



AGENDA

ASTORIA PLANNING COMMISSION

May 24, 2016

6:30 p.m.

2nd Floor Council Chambers

1095 Duane Street • Astoria OR 97103

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. MINUTES
 - a. April 26, 2016
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - a. Amendment A16-03 by Astoria Parks & Recreation Department to amend the Astoria Comprehensive Plan to include the Astoria Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan, City Wide.
 - b. Variance V16-05 by Josh Kolberg, Architect for Columbia Memorial Hospital to locate a cancer treatment facility with floor area to lot ratio of .22 from required 1:1 ratio at 1905 Exchange in the AH-HC, Attached Housing - Health Care zone.
5. REPORT OF OFFICERS
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Non-Agenda Items)
7. ADJOURNMENT

**THIS MEETING IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE DISABLED. AN INTERPRETER
FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED MAY BE REQUESTED UNDER THE TERMS
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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, 503-338-5183.**

ASTORIA PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Astoria City Hall
April 26, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice President Easom called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Vice President Kent Easom, McLaren Innes, Sean Fitzpatrick, Daryl Moore, Jan Mitchell and Frank Spence

Commissioners Excused: President David Pearson

Staff Present: Planner Nancy Ferber and Community Development Director Kevin Cronin. The meeting is recorded and will be transcribed by ABC Transcription Services, Inc.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice President Easom called for approval of the March 22, 2016 regular meeting and work session minutes. Commissioner Fitzpatrick noted the following corrections to the regular meeting minutes:

- Page 3, line 2 – “~~Vice President Easom~~ **Commissioner Fitzpatrick** confirmed that the relocation of the daycare center was not related to the Applicant’s business.”
- Page 3, paragraph 10, line 3 – “However, much of the debris was not removed **from the yard.**”
- Page 3, paragraph 12 – “Director Cronin said in January, Commissioner Fitzpatrick recommended code enforcement at a property on the corner of 8th and ~~Harrison~~ **Grand.**”

Commissioner Innes moved that the Astoria Planning Commission minutes of the March 22, 2016 meeting as corrected; seconded by Commissioner Moore. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Cronin noted the following correction to the work session minutes:

- Page 1, fifth bullet, second sentence – “Director Cronin showed photographs and described which features defined Columbia Landing as townhouses and ~~Martin~~ **Market View** Townhomes as row houses.”

Commissioner Moore moved that the Astoria Planning Commission approve the minutes of the March 22, 2016 work session as corrected; seconded by Vice President Easom. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Vice President Easom explained the procedures governing the conduct of public hearings to the audience and advised that handouts of the substantive review criteria were available from Staff.

ITEM 4(a):

CU16-03 Conditional Use CU16-03 by Rickenbach Construction for Trish Bright to locate indoor family entertainment Museum of Whimsy on the first and second floor of an existing meeting space at 1215 Duane in the C-4, Central Commercial zone.

Vice President Easom asked if anyone objected to the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission to hear this matter at this time. There were no objections. He asked if any member of the Planning Commission had any conflicts of interest or ex parte contacts to declare.

Commissioner Fitzpatrick declared a potential conflict, noting he owns the adjacent property directly to the south, but he believed he could be impartial.

Vice President Easom asked Staff to present the Staff report.

Planner Ferber reviewed the written Staff report, noting that the report was updated with photographs of the proposed parking area and sign. Staff recommended approval of the request with the conditions listed in the Staff report.

Commissioner Innes understood the entry to the museum would be on 12th Street and asked why the sign on Exchange St was a concern. Planner Ferber explained this was an error in the original Staff report. She confirmed that the updated Staff report now accurately reflects the main entry would be on Duane, with extra doors on 12th Street.

Commissioner Moore said parking in the commercial space looked like it could accommodate 34 spots, 16 spots for the museum and 18 for the old muffler and body shop building, which he believed had been unoccupied for a decade. He asked if using some of the vacant building's parking would make it less useful.

Planner Ferber explained that the Applicant owns the parking lot, so use of the vacant building will not be affected. The parking lot could be used for both buildings if the owners worked out an agreement.

Commissioner Moore clarified he wanted to make sure the City was not encouraging or enabling a vacant building by taking its parking for another building. Planner Ferber explained that off-street was recommended, but not required. Director Cronin added that the criteria being considered is for the Banker's Suite and the Planning Commission should consider how to apply the criteria to that site. The Commission can require the off-street parking based on the proposed use, but the vacant building ordinance is upheld through Code enforcement. He could follow up to find out if Staff has implemented the ordinance on the vacant building.

Vice President Easom noted the Staff report required the bicycle space to be located in the sidewalk furnishings zone. Staff explained that a bike rack cannot be placed in the middle of the sidewalk. The furnishing zone extends about two or three feet from the edge of the curb. Sidewalks must maintain a clearance for pedestrians and wheelchairs, so the furnishing zone provides a buffer.

Vice President Easom opened the public hearing and called for a presentation by the Applicant.

Michelle Dieffenbach, 37734 Eagle Lane, Astoria, said she appreciated the Planning Commission's review and the Staff report that Planner Ferber put together for the project. The owner has voluntarily proposed to offer off-street parking to the museum's visitors. This building is not required to provide any parking, so the owner would appreciate the parking lot remain a voluntary amenity.

Vice President Easom called for any testimony in favor of, impartial to, or opposed to the application. Hearing none, he called for closing comments of Staff. There were none. He closed the public hearing and called for Commission discussion and deliberation.

Commissioner Moore moved that the Astoria Planning Commission adopt the Findings and Conclusions contained in the Staff report and approve Conditional Use CU16-03 by Rickenbach Construction; seconded by Commissioner Fitzpatrick. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Easom read the rules of appeal into the record.

Public Hearing Items 4(b) and (c) were discussed during the work session. Staff confirmed both public hearings would be rescheduled.

ITEM 4(b):

A16-01 Amendment A16-01 by the Community Development Director to amend the Astoria Development Code, Article 9 – Administrative Procedures, City Wide.

ITEM 4(c):

A16-02 Amendment A16-02 by the Community Development Director to amend the Astoria Development Code housing section to encourage more infill and development of existing residential lots as part of a larger affordable housing strategy, City Wide.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS/COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Moore reported he had been approached by someone who was concerned that the list of vacant and derelict properties Staff was putting together would be publicly accessible. Director Cronin said the list is not published online; it can only be accessed at City Hall. The list contains seven properties at this time and Staff continues to add properties to the registry.

Director Cronin reported an open house featuring the library options had been scheduled for May 25, 2016 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the library. The open house will be hosted by the Astoria Library Board and Astoria City Council. After the open house, a joint Library Board and Council meeting will be held at City Hall at 7:00 pm. No decisions will be made that night, but public comments will be taken.

Commissioner Spence noted that two public hearings on the agenda had moved to the work session. He asked if action on these items would be delayed by a month. Director Cronin explained that after publishing the notices about the public hearings, Staff received comments that indicated a work session would be easier and more collaborative. Public hearings will be rescheduled for some time in the future, depending on direction from the Planning Commission and City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT TO WORK SESSION:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to convene the work session at 6:58 pm.

APPROVED:

Community Development Director

ASTORIA PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION

Astoria City Hall
April 26, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice President Easom called the work session to order at 7:01 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Vice President Kent Easom, McLaren Innes, Sean Fitzpatrick, Daryl Moore, Jan Mitchell and Frank Spence

Commissioners Excused: President David Pearson

Staff Present: Planner Nancy Ferber, Community Development Director Kevin Cronin, and Parks Department Employee Ian Sisson. The meeting is recorded and will be transcribed by ABC Transcription Services, Inc.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT MASTER PLAN:

Ian Sisson provided the Commissioners updated copies of the draft Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan and draft recommendations. He reviewed the master planning process, timeline, next steps, details of the draft Master Plan and draft recommendations, the Plan's impact to the Comprehensive Plan, and next steps. Director Cronin briefly described the public/private partnership between the City and the Senior Center and suggested the City needed to get smarter about its facilities. Mr. Sisson asked the Planning Commission to provide feedback and advise Staff about how to move forward. He noted that Commissioners were welcome to submit feedback at any other time, as some of the information presented was new.

The Commissioners agreed the draft documents were thorough. Commissioner Spence said he was surprised the Parks and Recreation Department was able to do so much with limited funding and personnel. Three full-time employees are not enough to cover all of the Parks. If the Plan is implemented, the Parks Department will need additional personnel.

Director Cronin explained that this Public Facility Plan would allow the City to accomplish several land use and planning goals required by the State. The final Plan will be presented to the Planning Commission in a public hearing as an attachment to the Comprehensive Plan. Parks play a big role in how the City determines its land needs as the City must plan for future growth. Therefore, the Parks Board, Planning Commission, and City Council must consider policies that accommodate Astoria's future needs. He recommended the City optimize what it already has.

Vice President Easom noted the City owns 1,300 parcels of land and asked how many parks sites were included in the study. Staff replied the Parks Department has 63 facilities; 35 are parks and the rest are trails and indoor facilities. The Plan includes a diagram that shows the growth of the Parks system and the department's financial metrics since 1990.

Planner Ferber asked if there were any high priority areas that stood out in feedback from the most recent open houses. Mr. Sisson stated that feedback from open houses indicated the community's two highest priorities are to increase revenue and staffing and to improve existing properties before adding new properties. He told the Commission where this information could be found in the draft Plan and reminded that Commissioners could call or email him with comments.

The following Astoria Development Code Amendments were moved to the work session from the public hearings scheduled during the regular Planning Commission meeting.

Amendment A16-01 to Amend the Astoria Development Code, Article 9 – Administrative Procedures, City Wide

Director Cronin noted that one of City Council's goals was to streamline the permitting process and Article 9 has not been updated in a long time. He considered the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) model code for small cities to develop the proposed amendments. No major changes had been made since the

Commission's last review of the proposed amendments in March. However, the on-site notices are now only being proposed for Type 3 applications, which require public hearings before the Commission. This change was made based on feedback given at the March work session.

Vice President Easom confirmed there were no public comments.

Amendment A16-02 to Amend The Astoria Development Code Housing Section to Encourage More Infill and Development of Existing Residential Lots as Part of a Larger Affordable Housing Strategy, City Wide

Director Cronin explained that one of City Council's goals was to promote housing that is affordable to all Astorians. He displayed the housing project website on the screen and reviewed the work done to date. He briefly reviewed the City's efforts to improve the home stay lodging program. When Staff discovered the scale of the problem was much smaller than originally thought, City Council decided not to move forward with changes to the home stay lodging program. Therefore, the Planning Commission just needs to focus on Articles 2 and 3 of the Development Code. He briefly reviewed Amendment A16-02 included in the Staff report, noting the most recent changes.

Discussion from the Planning Commission and responses by Staff to Commissioner questions was as follows:

- Raising the height limit by 8 feet in the R-2 zone would allow three-story homes or more floor area in townhomes.
- New development within 100 feet of known flood areas should require a site investigation report, just like new development near known landslide hazards. While people should be made aware of flood hazards, digging in a flood zone would not impact adjacent properties owners as it would in a landslide area. The building permit form already includes an option to require a flood permit or certificate.
- All of the updates to the proposed amendments have been published online and are publicly available. Interested parties have also been notified via email.
- Suburban front yard setbacks are typically 20 feet from the edge of the right-of-way. Astoria is a small town that has been built to suburban standards. So, Staff is recommending setbacks more typical of the historic properties that were built prior to the Zoning Codes. Proposing a 10-foot setback in the R-2 zones gives more flexibility to the Applicants.

Director Cronin noted that Staff would update the Commission on a tiny home demonstration project in about a month.

Vice President Easom called for a recess at 8:00 pm; the work session reconvened at 8:10 pm. He called for public comments.

Rachel Jensen, 1445 Lexington, Astoria, confirmed with Staff that tiny homes would be allowed as accessory dwelling units (ADU) and that tiny homes had to be manufactured off site, just like manufactured homes. She wanted to know if tiny home designs would need to be preapproved for historic neighborhoods. Director Cronin explained that tiny homes would need to be removed from the trailer, placed on a permanent foundation, and connected to utilities. Tiny homes would not be considered temporary structures by the City, but financing might be difficult to obtain. Staff is working on placing a model tiny home on City property for people to look at because there is a lot of interest in them. Tiny home designs will be chosen by the homeowners and if placed next to a historic structure, design standards will apply.

Ms. Jensen understood density would not change. However, in an R-1 zone, single-family homes with ADUs would result in an increase in density. Director Cronin explained that the overall density would not change because ADUs are not considered full housing units; they are an accessory to the main dwelling unit. ADUs add capacity without changing the overall density. Ms. Jensen asked if two off-street parking spaces could be tandem. Planner Ferber said only up to two parking spaces could be stacked.

Commissioner Moore added that ADUs allow more residents in one home without building another home on the lot. Director Cronin said the City could not regulate the number of people living in one single-family home. ADUs allow up to two more people.

Charles Silvas, 8023 N. Berkley, Portland, said he was a former Astoria resident and currently works close by. He supported tiny homes and ADUs and was excited that Director Cronin had stopped by to see the tiny home he was building. He made available some handouts that noted positive aspects of living in tiny homes. Right now, people are building and living in these structures regardless of building codes, especially in the Portland

area. The industry is completely unregulated and structures are built without smoke alarms or egresses. Some of the tiny homes may not be structurally sound and he hoped tiny living could be done in a safe and regulated way. Astoria has an opportunity to make ground-breaking decisions, be on the forefront of these changes, and set precedence for other communities to follow. He believed tiny houses were a viable option for low-income families and people seeking alternative living. This is an opportunity to create local jobs. His business in Hammond is licensed, insured, bonded, and currently supports two fair paying jobs. If his company can build more, more jobs would be created. Astoria does not have a lot of land and tiny homes do not take up much space. Tiny homes make good use of the space that is available and provide people with a nice place to live. The novelty of tiny homes would be good for a community like Astoria, bringing in tourism and generating income for local businesses. He believed tiny homes would be healthy for the local economy. If Astoria made some changes, it would likely get media attention. Also, the City could collect land use taxes and permit fees. He confirmed that his tiny homes are all handmade structures built from the ground up. He invited the Commissioners to stop by his business to see the tiny home he was building.

Director Cronin explained that were quite a few new ADUs in Portland, which led the Multnomah County Assessor to reassess those properties. Property tax bills have increased significantly. He reminded Vice President Easom of the current minimum lot sizes that allowed 500 square foot ADUs and Staff's recommended reduction. Tiny homes would still have to meet setbacks, lot coverage requirements, and sometimes design standards. Staff could consider tiny home developments, as Article 3 of the Development Code includes a section on cottage clusters. This section of the Code has not been used outside of Mill Pond and Staff would have to make sure any changes were accessible for both the applicants and the City. In tiny home developments, the tiny houses would serve as the main dwellings. But, ADUs must accompany a primary structure.

Commissioner Moore said he was not opposed to cottage or cluster developments, but they could not be referred to as ADUs. Director Cronin added that those developments would require a large parcel of flat land, but land in Astoria is mostly sloped.

Dennis Covell, 1020 10th Street, Astoria, said he lived on the southwest corner of 10th and Jerome. His house and several others front the old school. He was concerned about what would be done on the old school property. When he and his wife visited Astoria 25 years ago, Commercial Street looked like their home in Whittier, California. They decided to retire in Astoria in 1991 because it was a neat community. At that time, the area was pretty depressed, but things have improved since then and he loves Astoria. His property is at the tail end of a historic district and a great deal of effort was necessary to designate the area as historic. Putting multi-family homes in would be very bothersome. If 20 or 30 units were put on the property, what impact would that have on affordable housing? He wanted to know why the City wanted to change the Codes now and just for a few sites. The proposed Code changes will make it easy for the old school site to be developed. He was not opposed to this as long as it was done right. He understood the property would be developed eventually and he would support a project that was reasonable. However, the proposed changes seemed radical. He understood building heights were measured at half the height of the arch in the crown of the building and anything above that was not figured in. This would mean the proposed 40-foot height limit to buildings in the R-3 zone would allow buildings up to 45 feet tall. This is an immense height, especially next to homes that are close to the street. He believed these issues were being handled the wrong way. Nice homes could be built in the area instead of multi-family units and all of the issues would pencil out. One reason for changing the Code is to address the large number of variances allowed, but the City is on the tail end of that issue. He recommended the City continue with the Codes as they are and use variances if they come up. It is very alarming to the community that these changes are being considered. The Commissioners are good stewards of the city and he hoped the Planning Commission would rethink the amendments.

Director Cronin displayed a map of Mr. Covell's neighborhood and explained he had referred to the Central School site, in the R-2 zone just south of Irving. The site has been vacant since the school was demolished and cannot be developed in its current state. He doubted that changing the property from an R-2 to an R-3 zone would generate enough interest for the owner to sell the site. The property has a lot of costs and a developer would have to build many units to get their cash back. Without an 8 to 10 percent return on their investment, developers will not put money into the property.

Commissioner Moore asked how the City could allay concerns about the property being developed. When changes were made to the Bridge Vista Area of the Riverfront Vision Plan, people expected the area to be built up despite the lack of developable land in the area. Director Cronin said public comments were based on the fear that a hotel economy would be developed. Hotels will continue to be built in Astoria, but it is not likely that

multi-family units will be. Astoria is in a tough spot because the State requires the City to have a 20-year land supply, but Astoria currently has a 15-acre shortage. The City has a great relationship with DLCD, but at some point, Astoria will have to make changes.

Commissioner Fitzpatrick understood the old school site was originally zoned R-3 and previous owners had the zoning changed to R-2. Director Cronin said the new codes would allow more attached single-family and multi-family units in the R-2 zone. Any development on that site will be required to complete the design review process with the Historic Landmarks Commission. This will ensure that the look of the building will fit in with the rest of the neighborhood.

Commissioner Fitzpatrick said he walks by the old school site every day. He agreed that the engineering required to build on the property would be cost prohibitive. There are five houses at 9th and Harrison and seven houses on the block to south. Higher density zoning in that area just seems out of place because the neighborhood is an island of R-2 surrounded by R-1 zoning. He was also concerned about the level of traffic along Irving and 11th.

Director Cronin asked if attached single-family units with shared courtyards, like townhouses or row houses, seemed appropriate in that neighborhood. Commissioner Fitzpatrick said he would be first in line if a development like that was built, but that neighborhood would not be the right place for it. However, he has never been able to come up with a viable use for the old school property either. A single-family unit on a 50-foot by 100-foot lot would be the best option.

Director Cronin said Astoria only has a few developers, primarily single-family home builders. The local business community does not have the capacity to support the City's efforts.

Leanne Wilma asked if the Planning Commission had made a final decision on the medical marijuana shop in Westport. Vice President Easom said Westport was out of Astoria's jurisdiction. Director Cronin explained that the Clatsop County Planning Commission would make the decision. He suggested she contact Heather Hanson, Clatsop County Community Development Director.

Jay Rosen, 934 Irving, Astoria, said his Victorian house fronts the Central School property. He understood the desire for more housing, but the City cannot shoehorn a solution into a property. The school property is in a historic district surrounded by neighbors that have spent a considerable amount of time, money, and resources to improve their homes. There is no discussion about the existing neighborhood's investment. Homes in the neighborhood have been converted from second homes to primary residences and residents have made the conscious decision to spend money on their properties. Discussions about potential development are secondary to the people who already live there and the City should talk to the residents of the neighborhood. At some point, the City will have to make a decision about the old school property. The proposed changes to lot sizes and heights make him wonder about the end goal. He asked how much of an increase in housing stock the City believed the Code amendments would attain. Director Cronin said the private housing market determines development, not the City. The City must figure out how to ensure the development conforms to the Development Code. The proposed changes are meant to allow other types of development to occur in Astoria. There is no end goal. Astoria just needs more housing opportunities. The City is 15 acres short of the required 20-year supply of buildable land, but the State does not mandate a specific number of housing units. There is no production going on in Astoria right now.

Mr. Covell asked what the City would do if the old school property was not used. Director Cronin said the City would not have to do anything. The property has already been counted as vacant land. Mr. Covell asked how the City would comply with State standards if the property were not part of the mix. He understood the City was trying to change the Codes to make the property desirable for a developer, which would be a good idea only if the development were suitable to the community.

Director Cronin explained that Astoria is required to review its Buildable Lands Inventory (BLI) every few years and determine how much land is available. Right now, Astoria is 15 acres short. He noted the most recent inventory was conducted in 2011 and a summary of the inventory was included in Attachment 2 of the Staff report. All zone changes have to be accounted for. The proposed Code amendments will help the City comply with the State's requirements.

Mr. Covell asked how the City would overcome the 15-acre shortage if the old school property did not exist. Director Cronin explained that the City is not in the business of buying property.

Mr. Rosen noted the school property was about one acre, so even if it were developed it would only account for six percent of the 15-acre shortage.

Mr. Covell said that would leave 14 acres, which is not that bad. Director Cronin stated he could not put a value on the shortage.

Mr. Rosen understood that meeting State standards through ADUs, tiny homes, and changes to heights have been proposed because there is not a lot of land. He believed Astoria should efficiently use what is currently available.

Vice President Easom clarified that no proposals had been made on the old school property. Director Cronin added the proposed amendments were not specifically designed to develop that property. Mr. Rosen understood, but said the amendments would still apply to the property.

Beth LaFleur, 938 Kensington, Astoria, said she has lived at her current residence for almost 17 years. She owns two lots that overlook the Central School site. She understood that the BLI and housing units were two separate things, but the BLI has been mentioned as justification for the proposed Code amendments. When a community runs out of buildable lands or has a deficit, an urban growth boundary or land reserve can allow for expansion. There are so many issues addressed by the proposed amendments that she has found it difficult to write a comment letter in response. Multi-family units are already allowed in the R-2 and R-3 zones, so she did not understand why different housing types were being referred to as a use. It is difficult to tease out what is really important because there is so much going on in the proposed amendments. This is a cannon ball approach to addressing affordable housing and the proposed changes are a big deal for Astoria. She wanted to know what other communities were doing to address affordable housing. Portland has more staff and resources, but they are struggling with the same issue. So, why is Astoria going through the same motions? She suggested Astoria look at communities with effective tools for dealing with affordable housing. Once the height limits are raised, they cannot be lowered. Some of the changes could have unintended consequences, like an increase in demolition requests. She was opposed to changing the height, lot coverage, setbacks, and density. Allowing more people on a single-family lot is still increasing density. The existing regulatory framework works well and can be used to target specific sites to provide housing opportunities. Astoria has planned unit development codes, variances, conditional uses, and the City could change institutional zones to residential zones. She wanted to know what variances had been granted for. She did not understand why the City would change everything if there were just one specific problem area. She was opposed to removing regulations to make it easier for out of town developers or speculators to develop at higher densities. Some companies buy a house, fix it up, and rent it out, which she agreed did not work in Astoria's zoning. The proposed amendments to the zones do not appear to have a direct benefit to Astoria's residents and seem to be targeted to the vacant, underutilized, or undeveloped lands. If the purpose is to add housing units to the market, perhaps the derelict building Code could be utilized more effectively and incentivize property owners to fix up or sell their properties. If the problem is landlords that rent low quality housing at market rates, landlords could be incentivized to invest in upkeep and upgrades. Increasing lot coverage will not impact Astoria's existing housing stock. The definition of an ADU should be broader and the community should discuss what makes sense in the current environment. Without very careful consideration, deliberation, and a much more visible and longer community conversation, these Code amendments will make Astoria look like a miniature Portland with outside investment, price out the working class community, and threaten the historic charm and character. Astoria has an authentic environment because of careful and deliberate development, planning, and community involvement. Increasing density while relaxing standards may result in increased demolitions and big ugly buildings everywhere.

Mike Sensenbach, 110 Kensington, Astoria, said tiny homes are cost effective in part because they are not subject to any building codes. He confirmed that they would still be considered a manufactured home and not subject to building codes even after being placed on a permanent foundation. Director Cronin added that tiny homes would have to be connected to utilities and must be built to recreational vehicle or Housing and Urban Development (HUD) standards that currently apply to manufactured homes. Tiny homes are built off site and it will be up to the private market to decide how to meet the standards. The City is allowing a property owner to locate a tiny home on their lot under certain conditions.

Andria Mazzarella, 875 Franklin, Astoria, said she was concerned that there is no definition of affordable or work force housing for the City to use when holding developers accountable. Director Cronin said the terms were defined in the housing study, which could be found on the City's housing project website. Ms. Mazzarella stated the median income of home owners was \$44,000 while the median income of renters was \$25,000. She was

concerned that the proposed amendments would just create non-profit housing. The State prevents cities from creating any kind of rent control, but she believed there were efforts to change this. She asked if the City would support rent control measures if they were allowed. Director Cronin said if the State granted the authority to implement rent controls, City Council would have the opportunity to consider it as a potential solution for Astoria. However, he did not believe this would ever happen. Housing costs increase when rents are controlled. Unless the City enters into a public/private partnership like the one it has with the Astor Hotel, the City cannot control housing costs.

Linda Oldencamp, 1676 Jerome, Astoria, said she just heard about this meeting a week ago and wanted to know if she had missed anything that was published in the newspaper. Director Cronin said the *Daily Astorian* had originally planned to publish a story to help advertise this proposal. However, the story was pulled because the public hearing was postponed. He had done outreach with several organizations and people who came to City Hall. Town hall meetings were not part of the original proposal, so this work session was scheduled to allow public comments.

Ms. Oldencamp said the proposal really needed to be advertised in the newspaper. She was not in any of the organizations Director Cronin spoke with and neighborhoods all over Astoria need to know about the proposed amendments. She was concerned and said it was not good to publish a press release when the community has not heard anything about the proposal. She has been involved in the preservation movement since the beginning and has lived in Astoria since 1976. She had always been enamored with the architecture in this little fishing village and it took a long time for the community to figure out what it had. The Lower Columbia Preservation Society (LCPS) had to convince people that their homes were incredible and little by little, people finally became proud to live in an old historic house. There is still a very strong feeling in the community that Astoria is unique. She was very disturbed by tonight's discussion. She had not read the proposed amendments, but she believed they would change the character and fabric of the community. She hoped this would be published in the newspaper because people in the community need to know what the City is considering. She also hoped the Planning Commission would slow down and consider what the people in the neighborhoods want their community to be.

Director Cronin said he would make changes based on Planning Commission and public comments made at this meeting. Whether a public hearing or work session is scheduled for May is yet to be determined. Vice President Easom believed Amendment 16-01 was ready for a public hearing. If Staff believes Amendment 16-02 was ready for action, it should be added to the agenda as public hearing. Director Cronin said he would speak with City Council first.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 9:17 pm.

APPROVED:

Community Development Director



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

May 17, 2016

TO: ASTORIA PLANNING COMMISSION

FROM: KEVIN A. CRONIN, AICP, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT REQUEST (A16-03) BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR TO AMEND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR ADDITION OF PARKS
AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

I. BACKGROUND SUMMARY

- A. Applicant: Ian Sisson
Parks and Recreation Department
City of Astoria
1997 West Marine Drive
Astoria OR 97103
- B. Request: Amend the Astoria Comprehensive Plan to add the new Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- C. Location: Citywide
- D. Previous Applications: Not applicable

II. BACKGROUND

The City Council set a FY 2015-16 goal to “Develop a City of Astoria parks master plan.” In August 2015 the Parks and Recreation Department began the development of a new master plan to guide new facilities, investment, maintenance, and operations of parks, recreation, open space, trails, and other park related resources. This is the first known master plan for a park system that has existed for over a hundred years. The new master plan meticulously identifies the existing inventory of assets, calibrates existing and planned levels of service, determines future needs, and makes recommendations to implement the master plan over a 15 year period. The process included extensive public involvement: surveys, focus groups, open houses, a Mayor appointed citizen advisory committee, and various City Board and Commission input.

