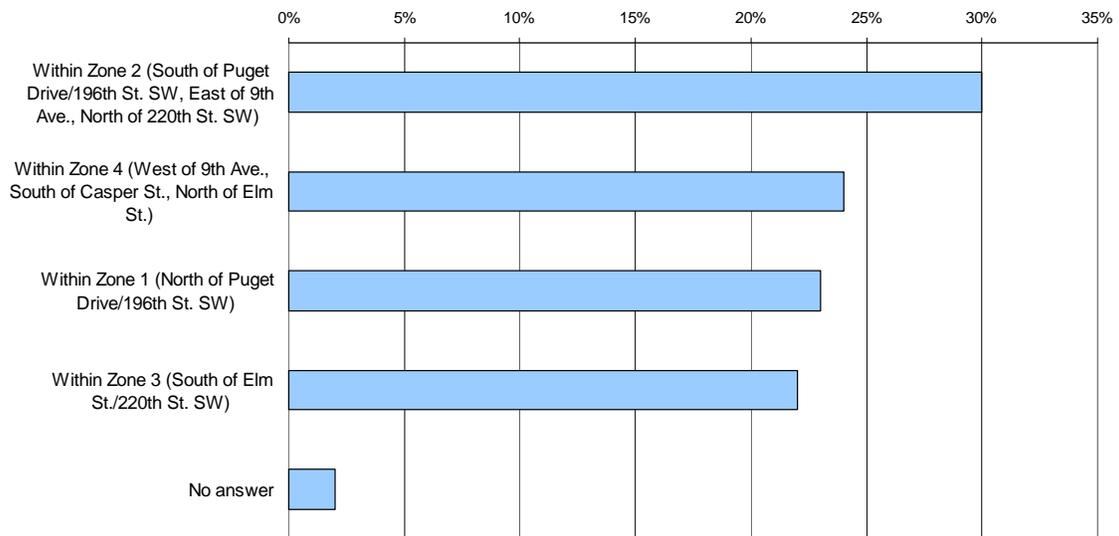


Figure 6: Where do you live in Edmonds?

- Based on responses to the “where do you live in Edmonds” question, all zones of the City were generally well represented (each zone had 20% or more responses).

Table 24: How do you describe yourself? (Select all that apply)

Answer	Questionnaire Count	Questionnaire Percentage	Census Data Percentage ³
White or Caucasian	1001	86%	84%
Asian	34	3%	8%
Biracial/multiracial	26	2%	3%
Hispanic or Latino	25	2%	5%
Native American or Alaska Native	16	1%	1%
Black or African American	7	1%	2%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	6	1%	0%
Other (responses in Appendix A)	13	1%	2%

³ Ibid.



Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services: Appendix A Community Questionnaire

The City of Edmonds wants your help in updating our community's Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan and Community Cultural Plan. These two plans help guide how the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department can best serve our City. Please take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire. Your input, with that of your fellow community members, will provide us with valuable information about Edmonds' needs and priorities. We are hoping to reach as many residents, business owners and visitors as we can; so please let your friends, neighbors and family members know about this opportunity to shape the future of our community.

Thank you for your time and ideas.

Carrie Hite
Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
City of Edmonds

Demographics

Please tell us a little bit about yourself.

1. What is your age?

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+

2. Male or Female?

3. Do you live, work or go to school in Edmonds? (Select all that apply)

- Live in Edmonds
- Work or own a business in Edmonds
- Go to school in Edmonds
- Visit
- Live in a nearby community

3a. Where do you live in Edmonds? (only visible if “Live in Edmonds” selected in 3)

- Within Zone 1 (North of Puget Drive/196th St. SW)
- Within Zone 2 (South of Puget Drive/196th St. SW, East of 9th Ave., North of 220th St. SW)
- Within Zone 3 (South of Elm St./220th St. SW)
- Within Zone 4 (West of 9th Ave., South of Casper St., North of Elm St.)



4. How do you describe yourself? (Select all that apply)

- White or Caucasian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Native American or Alaska Native
- Biracial/multiracial
- Other: _____ (write-in response)

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

5. How important are parks, recreation and cultural services and open space to Edmonds' quality of life?

1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/>				
Not Important		Important		Very Important

6. How do you most frequently travel to parks, facilities, and recreation and cultural activities? (Select your top 2)

- Walk or run
- Bike
- Skateboard, scooter, other small wheels
- Drive or get a ride in a car
- Take transit

7. Please rate each of the following provided by the Edmonds Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
Overall quality of services.....	1	2	3	4	DK
Parks maintenance.....	1	2	3	4	DK
Recreation facility availability (e.g., sports fields, tennis courts).....	1	2	3	4	DK
Availability of trails.....	1	2	3	4	DK
Yost Pool facility	1	2	3	4	DK
Yost Pool programs.....	1	2	3	4	DK
Recreation programs and services	1	2	3	4	DK
Arts & Culture events and programs	1	2	3	4	DK
Affordability of programs.....	1	2	3	4	DK
Availability of information about recreation opportunities	1	2	3	4	DK
Availability of information about cultural opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	DK

8. How do you hear about recreation and cultural programs and activities in Edmonds? (Select all that apply)

- Friends/Word of mouth
- Social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter)
- Newspaper
- Craze (the recreation program guide)
- Edmonds website
- Online blogs, news media
- Other. Please specify: _____ (write-in response)

Parks and Facilities

9. How frequently have you visited the following parks and facilities in Edmonds over the past year (12 months)?

	At least once a week	A couple of times per month	Every few months	Once or twice a year	Never
A park near my home					
A school field/playground near my home					
A larger park with more or larger features (such as athletic fields)					
A waterfront park					
Frances Anderson Community Center					
Yost Park Pool					
Edmonds Center for the Arts					
Wade James Theatre					
Edmonds Senior Center					
Other: _____ (write-in response)					

9a. If you indicated that you regularly visit an "other" facility, please name it here. (write in response)

10. What keeps you from visiting Edmonds' parks and facilities more often? (Select all that apply)

- Feel unsafe
- Lack of amenities (i.e. restrooms, picnic shelters, etc. Please specify below)
- Lack of programs of interest
- Poorly maintained
- Lack of information on where they are/what's available
- Can't walk or bike there safely
- Don't have transportation
- Too crowded/no parking
- Not interested/No time available
- I am physically unable to participate
- Nothing
- Other: _____(write-in response)

10a. Please specify what amenities are lacking in parks in Edmonds? (Write in response only visible if "Lack of amenities" is selected in the prior question)

Activities

11. What activities do you typically participate in when you visit Edmonds' parks? (Select all that apply)

- Playing (running, sliding, climbing, etc.)
- Walking/biking
- Social gathering (community events, picnics, parties, etc)
- Artistic or cultural expression (music, theatre, visual arts, public art, etc)
- Fitness and wellness
- Participating in team or individual sports
- Playing casual sports or games
- Swimming or water play (indoor or outdoor)
- Water activities (such as swimming, fishing, kayaking, scuba, paddleboarding, boating, etc.)
- Dog walking or playing with dog(s)
- Skateboarding
- Nature observation
- Other: _____(write-in response)

12. What activities would you most like to see more of in Edmonds' parks, recreation and open space system? (Note: activities can be supported by programs, classes or facilities) (Select your top 2)

- Playing (running, sliding, climbing, etc.)
- Walking/biking
- Social gathering (community events, picnics, parties, etc)
- Artistic or cultural expression (music, theatre, visual arts, public art, etc)
- Fitness and wellness
- Participating in team or individual sports
- Playing casual sports or games
- Swimming or water play (indoor or outdoor)
- Water activities (such as swimming, fishing, kayaking, scuba, paddleboarding, boating, etc.)
- Dog walking or playing with dog(s)
- Skateboarding
- Nature observation
- Other: _____(write-in response)

Priorities

13. In your opinion, what are the highest priority projects or services for parks and recreation on the following list? (Select your top 3)

- Renovate existing parks
- Develop new parks
- Expand the trail network, including bicycle and pedestrian connections to trails
- Improve maintenance of existing parks
- Improve and expand courts and fields for sports activities
- Protect more open space
- Secure more water access
- Offer more programs, events and activities
- Upgrade or replace Frances Anderson Recreation Center
- Build a new swim center with outdoor and indoor pools
- Other: _____(write-in response)

13a. What is your top priority for improved/enhanced sports facilities? (only visible if “Improve and expand courts and fields for sports activities” is selected)

- Develop new/additional fields for soccer
- Develop new/additional fields for baseball/softball
- Improve existing fields (surfacing, lighting, restrooms)
- New outdoor courts for basketball, tennis or volleyball
- More indoor gym space or time

Recreation Programs

14. How would you rate the variety and availability of recreation classes and programs provided by Edmonds?

- Excellent.** There are many opportunities to do all or most of the recreation activities and programs I enjoy.
- Very Good.** There are several opportunities to do many of the recreation activities and programs I enjoy.
- Satisfactory.** There are some opportunities to do the recreation activities and programs I enjoy.
- Not very good.** There are a few opportunities to do the recreation activities and programs I enjoy.
- Totally inadequate.** There are no opportunities to do any of the recreation activities and programs I enjoy.
- Not sure.** I don't know what is offered.

15. Have you participated in recreation programs, classes or activities offered by the City of Edmonds over the past two years?

- Yes
- No

15a. Why haven't you participated in City recreation programs? (Select your top 2 reasons) (only visible if "No" selected in 15)

- Lack of time
- Held at inconvenient times
- Too far away
- Inadequate facilities
- Quality of programs
- Not aware of programs
- Not interested in programs offered
- Affordability
- Participate in programs outside of Edmonds
- Participate in programs offered by other groups or businesses in Edmonds
- Other: _____(write-in response)

16. What types of recreation programs, classes or activities have you participated in over the past two years? (Select all that apply)

- Youth sports
- Adult sports
- Fitness and wellness programs
- Arts and culture workshops or classes (hands on)
- Arts and culture presentations or events
- Aquatic programs/swimming
- Summer camps
- Senior programs and trips
- Education/special interest classes
- Outdoor recreation programs (hiking, kayaking, etc.)
- Special events (if selected, please specify below)
- Volunteer programs
- Beach ranger programs
- Preschool
- Non school day programs
- Other: _____ (write-in response)

16a. Please specify what special events you have attended. (Write in response only visible if "Special events" selected above)

17. What is the one program, activity or class you would most like to see offered?
_____(Open-ended write-in response)

Arts & Culture

Our Community Cultural Plan addresses arts and culture in the broadest sense and our community’s vision for arts (performing, literary, visual arts, history and culture etc). First adopted by Edmonds City Council in 1995, and updated most recently in 2008, the Community Cultural Plan serves as a blueprint to position cultural resources as community and economic building blocks.

18. Have you participated in the following cultural activities in the past two years?

	Yes, in Edmonds	Yes, outside of Edmonds	No
Visit galleries and/or exhibits			
Attend performances			
Watch artists make art or rehearse performances			
Attend a class or workshop to create your own art			
Participated in/been part of a performance, reading or exhibition			
Attend an arts conference or master class			
Children in your family were signed up for arts or cultural classes or lessons			
Attend an arts or cultural festival			
A member/supporter of a cultural or arts organization			
Other (if selected please specify below)			

18a. Please specify what other cultural activities you have participated in. (Write in response)

19. Do you create art?

- Yes, as a professional
- Yes, as an amateur
- No, but wish to
- No

19a. What art form(s) or artistic discipline(s)? _____(write in only visible if one of the “yes” responses checked in 19)

20. On June 29, an Arts Summit was hosted by Mayor Earling and the Edmonds Arts Commission. At this free citywide gathering of the arts and culture community, several priorities were identified by summit participants. How important is each to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Too Important	Not At All Important	Don't Know
More free or low cost space for creating art					
Better public information source(s) for arts and culture events and activities in Edmonds					
An arts and culture scene that is more inclusive of all cultural and ethnic groups in Edmonds					
More integration of arts and culture and the business community					
More high quality, dedicated spaces for rehearsing, displaying, meetings and performing					
Engaging more youth and young adults in the arts in Edmonds					
Marketing of Edmonds as an arts destination					
More City of Edmonds funding for arts and culture					
Better communication and coordination among arts and cultural groups in Edmonds					

21 Regarding art in our public environment in Edmonds, how important is each of the following:

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Too Important	Not At All Important	Don't Know
Increasing the number of permanent public works of art in Edmonds					
Placing more artworks outside the downtown					
Creating artist enhanced public amenities, e.g. light poles, flower poles, sidewalk inlays etc.					
Having works of art temporarily displayed in public spaces					
Having free publicly accessible arts and culture events in Edmonds					

Final Thoughts

22. In general, would you support a tax measure to maintain and improve existing parks and trails, acquire more parks and natural areas, or develop more trails, parks, and recreation facilities?

- Yes, I would support it
- I would support it, depending on the amount
- I would support it, depending on the projects proposed
- I would support depending on the amount and projects
- No, I would not support it

23. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about parks and recreation services in Edmonds?

_____ (Open-ended write-in response, no space limits)

24. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about arts and cultural services in Edmonds?

_____ (Open-ended write-in response, no space limits)

Thank you for your time and ideas today. Would you please share the link to this questionnaire with your friends, coworkers and other social networks? You can send this link <http://bit.ly/edmondssurvey>



EDMONDS PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

Community Questionnaire Results: Appendix B

Available online on the City's website: www.edmondswa.gov

Active between August 19th – September 15th, 2013

Open Ended Responses

The following provides responses to the open ended questions. Responses are provided as they have been submitted. Personal/confidential information has been removed.

How do you hear about recreation and cultural programs and activities in Edmonds? Other

- Artists Connect
- Artists-Connect
- banners across Puget Drive
- Banners strewn across roads in Edmonds
- Beacon
- Beacon for cultural opps
- Beacon; posters; had not heard of Craze
- bulletin boards/posters
- Calendars
- Chamber
- Chamber email newsletter
- Chamber of Commerce
- Direct emails
- Drive by
- EAC ENews
- ECA brochure
- Artists Connect
- Banners
- Banners on the streets
- beach ranger programs
- Beacon
- Beacon/ School Info
- bulletin boards
- business postings
- can be very hard to find info about Edmonds events even for larger events
- Chamber
- Chamber e-mails
- Coach for Sno-King Soccer
- Direct Mail
- EAC email newsletter
- ECA
- ECA Brochure

How do you hear about recreation and cultural programs and activities in Edmonds? Other

- ECA Communications
- ECA website
- Edmonds Beacon
- Edmonds Patch
- EmAil
- email and snail mail
- email subscriptions
- emails
- Exploring
- Fliers around the town
- flyers and signage
- flyers posted in businesses
- Flyers; welcome banner on Caspers
- I bring my Special eds students each year for the beach program
- I never heard of it, too busy
- Local Edmonds paper that comes out occasionally
- Mail
- mailers
- mailings from Department
- My daughter is on a gym team
- My Edmonds News
- My Edmonds News online
- My Edmonds website
- myedmnds news
- MyEdmondsNews
- ECA program
- Edmonds Beacon
- Edmonds Book Shop
- Edmonds Patch
- email
- email newsletters
- emails
- emails from the city
- exploring the area
- flyers
- Flyers around town
- flyers posted in town
- former resident
- I just want parks
- I'm a Beach Decent and a seal Sitter In Edmonds.
- Local signage
- Mail
- Mailers
- marine beach program for my class
- My Edmonds
- My Edmonds News
- My Edmonds news.com
- my kids school
- MyEdmonds email
- MyEdmondsNews

How do you hear about recreation and cultural programs and activities in Edmonds? Other

- myedmondsnews.com
- None
- outside signage
- Posted advertising
- posters
- posters
- Posters in local shops, businesses, etc.
- posters, fliers
- postings
- Quiet Heart Wilderness School
- Signage
- Signs
- Signs
- Signs at Frances Andersen Center
- sineage
- Sr Ctr Newsletter
- store flyers
- street banners
- The Beacon
- through volunteering
- Tweepers birding email
- volunteer activities
- Walked in and introduced myself
- myedmondsnews.com
- on city email distribution list
- PLL and SnoKing sports
- poster boards
- posters
- posters at library
- Posters in store windows
- Posters/hlyers
- preschool meet-ups
- School field trips
- signage
- signs
- signs around town
- signs, posters
- Snail mail
- staff contact
- street banners
- Street signs
- They have just sort of always been here
- TV council meetings
- tweeters maillist
- volunteer work
- work at FAC

How frequently have you visited the following parks and facilities in Edmonds over the past year (12 months)? Other

- ArtWorks
- Artworks
- candy cane park
- City of Edmonds Park
- Community Garden
- didn't mean to select this...whoops
- Dog off leash area
- Dog park
- Dog Park
- Dog Park
- dog park - the port - for a walk
- Edmonds beach
- Edmonds Beach Ranger Program
- Edmonds Community College gym
- Edmonds Dog Park: 3-4 times per week
- Edmonds Fishing Pier
- Edmonds Ranger Station w/Touch Tank when open
- library
- lynnwood pool
- Newer park across street from cemetary near Sherwood school
- ArtWorks
- ArtWorks, Conference Center
- Chase lake park
- Civic playfield
- Conference Center
- dog beach
- Dog park
- dog park
- Dog park
- Dog park - problem now - people bring little kids but have no dog and then get angry when dogs approach kids. Have stopped going as often
- Doggie Park
- Edmonds Beach at low tide - running from Ferry Landing to Lynwood Sewer Plant
- Edmonds Community College for sports
- Edmonds dog park
- edmonds farmers market
- Edmonds Fishing Pier, Beach Ranger Station
- Klayhaya swim and tennis club, Harbor Square Athletic club
- library
- Marina Beach Park- for a field trip from Redmond
- off leash dog park

How frequently have you visited the following parks and facilities in Edmonds over the past year (12 months)? Other

- Off leash dog park, Boeing Park, SCC of leash
- Port boardwalk
- Shakespeare in the Park (Lynndale); Sunday concerts (Edmonds)
- Sunset Boulevard, Olypic View Drive Lookout
- Walk regularly Yost Park, Pine Ridge, SW County Park with 2-3 friends
- Yost Park and Pine Ridge Park Trail System.
- Yost Park Trails
- Yost Park, Hickman Park,
- other beaches and sometimes the dog park
- Ranger Station at Olympic Beach!
- Southwest County Park
- Trails at Yost and Pine Ridge Park, Marina Beach Off-leash area
- Waterfront dog park
- Yost Park Trails
- Yost park trails, but too overgrown now.
-

What keeps you from visiting Edmonds' parks and facilities more often? Other

- activities scheduled while I work
- Athletics using facility
- belong to a gym.
- busy lifestyle
- busy working in Seattle
- Busy!
- Can not take my dog with me to the parks
- CANNOT bring my dog, even on leash!
- Can't find open spaces to fly my kites that doesn't have trees all around blocking the wind
- classes and events are held during the day or too early in the evening for people who work!
- clean the restrooms in City Park for events
- Cost of activity

What keeps you from visiting Edmonds' parks and facilities more often? Other

- cost to much for what is offered
- difficult envisioning myself enjoying the park- maybe a photograph of an older couple having dinner at a picnic table could work!
- do not like crowds, only like the dog beach, love dogs, small children not so much
- Dog not allowed in several parks and facilities
- Dog park near marina is poorly maintained and not completely fenced
- dogs are not allowed
- Dogs in parks and train noise
- Dogs not allowed
- dogs not allowed
- Dogs not allowed except at beach where they get dirty
- Dogs not allowed!!!
- Dogs not allows in Parks
- Dogs not being allowed
- don't live in edmonds
- don't live in the city
- FAC too crowded
- few updated play facilities for grandchildren - a squirt park in the summer would be very welcome.
- Francis Anderson Center not open on Sundays. Yost Pool is just old. Weight facilities are outdated.
- Free shelters, tables, shade
- funds
- Hard to find a nice grassy place to sit for a while with a dog
- Hrs & costs for pickleball
- I am not allowed to walk my dog in many of our parks
- I am speaking about chase lake..
- I go when I have the time
- I hike the mountains
- i just work in edmonds i live in snohomish

What keeps you from visiting Edmonds' parks and facilities more often? Other

- I like in Kirkland so I use my parks, etc.
- I live in Bothell
- I live in Seattle
- I think covered picnic areas near the ferries and more handicap parking I walk with leg braces. another bathroom easier access to the beach for handicap. Not have to try to get over big logs etc.
- I use nearby parks in MLT more often than Edmonds, and Edmonds has A LOT of competition when it comes to cultural events. They are more special occasion with so little free time, so that usually pulls us to Seattle - even going to EVT and Lynn which as much frequency as my own hometown.
- I work so much and it is in Everett
- I'm just starting to walk dog a long distance as he is recovered from an operation.
- I'm super busy but love to use the parks and recreation I can
- Involved with Boy Scouts
- just busy with family things
- Lack of dog friendly trails
- Lack of fields
- lack of good playground equipment
- lack of more walking paths
- lack of time
- lack of time
- Lack of time period
- Lack of time.
- Lack programs for children with special needs that other P&R Depts in other cities do have
- Leashed dogs aren't allowed in many parks. Just cause we have an off-leash doesn't mean we shouldn't allow leashed dogs in our other parks
- Live in a community with its own system that I frequent—closer to my home—Use Edmonds facilities for my classroom field trips.
- live in another city
- live in Seattle

What keeps you from visiting Edmonds' parks and facilities more often? Other

- live out of area
- live out of town but love visiting Edmonds
- Live to far away
- looking for good walking trails that are accessible
- Many activities happen during the work week for younger kids, and I work.
- more festivals needed, more walking trails, more interactive all-ages events
- my dog is not allowed
- My families' schedule
- My plate is already pretty full
- Need a community garden
- need better fields (field turf)
- Needs to be more dog friendly
- new to area
- no dogs allowed
- No dogs allowed
- no dogs allowed
- No dogs allowed. Very unfriendly dog rules. Even unfriendly children rules at a park near our house. Children 12 year and older not allowed to play at the ball field. Sending a bad message to the community
- no dogs rule
- no kids at home, not yet a senior eliminates some of these, at earlier time in my life here i frequented the pool, playfields and playgrounds
- No parks or cultural activities in the East side of town, east of 84th, to easily/regularly get to.
- no pets allowed
- No Softball Fields
- No time
- no time
- No time
- No time between working and care giving.
- no time but interested

What keeps you from visiting Edmonds' parks and facilities more often? Other

- not as convenient
- not dog friendly
- Not enough dog friendly areas
- Not enough evening classes for working people
- Not enough time
- Not enough time in the day
- not open
- Off-leash dog park is too far away
- On summer weekends it can be hard to find parking for the Marina Beach off-leash area
- One time back in June, I was at Marina Beach Park with a friend visiting from out of town, and there were some kind of school picnic there with kids and their parents, and the kids were shooting waterguns everywhere.
- only have my granddaughter once a week to go to parks
- other interests (e.g., library)
- Parks do not offer facilities we are looking for
- Physical limitations
- Pool is too small/shaded/and not enough open swim hours
- Poorly maintained bathrooms
- Recently moved back to the area, and community transit is crappy on weekends.
- restriction no dogs allowed
- restrictions on dogs
- roads too rough to drive on
- So little places allow dogs
- Softball fields @ Meadowdale are no longer tournament quality
- Some options too much money.
- Sometimes we are very active walking to the parks and at other times our schedules are just too filled.
- Sports fields
- spouse disable and can't enjoy together

What keeps you from visiting Edmonds' parks and facilities more often? Other

- still working
- There are few to no trails in Edmonds other than Yost.
- Thinking going to Marina? Bracketts? Any of the parks? Not going to happen on a sunny weekend. Not relaxing! I would rather a quiet environment or at least feel I'm not on top of other people being crowded out when wanting to sit at a table or a comfy spot on the grass.
- time
- time
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- Time
- time
- time constraints
- Time priorities
- Time when programs are available isn't convenient
- too busy
- Too busy
- Too busy
- Too far away
- too far away from Bothell
- Too far from where I live- Bothell :(
- too many dogs at waterfront
- Too much league play at local parks.
- too much work w/family
- up until now it was just my husband and I. Now that we have an infant, getting out for walks is important. In the years to come we will use all the Edmonds has to offer in regards to parks and running space!
- Usually not in Edmonds area because of school
- visit many areas often!
- Water activities and toddler playground equipment
- we travel to our 2nd home

What keeps you from visiting Edmonds' parks and facilities more often? Other

- We would love to go to Yost Pool more often, but having to wait in line to swim for such short amounts of time is crazy, especially with small kids. Just open the pool to free swim for the whole day and let people come and go as they please. I would pay for a summer pass!!!
- weather
- weather
- weather, cold
- wonderful to have something like greenlake but smaller
- Work & other responsibilities
- Work fulltime & daughter is now a teenager.
- Work full-time so very busy schedule that limits my participation in extracurricular activities
- work in Edmonds, live in Ballard
- work long hours every day
- Would like more pickleball
- Yost needs more shelters and can use more parking on hot summer days!
- Yost Pool isn't heated year round

Please specify what amenities are lacking in parks in Edmonds?

- A Good astrotruf field for softball
- A lot of the parks feel unkept, dirty and run down.
- art, nature trails, space where people can gather/sit and socialize
- Athletic fields and real toilets
- Bathrooms are dirty
- Bathrooms are often old, dirty or they just have honey buckets.
- Bathrooms missing at Marina Beach! Yost Park tennis courts are poorly maintained but gorgeous location to play at.
- Bathrooms need better clean-up and refills of soap and toilet paper, paper towels,etc. . Water fountains need to have colder water running through them and need to stay on longer.
- bathrooms, no out houses. Spray park
- Bigger Play areas and, needs more water things for summer.

Please specify what amenities are lacking in parks in Edmonds?

- clean bathrooms
- Clean bathrooms on waterfront, none at Marina beach
- clean bathrooms, trails, ponds, even paths and playground equipment.
- Clean bathrooms.
- clean restrooms
- Clean restrooms and facilities to wash hands
- clean restrooms, water features in the Summer, also parks have too many school bus tours in the Summer
- Clean, well-kept restrooms!
- cleaner restrooms
- Covered bleachers and public restrooms at all sport fields.
- dog allowed areas
- Flush toilet at Marina Beach park, Hickman park
- Fully fenced, well maintained dog park
- Good bathrooms
- handicap facilities
- Hickman needs permanent bathrooms
- historical/educational items of interest
- I am specifically thinking of swim/water play areas in Edmonds. Yost is COLD and deep for little ones. It would be nice to have a better warm water swim option and/or spray park.
- I love going to the beach and bring my students but see above for more ideas.
- I truly believe Edmonds Civic playfield should be updated to not be so dusty and dirty, perhaps with turf and a new track/bike path. It would make events that showcase our community so much more pleasant (4th of July, Children's Circus, Taste of Edmonds). Also a walking/bike path weaving through Edmonds would be a great investment in our community!!
- It would be very nice to have bathrooms at Marina Beach Park.
- Lack of restrooms at some parks limits access for classroom field trips or getting to know you gatherings for classrooms.
- Lighted Tennis Courts, Year round pool
- Many events in Edmonds do not have restroom access

Please specify what amenities are lacking in parks in Edmonds?

- Many have older playground structures. I like to walk, so more trails and better sidewalks from home to park would help.
- More and cleaner restrooms. More parking space.
- More and/or better bathrooms (ex. Marina Beach)
- More picnic shelters/ basketball courts for all ages
- more restrooms by beach by dog park.
- more walking trails, workout stations, interactive all-ages events, more festivals and all-ages activities
- Most lack water fountains; those with them don't work for 3-4mo/year
- newer play structures and spray park
- no mtn bike or running trails frustrates me
- not a lot of space. not continuous park space
- Not enough age appropriate playground options for my toddler
- not enough bathrooms, not enough turf sports fields in Edmonds! Select and Premier soccer clubs would pay to use fields if you had more turf fields
- Not too many parks in our neck of the woods
- ORGANIZED AND MAINTAINED NEIGHBORHOOD RECREATION AREAS IN EACH SMALL NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
- outdated playgrounds, no sprayparks
- parking.lack of dog welcome
- picnic areas by the beach
- Picnic shelters
- Picnic shelters
- picnic tables, restrooms, good play equipment for children
- playground equipment, parking, covered areas
- PUBLIC flush toilets and handwashing
- public restrooms
- quality soccer fields with goals. restrooms
- Real bathrooms (Honey Buckets at Hickman? WTH?), youth activities.
- real restrooms at hickman park
- rest rooms

Please specify what amenities are lacking in parks in Edmonds?

- Restroom
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- restrooms
- Restrooms
- Restrooms
- restrooms
- restrooms could be cleaner
- Restrooms that aren't honey buckets
- restrooms, marked trails,
- restrooms, sheltered tables, benches
- Restrooms, toddler safe playgrounds
- safe/quality soccer fields
- small dog off leash park....at Elm street. Not with big dogs.
- Soccer fields are in terrible condition at most facilities need more turf fields.
- Some need restrooms. Some equipment is older and not as safe for my child.
- Splash pad/splash park
- spray park (I know this is in progress), Lack of Restrooms (I don't like my kids to use honey buckets because of their age)
- Swings for kids
- tennis courts covered
- The parks are just not as utilized or user/friendly as they need to be. Not very current and updated.
- tot lots, clean bathroom with diaper changing station
- trash cans
- Turf athletic fields
- Turf fields and lighted fields
- Turf football/soccer fields
- Turf Soccer Fields that would bring in tons of families & keep Edmonds families on their home turf
- updated play structures, water park, restrooms

Please specify what amenities are lacking in parks in Edmonds?

- Way to show. Random police presents
- we only go to places with bathrooms
- Where are they?!
- Yost needs more shelters and can use more parking on hot summer days! You guys should also be advertising Quiet Heart Wildreness camps at Yost if you are going to charge those guys to use the park! Very disappointing that you're charging them to use Yost, considering they are a wonderful, community organization
- Yost Park needs better bathroom facility; more parking during the summer months
- You do not communicate nor do you ask what we want

What activities do you typically participate in when you visit Edmonds' parks?

Other

- Art
- babysitting grandkids
- beach walking and exploring bring food with family.
- Beaches
- bird watching
- bring grandchildren to parks
- classroom visit to the tide pools
- enjoying sitting at the beach
- entertaining grand children
- Fishing/Crabbing/Touch Tank Ranger Station
- jog
- Just enjoying Nature and relaxing.
- kid activities
- kids playing
- like to hike
- meditation
- Art Class
- beach clean-ups, displays
- Beach/Sand play
- being around water
- birding
- classes
- Coach youth soccer
- Enjoying the outdoorw
- Farmer's Market
- Grandchildren Playdates, picnics
- jogging
- Just to be outside
- kids playing
- Kite flying
- log hopping, ice cream cone eating
- meet friend(s) to chat

What activities do you typically participate in when you visit Edmonds' parks?

Other

- None
- photography
- pickel ball at Francis Anderson
- Pickleball
- picnic with husband
- Playing w/grandchildren
- relaxation
- Relaxing
- school field trips
- senior center activities because i work here i think edmonds is a great town i think it is very safe
- Softball
- Taking grandchildren
- Tennis
- Touch tank and FEL meetings at Francis Anderson Center
- Unfortunately, dogs only allowed in the dog park
- watch team / individual sports (but not as a participant of the sport)
- Watching grandson
- watching our child in sports
- Write on the sound conference
- Petanque
- photography
- Pickleball
- Pickleball and classes
- playground with my granddaughter
- Ranger Station touch tank
- Relaxing
- rollerblading
- Scuba
- sitting
- Sr Ctr Activities & Volunteer Work
- tennis
- Tide Pool Field Trip
- Trail running
- volunteering
- Watching grandkids
- watching my kids play.
- We come to Yost because of Quiet Heart camps—they are the best thing about the park
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What activities would you most like to see more of in Edmonds' parks, recreation and open space system? (Note: activities can be supported by programs, classes or facilities) (Select your top 2) Other

- all of the above
- accessibility

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- Astronomy, dog programs
- better access to beaches
- community gardens
- conservation of natural resources, sustainability
- diverse cultural experiences
- Edmond NEEDS an indoor swimming facility. Lynnwood, MLT and Shoreline have one. Why not Edmonds? Bond levy needed! Make it happen Sherri
- Fully Fenced Dog park with grass.
- Great walking trails
- happy with what's there
- historical exhibits
- I think they are already good
- Indoor Pool
- it is fine the way it is
- Kite events
- long boarding
- more interesting park facilities for kids
- Nature conservation
- beach cleaning
- bike trials park or park with these features
- Community Gardens
- Cultural
- Edible Book Fest
- Edmonds has enough activities. Parking at Meadowdale is limited.
- Good Soccer Fields/Turf
- Guided beach walks
- hiking trails
- I don't think it's the tax payers responsibility to fund most of these activities
- I'm okay with the current programs
- Indoor swimming pool
- keep what we have
- Large gym facilities & turf softball complexes for large tournaments, to bring sports tourism to the area.
- more awareness/publicity of what is happening
- More open spaces linked together in bigger areas, very few places for long walks. e.g. linking waterfront walking in continuous line instead of interruptions by condos.
- No additions needed

What activities would you most like to see more of in Edmonds' parks, recreation and open space system? (Note: activities can be supported by programs, classes or facilities) (Select your top 2) Other

- none
- none
- None; they are adequate
- Not sure
- Nothing
- off-leash opportunities would be nice
- overnight tent camping
- Pickleball, disc golf
- rent out game equipment from Anderson Center: croquet, badminton, volleyball, horseshoes
- spray park
- tennis
- Touch Tank open all Year
- Turf soccer fields
- walking/kid friendly hiking trails
- We could really use a kayak/canoe launch area
- Yost Pool is poorly run and scheduled. It is not a pleasure to visit.
- You should bring in real sand for the beaches and install a real beach volleyball court
- None
- None
- None--plenty of parks and activities
- Not sure that anything is lacking since I don't currently seek out something that isn't provided!
- Nothing more
- outdoor pickleball courts and better indoor courts
- pickleball
- Place to longboard
- spray park
- sprinkler park
- tennis courts
- Turf Soccer fields
- upgraded outdoor tennis
- water spray park
- year round pool
- you should be able to drink and smoke in parks without scorn
- You're doing Great!! ;D

In your opinion, what are the highest priority projects or services for parks and recreation on the following list? (Select your top 3) Other

- add a tennis court or two. I only know of the ones downtown edmonds at boys and girls club
- Add bathrooms to waterfront and other parks
- add more naturaists
- add more pickleball courts
- allow dogs in more parks
- allow more dog access
- better signs
- Better softball fields, basketball courts
- better streets
- Bigger better skate park
- Build a new senior center/community center
- build or maintain tennis courts
- build spray park
- Can't think of anything
- Close Dog Poop Park at 7th Ave. S & Elm St. Cut down Alder trees restoring views to dozens of properties and tax accordingly. Sell the land for SFH development. Use proceeds for other viable parks.
- Community garden
- comparability of parks as there are none on the Eastside of town. Let's be fair with the tax funded park building and maintenance.
- connect the waterfront walkway past the Breakwater condo
- Continue to support and maintain and/ or update Yost pool
- Create community park at Civic Field
- Create more dog friendly parks/areas
- Dedicate the smaller parks for family and leisure use. (Not for league play or dogs.)
- develop a meaningful park on the east side of town available to residents year around.

In your opinion, what are the highest priority projects or services for parks and recreation on the following list? (Select your top 3) Other

- Develop new parks in those areas without a park so that park becomes local and useable
- Dog parks with or without leashes.
- Dog parks!
- Don't Know.
- employee attitudes
- enforce rules re dogs
- enforcement of the Dogs Not Allowed in parks
- field turf or nice grass fields needed
- find a way to make existing trail systems safer to use by the individual user
- Free or low cost picnic shelter or tables
- I don't really know the needs of Edmonds' parks
- I think things are fine as they are.
- I want enforcement of the on leash dogs requirement in Yost Park.
- I'd rank this as my top priority: Stop using Roundup and other dangerous chemicals – there are better and safer ways to control weeds and pests! (Vinegar, for example.)
- Improve common routes to parks so they are safer for biking
- improve parking at YostPool
- improve roads to parks
- Improve Waterfront Activities Existing (touch tank ranger stn)
- Incorporate Esperance and fix up Esperance park!
- Indoor pool only
- Just maintain
- Keep Yost Pool open
- Let everyone know where the existing facilities are now through maps or mailers.
- Maintain and/or the existing and beautiful Yost Park/Pool
- Maintain or shrink current services
- Maintain what's there

In your opinion, what are the highest priority projects or services for parks and recreation on the following list? (Select your top 3) Other

- maintain Yost Pool
- Maintenance
- Make more parks dog-friendly
- marsh land restoration
- more dog accessible parks
- More dog areas
- more dog friendly
- More dogs allowed in parks
- More in area #3 - everything is downtown right now
- more natural areas
- more off leash dog parks
- More Outdoor Movies
- more parking at both waterfront parks
- more parks that allow dogs, not necessarily off-leash
- more places for dogs
- more tennis courts
- More watershed protection and cleanup
- More writing programs
- Multi-cultural education
- Need More Sidewalks!!!!
- New dog park
- none, not a good use of my tax dollars
- None, they are just fine. Do not raise my taxes.
- overnight tent camping
- parking
- parking
- Perhaps replacing Sr Ctr with a community recreation ctr including senior activities
- pickleball,disc golf

In your opinion, what are the highest priority projects or services for parks and recreation on the following list? (Select your top 3) Other

- plant some trees
- Promote available activities and facilities
- Protect offleash dog park
- Provide a better dog park that is safer for the dogs and well maintained
- Provide an area in addition to Marina Beach where dogs could be off leash (possibly with trails or a big field to play in)
- Provide greater in-park trail systems for biking
- provide more parking
- Provide more support and public info about cultural activities/performances at Edmonds Center for the Arts.
- Public Restrooms NOT portapotties
- publicize activities
- Reduce cost of shelter rental
- repair Yost pool
- Safe, easy, adequate parking
- safety on trails
- Safety patrols
- Safety/security
- safety/security
- small dog off leash park, please!
- south city skate park
- spray park
- support community groups that are enriching our community.
- tennis
- The front of the building does not match the back of the building at all!! Poor architecture. The front should be more in line with the original old architecture. The front building looks cheesy!
- The park in my area has been closed all summer due to the mismanagement of the Renovation there.
- the parks are fine and the servicea are great

In your opinion, what are the highest priority projects or services for parks and recreation on the following list? (Select your top 3) Other

- Turf Soccer fields and better grass Soccer fields
- Update Yost Pool
- upgrade only FAC
- Upgrade Civic with a turf field
- upgrade Yost Pool (keep existing location)
- upgrade/maintain existing yost pool facility
- We have enough parks! We can't afford more! More parks mean less tax revenues.
- Would like to see more outdoor movies at Frances Anderson - this is a terrific opportunity for family and friends to come together and enjoy "community" which is what Edmonds is really all about.
- Would love to see Meadowdale Turfed !!!
- Yost Park trails are unclear and hard to find.

Why haven't you participated in City recreation programs? (Select your top 2 reasons) Other

- class times do not fit my hours
- Classes always cancelled
- get too busy with other things
- Hard of Hearing
- health
- health issues
- I am attending other facilities downtown Edmonds
- I am too old!
- I do not do team sports
- I don't like groups very much and there are no programs offered which interest me
- i dont live in edmonds
- I go to Harbor Square.
- i'm not that old or young
- I'm still working full time

Why haven't you participated in City recreation programs? (Select your top 2 reasons)

Other

- Just moved here
- just moved here from shoreline area
- Just moved to area
- live in Ballard
- moved recently to Edmonds
- not interested
- Not physically able to at this time
- Nothing for my age group...it is either families or seniors,..nothing in between....younger empty nesters
- parking
- Physical limitations
- Prefer independent recreation
- prefer solitary activities
- prefer to swim
- recently moved to the area
- recovering from a foot injury
- restricted by illness
- shy
- time constraints
- Too Busy
- we should not offer

What types of recreation programs, classes or activities have you participated in over the past two years? (Select all that apply) Other

- 4th July fun run and parade
- art festival
- Arts Festival
- Beach Camp
- Boy Scouts
- classes for my children
- activities through daycare
- Arts Festival
- ballroom dancing
- Beginning Fishing
- classes
- concert in park

What types of recreation programs, classes or activities have you participated in over the past two years? (Select all that apply) Other

- Dog Beach
- Dog Park
- Edmonds Art Festival
- Edmonds Beach Docent
- Fitness at facility outside Edmonds
- Fun Factory
- gardening at Senior Center
- gymnastics
- I have been very busy with my daughter who is high school senior this year
- Individual use...
- Kids classes
- Kitchen Tour
- live music
- none
- None
- none.
- one of the directors for the Edmonds Arts Festival 2013, did artist studio tour 2 and 3 years ago
- Petanque
- programs for under 7 yr
- rented picnic shelter for high school reunion
- Seal Sitter
- tennis
- dog obedience classes
- dog training
- Edmonds Arts Festival
- Fall birding festival
- Folk dancing
- fun factory
- Gymnastics
- Halloween Howl at dog beach, I made quilt for fundraiser
- I have not participated but am aware of the programs and hope to in participate in the future
- kid programs
- kids gymnastics
- Like I indicated above, Quiet Heart is what brings us to Edmonds parks
- meetings
- none
- None
- OBT
- Other Youth Activites
- Pickle ball at Anderson center and the dog park
- Puget Sound Bird Fest
- SCA Program
- Swimming
- Walking

What types of recreation programs, classes or activities have you participated in over the past two years? (Select all that apply) Other

- walking trails with dog
- Writing programs
- Write on Sound

Please specify what special events you have attended.

- 2 outdoor concerts
- 4th of July walk and parade, concerts outdoors, car show
- Art Festival; Farmer's Market
- Arts Festival Taste of Edmonds Car Show
- Arts Festival, Waterfront Festival, Rick Steves
- Attended all the festivals Edmonds offers; participated in the 4th of July Parade with our church; attended the fireworks display!
- Bird Fest
- bird fest, arts festival, concerts in the park
- Bird festival
- Birdfest
- concerts
- Conquer the Hill 5K and the Health and Wellness Expo 2013
Yoga classes
- Dog training
- Edmonds Art Festival
- 4th of July run Art Walks
- art festival, taste of edmonds, 4th of July
- Art Summit
- Arts Festival, Taste of Edmonds
- Arts Festival, Waterfront Festival, tree lighting
- Band Concerts (Sousa Sedentary Band), Plays
- Bird Fest Concerts in Park Art Fair
- Bird Fest, Edmonds arts festival
- bird festival
- Birdfest, watershed fair, waterfront fair
- Concerts in the Park
- Conquer the Hill run
- Edmond arts festival, waterfront festival, days of Edmonds. indoor
- Edmonds Art Festival

Please specify what special events you have attended.

- Edmonds Art Festival and Taste of Edmonds
- Edmonds Art Festival, Edmonds in Bloom, sales at Francis Anderson Center including Sculptors Workshop, art events at Artworks, Art Walk, Edmonds Summer Market, events at the Edmonds Conference
- Edmonds Car Show Art Festival Fourth of July events Various at Senior Center
- Edmonds Center for the Arts and concerts in the City Park
- Edmonds Center for the Arts; Artist Home Tours; Garden Tours; Pickleball; concerts in the parks, etc.
- Edmonds Festival and night classes
- Edmonds Night Out Arts Festival
- Edmonds Night Out, Moonlight Beach Walks, music festivals, Back Yard Wildlife presentations
- Edmonds Waterfront festival, A Taste of Edmonds, Trick or Treat Street, Fourth of July Parade, etc.
- Edmonds WRiters Conference
- Events at the Deer Crk Fish Hatchery on birds and native plans
- Everything having to do with the Arts Festival Artwalk Artists in Action at the Port Art Summit Studio Tour Art Splash PLAS ECA Edmonds in Bloom
- Festivals
- festivals
- Fund raiser for ECA (Kitchen Tour), Benefit for the EAFF
- Green Stage Free music Art Walk
- Halloween downtown, Christmas tree lighting, 4th of July parade and fireworks, vintage car show, farmers' market, Arts Summit, Birdfest
- July 4 parade, Taste of Edmonds
- July 4th, Halloween, Christmas Tree Lighting, Taste of Edmonds and other Chamber events.
- music at the beach/parks/etc
- Music in the parks
- Out door movie nights.