The proposed text amendment to the Comprehensive Plan is to adopt the Parks Master Plan as a land use document to guide parks and open space land needs for the next fifteen years. The Statewide Land Use Planning Goals include 19 goals that guide how cities and counties manage growth and natural resources. Specifically, Goal 5: Natural

Resources and Open Space and Goal 8: Recreation needs to be addressed in a Comprehensive Plan. The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element of the Comprehensive Plan CP. 260 – CP.275 has not been substantially updated since the original plan was adopted in 1981. However, the Plan was updated after the Trails Master Plan was completed in 2006.

One of the key conclusions of the master plan is to manage the existing inventory of land more efficiently and not add additional parks and open space. Therefore, the proposed amendment doesn't contemplate the addition of new lands within the existing urban growth boundary. In the future, the City will consider reallocating existing lands to repurpose for other land needs where there is a deficit based on the Buildable Lands Inventory.

The proposed amendment to the Parks Element of the Comprehensive Plan will be as follows:

23. The City should use the Astoria Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan (2016) to guide future decisions for land use, public investment, and determining community needs.

III. PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

A. Astoria Planning Commission

The Planning Commission held a work session open to the public on April 26 where the Commission reviewed the purpose and intent of the master plan. In accordance with Section 9.020, a notice of public hearing was published in the *Daily Astorian* on May 17, 2016. The proposed amendment is legislative (Type IV) as it applies citywide. Finally, notice of Planning Commission meetings is also broadcast via email to those on an interested parties list.

B. City Council

The City Council is expected to hold a public hearing on July 5, 2016 if the Planning Commission recommends approval of the amendment.

IV. FINDINGS OF FACT

- A. Development Code Section 10.020.A states that *“an amendment to the text of the Development Code or the Comprehensive Plan may be initiated by the City Council, Planning Commission, the Community Development Director, a person owning property in the City, or a City resident.”*

Finding: The proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan is being initiated by the Community Development Director.

- B. Section 10.050(A) states that *“The following amendment actions are considered legislative under this Code:*

1. *An amendment to the text of the Development Code or Comprehensive Plan.*

Finding: The proposed amendment is to add text of the Comprehensive Plan Parks and Open Space Element. The amendment would reference the new Parks Master Plan but does not propose any other changes to the goals and policies section. The proposed amendment is applicable to the entire Comprehensive Plan and therefore a citywide policy. Processing as a legislative action is required.

- C. Section 10.070(A)(1) concerning Text Amendments, requires that *“The amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.”*

1. CP.005(5), General Plan Philosophy and Policy Statement states that local comprehensive plans *“Shall be regularly reviewed, and, if necessary, revised to keep them consistent with the changing needs and desires of the public they are designed to serve.”*

Finding: The City Council adopted a FY 15-16 goal to develop a Parks Master Plan. The Community Development Director initiated the text amendment to comply with land use planning goals.

2. CP.015(1), General Land & Water Goals states that *“It is the primary goal of the Comprehensive Plan to maintain Astoria's existing character by encouraging a compact urban form, by strengthening the downtown core and waterfront areas, and by protecting the residential and historic character of the City's neighborhoods. It is the intent of the Plan to promote Astoria as the commercial, industrial, tourist, and cultural center of the area.”*

Finding: The proposed amendment outlines the future development of a parks and recreation system in support of a compact urban form providing a balance of services to tourists and local residents alike. The proposed ordinance is intended to provide the guidance to help achieve these goals.

3. CP.470(1), Citizen Involvement states that *“Citizens, including residents and property owners, shall have the opportunity to be involved in all phases of the planning efforts of the City, including collection of data and the development of policies.”*

Finding: The development of the master plan was completed with unprecedented public involvement. In addition to a work session, the Planning Commission received a presentation on March 22. Notices were sent to interested parties via an email list, and posted to the City website. Anyone interested in the proposed changes was encouraged to submit suggestions and comments.

- D. Section 10.070(A)(2) concerning Text Amendments requires that *“The amendment will not adversely affect the ability of the City to satisfy land and water use needs.”*

Finding: The proposed amendment does not directly address impacts to water use needs. However, it does address land needs by concluding that no additional land is necessary and any excess parks or open space that is designated in the future by the City Council can be disposed and reallocated to benefit future land needs for residential or commercial purposes. This determination can occur separately or as part of the plan amendment decision.

V. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan as well as implements a City Council goal. Staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend adoption of the proposed amendment to the City Council and schedule a public hearing to take public comment.



Astoria Parks & Recreation

COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN

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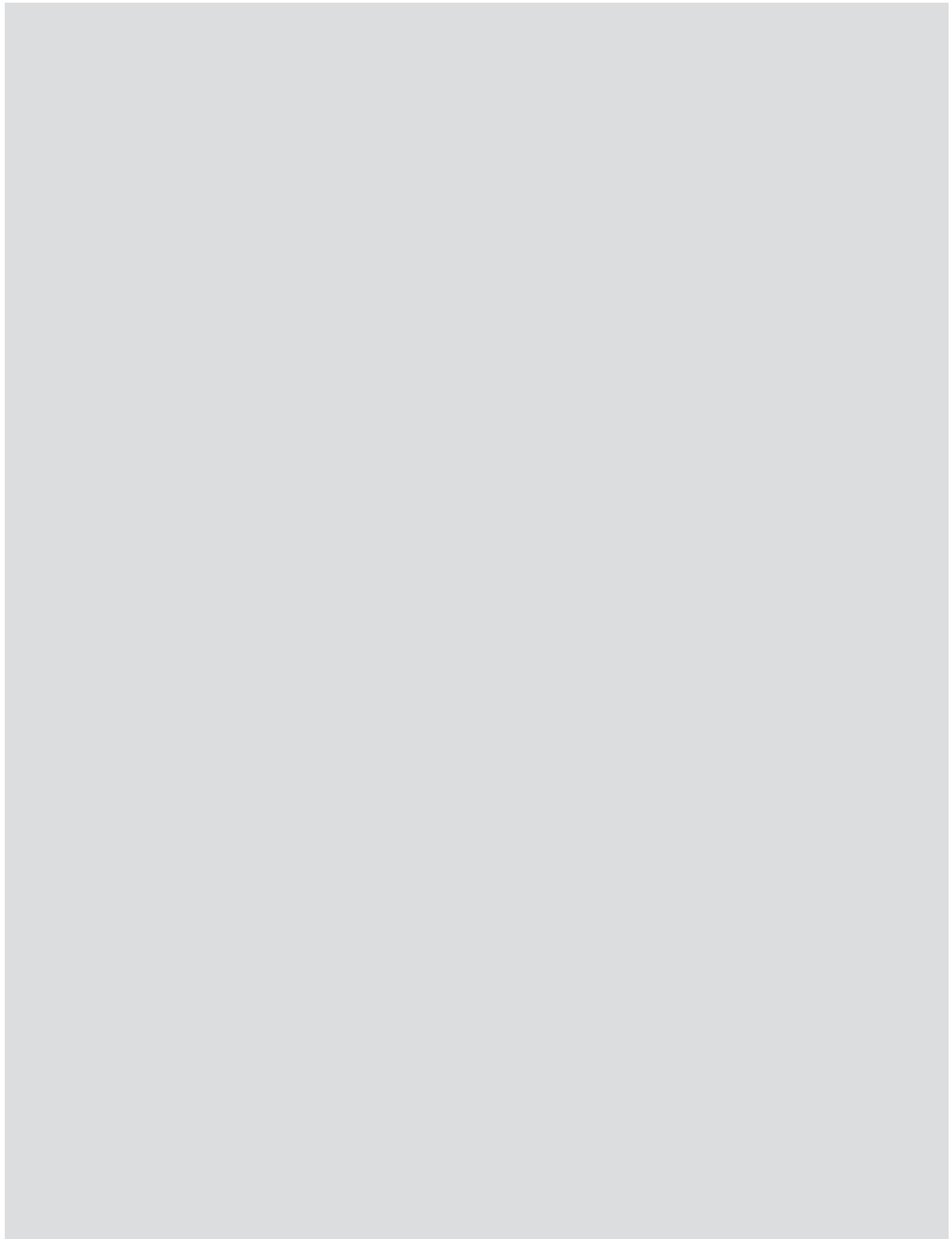
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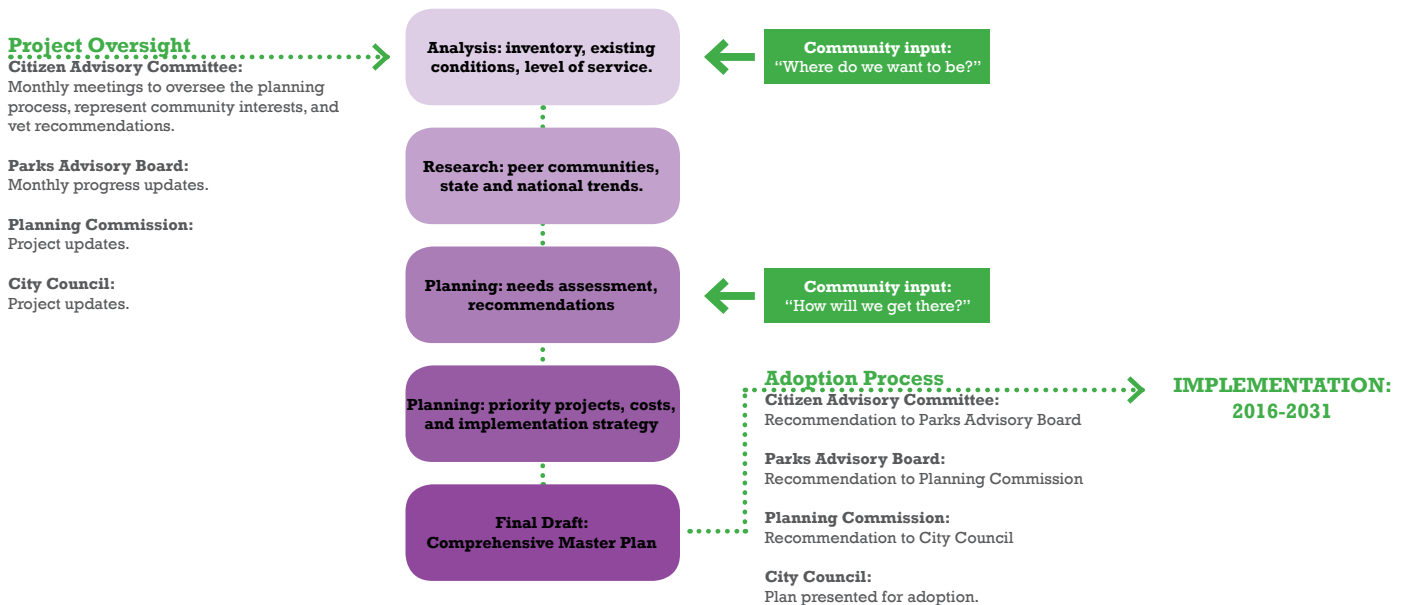
1.1 Summary

The creation of the City of Astoria Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan (the “Plan”) was adopted as a City Council Goal for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

The need for a system-wide parks and recreation master plan was identified as a priority by the City Council and Parks & Recreation Department (the “Department”) staff. The Department has not had a master plan in place that provides guidance and policy direction in the past.

The Plan assesses the current inventory and conditions of parkland and facilities, measures the level of service provided by the Department, and identifies community needs. Recommendations have been made on these analyses, providing action items for the Department. A prioritized implementation and funding strategy to achieve the recommended objectives has also been outlined.

The following scope and timeline was developed to guide the planning process:



1.2 Purpose

The Plan establishes a short and long-term vision, and priorities for the Department by assessing the need for improvements, changes, and future development. The scope of the Plan includes all parks, trails, facilities and programs, as well as maintenance and operations.

Maintaining an updated Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan allows the Department and City to target specific funding methods, such as state and federal grants, and improves applications for receiving those funds.

The recommendations, implementation plan, and funding strategy will serve as a guide for the Department over the next 15 years, with regular updates.

1.3 Related plans

The following planning documents are useful to consider, as many contain recommendations that directly impact the Astoria Parks and Recreation system, or include helpful information that can provide guidance for planning and decision-making.

City of Astoria Plans:

- Bicycle Master Plan
- Buildable Lands Inventory
- Comprehensive Plan
- Development Code
- Gateway Master Plan
- Historic Preservation Plan
- Homelessness Taskforce Report
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan
- Riverfront Vision Plan
- Trails Master Plan
- Transportation System Plan

Clatsop County Plans:

- Parks and Recreational Lands Master Plan
- Clatsop Vision 2030: Together

Statewide Plans:

- Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Cities
- Oregon State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation (SCORP) Plan
- Oregon Statewide Trails Plan

1.4 Sources of input

Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

- 12 members, appointed by the Mayor.

Parks Advisory Board (PAB)

Planning Commission

City Council

Parks & Recreation Department Staff

Community Outreach:

- 2 public meetings, Fall 2015: 96 attended
- Online survey, Fall/Winter 2015: 900 responses
- 3 public meetings, Spring 2016: 79 attended
- Online survey, Spring 2016: 63 responses
- Stakeholder focus groups: ~120 individuals

Aquatic Center user organizations

City staff

Downtown businesses

Historic & cultural preservation

Lower Columbia Hispanic Council

Parents clubs

Parks Foundation

Public health & social service

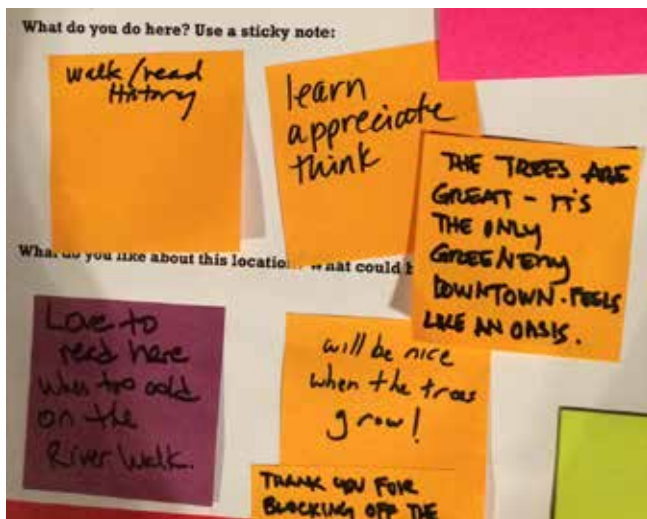
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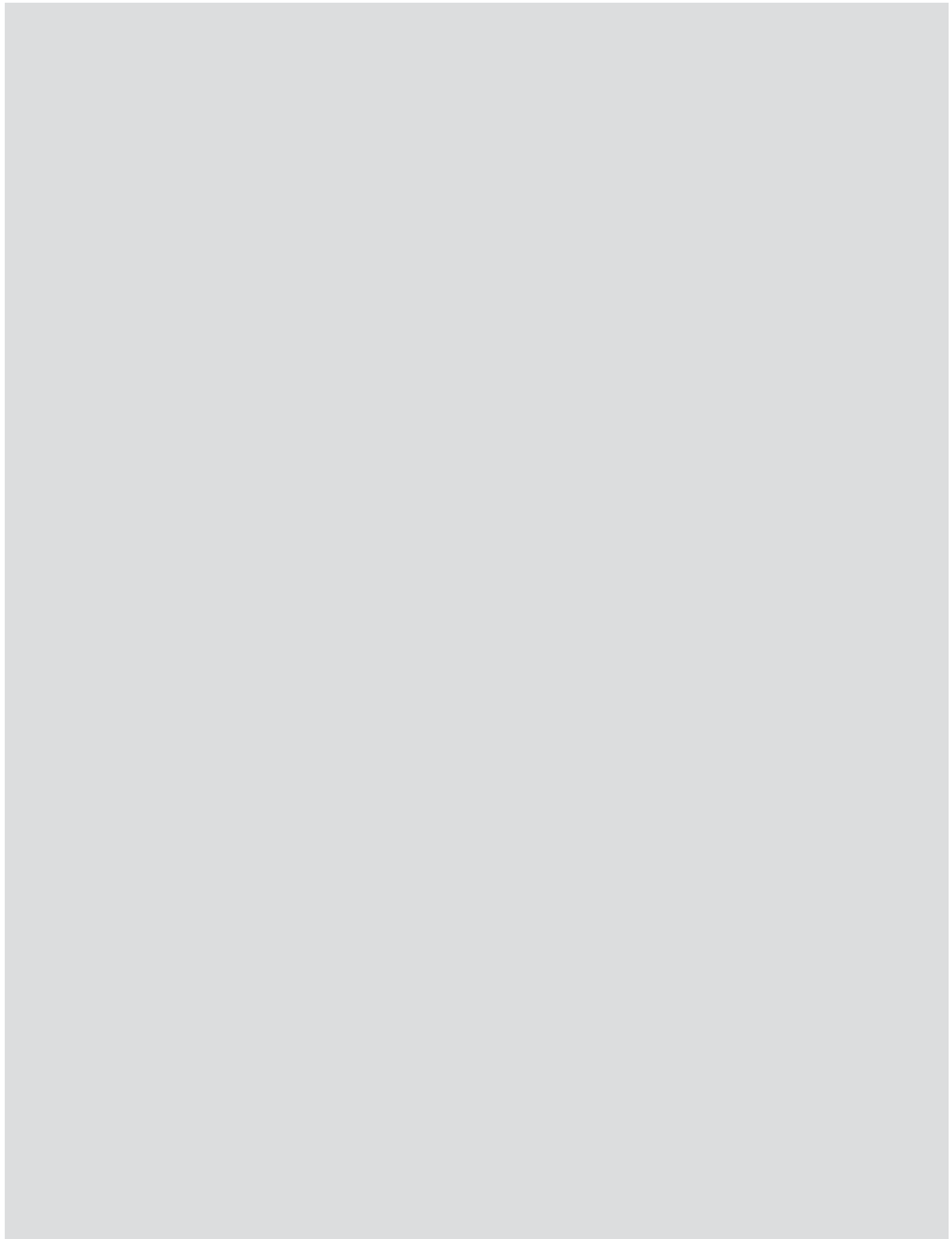
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2. Community Profile

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- 2.2 Race, origin, and language**
- 2.3 Economic indicators**
- 2.4 Public health and related factors**
- 2.5 Land use**

2.1 Population, growth rate, and projections

According to the preliminary population estimates for 2015, Oregon's population increased by 1.3 percent, slightly higher than in the previous year (1.1 percent). Population growth consists of two factors: natural increase (the number of births minus the number of deaths) and net migration (movers-in minus movers-out). From 2014 to 2015 net migration accounted for roughly 80 percent of Oregon's population growth. Preliminary estimates also show that cities accounted almost two-thirds of Oregon's population increase, roughly the same as in 2014.

Population, Sex, and Age			
	Astoria	Clatsop County	Oregon
Total population	9,503	37,236	3,900,343
Male	50.60%	49.30%	49.50%
Female	49.40%	50.70%	50.50%
Under 5 years	5.60%	5.20%	5.90%
5 to 9 years	5.10%	6.00%	6.10%
10 to 14 years	4.70%	5.10%	6.20%
15 to 19 years	5.70%	6.10%	6.40%
20 to 24 years	5.00%	6.00%	6.70%
25 to 34 years	14.20%	12.00%	13.60%
35 to 44 years	12.20%	10.90%	13.00%
45 to 54 years	13.00%	14.10%	13.40%
55 to 59 years	8.80%	9.40%	7.00%
60 to 64 years	7.80%	7.20%	6.60%
65 to 74 years	9.60%	10.70%	8.50%
75 to 84 years	4.50%	4.90%	4.40%
85 years and over	3.90%	2.50%	2.10%

Median age (years) 42.6 43.8 38.9
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Potential Population Growth	
2014	9,503
2020	10,088
2030	11,143

* 2014 estimate: American Community Survey

* 2020 and 2030 projection assumes an annual growth rate of 1%, based on statewide data provided by the Portland State University Population Research Center.

2.2 Race, origin, and language

Race, Origin, and Language			
	Astoria	Clatsop County	Oregon
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	9.00%	7.90%	12.1
Not Hispanic or Latino	91.00%	92.10%	87.9
White alone	82.90%	86.70%	77.60%
Black or African American alone	1.40%	0.70%	1.70%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.40%	0.30%	1.00%
Asian alone	2.70%	1.20%	3.80%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.10%	0.10%	0.40%
Some other race alone	0.00%	0.00%	0.20%
Two or more races	3.60%	3.20%	3.20%

Speak a language other than English: Spanish or Spanish Creole 6.80% 5.70% 8.80%

Spanish speakers who speak English "very well"	60.60%	44.10%	43.20%
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2.3 Economic indicators

Economic Indicators			
	Astoria	Clatsop County	Oregon
Median household income	\$45,104	\$47,337	\$50,521
Unemployed	7.80%	8.60%	10.50%
Percent below poverty level, total:	19.90%	15.80%	16.70%
Under 18	25.50%	24.20%	22.10%
18-64	21.70%	15.60%	16.80%
65+	7.40%	7.20%	8.20%
Families with children under 18	31.60%	22.70%	42.50%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2.4 Public health and related factors

The US Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, provides an 'at a glance' summary of how Clatsop County compares with peer counties on the primary set of health indicators. CDC compares Clatsop County with peer counties by grouping health indicators into the following categories: 'better', 'moderate', and 'worse'. Access to parks, nature, and recreation activities are known to improve physical and mental health in a number of ways. CDC health indicators for Clatsop County, relevant to planning for Astoria's Parks and Recreation system are listed below. Clatsop County ranks:

Better, for

Life expectancy (male and female)
Adult overall health status
Adult physical activity
Access to parks

Moderate, for

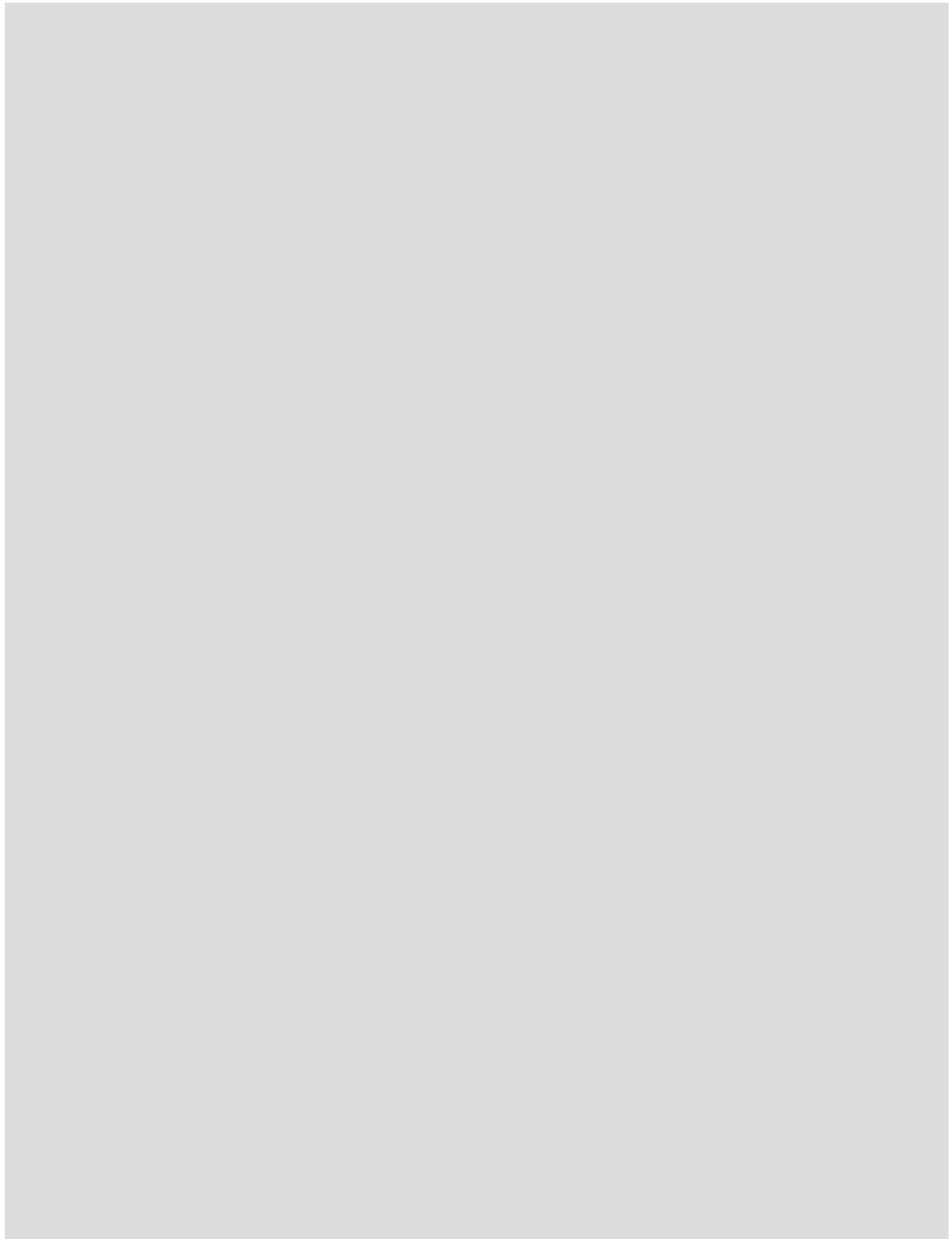
Coronary heart disease deaths
Diabetes deaths
Adult obesity
Adult depression
Poverty
Housing stress
Limited access to healthy food

Worse, for

N/A

2.5 Land use

- [map]



3. State of the Department

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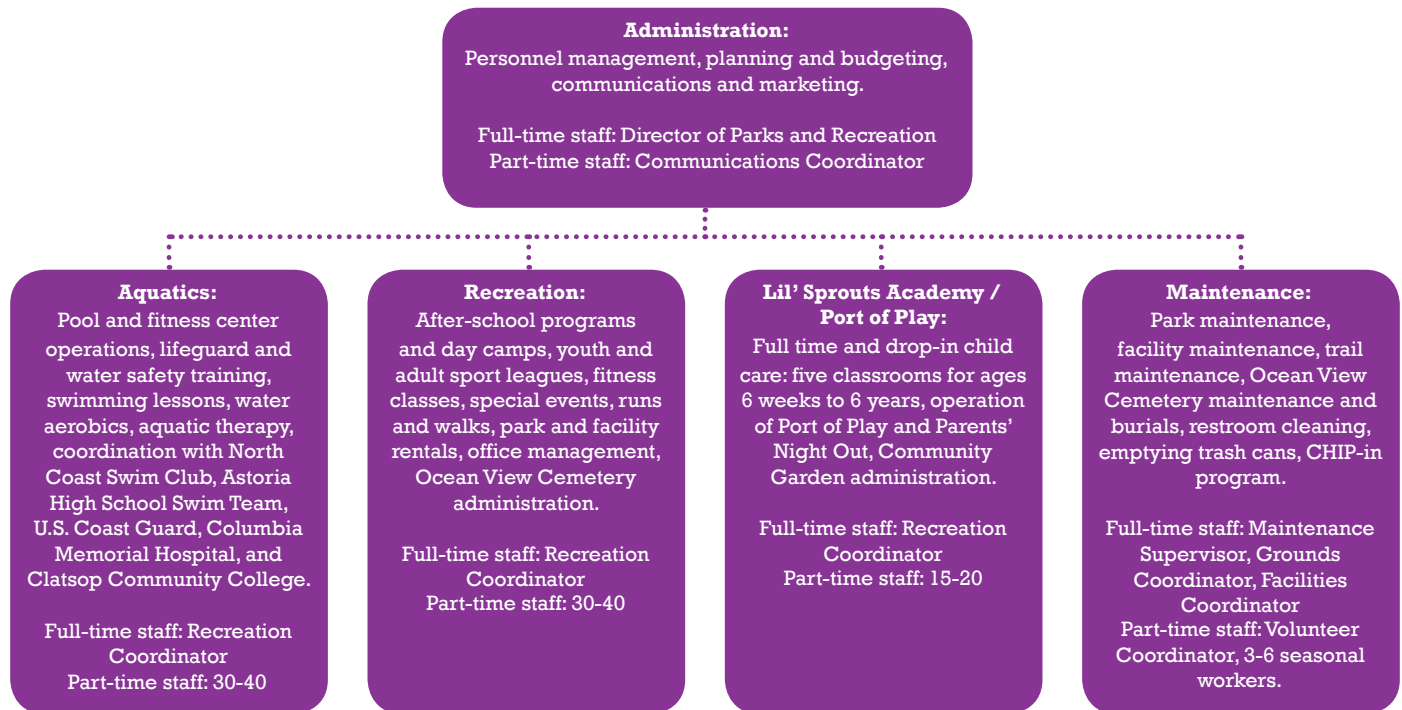
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3.1 Organization and Budget

[introduction / summary]



Expenses FY 2015-16

Aquatics: \$511,260 (28%)	Recreation/Lil' Sprouts: \$491,905 (27%)	Administration: \$234,915 (13%)	Maintenance: \$582,600 (32%)
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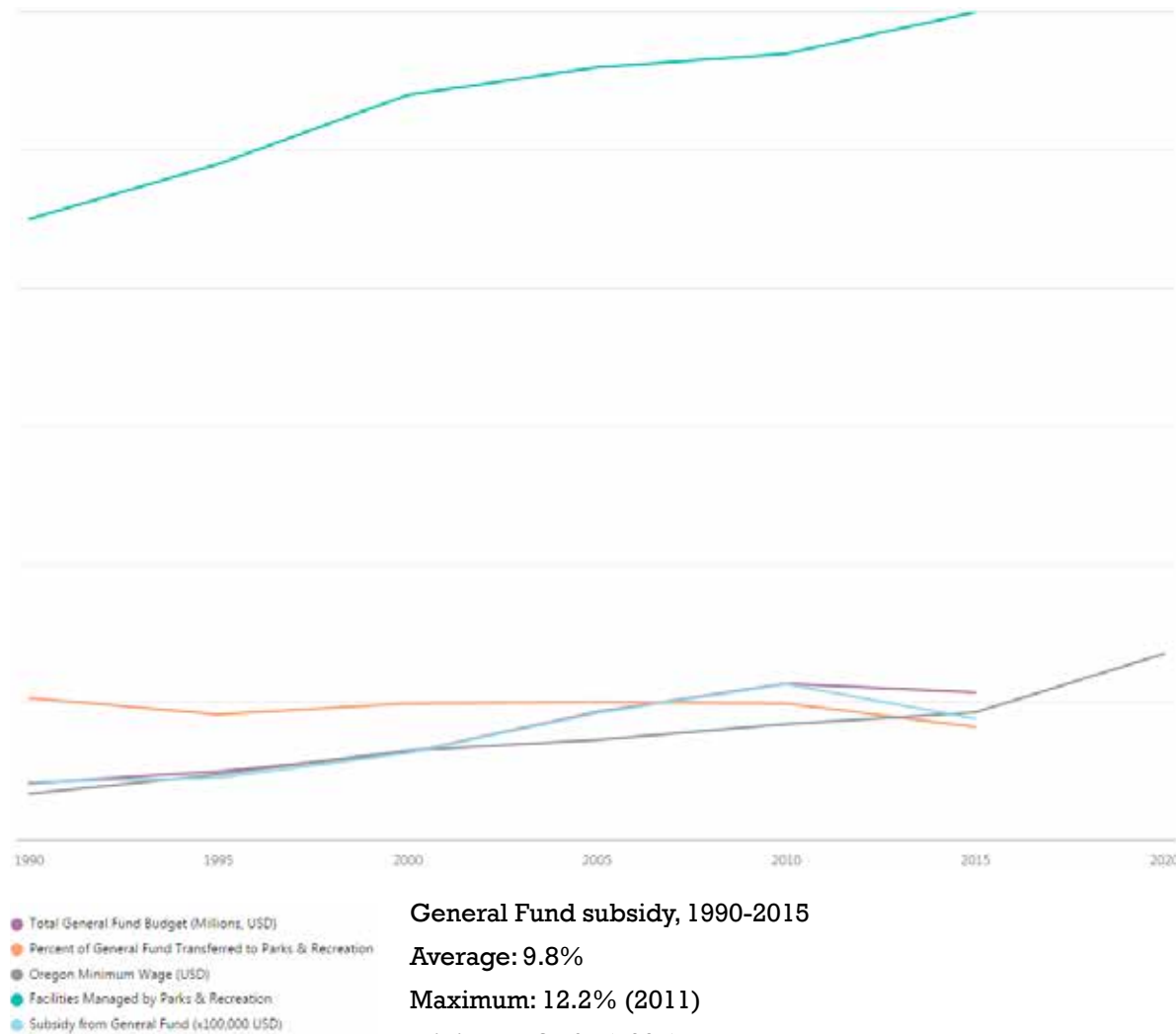
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Revenue FY 2015-16

Aquatics: \$375,150 (21%)	Recreation/Lil' Sprouts: \$432,430 (24%)	Maintenance: \$135,000 (7%)	City of Astoria General Fund: \$878,100 (48%)
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\$1.82 M

Subsidy vs. Cost of Services



The graph above includes all data that was available at the time of creating the graph that demonstrates the cost of providing Parks and Recreation Services in Astoria, and how those costs are subsidized by the City of Astoria. This does not include revenue generated from grants, donations, program fees, or other sources. What can be observed clearly is that the number of facilities managed by APRD has increased steadily, as has the minimum wage. This indicates a parks system that is increasingly expensive to operate. Not shown in this graph (due to a lack of hard data) is a substantial decrease in staff - for example, there are no longer full time maintenance personnel dedicated to Ocean View Cemetery, and there are fewer employees at

the Astoria Aquatic Center. Also not shown, due to a lack of sufficient data, is an increase in revenue from program fees. That increase, however, has not kept up with rising labor and maintenance costs. The subsidy received by Parks and Recreation from the City of Astoria General Fund was consistent with the growth of the Fund from 1990-2010, but has decreased incrementally since 2010. The Parks and Recreation Department instituted fee increases across the board in 2015 in an effort to compensate for increasing labor and operational costs and the decreasing General Fund subsidy.

3.2 Programs and Services

Administration

- Personnel management
- Planning and budgeting
- Communications and marketing

[budget summary]

Aquatics

- Pool and fitness center operations
- Lifeguard and water safety training
- Swimming lessons
- Water aerobics
- Aquatic therapy
- Coordination with North Coast Swim Club, Astoria High School Swim Team, U.S. Coast Guard, Columbia Memorial Hospital, and Clatsop Community College

[budget summary]

Recreation

- After-school programs and day camps
- Youth and adult sport leagues
- Fitness classes
- Special events
- Runs and walks
- Park and facility rentals
- Office management
- Ocean View Cemetery administration

[budget summary]

Lil' Sprouts / Port of Play

- Full time and drop-in child care
- Five classrooms for ages 6 weeks to 6 years
- Port of Play operations
- Parents' Night Out
- Community Garden administration
- Special events

[budget summary]

Maintenance

- Park maintenance
- Facility maintenance
- Trail maintenance
- Ocean View Cemetery maintenance and burials
- Restroom cleaning
- Emptying trash cans
- CHIP-in program administration

[budget summary]

3.3: City of Astoria Parks

Park Name	Location	Acreage	Use	Condition
Community Parks				
Shively Park	16th & Williamsport	11.7	High	Poor
Tapiola Park	S. Denver & W. Marine	12	Very High	Fair
Destination Parks				
Astor Park	1 Coxcomb Dr	37.5	Very High	Fair
Youngs River Falls	Young's River Loop Rd	12	High	Poor
Linear Parks				
River Walk	Smith Point to Alderbrook Lagoon	36.4	Very High	Fair
Nature Parks				
6th Street River Park	6th St & River Walk	0.15	Moderate	Poor
12th Street Viewing Area	12th St & River Walk	0.05	High	Fair
14th Street River Park	14th St & River Walk	0.13	High	Poor
Alderbrook Lagoon	53rd & Alder	13.3	Moderate	Fair
Cathedral Tree Trail	2800 Block of Irving Avenue	47	High	Poor
Mill Pond Park	23rd & Mill Pond Ln	0.29	Low	Excellent
People's Park	16th & Marine	0.41	Low	Poor
Neighborhood Parks				
ARC Grounds	1555 W Marine Dr	3.5	Moderate	Poor
Columbia Fields	35th & Lief Erikson	2.9	Moderate	Poor
Evergreen Fields	Astoria Middle School	11.7	Moderate	Poor
Fred Lindstrom Park	7th & Niagara	1.9	Very High	Fair
Pocket Parks				
9th & Astor Park	9th & Astor	0.13	Low	Poor
14th & Grand Playground	14th & Grand	0.38	Moderate	Fair
Alameda Park	Alameda & Melbourne	0.11	Low	Fair
Alameda Park Reserve	Alameda & Cumberland	TBD	N/A	Good
Alderbrook Park	45th & Lief Erikson	0.62	Low	Poor
Birch Field & Park	49th & Birch	0.96	Low	Poor
Children's Park Playground	6th & Commercial	0.23	Low	Fair
Gray School Field		0.77	Low	Poor
McClure Park	8th & Grand	0.92	Low	Poor
Violet LaPlante Park	45th & Cedar	0.69	Low	Fair
Special Use Parks				
Astoria Skate Park	S. Denver & W. Marine	0.35	Moderate	Poor
Community Gardens	Gray School	0.25	Low	Good
Fort Astoria Park	15th & Exchange	0.14	Moderate	Good
Maritime Memorial	Bay St & Marine Dr	0.24	High	Good
Ocean View Cemetery	18th & Whiskey Rd, Warrenton	100	Moderate	Poor
Pioneer Cemetery	15th & Niagara	2.1	Low	Fair
Post Office Park	15th & Franklin	0.11	Low	Fair
Tidal Rock Park	15th & Commercial	0.08	Low	Poor
Urban Plaza Parks				
Garden of Surging Waves	11th & Duane	0.25	High	Fair

Total acres of parkland:

299.26

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3.4: City of Astoria Facilities

Facility Name	Location	Square Feet	Condition
Alderbrook Hall	45th & Lief Erikson Dr	1,500	Poor
Astoria Aquatic Center	1997 Marine Dr	25,000	Good
Astoria Column/Gift Shop/Caretaker House	1 Coxcomb Dr	2,000	Good
Astoria Recreation Center	1555 W Marine Dr	14,000	Poor
Customs House	35th & Lief Erikson Dr	500	Fair
Doughboy Monument	Columbia Ave & Marine Dr	250	Poor
Lil' Sprouts Academy	785 Alameda Ave	7,500	Fair
Oceanview Cemetery Chapel	18th & Whiskey Rd, Warrenton	800	Fair
Oceanview Cemetery Maintenance Shop	18th & Whiskey Rd, Warrenton	1,200	Poor
Parks Maintenance Shop	1555 W Marine Dr	3,500	Poor
Port of Play	785 Alameda Ave	7,500	Fair
Shively Hall	1530 Shively Park Road	2,000	Poor
Downtown Restrooms	12th & Exchange	300	Fair
Total square feet:		69,550	

3.5: City of Astoria Trails

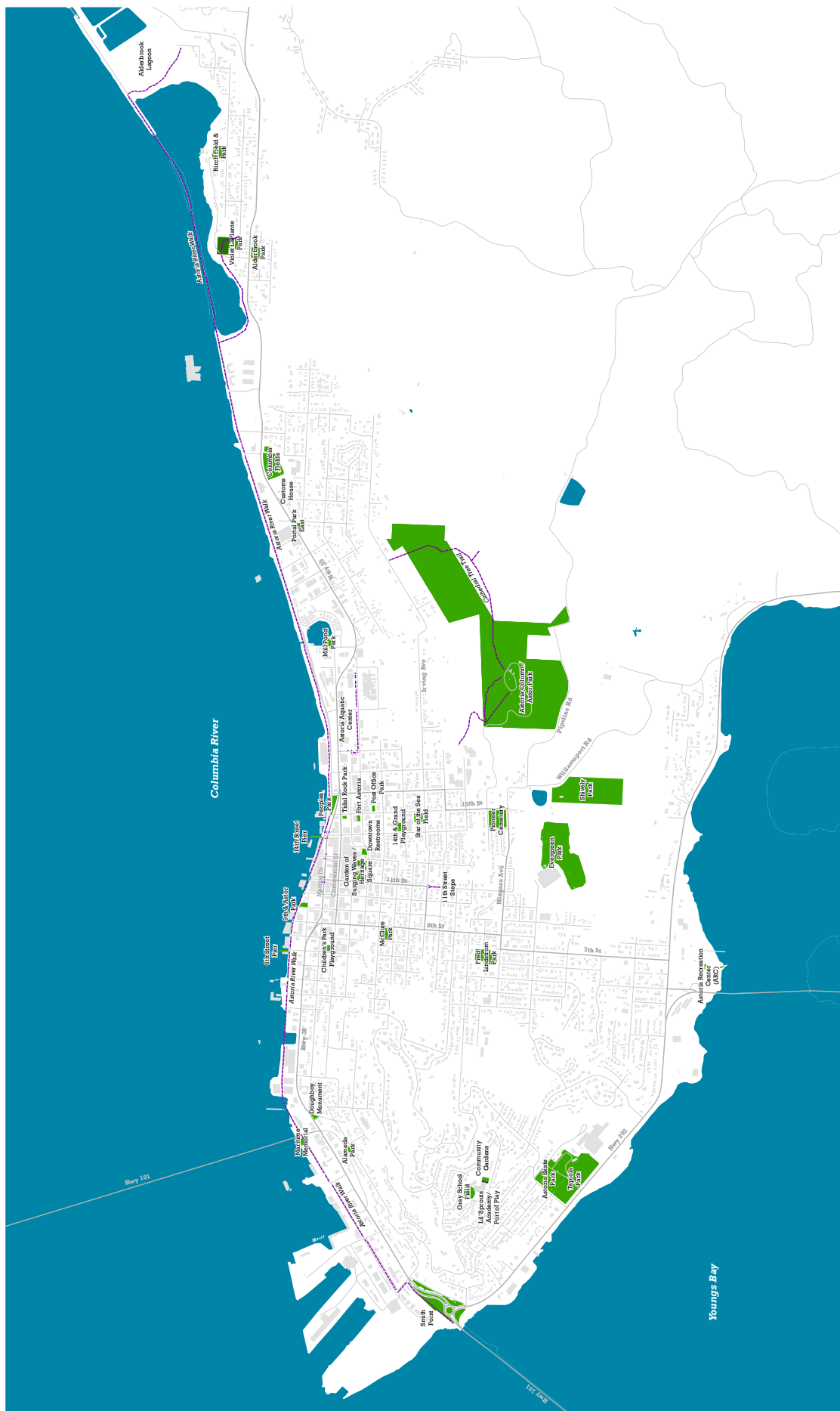
Trail Name	Length (miles)	Use	Condition
11th Street Steps		0.05 Moderate	Fair
Richard Fenscak Cathedral Tree Trail		1.3 High	Poor
Clatsop College to Column		0.2 Low	Fair
Coast Guard Trail		0.3 Very Low	Poor
Evergreen to Shively		0.2 Low	Poor
Pipeline Road		1.3 Moderate	Fair
River Walk		6.4 Very High	Fair
Shively Park Loop		0.3 Moderate	Good
Tapiola Park Loop		0.5 Moderate	Good
Total mileage:		10.55	

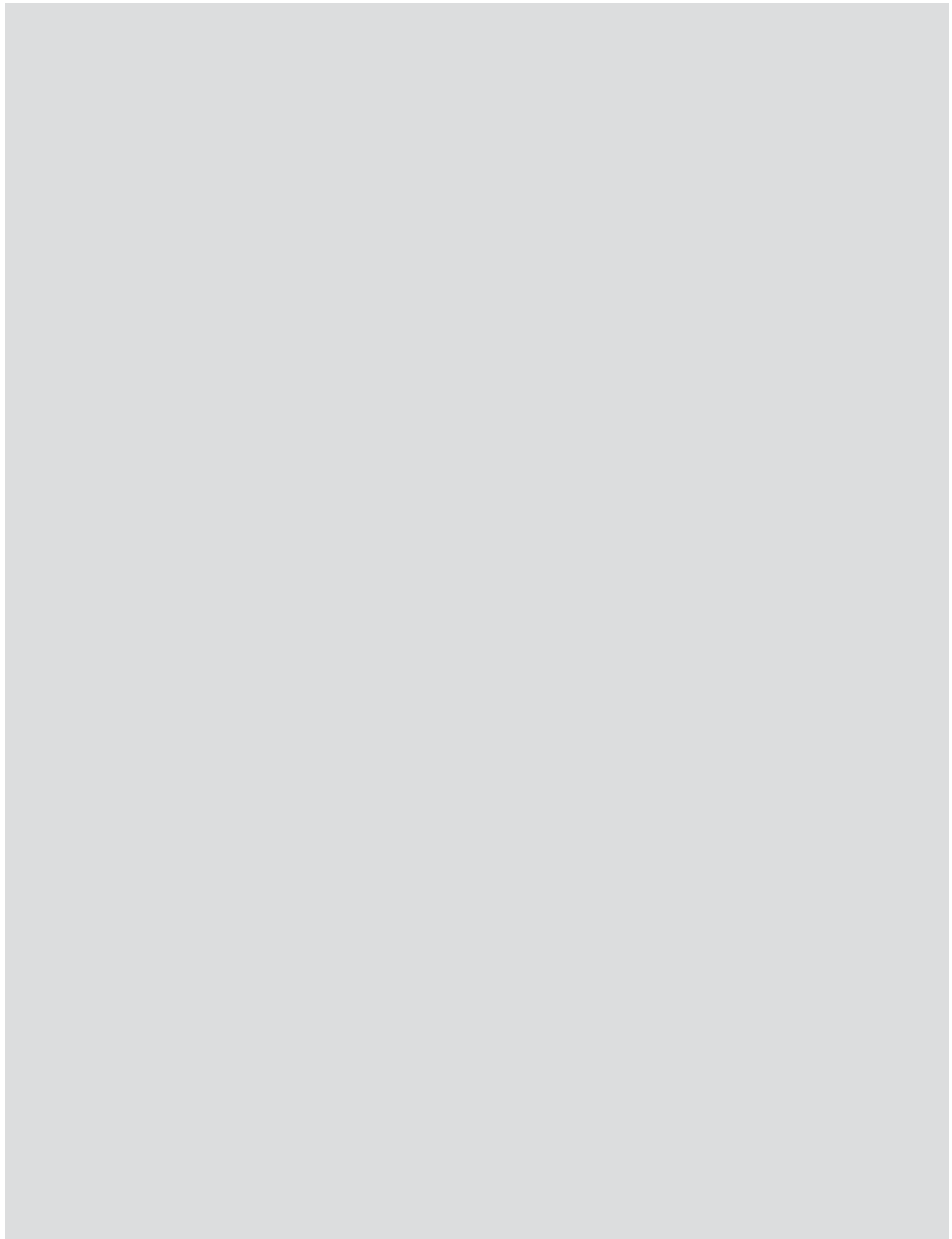
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Map 1: Regional Parks, Trails, and Facilities



Map 2: City of Astoria Parks, Trails, and Facilities





4. Level of Service

- 4.1 **Parkland classification**
- 4.2 **Parkland level of service**
- 4.3 **Trails level of service**
- 4.4 **Recreation level of service**

4.1 Parkland classification

The most effective park system to develop and manage is one made up of a variety of different types of parks, open space areas, and recreational venues, each designed to provide a specific type of recreation experience or opportunity. A park system that is classified and used properly is easier to maintain, creates fewer conflicts between user groups, and minimizes negative impacts on adjoining neighbors. A good park classification system also helps assess what facilities are available for current use and what types of parks will be needed to serve the community in the future.

The classification system is intended as a set of recommended guidelines and not intended as a mandated standard. To determine adequacy, park and recreation providers typically measure existing parklands and facilities and compare them against established standards, typically Level of Service (LOS) Standards. LOS standards are measures of the amount of public recreation parklands and facilities being provided to meet that jurisdiction's basic needs and expectations.

For example, the amount of parkland currently needed in a particular jurisdiction may be determined by comparing the ratio of existing developed park acres per 1,000 residents (by all providers within the jurisdiction) to the jurisdiction's desired level of parks relative to population. The gap between the two ratios is the currently needed park acreage. As the population grows, the objective is to provide enough additional acreage to maintain the jurisdiction's desired ratio of park acres to 1,000 residents.

Pocket Parks

A pocket park is the smallest park classification. Pocket parks provide basic recreation opportunities on small lots, within residential areas serving an area within approximately 5-10 minutes walking time (approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile). Typically less than two acres in size ($\frac{1}{4}$ to 2 acres), these parks are designed to serve residents in immediately adjacent neighborhoods. Pocket parks provide limited recreation amenities, such as playgrounds, benches, and picnic tables. Pocket parks do not normally provide off-street parking.

Urban Plaza Parks

Urban plaza parks are public gathering spaces in urban spaces that foster community interaction and civic pride. They are small in size ($\frac{1}{4}$ to 3 acres) and intensely developed. Visitors will tend to be those who are already in the neighborhood for other purposes, such as shopping, work, dining and/ or those who live in or near densely developed urban areas. Urban plaza parks typically include amenities such as drinking fountains, benches, litter receptacles, trees and shrubs, paved walkways and plazas.

Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood parks provide close-to-home recreation opportunities primarily for non-supervised, non-organized recreation activities. They are located within approximately 5-10 minute walking time (approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ mile) without crossing major thoroughfares and/or other structures and easy bicycling distance of residents. They serve up to a one-half-mile radius, and are generally 2-20 acres in size (Service area is also influenced by neighborhood configuration and various geographical and transportation barriers). Neighborhood parks typically include amenities such as playgrounds, outdoor sports courts, sports fields, picnic tables, pathways, and multi-use open grass areas. They may or may not provide off-street parking. Neighborhood parks can, when practical, be located next to elementary schools in order to provide more efficient use of public resources.

Community Parks

Community parks are typically larger in size and serve a broader purpose than neighborhood parks. Their focus is on meeting the recreation needs of several neighborhoods or large sections of the community, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. Community parks are typically 15-100 acres, depending on the spatial requirements of the facilities provided and the amount of land dedicated to natural resource protection. Community parks provide both active and passive recreation opportunities that appeal to the entire community serving an area within approximately 15 minutes driving time. While a community park may be proximate to a neighborhood and can provide typical neighborhood park amenities, they are normally designed as a “drive-to sites.” Community parks typically accommodate large numbers of people, and offer a wide variety of facilities, such as group picnic areas and large shelters, sports fields and courts, children’s play areas, swimming pools and splash pads, community gardens, extensive pathway systems, community festival or event space, and green space or natural areas. Community parks require additional support facilities, such as off-street parking and restrooms and as such can also serve as regional trailheads.

Regional Parks

Regional parks are large parks that provide access to unique natural or cultural features and regional-scale recreation facilities. Typically 100 acres or more in size, regional parks serve areas within a 45 minute driving time. These parks often include significant green space to preserve unique natural areas, riverfront corridors, wetlands, and agricultural or forested areas. Regional parks may include properties for which there are no immediate development plans and that are situated in such a way as to primarily serve the surrounding neighborhood (land banked properties). Regional parks also may accommodate large group activities and often have infrastructure to support sporting events, festivals, and other revenue-generating events to enhance the City’s economic vitality and identity. Activities available in regional parks may include picnicking, boating, fishing, swimming, camping, trail use, etc. Regional parks include supporting facilities, such as restrooms and parking.

Nature Parks

Nature parks are lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering. They may preserve or protect environmentally sensitive areas, such as wildlife habitats, stream and creek corridors, or unique and/or endangered plant species. Nature parks may vary in size from small parcels (less than 10 acres) to large properties of more than 200 acres. Nature parks typically serve a community-wide population and include greenways, natural areas, and preserves. Public access to natural areas may be limited at these sites, which often include wetlands, steep hillsides, or other similar spaces. Some nature parks may be managed secondarily to provide passive recreation opportunities. These sites may contain trails, interpretive displays, viewpoints, and seating areas.

Special Use Parks

The Special Use classification covers a broad range of park and recreation lands that are specialized or single-purpose in nature. Parks in this category include waterfront or ocean access parks, boat ramps, memorials, historic sites, waysides, swimming areas, single purpose sites used for a particular field sport, dog parks, skate parks, display gardens, sites occupied by buildings, or protect some significant geologic or scenic feature. Special use parks that have a community or regional draw may require supporting facilities such as parking or restrooms. Park size is dependent on the special use and can vary from very small to many acres.

Trails, Pathways and Bikeways

Trails, pathways, and bikeways include a number of trail types including multi-use, pedestrian, and soft surface trails to accommodate a variety of activities such as walking, running, biking, dog walking, rollerblading, skateboarding, and horseback riding. Such trails may be located within parks or along existing streets and roadways as part of the citywide transportation system. Multi-use trails are designed for use by pedestrians, bicyclists, skateboarders, wheelchairs, and other non-motorized vehicle users. These trails are hard surfaced to accommodate bicycles and provide accessibility for people with disabilities. Hard surfaced pedestrian trails are generally found within smaller parks and as secondary trails within larger parks. Soft surfaced

trails are composed of soft-surface materials, such as soil, crushed rock, hog fuel, and wood chips. Most soft surfaces do not provide accessibility for people with disabilities but are preferable for some recreation activities, such as running and hiking. Trails, pathways, and bikeways may include amenities such as directional and control signage, gates, benches, overlooks, drinking fountains, lighting, trailhead kiosks, and interpretive signs.

Regional Sports Parks

Regional sports parks typically consolidate heavily programmed athletic facilities for activities such as soccer, football, baseball/softball into a few strategically located sites throughout the community. Regional sports parks could also include facilities such as race tracks, shooting ranges and equestrian areas. The location of these facilities is important due to the traffic, lighting, and noise that are often associated with them. They typically require large parking areas and restroom facilities. They also may have other park amenities, such as play areas or picnic facilities that serve non-participant family members and others while events are taking place. Regional sports parks normally require a minimum of 25 acres, with 40-80 acres being optimal.

Linear Parks

Linear parks include natural or built corridors that connect parks and neighborhoods, provide linkages through the city, and preserve open space. Linear parks may include abandoned railroad lines, utility rights-of-way, wildlife corridors, or elongated natural areas defined by drainage features or topographical changes, such as riparian corridors. Linear parks typically support trail-oriented activities, including walking, jogging, biking, skateboarding, and roller skating, which play a major role in health and fitness. Trails, pathways, and bikeways located in other types of park settings (e.g., neighborhood, community, natural area parks) where the trail is not the primary purpose of the park or along existing streets or roadways may be connected to, but are excluded from this park category. Linear parks typically include amenities such as rest benches, picnic tables, trailhead kiosks, parking at major trailheads, and way finding markers, but may also incorporate smaller-scale neighborhood park amenities such as play areas, picnic areas, and exercise stations. Linear park size is dependent on the corridor length and opportunity.