Please specify what special events you have attended.

- Outdoor movie night
- Outdoor movies at Frances Anderson, Arts Festival, Farmers market
- outside music venues
- Petanque and Petanque tournaments Thursday Art Walk Arts Festival - Father's day Jazz Festival Birding weekend
- Puget Sound Bird Fest
- Ranger walk, Midnight beach adventure, sand castle contest, bird fest
- Rotary summer festival; Art festival
- Shakespeare in the Park and Music in the Park
- Taste of Edmonds (1st time!), tree-lighting ceremony, political events held in Edmonds (senior center, Rick Steves' place, etc).
- Taste of Edmonds and the Edmonds Art Festival
- Taste of Edmonds Art Festival 4th of July parades
- Taste of Edmonds Wednesdays Farmers Market
- Taste of Edmonds, Waterfront Festival, 4th of July Fireworks
- Taste of Edmonds, Waterfront Festival, Edmonds Art Festival
- Taste of Edmonds--Really needs to be updated Edmonds Arts Festival Art Works Events Edmonds Center for the Arts Events Library Events
- Turtle time, Easter egg hunt, frog frolic, gingerbread house building, Kindermusic, ukulele
- Write on the Sound Edmonds Birdfest
- Youth and Tween activities: Birthday Parties, Skateboarding Camp, Dance Classes, Cooking Classes

What is the one program, activity or class you would most like to see offered?

- a classical music presentation
- a low cost yoga class for over 55
- A Type-In (typewriter event)
- A year-round pool with excellent lap swimming times and facilities
- anything supporting the arts or fitness
- activities and play equipment for physically/emotionally challenged kids
- activities for teens
- Activities for teens

What is the one program, activity or class you would most like to see offered?

- Adequate softball fields
- adult arts programs...painting, sculpture
- adult crafts
- Adult dance classes, ballet, jazz, and modern dance.
- adult fitness/pilates
- Adult tennis
- Affordable music instruction for kids (piano /guitar)
- Afternoon kid programs, roughly 1-4pm, for kids ages 3-6.
- American Mah Jongg
- An outdoor/indoor pool open year round
- An year round Aquatics program!
- another pool
- Any calligraphy class
- Anything for Preschool/Kindergarten age
- Aquatic programs in a new large pool
- Aquatics
- Archery
- archery or lacrosse sports
- area history
- art classes
- Art classes
- Art classes for adults offered in the evenings
- art education
- art for teens
- Art History Classes/ Bird watching classes/speakers
- artist fair/market
- arts and culture
- arts and culture presentations or events
- Astronomy
- Authors discussing their books in a larger venue than the bookstore or an all day Book Fair with various authors participating, as well as the bookstore, publishers, etc.
- baby swim lessons
- ballet
- basketry class
- Beach combing
- beach education
- Beach Ranger Program
- Beach Ranger Program
- Beach walk
- Beginning yoga
- Better and more classes/activities for young children (age 2-7)

What is the one program, activity or class you would most like to see offered?

- Better dog parks.
- Better Soccer fields
- Bike safety
- bird festival
- Bird watching
- Birdwatching
- calligraphy
- Can't think of anything
- ceramics
- children's martial arts
- Class on canning foods
- Classes focused more on environmental conservation
- Classical and popular music (not rock, hip-hop, or rap)
- Coastal habitat preservation/restoration
- Community gardens
- community volleyball
- continuation of Beach Ranger Program
- Continue the Summer Music Series in Edmonds Park
- cooking
- Cooking Classes for teens
- Cooking. Classes
- Crossfit
- better instructors for kids programs
- Bicycling
- Bike Trail along Olympic View Drive
- bird festival
- Bird watching/photo/sketching
- boot camp
- canine agility
- casual singing
- Children's Jazz class
- Children's Theatre
- Class on domestic solar hot water systems
- Classic and Traditional Popular Music (Not Rock!!!)
- Clean up the women's locker room at Yost Pool. It is disgusting.
- community garden
- Community solar electricity programs
- computer classes
- CONTINUE basketball programs in general
- Convenient yoga class
- cooking classes
- Cooking, urban farming
- Coordinated adult rec league sports
- Culinary Arts

What is the one program, activity or class you would most like to see offered?

- Cultural Arts
- Dance and exercise classes that are for Tweens /teens and parents
- dance for adults and hip-hop for teens
- development of better bike lanes/paths throughout the city with clear signage
- dog agility or dog socialization class or area
- dog obedience training at intermediate level
- Don't have time at present to participate
- don't know
- drop in yoga
- Drumming
- ECA Book-It Theater Camp
- Edible Book Festival
- Education
- Equestrian
- Evening Writing Classes/Speakers
- Extended opening hours Olympic Beach Visitor Station
- Family Hiking
- film making
- Current programs are adequate. You don't need more programs or funding at this time.
- Dance classes in the park
- Dances
- Different levels of yoga w-different teachers. The one I took before seemed like it was for people who can't get around. The teacher was weird. Rating for variety & availability is between satisfactory & not very good. Could be more consistent.
- Dog agility or obedience
- Dog walking
- Don't know
- Drop in dance classes for adults
- drop-in volleyball games
- early morning fitness classes for working adults
- Edible Book Fest
- edmonds history tours
- environmental education classes
- Evening Tennis, Year round swimming
- expand classical music in the parks
- family events
- feldenchrist classes
- fishing

What is the one program, activity or class you would most like to see offered?

- fishing rod building
- fitness and wellness programs
- Fitness opportunities for kids
- Fix the track
- fly Fishing
- free swim lessons for kids
- Free yoga/thai Chi in the park
- Fun ways for children to control weight
- Geologic history of the Edmonds area (recourses)
- guided beach walks
- gymnastics and soccer
- hands on classes
- Hiking
- home landscaping
- How to get together to help seniors with yard work painting their home
- How to take good care of our yards.
- hula dancing for seniors as is offered in Everett
- I do not know
- I have no suggestions at this time.
- I nice pool in a park like setting a place for people to watch fire works...edmonds performing art center added to that.
- I would like to see programs at all the major parks, not just Frances Anderson and Central Park.
- Fitness
- Fitness classes other than yoga or zumba
- Fitness, Wellness
- Fly fishing
- foreign language
- Free water aerobics
- Fun runs
- geocaching
- glass work class
- Guided hiking with young kids
- Hand drumming
- have no idea
- hiking
- Home self how-to's/improvement
- How to play the harmonica
- How to use the latest technology classes.
- I cannot think of a class I would be interested in
- I enjoy ECA, WOTS and Concerts in the Park
- I just really can't think of one
- I would appreciate more art related classes.
- I would love to see a class in art journalling

What is the one program, activity or class you would most like to see offered?

- I'd like to see the Yost trails made more apparent, including the connection to Pine Ridge Park.
- Indoor Court activity (Badmitton, Table Tennis, Basketball, Vollyball, etc
- indoor pool
- Indoor Pool
- Indoor Swim and Arobics
- Indoor swimming
- indoor swimming facilities
- Indoor swimming pool
- Informational beach walks
- International folk dancing
- Introduce to explore other culture
- jazz music classes
- Kayak / paddling lessons
- kayak or paddle boarding rentals
- kayaking
- kayaking
- Kayaking and canoeing
- kayaking programs
- kids play time
- Knitting and crocheting
- Landscaping, as originally promised by Mayor Haakenson's admin for the skateboard park
- in door swimiming at yost pool.. year round
- indoor pool
- indoor pool
- indoor pool/splash park
- indoor swimming
- Indoor swimming
- Indoor swimming facility - I love to swim, but realize this is a costly project
- informal walking fitness group outside of work day
- interesting things for 12-15 year-olds
- Interpreted Park Walks
- introductory sailing classes
- Jazzercise
- kayak lessons
- Kayaking
- kayaking
- Kayaking
- Kayaking instruction and excursions
- Keep Yost pool open for the community.
- Kids pottery
- Kyaking
- Language classes

What is the one program, activity or class you would most like to see offered?

- Language course
- learn to sew/hem classes
- light weight inexpensive kayak rental
- Live music at waterfront parks
- local chefs
- local organized walking group
- mah jong
- metal shop
- modern/Improv. Dance or NIA
- More affordable elementary age programs
- More art painting
- more attention paid to venues for writers activities
- more beach activities and take advantage of that. There are lots of pools to swim in and hikes, parks school fields, but I like to go to the water and beaches
- More Beach ranger programs
- more children's performing arts opportunities (classes, performances, etc.)
- more computer classes
- learn ins and outs of quicken and other computer classes for novices
- less programs more/better parks
- literary criticism
- live music in the parks
- Local hikes
- Lower cost sports teams, SnoKing charges way too much.
- Manners classes for children
- Modern dance and jazz for middle aged women
- more activities during early evenings
- More art classes for adults
- more art programs
- more baby classes
- More beach adventures.
- More birdwatching walks, trips, etc.
- more classes for children under 5
- More environmental awareness to youth like the SCA program

What is the one program, activity or class you would most like to see offered?

- More Fine Art in Edmonds, and the city of Edmonds showing up in the Art In America city issue that comes out once a year. Other Washington state cities listed, Edmonds not there. Edmonds needs to promote more Fine Art.
- More free or low cost yoga/tai chi/senior fitness classes
- more Joanne Stromme yoga
- more kids activities during school closure days and summer
- More music & arts
- more nature study during the weekday
- more painting classes, foreign language class(spanish)
- More Pilates
- More places for dog walking
- more sports activity during winter months
- More variety in youth dance classes besides ballet and hip hop
- More weekend options or later evening programs for working parents.
- More yoga classes
- Mountain bike trails
- Music class for kids
- Music lessons (piano/strings)
- Nature appreciation - wildlife identification and information
- More for smaller children (under age 3)
- more indoor courts for pickleball
- more kayaking
- more low cost or free meeting spaces
- more nature classes for kids
- More outdoor movies!!! We brought our church youth group to one of the movies and it was terrific!
- More pickleball
- More Pirate Camp!
- More special interest classes
- More trails to run on!
- more visual art programs
- more yoga - late afternoon instead of evening
- More youth and tween classes.
- music by Edmonds kids in Hickman Park
- music class guitar
- naturalist events
- nature conservation

What is the one program, activity or class you would most like to see offered?

- nature conservation classes
- Nature hikes, bird identification
- Nature observation
- Neighborhood group reservations of park shelters without paying a fee
- no additional programs needed
- No preference; I would just like to see them better publicized
- not sure
- nothing more
- Offer more adult fitness programs. The classes I've taken the instructors were very nice and friendly, but not really experts. They offered no feedback to clients obviously doing the exercises wrong.
- opportuinites for swim lessons and team continued for all children at Yost
- Out door fitness equipment along a walking trail along the waterfront
- Outdoor bootcamp class
- Outdoor recreation
- overnight tent camping for hikers and bicyclists on a limited basis during 3 seasons only.
- painting
- pastel art.
- Pickleball
- nature education
- nature observation
- nature walks
- Nia dance
- No opinion, sorry
- not sure
- not sure we need more programs. Programs seem to cover the important stuff
- Off leash dog parks or parks where dogs are allowed on leash
- Oil painting
- Organized bike rides
- outdoor awareness activity for young children -especially in the summer and between school breaks
- Outdoor pickleball
- outdoor yoga
- Paddleboarding
- painting classes
- Pickleball
- pickleball

What is the one program, activity or class you would most like to see offered?

- pickleball
- Pilates/Yoga mix offered both days and evenings
- Planned hiking trips
- plays, music
- Please continue the wonderful beach ranger programs!
- Please maintain/improve yost pool forever!!
- Pool access throughout the year
- pottery
- Pottery
- preschool programs
- Print Making
- Programs that strengthen/highlight/promote our unique waterfront
- Provide child care for mothers who enroll in a class at Francis Anderson Center. That services was provided at the Green Lake Community Center (Seattle) when my friends and I took aerobic and Jazzercise decades ago.
- Racquetball-leagues, classes, tournaments
- Ranger Station Docent Program for Touch Tank only so may remain open all year 5 days a week for Public
- recreation for families with children with Autism
- regular drop-in tai chi in local park
- rock climbing
- Safe bike routes that even youth kids can use along with adults.
- Sailing classes and clubs for all ages. Similar to Sandpoint's program.
- self defense class or CPR class
- Senior events for families with elderly folks that need to get out
- senior exercise
- Senior fitness
- Senior fitness in a well equipped facility
- Senior volunteer opportunities
- Sewing for moms and kids
- Shakespeare in The Park in Edmonds
- Skateboard camp (like the successful YMCA Muk one)
- Skateboarding oportunites
- softball
- Softball clinic for hitting

What is the one program, activity or class you would most like to see offered?

- softball fields in Edmonds we can use instead of having to play at Meadowdale
- Something related to gardening, such as small space gardening.
- Squash and pickle ball courts
- stand up paddle boarding for adults
- step aerobics in evening or on weekends
- summer day camps for people with special needs-children & adults both (separate)
- Support of the arts
- sustainable living, canning/food preserving, gardening
- Swim lessons for toddlers
- Swimming
- swimming pool
- Swimming year round
- Tai Chi
- Teaching people how to appropriately interact with dogs and teaching dog owners how to socialize and train their pups to help them become good citizens.
- Teen center
- tennis and outdoor covered areas for sports-tennis
- the program offering is just fine
- Theatre classes
- touch rugby
- Something for people and their dogs
- sport intermurals
- Stained Glass
- step aerobics
- Sumi-e (Japanese sumi ink) painting by professional teacher.
- summer program for special needs teens.
- Sustainable living on a budget
- swim lessons
- swimming
- Swimming classes at night times for parents who need that.
- swimming programs
- Swimming, SCUBA
- tai chi, inexpensive or free
- Technology-based classes for kids & adults
- tennis
- tennis, beyond a beginning class
- The return of the volleyball skills class
- toddler activities (not expensive)
- trails and marsh access

What is the one program, activity or class you would most like to see offered?

- training classes for dogs.
- trips
- Turf lighted soccer fields w/ a real track!
- vocal music
- Volleyball; mom and me swim classes for those with infants
- walking clubs
- Walks, gentle hikes
- water aerobics for those who work during the day
- We do indoor swimming in Lynnwood only because it's not available in Edmonds.
- Wellness focused on seniors, a program that could travel to senior centers and/or be attended by those who can drive.
- Whatever gets the highest attendance
- world class soccer fields. Snoking and FC Edmonds brings a lot to the community. If we had better fields, we could offer tournaments that would bring income to the area. Just went to a tournament in Snohomish that had over 5,000 kids. That has to bring a lot of money into the community.
- year round at yost pool
- year round swimming programs
- Year-round swim lessons
- year-round swimming
- yoga
- Tree clearance
- TRX
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball
- Walking
- walking for fitness
- Water aerobics
- Water Polo
- We have plenty. How do we afford more?
- Wellness Program for Divorced people
- workshops on protecting the eniroment
- Writing groups
- year round hiking program and volunteer trail maintenance
- Year-round aquatic facility activities
- Year-round swimming
- Yoga
- Yoga at night

What is the one program, activity or class you would most like to see offered?

- Yoga classes
- yoga, from gentle to advanced
- You are doing great things!!
- Youth golf lessons
- youth singing/choir program
- youth volleyball
- Zumba
- Zumba
- Yoga or arobics and weights
- yoga, ukulele
- Youth ages 10+
- Youth gymnastics
- youth tennis
- Zumba
- ZUMBA

Please specify what other cultural activities you have participated in.

- I attend EPIC the writers group now held at the public library. I attend every meeting and some of the workshops. The area of writers needs, need much more attention here in Edmonds. I hope you will factor that in to your survey here.
- Cycling, Strategic Action Plan,
- Cultural Director of Edmonds Sons of Norway, take several CRI classes per semester, taught cultural classes in Bothell, docent for Nordic Heritage Museum and go to schools, senior ctrs, etc. to talk about Scandinavian culture. Performance dancer with Leif Erikson Leikarringen, attended two dance camps, presented several programs on Viking sites I've visited.
- Volunteer work for police guild edmonds night out and other associations
- Boy Scouts, Troop 300, at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Edmonds
- Edmonds in Bloom - gardening
- Edmonds Mural Society
- Buying art and other from local galleries, stores, and market
- you should be able to answer with yes, in Edmonds & Yes, outside of Edmonds, because most people do both!
- sno-King International folk Dancers, twice a week. In LYnnwood.
- Stone carving
- Your Arts Festival (and the Food Festival) are very low end. More like small rural county fairs.
- All of these activities outside Edmonds as well as in Edmonds. Would not let me answer the "both" option.

Please specify what other cultural activities you have participated in.

- Weavers Guild Quilters Anonymous
- Writing Programs
- My son attends Quiet Heart, Summer in the Woods program all summer which takes place in Yost Park
- Choirs - secular and church, outside of Edmonds. Educational trips e.g. Gates Foundation, Seattle Times, etc by outside program
- Attended children's school jazz/music performances.
- Farmers Market Art Walks

What art form(s) or artistic discipline(s)?

- 2D silk paintings and wearables
- abstract art with my children
- Acrylic paints.
- acting writing
- Architecture and Urban Design
- basketry, painting, drawing, printmaking, knitting, photography
- Beading
- Book and Paper Arts
- Calligraphic Art Handmade Books
- Calligraphy
- carving--jewelry making
- Ceramic Art
- Ceramic, hoot, rock, steel, bronze
- ceramics
- choral singing, quilting
- Classical Guitarist
- 3-D
- Acrylic Painting
- Acrylics artist
- All media
- Art journalling, acrylic painting, jewelry making
- Baskets, photography
- block printing water color painting quilting
- cake decorating
- calligraphy
- Calligraphy, painting, sculpture, drawing
- Celtic Music Maritime Music Music to uplift the spirit
- ceramic painting, clay sculpture, music (vocal, wind instrumental)
- ceramics
- ceramics
- Chorale singing
- Classical music (Cascade

What art form(s) or artistic discipline(s)?

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| | Symphony) |
| • Clay and sketches | • Clay, acrylic paint |
| • Collage, painting, writing | • Comics, figure drawings |
| • Costume construction | • Costume design for theater at my daughter's high school, not in edmonds. |
| • Crafting and assembly of fly-fishing rods and trout flies, especially for the Boy Scouts | • crafting with nature |
| • crafts, sewing | • Crafts, watercolors |
| • Curator Abstract contemporary | • Dabble in wax painting, charcoal drawing |
| • Dance | • Digital (graphic design/typography/photography), mixed-media, altered/recycled art, and a variety of mediums with working with children. |
| • digital illustration | • Draw, paint |
| • drawing | • Drawing |
| • drawing | • drawing |
| • Drawing, jewelry, photography, gardening | • drawing, sketching, with graphite or pen and ink |
| • Drawing, writing | • Drawing/sketching, painting, stained glass |
| • Drawings. | • experimental fiber arts |
| • Fiber | • Fiber art |
| • fiber arts | • fiber arts, and collage |
| • Fiber crafts | • Fused glass |
| • garden crafts | • Garden design |
| • Gardening Knitting Quilting | • Glass |
| • Graphic Arts | • Graphic Design |
| • Graphic design and acrylic painting. | • Graphic design and photography |

What art form(s) or artistic discipline(s)?

- graphic designer
- Hardanger embroidery, Norwegian rosemaling
- I am a writer
- I like a little bit of everything. Haven't chosen one particular art form.
- I make one of a kind hand made books.
- I'm teach dance to all ages, primarily creative dance and ballet but also modern, jazz and tap dance. I also run the dance and fitness department at the Mountlake Terrace Recreation Pavilion.
- Installation/Sculpture
- jewelry
- jewelry making
- jewelry making
- Jewelry, art projects for kids
- jewelry, candle decorating, dancing
- Knit, Crochet, make quilts to give away to the needy, embroyder,
- knitting, spinning, weaving
- Landscape design
- leather mask making (mardi gras style)
- hard shell gourd artist. Member of the WA State Gourd Society. Tap Dance 2x a week. Book group
- Harp
- I have published a few short stories and poems, but am still finishing THE next great American novel... while also wrapping up an abysmal career in music.
- I make handmade card, I knit,crochet, photography,scrapbooking Cooking,Baking
- Illustration Mixed media Altered art/books
- improvisional theatre, play guitar
- jewelry
- Jewelry
- jewelry making
- jewelry making and writing
- jewelry, bead work
- jewelry, leather, lapidary, bonsai
- knitting, cooking
- knitting,painting
- landscape oil painting
- Lindy Hop Dance theater (actor and tech assistant)

What art form(s) or artistic discipline(s)?

- Literature
- metal/wood/glass sculptures
- Mixed Media and Fiber Art
- Mixed Media, collage and paint.
- Model Ship Building
- Music
- music
- Music - Guitar, Pen/Pencil Sketches, Graphic Design, Photography
- music - piano handwork
- Music, film
- Music/Choral conductor - singer
- Needle arts
- oil painting and knitting
- paint, draw, sew, crafts
- paint, stain glass step stones, crafts, misc.
- Painter
- Painter and stained glass artist
- painting
- painting
- painting
- painting - oil, acrylic, watercolor
- Painting and drawing
- metal works & jewelry
- mixed media
- Mixed Media collage paintings
- Mixed media, jewelry and sculpture.
- Multi-media art i.e. oil painting, mixed media (acrylic and papers), drawing, watercolor.
- Music
- music
- Music - member of Cascade Symphony
- music (piano) poetry
- music, painting
- Musician
- Nonfiction writing--I write and teach
- oil pastels drawing making things with kids.
- paint, fabric.
- Painted gourds
- Painter
- Painting
- Painting
- Painting
- painting
- painting (oils and watercolor) sculpting
- Painting and multimedia collage. Like to try different artistic disciplines. Am a graphic designer

What art form(s) or artistic discipline(s)?