Destination Parks

Destination Parks can include the same characteristics as Regional Parks, Natural Area Parks, Special Use Parks and Linear Parks, but offer such outstanding natural, historic, scenic or recreational attractions that visitors travel more than an hour to several days, by car, to reach them. They are usually well known statewide and even nationally. They can have a wide range of acreage sizes and levels of development, but generally have a moderate to very intensive level of visitation. They can be day-use parks or can offer overnight camping or cabins. Most of the parks in the Oregon State Park system are Destination Parks. Some county and regional park systems also operate Destination Parks.

Source: Oregon State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, 2013-2017

The following table summarizes the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's recommended guidelines for the provision of each category of park land:

Parkland Type	Oregon Average Acres per 1,000 Population	Oregon Median Acres per 1,000 Population	Average Planning LOS Site Guidelines (Acres/ 1,000 population)	NRPA Standard LOS Site Guidelines (Acres/ 1,000 population)	Recommended Oregon LOS Site Guidelines (Acres/ 1,000 population)
Pocket Parks	0.22	0.16	0.16	0.25 to 0.50	0.25 to 0.50
Urban Plaza Parks	0.12	0.11	0.18	None	0.1 to 0.2
Neighborhood Parks	1.06	0.57	1.27	1.0 to 2.0	1.0 to 2.0
Community Parks	2.06	2.10	2.76	5.0 to 8.0	2.0 to 6.0
Regional Parks	6.02	9.18	8.99	5.0 to 10.0	5.0 to 10.0*
Nature Parks	5.16	2.33	2.74	None	2.0 to 6.0
Special Use Parks	3.87	1.98	0.38	None	None
Trails, Pathways and Bikeways	0.60 miles per 1,000 population		0.62 miles per 1,000 population	None	0.5 to 1.5 miles per 1,000 population
Regional Sports Parks	6.35	7.08		5.0 to 10.0	5.0 to 10.0
Linear Parks	0.90	0.94		None	0.5 to 1.5*
Destination Parks	27.30			None	20.0 to 30.0*
Total Acres of Parkland	12.13	6.90		6.25 to 10.5 developed	6.25 to 12.5

*LOS based on local-use population estimates. If there is extensive out-of-area visitation to these parks, recreation providers may consider exceeding these LOS guidelines.

4.2 Parkland level of service in Astoria

Parkland Type	Total Acres Managed by APRD (number of parks)	Current LOS provided by APRD (acres/1,000 population)	Recommended Oregon LOS (acres/1,000 population)	Additional Acres Managed by Outside Agencies (within 5 miles of City Limits)	Status	Service Radius
Pocket Parks	4.8 (8)	0.49	0.25 - 0.5	-	Meets standard	1/4 mile
Urban Plaza Parks	0.25 (1)	0.03	0.1 - 0.2	-	Need exists	Community/region
Neighborhood Parks	20.1 (5)	2.12	1.0 - 2.0	-	Meets standard	1/4 - 1/2 mile
Community Parks	23.7 (2)	2.49	2.0 - 6.0	49	Meets standard	5-10 miles (15 min drive)
Regional Parks	0	0	5.0 - 10.0	97	TBD	20-30 miles (45 min drive)
Nature Parks	61.3 (10)	6.49	2.0 - 6.0	-	Meets standard	Community/region
Special Use Parks	53.3 (8)	5.6	N/A	-	N/A	Varies
Regional Sports Parks	0	0	5.0 - 10.0	-	TBD	Community/region
Linear Parks	36.4 (1)	3.83	0.5 - 1.5	-	Meets standard	Community/region
Destination Parks	39.5 (2)	4.16	20.0 - 30.0	4300	TBD	Region/state/nation
Undeveloped	50 (1)	5.26	N/A	-	N/A	N/A
Total Acres Developed	239.25 (35)	25.2	6.25 - 15		Meets standard	

4.3 Trails level of service in Astoria

Trail Type	Total Miles Managed by APRD	Current LOS provided by APRD (miles/1,000 population)	Recommended Oregon LOS (miles/1,000 population)	Additional Miles Managed by Outside Agencies (within 5 miles of City Limits)	Status
Soft surface	0.9		N/A	14	N/A
Hard surface	6.7		N/A	9	N/A
Total Miles	7.6	0.8	0.5 - 1.5	23	Meets standard

4.4 Recreation level of service

The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) 2016 Field Report compiles data from parks and recreation providers nation-wide. This report is a useful tool for benchmarking Astoria's parks and recreation services.

The NRPA Field Report provides data on which recreation programs are offered by parks and recreation agencies. For communities with a population of less than 20,000 people, the following programs are provided. *Note: programs which are also provided by Astoria Parks and Recreation are marked with an asterisk.*

Greater than 67% of parks and recreation agencies nation-wide offer:

- *Fitness enhancement classes
- *Health and wellness education
- *Team sports

Between 33% and 66% of parks and recreation agencies nation-wide offer:

- *Aquatics
- Individual sports
- *Martial arts
- Performing arts
- *Safety training
- *Social recreation events
- *Themed special events
- Trips and tours
- Visual arts

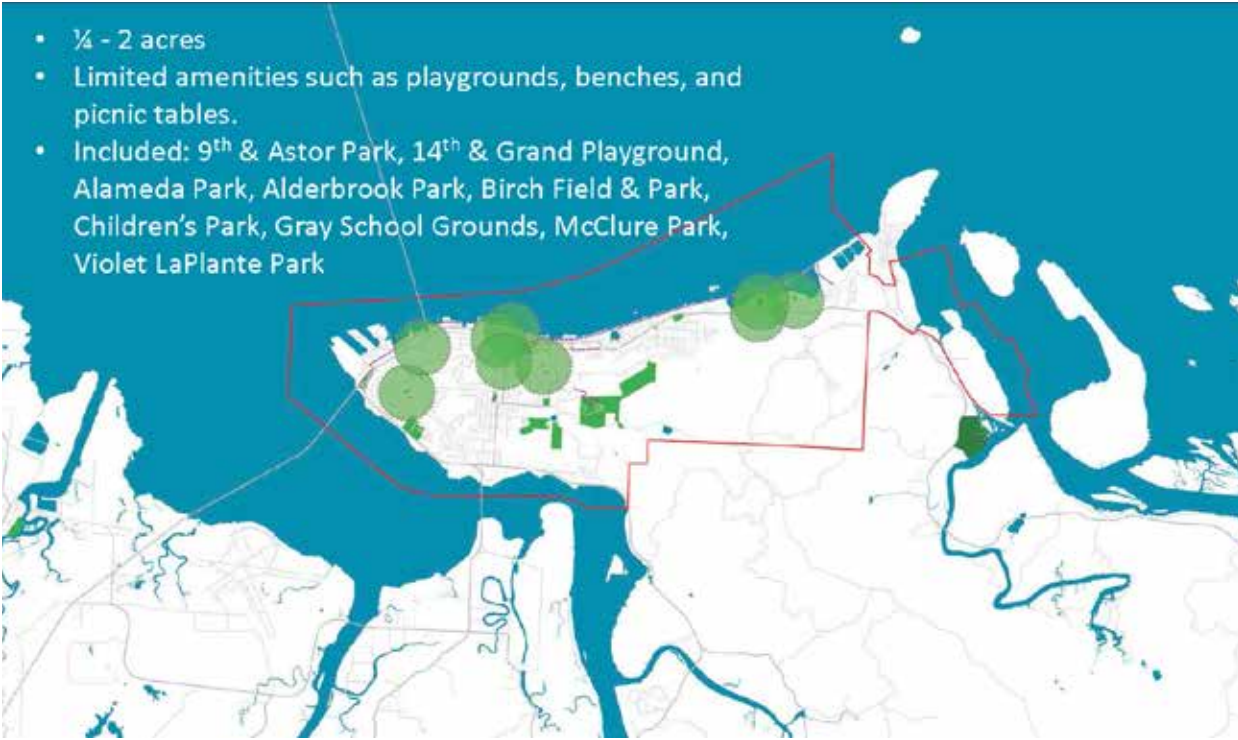
Less than 33% of parks and recreation agencies nation-wide offer:

- Cultural crafts
- Golf
- Natural and cultural history activities
- *Racquet sports

Map: Parkland service areas

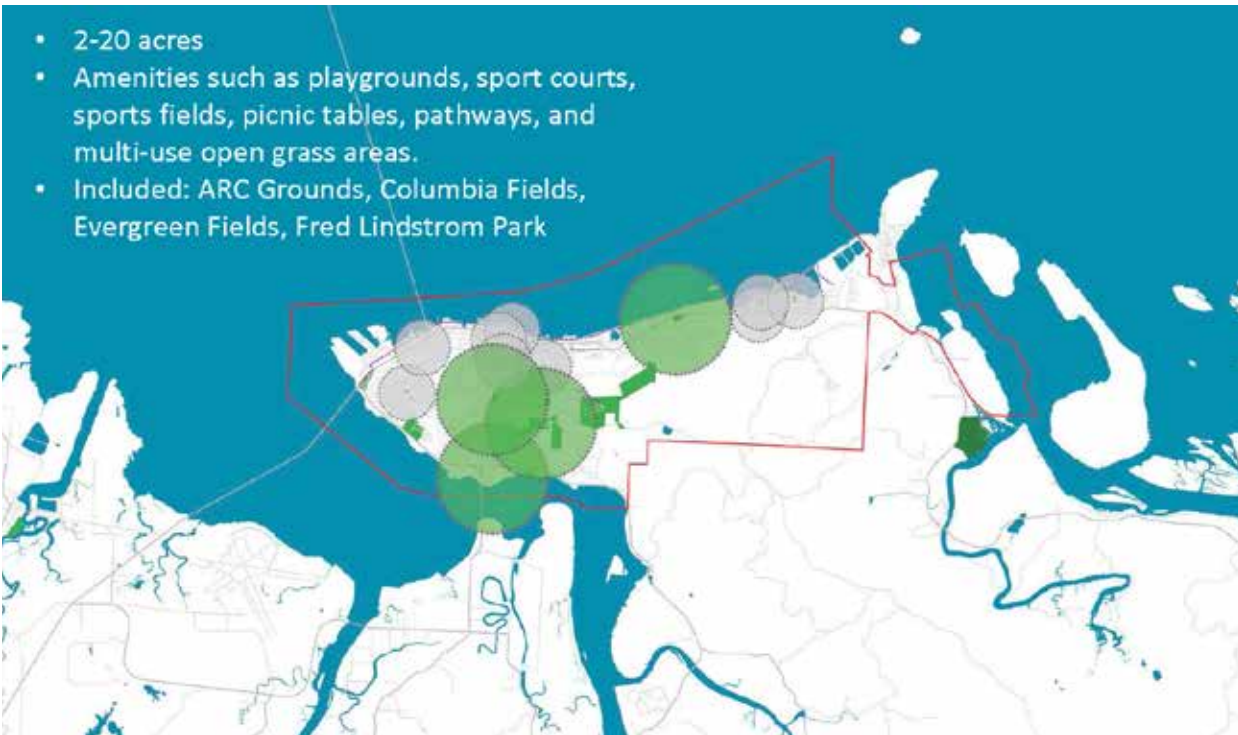
Pocket parks

- ¼ - 2 acres
- Limited amenities such as playgrounds, benches, and picnic tables.
- Included: 9th & Astor Park, 14th & Grand Playground, Alameda Park, Alderbrook Park, Birch Field & Park, Children's Park, Gray School Grounds, McClure Park, Violet LaPlante Park



Neighborhood parks

- 2-20 acres
- Amenities such as playgrounds, sport courts, sports fields, picnic tables, pathways, and multi-use open grass areas.
- Included: ARC Grounds, Columbia Fields, Evergreen Fields, Fred Lindstrom Park

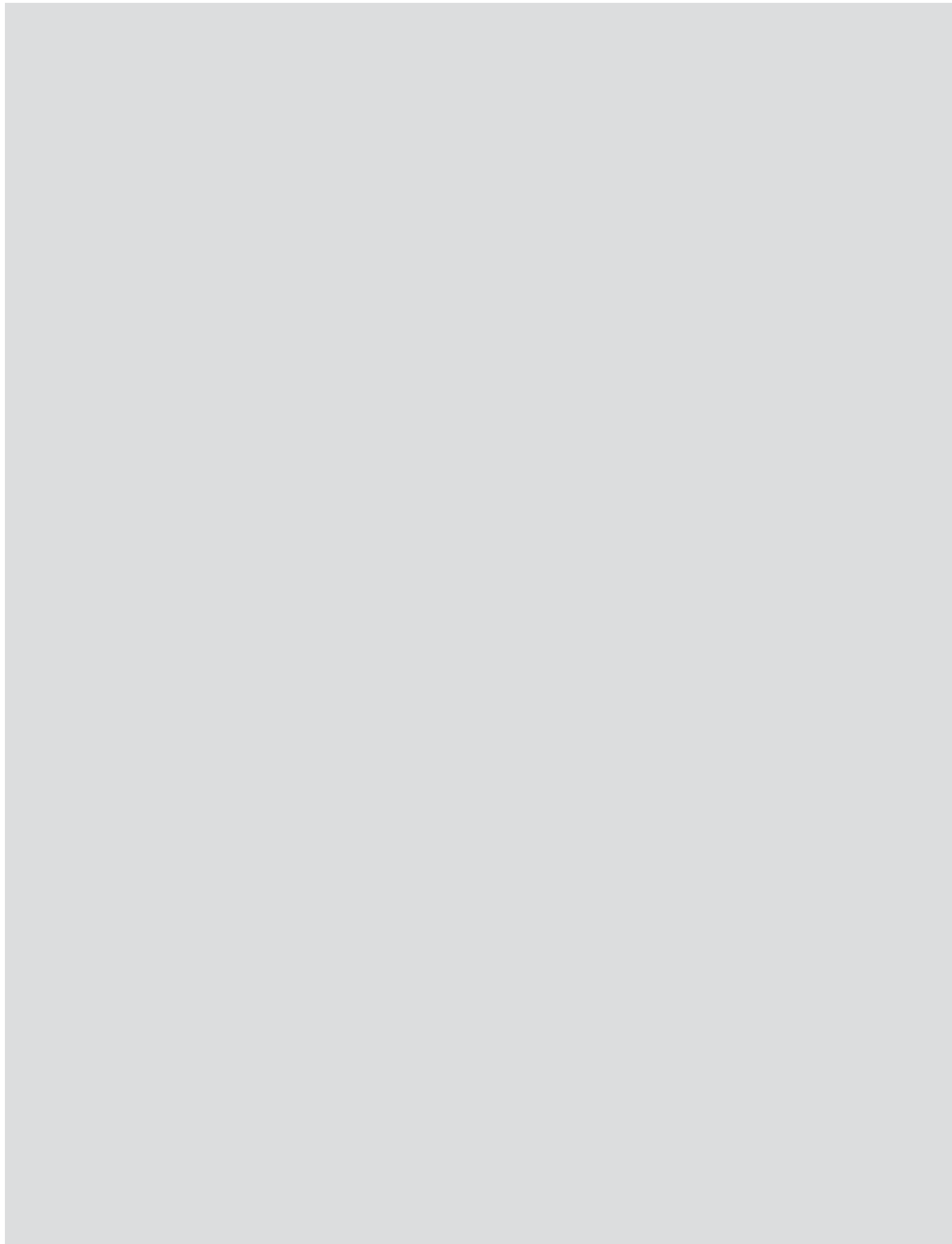


Community parks



Regional parks





5. Needs assessment

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5.2 National, State, and Local Trends

National Trends

National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Field Report 2016

Park facilities:

- Nation: 1,335 residents per park*
- Astoria: 271 residents per park

Acres of parkland:

- Nation: 10.6 acres per 1,000 residents*
- Astoria: 25.2 acres per 1,000 residents

Full time employees:

- Nation: 9.3 per 10,000 residents*
- Astoria: 7 per 10,000 residents

Median annual operating expenditures:

- Nation: \$3.5 M
- Pacific Northwest: \$4.0 M
- Astoria: \$1.8 M

Top program offerings for agencies with population below 20,000:

- Team sports
- Fitness enhancement
- Health and wellness education

* Median value for agencies with population below 20,000.

Oregon

Oregon Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan: 2013-2017 (SCORP)

Top statewide issues effecting outdoor recreation provision in the state of Oregon:

- Provide adequate funds for routine and preventative maintenance and repair of facilities
- Fund major rehabilitation of existing outdoor recreation facilities at the end of their useful life.
- Add more recreational trails and better trail connectivity between parks and communities.
- Recognize and strengthen park and recreation's role in increasing physical activity in Oregon's population.
- Recommend a standard set of sustainable park practices for outdoor recreation providers.

Key findings for Oregon's aging population:

- The most popular outdoor recreation activities for Oregonians between the ages of 42 and 80 included walking, picnicking, sightseeing, visiting historic sites and ocean beach activities.
- Over a third of Oregon Boomers and Pre-Boomers volunteered in their community, with an average time commitment of 5.3 hours per week.
- When asked what recreation or natural resource agencies can do to increase the time respondents spend volunteering or to attract new volunteers, the overwhelming response was to

STATEWIDE NEED

Public Recreation Provider Survey		Oregon Resident Survey		
Close-To-Home Priorities	Score	Dispersed-Area Priorities	Score	Score
Community trail systems	3.6	Group campgrounds & facilities	3.9	Dirt / other soft surface walking trails and paths 3.8
Children's playgrounds	3.6	RV / trailer campgrounds & facilities	3.7	Public access sites to waterways 3.5
Acquisition of trail corridors & ROWs	3.4	Public restroom facilities	3.7	Nature and wildlife viewing areas 3.4
Trails connected to public lands	3.3	Tent campgrounds & facilities	3.6	Children's playgrounds and play areas made of natural materials (Natural Play Areas) 3.3
Public restroom facilities	3.3	Group day-use & facilities	3.6	Picnic areas and shelters for small visitor groups 3.3
Picnicking / day-use facilities	3.3	Acquisition of trail corridors & ROWs	3.5	Off-street bicycle trails and pathways 3.3
				Paved / hard surface walking trails and paths 3.0
				Community gardens 3.0
				Off-leash dog areas 3.0

provide more information.

- Oregon's recreation managers can expect substantial increases in the number of visitors with a physical or mental disability using their recreational facilities and services in the coming years as Boomers increase in age.
- Priority should be given to trails, picnic areas, sightseeing areas, and historic sites in terms of where resources should be directed for providing accessibility accommodations.

Key findings for Oregon's youth population:

- Preferred recreational activities for urban youth include outdoor sports, riding bikes, viewing nature and wildlife, dancing, and playing with dogs.
- For rural youth, preferred activities include horseback riding, camping, skateboarding, bike riding, and wrestling.
- The most common reason that youth enjoyed playing outdoors is because it provides more options and choices with a greater repertoire of activities and more ways to play with friends.
- One of the major constraints to playing outdoors more frequently is increasing amounts of time spent playing with electronic toys (TV, video games and computers).
- Another reported barrier is that either their family doesn't go outside or nobody pushes them to go outside.
- When asked about the effects of not going outside, youth made the connection between staying indoors and decreasing physical and emotional health.
- Youth report that programs that focus on the arts, music, and social events would encourage more kids to go outside and into parks.

Key findings for Oregon's ethnic minorities:

- Develop facilities (such as picnic areas) large enough for extended families. Participants explained that they prefer to recreate with their children and extended families including elders. They mentioned frustration with visiting areas without such facilities.
- Recruit a more diverse staff.
- Target marketing information at ethnic groups in appropriate media and languages. Having literature and information available in multiple languages would help encourage use at outdoor recreation areas. According to participants, information should be distributed through existing ethnic organizations.
- Develop a multi-language recreation website.
- Create trust with key informants within the communities.
- Focus information delivery on Hispanic youth.
- Focus youth programs on academic enhancement. Parents want to take their children to a place where they can learn and explore. Programs that focus on academic enhancement and promote self-esteem for youth in the community would be welcomed.

Clatsop County Need

Public Recreation Provider Survey		Oregon Resident Survey			
Close-To-Home Priorities	Score	Dispersed-Area Priorities	Score		Score
Acquisition of trail corridors & ROWs	5.0	Acquisition of trail corridors & ROWs	3.0	Dirt / other soft surface walking trails and paths	3.7
Community trail systems	5.0	Trails connected to public lands	3.0	Public access sites to waterways	3.7
Visitor center & program facilities	4.0	Nature study / wildlife watching sites	3.0	Picnic areas and shelters for small visitor groups	3.4
				Off-street bicycle trails and pathways	3.4
				Nature and wildlife viewing areas	3.4
				Children's playgrounds and play areas made of natural materials (Natural Play Areas)	3.3
				Paved / hard surface walking trails & paths	3.1

Oregon Statewide Recreation Trails Plan: 2016-2025

- Relative to all Oregonians, non-motorized trail users tend to be younger and less ethnically diverse. According to the 2013-2017 Oregon SCORP, the state's elderly population (65 years and older) and minority populations (Hispanic, Asian, and African-American) are growing at a much higher rate than the population as a whole. As a result, Oregon's recreation providers should consider developing marketing strategies to encourage regular use of existing trail systems by elderly and minority populations in their jurisdictions.
- Survey results showed that dirt was the most common preferred trail surface for all activities other than biking on hard surface trails. Soft trail surface preference was also identified in the 2011 Oregon Outdoor Recreation Survey.
- The survey also identified that the highest priority for additional trails was for walking/hiking both inside and outside one's community. Trails for hard surface biking were the next highest priority for inside, while trails for backpacking were the next highest priority for outside one's community. Overall, a higher priority was placed on trails inside the community over trails outside. Close-to-home trail investments will maximize everyday use by local residents.
- Repair of major trail damage was identified as the highest trail funding priority by survey respondents. Such projects involve extensive trail repair (e.g., resurfacing of asphalt trails or complete replacement, regrading, and resurfacing of all trails) needed to bring a facility up to standards suitable for public use. As a result, OPRD will provide additional points for projects intending to repair major trail damage in the RTP evaluation criteria.
- Statewide, non-motorized trail use by Oregon residents supports 21,730 jobs, \$672 million in labor income, and \$1.0 billion in value added. When out-of-state visitors are included, the estimated amounts increased to 24,340 jobs, \$1.2 billion in value added, and \$753 million in labor income.

Statewide Non-Motorized Trail Funding Priorities:

- Connecting trails into larger trail systems.
- More signs/ trail wayfinding.
- Repair of major trail damage.

Statewide Non-Motorized Trail Management Issues:

- Need for more trails connecting towns/ public places. This issue is addressed by trails projects that connect communities to each other; provide connections between existing trails; close a gap within an existing trail; provide links to trails outside Urban Growth Boundaries; provide access to parks and open space; and provide access to significant facilities within communities such as schools, libraries, indoor recreation facilities, and businesses.
- Need for improved trail maintenance. For this issue, trail maintenance includes routine trail maintenance and trail rehabilitation/ restoration. Routine maintenance includes work that is conducted on a frequent basis in order to keep a trail in its originally constructed serviceable standards (e.g., mowing, tree and brush pruning, leaf and debris removal, cleaning and repair of drainage structures such as culvers, water bars, and drain dips), maintenance of water crossings, and repairs to signs and other amenities. Trail rehabilitation/ restoration involves extensive trail repair (e.g., resurfacing of asphalt trails or complete replacement, regrading, and resurfacing of all trails) needed to bring a facility up to standards suitable for public use.
- Need for more trail signs (directional and distance markers, and level of difficulty). Trail users require a number of different types of signs to safely and enjoyably pursue their trail experience. Location signs that lead people to trailheads and parking areas, directional signs along the trail, destination signs to let people know they have reached end points, interpretive signs that describe the natural or cultural history of the area, and regulatory signs that explain the do's and don'ts of the area are important trail components. Trail managers should provide information about their trails that allows users to choose the trails within their skill and capability level.

Regional Non-Motorized Trail Priorities for New Development:

- Walking/hiking
- Biking, hard surface
- Running/jogging
- Walking/running, dog off-leash

Clatsop County

Clatsop Vision 2030 Together

In 2015, the Clatsop Vision 2030 Together plan was developed by Clatsop County. The plan identified current trends, a vision for the future, and expected issues. A summary of that information can be found in the Community Profile, Section 2.2. Through research and community input, the following strategies were outlined to fulfill the vision for Clatsop County in 2030. Below is a selection of those strategies and goals, which are useful to consider when planning for the parks and recreation system in Astoria.

- *Arts as economic development:* advance arts and crafts, culture and historic preservation as key economic development strategies for the county. Potential County role: partner.
- *Arts and cultural destinations:* advance downtown Astoria, Seaside, and Cannon Beach as tourist, arts and cultural destinations. Potential County role: support.
- *Riverwalk and Prom enhancement:* encourage the maintenance and further enhancement of the Astoria Riverwalk and the Seaside Prom. Potential County role: support.
- *Health and wellness strategy:* develop a comprehensive strategy and programs to improve public health and wellness through education, lifestyle, nutrition, and access to health care. Potential County role: lead.
- *Active living education:* promote public education on “active living” and the benefits of healthy eating and lifestyles. Potential County role: lead.
- *Affordable childcare:* expand access to affordable childcare for low-wage workers and the working poor. Potential County role: lead.
- *Services for older adults:* improve and enhance appropriate, useful programs and services for older adults and retired people. Potential County role: partner.
- *Community involvement and volunteerism:* support expanded and increased community involvement and volunteerism countywide. Potential County role: support.
- *Latino population integration:* promote awareness and programs to better integrate County’s growing Latino population into the community. Potential County role: partner.
- *Activities for youth:* partner with municipal and state entities to expand or improve recreational and educational programs and activities for youth. Potential County role: partner.
- *Natural areas, fish and wildlife habitat protection:* maintain and protect natural areas of all types for fish and wildlife habitat and corridors, as well as public access, enjoyment and recreation. Potential County role: partner.
- *Parks in emerging population centers:* seek opportunities to develop or expand parks in emerging population centers, unincorporated areas, and villages within walking distance of residential area. Potential County role: partner.
- *Public involvement in planning:* continue to engage citizens countywide in public involvement programs for community and community-based planning. Potential County role: lead.
- *Planning partnerships and collaboration:* promote stronger collaboration, partnerships and ventures between public, private and civic sector organizations in planning for the county. Potential County role: partner.
- *Alternative modes of transportation:* support increased public education and awareness on the use of alternative modes of transportation and promote its use. Potential County role: support.
- *Parks and green spaces in new development:* incorporate green spaces, parks, natural areas, and wildlife migration corridor planning in all new development. Potential County role: partner.
- *Pedestrian and bicycle programs and amenities:* improve and enhance pedestrian and bicycle programs and amenities. Potential County role: partner.

5.3 Peer Community Analysis

This analysis is intended to serve as a resource for evaluating Astoria's Parks and Recreation system. The following pages provide details on parks and services provided, as well as employees, budgets, and funding sources for Astoria and similar or alternative parks and recreation agencies. This analysis should be used to inform policymakers of how other agencies go about providing their services, to assist in developing a vision for the future of the parks and recreation system in Astoria.