- painting and pottery
- Painting photography
- Painting, ceramics
- painting, create decorative pillows
- Painting, drawing, photography
- painting, printmaking, furniture design
- painting, sewing, jewelry, photography, art using paper as media, landscape design.
- painting, wood working
- painting/acrylics
- Paper and fabric crafts.
- Paper mache, sculpture, photography
- Pencil, pen, charcoal, pastel studies & portraits
- performing musician, and painting and drawing
- Photography
- Painting and sculpture
- painting print making
- painting, crafts, etc.
- painting, drawing sculpture
- Painting, drawing, photography, mixed media (2D art)
- painting, sculpting
- painting, sketching, drawing for my website
- painting, drawing, graphic design
- painting/drawing/textiles
- Paper art scrapbooking card making collage
- Pastel and oil painting
- Performing Arts
- Photo
- Photography

by trade.

What art form(s) or artistic discipline(s)?

- Photography
- Photography
- Photography
- Photography and Watercolor
- Photography Retired from Edmonds Driftwood Players after + 20 years - Scenic & costume Design, Board of Trustees
- Photography Writing
- photography, building items with wood.
- photography, drawing
- photography, garden, needlework, caning
- Photography, Literary Arts (Writing) as Board Member of EPIC
- photography, painting, print making
- Photography, Webdesign, experimental, communal, public
- Poetry, book-making
- portrait sketches
- Pottery
- pottery
- Print Making - monoprinting
Wood Carving Sculpture - wood, glass, metal Glass casting
- printmaking, painting, metal, fiber
- Professional Oil Painter, display at Cole Gallery
- Photography
- photography
- Photography and folk art sculpture
- photography painting
- photography stained glass
- photography writing
- Photography, Crafts, Woodworking
- photography, drawing, writing martial arts
- Photography, jewelry, collage
- Photography, painting, knitting
- photography, watercolor, oils
- player in Cascade Symphony Orchestra
- Poetry/Writing Dance 2 dimensional
- posters, children's art
- pottery
- Pottery and ceramic sculpture
- Printmaking, painting
- Printmaking, pastels, weaving
- Professional visual artist working in collage, sculpture, acrylic painting and three dimensional box

What art form(s) or artistic discipline(s)?

- Quilt= Fiber Arts
- Quilts Watercolor
- Scrapbooking family memories.
- Sculpting & drawing.
- Sculpture
- Sculpture
- Sidewalk chalk with grand children
- Sketching
- Sketching/Drawing
- Stand-up comedy
- teach art esd
- textile/quilting
- Theater. Public expression/inspiration. Circus arts.
- Theatre
- This is a really long survey by the way. Drawing, painting, garden landscape, sculpting, photography. We do not come to Edmonds for art, we come for nature classes. But all communities can use more arts programs - but aside from arts, Edmonds should support organizations that enrich the community and lives of the children and adults.
- Urban Design
- constructions for about 40 years
- quilting
- Residential garden design
- Scrapbooks and cards
- sculptural art
- sculpture
- Sculpture, poetry
- Singer: musical performance
- Sketching, painting, photography
- Split Cane Bamboo Fly Rod design, construction, instruction
- Structural art pieces.
- Teach Travel Journaling and watercolor painting, give talks on travel Journaling
- Textiles and whatever way the spirit moves me
- theatre
- Things involving fabrics-sewing, embroidery, crafts, etc.
- Undersea Photography
- Various paper projects. Member of theatre performance selection

What art form(s) or artistic discipline(s)?

- Visual arts - drawing, painting
- water color painting
- water color, acrylic
- Watercolor and love to do flower pots
- watercolor painting
- watercolor painting yoga horticultural arts ed.
- Watercolor paintings
- Watercolor, Wildlife Photography
- Weaving
- wood
- Wood crafts.
- woodworking and brewing
- Writer
- Writier
- Writing
- writing
- Writing
- Writing
- Writing - fiction and poetry
- writing and publishing
- Writing, Music, Drawing
- Writing, Wedding Photography
- board.
- water color
- water color painting
- watercolor
- Watercolor Multimedia
- watercolor painting
- Watercolor painting, graphic design
- watercolor, drawing, collage
- watercolor/batik/acrylic/oil/pottery
- Whatever I am inspired to create.
- Wood carvings
- Wood turning and Jewelry.
- Write, paint
- Writer (poet)
- writing
- writing
- writing
- Writing
- Writing
- Writing and photography
- Writing novels, nature photography
- writing, sketching, water color, photography
- Written work, illustration, photography, poetry.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about parks and recreation services in Edmonds?

- To my mind, the most pressing item to fully fund is the overlay of streets in the City of Edmonds. They are in extremely poor condition; and the longer it takes

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to overlay them, the more it will cost. Until a street overlay program is fully funded and in place, I will not support incurring any new taxes for the existing parks or purchase of any land for more parks.

- Carrie Hite is doing a GREAT job!
- you have plenty of parks... take care of our streets!
- I think the highest priority should be the acquisition of new open space to preserve and protect our stream corridors and their connection to Puget Sound.
- Yost park trails need to be better maintained and promoted for family nature time. Educational signage and permanent trail map installed
- Wish the city had an indoor pool so it's awesome aquatics program could continue year round. And a spray park so we don't have to travel to visit one.
- We need to focus on basic infrastructure first and then move on more cultural and recreational funding. The City desperately needs to re-align its fundamental funding priorities. You cannot build a castle on a failing foundation. First things must come first.
- We would like to be able to enjoy the parks with our dog. I know there are irresponsible pet owners out there but we are not one of them.
- It is really a shame that Lynnwood has such a nice rec facility and living in Edmonds we have to pay more to use like the pool in Lynnwood or MountLake Terrace. Even in the summer because Yost pool is too cold for families with young children.
- I think it's terrible that dogs are no longer allowed at the summer market because of one minor almost-incident. Keeping dogs out of most of the parks and public events penalizes good dog owners because the actions of a few. I've not shopped the market much this year, because I have to leave my puppy at home and I'd rather spend time with him on sunny Saturdays! Small markets like ours are excellent places for dogs to learn how to behave in public (if they have good owners who know how to train them, of course) and also excellent places for children to learn how to interact properly with dogs and not be afraid of them. Everyone wins.
- I did not respond to the above "tax" question, as I believe we are not yet financially stable enough to add more burden. I realize that everything we wish for cannot magically appear but at the moment money is still tight.
- There is an exercise activity that has become popular in Shoreline at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park that would fit wonderfully in Edmonds at a park with a steep slope. This activity is stair-climbing. In June 2013, Shoreline residents (plus me) who wanted to keep fit were registered as climbing more than 2 1/4 million stairs at the Richmond Beach Park stair-climbing facility. I believe there

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about parks and recreation services in Edmonds?

were about 400 registered participants. At the end of the month, we had a BBQ together. The fitness gains plus the social contact were a definite plus to the Shoreline/Richmond Beach community. This sort of activity would fit perfectly in Edmonds.

- Maintenance used to be better.
- Dept. Is doing a fine job. But we need to get more citizens participating in art actions, regardless of whether they expect or seek it. More surprise happenings would elate and inspire.
- Key potential projects: 1. Civic Field as a Central Park with condos, workout areas/trails, kinetic whirligig sculpture, hotel/restaurant. 2. Art walk maps with tiles designating homes/studios of major NW artists like Morris Graves, Mark Tobey, Guy Anderson, Kenneth Callahan. 3. Walking corridors marked along 212th (from Hwy 99 to waterfront) and along Maplewood, and along 4th Avenue, etc.
- It would be great to improve the Civic field area with a turf soccer field, updated grand stands, an improved track/walking paths, and a place where families could go for fitness activities. Also, improved bike lanes in Edmonds so it is safe to ride on the roads would be a great goal. The Yost swim program for our youth is excellent! It would be great to have an indoor/outdoor pool for our community to use throughout the year. The parks and rec department in Edmonds is a great group of people to work with who value healthy living, community activities, and working with our school district.
- Road separated or bike lanes safe for youth connecting parks would be nice
- Did not answer the above question as I do not live in Edmonds.
- The Edmonds Municipal Field is an incredible space that I believe can and should be better utilized as a park, i.e. central park theme/idea. The alleys and courtyards should and could be better utilized as places of beauty, secret hideaway'getaways with restaurants, bistros and creative retail spaces - less "service" spaces to retail for ground level businesses. Do something wonderful with the Haines Wharf and Meadowdale beach area i.e. Granville Island incorporating a shuttle from Edmonds to "the pier" - can have arts and entertainment, an open air public market....kayak rentals, concerts, restaurants and artistic retail spaces. Specialty foods, etc.....Artist studio spaces, maybe even an art school or sorts.
- We need more bike trails.
- My family spen the summer at Yost, 2 kids on swim team and one in lessons. We love the pool but it is in serious need of some TLC! The locker rooms are inadequate and the floor gets dangerously slippery-I slipped while walking out of the locker room onto the pool deck. Access to the pool deck without having

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to go through locker rooms would be nice. We were unable to register my preschooler in lessons one session. Yost is a great asset to our community but time is over due for it to be refurbished!

- n/a
- Other than going to a park and the maintenance of a park, all activities for which the city spend money should be done in a way to cover all costs from user fees. No subsidy.
- I especially enjoy the waterfront parks and walk there each morning.
- Thank you for providing them!
- The Ranger Program and touch tank need to have more support. Need to teach our youth the importance of protecting the marine life on our beaches.
- I would love to see a bike lane added to Olympic View Drive. I have been hit on my bike there many years ago, and I cringe sometimes seeing cars and bikers battle it out. I use the sidewalk, and that's not fair to pedestrians. I would use my bike more if it were easier, and safer.
- I love Edmonds and love to take visitors to our parks. Thank you for all you do!
- We love our parks! Edmonds Parks and Recreation does a great job with providing services for the community with a limited budget. They are always very attentive to the concerns of the local public. Regarding the use of parks We would like to see more dedicated for families and leisure play. Discontinue the use of the smaller neighborhood parks like Hickman Park for league play. It would be nice to be able to go to these parks with our families for family time without having to compete with the league play for space and parking. (Hickman was not designed for that purpose. During the planning phase additional parking or permanent restrooms were not installed because the public did not want it to be used for league play or organized sports. Please return it to its intended use.) The local school yards provide adequate space for league play and are currently underused. Limited the size of parties renting facilities at the smaller parks. At times the numbers exceed the park space and parking. Last but not least, Edmonds really needs a long overdue Aquatics center! To provide open swims and swim lessons for all ages year round. Also, as a facility for the local High school to hold meets and practice. We would support a tax measure for this purpose. The Edmonds Senior Center is a vital part of our community. Would also gladly support a tax for a new facility to be built where they are currently located.
- More young people participate in soccer than any other activity (sport, music, or art). Despite this, the City of Edmonds has probably the worst soccer fields in the Puget Sound (ask anyone). Civic Field in particular is an ideal site that could be home to multiple quality soccer/lacrosse fields that could be rented 365

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days/year and used to host a soccer tournament that would bring additional revenues to business and the city and which would pay for much of the installation and maintenance. It is unfortunate that leaving this park in disrepair serves only the Taste of Edmonds and 4th of July...events that make use of this space only 4 days out of the entire year. This park could be the athletic centerpiece in our town. A quality park in this location will support the thousands of kids in Edmonds that play soccer! There are many many people that would support this kind of project and would be willing to work (and spend money) to see it happen.

- We need to manage the Parks money more efficient first before we think about raising taxes.
- Love the dog park, it is an awesome place and has improved so much over the years. Keep that going!!
- The dog park does not prohibit families to come with small children who do not have dogs. Yet, our dog has gone up to small children to play and the parents have screamed at us to keep our dog away. Excuse me, this is a dog park! Families with small children who do not want to have dogs come near them should not be allowed to be in the park. Our son will no longer bring our dog to the dog park after two experiences with one such family. Rules should clearly state that it is a dog park and that people who do not want to be approached by a dog should not be there.
- impressed with excellent capabilities and commitment of the P&R staff
- Keep up the good work!
- Cut in funding for Ranger Program very disappointing last year, access to amazing educational asset on the fishing pier, the Touch Tank, sitting unused for a good portion of the summer very upsetting. Puget Sound & the Ferries are such a vital part of the draw to Edmonds, the choice not to support any emphasis on the waterfront seems counter productive to the economy of Edmonds.
- Yost Pool is very important to me. I would like to see it remain in its current location.
- I am so glad you asked this question. Please tell the board that the decision to remove the Christmas lighting ceremony and festivities from the fountain are 5th \$ Main is a monumentally stupid and pretentious move on the part of the Art Society Snobs of Edmonds Streets (ASSes)! For years it was an identifying focal point and gathering place that gave Edmonds part of it's small, but elite community soul. Moving it out of the focal point of the city on to the side streets was idiotically stupid. Bring it back and regain some soul! Get rid of the ASSes!!

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- we need a spray park.
- I feel that the level of service is currently very high. I think we have a high number of parks that are maintained very well. I think there are a variety of options for arts and entertainment for those that wish to participate.
- A very fine job is being done right now.
- The "No Smoking" rules at the softball complex need to be enforced. Cigarette smoke through out the complex interfere with those watching and playing.
- New fields at Meadowdale playfields would be amazing. The softball fields that are there now are some of the worst in the state.
- It would be good to have a mass mailer go out describing some of the recreation opportunities that Edmonds offers. I know the Craze goes out every quarter, but to be honest that is something that takes a long time to look through and usually gets tossed in a drawer never to be pulled out. I'm thinking more of a 1 pager with little tidbits of information about different programs (especially new offerings)to just catch people's eye, with the website at the bottom so they can look into a particular activity further. I would say most residents do not know the number of opportunities you offer to the public every day. Thank you for what you do.
- Why do the dogs get the best spot to run around? I would take that area for family cook outs fire works have a picnic shelter place, picnic tables, with bbq grills, a pavillion for outdoor music ect.
- I would love to see a waterfront trail that is safe for biking/walking, possibly connecting with the Woodway area. Such beautiful space, would be very popular and used.
- Make Edmonds a walkable city. Connecting trails, beaches and sidewalks for an easily accessible safe walk away from traffic. Provide educational learning classes. Birds, seals, marine life, art history, etc.for adults.
- develop civic and old Woodway as a world class athletic facility
- Keep the Ranger Program going and extend the hours for the Olympic Beach Visitor Station
- Make your classes more affordable for what the offer. Cut the coist of leagues and league paly in half and everyone would be happy and return and /or play more often.
- best parks and rec of any town i've lived in
- I would like to see ads posted on the fences of the playing fields ie. Yost Pool I fee system could be worked out to pay for the signs with a profit going to the Park Dept. Many sports complexes have such ads and they raise considerable

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funds to be used by the Parks or athletic facilities

- Volleyball - the price keeps on going up and the you keep on getting less for your money!
- I feel like there is a disconnect with the elementary and middle schools when it comes to community outreach regarding the cultural arts. Education cuts have eliminated art instruction in most, if not all, of these schools. Parent volunteers, most of which do not have a background in art, have to be willing to step-in with limited resources and knowledge. The students who can afford to take a class after school (on school grounds) does not even represent one percent of the student population at my daughter's school. I started an Art Docent program there, but I cannot enlist enough volunteers to lead a presentation in a classroom. If the Edmonds Parks & Recreation organization were interested in creating an educational partnership with the school district, it would not only improve the quality of creative instruction local children would receive, but it would also serve as an introduction to the classes and/or services available to them in the broader community.
- I would like to see a tournament quality softball facility (see the Regional Athletic Complex in Lacey as an example) for attracting leagues and tournaments year round.
- My family and I really enjoy Yost Pool!
- We love our downtown. Keep it beautiful with the flowers, etc.
- Keep up the good work!
- I feel its most important to update the play structures at existing parks, than creating new parks. Not being allowed to bring my dog to parks is preventing me from taking my whole family to a local park, I'm forced to drive to Shoreline, where dogs are allowed at parks. I do love Yost Pool, a lot. I love swimming, and a year-round pool would be awesome, but I don't think the city can afford it, and I'd rather keep the 1 pool we do have.
- All the parks are great and beautiful and easy to access. We should keep them but maybe add more trails.
- Having better communication I think is really important. Most of the stuff I know only from word of month and that s not a reliable way to ensure everyone knows what is going on. I think if we are going to expand what we are doing that would be great but we need to expand ways we communicate as well.
- Need to consider putting turf on Civic field - move the Taste of Edmonds somewhere else if that is reason why you don't want to turf the field!
- no

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- I really like all the parks but am disappointed by how many don't allow dogs, even when they are on a leash. I believe there are signs at Marina Beach park and City park that don't allow this. I also like to walk around Edmonds Woodway high school with my dog and about years ago several signs were put up saying that dogs could not be walked in the baseball field areas.
- When my daughter was young, she was involved in classes at the Frances Anderson center and also participated in Beach Rangers etc. Now that she is a teenager in High School, we are no longer involved in programs.
- Your city is the one I enjoy visiting the most, because of the incredible effort which you have made in making it a beautiful place.
- I am outside of downtown with an address of "Edmonds" so I usually feel left out. It takes me forever to get to Frances Anderson Center so I hesitate to ever sign up for something there, yet I'm not a Lynnwood/Everett resident so I don't feel like I "belong" in their classes either. It's a strange geographic spot. It would be nice to have more parks here. The Edmonds Park we use the most is probably Picnic Point.
- I feel both fortunate and smart to have chosen Edmonds as my retirement-years home. My only disappointment in my eleven years residency is that the promises made to landscape the 'burl area' around the skateboard park were not kept. But I'm not sure that I'm surprised by that OR the cost overruns it took to 'float' the concrete platform on the bog of the Civic Field. Oh Well. City Hall LOL
- need a presence on social media, and the website is difficult to navigate. The communications in general could improve. I don't get the CRAZE (I don't think anyway) haven't seen it in a long time, need another way to get your information. The services are nice, the parks are beautiful, it's important to have a place to go and connect with nature and each other that doesn't have an entry fee.
- I do implore you to consider those of us not just engaged in the plastic arts but those of us and there are many in the literary arts. We are part of the cultural fabric of Edmonds and often feel left behind in the dust of considerations that the plastic arts receives. WOTS should not be seen as the be all and end of for writers in Edmonds. Many people come from near and afar to attend this yearly event. We need the venues and publicity and monies that writers in Edmonds need to keep us up front in the cultural activities year round. I do hope that you will consider our plight as it now stands, to help us take our place among the other arts here in Edmonds. Thank you for your considered attention. Ingrid Wolsk member of EPIC
- Carie Hite is terrific. Don't let her go somewhere else. Keep her here. Why in the world does the Dive Park have such a priority? At least it ought to be

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revenue generating for the City. I'd love to see a kayaking center on the waterfront. Why not turn the bathroom facilities in the dive park into a concession stand as well.

- I love that Edmonds has so many parks, including trails. Free ranger beach programs, etc. are great! I wish that there were more parent/child activities in Craze. For example, I see "mommy & me" yoga, for moms & infants, but nothing I could attend with my 9-year-old. I'd love to take a drawing (art) or swing dance class WITH my 9-year-old, but nothing like that seems to be offered.
- Chase Lake used to be our go to place to catch frogs. There isn't one pond around the city where kids can experience this any more. It needs a lot of help.
- Very excited to hear about the spray ground plans for next spring. I hope that with the addition to city park there are also plans to cut back some of the trees there so that the spray area will be sunny. City Park can be very dark and cold sometimes. I feel like the yost park is a great park area, but being wasted. The play ground is terrible. The trails are fun and would get a lot more use if they were maintained. Would be great to see hiking paths clearly labeled, maybe add in a bmx trail or course. There is so much opportunity to make that park a great urban hiking park.
- If at all possible, I would like the FAC to be open later. I previously took QiGong there, but am unable to now because it starts too early; I was surprised too at how much of a difference 30 minutes made in my ability to make it to class.
- Do not use this as an excuse to increase property taxes. Make these things pay for themselves.
- There are no trails in Edmonds except right along the waterfront.
- you could do so much more if you let the residents lead and not worry about regulations and funding.
- I'd love more information on park hiking trails and spaces. I can find maps and things but haven't found information on what type of small trails are available. We love to do urban hikes with our dog but end up stumbling on them when exploring.
- We really need to be able to walk and bike safely to and from parks and schools with our children! More sidewalks and trails are what I would support most!
- We need more and better soccer fields. Can Edmonds and Lynnwood put turf or grass on the Meadowdale Playfields soccer fields? Is the turf from the old Lynnwood High School still usable? The Meadowdale Playfield can't be used in

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it's current form. It's lighted and FC Edmonds and NW Nationals would pay to use it if turf is installed. It is not safe for children to play soccer on dirt/gravel and that facility is going unused.