City of Astoria Parks and Recreation Department	
Service area: 10.1 sq mi Service area population: 9,503	
Operations model	City department
Acres of parkland	300 (175 developed)
Number of park sites	35 developed parks, 47 total sites
Miles of trails	7.6
Park facilities	Playgrounds; sport fields and courts; skate park; community garden; natural areas and trails; river trail with waterfront parks; pocket parks; picnic areas; historic monuments including the Astoria Column; 100-acre historic Ocean View Cemetery.
Indoor facilities	Aquatic center; recreation center; preschool; indoor playground; 3 public restroom facilities; cemetery chapel; 2 maintenance facilities; 2 community halls.
Programs	Youth and adult fitness; youth and adult sport leagues; preschool; after-school; teen zone; summer day camps; swimming lessons; runs and walks; special events.
Employees	7 full time, plus part time and seasonal.
Funding	City of Astoria General Fund, City of Astoria Capital Improvement Fund, user and program fees, grants, donations, Parks Foundation.
Budget	\$1.82 M FY 2015-16
Subsidy	\$878,100 from General Fund (about 8%); \$412,000 from Capital Improvement Fund FY 2015-16.
Notes	The Parks & Recreation maintenance division has 3.8 full time and 6 seasonal staff, and is responsible for parks and indoor facilities, as well as an additional 12 City open space sites ranging from landscaped gateways and medians to street trees and parking lot hedges.

St. Helens, OR



The St. Helens Parks Department is a division of the City's Public Works Department. A Parks & Grounds crew is responsible for maintenance of all parkland, as well as street trees and green spaces within public rights-of-way. St. Helens also relies on the Columbia County Community Corrections Crew for maintenance tasks, typically one day per week year-round. Tasks include mowing, trimming, weed eating, and litter pickup. The 2014 Parks and Trails Master Plan recommended an increase of the Parks & Grounds crew to a minimum 5.0 FTE year-round, with a total of 10.0 FTE as seasonal help in the spring and summer months.

The City of St. Helens' location on the Columbia River permeates nearly every aspect of the small town, from tourism to economic development to transportation. As the popularity of recreation along the lower Columbia River increases, the City of St. Helens may act as a land refuge for many members of the non-motorized boating community looking for a place to rest, eat, or sleep.

The 2014 Parks and Trails Plan cataloged 3.76 miles of existing trails within parks, and 2.69 miles of trails outside of the park system mostly in the form of multi-use, off-street trails and pedestrian access points and stairs. These trails also include various pedestrian access points and staircases throughout the Riverfront District area. The Plan proposes building 10.17 miles of additional trails to create new experiences and link the system.

St. Helens, with its proximity to Portland, is projected to grow significantly by 2020, and if the park system remains the same acreage, it will fall short of the recommended level of service for nearly every park classification. The 2014 master plan recommended adding 26.3 acres of parkland in the form of a nature park and a community park.

City of St. Helens Parks Department

Service area: 5.5 sq mi Service area population: 12,883

Operations model	Division of City Public Works Department
Acres of parkland	103
Number of park sites	12
Miles of trails	6.45
Park Facilities	Sport fields and courts; playgrounds; skate park; splash pad; botanical gardens; 18-hole disc golf course; dog friendly areas; covered picnic areas with power, water, and charcoal grills; beachfront; nature trails; fitness trail with exercise stations; dirt BMX pump track; community garden; two camping areas with a total of approx 46 sites.
Indoor facilities	Four restroom facilities, two with showers; two concession stands. There is an aquatic center owned and operated by the Greater St. Helens Recreation District.
Programs	Offered through the Greater St. Helens Recreation District.
Employees	3.5 full time, 6 seasonal
Funding	Maintenance funds are allocated to the Parks & Grounds budget, and additional funds are allocated from the Water & Sewer budget as needed. SDCs provide an additional \$20,000 annually for capital improvements
Budget	\$233,250 FY 2014-15*
Subsidy	\$233,250 FY 2014-15 (typically 5-6% of City's general fund)
Notes	*The Parks and Grounds division is responsible for maintaining and improving City parkland, rights of way and other open space, totaling 170 acres. The seasonal employees have historically been funded by Public Works Operations Water and Sewer Funds. The Facilities division maintains all restrooms and accessory buildings. The City of St. Helens is considering establishing a parks utility fee or maintenance district.

Newport, OR



Newport is often used as a comparison city for Astoria because of its similarity in size, population, geography, and industry. The City of Newport provides parks and recreation services to its constituents through its Parks and Recreation Department.

Newport's 45,000 sf recreation center is its most visited facility, with two gymnasiums, a large fitness center with cardio equipment and free weights, indoor running track, fitness and dance studios, a large multipurpose room with a kitchen, a classroom/meeting room, and indoor play equipment.

A 22,000 sf addition to the recreation center facility will replace Newport's existing aquatic center. The new addition will include an 8-lane 25-yd pool with 1m diving board, spectator seating, therapeutic/activity pool, hot tub, water slide, offices, storage, and locker rooms. Construction began in Fall of 2015, and the estimated cost of the addition is \$8.25 M. Newport residents passed a bond to fund the facility. Property owners will pay \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value, about \$90 annually for the average household.

The relocation of the aquatic center facility to the recreation center site will add to Newport's civic complex, which also includes the Newport Senior Center and City Hall, and about 210 parking spaces.

It is a goal of the City Council to update the City of Newport Parks Master Plan, which has been included in the budget FY 2016-17. The Community Development Department is investigating the possibility of developing a network of walking and mountain biking trails at the City's water reservoir site. The Parks and Recreation Department is planning a bicycle pump track adjacent to its dog park, to be about 150' x 150'. A tree master plan has also been proposed.

City of Newport Parks & Recreation Department

Service area: 10.6 sq mi Service area population: 10,117

Operations model City department

Acres of parkland 50

Number of park sites 13

Miles of trails 1

Park Facilities Playgrounds; sport fields and courts; picnic shelters; charcoal grills; a small amphitheater; skate park; 2 fenced-in dog parks; nature trails; community garden; japanese garden.

Indoor facilities Aquatic center, recreation center, senior center, 3 park restroom facilities; concession stand.

Programs Adopt-a-park; youth and adult fitness; youth and adult sport leagues; after school; summer day camps; swimming lessons and aquatic fitness; special events.

Employees 8 full time, plus 10-12 part time and seasonal*

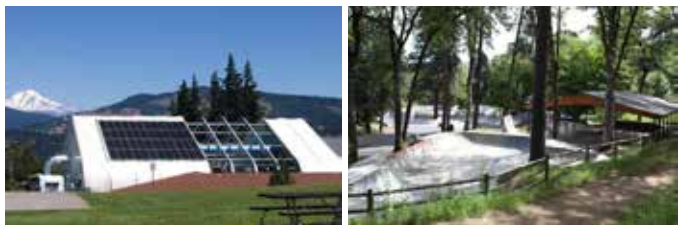
Funding General fund, transient room tax, SDC for parks, user fees, grants, donations.

Budget \$1.7 M FY 2015-16*

Subsidy \$569,000 from General Fund (4%), \$180,500 from Room Tax Fund (8.6%), \$426,000 from Capital Improvements Fund, \$159,263 SDC for parks FY 2015-16

Notes *Does not include maintenance. Maintenance is carried out by the Parks & Grounds, Facilities, and Custodial divisions which fall under Public Works. Funding for those divisions comes from the City's General Fund.

Hood River, OR



The Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District (HRVPRD) was formed in 1988 to continue the operations of an Aquatic Center and supporting programs. The pool was originally owned and maintained by the City of Hood River. “The city was closing the pool and some local big vision-folks, like Mike Schend and others, thought that the special district would allow it to keep going,” said Director Lori Stirn. The district’s permanent tax rate of \$0.34 per thousand dollars of property value has guaranteed the operating budget for the well-used facility.

The District’s role has expanded from operating the Hood River Aquatic Center to meeting a variety of the community parks and recreational needs. Currently, HRVPRD provides for the recreational needs of the community through the Aquatic Center, Skate Park, disc golf course, three neighborhood parks, and the 4-mile Indian Creek Trail. Many other local parks are managed by the port, city or county of Hood River.

Hood River is getting closer to the finish line for a continuous loop trail system within the city that joins into county trails. “Our big vision is to connect neighborhoods and schools in the Urban Growth Boundary and to provide connections to lands, trails and neighborhoods in the county,” said Director Stirn. “We believe these trails provide much needed recreational escapes whether walking or biking – and they add very healthy lifestyle opportunities.”

What is working well over time within the district is the slow but steady process of sharing the big vision of a continuous trail system with the community and then obtaining the necessary easements with private and commercial property owners to make that a reality. About a dozen property owners including private families, Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital, ODOT, Columbia Gorge Community College and the school district have already signed-up to bring the trail to life.

According to Stirn, it has been the commitment of local volunteers, donors and community partners that underlies the success of the system.

Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District	
Service area: 530 sq mi	Service area population: 21,202
Operations model	Regional parks and recreation district
Acres of parkland	50
Number of park sites	6
Miles of trails	4
Park facilities	Playgrounds; sport courts; open space; 9-hole disc golf course; skate and BMX park; nature trails.
Indoor facilities	Aquatic center; park restroom facility.
Programs	Kayak roll sessions, kayak water polo, youth and adult swim lessons, aquatic center party room, water aerobics, special events.
Employees	4 full time, plus 20-30 seasonal/part time
Funding	Permanent tax levy, SDCs, user fees, grants, donations.
Budget	\$3.7 M FY 2015-16
Subsidy	Permanent tax of \$0.34 per \$1000 of property value, accounting for about \$700,000 annually. Park SDCs were estimated at \$235,800 FY 2015-16.
Notes	A master plan was completed in 2012. HRVPRD has implemented several priority projects identified in the plan. There has been an emphasis on identification and wayfinding signage, trail connections to create a loop system throughout the City of Hood River. The construction of a fenced-in dog park was pending City Council approval as of early 2016.

Seaside, OR



The City of Seaside owns and maintains 76 acres of parkland at 8 sites. The Sunset Empire Parks and Recreation District (SEPRD) was established in 1969 to fund the Sunset Pool facility. The district boundaries are the same as Seaside School District #10, excluding the city limits of Gearhart and Cannon Beach. The SEPRD Board consists of 5 elected members, who serve four year terms.

The vision of SEPRD: “We lead our community toward a healthy, active lifestyle and foster a sense of community thorough inclusive, sustainable, educational and recreational programs.”

Mission: “Sunset Empire Park & Recreation District invites and inspires our entire community to engage in P.L.A. Y.! (Positive Life Activities for You)

Resident and non-resident rates

After-school programs, including a semi-structured middle school program funded by an Oregon Community Foundation grant.

Scholarships available for applicants who meet income guidelines. “Sponsor a Child, Senior, or Family” program for donations that go in-full directly to the scholarship fund (tax deductible). Foundation has raised in excess of \$100,000.00 over the last decade for the scholarship program alone, serving over 2,200 youth, adults and Seniors in our community.

Sunset Empire Parks and Recreation District	
Service area: 200 sq mi	Service area population: 11,627
Operations model	Regional taxing district offering recreation services, with a 5-member board
Acres of parkland	N/A
Number of park sites	N/A
Miles of trails	N/A
Park facilities	Skate park, synthetic turf field complex (owned by City of Seaside, maintained by SEPRD)
Indoor facilities	Aquatic center, youth center, community center.
Programs	Swimming lessons and aquatic fitness; youth and adult fitness; after-school programs for elementary and middle school students; senior programs; arts; instruction; open gyms; special events.
Employees	7 full time, 14 part time
Funding	SEPRD: \$0.92 per \$1000 assessed property value; user and program fees; grants; donations.
Budget	\$2.56 M FY 2015-16
Subsidy	\$1.35 M recreation district tax levy; \$26,000 from City of Seaside; \$5,000 in timber taxes.
Notes	SEPRD maintains the synthetic turf field complex and skate park adjacent to its facility, but owned by the City of Seaside. \$166,250 of deferred maintenance was identified for the aquatic center facility in FY 2015-16 budget.

Ashland, OR



The Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission (APRC) is the caretaker of 785 acres of parkland and 26 miles of trails in Ashland and offers a variety recreational opportunities, as well as facility and park rentals.

Usage agreements with Ashland School District and Southern Oregon University for athletic fields and facilities.

Advertising and sponsorship program for seasonal recreation guides and special events.

A City food and beverage tax was implemented in 1990. A five percent tax is collected on all prepared food sold in Ashland. APRC receives \$0.01 for every \$0.05 collected. FY 2014-15, the food and beverage tax brought in \$2.7 M of revenue for the City, providing about \$520,000 toward parkland acquisition and improvements. SDCs provide additional funds for APRC capital improvements.

Park & trail finder map and web app

Youth and adult sport leagues are provided by Medford, and advertised for in the quarterly guide.

Seasonal ice rink November through February.

18 parks/properties that are dog friendly, one of which is a two-acre fenced-in area where dogs can run off leash and socialize with other dogs

The Volunteer in Parks (VIP) program provides various volunteer opportunities to choose from, including working in parks and trails, the North Mountain Park Nature Center, special events, seasonal options and student projects. Youth conservation Corps, Adopt-a-Park program, work parties, and an annual volunteer appreciation dinner.

City of Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission

Service area: 6.59 sq mi Service area population: 20,366

Operations model	City department with 5-member elected commission
Acres of parkland	728 (213 developed)
Number of park sites	18 developed parks, 35 total sites
Miles of trails	41
Park facilities	46 acres of sport fields, 10 playgrounds, 12 tennis courts, a 9-hole golf course, 4 community gardens, dog friendly park areas, a 2-acre fenced dog park, seasonal ice rink, skate park.
Indoor facilities	Aquatic center, recreation center, nature center, senior center, 5 community halls
Programs	Youth, adult, and senior fitness; adaptive recreation; life skills and enrichment; sustainable living and gardening; creative expression; natural science and cultural history; special events.
Employees	38 full time, plus 6-8 seasonal
Funding	General fund, SDCs, 20% of City food and beverage tax, user fees, grants, donations.
Budget	\$6.3 M FY 2014-15
Subsidy	\$5.5 M
Notes	Youth and adult sport leagues are offered by nearby Medford Parks & Recreation.

5.4 Community Input

Note: data is available in the appendix, which will be summarized here.

Citizen Advisory Committee:

[summary]

Parks Advisory Board:

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Planning Commission:

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City Council:

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Fall 2015 Public Meetings:

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Fall/Winter 2015 Online Surveys:

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Spring 2016 Public Meetings:

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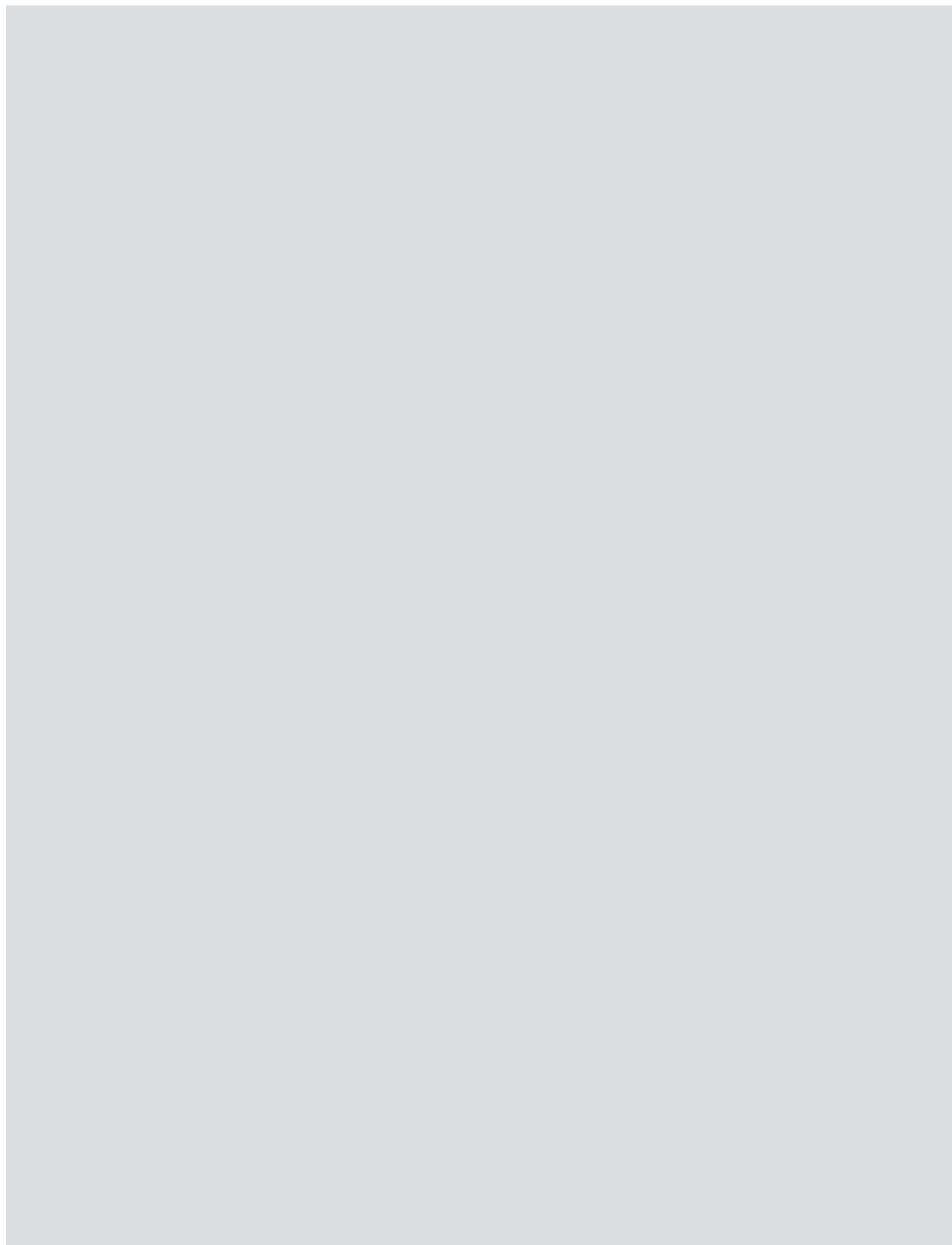
Spring 2016 Online Survey:

[summary]

Stakeholder Focus Groups:

Department Staff and CAC members helped to identify specific partners, users, and interest groups to interview for collecting more targeted feedback. Each group was interviewed between January and February 2016. Meetings lasted 45-60 minutes and consisted of a short presentation on the Plan and process, and 30 or more minutes of discussion. The following groups and stakeholders provided input in these sessions:

- **Aquatic Center user organizations** | *Astoria High School, Clatsop Community College, Columbia Memorial Hospital, North Coast Swim Club, US Coast Guard*
- **City staff** | *Community Development, Parks & Recreation, Public Works*
- **Downtown businesses** | *Astoria Downtown Historic District Association (ADHDA)*
- **Historic & cultural preservation** | *Clatsop County Historical Society, Clatsop Community College, Lower Columbia Preservation Society, other independent local historians.*
- **Latino Community** | *Lower Columbia Hispanic Council*
- **Parents clubs** | *MOMS Club, Astor Parents Club, Lewis & Clark Parents Club, AMS Parents Club*
- **Parks Foundation**
- **Public health & social service** | *Clatsop County Public Health, Astoria Warming Center*
- **Senior Community** | *Members, leadership, and board members of the Astoria Senior Center*
- **Service organizations** | *Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary, Boy Scouts, Friends of the Astoria Column, Friends of the Astoria Armory, Friends of McClure Park*
- **Trails & natural areas** | *National Parks Service, North Coast Watershed Council, North Coast Trail Alliance, NW Coast Trails Coalition, and other independent local horticulturalists, arborists, and trail builders.*
- **Youth & adult athletics** | *Astoria Cal Ripken Baseball, Astoria Babe Ruth Baseball, Lower Columbia Youth Soccer Association, Sunset Empire Parks & Recreation District, coaches from Astoria Parks & Recreation programs*
- **[see appendix for full summary]**



6. Recommendations

- 6.1 Introduction**
- 6.2 Maintenance**
- 6.3 Planning Initiatives**
- 6.4 Communications & Marketing**
- 6.5 Partnerships**
- 6.6 Operations**
- 6.7 Capital Projects**

6.2 Maintenance:

- a. Develop a parks maintenance plan:**
 - i. Establish standards for level of care at each site.
 - ii. Identify and prioritize the backlog of deferred maintenance tasks.
 - iii. Utilize computer software to record and track parkland and facility condition, maintenance needs, schedules, amenities, and part numbers.
 - iv. Survey, inventory, and develop maintenance guidelines for all tree and plant species in City of Astoria Parks.
 - v. Survey, inventory, and develop maintenance guidelines for all built and natural historic features in City of Astoria Parks.
 - vi. Prioritize sustainability and energy efficiency, and develop a strategy for improvement in those areas.
- b. Increase community stewardship:**
 - i. Continue to grow the CHIP-in program, focusing on methods to improve volunteer recruitment and increase retention.
 - ii. Develop and maintain a public online database of projects which need volunteer assistance or could be completed by volunteers.
 - iii. Establish guidelines and expectations for park/trail/facility adoption and 'friends-of' groups. Publicize these opportunities and encourage the community to be involved with stewardship.

6.3 Planning Initiatives:

- c. Capital Improvement Planning**
 - i. Improvements and new development should not be approved until there is an understanding of, and plan for, the long term maintenance costs and schedule.
 - ii. Improvements and new development should be prioritized based on community support and availability of funding.
 - iii. See the Capital Improvement Projects list in Section 6.4
- d. Visitor & Nonresident Use Study**
 - i. Track, measure, and record the use of parks, trails, facilities and programs by user type (residents, non-residents, visitors).
 - ii. Assess the impact of tourism on Parks & Recreation facilities.
 - iii. Estimate the revenue Parks & Recreation facilities and events bring to local businesses.
- e. Ocean View Cemetery Master Plan**
 - i. Develop a plan that addresses funding sources, operations and maintenance, and future site development at Ocean View Cemetery (OVC).
 - ii. Complete the plan prior to any expansion of OVC into currently undeveloped property.
- f. Combined Recreation Center Feasibility Study**
 - i. Develop a study to evaluate the consolidation of Astoria Parks & Recreation's indoor recreation facilities at a single site.

- ii. The study should include the Astoria Recreation Center (ARC) and Astoria Aquatic Center (AAC) facilities.
- iii. The study should evaluate the existing AAC as the preferred site for a combined facility, and assess the possibility for the sale or lease of the existing ARC facility.
- iv. The study should assess the advantages and disadvantages of consolidating facilities, including but not limited to staffing, maintenance, parking, and customer satisfaction.
- v. The study should evaluate a range of development scenarios, to be determined in coordination with Staff.

g. Develop individual park master plans for:

- i. 9th & Astor Park
- ii. Alderbrook Natural Area
- iii. Alderbrook Park
- iv. Astor Park (coordinate with Friends of the Astoria Column)
- v. McClure Park (coordinate with Friends of McClure Park)
- vi. Shively Park
- vii. Tidal Rock Park

h. Involve the Parks and Recreation Department in the development and implementation of City of Astoria planning initiatives that would require APRD resources to construct, operate, or maintain:

- i. Heritage Square (particularly any open space components where Parks & Recreation would be responsible for maintenance).
- ii. Implementation of the Riverfront Vision Plan. A park was proposed between 21st to 22nd Streets adjacent to the River Walk.
- iii. All other development or implementation of City plans that would require the Parks & Recreation department's resources to construct, operate or maintain.

6.4 Communications & Marketing:

i. Develop an annual strategic plan for Communications & Marketing:

- i. Measure the impact of communications and marketing on attendance, program registration, and revenue.

j. Increase community awareness of the Parks and Recreation Department's facilities and services:

- i. Continue to develop and improve the Astoria Parks & Recreation website and social media pages.
- ii. Provide materials in print at key locations such as the Astoria Senior Center and Chamber of Commerce.
- iii. Provide communications and marketing materials in Spanish and coordinate with local community groups such as the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council and Lower Columbia Tourism Committee.

- iv. Increase awareness of scholarship opportunities, discounts, giveaways and free events.
- v. Increase awareness of the Parks and Recreation Department's operations, amenities, and services.

6.5 Partnerships:

k. Evaluate agreements with existing partners:

- i. Evaluate existing agreements and establish new formalized agreements where necessary, between the Astoria Parks & Recreation Department and agencies which use APRD facilities, or where APRD uses facilities owned by other agencies.

l. Honor existing agreements with outside agencies:

- i. Ensure a clear understanding of existing agreements with outside agencies, especially where funds or assets have been granted to the Astoria Parks & Recreation Department for specific purposes.

m. Coordinate with other local recreation providers:

- i. Build synergy and eliminate redundancy. Continue to pursue and build partnerships with these providers.

6.6 Operations:

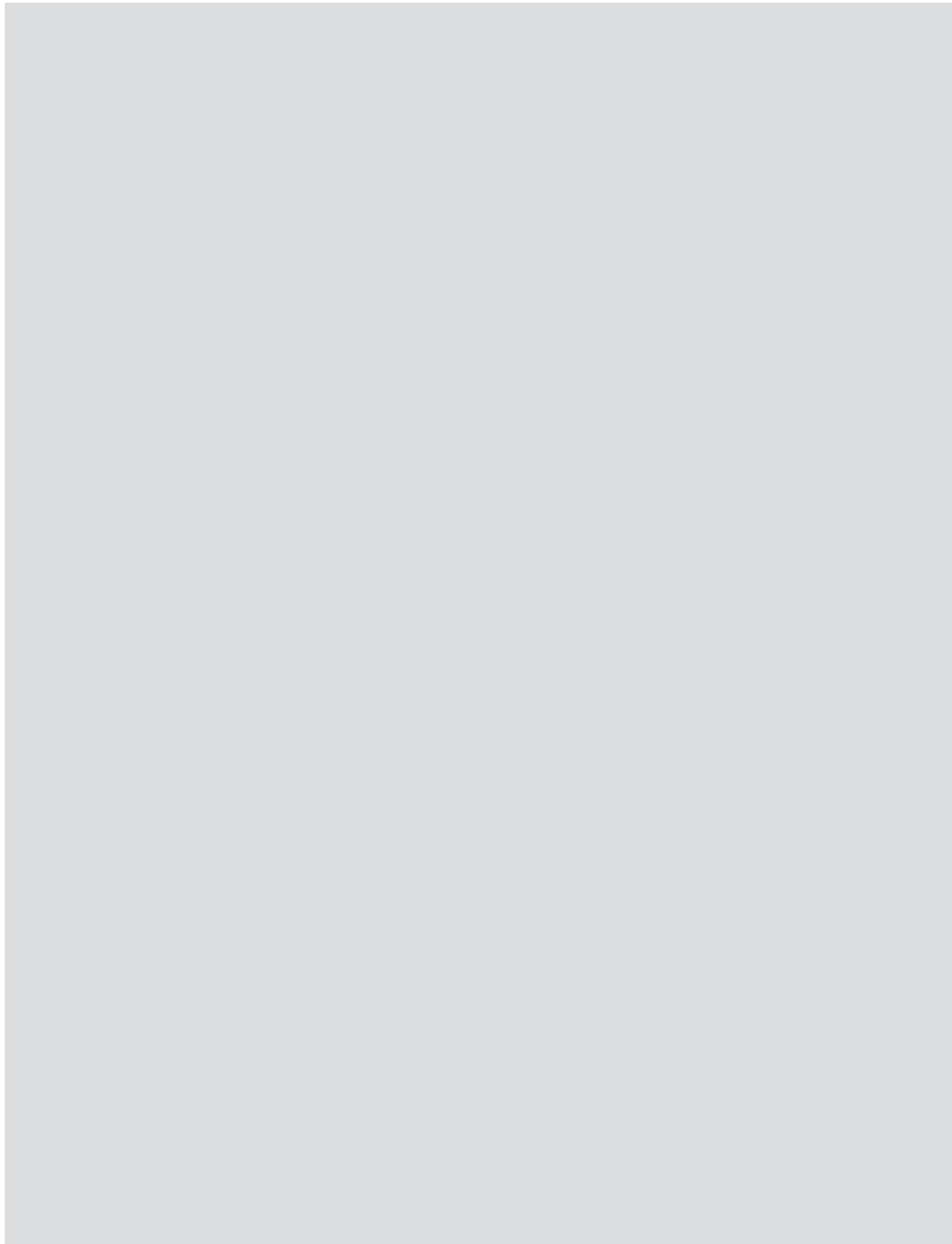
- n. Increase staffing levels** - Based on research of State and National standards, organizational best practices, and evaluation of peer communities, it is recommended that the Parks & Recreation Department increase the number of full time staff.
- o. Increase revenue** – To maintain or increase the level of service provided to its users, the Parks & Recreation Department should consider additional revenue sources. The following are examples of potential alternative revenue sources:
 - i. Utility fees
 - ii. System development charges (SDC)
 - iii. Business license fees
 - iv. Greenway fees (for businesses adjacent to the River Trail)
 - v. Parks & Recreation tax district
 - vi. Cemetery tax district
 - vii. Other taxes (bar & restaurant, recreational marijuana, etc.)
 - viii. Increased fees for non-residents
 - ix. Marketing
 - x. Public/private partnerships (cost sharing, donations, fund matching)
 - xi. Regular/incremental increases of user fees.
 - xii. Promote Astoria funds

- p. Prioritize core assets and services** – The Parks & Recreation Department should identify and prioritize its core assets and services in order to explore methods for reducing or eliminating expenditures outside of the core, such as:
- i. Underutilized parkland: evaluate the possibility for sale, surplus, or lease where possible and appropriate. For underutilized land that is not eligible for sale/surplus/lease, investigate options such as reducing or discontinuing maintenance, or repurposing the land to serve unmet community recreation needs that would fit within the core services (e.g. off leash dog areas, community gardens, picnic areas, or pickle ball courts).
 - ii. Landscape maintenance areas: land which is maintained by the Parks & Recreation Department, but not considered parkland.
 - iii. Preschool programs: with the understanding that these programs are currently in high demand and important for the Parks and Recreation Department to continue, their position within or outside of the department's "core services" should be evaluated. If it is determined that preschool should not be a core service, options for transferring operations to an outside entity, private or public, should be considered.

6.7 Capital Improvement Projects

1. Install lighting along the River Walk between 17th and 39th Streets.
2. Repair, upgrade, and replace playground equipment where appropriate and necessary.
3. Within the existing parks system, designate an off-leash dog area or construct a fenced-in dog park.
4. Install permanent restroom facility at Fred Lindstrom Park.
5. Implement the 2013 Trails Master Plan.
6. Improve wayfinding signage, especially along the River Walk.
7. Extend the hours of operation at the Astoria Aquatic Center later into the evening.

Additional capital projects TBD.



7. Implementation and Funding

7.1 Introduction

7.2 Implementation Methods

7.3 Funding Sources

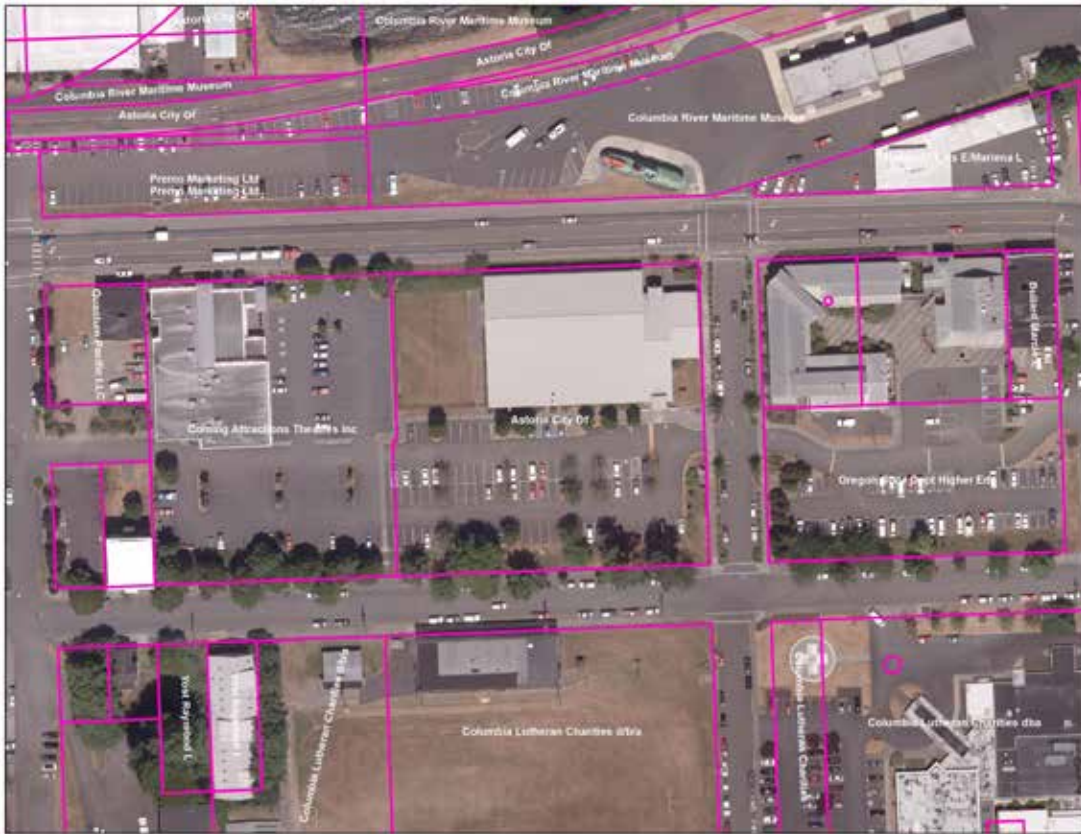
7.4 Implementation and Funding Strategy

Project Matrix: Descriptions, Costs, and Prioritization

Astoria Aquatic Center

1997 Marine Dr
25,000 square feet

Condition: Good
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$563,165



Description:

Large recreation facility with locker rooms, showers, a fitness room with cardio and weight machines, and administrative offices. The main aquatics space includes a lap pool, toddler pool, hot tub, and water slide.

Park History:

Site of former Clatsop County Fairgrounds. Astor-East Urban Renewal project to relocate Fairgrounds and redevelop the site. Entire project resulted in construction of Astoria Aquatic Center, Gateway Cinema, OSU Seafood Lab and Consumer Center, and Parks Medical Facility. Aquatic Center was constructed in 1997 to replace the outdoor pool located at Tapiola Park.

Maintenance Schedule:

Daily checks of mechanical areas, chlorinator cleaning 1x week, backwashing as needed, monitoring of equipment, coordinating with contractors for specialty work (HVAC, plumbing, electrical, etc.)

Issues:

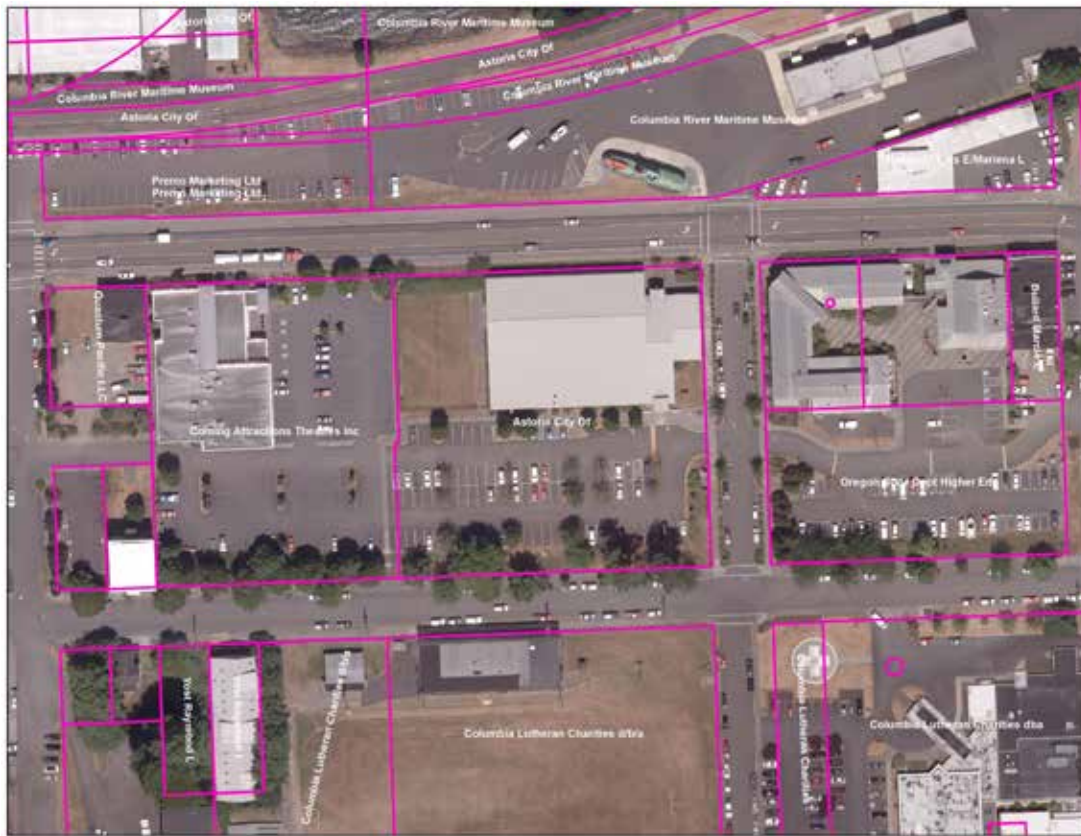
Provide complete MSDS for facility, provide 7 day maintenance coverage, replace sand filters, obtain full mechanical inventory and replacement schedule, replace rain gutters, expand dry-land exercise area

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Aquatic Center Grounds

1997 Marine Dr
2.2 acres

Condition: Fair
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$9,524



Description:

Large parking lot, open grass area, and landscaping

Park History:

Site of former Clatsop County Fairgrounds. Astor-East Urban Renewal project to relocate Fairgrounds and redevelop the site.

Maintenance Schedule:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week

Issues:

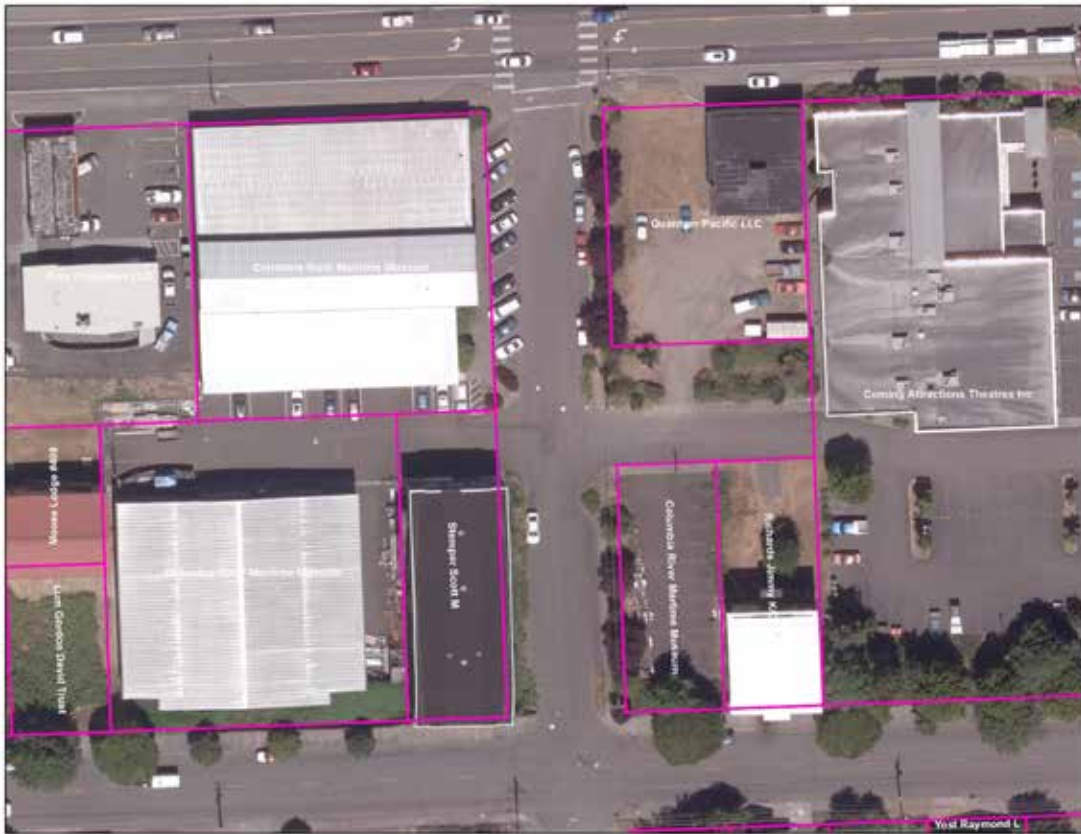
Trees in planters and near sidewalks damaging concrete with roots, excessive leaves in fall, invasive weeds on grounds

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18th Street from Marine Dr to Exchange St
0.05 acres

Condition: Good

Annual Maintenance Cost: \$3,962



Description:

Small area with natural plantings and flowers.

Park History:

Constructed as part of the upgrades to adjacent properties including the Astoria Builder's Supply (1777 Marine) which was constructed in 2000-2001 and Gateway Cinema (1875 Marine) in 1998-1999

Maintenance Schedule:

Weeding 1x month

Issues:

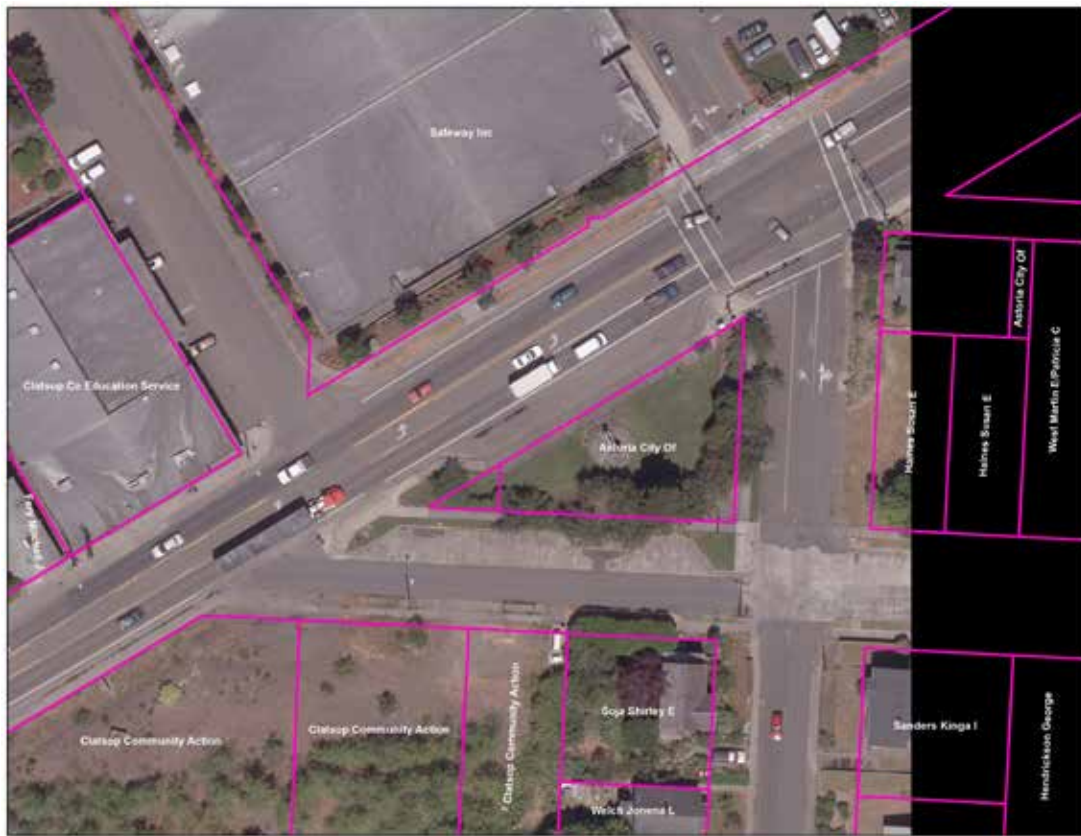
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Portal Park - East

33rd & Marine Dr
0.18 acres

Condition: Good
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$9,524



Description:

Grass area with trees, landscaping, and gateway sign.

Park History:

This monument is one of two originally located at the east edge of town near 54th Street in Alderbrook. The other monument is currently located at the west edge of town near the Uniontown section of Astoria (Portal Park – West). The monuments once flanked the Columbia River Highway 30 but were relocated to their present sites in 1989. During the prosperous 1920s, entrance portals and welcoming signs into cities helped promote tourism and boosterism of the community and a new form of economic revenue. The Kiwanis Club sponsored these portals. Jens Johnson, a resident of Adair's Addition and neighborhood mason, constructed the monuments in 1926. Portions of the monument have been altered (namely the message "Welcome to Astoria") but stands as a reminder of early City promotion in Astoria.

Maintenance Schedule:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week,
garbage 2x week

Issues:

Flower beds dominated by weeds,
trees need trimming

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Columbia Fields

35th & Leif Erickson

2.9 acres

Condition: Poor

Annual Maintenance Cost: \$9,524



Description:

Multi-use park with two ball fields, tennis courts, and a large grass area, used by multiple area programs. Gravel parking lot, concession stand, dugouts, and bleachers.

Park History:

The field was originally constructed in 1922 by the Columbia Club of Uppertown. The Columbia Club was founded in 1910 for the purpose of sports competition (basketball, football, and baseball for boys; volleyball and basketball for girls) and social gathering of young people in Upper Astoria. It was the successor of the Owa Pun Pun Club that was established in 1902. Both clubs were established as a way to link Upper Astoria's various northern European ethnic groups in a positive and wholesome manner. This property was donated to the club by the city for construction, of a baseball field. Club members helped construct the field using 500 cubic feet of fill. Local businesses supplied funds for construction, and the McGregor Lumber Co. provided building materials for a grandstand, bleachers, and fence. Although the Columbia Club disbanded in 1933, the field has continued to be used to the present day, however, the original grandstand and bleachers are gone. Additional alterations to the field occurred in the mid-1930s when the construction of Leif Erickson Dr. cut through the outfield portion of the park. In 1977, the fields were upgraded to replace McCallister Field which was sold to the Columbia Memorial Hospital for their new facility.

Maintenance Schedule:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week,
garbage 2x week, setting up softball
fields in summer

Issues:

Improve Columbia North Field infield,
replace bleachers in east field, reseal
tennis court, add lights for night use,
improve turf

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Customs House

35th & Leif Erickson Dr
500 square feet

Condition: Good
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$5,816



Description:

A small replica of an original customs building that sits in a small park adjacent to Columbia Fields.

Park History:

Col. John Adair was commissioned by president James K. Polk to establish a customs house in Astoria in 1848—the first west of the Mississippi River. Adair located the service in Uppertown when he was refused land in central Astoria. The original building was likely constructed by an itinerant carpenter who lifted classic plans and details from a book. It burned to the ground in 1852 and was quickly reconstructed. The existing building is a reconstruction of the 1852 custom house. It was reconstructed in 1991 as a memorial celebrating the bi-centennial of the U. S. Custom Service.

Maintenance Schedule:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week

Issues:

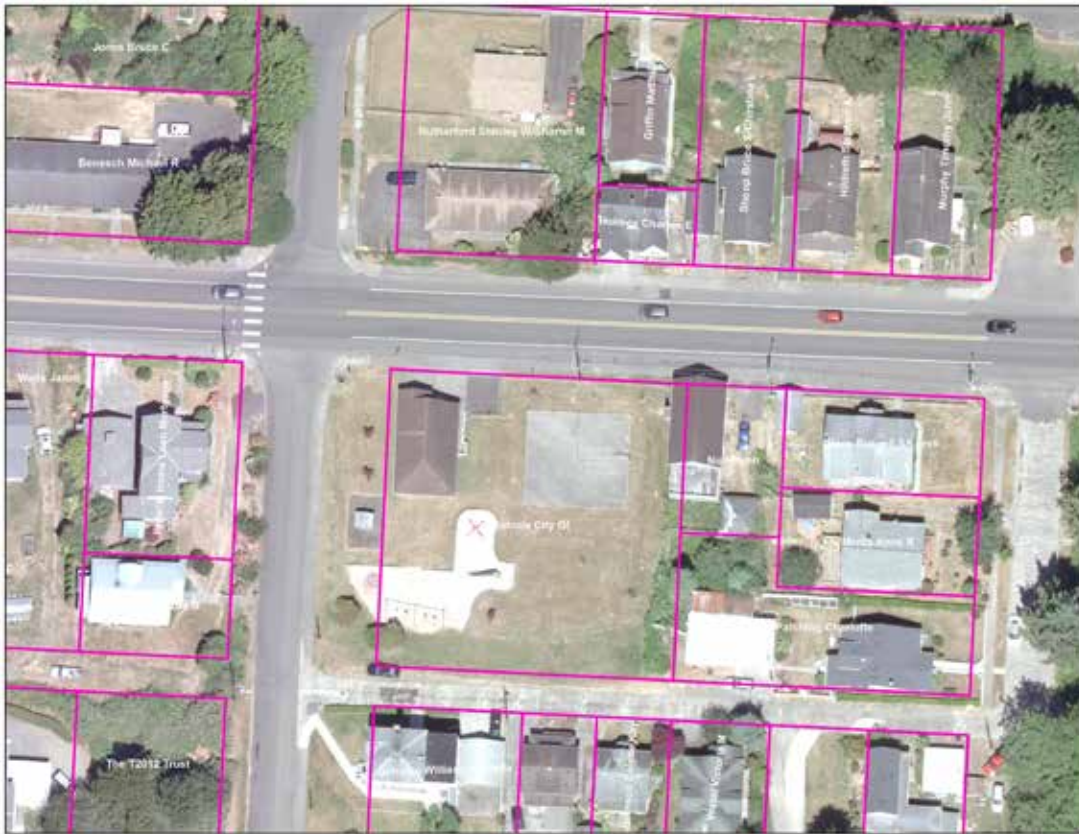
Flower beds dominated by weeds, structure in disrepair

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45th & Leif Erickson
0.62 acres

Condition: Poor

Annual Maintenance Cost: \$4,491



Description:

Small neighborhood park with a playground, picnic shelter, basketball court, large grass area, and programmable community center.

Park History:

Adjacent to the Alderbrook Hall. Contains playground equipment installed prior to 2004.

Maintenance Schedule:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week, empty
garbage 2x week, repair/replace
playground equipment as needed

Issues:

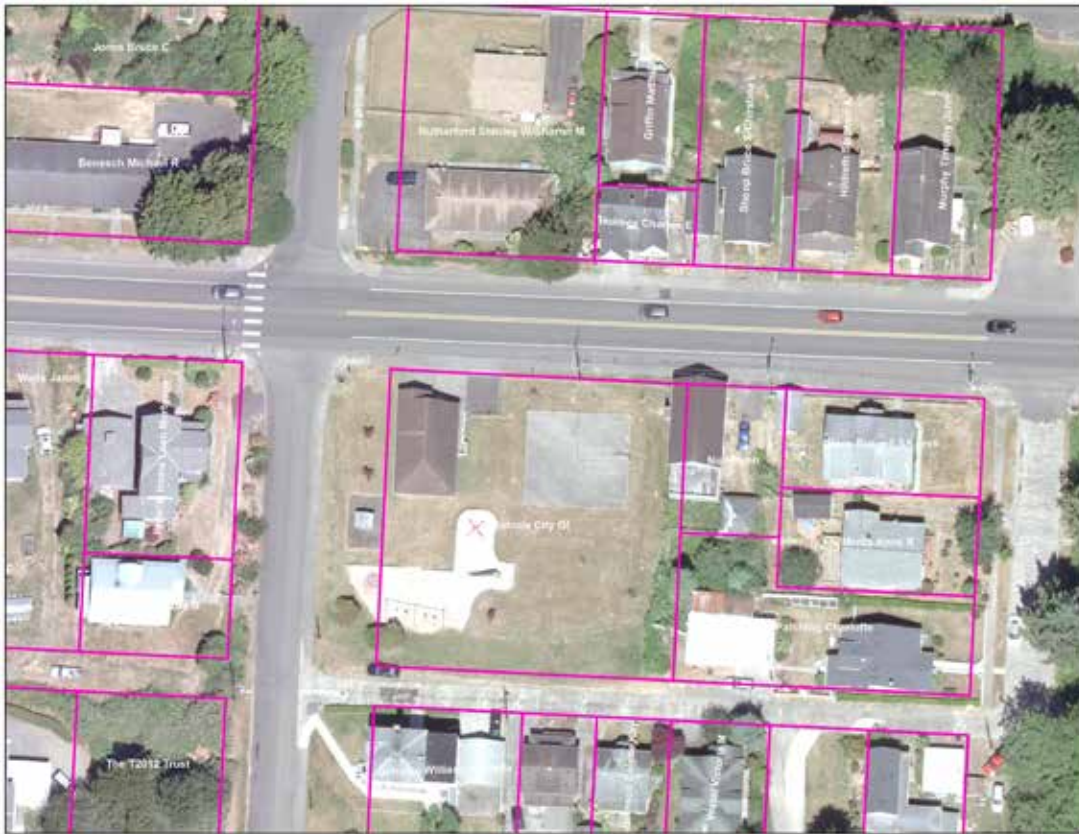
Outdated play equipment, Basketball court weeds, Repaint bball, back border of park has derelict building encroaching, replace playground chips

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Alderbrook Hall

45th & Leif Erickson Dr
1,500 square feet

Condition: Poor
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$6,870



Description:

Small accessible community hall in Alderbrook Park with a meeting room, kitchen, and restroom.

Park History:

Constructed as a fire station but converted into a meeting hall in 1928. It has since been used as a location for precinct voting, neighborhood club meetings and family celebrations.

Maintenance Schedule:

Weekly checks on facility, repairs as needed, empty garbage 2x week

Issues:

Insulate building, replace siding, provide more energy-efficient heating/cooling, update lighting, update restrooms, paint interior, replace appliances, inspect/repair/replace roof

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Violet LaPlante Park

45th & Cedar
0.69 acres

Condition: Fair
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$4,762



Description:

Small neighborhood park surrounded by dense woods. Playground, swing set, picnic area.

Park History:

Named for Alderbrook resident Violet LaPlante

Maintenance Schedule:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week, empty garbage 2x week

Issues:

Outdated play equipment, replace playground chips

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49th & Birch
0.96 acres

Condition: Fair
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$2,381



Grass ball field with softball bases and backstop. Park is often used by the community for dog walking.

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week

Poor drainage, bases overgrown

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53rd & Alder
13.3 acres

Annual Maintenance Cost: \$0



Large natural area with paved terminus of River Walk trail.

This is the former home of one of Astoria's largest mills: the Hammond Mill. It was built by Hume and Easely in 1903. A.B. Hammond purchased the mill in 1908 and expanded its operations. The mill employed 450 men and ran two shifts. It hired many immigrants from India, most of who were Sikhs, and provided housing for them on site. When the mill burned to the ground in 1922, 600 men lost their job. It was not rebuilt. Remnants of a furnace stand in the middle of wetlands. The beach was created from dredged sand spoils.

Mow 1x year

Better control of invasive/noxious plant species

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River Walk

6.4 Miles

Condition: Fair
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$26,462



Description:

Scenic multi-use waterfront trail with benches and interpretive panels, stretching from the Port of Astoria to Tongue Point.