- We like to gather as a neighborhood at our neighborhood park. However, paying \$100 each time we want to reserve the shelter limits this for us. We'd like to be able to have the neighborhood where a park is located have access to the park shelters, maybe once a month, without having to pay the fee.
- N/A
- Artworks is under-utilized. It is a wonderful space that sits vacant too often
- Your gardeners do an excellent job. The flowers are always beautiful.
- The park at 7th Ave South & Elm St (Dog Poop Park) is a waste of valuable real estate. It is not viable as a park and is home to many Alder trees (many of which are about to topple) that have, over the years, grown to obscure the views of dozens of homes reducing their value and eroding the tax base. The park should be closed, the trees removed and the land sold for residential development. The proceeds and increase in tax revenue could be used to improve and expand more viable parks.
- Need more bike trail and bike lanes
- I think it would be great if we could connect some of the waterfront paths to create a boardwalk where one could bike, roller skate, walk, jog along the waterfront. A lot of it is already there between the dog park all the way up to north of the ferry dock. Also I think the planting grass at the community track park would be nice.
- I guess I would reiterate that I play tennis and don't know of any public parks that have courts. the old high school has courts, but those are the only ones I know of. maybe I just am unaware of any. and maybe they are out that.
- Edmonds is getting more crowded....parking and traffic is a problem.
- Money is tight, and I would certainly entertain the idea of a tax measure that restores some pride to our park system. Preserving useable green space and maintaining existing parks should be a priority before building new attractions like a pool. Edmond's is flanked by indoor public pools. Getting information out there about volunteer opportunities to assist the city in park maintenance would be good too - I'd volunteer my time in the fall for trail maintenance and invasive species removal. A good model that could easily be scaled back to fit the cities uses would be something like a salmon enhancement group does with volunteer hours. Using social media and the seemingly forgotten young adult/young family demographic that is trying to establish itself (the chambers fledgling YPIN group for example) would be a way to find volunteers that are looking for

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outlets for ownership of the community. This is the group, after all, that will be producing the next generation of park users.

- We need more dog friendly area's in Edmonds. You can take your pet to the Seattle Center but you can't take him to Edmonds City Park? You can take your pet to Pike Place Market but you can't take him to the Edmonds Market? You can bring your dog to the Bite of Seattle and the Folk Life Festival but you can not bring your dog to the Art Festival or Taste of Edmonds? You can walk your dog along the Seattle waterfront but dogs are not allowed in any of our water front parks (except off leash area). In fact dogs are not allowed in any of our major parks!!! What is up with that? I bet the majority of voting citizens in Edmonds are dog owners. Someone needs to step up!!!
- Edmonds needs an indoor aquatic center so that we can have year round access to a pool and swim programs.
- I'd like to see more kids events and activities in Edmonds.
- I would love it if we had more of a board walk or promenade that you could pick up at sunset and get all the way to the dog park. Something like the high line in New York.
- Voted no on the new tax measure for parks because of the parks impact fee that was recently adopted.
- Those of us that live in the outskirts of Edmonds feel that all the tax \$\$ is going towards the downtown/bowl area. We feel that we should get the same attention for our tax \$\$.
- It would be a good idea to have more teen inclusive events It seems most activities are either for young children or older adults.
- excited about the new spray park!!
- parks not programs
- Could we get dog-owners another centrally located dog area? We are supporting Next to Nature (I hope!) and supporting their customers would be smart. Dog walkers (residents of our area) are an important part of our landscape--it makes our town a friendlier place. Not Anderson Center, since it's a relatively high-traffic facility. Could there be seasonal use of the Civic Center grass field? That place is empty during the winter. Civic would also be a good place for a turf soccer field--right where that awful dirt football field is in the middle of the track. I know those are expensive--what about bringing in local soccer clubs like Northwest Nationals? Do not change the grandstand--it is a remnant that gives us character. Please, please, please do not change Frances Anderson Center--that is a facility that is irreplaceable, it is a very important landmark, it is architecturally historic. It would be a monumental mistake to do

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anything bad to it. As a home for youth-oriented activity it represents our past, present and future. If anything, make it more of a feature. If anything, dig up the field to put in terraced galleries or underground parking and cover it up with a grass field when you're done. A living roof perhaps, though it needs to work for the Arts Festival. Also, Yost Park and Pool are gems. Yost Pool is amazing, the locale is perfect and the lifeguards and swim instructors are excellent. Most of them are our local youth. It would be nice if it could just stay a sleepy little park, but if the cost to run it truly is astronomical then further income generating is needed. It is a water feature of Edmonds, perhaps it could somehow be linked to the waterfront with water safety or scuba classes. A destination nature center of some kind--something appealing to schools as a field trip (for \$) along lines of Mercer Slough. How is the Watershed Fair doing? Every day needs to be a watershed day. What can make people care more about their water? Also, what about that old pier up north a bit. Can that be an aquarium someday? A research center? Does Edmonds CC have any kind of oceanography program? Seems like a natural. The path around the Lynnwood Golf Course looks pretty nice--do people know about that.

- Edmonds is a wonderful place to raise a family with access to the beach, ferry, train, play fields, and most significantly, Yost Pool. Our community pool is a commitment to our young children providing them with a place to swim during our summer months and create great memories.
- Stop spending so much on new parks. We have plenty and have to focus on finding ways to keep the City vibrant and alive.
- I'm very concerned Edmonds doesn't have the funds to purchase Civic Center Playfield. Edmonds needs to protect this important park from becoming another massive multi-family project.
- Dogs on leash should be allowed in all the parks. I understand excluding from festivals due to crowds but otherwise they should be allowed. There is a large constituent base of pet owners that are excluded from walking their dogs in these wonderful parks.
- Again, we love the Yost Pool. Needs to be heated and have more flexible times for open swim.
- It would be nice to have an indoor pool for kids
- I wish the Parks Dept. would take a more enlightened approach to our dog's use of facilities, as the Port does.
- The parks are very nice. I wish there were more.
- Civic field needs a makeover!!!! It's a perfect location for a real track, turf soccer fields and lights so we can enjoy it year round.

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- The majority of these services are downtown/bowl oriented. This must stop and the City must develop artistic presence in the surrounding communities that are also part of Edmonds
- It is very important to us to have appealing places to take our dogs, and we feel very fortunate to have the off-leash area at Marina Beach Park. Having a "people beach" and a "dog beach" works very well, and OLAE has done a great job keeping the dog beach clean and its users informed. At one point, the existence of the "dog beach" was threatened by the Multi-modal facility, and we hope that it will be protected in the future as the gem that it is! We also really enjoy taking our dogs for walks on the trails at Yost and Pine Ridge parks as we do some birdwatching. It's great exercise for all of us in beautiful locations. Edmonds has a reputation of being more dog-friendly than many of the surrounding communities, and we hope it stays that way!
- When I have tried to call to arrange meetings for Western Rosemalers Association at various community centers, no one ever answers the phone. We are now meeting at Normanna Lodge in Everett for our meeting as they are letting us use the lodge without charge (we do donate \$50 to them to cover utilities and cleaning services. We hold several mini-workshops a year and are always struggling to find inexpensive space with good light for classes.
- More beach access is important to me, specifically at Haines Wharf new park
- Maintenance should include limiting height of trees in Parks and removal of volunteers that Erode owners views
- The outdoor movies have been very popular in the Summer. I'd love to see the program increase from 2 to 4 weekends with additional events/activities around the movies.
- Need better sports facilities.
- Strictly speaking this may not belong in this survey, but: if we allow tall waterfront development & other view-destroying buildings, no park enhancements or art programs will restore quality of life. A small square of greenery does not offset blocks of concrete & poor public waterfront access.
- Edmonds has wonderful parks - but it is a shame that dogs aren't allowed in most areas. I do understand that some people don't pick up after their animals, but it isn't fair for those of us who do and who enjoy walking trails with our dogs.
- no
- overall pretty good, would love to see more open spaces; art in town and maintain waterfront area.

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- Addition of side walks to make it safer for children to access the existing parks
- I feel we could benefit greatly if we as a city brought our civic park up to date with a turf field for soccer.
- I would just really like to see Yost pool be a priority - to maintain and improve. I don't think we need tax increases, we just need to make better use of the money we already receive in taxes. We already pay High taxes and we need to use them wisely.
- I suggest creating a newsletter we can subscribe to with information about the parks.
- We pay a lot of money to participate in softball leagues every spring, summer and fall. It is absurd that if you are part of the league that you cannot use the fields on a Sunday morning when no one is there. I understand the need to keep the fields in great shape, but my team alone pays \$2000 a year and we should have access available, We are lied to by the field maintenance guy all the time... He tells us that there are teams playing at noon or one... We always finish by noon... No one us ever there and no one is there all afternoon. Seems ridiculous.
- Very important to the vitality of the city. We are residents of Woodway which isn't on the zone map.
- Like the open spaces. Protect them! Would like more beach access points N of ferry terminal. Yost Park tennis courts need to be maintained a bit (tennis balls roll outside the courts under the wire mesh which is too high), and need resurfacing.
- I would like the dog park moved (I have dogs and am a dog lover). I would like to see a continuous "boardwalk" all along the Edmonds waterfront and believe it would be a great draw for the city.
- Beach ranger program is very important to the success of our beaches and teaching beach use in our schools.
- We have senior sports supported by the city but no place within the city to play. We need a good multi-purpose play field (Soccer & softball on field turf that can be used all year (with lights)
- Edmonds needs more natural open space where children can play without structure. No more perfect lawns that require water, fertilizer and maintenance! More soccer fields also.
- We have raised two children here, and spent many hours at frances anderson center for gymnastics lessons with teacher renee, soccer games at local fields thru sno-king, summers of swim team at yost, and lots of fun-filled days exploring pretty much every single park in town. I've also learned yoga, crafts,

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and how to knit socks thru rec classes. I think our area offers an amazing breadth of activities, classes and more. Our one quibble is the fact that- since we live one block outside of edmond city limits (up by college place elementary)- we get price-gouged for every class and event. Swim team alone was \$20 or so more per child for our family, which is a lot for a family on a budget. With city lines drawn so irregular, and cities grown so inerwoven, i wish you would reconsider the steep non-resident fee.

- A list of the galleries in the Edmonds area
- I am not at all interested in supporting a tax measure that involves or incorporates the pool funding. I have recently visited other cities in the Midwest that have wonderful parks and believe Edmonds could do more to create these spaces.
- generally very good... but think there needs to be more access for people with their dogs...
- can we please create an amazing outdoor/indoor family area with food and music, performing water fountain area with public restrooms in front of antique mall? that area can be updated & used to enhance this amazing city so greatly!! thx!
- I would like to see more parks, as well as more playground space designed for toddlers (ie. safe, enclosed play equipment). More playfields too!
- No. The 'take a few minutes' was deceptive and it requires quite some time to do this, so I need to stop.
- need indoor pool. and more parking downtown Edmonds.
- Some limited picnic and even overnight tenting for visitors and residents of Edmonds, in places like Pine Ridge Park and the City Park adjacent the ferry-waiting areas (We used to have some spaces for overnight tenting....no RV or large-vehicle use). Some control features like maintenance and water/sewage/garbage should be covered in the overnight use fees. Young people and supervised groups have no place to spend a night in the Edmonds area...except hotels and low-end motels on Hwy.99. Please offer affordable services in our parks, hopefully to make visitors feel welcome to Edmonds.
- We have an amazing resource most towns don't — our waterfront! Support it with good park maintenance, an improved Ranger Station, more guided beach walks, . The public art at the beaches is wonderful; keep it coming. Keep the dogs off the beaches and confined to their dog park. We take EVERY viisitor to the Edmonds waterfront, and folks are so impressed! Let's not take it for granted!
- Edmonds has great assets that are underutilized, such as Civic Field. Yes, it may belong to the school district (I think), but there should be an effort to make it a

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true community center. There are fantastic trails in Edmonds that could be further developed, such as along Olympic View Drive / Talbot road, Yost, Pine Ridge, near old Woodway HS. These could be interconnected.

- It's a shame the budget cutbacks had to happen. Hoping the economy will improve.
- I think it makes sense to try to acquire what is left of the old Hanes Boat House dock in Meadowdale as a public fishing pier and park.
- Yes, I love living here, born and raised and currently even have the privilege of working in our beautiful city. I am, however, so frustrated that no matter where I turn (or so it seems) I find a sidewalk, or boardwalk that clearly states "No Dogs" or even more annoying, "Absolutely No Dogs". If you ever have the opportunity to visit or cities, near or far (Mukilteo) or Oregon and California, you will find each of them to be much more conducive to allowing individuals the choice whether or not they would like to be able to have their pet (dog) join them on their outings. There are many more important issues we can and should address than to monitor or dictate whether one has a dog with them. I do not believe they belong everywhere, such as the Saturday Market, (too close of quarters and food items etc) however to not allow a dog in a park or on a beach is ludicrous (all comes down to personal responsibility) and I for one, am a responsible dog owner and very tired and frustrated by our non-dog friendly policies.
- Would love to have access to a pool in the winter months without leaving our city
- I kind of wish there were more garbage cans available in some Edmonds parks. They can be a little hard to find sometimes.
- Make the parks and downtown dog friendly.
- It is not clear, based on my visits with grandchildren, that several of the neighborhood parks get much use. That is, we hardly ever see any other people there....This may be due to the changing makeup of the neighborhoods or the fact that people/children prefer other more developed venues. I am concerned re the costs to maintain a large number of small parks....versus having a smaller number of larger parks with more facilities and activities for all.
- The survey should have been separated between Park and Arts not both or have clear separation between the Park questions and the Art section. Probably would have been helpful to have the definition of cultural services in the beginning of the survey.
- Although I don't live in Edmonds, I go there frequently for sports and Yost pool. I love the outdoor pool so much. I would hate to see a roof put on it!

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- It would be nice to have a second off-leash dog area, since the beach can be rocky (and therefore hard on dogs' paws) depending on the tides. Also, allowing dogs on leash at all city parks. Face it, there are one heck of a lot of dog owners in Edmonds!
- Chase lake needs to be spruced up. Often there are soda cans and trash floating in it-especially in the "lake annex" across the road from the official park. The park itself is just so-so in design, and could stand a renovation, in my opinion.
- How about spending money on the streets to get to the Parks, before the streets are at the point that you can't drive on them without damaging your car.
- There are wonderful spaces that should continue to be well maintained. An indoor pool is needed.
- Good, solid programs.
- Parks and Recreation is about community, family, and our youth. The Parks should be an expression the environment in which we live. Parks must protect and preserve precious resources, yet allowing access for the community to understand and admire. Recreation should be programs that benefit and improve the society in which we live. Recreation must be nurturing to our health (physical, sports, fitness, etc) and educational (leadership development, character building, inspiring to our creativity) for all, especially for our youth. If you can keep these ideals in focus, you will know what you need to do with the parks and recreation structure moving forward.
- Francis Anderson really needs upgrading badly!
- Our family spends 100% of its recreational dollars outside the city of Edmonds (year-round swimming lessons at Mountlake Terrace, year-round open swim at Terrace & Lynnwood, youth Capoeira at a private Fremont program, and miscellaneous classes and camps through the SIGNIFICANTLY less expensive Shoreline recreational program). We feel fortunate to live so close to other cities which offer affordable recreation when our own city does not.
- Another dog park would be nice.
- I would like enforcement of the NO DOGA allowed at the waterfront parks where they are not allowed!!
- No, but as an 8-year resident, I am impressed with the number of parks in Edmonds. I am just less mobile than previously so don't take advantage of what is available now.
- Really poor maintenance on Sunset Park . Should be mowing down to the bluff line.
- Yost pool is a very important part of our community and neighborhood. I

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would like to see increased funding and enhancement of the pool - keeping it an OUTDOOR pool and open for generations to come! I also believe Edmonds needs a better bike friendly community consisting of bike lanes and trails.

- The park facilities need to have more of a park like atmosphere as opposed to a sports event and practice field atmosphere. Less chain link fence, more living fence. Less concrete more shrubs and bushes. Less dirt more grass. Less bright lights more of a natural ambiance. Something to look at besides old school yard relics.
- I think that there is a wide selection of parks here and there is something for everyone. I would like to see a dog park in the Perrinville area. Swimming is a really important life skill. It is the one sport that can save a life. Maintaining Yost pool is a big priority. We canceled our membership to Lynnwood Pool because it is impossible to swim there-even if you are willing to spend the time line to get in, there isn't room to for the kids to swim.
- I believe the Francis Anderson Center is a wonderful facility...but some larger classrooms would be nice.
- I walk through the parks at the waterfront on an almost daily basis and almost every time I see people with dogs. Many of the white notices on the pavement are very faded. I wish that there was a way for me to report the dogs rather than call 911. I do not call 911 because it is not an emergency. I am uncomfortable approaching the dog owners myself because I am not sure of what their reaction might be.
- We all want to feel the beauty of Edmonds, of which Parks is a huge part of! But, there are so many parks and maybe there could be themes to a few. Like designating a few for the a walking field, and childrens play areas, etc. But in the beautification side of it, they need to use the roads to get to the parks. So with that thought, we definately need to improve our worn out roads.
- The naming of a park, plaza or other public space to honor our veterans and their service to our country.
- Edmonds is sorely lacking in turf soccer fields. It would bring in families & \$\$ to surrounding businesses (food & other) & their users would be a good "element" to attract. Soccer tournaments & regular season matches are year-round. Boy would they ever get used!!!
- We need to work toward a long term plan for public access and development of the waterfront.
- Yost Pool offers a Family Swim on the weekends. Families of four can pay \$12 for the entire family, while families of three pay \$14 (for non-residents). If a discount is offered to families, it makes sense that families of three should also

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benefit from this.

- need shuttle for those less able in our City to get to parks and activities
- Bigger dog park with green area!
- more tennis courts and covered sports areas
- The beach and waterfront should be protected as much as possible. It is an easily accessible way to teach people about how intricate and vulnerable the environment of Puget Sound is. It is an educational treasure!
- Money should be going to streets and overlays instead of art and parks.
- We need an indoor pool in Edmonds. We have a 4 year old and a 14 year old. We have raised both kids in Edmonds. We know a lot of families in Edmonds. Everyone we talk to would really like to have a public indoor pool in Edmonds. The soccer fields in Edmonds could use updating. Thank you.
- I have participated in the Edmonds Beach Ranger Program for over 15 years. Each year has been well planned and great information for my students. Please continue to provide this program as it helps to fulfill a part of the Common Core requirements for my students.
- We adore Yost for all it's amenities and all the laughter and fun we can hear especially in the summer. I would like to see more of a police presence as we often see remains of parties, etc going on. One morning when walking the dog someone was asleep on the ground inside the park very visibly at 4am.
- The landscaping is wonderful. We like the outdoor pool, but the facilities at Yost could use renovation.
- The parks and recreation services available in Edmonds have a disconnect. There are several trails and several parks but not all of them run together. There is a dog park but you're not supposed to take your dog anywhere else along the coast line. While there are side walks, there is minimal bike lanes. As well, a lot of the open space feels misused and some of the space that is being used is misused.
- When planning the 5K for 4th of July, it is safer if 3rd ave is closed during the morning.
- I do not want to pay taxes for something I do not benefit from - this may sound selfish but I observe tax dollars being wasted in many places. For example, the majority of my property taxes go to schools yet I have no children, get no benefit and have observed school employees acting in a dangerous manner (ask me about the bus drivers who go to Westgate Elementary - especially those who run stop signs and almost ran me and my dog down in the crosswalk). I would rather have funds earmarked for parks and recreation be used for public safety.

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- Be more pet friendly please. Tax paying community members should not be excluded from enjoying outdoor spaces with leashed pets.
- park/recreation services are critical to community and safe spaces would attract younger families and professionals. need to have vibrant spaces... will support businesses downtown, need more high quality restaurants, and be a DESTINATION!
- Meadowdale Beach Park to be accessible all year round. During high tide and flooding in winter time we often can't get to the beach. Perhaps build up the walk through the tunnel, even if it means people need to lower their head.
- I'd like to see more dog-friendly places in Edmonds, especially the Edmonds Park where the Sunday Concerts in the Park are held. I'd love to be able to bring my dog to that event.
- Thanks for doing what you do. Appreciate a survey to get input from the community. Way to go!
- You are doing a fantastic job! Visitors and residents constantly comment about how beautifully maintained our city is and how beautiful the flowers are. Don't ever lose the flower baskets or plants/flowers on the street corners!! They add so much to our lovely city and make it very distinctive. Keep up the good work!!
- I had heard that Yost Pool was considered for closing. Once gone, hard to resurrect. Need to create covered pool area in Yost or some form of movable covering to allow use in winter.
- no
- I have lived in Edmonds my whole life. I love the water, the beach and waterfront. There is very little parking anywhere on the waterfront. It REALLY bothers me that I cant drive to the beach and park my car. I can walk a few blocks if there was any kind of parking near by. The Marina is huge and all that space is devoted to boat owners. It's really a shame...the beach should be accessible to everyone.
- I believe there should be a Japanese Garden where the city play fields are. It could be lovely and a money maker for Edmonds. You could demolish the concrete grandstand and re use it to make a winding trail around and through the park. You could plant Japanese maples and label them. Put a nice pond in the southeast corner of it. That area is already a wet land. The geese would be happy there. In the beginning you could charge admission to enter it. After a few years of making money to pay for it; it could then be free admission. Build a nice walking bridge that would over look the whole garden. People would probably want to be married there.
- I love the waterfront and would love to see an expansion of trails and walk

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ways to connect downtown Edmonds, Edmonds Park, and the waterfront. It would be great to have better viewing of the marshes.

- I think it would be critical that a ballot measure address the acquisition of additional open space, not just carving up what we have into more trails. I also think it is important that restroom facilities are clean and well-maintained. Those at Brackett's Landing and the fishing pier are disgusting and run down.
- I would really like a spray park in Edmonds, and update the older parks. Also, more trails and better access to them.
- I love going to Edmonds, enjoy the environment - keep up the positive feeling I get every time I visit.
- Have enjoyed the waterfront walkway and always wondered why one piece of property has keep off and no trespass signs and no sidewalk portion. What a hindrance to those with physical limitations! With increasing access to mass transit in downtown it is great to have safe walking and biking routes, but there shouldn't be properties that are exceptions. As a teacher, I have used and appreciated the opportunities for primary students to attend beach and forest programs. Art programs for classroom field trips would also be helpful. Many groups go to the Shack in Everett. Having something closer for Edmonds School District students to attend for a day would be fun. As a walker I would enjoy as many integrated/connected walking paths as possible. Having a dog park is a good idea. Keeping dogs off the other beaches and out of the other beach parks is a great idea.
- We need an indoor pool like Lynnwood with waterslides and fun water play with lessons etc
- We have enough parks. We don't need more. We need properties that bring in tax revenue and we need to use that revenue to fix our streets and put sidewalks in locations that don't even have sidewalks on one side of the street.
- NO
- We need a pool facility like MLT or Lynnwood
- The front desk help has been great.
- Thank you!
- I love the beaches I don't really go there for art etc.
- I walk the waterfront from the end of Sunset to the dog park, daily, and observe all of the work done by the Recreation Department as they maintain the parks - landscaping, flowers, lawns, cleanup, etc. I thoroughly appreciate the work of the Recreation Department and would support a tax increase, if necessary, to keep the department funded at the current level (or more, if possible!).

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- I am quite surprised that there are parks where dogs are not allowed, even on a leash. I would encourage you to allow dogs on leashes at all parks. There need to be more places for doggie bags and poop receptacles.
- Your maintenance and flower program staff is AWESOME! What a talented and dedicated group you are. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU.
- I see Parks and Recreation and The Arts as intersecting and complimentary activities and encourage further integration of Public/Private sectors to that end.
- Every time the "Craze" publication comes to our home, I look forward to seeing what is being offered and then am always disappointed that the exercise and arts classes I'm interested in are only offered during the day or early in the evening while I'm at work. Please consider holding these classes a bit later in the evening--after 6pm to give those of us who work and commute a chance to participate. There is more to Edmonds than retired old people or people who are rich enough not to work! You also need to concentrate your efforts to develop parks and rec sites and service outside of downtown Edmonds--the city limits are much larger than that and we pay taxes too! I will not agree to any further tax that would only go to further enhancing the down town area with no attention paid to the other parts of Edmonds.
- I would not support a tax measure that would acquire more parks or natural areas.
- We have enough and don't have the money right now for more.
- As our world becomes increasingly crowded and "nature " harder to connect with for all ages, especially the young and elderly, well-maintained and safe open spaces and parks take on an enhanced purpose and importance. Now is the time to set in motion a forward-looking goal that will serve the region during the coming decades--no matter what. For myself, esthetics and vibrancy are the keys to our well being
- We need an year round pool facility. The track at the Civic Center Playfields really needs to be fixed. It is hard to run there and I am sure the Edmonds running Club would like to train there.
- I believe the parks and services offered are fine and I do not think we need to create more. At this point we should financially support what we have and not add, because maintaining parks is expensive. We have enough great pools in the near neighborhood, enough parks, enough spaces for Art and artists. Lets work on the practical things, such as street repair, flower baskets, getting empty retail spaces rented, and creating attractive services that tourists and locals alike use.
- We have very good parks here in Edmonds. Maintenance of these parks is important. Additional new parks are not needed nor does the city of Edmonds

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have the funding for new parks. There are more important issues the city council should concern themselves with such as new revenue streams, creating a more business in Edmonds and maybe begin working for the whole of Edmonds and not just for themselves and their little group.

- thank you for all you do - investing in arts, culture, public spaces, recreation, and life of our community is what makes Edmonds so special, and why our family is planning to move back into Edmonds (hopefully near downtown) in the next 2 years. Currently we live in North Seattle, visit family frequently (who live in Edmonds).
- I feel the parks are well maintained, or as well as they can be w/ the increasingly shrinking budget and shrinking staff.
- Allow dogs on leash at ferry terminal beaches.
- Just want to say that Edmonds has some of the most beautiful parks that I have ever seen, and I've seen many :D
- they do a good job; don't cut positions.
- We need to install lighting and better turf/grass at the Edmonds Homeschool resource center soccer fields. We need more playfields with better turf and light.
- Dedicated bike lanes, better bike lane striping and signage on city streets.
- Would like to see more inclusion of dogs in parks in addition to one dog park
- Soccer fields, soccer fields, soccer fields!!
- I have taken yoga and pilates from Kerri Brockmann at the Anderson Center for years and she is fantastic! The fitness programs you offer are great and should be more widely marketed to get more participants!
- Preserve what we have. Improve access to parks and programs Other area outside of the downtown need attention.
- Improve and maintain what you have. Allow community groups to use parks for community gardens. Plant some trees in this "Tree City USA"; got an arboretum? If you can salvage some money from the stupid traffic circle project, law suit settlements, and purchase of waterfront property, use those funds before asking for special taxes to grow parks.
- Overall, the p&r does a fantastic job given their budget and number of employees. Other towns of similar size seem to have bigger budgets and more staff but proportionally does not do as good of a job as Carrie's people.
- The more parks & trails, and open spaces, the better. I am a nature nut-but I am not against making Edmonds a little more urban, to attract younger people, and have more useful businesses, besides jewelry stores and spas. I think the

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population density has to increase, while preserving outdoor spaces. I love how many restaurants now have outdoor seating!

- Mountain biking trails would be an excellent addition in the north end along Olympic View Road and or Yost Park. More skate board opportunities outside designated skate parks. Sailing clubs, kayaking clubs, year round swimming and diving teams. Golf club for all ages. We need sporting clubs to get people of all ages together on a regular basis to do the things they love to do with others who share their interests.
- It would be great to have more designated bike lanes/trails.
- We can't maintain streets and the other basic structure the City needs. When we start doing that and the City staff and council begin to focus on the whole city Nd not just the Bowl-"downtown"-ask again about parks and culture.
- I am a heavy consumer of parks services. I am very satisfied with the current parks services. I do not see a need to increase tax revenue for parks services, since they are already superior to most communities I have lived in.
- we need more trash cans!
- Please keep dogs out of the Brackett's Landing wildlife preserve. There needs to be a beach free of dogs.
- My wife's experience with Parks and Rec staff has been through the garden club and related activities, and has resulted in her coming home and complaining about the fact that, "They appear overstaffed with multiple layers of bosses, and are more worried about serving us coffee than doing their work." Unfortunately not a very positive impression. We could support additional funding for Parks and Rec at this time.
- I bring my kindergarten class to the beach every year in May or June. The Rangers always do a great job by presenting a hands on program fo Their grade level.
- Overall, Edmonds is well known for taking care of itself well. I feel a few "eyesores" exist in Edmonds and are lacking in comparison to some other areas. We really could use a biking/walking trail that offers a safe way to enjoy our beautiful views and highlight and access businesses. Also, if we continue to host events at the Civic stadium, it is quite an embarassment as it is dirty, dusty and not at all up to date. This wonderful piece of property in the center of our town would be a great spot for a community center/athletic center of town. A grass soccer field and nice track would be so well loved by the families in our community. Please consider this!
- Open the parks to dogs
- I'm againist in larging Yost Park Pool. I want Public Flush toilet in Yost Park. I'm

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also against any tree removal, to enlarge the Parking lot. The Yost Park Pool, start uncover and open only in the summer and fall for safety.

- Every year I have a ranger visit my kindergarten classroom, and then we meet her several days later at Marina Beach. This has been a FANTASTIC experience for both my students and me. The rangers are wonderful, and the beach is perfect. Thanks so much!
- We really need to make Edmonds a water front destination. There is really none available in the north seattle area other than Ricmond, and it's access is so difficult it would be very easy to make Edmonds a better destination. We have the right topography, we just need to take advantage of it
- I would like to see less no dogs allowed areas. Though I always vote yes on tax increases for the public school even though I don't have children, I wish there was more consideration for people who live alone with a pet and would like to bring them along when visiting Edmonds. The restaurants are wonderful about this, but the town keeps putting up more and more no pets allowed signs.
- Limit additional murals if possible.
- I think Edmonds does a good job with the funds available
- We have sufficient parks and recreation services. Other city services such as public safety and infrastructure maintenance should be the staff's and council's priorities. Of particular concern is acquiring more parks, especially in view of large cost overruns. These acquisitions are not a one-time bill, they require upkeep which has long-term expense in labor and material costs (which grow with increased wages/benefits and with inflation).
- The parks and rec programs are very important to maintain,they draw alot of residents and non-residents to the core if Edmonds. Good for businesses and community!
- Parks and Recreation rules are too stringent for dog owners and their dogs. Mukilteo is an example of dog owners being able to enjoy beach parks with their dogs on leash. I hate the off leash dog beach. I am accosted by other dogs and there is no other waterfront area in Edmonds that I am allowed to walk with my dog. Even the Edmonds farmers market has banned dogs. This has forced me to reconsider if I want to retire in Edmonds or move to Mukilteo. I have 2 dogs and am a responsible pet owner. I can't go anywhere with my dogs in Edmonds except to the awful off leash area which I despise.
- Allowing responsible dog owners to bring their dogs to Edmonds parks and the Saturday Market would increase attendance. I would (and others I have spoken with) would be more likely to use parks if we could bring our leashed dogs.
- The classes are boring, you need to change up the art and cooking classes, and

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make them more affordable. Also more winter sports, like pickelball and team sports. also update the weight room'

- Much better than the average town in Washington!!!!
- If you can actually get any levy passed at this point, it should be for street maintenance and emergency services. BASICS FIRST!!!
- fix the sidewalks around the city so more people can walk to events
- The Edmonds City Park playground needs to be renovated. The playground is becoming unsafe for our children. In addition, the Yost Park trails need to be maintained because right now they are overgrown by mother nature.
- It would be neat to have signs showing the type of wildlife in the parks and trails. With pictures and a little information about their habitat.
- I continue to be impressed with the quality of maintenance in our parks despite budget cut backs. I know there has been difficulty funding existing programs & I take my hat off to the employees doing such fine work to keep Edmonds looking & performing as good or better than ever.
- There are many rules that the parks have that are not inforced. The big one for me is that there are no dogs allowed in parks. Makes sense to me, but it would be nice if it were inforced a bit more. There are many dogs in parks that are not allowed, and I get tired of dodging land mines.
- I'm not a resident of Edmonds but I take classes (Writing On The Sound)and I use the beach. I enjoy the fairs and I sell at the antique mall. The one type of park lacking everywhere in Snohomish Country is the large open fields that don't have trees in the middle or bordering the field that blocks the wind. I'm a kite flyer and it's extremely difficult to find open fields for kite flyers. It IS a worldwide activity (Long Beach just finished their week-long international kite festival).
- Overall Edmonds does a great job.
- Make do with what you have. There is no money.
- Please make parks and other popular Edmonds destinations more bike friendly and include wayfinding signage for local and visiting cyclists.
- Money should be spent on feeding and housing the poor, the homeless and helping vets. Helping amateur artists create mediocre art is not a business the government should be in.
- thanks for the great work
- I love all the flowers planted along the waterfront park
- I would like to see the athletic facilities, especially the track, upgraded and

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maintained (at the location where Taste of Edmonds is held).

- no
- My husband and I just had our 1st child, a boy. Being an Edmonds-raised family going on the 3rd generation, it is vital that our community continue to maintain and build upon what is already established in this wonderful community. We cannot wait to take our son to swing on the same swings my husband and I played upon when we were young, enjoy the dog park together, and establish routines and traditions that we have built our own lives upon. Edmonds is a remarkable town that we love to share with our friends and family who come over from Lynnwood or visit from out the country!
- It is too bad Edmonds doesn't have a year round pool.
- I am impressed with the dedication and professionalism of the parks and recreation staff. The quality of the downtown floral displays, the cleanliness of the parks overall, and the congenial nature of the staff at the Anderson Center give a very positive impression of the Edmonds Park and recreation staff.
- Please have non- liberal agenda events for empty nesters who are not in the geriatric crowd. It seems that most offerings are either for kids or seniors....not much in- between.
- 1) develop/maintain trails in Maplewood Park 2) build a first-rate, year-round aquatic center
- I like what we have. Some classes like tai chi seem too expensive. I think we should concentrate on having a connected way to walk safely (i.e. sidewalks or trails)from the south to the north.
- Brackett's Landing is sometimes nearly unavailable to the public due to divers using up all the parking and spreading all their gear all over the sidewalks. I wish something could be done about that. I wish there were funds to better police the waterfront so the laws prohibiting dogs could be enforced, especially since we already have a waterfront dog park available. (And I am a dog lover but they have their place.) I would like to see a wider variety of offerings at the FAC such as cooking classes, and hands-on art, and nature classes. Lynnwood has a much wider variety of offerings.
- We love them!
- No, thank you.
- No dogs allowed in parks is ridiculous. I can understand a leash law and scoop law, but to outright ban dogs in parks makes no sense and is unprecedented in this area as far as I know. The City of Edmonds is so unfriendly to pets; I'd really like to see that change.

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- Given the economic climate, I would support maintaining existing parks, but NOT acquiring more parks.
- Purchase the 3 parcels of land from Dr. Park that abuts the city owned property, lot #12 of Admiralty Acres. This would make a great hiking park and a transition area from Seaview Park to Perrinvile and onto the County Park.
- Dogs are people too! Train the humans to pick up after them (provided poo bags, signage, etc.), and make Edmonds more "family friendly" by including dogs and humans...
- I think Edmonds should publish a "trail map" listing all of the parks and trails in the area. It can included distances, nice routes, and other suggestions (bike friendliness, dog friendliness etc.) A lot of people don't realize how many good trails there are around downtown
- I would like to see more adults off their rear ends and participating in some form of physical activity, like pickleball:)
- Edmonds has many senior citizens. Pickleball and disc golf are activities that seniors enjoy. I would like to see a disc golf course installed in Edmonds. This entails low cost and maintenance, and could attract many participants. Also, outdoor pickleball courts and a better facility indoors than the Anderson center (not enough space) would be good.
- If there were an evening walking club at Parks and Rec I would go. Don't want to walk alone, my neighborhood is not walkable and my spouse is not physically able.
- Maintain parks and rec at current levels. Walk-ability and sidewalks should be the priority of this department. City priorities are public safety and streets. Council should change REET policy to fund streets with portion currently restricted to parks capital.
- Yes I am an avid swimmer, and love swimming laps at Yost. From the first time I set foot in the women's locker room, in 2003, I was abhorred by the condition. There are clumps of hair on the floor and in the drains. There is debris strewn on the floor. It is so disgusting that I refuse to shower there after I swim; I come home to shower. I have mentioned this before, but to no avail. I see the lifeguards sitting around talking, rather than keeping the locker room clean. The locker room is a disgrace, an embarrassment (I apologize for it when I bring a guest) and a "black eye" on an otherwise beautiful facility and city.
- We have a great City staff of people dedicated to providing excellent parks and recreation service. The mention of business raises the idea of a campaign encouraging healthy activities for lunch and breaks city wide. Marketing Edmonds as a place for healthy businesses sounds good.

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- Hickman is great.
- I have an annual membership at the Lynnwood Recreation Center, but I live in Edmonds by the high school. I need the pool for exercise and therapy. I am at that pool at least 4 times a week and have made many new friends, particularly ones that are members of the Edmonds Senior Center. It would be nice if Edmonds had an indoor municipal pool facility open to everyone. It could include aerobic classes, masters swimming, swimming classes, therapy classes. and so on.
- Edmonds is one of the most unfriendly towns for dogs. I love it here but friends rarely visit due to restrictions of dogs allowed in parks, markets, etc.
- Civic Center Park track facility is unusable for large portions of the year - if it can't be regularly maintained, perhaps an artificial surface would be a cost-effective investment
- The Taste of Edmonds, in my opinion, has changed so much in the last 10 years or so. It seems to have lost any 'class'. It feels more cheap carnival atmosphere. Majority of food offerings are 'fair-like' and not from Edmonds restaurants. More carnival-like arts and crafts. Is basically like the waterfront festival which also feels more on the 'low-class' scale these days. I'd vote to keep our excellent father's day weekend Art's Festival and stop The Taste..
- The track at Civic Field could use improvement. In the wet weather it is a slippery mess, totally unsuitable for walking, much less running.
- We need more parks for our children to play. Neighborhood parks are lacking in the North Edmonds area. We'd like to be able to walk to a neighborhood park to meet our neighbors and expose our children to playing together.
- The parks and services we currently have are fine; just maintain them.
- Excellent Job!
- Keep the access available to Woodway residents.
- No more murals please!
- I would appreciate a greater focus on sustainable practices, which to me means a lower ecological/environmental impact or "footprint". The new Hazel Miller park is a good example. It is wonderfully useful and has been a great success this summer, but pouring that much new concrete is neither beautiful nor environmentally responsible.
- I love Edmonds parks (especially Hickman), but it is difficult to access any way but car with a child. Adding more sidewalks, bike lanes and easier access to some of our parks would make it easier to leave the car at home.
- Hickman Park was a nice addition. I would like more safe places for children to

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bike.

- Surrounding city's have good turf fields used for both soccer and softball. Local tournament are held which make money for the rec departments. Why not Edmonds?
- It would be nice if the recreation center offered a hiking program like they have at the Everett Parks and Recreation. There is an extensive choice of hikes to join, most of them led by a guy named Andy Boos.
- Edmonds is so scenic!! We need to draw in more visitors from the city (Seattle and surrounding areas)to allow our cute city to thrive with its rich selection of great local people and local goods. We need to support and grow all things that are EDMONDS!
- I live in the neighborhood of Cherry Hill in Edmonds. South and West of OVD and 176th. There are three houses that lead into my cul-de-sac that should be condemned and torn down and a park should be put there because there is no park in thie area. You have to walk and cross OVD to get to Lynndale or Meadowdale. I love everything about my neighborhood except for the fact my kids have never been able to walk to a park. Please send an official to look at the houses. They are particle board disasters.
- Wish we took better advantage of what COE has to offer. We enjoy living in Edmonds
- parks and recreation stuff should remain mainstream. Sometimes Edmonds tries to hard to become the Fremont of Snohomish County. Don't need weird stuff. Clean, avaiable, safe and maintained in my opinion is what's necessary.
- Yost is a treasure. All it needs is a facelift (the locker rooms) Nothing fancy, just clean and functional. Maybe add a slide for the kids.
- Edmonds is confusing to visitors. I hear over and over again from family and friends that visit if Edmonds is a beach town where's the access and amenities at the beach. We travel to small towns like Harbor Springs, MI which is a great blend of beach parks, the marina, and commerce. Edmonds is very segmented and is embracing the arts and ignoring the vast potential or boat visitors. It's very puzzling to me living here and walking through the shops on 5th and Main St. one would never know there was a beach and marina nearby.
- Overall I think Edmonds does a pretty good job, but it could be a much more important art destination, and use many more trails.
- It would be nice to have more public access around or to lake ballinger. more patrol of mathay ballinger park.
- We need to improve the quality and number of our soccer fields including adding restrooms, lighting, and artificial turf on some fields (the high schools are

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WAY overbooked and limited). The Civic fields would be an ideal location for a soccer complex. Currently Civic Fields is very underutilized. the fields themselves are in poor/dangerous condition. Civic field does not come close to sports fields offered by nearly all surrounding communities. Civics primary use seems to be for the 4th of July and The Taste of Edmonds. this amounts to 5 days out of the entire year...what a waste of facility. As soccer fields, the space could be used daily and even rented out to cover mainenance and crowd drawing events such as a soccer tournament and weekend games. Lets get this going!

- We need a pool with open swim for more than an hour! Can't wait for the splash park! Real bathrooms at marina park and civic field!
- Keeping an outside pool in Edmonds is most important.
- We love the Edmonds parks. Thank you for all the work you do!
- The baskets of flowers and corner flower gardens are very important to the atmosphere in Edmonds and should always be included in yearly plans.
- I frequently walk my dog in the city park, and I do clean up after her. I find the park very neglected and which may invite vandalism? I would like to see it better maintained.
- Encourage private enterprise rather than taxation. I would gladly pay a fee for the service.
- Love Hickman Park! Wish the paths to get there was more pedestrian friendly. Would love to see more like it.
- We have always been proud of the services in Edmonds and our families have chosen to regularly vacation and/or move to town after visiting.
- I love the birding cruises offered as part of Birdfest. So fun and affordable.
- Would like more trails. Want like more dog friendly areas.
- We should have a better aquatic facility. Yost needs a remodel. Bathrooms are needed at the beach (the one near the dog park). We love that beach but I am hesitant to spend a lot of time their because of the lack of a restroom. Yost should charge non-residents more than it does. Also, they should ask for proof of residence not just take peoples word for it.
- Many years ago, I was part of a volleyball team who met at Greenlake, and really enjoyed it. I would really encourage this to happen more often.
- move dog park off the beach and charge for it
- A general project to improve walkability throughout Edmonds would be wonderful.