Park History:

In 1997, the City, using the Federal Rails to Trails statutes, gained title to a 50' wide rail corridor which extends along the full length of the Columbia River waterfront in Astoria for 6.4 miles from Pier 3 at the Port of Astoria to Alderbrook Park at 53rd Street. A trail was constructed within the "railbanked" former Burlington Northern Railroad right-of-way. It was constructed in segments over the last 18 years and includes "pocket parks", benches, interpretive signs, and other amenities. In 1999, the City acquired "Old 300", a trolley car built in 1913, from the San Antonio Museum of Art. The trolley, which was in an extremely deteriorated condition, was transported to Astoria and was completely refurbished by volunteers. The trolley is operated by volunteers.

Maintenance Schedule:

Mowing and weed-eating 1x week, garbage 2x week, maintenance of bollards, railings, and decking as needed

Issues:

Power wash all structures, inspect/replace trestles, eradicate invasive/noxious weeds

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Mill Pond Park

23rd & Mill Pond Ln

0.29 acres

Condition: Excellent
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$0



Description:

Small grass area with picnic tables and a gazebo.

Park History:

The Mill Pond Village development was the site of a wood mill for over 120 years. Astoria Plywood Co-operative began operations in 1955 and ceased operations in 1989. In 1992, the City began the process of environmentally cleaning the site and finally completed the cleanup and acquired the site in 1998 and sold it to Venerable Properties for residential and some commercial development. Public open spaces were dedicated to the public for parks and include greenways, landscaped areas, a pergola, Mill Pond, and remnants of the historic Plywood Mill railroad turnaround.

Maintenance Schedule:

Currently, maintenance is carried out by private contractor through HOA

Issues:

N/A

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16th & Marine
0.41 acres

16th & Marine

0.41 acres

Condition: Fair

Annual Maintenance Cost: \$9,524



Description:

Park History:

Park improvements include an elevated river viewing deck, picnic facilities, parking, and landscaping. It was constructed by the Astoria Rotary Club in 1983.

Maintenance Schedule:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week,
garbage 2x week

Issues:

Remove platform, remove hedge
along sidewalk and excessive bushes
in park, improve turf

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14th Street River Park

14th St & River Walk

0.13 acres

Condition: Good

Annual Maintenance Cost: \$1,425



Description:

4' lighted boardwalk that leads out to a sheltered viewing platform with interpretive signage over the river.

Park History:

The pier is the former Astoria-North Ferry Co. Landing. Constructed in 1927, it was used as a ferry landing until the Columbia River ferries ceased operation in 1966. The public park/pier was in response to the 6th Street Pier. Robert Murase designed the pier to be subtle, "like a candle at the end of a pier." The pier was Murase's prototype of how the rest of the waterfront could blend the public with a working waterfront. He approached the waterfront from a Japanese landscape sensibility. Construction was a public/private partnership with the River Pilots. It allowed a public walkway separated from the River Pilots access dock and included a gate for passage between the dock and the mooring area to the east. Interpretive signs were installed on the dock to describe the River Pilot and Bar Pilot operations. An interpretive sign at the foot of 14th at the entrance to the pier describes the history of the ferry service and Captain Fritz Elving.

Maintenance Schedule:

Repairs and maintenance as required

Issues:

future replacement of decking

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12th Street Viewing Area

12th St & River Walk

0.05 acres

Condition: Good
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$0



Description:

Park History:

The area was developed in 1995 as a public-private partnership River Walk project and includes a small pile-supported deck, seating, and picnic table. Development of the viewing area was initiated and constructed by Astoria Marine Supply. City participated by covering the cost of materials.

Maintenance Schedule:

Cleaned by Baked Alaska

Issues:

future replacement of decking

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9th & Astor Park

9th & Astor
0.13 acres

Condition: Good
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$2,381



Description:

Small landscaped area located next to the Riverwalk

Park History:

The 9th Street River Park was formerly an electrical sub-station owned and operated by Pacific Power and Light (PacifiCorp). It was sold to the City in 1998 along with other property and was used initially as a gravel parking lot. Then it was converted to a park. It was originally designed by Robert Murase with concrete pads of various sizes and shapes, but was deemed to be too stark with too many hard surfaces. Later, it was re-done as a grassy area.

Maintenance Schedule:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week,
garbage 2x week

Issues:

Poor drainage, improve turf

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6th Street River Park

6th St & River Walk

0.15 acres

Condition: Fair

Annual Maintenance Cost: \$2,908



Description:

Large wooden viewing platform on the waterfront, raised viewing deck shelter, and picnic area.

Park History:

Designed by Church & Storrs of Portland. It was Astoria's first street-end, waterfront park. Dedicated in November 1988. The original concept was for a viewing tower with steps down to the concrete base so people could "get their feet wet". However, it was soon discovered that the wave action on the River platform. The steps down to the landing were never constructed. The original tower did not have the Plexiglas walls. They were added later to help reduce the wind and rain for visitors

Maintenance Schedule:

Remove vandalism/graffiti as needed, empty garbage 2x week

Issues:

Replace decking, re-position lower viewing platform so site is more visible from Riverwalk to discourage bad behavior

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Maritime Memorial

Bay St & Marine Dr
0.24 acres

Condition: Excellent
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$2,381



Description:

Riverside park with a granite memorial wall, landscaping, walkway and picnic area.

Park History:

Constructed between 1987 to 1993. Designed by Architect Robert Freeman of Crook, Shaw and Collins, a Longview WA, architectural firm. The memorial, as originally conceived, included a 400-foot long curved walkway from West Marine Dr. to a 125-foot wide semi-circular plaza at the river's edge. The curve of the walkway was meant to resemble that of the bridge while five pairs of pillars along the walkway resembled the bridge supports. The park was meant to memorialize those who spent their lives in maritime industries—not just those who lost their lives on the river. The Shively Fountain was installed and dedicated in May 2011 as a Legacy Project for the Astoria Bicentennial Celebration.

Maintenance Schedule:

Weeding flower beds 1x month

Issues:

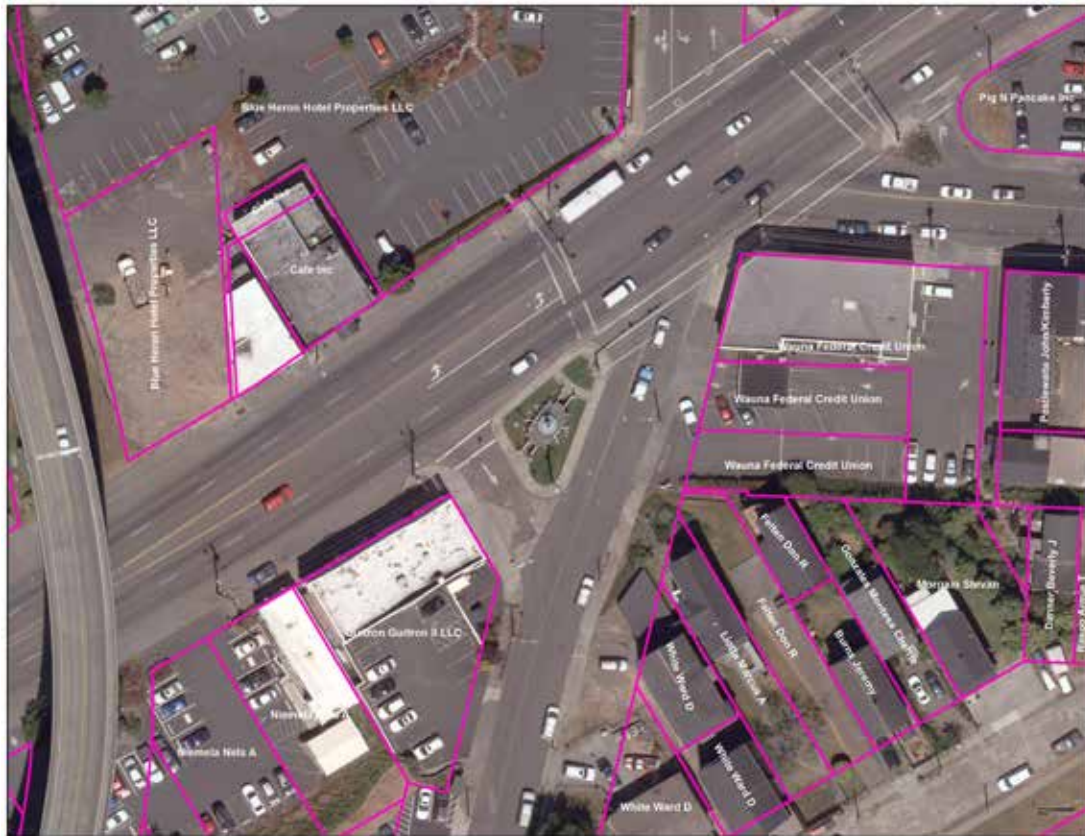
Eradicate invasive weeds in flower beds, simplify plantings on grounds

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Doughboy Monument

Columbia Ave & Marine Dr
250 square feet

Condition: Poor
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$5,816



Description:

A war monument with public restrooms, surrounded with benches and landscaping.

Park History:

Constructed in 1926, the monument is dedicated to soldiers who fought in World War I. The memorial was a project lead by the Clatsop Post of the American Legion. A bronze statue entitled "Over the Top at Cantigny" is mounted over a concrete base designed by Astoria architect Charles T. Diamond. The charge at Cantigny, France, 20 miles southeast of Amiens, on May 28, 1918, was regarded as the first American victory of WWI. The structure houses public restrooms, the first National Register Historic restrooms in the Nation.

Maintenance Schedule:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week,
cleaning and maintain restroom 2x
week

Issues:

Weeds in flower beds; Update toilet
and sink fixtures, make facility
more resistant to vandalism, repair
membrane roof

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12/4/2015

West Bond Street Triangle

W Bond & Marine Dr

0.05 acres

Condition: Poor

Annual Maintenance Cost: \$1,981



Description:

Small landscaped traffic triangle

Park History:

Located within West Bond Street right-of-way at intersection of West Marine Drive. Installed sometime between 1966 and 1976.

Maintenance Schedule:

Weeding, adding bark chips 1x six months

Issues:

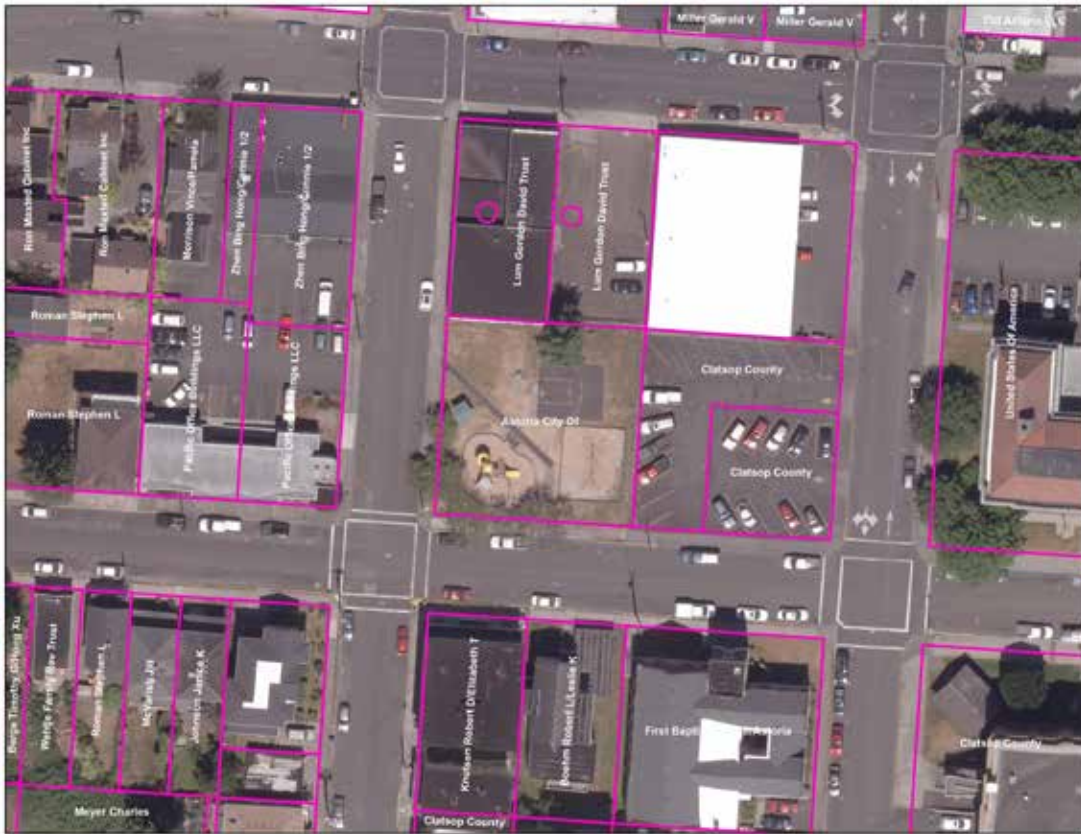
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Children's Park Playground

6th & Commercial
0.23 acres

Condition: Fair
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$4,762



Description:

Popular community playground with an updated play structure, basketball half court, swing set, picnic tables and fenced-in grass area.

Park History:

Was once the home to Capt. Alfred Crosby. His house was shipped here from Massachusetts in 1858 and assembled on site. The house was torn down in the 1930s for a gas station. It was claimed to be the second oldest house in Oregon at the time of its destruction

Maintenance Schedule:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week, empty garbage 2x week, repair/replace playground equipment as needed

Issues:

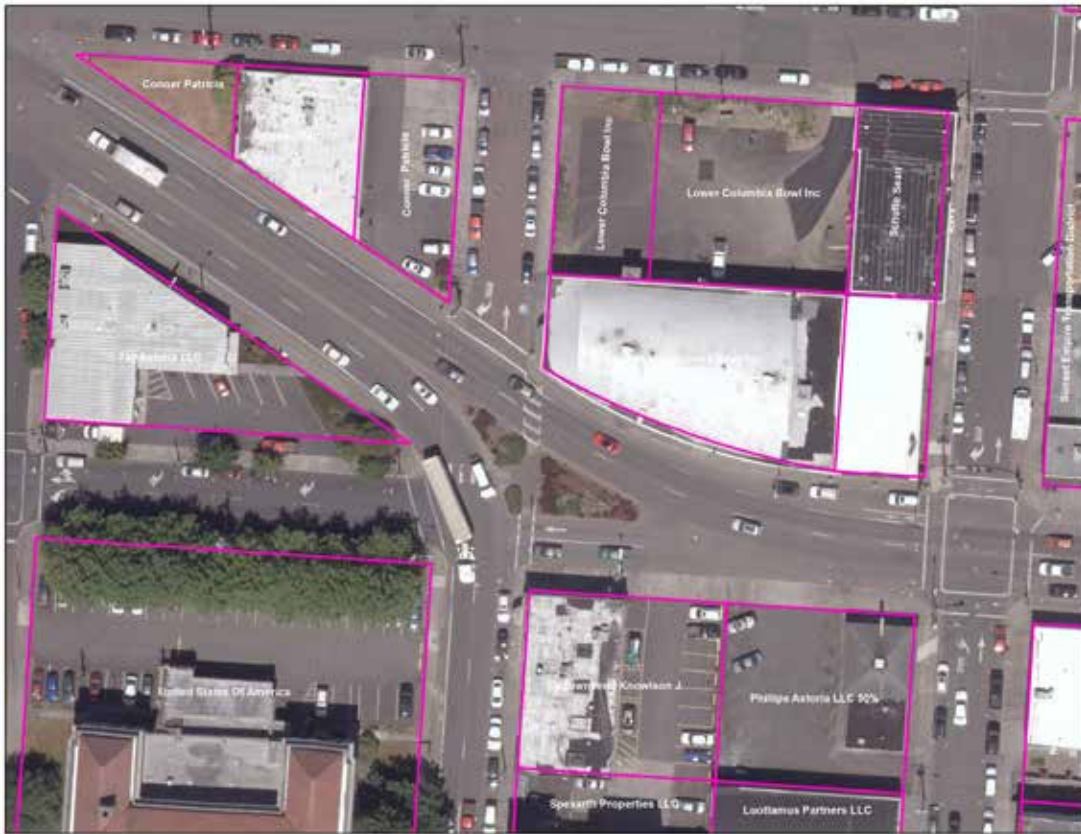
Play structure needs power washing, play structure will need to be replaced in near future, replace playground chips

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8th Street Triangle

8th & Marine Dr
0.1 acres

Condition:
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$0



Description:

Small landscaped area along Marine Drive.

Park History:

AKA Paul Benoit Triangle. Located within the ODOT Marine Drive right-of-way. When Community Development Director Paul Benoit left the City in 2003, Senator Betsy Johnson donated money to the City in his name to landscape the street triangle as a going away present. Up until this time, it was just a paved island.

Maintenance Schedule:

Issues:

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Garden of Surging Waves

11th & Duane

0.25 acres

Condition: Good

Annual Maintenance Cost: \$8,469



Description:

An urban plaza with hardscaping, landscaping, and sculptural elements.

Park History:

An Astoria Bi-centennial legacy gift, celebrating the contribution of Chinese to Astoria and Oregon's history. The park is a part of Heritage Square. It was designed by Suenn Ho, an urban planner in Portland. Ground breaking ceremony for Garden was on April 4, 2012. Dedication ceremony was held on May 17, 2014.

Maintenance Schedule:

Weeding 1x / two weeks, 2x checks for garbage on grounds

Issues:

Eradicate noxious weeds, manage/prune plantings

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Astoria Senior Center Grounds

11th & Exchange St
0.1 acres

Condition:
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$5,816



Description:

Park History:

Maintenance Schedule:

Weed-eating bank on south side of building 2x year

Issues:

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Downtown Restrooms

12th & Exchange
300 square feet

Condition: Fair
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$19,557



Description:

Public restroom facility

Park History:

In 2005, the City in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce and Sunday Market constructed a temporary building as a public restroom in the downtown area. This lot is owned by the City and is designated as a local landmark as it contains exposed chair wall construction for the street.

Maintenance Schedule:

Cleaning and maintain 2x week

Issues:

Make facility more resistant to vandalism

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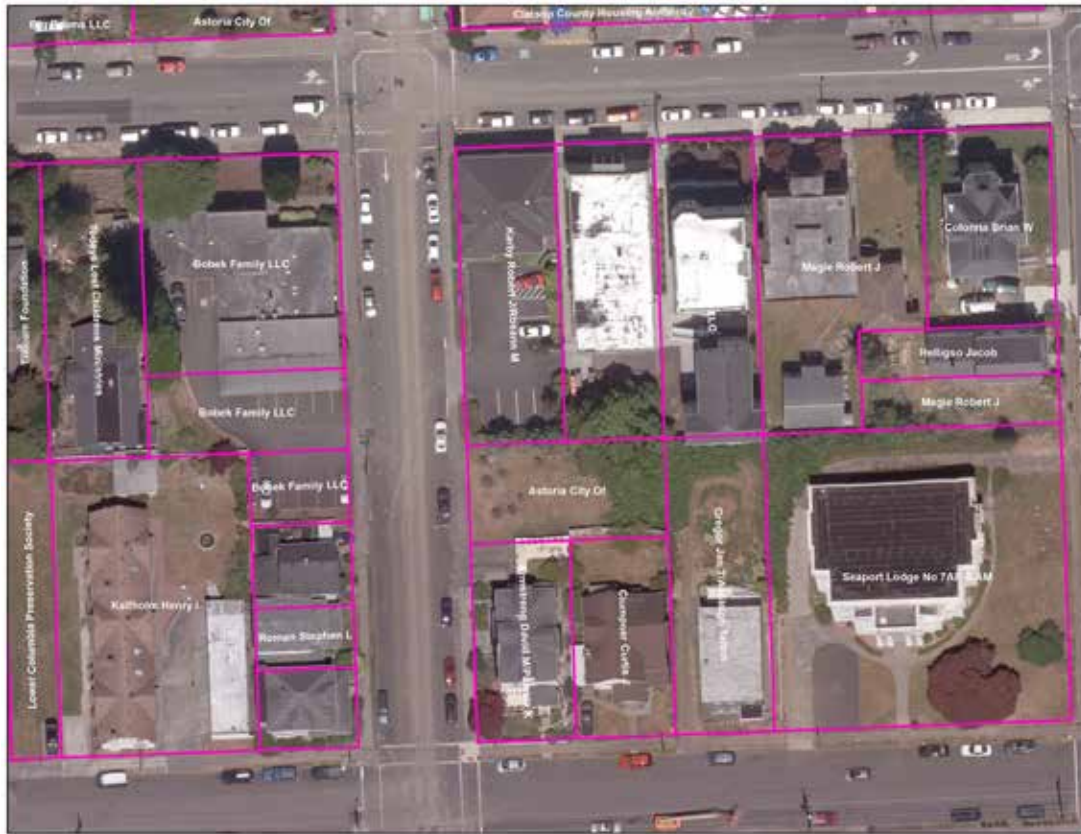
Post Office Park

15th & Franklin

0.11 acres

Condition: Good

Annual Maintenance Cost: \$2,381



Description:

A small grass area with a river view and monument commemorating the original location of the first post office site west of the Rocky Mountains.

Park History:

The first United States Post Office west of the Rocky Mountains was constructed on this site in 1847. In 1906, the Shively Improvement Club advised the City of Astoria to destroy the landmark. No organization could be found to restore the structure. "...notwithstanding its historical value it had become disreputable in appearance and would have been of no practical value if repaired." In 1955, a plaque was placed on the site by the Astoria Daughters of the American Revolution. The ceremony was attended by Agnes Day, granddaughter of Chief Coboway, Lydia Large, descendant of Sacajawea, and William Clark and Meriwether Lewis, direct descendants of the explorers. The site was donated to the City by Ed Ross in 1970 and an obelisk monument was dedicated in 1972 for the 125th Anniversary of this site

Maintenance Schedule:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week

Issues:

Add amenities to park for more positive use, clean obelisk

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14th & Grand Playground

14th & Grand
0.38 acres

Condition: Good
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$4,762



Description:

Community playground with a basketball court and picnic area.

Park History:

Once the home of Sara Welch, daughter of James and Nancy Welch, she was a part of the earliest Euro-American family to settle in Astoria in 1846.

Maintenance Schedule:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week, empty garbage 2x week, repair/replace playground equipment as needed

Issues:

Add fence on 14th side of park to prevent balls rolling downhill, replace swing set, add fence on north side of park, replace playground chips

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11th Street Steps

0.05 Miles

Condition: Fair
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$2,381



Description:

Large stairéd walkway up a landscaped hill, connecting 11th Street from Irving to Jerome.

Park History:

This sidewalk was constructed in 1927, by Trullinger & Mattson for \$1,295.47. Designed by A.S. Tee, the street-end is the most park-like in the City. It was a creative solution to citizen complaints which extended back at least to 1899. Then, citizens complained about improving the “toboggan slide” between Irving and Jerome Avenues. This feature is unique to the central Astoria region and necessitated by the neighborhood’s steep streets. Prior to concrete walks, the sidewalks were constructed of wood. The wooden sidewalks became hazardous--slippery when wet. Wood slats or cleats were nailed across the walks to provide grip for pedestrians in leather soled shoes. When the sidewalks were converted to concrete, the cleats were repeated in concrete. It is designated as historic within the Shively-McClure National Register Historic District

Maintenance Schedule:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week

Issues:

Remove invasive weeds, replace hedges with low maintenance item

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McClure Park

8th & Grand
0.92 acres

Condition: Fair
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$4,762



Description:

Community park with a backstop and fenced area, swing set, grassy hill, some landscaping.

Park History:

Former home of McClure School (first called Court Street School), which was constructed in 1883. The building replaced the first public school on 9th & Franklin. It housed high school classes from 1890 to 1910 when a new high school was constructed on Jerome Avenue. Elementary school classes continued until 1917 when Central School was constructed on Irving Avenue. The school was demolished in 1919. The park has been used as a neighborhood playground and ball field.

Maintenance Schedule:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week, empty garbage 2x week

Issues:

Improve turf, re-evaluate use of swings, potential site for restroom/picnic shelter, replace playground chips

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15th & Niagara
2.1 acres

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2.1 acres

Condition: Good
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$4,762



Description:

A fenced, grass area with trees. The cemetery is no longer operational but most headstones and plots are still present and legible.

Park History:

Established in 1864 as “Hillside Cemetery,” the cemetery was used through 1897. Between 1865 and 1902 there were 700 burials. Shortly thereafter, the cemetery fell into disrepair. Many of the graves were disturbed. In the 1960s, a citizen group removed over grown bushes and established the site as “Pioneer Cemetery.” Later, many of the remaining tombstones were removed to ease lawn maintenance. Hundreds of graves remain unmarked or unidentified. Many unmarked graves contain the remains of Chinese immigrants. A crypt for the Susan Shively family was constructed of brick in the NE corner of the cemetery. The small structure is in poor condition and is being pried apart by vines.

Maintenance Schedule:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week

Issues:

Replace wooden fence with low-maintenance structure, address erosion on east side of park, stabilize headstones, clean headstones, trim/remove trees

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Astor Park

1 Coxcomb Dr
37.5 acres

Condition: Excellent
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$0



Description:

Home of the Astoria Column, Astor Park is a destination for visitors and locals, providing picnic areas and stunning views of Astoria and its surroundings.

Park History:

The City acquired the Coxcomb Hill site in 1914. The 1911 Centennial Committee donated \$6000 in surplus funds to the Astoria City Park Commission to make the purchase. In the end, the City bought 30 acres to be developed as a park.

Maintenance Schedule:

Currently, maintenance is carried out by caretaker

Issues:

N/A

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Astoria Column/Gift Shop/Caretaker House

1 Coxcomb Dr

Condition: Good
Annual Maintenance Cost: N/A



Description:

125' Concrete column decorated with murals depicting Northwest history. Spiral stairs inside the column lead up to a viewing platform at the top. A small gift shop and caretaker's home are also on the site

Park History:

The Astoria Column was constructed in 1926 by the Great Northern Railway and Vincent Astor. The 125-foot high monument commemorates the area's history from the "Forest Primeval" to the coming of the railroad in 1898. A spiral frieze illustrates the history through the use of graffito, a wet-on-wet process. In *** the interior spiral staircase was replaced. Pieces of the original stairs were sold to Fort George Brewery (1485 Duane) and are used both inside and outside the building for access to the second floor.

Maintenance Schedule:

Currently, maintenance is carried out by caretaker

Issues:

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Richard Fencsak Cathedral Tree Trail

0.9 Miles

Condition: Poor
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$2,065



Description:

Starts at 28th & Irving. Trail leads to the Cathedral Tree and Astoria Column

Park History:

The trail and tree began to be officially recognized in the late 1980's when local citizens fought to save the tree. A dedication of the new trail built by Oregon Conservation Corps Youth was held in September 1994. Renamed to Richard Fencsak Cathedral Tree Trail in *** to honor Richard Fencsak who had passed away and was active in trail use and maintenance. He owned Bikes and Beyond bike shop downtown

Maintenance Schedule:

Repairs and maintenance as requested, empty garbage 1x week

Issues:

Improve drainage, add wayfinding signs, block user-generated trails, provide interpretive signs, replace deficient structures, re-route tread

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Shively Park

16th & Williamsport

11.7 acres

Condition: Good

Annual Maintenance Cost: \$9,524



Description:

Spacious wooded park with a community hall, picnic area, and trails.

Park History:

Named for John Shively, the 12 acre park was deeded by Charles W. Shively to the City of Astoria in 1898. The Parks Commission received the title in 1905. Developed for Astoria's Centennial celebration in 1911, the park included a reconstruction of Ft. George, amphitheater and exhibition halls. Its landscape was designed by Arthur L. Peck, who pioneered Landscape Architecture at Oregon Agricultural College. Within 20 years, many of the Centennial features were dilapidated or missing. A meeting hall and restroom was constructed in the 1920s

Maintenance Schedule:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week,
garbage 2x week

Issues:

Eradicate invasive weeds, reduce over-mature understory in forested area, improve picnic shelters, replace swing set, replace playground chips

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Shively Hall

1530 Shively Park Road
2,000 square feet

Condition: Poor
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$7,925



Description:

Located in Shively Park, the community hall includes a meeting room, kitchen, and restrooms. Accommodates 55 seated guests or 85 standing.