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- I would LOVE more bike trails and bike safe bike lanes around Edmonds
- Update and fix the soccer fields! Add bathrooms and lights!
- Offer programs for the learning disabled both young and older. There really isn't a thing offered in our parks and rec.(would have to go to Shoreline or pay a lot for some privately run program elsewhere).
- I think Edmonds P & R services are mostly adequate and well done.
- The beach parks are so beautiful
- i would like a safe dog park. where my dog doesnt run on the tracks and into the public beach space. it isnt safe. alsoi would like some benches around town to sit while i am out walking. possibly with a view. garbage cans on the corners down town. had to carry a full poop bag around at the edmonds car show. not cool i no longer go tho the farmers market as frequently, no dogs allowed
- It is a given that the City of Edmonds has limited money. Parks and Recreation services make or break the quality of life. Suggest consideration of the following recommendations and food for thought. Some of the following are generic recommendations that could be applied to all departments: 1. Take care of existing infrastructure by funding routine maintenance based on cost of service, and establish and fund replacement programs for facilities and equipment. While there is a funded replacement program for city vehicles, is there a funded replacement program for recreation facilities and equipment? For example, is there a funded replacement program for neighborhood parks amenities, like picnic tables and playground apparatus? weight room equipment? with funding coming in total or in part, from revenues from programs? 2. Take advantage of every opportunity to improve existing, or add, waterfront access to Puget Sound and all other bodies of water in Edmonds. Edmonds's distinguishing feature IS Puget Sound. The costs are high, but the impact for current and future generations is higher. There are access points to Puget Sounds through neighborhoods that are in the category of "local knowledge". Walking trails are the probably the highest ranked facility in most Parks and Recreation Plans across the country. The "wow" factor and recreation impact for residents and visitors for Edmonds could be greatly enhanced by improving access in this area. 3. This is a generic recommendation for all departments. Identify service outcomes that are "essential", and what are "nice to have" services. Fully fund the essential and prioritize the rest. Ensure revenue policy work and cost of service analysis is the basis for establishing what is "fully funding" an essential service. Revenue policy work will help to ensures that everyone is paying their fair share from participants to taxpayers. I suggest this because most of the departments in any city are providing more services than are required by law or contractual obligation. Also, hold the Fire District accountable. Do the individual stations need new TV's every other year??? I hear from fire fighters

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this was the case in the early days. Not sure what is happening now. Just sayin', there is silly stuff that should not be allowed, even if the money is in the contract. 4. Make the Parks and Recreation Director a full time director. Is it correct she is a part time Human Resources Director? Budget may be tight, however, a city the size of Edmonds needs a full time Parks and Recreation Director and a full time Human Resources Director. The liabilities in both areas are high. 5. What to do with the aging building facilities is a significant challenge due to lack of funding and deserves a total review. (I know I'm preaching to the choir here.) For example, evaluate the useable life span of the Francis Anderson Center and the Senior Center. How long will the band aids hold them together? In the case of the Senior Center, what is the cost that will be needed to keep the building from sinking? And, is all of City Hall being utilized to the maximum best use? Is there any potential for economy of scale and cost savings if the facilities for parks and recreation and senior services and city hall are combined in some manner in the future? This would require a "rethink" of how services are delivered and where they are located, and how they are funded. Consider some "what if" scenarios: a. If the Francis Anderson Center and the Senior Center are torn down at the end of their life spans, what facilities are needed to support the outcomes to be provided by the Department and to provide Senior Services? b. Are there other privately and/or publicly owned facilities that could be leased and/or purchased that could be utilized to provide services and avoid the need for construction from scratch? c. What are pros/cons/costs if: the senior center services were moved to the top floor of city hall? or to the current Francis Anderson Center? or to a replacement building for the Anderson Center? Or to a facility in new private developments near the waterfront as part of mitigation costs? Or to a current empty space in Edmonds to provide better access for residents geographically? It is a given that any change would require a total "redo" of funding mechanisms, subsidies, etc. and getting clear about what Parks and Recreation services are essential to the community. The point of this is to look at "what could be" and ensure public resources are utilized to achieve the most critical outcomes for the city's population in the most efficient and cost effective manner. 6. Funding: Start a fund for replacement of facilities. Given the track record in Edmonds, it appears unlikely a bond issue for 100% of the amount will be successful. Consider setting aside money for whatever the ultimate vision is for facility replacement/renovation. When the City reaches a specific amount, for example 30% or 40% or whatever, ask the tax payers to pay the rest in a bond issue, or Councilmatic bond, in addition to any other sources of money that may be available at the time. Combine this with regular communication with the public so that when the time comes to ask for the "match", the City can make its case that it has followed through on its promise and vision. 7. Evaluate what business the Parks and Recreation Department is in. Many programs seem to be "tradition". It is good that some take advantage of the unique geographic

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location of the city. I'm sure you are evaluating what percentage of population is being served in this process, and how many new participants are utilizing Parks and Recreation services and programs, and customer satisfaction etc Are outcomes being achieved? Space seems to be a limiting factor for programming at the Francis Anderson Center. Evaluate leases at the Francis Anderson Center. While they provide consistent revenue, is this the best use? Are there other uses that could provide better or broader services to the community? Could the department operate in smaller building if it did not provide space for the lessees? Are all department facilities fully utilized in non-peak hours? I encourage the Department to set its own standards for service based on local demographics, needs and outcomes rather than relying on national standards of number of parks/facilities per 1,000.

- Bike lanes/paths
- Please focus on maintaining what we already have without expanding P&R budget. We don't need to acquire or expand parks for which we not only have to pay for initially, but must also hire more staff and acquire materials to maintain it which requires long-term expense.
- Parks and vegetation should be kept up better
- We are grateful for the quality and beauty of Edmonds parks and other public resources. We are regular walkers and it is a joy seeing the plantings and consistence maintenance done by Parks personnel. The Edmonds Senior Center badly needs some maintenance, with input by professional designer. It is a busy place, has good staffing, but its appearance is one of antique paint, old fashioned and dull colors, and somewhat neglected by the city. It has a variety of old-fashioned donated wall decorations and furnishings. We compare it to other nearby communities' Senior Centers - Edmonds is a distant last place in appearance and appeal. Do not think a painting- decorations upgrade would be costly, but would make a huge difference. We agree that the Frances Anderson Center is also dreary - perhaps both facilities need a modest make over.
- Need more accessible handicap parking near the area of the Sunday concerts and the restrooms.
- Esperanse needs help!!!
- The City of Edmonds has a reputation for being very dog unfriendly. Edmonds has a beautiful dog park which is greatly used and appreciated but the ban of dogs from parks, walkways along the beach and community activities such as the farmers market is very upsetting to many dog owners that live in Edmonds that we know and friends that visit us in Edmonds from Seattle and other nearby communities. Dogs are a large part of people's lives and families and the ban of dogs from many areas in Edmonds limits our family from enjoying many

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amenities that Edmonds has to offer non-dog owners.

- Trees are getting out of hand. Trim or limit the height of trees to prevent falling over.
- I really appreciate the work that Edmonds has done in the plantings and flowers downtown. Having open spaces for sport teams whether sponsored by the city or other group on the city is important. Having the ability to use the resources we have in the evenings with lighting helps keep this area safe. I don't use places where there are not public restrooms on site or close by. Keeping them clean and working of course is essential as well.
- I would love to see a bicycle lane installed along the length of Olympic View (from Puget Drive to Perrinville).
- The ladies restroom at the Edmonds pier is a disaster!
- no
- I think you do a great job now.
- The good ones are great, others 'ok' but need neighborhood parks on the eastside of town. the one park on Lake Ballinger is, honestly, a joke. Damp, mucky land, beat-up bench and nothing to do. This is not a park and, from our perspective, clearly represents the favoring of the folks in the Bowl/Downtown versus the rest of us. Level the playing field around town or don't do anything more!
- Edmonds is a beautiful city and it's residents are loyal to the area. A vast population of long-time loyal resident families' interests are in the athletic realm. There is a general opinion among those residents, that Edmonds (the city and school districts) do not place value and therefore do not support those interests. Thus, they take their expendable income dollars and seek those activities outside the Edmonds area.
- Due to Edmonds becoming increasingly higher-density in population, I encourage any efforts towards keeping OPEN spaces protected. Parks can hopefully be maintained at a decent level and PLEASE do not sell-off these lands.... if it's still being done, Stop it. The housing development that is being done by Hickman Park is awful. I live several miles from that park and use the field and basketball court on a regular basis, just like several other parks. We need trees, grass, open and natural habitats, etc. I think current recreation services are relatively good, if not excellent. I've played softball and basketball through the city programs... even use the F.A.C. weight room on occasion. Thank you - Lonnie Kopp
- The senior center needs to have the high priority the strategic plan gives ti.

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- Keeping Yost Pool and improving it
- Where is the sidewalk talked about by Council for the west side of Susnet?
- no
- More and longer walking trails.
- Tax money should be spent on fixing the roads before we worry about parks. At this rate, we won't be able to get to the parks.
- Edible book fest like they have at 3rd place books. It attracts a lot of people.
- Every program we've participated in, as a family, has been great. Minor quibbles about schedule for kids classes: try to schedule as if you are a parent with children in school, and parents working full time. Summer camp sched leaves over a week of gap at both ends, with few other options available. During the school year, there are also several Edmonds School District days that are off or half days, leaving parents scrambling for options for kids of all ages. If you had programs tailored to the school schedule, it would make the Parks and Rec a reliable service to turn to during these periods. I know the parks & rec is not designed to be day care, but my kids enjoy every opportunity to get a Discovery camp or other fun activity, so this seems like a way to tailor the schedule to the need.
- I feel parks are well maintained and trails are great. Any improvements are a great thing. Skateparks seem popular and maybe a third could be added? Or, another park similar to Meadowdale, which has that huge "pully" type swing for big kids? In fact, how about instead of another skate park, add "toys" for adults (and teens)!? It would be so cool. I think teens and adults would still play like when they were children, if the equipment was next to skateparks, it'd be obvious it was for older kids. Plz. See Paine Field Park near the Speedway king size swing and climber thing/spin thing :)
- Maintaining what we have is needed. The yost pool issue is a prime example. I never supported the money spent on yet another feasibility study on the pool and the short sightedness of where the money would come from to "re-do" the pool. Aging facilities are common and we need open talk on how best to move into the future with aging buildings. Upkeep is costly so to plan 20 to 40 years out is needed.
- You have a lot of soccer here, but no public, decent lighted fields. the meadowdale area has a high school with no lights, or a lighted area with bad fields. can't you get something together there?
- Rock on! Let's try to get more teens involved
- We need a new indoor pool facility before we acquire more parks

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- I think Edmonds should stay the unique place it is. The quiet, natural setting is the main reason I live here but work in Seattle.
- In general, the Edmonds parks serve our needs very well. I would like to see expanded dog access to the city park in Edmonds - the area that is set aside (and apparently policed, based on the testimony of friends) is small and serves double duty as a chip dump. Dog owners are park users too, and should not be treated as a nuisance, but should be well accommodated, as are the other user groups in the park.
- Trails for traveling, commuting, going place to place (not just in a circle around the park) Edmonds has few sidewalks compared to other cities (Shoreline) and I'd like to see more trails so kids can bike safely.
- Organize volunteer days. Many of us would love to help.

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- The Taste of Edmonds should NOT charge admission. The prices were too high inside to begin with. Just saying.
- I do not like the new black flower poles with artistic elements in the downtown. I think that they do not mix well with the antique lights and flower poles. It is jarring to see this artistic clutter. Perhaps they could be better in another part of town.
- One vision, which would be a collaboration between the city and the arts community, would be to tap into the high environmental awareness of Edmonds' artists and residents, creating a recycled art (only) event, drawing many participants to a free (outdoor?) venue.
- It feels like "good old boys" club. The arts festival has treated many of us professional artists very poorly
- the murals are great. but they aren't visible enough. there are several places down on the waterfront and across from the train station that would give major visibility to the arts here in Edmonds, if we want to be considered an Arts Destination, these public art displays should be more prominent and visible.
- Overall the City does an excellent job in this regard and should be proud of its work. However, leadership must understand that window-dressing is not a viable long-term strategy for sustainable redevelopment and economic prosperity. Edmonds needs to be more than a Potemkin village.
- To some degree, my response above applies to this question as well; however, we have several art/cultural groups who are supported by donors and some City funds. I truly believe many things can be accomplished by using caring people

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who want to see more art/culture in the City and who volunteer as well as financially support the groups.

- Free events are good.
- Edmonds could be marketed with "Edmonds Festivals" brand -- and let folks know that there is a festival every single week in town, from farmer's markets in the summer, to the car show, to the tree lighting....
- The murals are hideous and make Edmonds look like an amateur arts destination. The entire town lacks a designed aesthetic. There is no oversight to make sure that the retailers in the downtown core present to a professional level. There is no stimulus to building owners to find retail oriented tenants of high quality- Within the downtown core - there are too many service oriented businesses at retail level - Banks, Real Estate, Financial Management - none of these should be taking up valuable retail level space if you are going to try and get this to be an "arts destination". Places like Sandy B's Diner are a blight on the downtown core - there should be a fine on businesses on the main streets that aren't open - it makes the town look like it's full of hobbyists. The current business owners should take more pride in their look and presentation.
- The wonderful street corner plantings are an advertisement that Edmonds advocates beauty.
- I am disappointed that culture here is defined only as "art" . I would like to see cultural activities other than just the Easter Egg Hunt.
- We need a museum featuring NW artists, contemporary art museum, artist studio spaces similar to The Torpedo Factory - ECA has a lot of unused space that can be utilized into additional arts oriented venues - not just performing arts. A museum store and gift shop, etc.
- n/a
- The cost of all these services should be borne by the user and not subsidized. Some of the questions are worded in a way that suggest that responding is a support of the activity. The survey does not allow responses to suggest we are already doing enough and we do not need any more park services.
- The Arts Conference was an excellent gathering and I am very happy to have been able to participate. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, for creating such an event to bring together so many of us who are interested in the Arts.
- Less murals and more public art in the downtown area.
- I hate the murals Love ECA Love Edmonds Arts Festival Love once a month Gallery walks Hate "Taste"
- Please don't close Yost Pool. It is the GEM of Edmonds and it would be a

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tragedy, if it were to close.

- Keep improving it.
- Edmonds already provides a sufficient number of arts and cultural services especially for adults. We could use more opportunities for families with young children, like children's concerts year round.
- Edmonds Arts festival brings many to the city. Would love to have Edmonds be known as art city, also should promote our underwater park....maybe some art installations in that area as well.
- I would like to see an end to the mural painting on buildings. Enough already...
- Nice emphasis on the arts and culture, always has been part of Edmond's culture, kudos!
- Take a walk in downtown Everett or Walla Walla. You will see many public art works on the sidewalks all over in both of those cities. Edmonds apparently wants to be known for it's art community but you don't see any public art or sculptures while walking through downtown other than a few murals on buildings. If Edmonds wants to be known for the arts it probably should look the part too.
- Christmas lighting ceremony and festivities from the fountain are 5th & Main is a monumentally stupid and pretentious move on the part of the Art Society Snobs of Edmonds Streets (ASSes)! For years it was an identifying focal point and gathering place that gave Edmonds part of it's small, but elite community soul. Moving it out of the focal point of the city on to the side streets was idiotically stupid. Bring it back and regain some soul! Get rid of the ASSes!!
- I enjoy the murals and all art, music and of course the water front.
- Lets not go overboard with the art work displayed in Edmonds. Right now I think we have plenty of murals, in fact, too many. Lets diversify as well as move outside the core Edmonds area.
- n/a
- i think the events and services skew towards the older crowd and resident "in the bowl" – we have a diverse community outside the bowl and I don't feel like they're included enough and I get they have a lot to share. We can't let Edmonds just be known for predominantly promoting and showcasing adult white artists.
- Providing art classes and projects with more depth and less "craft" to young people of all ages would be a nice change. Does anybody need to make something out of macaroni or cotton balls beyond pre-school? No. I'm seeing kids in the fifth grade that can't draw a simple tree or use scissors effectively to

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save their life. When I ask them if they've had any art training, most of them will say, "Yes, every summer I take classes at Parks & Rec in Edmonds." I'm assuming that many are referring to a summer camp scenario, which may or may not be focused on creativity. If that experience only lasted a week, it isn't enough time to develop a new skill. I also understand that many parents sign their kids up for a quick class as a means of babysitting with an activity. We have that issue at the school. Creating a curriculum specifically to build a set of creative skills in children of a certain age isn't easy and neither is marketing it to specifically get those kids that are truly interested in learning to register for a higher quality class. If a partnership program between the school and your organization existed, it would be much easier to find those kids and invest in the idea of developing a community of younger artists. Teachers could even recommend or nominate an artistic student to an exclusive program with a deeper, extended focus. Celebrating and investing in quality art classes and programs for adults and seniors is wonderful. I just wish the kids growing up here weren't receiving the short end of the stick in the arts education community.

- We are proud to have the EAC in our town.
- We should have more and more cultural opportunities because people need to learn of all the existing culture inside the United States.
- Same comment as above ... just need better communication about what is going on.
- The art classes are expensive through Frances Anderson Center, but the teachers are being paid less. I hope that things change in the future!
- Love the murals, ECA and flower baskets in Edmonds!
- Please focus on sidewalks, so the kids may walk to school safely, and worry less about lantern style lamps in the non existent cultural district. The sidewalks that exist are not maintained, and there are very busy roads where there are none, especially on the way to seaview. If the district can't afford busing for these kids, they should make sure the walking path is realistic.
- no
- I would like to become more involved with it.
- More free things are best. And things I can take my kids to. Things "G-rated." I get nervous about "art" because some people tend to go crazy. That's all...
- There are many artists and arts experiences in Edmonds, but I would like to see more spontaneous art experiences, perhaps performers on the street or by the ferry, near the waterfront, etc.

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- Thanks for all you do.
- You need to get out the work and you need much more diversification.
- I love public art but probably more important is the availability of recreation services to anyone, even those who cannot afford recreation services. Quality of life services are usually the first on the budget chopping block. To be honest, I am not likely to vote for any tax increase for maintained or increased services until Edmonds changes it's form of government to a Council/Manager form of government. Edmonds needs a professional manager at the helm.
- Keep adding new types of performances, venues, etc. Keep it up—we love it!
- N/A
- Perhaps posting concert list of the Edmonds Center for the Arts some where visible in downtown Edmonds.
- I never really thought of Edmonds as an "Arts Destination".
- The murals are getting out of control. I don't have a problem that there are a few murals around town, I just feel like whoever is approving these designs needs to use a little more discretion. They look tacky and outdated. Would love to see art that feels more like something you would see in Fremont or Wallingford and is truly unique. When I think of the arts in Edmonds, I think of an older crowd who is retired and not art that is up and coming.
- More public art or tempory displays in public areas would enhance Edmonds.
- I love the increasing amount of artistic murals around downtown as well as the upkeep of planters and flowers. Both make edmonds very appealing and inviting.
- private run public support
- Including non-downtown Edmonds locations in public art would be great. It needs to be cohesive—similar enhancements in all locations to make sure everyone knows it is part of Edmonds and we are linked. Are we linked to the interurban trail at all? Lake Ballinger is pretty neat, isn't some of it Edmonds and are we linked to it somehow? Art could do it? What is that nice looking clubhouse over there by Ballinger Field? Does it get used? It looks like it is empty. There is loads of parking and a nice building—even if it isn't in Edmonds proper it is very very close and maybe it could support arts and cultural activities. Partnerships with Edmonds school District and Edmonds CC may be under developed. The planting strips in town this year are the best I've ever seen them—they look fantastic. They get better and better every year. EdCC has a horticulture program—are there links with that? Internships? The cultural diversity at the community colleges is a bonus since we lack that a bit in our general population. We have a Japanese sister city, maybe there could be more links in

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that area. Gardening, language, oceans, art, education?

- Art is an important part of growth and development and the lack of funding in the school districts make it even more important that Edmonds remain committed to the Arts. Edmonds Arts Festival is a stand out event bringing in thousands of people to see and learn about art in our community.
- Focus less on retirees and try to bring all groups to town.
- Edmonds Center for the Arts needs to be self supporting. The City backed bonds need to be fully repaid by the Public Facilities District.
- I grew up in Edmonds and am proud to support the arts and cultural services whenever I can.
- It's nice, but not important to my family.
- Just not that interested.
- The mural program is wonderful and is a source of enjoyment for residents and visitors alike. It gives Edmonds a special feel. The sidewalk improvements along Main St. are attractive. The Arts Festival is a wonderful institution. I feel privileged to live within walking distance. At some point when I am not working so much, I'll be likely to take more advantage of the arts and cultural services offered in the city. Thank you very much for asking for the public's opinions on the issues covered in this survey!
- CRI classes are amazing. Our dance groups are always looking for good dance floors (Skandia uses Cedar Valley Grange, Phinney Ridge Center and a church on Mercer. Also the Latvian Center and the Bothell Senior Center. Springdances is held at Seabeck on the Hood Canal. Leikarringen of Leif Erikson practices at Leif Erikson Lodge in Ballard. Our camp is at Camp Brotherhood.
- No
- I think public funds could be better spent elsewhere than on the mural art in downtown Edmonds -- some of these murals, in my humble opinion, are a bit tacky.
- we love art in edmonds
- Edmonds needs to continue its support of the arts and cultural events!
- I think Edmonds is already regarded as an artistic place, and enhancing the arts and cultural services will only serve to draw in more visitors and make Edmonds a destination for people seeking art.
- We will always vote for improving this important part of the city.
- Like the murals downtown, and the lovely flowers all over, such a pretty city to

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live in, love the beaches etc.

- I usually love murals...but even thou art is in the eye of the beholder, I'm not too impressed by many that are in Edmonds. And they are somewhat mish-mashed. The flower baskets are always a plus! How about art programs for low/no income kids. (and camps?)
- Sorry, we don't see arts and cultural as a vital service of the parks department.
- Sometimes less is better. I feel that we may be going overboard on the murals, it's like have too many knick knacks. Also, much of it seems kind of old fashioned. Just one persons opinion of course.
- Was quite vibrant until Symantics moved out
- I enjoy them... believe they make the city a better place to live.
- No. The 'take a few minutes' was deceptive and it requires quite some time to do this, so I need to stop.
- Facebook and media information is useful, just as I found this questionnaire, on-line. I do read the promotions that are sent in the mail; some of the offerings are outside of my experience and lifestyle. Edmonds does work hard to maintain its unique quality as it stands rather near to all of the stuff in Seattle. Edmonds is a nicer and safer place to walk around, even after dark.
- The ECA is a great place, and brings people from beyond our town's borders into Edmonds to see a show. I hope the City is generous in its support of the ECA.
- Thanks for asking!
- We live in a beautiful place and I think the city is doing a fabulous job celebrating and sharing our city with residents and non-residents. I am blessed to be a life-long resident. The fountain is gorgeous and the flower baskets and flower beds are too, keep up the good work. Please do mention to the Parks Department, lets keep the fountain a fountain, even for most of the winter, rather than have lights on it and no water running through April or so like in the past several years. Thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts and opinions.
- Edmonds Center for the Arts is the City's most important arts and cultural asset. It enlivens the town (and fills our restaurants and other shops) on the nights of performances, it provides a wonderful space for community performing groups and provides wonderful opportunities to connect and grow. It needs to be embraced and supported in a more complete way by the City that it benefits.
- Improved and varied outdoor venues for performing arts....would be a draw for the city core businesses. More business...more tax income...happier citizens.

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- This was sorta of a question on the survey. I would like to see a better integration between the arts organizations, one example is why doesn't the City of Edmonds work with the Mural Society - if the city wants to promote Arts then there is a whole talent and organization to make it more visible to the public and visitors. Another example, I worked at the Edmonds Arts Festival this year and when I ask about working with other artist groups, I was a little laughed at. So, I am thinking there could be some better work done in that area and the survey does not really address integration of events or groups.
- The Arts and Cultural services in Edmonds is unapproachable as it is pretty much controlled by a few. It needs to be more transparent, and open to everyone.
- Make more use of Edmonds Center for the Arts by doubling the number of performances.
- Stop public funding of the ECA.
- It is exciting to be part of a community that is so art driven.
- Nice offerings, hope they can be expanded in future as funding and space permits.
- Edmonds has become recognized as an "art community" and with this it brings artists together and those who enjoy their work. Yet, people see abandoned buildings and empty store fronts downtown that signal to visitors a community that is struggling with its own identity. I hear in circles the term "Deadmonds" when making reference to the downtown. If we are to be something... and Arts and Culture seems to be the identity we have chosen to pursue, then we should not struggle in regards. We need to be the best at this. We need to bring in more "masters of arts" to our community, a "Pageant of Masters in Art" We need to provide more studio space (at cost or public access) for artists that wish to explore or expand their art The Edmonds Center for Creative Minds. We need to expand on the street scenes (like the Edmonds Farmers Market) and bring it indoors during the off season, make it an art scene for local artists to share and sell their work, invite others outside our community to participate, and make it a regular event. These are just some of the ideas I can offer you. You are doing a good job, yet there is great opportunity, and Edmonds is worth the effort and a great place to live.
- I love the Edmonds Center for Arts programs
- When I think of Edmonds cultural/arts, to be quite honest, I think of senior citizens and the downtown area only. To make Edmonds a true cultural/arts destination (supported by marketing dollars) the city must expand its programming to embrace a broader variety of the arts, including the edgy and outrageous types that draw the interest of the demographically huge Gen X and

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Gen Y populations.

- Teens refer to Edmonds as Deadmonds. It would be nice if there was more for them to do.
- Superlative, consistent, community dedication is greatly admired! A real magnet! Such a friendly seaside town without pretension! Hoping the redesign of the waterfront (auction area by ferry parking) conveys the character of "welcome" to "our town" and doesn't get lost in gaudy commercialism!
- I would like to see more music festivals. Dixie land jazz, gypsy jazz, choro, bluegrass. etc.
- I'm not loving the explosion of murals in Edmonds. It looks a little like a comic book downtown now.
- I would like to see murals in the Five Corners area and include the native Salish culture.
- I already have
- I would enroll my daughter at more things at Frances Anderson center like art and cooking or something if the fees were less. the selection of activites is great.
- I am a member of Gallery North in Edmonds, and overall I think the city and all do a good job or promoting the arts. I would like to see more professional teachers and classes at the level of Pratt in Seattle. These could be held in conjunction with Artworks perhaps? That is an underused facility..but maybe Edcc and P& R could work together. I think we are doing a great job overall! Streets look great. Some neighborhoods are a bit underserved such as zone 2.
- We love the ECA. Please try to keep the ticket prices affordable for lower middle income folks. Not all of us can afford expensive cars & venues.
- Have conference center open during work hours during week so people can see art displays then
- I think this is overrated. We need to build businesses around young enterprenurial people, but cater to keep this city old. Get rid of the antique mall. Put in something that will draw people to the heart of edmonds.
- None.
- No thank you
- The variety of sports is pretty good, but the music/art lessons are lacking.
- Arts and cultural services are not so much an issue in the city of Edmonds. What is an issue is continuing to cater to a geriatric culture and not highlighting the potential that Edmonds offers and the lack of infrastructure and development in commercial spaces downtown. There is a reason that Petosa's went out of

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business, an older population base does not spend money. attracting local commercial businesses and start-ups, similar to Ballard, Queen Anne and the like would be a smarter proposal.

- I don't care about it. Hard times have made it necessary to charge for festivals and the funding can be stretched only so far. Road improvement and public safety are priorities, not entertainment. The library is important other stuff not so much. I don't know what dunderhead thought 10% for arts was a good idea for public buildings. The people in jail do not care about the art outside the building, just as the people using the transit tunnel downtown Seattle pretty much ignore the art. I do like the art walk that happens in September but that is not supported by public funds.
- Appreciate the conversation and focus on arts and cultural services. Would like to see less conventional art presented. Thank you
- I'd like to see more free music in Edmonds but I'd like those musicians to be paid well. By music, I mean small ensembles that encourage the listener to linger, listen, visit with friends, shop, and eat. Not more loud rock bands that hurt the listener's ears and do not encourage conversation.
- Thank you!
- I'm pleasantly surprised at the quality of talent that is brought to the Edmonds Center for the Arts. We've enjoyed several performances recently and are amazed that such big names come to our little town! My husband and I moved here almost three years ago from the Portland area and love this town!
- no
- Yes..PLEASE STOP PAINTING THOSE HIDIOUS MURALS!!!! I do not know how or why this program got started but it needs to stop. Graffiti is more artistic than these murals. They are spoiling our beautiful downtown. We aren't Leavenworth...at least they have a theme.
- No I believe that Edmonds does just fine with what they already have.
- It would be great to foster more collaboration between the different arts organizations, the city, and artists in Edmonds. We do have good support for art here. Id like to see it continue to improve. The city and the citizens do value art and culture and this helps make Edmonds a great place to live.
- We have enough. We need to focus on things that bring in a younger age group and bring in revenue. We need to prioritize and not just spend spend spend!
- no
- Keep developing it. It's great to see.
- Edmonds Center for the Arts is wonderful. There should be a way to get every

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ticket used at the last minute for shows that are not sold out!

- We already have a PFD which is a taxing district....I suggest we use that entity to propose a fund that would support both the ECA and be a Granting organization for the entire Edmonds Arts Community.
- I think Edmonds Center for the Arts is an amazing resource for performing arts and culture right in Edmonds. It's a shame that the City of Edmonds does not promote Edmonds Center for the Arts as a valuable place for residents, families and businesses in Edmonds. Where else can you see such a range of amazing performing art? What other business/organization brings in thousands of people each month to dine, shop and visit Edmonds each month? Every time I attend a show at Edmonds Center for the Arts I almost pinch myself...how incredible is it that I get to see this...here in Edmonds!
- The summer concerts are good. The murals are great. Relax and enjoy the talent that is in the Edmonds area. Keep the variety going.
- Keep on doing what we are doing and look for private funding for additional projects.
- There are wonderful cultural and artistic opportunities here. Many are too expensive for participation except by the wealthy. Parks and Rec seems to be the "leveler" in this. In times of economic distress, though, it is hard to maintain the wide selection of classes and opportunity. I do believe that it is really important to do this, though, and it always comes down to what to do with the resources available. Thank you so much for the opportunity to make our thoughts known—it seems to me that this survey is really wise planning on your part.
- Regarding Cultural events and Art in Edmonds there is a lot of variety offered as it is. The city should concentrate on bringing in tax-revenue generating business, instead of more tax-draining events. Lets built a financially sound and strong city instead of pie-in-the-sky wish list.
- It is working fine through private funding and Edmond's vast group of volunteers who give so much time freely. It will continue to work very well if the disfunctional city council keeps their noses out of it!
- see above. In particular, we appreciate the community events (like concerts in the park, outdoor movies, waterfront festival) that encourage people to get out and "be" together in meaningful ways. This is how we break down silos, increase cultural awareness and sensitivity, and teach our youth about the importance of being engaged in the life and health of our community.
- It would be important for more of the City Council members to participate in arts and culture by supporting and attending the varied performances at the ECA. It is a very important part of the arts and culture of Edmonds. I feel the City

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Council is sometimes more of a deterrent to a logical solution for many of the cities problems.

- In order to have more public art and not break the city arts budget, consider an art loan program where artists loan large outdoor sculptures to the city for a specified period of time. The local gallery representing the artist would have its name on the title plaque and any interested buyer could contact the gallery for purchase. If the city received a great deal of public enthusiasm for a piece, it could itself purchase the piece or find a local patron to gift it to the city for permanent display.
- The Arts Festival is one of the best I have ever been to. Please keep up the great work!
- Need programs that appeal to others than kids and women.
- Clean the toilets in the City Park especially before events like the Sunday Concerts in the Park. It is embarrassing to have visitors use our facilities and gag. It would be nice to have real toilets (not plastic port-a-poopers) near the Grandstand at The Taste of Edmonds and Summer Market, but I know it would cost "100's of Millions of Dollars" to do so. The sewer line is soooo far away! How long are we going to be a hick town?
- I'm not too involved in the arts but I think it's a good thing to have. I do go to concerts in downtown Edmonds.
- I very much enjoy the variety of arts and cultural services in Edmonds. It is one reason of many I love our community. Keep it up.
- We talk about arts and culture as though they exist in a vaccum. We need a vibrant community to support that and that should be our first priority!
- recognize edmonds resident's art work or art businesses outside of edmonds
- I enjoy the variety of programs offered, and enjoy Craze as a useful and timely publication.
- The future of Edmonds must include strong emphasis on the arts in order to remain competitive in attracting tourism, business and real estate sales. The image of Edmonds still is a colorful and inviting one and mustn't be lost to over-development of unimaginative buildings, with artistic appeal compromised by practicality. Art projects (such as the murals) add hugely to the appeal of Edmonds and are not cost-prohibitive. I'd like Gerber sculptures all over town, but lovely permanent art likely isn't in our budget for some time. We have lots of local artists of all ages who could be encouraged to contribute their gifts. It's hard to imagine a true focus on art in Edmonds when current powers-that-be are so short-sighted as to view a round-about at Five Corners as sensible use of funds. Ridiculous. Repair roads. Keep police and fire personnel strong. And,

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always, fund the arts and make safe the parks, which add depth and meaning to life.

- More public restrooms and a pet friendly one. The Restroom are not pet friendly. More Arts and Cultural Services where well behaved pets can come.
- We have a good program already. Expanding it may ruin it.....
- I think that Edmonds support for the arts is quite adequate. I would like to see more social gathering nights and or days in downtown Edmonds for adults. The Halloween event is really wonderful for children. Keep that one going but add a few evenings a year that are more appealing to adults but don't exclude children.
- The Arts Commission under France Chapin is terrific and I am pleased that our mayor is supportive of the arts. The Art Summit meeting was well attended. I hope this will happen every year. Congratulations to the organizers of this event.
- No
- Part of the charm of Edmonds is the support it provides to the artist community. The display of public art, Edmonds performing Arts Center, Rick Steves and Water front are all great assets that make the small town feel connected to a larger community.
- I love that Edmonds embraces the arts so strongly; I can have arts and culture in a smaller community. Raised in Edmonds, I left for big city excitement and culture, only to return here to raise my children. Love, love, love the direction Edmonds is taking with regards to the arts! Who wants to live in drab suburbia? I don't! Stay the course! :)
- There is so much Edmonds has to offer, but living just outside of Edmonds a few blocks from the border in Lynnwood, sometimes I don't get the information I need. I rely on facebook, the edmonds patch and a few other sources. Wish more would come in the mail.
- More community events.
- Currently, there is a faction in Edmonds that wants to spend public assets to attract custom for business...for private profit. In this particular time of financial difficulties for all, it is ludicrous and difficult to watch.
- get rid of the snooty bags that run the arts festival. They have driven most of the "true" artists away years ago.
- Keep up the good work. Perhaps get marathons going in the park trails to raise money for the Arts and the Parks.
- We are absolutely in love with the ECA...What a great venue for the

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community!!

- I am not big in the arts. I do enjoy looking on occasion but it is not a big deal for me. I will not make a special trip for it but if I am near I will always stop.
- what is done is generally of good quality not done throughout the city, e.g., getting the murals out of the core downtown to the rest of Edmonds needs to be multi-cultural and is generally not today need a platform for youth/kids to get the same support as adults
- Again, make do with what you have. Do not rely on government sourcing, try to minimize government involvement.
- Quit trying so hard. It gets too twee sometimes in Edmonds, especially with all the average art produced for and by retirees. Art should come out organically. I really don't want to live in a Hallmark card. That's not really art. That's commerce's idea of art. Your view is the best art you have. Protect it.
- Events seem to happen that I was not aware of. There does not seem to be a place where all activities are publicized. If we want people to come to Edmonds for outdoor events, event the market suffers from not having public restrooms
- Overall, services are abundant and varied and many are free. Having lived in Seattle and been involved there in the arts, this was a nice surprise.
- An affordable venue for classes, workshops, Festivals, sales of art. More inclusion of art sales at the Farmers market.
- thanks for the communications and activities in so many areas
- I would like for information about events to be easier to find. It would be good to have more information regarding opportunities for volunteering for the different organizations and events. And follow-up would be good for those who volunteered for a previous event. Two years ago I volunteered for the Edmonds Art Festival. It was easy because there were people soliciting volunteers at the Farmer's Market. Nobody has contacted me since and I haven't seen anyone at the Farmer's Market either.
- I'm not in the loop like some but I think it's pretty good. We have a great community..but I'm not really in the mix of things like some.
- Low cost work space for artists would be wonderful but there is some at ArtWorks.
- no
- I would love to see more expression of other cultures. I am a born and raised Edmonds gal, and know that there is not much in the way of diversity living around me. However, I think we need to show our community and younger generations that we are very much in tune with the world around us from

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Vietnamese culture to the art and dancing expressions of those from Kenya; to the paintings and sculptures of our neighbors to the south, in Mexico. What a great festival that would be to bring to Edmonds!!

- The Christmas tree lighting event and the 4th of July parade are fabulous.
- Edmonds Center for the Arts is one of the best things to happen in Edmonds in the last 20 years
- Need more attention for writers' groups and programs
- I'd like some place where different groups could post their events besides the banners that are used (they are good, but need to be supplemented). Perhaps a signboard near the entrance to Edmonds on hwy. 99
- The one thing Edmonds lacks is inexpensive studio space for artists. Not everyone has enough property to be able to build a studio addition to their home or in their back yard. Otherwise, Edmonds offers wonderful cultural and arts opportunities.
- We love them!
- No, thank you.
- I thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Arts Conference and am pleased to know work is still being done. Although I am not an artist, I do want to continue to participate and support this update process.
- An amazing small town feel with a lot going on, and the flowers downtown are a feast to the eyes. Edmonds could become the WA version of Carmel, CA.
- Take a look at what Port Townsend offers, incredible!
- The Edmonds Arts Festival is wonderful - I feel as if the Waterfront festival has lost some of its charm over the past 10 or 15 years that it used to have. I hope artwalk (on the third Thursday of each month) continues too, I think this is great for local businesses.
- Thanks for your efforts.
- Good job
- Any additional spending in the P and R Department should be devoted to the arts and making Edmonds an arts destination.
- The Arts Community offers additional delight for living in Edmonds. Providing city wide installations and events could only strengthen our town. I was intrigued with the idea of additional locations for readings, rehearsals, and theatre productions. Maybe more coordination with Edmonds School District; Fire Stations; business' conference rooms; or coffee houses could increase

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locations. Designing a banner or poster to mark such locations would be great.

- So important to Edmonds economy and identity.
- It would be nice if the businesses that deal in art and the ones that support art were open later. By the time I get off of work in Seattle and get to Edmonds, things are closed. And if you are going to have arts open later, you will need restaurants open later. It's sad when people attend an event (play, music) and afterwards have to drive to Lynnwood or Seattle for a meal because most everything is closed. It is getting better, but where are the restaurants for the teens?
- I think there is something for everyone here and that we are quite 'artsy'. Bigger isn't always better and more isn't always better.
- Stop wasting the money by publically funding something that should be funded by the individuals interested. The Edmonds Center for the Arts shouldn't be receiving any public funding either. If it can't make it on it's own financially then it should go away. It shouldn't benefit from public funding any more than a bowling alley or movie theater.
- You've done a really great job so far. The focus on the arts is a big part of why we love living in the bowl. Keep up the good work!
- Set goals for the city "think Orcas Island!"
- The path we are on seems fine. Edmonds is a great place. And free expression likely allows that to exist. All opinions pushing and pulling for the common good. Sometimes I think there is too much of a desire to become weird. I do not support getting weird. Nice, clean, safe, maintained and available to the public is my desire.
- It's great, though I'd suggest downtown shops stay open late one friday night a month like Kirkland does! Tie it up with art, and promote all restaurants and businesses.
- I think the city does a great job promoting local artists and art functions.
- Over the years, our arts and cultural environment has become an integral part of our Edmonds lifestyle.
- Keep the flower people forever! Keep the free parking... Keep Edmonds Edmonds... You are doing it good...
- I would like to thank the Edmonds Parks and Rec dept for doing a most outstanding job! It is ALWAYS a pleasure everytime I visit! Thank You!
- more arts & culture events, like thurs art walk, and music in the parks
- While I value nearly all the public art in Edmonds, I would applaud the

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removal of the hideous, hateful, ugly sculpture at the walk leading to the fishing pier.

- Would love to see native American or Asian festival of some kind happen here. Canoe or totem building on the beach or whatever. They seem underrepresented in the arts, yet we claim to have an "international district".
- What keeps me from supporting a tax measure is the lack of transparency regarding public employee salaries and benefit packages. The public perception is that employees are no longer public servants, but that the public serves them with over generous taxation. To add more services would likely mean more bureaucracy and more of this.
- I lived and worked in Edmonds for 25+ years and moved out last year. I think the City has done a good job of launching and supporting various initiatives that have created strong arts and cultural services in Edmonds. It seems like a good time to let the various arts groups do their thing and quit using City funding to support them and organize them. The Edmonds Center for the Arts, the Arts Festival, the theater group etc. are well established and do not need City staff support. Also another rethink, given that the Edmonds Center for the Arts has a nice theater, is there a need for the City to continue to maintain the Wade James theater? I don't know what the City's costs are related to that building, but it seems there might be an opportunity for economy of scale, better visibility and facility for the Wade James group, etc. by relocating them. The Chamber of Commerce has provided special events in the community with limited financial help from the City. It seems like it might be time to let the Arts groups do the same. My impression is a lot of emphasis has been placed on developing a downtown arts scene. While it attracts dollars to the community, I wonder if there is similar emphasis and dollars placed on economic development in all business zones, ie. Perrinville, Four Corners, Aurora Corridor etc.. What is the pay back for the investment in arts scene by the City? What is the payback for investment in getting viable businesses to thrive in Edmonds? A small budget item and an annoyance I'd like to point out. The amount of arts publications mailed out by the city, specifically 4 color brochures, list of arts events etc. are not needed, are a waste of staff time and resources when there are internet solutions that could disseminate that information to a broader constituency. Suggest Arts and Cultural Services be considered in the context of the larger picture of service provided by the Parks and Recreation Department. I hope there will be a Parks and Recreation Summit. The challenge in having a special interest summit is that a bias is set before the doors are opened. Did sports folks show up? Did seniors show up? Did hikers and bikers show up? Were other special interest groups participating? A Parks and Recreation Summit would present the competing interests and potentially make for a more balanced perspective in the final recommendations for what to do with limited resources.

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- No
- More information about cultural events
- We applaud the long-term commitment of Edmonds to seek to review and improve its programs. This survey is one example of "quality improvement" effort - now to make tough priority choices.....
- Love the Sunday artists in action on the waterfront after the regular Arts Festival ArtWorks is a fantastic place for exhibits and workshops. Yeah for the city to rent the space. Am looking forward to the 4th Avenue project being completed. Would be nice to see music on the porches just like in the old days.
- Get the word out so people don't have work to find things to do.
- The art fairs and other events that occur in Edmonds help the community feel of our town which is what makes it so wonderful to live here. My children (10 yrs old) have noticed this also and have taken a sense of pride in the community. Thank you.
- I would urge that an Italian-like piazza be created to serve as a centralized open space to host year-round arts and cultural activities. The town square could include a central fountain, space for the Edmonds Arts Festival, performing groups, and art displays. Boutiques and restaurants with outdoor seating would be situated around the perimeters. Think Piazza Navarone in Rome!!
- Basically, a good job is being done and the efforts of many are much appreciated. I just seem to lack the motivation to go out and get myself involved.
- no
- I think you do a great job now.
- As an adult raising children in this area (having attended school here myself), I feel our city budget dollars and overall city government focus is weighted too heavily in the arts. That it doesn't represent the population as a whole, and therefore doesn't maximize the opportunities to bring balanced tourism to Edmonds, or support and promote athletic activities/business in the area.
- I have attended productions at the Wade James Theater since I was a child. An excellent playhouse that should be protected, promoted and supported at all times, by the city administration. I do enjoy seeing some of the art work on buildings (downtown). My hope is the funding is MINIMAL or private when it comes to things of that nature. The E.C.A. is a beautiful facility and I encourage it to be run and operated off ticket sales and their direct revenue. It seems like they generate a lot of support from business and citizen sponsorship. The ECA has a basketball gym that continues to deteriorate and I encourage it to be rented out (still?) to any and all private groups so it can remain a recreational

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option at a reasonable price. Thank you - Lonnie Kopp

- Love the murals in town,
- no
- More public art and outdoor performances (band concerts, plays).
- Tax money should be spent on fixing the roads before we worry about parks. At this rate, we won't be able to get to the parks.
- Awesome events and services... Let's try to get more teens involved. How can the city work with teachers to make that happen?
- Edmonds has a lot of talented artists. I enjoy attending the art festival, and the events at Artspot and Artsplash. Nice to have that here instead of driving to Seattle.
- We love the appearance of the artist's works as murals on walls around the downtown, and always walk over to look at new ones when we hear of them. How about a published book of the Edmonds murals that the city could sell to raise money for the arts program?

How do you describe yourself?

Other

- American
- American
- asian caucasian
- European
- european
- Human
- Jewish
- jewish
- middle east
- no answer
- Pakistani
- Scottish
- Western Europe