Park History:

Constructed for community gatherings and as a "comfort station" in Shively Park. The Angora Hiking Club met regularly in the hall.

Maintenance Schedule:

Weekly checks on facility, repairs as needed, empty garbage 2x week

Issues:

Insulate building, replace siding, provide more energy-efficient heating/cooling, update lighting, repair sagging floor joists, update restrooms, paint interior, replace appliances

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12/4/2015

Evergreen Fields

Astoria Middle School

11.7 acres

Condition: Poor

Annual Maintenance Cost: \$13,231



Description:

Large grass park with two softball fields and three sand volleyball courts, restrooms, and a concession stand. Used by Parks department youth and adult sport leagues, as well as high school athletic programs.

Park History:

Astorian Dorene Schmitz won a competition to name the park in 1983. Construction began that year, however underground springs were discovered in late-September. The site caved-in a few days later in early October. The fields were completed in 1985.

Maintenance Schedule:

Mowing and weed-eating 1x week, emptying garbage 2x week, cleaning and maintaining restrooms, setting up softball fields in summer

Issues:

Improve baseball field infields, poor drainage on both fields, weeds in sand volleyball area, improve turf

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7th & Niagara
1.9 acres

Condition: Good



Popular community park hosting a large playground, two tennis courts, a basketball court, and large grass area.

Peter Pan Park, named for Peter Pan Market (712 Niagara) adjacent to the park. Renamed in 1994 in honor of Parks and Recreation Department Director Fred Lindstrom who died while in the position (Resolution 94-50). A rock with a plaque was installed for the rededication.

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week,
garbage 2x week

Power wash play structure, update/
replace play structure, replace
playground chips, potential site for
picnic shelter/restroom

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12/4/2015

Ocean View Cemetery

18th & Whiskey Rd, Warrenton

50 acres

Condition: Poor

Annual Maintenance Cost: \$79,579

Description:

Park History:

Established in 1897, the cemetery replaced the Hillside Cemetery in Astoria. At the time, the City of Astoria ordered the vacation of graves from the Hillside Cemetery to Ocean View Cemetery. The body of Capt. George Flavel, for instance was moved at this time. In 1898, a 12-ton granite obelisk was erected at the new Flavel family plot. The obelisk remains the largest marker in the cemetery. In 1916, the Portland Mausoleum Co. constructed a private mausoleum at the cemetery. The building was designed by Portland architect Ellis F. Lawrence and has Egyptian detailing around its cornice. A section of graves was reserved for veterans in 1952.

Maintenance Schedule:

Mowing 1x week, emptying garbage cans 1x month, trimming of tree limbs as needed

Issues:

Improve turf, maintain gravesites, remove illegal plantings/grounds additions, replace/add wayfinding signs, replace wooden fence with low-maintenance structure, improve irrigation, eradicate invasive weeds

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12/4/2015

Oceanview Cemetery Chapel

18th & Whiskey Rd, Warrenton
square feet

Condition: Fair
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$8,453

Description:

Seats 40 with standing room for an additional 30.

Park History:

In 1954, architect John Wicks designed a chapel for the cemetery and construction was approved.

Maintenance Schedule:

Repair/replacement of facility
components as needed

Issues:

Update restrooms, repair back door

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Oceanview Cemetery Maintenance Shop

18th & Whiskey Rd, Warrenton
square feet

Condition: Poor
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$2,726

Description:

Stores landscaping and maintenance equipment.

Park History:

Maintenance Schedule:

Repair/replacement of facility
components as needed

Issues:

Update electrical and lighting
systems, replace windows, increase
garage space to park equipment
more efficiently

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Hwy 101 & 202
3.2 acres

Condition: Fair



Grass area with trees and landscaping in the center of the traffic circle.

The "Roundabout" was constructed in **** within the ODOT right-of-way. It took months of negotiations with ODOT to convince them that a roundabout would work at this location. It was the first roundabout on a State Highway in Oregon

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week, empty
garbage 1x week

Reduce number of flowerbeds, reduce number of shrubs and trees, eradicate invasive weeds

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Alameda Park

Alameda & Melbourne

0.11 acres

Condition: Good

Annual Maintenance Cost: \$4,762



Description:

Small playground and picnic shelter in a grass area overlooking the river

Park History:

Maintenance Schedule:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week, empty garbage 2x week, repair/replace playground equipment as needed

Issues:

Replace playground chips, remove over-pruned trees, update play structures

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Community Gardens

Gray School
0.25 acres

Condition: Good
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$2,908



Description:

Raised bed gardening plots available for public rental.

Park History:

Maintenance Schedule:

Provide support and materials as requested

Issues:

N/A

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Gray School Field

0.77 acres

Condition: Poor
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$4,762



Description:

Large grass field with fence and backstop, used in the spring and summer for softball and tee-ball. The field is also used by Port of Play and Lil' Sprouts for outdoor programming and classes.

Park History:

Maintenance Schedule:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week

Issues:

Remove invasive weeds, improve infield on baseball field, repair fence

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12/4/2015

Port of Play

785 Alameda Ave
7,500 square feet

Condition:
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$2,516



Description:

Large gymnasium inside Gray School with an indoor playground and bounce house.

Park History:

Maintenance Schedule:

Repair/replacement of equipment and activity spaces as needed

Issues:

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Tapiola Park

S. Denver & W. Marine
12 acres

Condition: Good
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$23,264



Description:

Large, high-traffic community park with four ballfields, two sets of restrooms, picnic area, skate park, and large playground.

Park History:

In 1937, Clatsop County released a 100 acre tract to be used for a park. According to an article in the Astorian Budget, January 15, 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt approved a WPA project of \$19,000 for an improvement of a park. The park at that time was said to be 160 acres. Members of the Finnish Brotherhood helped formally establish it as a park in 1941. (How many acres??) That same year Henry Niemi drew plans for a swimming pool. Volunteers helped clear the area for a pool. It was constructed largely with volunteer labor. In 1943, Charles Victor Niemi willed \$25,230 of his estate to be used by the City in maintaining the park. The Union Fish Cannery donated an 8 ton boiler to heat the swimming pool in 1944. "Tapiola" means "forest" in Finnish. The park area served as a recreational sport area before it was established and continues as such today. When the Aquatics Center was constructed in 1997 with an indoor pool, use of the Tapiola pool ceased. In 2002, the pool was converted to a skateboard park. The changing area was remodeled as public restrooms. In ***, a local group of citizens and parents worked to install new community playground equipment that had a local theme. Work was done by volunteers, many of whom signed their names on the "volunteer wall". The equipment included: Fort Clatsop, Astoria Column, fishing boat, Flavel House, Liberty Theater, jungle gym, sand box, tot area, and swings.

Maintenance Schedule:

Cleaning restrooms, emptying garbage 2x week, mowing and weed-eating 1x week, repair of playground equipment as needed, setting up softball fields in summer

Issues:

Improve turf, improve infield on Tapiola 2 field; Power wash play structure, update/replace play structure, replace playground chips, reduce vandalism of facilities

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12/4/2015

Astoria Skate Park

S. Denver & W. Marine

0.35 acres

Condition: Good

Annual Maintenance Cost: \$2,908



Description:

Fenced-in outdoor concrete skate park with a separate area for beginners, located adjacent to Tapiola Park.

Park History:

Construction in 2001-2002 it is located in the former outdoor pool at Tapiola Park

Maintenance Schedule:

Remove vandalism/graffiti as needed, mow/weed-eat 1x week, garbage 2x week

Issues:

Repair of concrete, pressure washing

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ARC Grounds

1555 W Marine Dr
3.5 acres

Condition: Fair
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$9,524



Description:

Waterfront property on Youngs Bay with marina, large parking lot, two picnic shelters, and playground area with basketball court.

Park History:

Former Yacht Club.

Maintenance Schedule:

Mowing, weed-eating 1x week,
garbage 2x week, maintenance of
parking lot and lights

Issues:

Repair picnic shelters, organize
parking lot for maximum use of space,
pave parking lot, eradicate invasive
weeds

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12/4/2015

Youngs Bay Marine Park

1555 W Marine Dr
acres

Condition: Fair
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$2,726



Description:

This marine area has boat ramps, docks, picnic area, and a gravel parking lot shared with the ARC.

Park History:

Site of the former Yacht Club.

Maintenance Schedule:

Repair/replacement of dock infrastructure as needed

Issues:

Replacement of transient dock and pilings

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Parks Maintenance Shop

1555 W Marine Dr
3,500 square feet

Condition: Poor
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$8,851



Description:

Storage for all maintenance equipment, trucks, trailers, tools, and administrative office.

Park History:

Part of the Astoria Recreation Center site.

Maintenance Schedule:

General maintenance of tools, repairs to building, organization of equipment and supplies

Issues:

Insulate building, replace siding, update lighting, expand office area, maximize storage area, pave parking areas, expand covered storage areas, provide complete MSDS for facility, provide designated fuel storage space

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Astoria Recreation Center

1555 W Marine Dr
14,000 square feet

Condition: Fair
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$13,689



Description:

Large recreation facility with Astoria Parks & Recreation main offices, Teen Center, community room, classrooms, two kitchens, a flexible fitness studio, and a spin room.

Park History:

Former Yacht Club. Acquired by the City in ****. Served as temporary offices for City employees and the Police Department prior to becoming the home of Astoria Parks & Recreation in summer 2014.

Maintenance Schedule:

Maintenance of spin bikes as needed, repairs and renovations to activity spaces as requested, coordinating with contractors for plumbing/electrical/heating

Issues:

Insulate building, replace siding, provide more energy-efficient heating/cooling, update lighting, maximize storage space, replace appliances, provide complete MSDS for facility, replace windows, provide shower facilities

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Youngs River Falls

Young's River Loop Rd
acres

Condition: Fair
Annual Maintenance Cost: \$582

Description:

A rural wooded park 10 mi south of the City, with a scenic 65' waterfall on the Youngs River.

Park History:

The River and Falls are part of the City's watershed and is located outside of the City limits. The road at one time was a through road and there was only a small pull out on the side of the road for parking. The road is now a dead end at the Falls with a large parking area. The site is used for hiking, swimming, and picnicking.

Maintenance Schedule:

Remove garbage and debris 1x six months

Issues:

Too far away for regular maintenance

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Appendix : Focus Group Summary

Aquatic Center user organizations

(Astoria High School, Clatsop Community College, Columbia Memorial Hospital, North Coast Swim Club, US Coast Guard)

- AHS
 - The swim team would like to keep its current 3:30-5:00 PM schedule for the 3-month duration of their season.
 - This has caused schedule conflicts with North Coast Swim Club, who recommended staying open until 8:00 PM during the high school swim season to accommodate everyone. However, their ultimate priority is that the City can cover its costs.
 - Interested in seeing the green space on the west side of the AAC developed.
 - Happy with the facility and think it indicates that Astoria is a well-rounded community.
- CCC
 - Concerned with high costs. More information on discounts would be helpful, particularly for seniors.
 - Would like to be able to run an evening fitness class (7-8:00 PM).
 - Would like to see more adult programming, eg. kayaking, scuba, water polo.
- CMH
 - Would like to get American Arthritis Association certification, which requires a 93° F pool. Current rec pool is set at 86° F.
 - AAC should provide two sturdy wheelchairs for pool access. Existing PVC chair should be replaced.
 - CMH is satisfied with the existing partnership and very happy with the update to the fitness room.
- NCSC
 - Happy that AAC is able to do so much with limited space and time, and that the staff and leadership demonstrate pride in the facility. Communication is key to keep things running smoothly - it has been good and NCSC is grateful for the partnership.
 - Interested in seeing the consolidation of the AAC and ARC facilities at the AAC site.
 - Identified the lobby space and green space on the west side of the AAC as underutilized, and would like to see development in those areas. These are potential areas for rec center development. In the interim, providing easy access to the green space would be utilized by NCSC for gathering space during meets and dryland training.
- USCG
 - Happy with the staff, facility, and level of communication.
 - USCG feels that it pays a premium for the time it uses, but is happy to support such a key facility in the community.
 - Would like to see a 6-month or 1-year pass option.
 - More depth in the pool would be ideal for USCG rescue trainings, but it is understood that this may not be feasible.
- General
 - The group discussed and supported the idea of building a rock climbing wall in the AAC facility
 - Could be located in the north end of the lobby, on the west wall of the exterior of the building, or within the pool area (similar to Sunset Empire).
 - The group discussed the possibility of widening the lap pool to accommodate 1-2 additional lanes.

City staff

(Community Development, Public Works)

- Develop a plan for Ocean View Cemetery
- Identify underutilized parks that could be repurposed or sold
- Be sure to utilize the Master Plan as a guide over the years.
- Become financially self-sustaining
 - Consider restructuring fees for Astoria residents vs. non-residents
 - Evaluate a special district
 - Ensure sustainable maintenance and operations costs
 - Regular user fee updates
- Coordinate with other City departments through cross-marketing
- Collaborate with other City departments planning processes
 - Potentially: sustainability, stormwater/wastewater
 - Heritage Square

Downtown businesses

(Astoria Downtown Historic District Association)

- Continue to provide public restrooms and consider adding more along the Riverwalk
- Develop signage and wayfinding, brochure/park and trail guide

Historic & cultural preservation

(Clatsop County Historical Society, Clatsop Community College, Lower Columbia Preservation Society, other independent local historians)

- For designated historical parks and buildings, identify and understand the characteristics that led to their designations, and seek to preserve those values. Understand that some sites may be best preserved as “time capsules” (Customs House) and others may be more adaptable (Shively).
- Increase awareness of historical assets through additional interpretive signage.
- Train maintenance staff on preservation, restoration, and maintenance of historic sites (Clatsop College offers courses. Staff enrollment could strengthen that partnership)
- Increase volunteerism and stewardship. Rather than having groups “adopt” parks or create “friends of” organizations, create a live document of projects that could be completed through volunteer efforts, and make the document accessible to the public online.

Latino community

(Lower Columbia Hispanic Council)

- Provide information and marketing materials in Spanish, and coordinate with LCHC to distribute.
 - Include a Spanish language option on the Parks & Recreation website.
 - Communicate hours of operation and reservations.
 - Increase communication on scholarship opportunities, giveaways, and free events.
- Safety and accessibility:
 - Install lighting along the River Walk from the Maritime Museum to Safeway.
 - Provide ADA accessible play equipment.
 - Widen gate at Tapiola for large strollers to be able to pass through.
 - Provide fenced areas for off-leash dogs to reduce safety concerns.
 - Consider fencing the street edge at Fred Lindstrom to keep kids away from traffic.
- Provide more large outdoor party / gathering spaces.
- High-traffic parks should have a range of amenities that serve multi-generational users.
- Increase indoor recreation opportunities for all age groups.
- Restrooms
 - Provide clean, permanent facilities at Fred Lindstrom.
 - Keep Tapiola restrooms clean.

Parents clubs

(MOMS Club, Astor Parents Club, Lewis & Clark Parents Club, AMS Parents Club)

- Identify “key” parks and maintain those at the highest level.
 - Would rather have a few great parks than many unremarkable parks.
- Restrooms:
 - Add a restroom at Fred Lindstrom Park.
 - Keep Tapiola restrooms open, clean, and stocked.
- Provide something for parents to do at Port of Play
 - Cardio equipment was suggested
- Costs:
 - find ways to control costs and make memberships more affordable. Especially for larger families (current family passes only cover up to 5 family members).
 - Improve the scholarship application process for low income users, expand cost saving opportunities for low income users.
- Website:
 - Make it easier to navigate, pay online for registration, memberships, classes, etc.

Parks Foundation

- Provide more opportunities for pre-teens and teens (after-school hours: monitored open gyms / social gathering space)
- Provide an off-leash dog park area
- Provide access to indoor sport courts / open gym time.
- Consolidate and centralize the indoor recreation facilities.
- Connect the trail system.
- Expand volunteerism and stewardship through CHIP-in, community partnerships, and park adoptions / friends-of groups.
- Achieve sustainability in budget and staffing.
- Increase transparency of Department financials to the community.

Public health & social service

(Clatsop County Public Health, Astoria Warming Center)

- Improve communication on cost saving opportunities for low income and senior users, and consider expanding those opportunities.
- Build community partnerships by increasing communication and interaction with area organizations such as CHART, HEAL, Connect the Dots
- Achieve fiscal sustainability and independence by sustaining revenue, potentially implementing a regional parks and recreation district.

Seniors

(Astoria Senior Center board members, directors, and patrons)

- Seniors in the focus group stated that they used the Aquatic Center and local trails for recreation most frequently. Preferred trails were the River Walk, Shively Park, and the Coffenbury Trail at Fort Stevens State Park in Warrenton.
- There was a concern with the current conditions and maintenance of trails and facilities.
- There was interest in finding and encouraging new uses at underutilized park facilities.
- Outdoor social gathering spaces and places to walk were noted as the highest priorities. It was noted that places for walking should also provide places to sit and rest or enjoy views. Seating should be comfortable to get in and out of (the downtown benches were disliked because they are backless, too low and uncomfortable to use).

- The Senior Center patrons would like to see the development of Heritage Square into a facility that builds off of the themes at the Garden of Surging waves. It should provide social gathering space that the seniors can use, but primarily be the “welcome center of Astoria” for visitors, and represent the history and character of the city. A partnership could be developed between the Senior Center and Parks and Recreation to encourage use of new development at Heritage Square, such as recreational, social, and educational programs geared toward seniors. Suggestions for the design of the park included transforming the “pit” into a sunken amphitheater, and installing art/sculptures/memorials depicting the ethnic heritage of Astoria. The Garden of Surging Waves does a good job of honoring the Chinese heritage, and the rest of the park could be dedicated to the Native Americans, Scandinavians, Greeks, and others. Generally, the seniors supported improving the library, but keeping it at its current site rather than incorporating a new library into the design of Heritage Square.
- The seniors thought that they would be more likely to get involved in Parks and Recreation services if they had more information about what options were provided, especially programs specifically geared toward seniors, people in poor health, and low income users. Representatives of the Senior Center strongly encouraged improving communication between the Senior Center and Parks and Recreation Department. The Senior Center has about 500 members and sends information to its users regularly via email. There is currently little to no mention of parks and recreation opportunities. The Parks and Recreation department could send information directly to the Senior Center to include in their communications, and could also post fliers and newsletters in print at the Senior Center’s physical location.

Service organizations

(Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary, Boy Scouts, Friends of the Astoria Column, Friends of the Astoria Armory, Friends of McClure Park)

- Host or attend regular mixers / networking opportunities for service organizations where each group presents key projects, goals, needs, and skills they offer. See: CHART, Connect the Dots.
- Communicate to local service organizations what our priority projects are and where we could use help.
- Collaborate with the Armory to provide after-school opportunities for middle school and high school age youth.

Teens

(Astoria High School Leadership Class, Student Council)

- A presentation on the Master Plan process was given, and students were asked questions about how they recreate, indoors and outdoors, and what activities they would like to see offered by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Favorite indoor activities included video games and indoor sports, or flexible “open gym” activities.
- Suggestions for new indoor activities that could be implemented included a giant trampoline room, video game area, a YMCA-type facility with multiple recreation and social opportunities and programs like drop-in basketball.
- Favorite outdoor activities included camping and hiking, as well as outdoor sports.
- Suggestions for new outdoor activities that could be provided included outdoor swimming, pickle ball (could also be indoors), more / improved trails, zip-lining, and drive-in movie nights.
- It was noted that many teens were unaware of some of the parks, trails, and programs already offered. There should be better information provided for regular programs and one-off events that are specifically geared toward teens. Coordination with the schools could be a key to getting more teens involved with Parks and Recreation programs.

Trails & natural areas

(National Parks Service, North Coast Watershed Council, North Coast Trail Alliance, NW Coast Trails Coalition, and other independent local horticulturalists, arborists, and trail builders)

- Connect the trail system, and consider walking and biking not only as a method of recreation but also transportation.
- Improve trail safety: more lighting on the Riverwalk; make wood sections of Riverwalk more bike-friendly; selective brush clearing along wooded trails; reduce hazards on Cathedral Tree Trail.
- Local trail organizations and users are willing to help map, develop, and maintain trails.
- Provide a comprehensive trail map.
- Continue to preserve and maintain natural areas that provide respite from the city.
- Utilize native plant species to keep maintenance needs to a minimum. Ensure that the maintenance staff is knowledgeable of these techniques.
- Educate the community on our native plant communities, trees, and natural landscape features through interpretive signage.

Youth & adult athletics

(Astoria Cal Ripken Baseball, Astoria Babe Ruth Baseball, Lower Columbia Youth Soccer Association, Sunset Empire Parks & Recreation District, coaches from Astoria Parks & Recreation programs)

- Participation has been declining. Find ways to stabilize and grow participation. Start with expanding marketing and communications.
 - Regional club/travel teams are a draw because they often offer a higher level of competition and quality
- It is also becoming difficult to find and retain coaches. The high school athletic programs could require service hours that could be satisfied by coaching a youth team or officiating.
- One way to retain and grow local teams would be hosting more end of season tournaments.
- Cross-promotion and increased communication between Parks and Recreation programs and programs provided by other local organizations.
- Improve coordination on areas where maintenance is shared.

APPENDIX

Community Input Results: Draft Master Plan Recommendations, April 2016

Draft Recommendations

Maintenance:

M1: Concentrate Maintenance on Priority Parks

M2: Create a more manageable parks system by selling or transitioning under-utilized parks into natural areas

* This question was asked at the public meetings, then broken apart into two questions for the online survey.

M2.1: Create a more manageable parks system by transitioning under-utilized parks into natural areas

* This question was introduced in the online survey to clarify the community's preferences for M2

M2.2: Create a more manageable parks system by selling under-utilized parks

* This question was introduced in the online survey to clarify the community's preferences for M2

M3: Increase volunteerism

M4: Establish an official Adopt-A-Park program

Planning Initiatives:

P1: Capital Projects

P2: Visitor and Non-Resident Use Study

P3: Combined Recreation Center Feasibility Study

P4: Ocean View Cemetery Master Plan

P5: Site-specific park plans

5.1: 9th & Astor Park

5.2: Alderbrook Natural Area

5.3: Alderbrook Park

5.4: Astor Park / Astoria Column

5.5: McClure Park

5.6: Shively Park

5.7: Tidal Rock Park

Communications & Marketing:

C1: Improve the organization and availability of information

Partnerships:

P1: Utilize partnerships to build synergy

Operations:

O1: Increase staffing levels

O2: Seek out additional sources of revenue

O3: Focus on core services

O4: What are the core services?

4.1: After school and summer day-camp programs

4.2: Aquatic fitness and swimming lessons

4.3: CHIP-in (Citizens Helping Improve Parks)

4.4: Fitness classes

4.5: Free special events (Movies in the Park, Monster Bash, Easter Egg Hunts, etc)

4.6: Lil' Sprouts Academy / Port of Play

4.7: Ocean View Cemetery operations

4.8: Runs and walks (Fun Run, Gobbler Gallop, Run on the River)

4.9: Youth and adult sport leagues / drop-in sports

Capital Projects:

CP1: Extend the usable hours and improve safety along the River Walk by installing lighting between the Columbia River Maritime Museum (17th Street) and Pier 39 (39th Street).

CP2: Repair, upgrade, or replace playground equipment at key neighborhood parks.

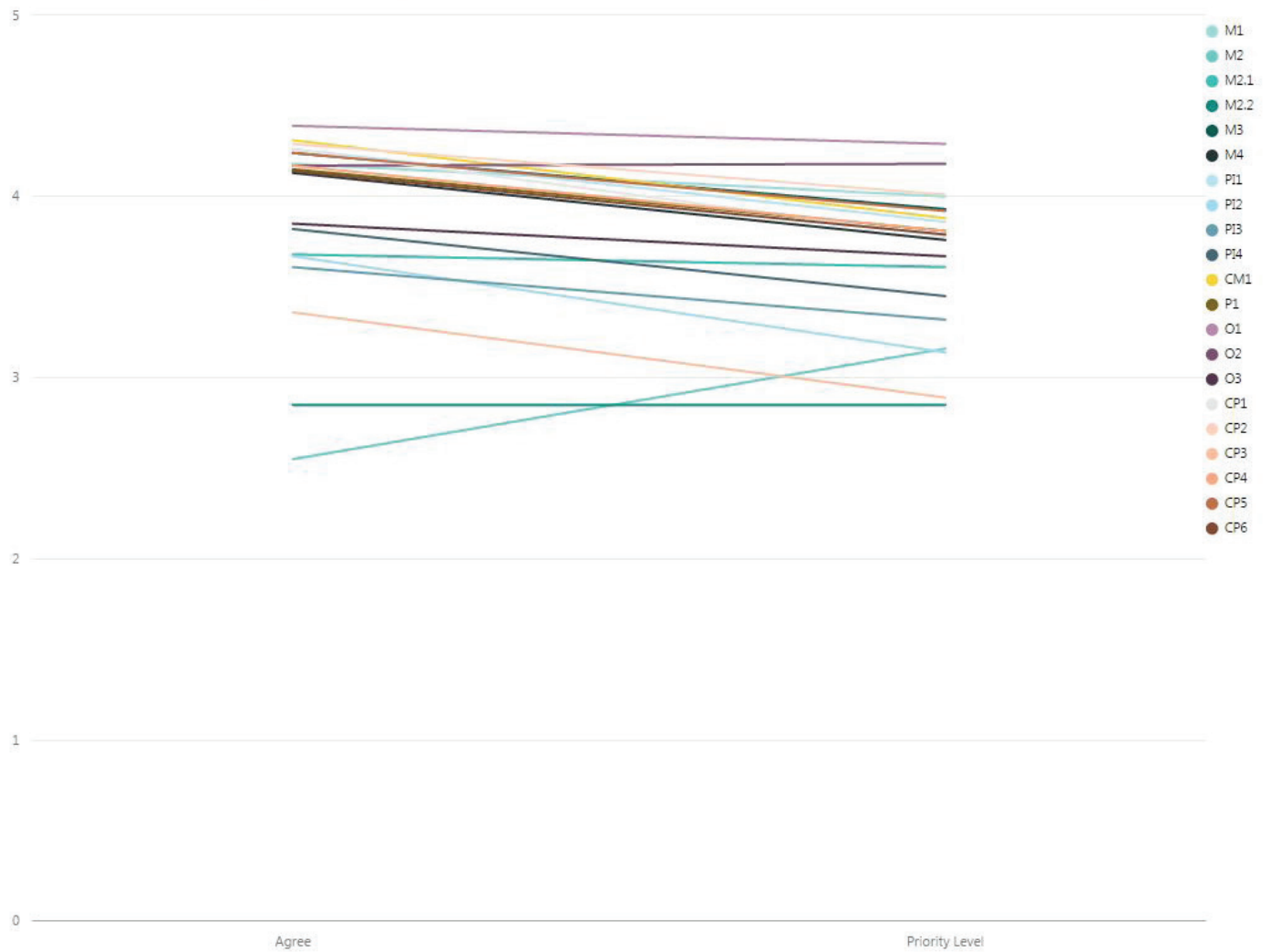
CP3: Within the existing parks system, designate an off-leash dog area or construct a fenced-in dog park.

CP4: Install a permanent restroom facility at Fred Lindstrom (aka Peter Pan) Park.

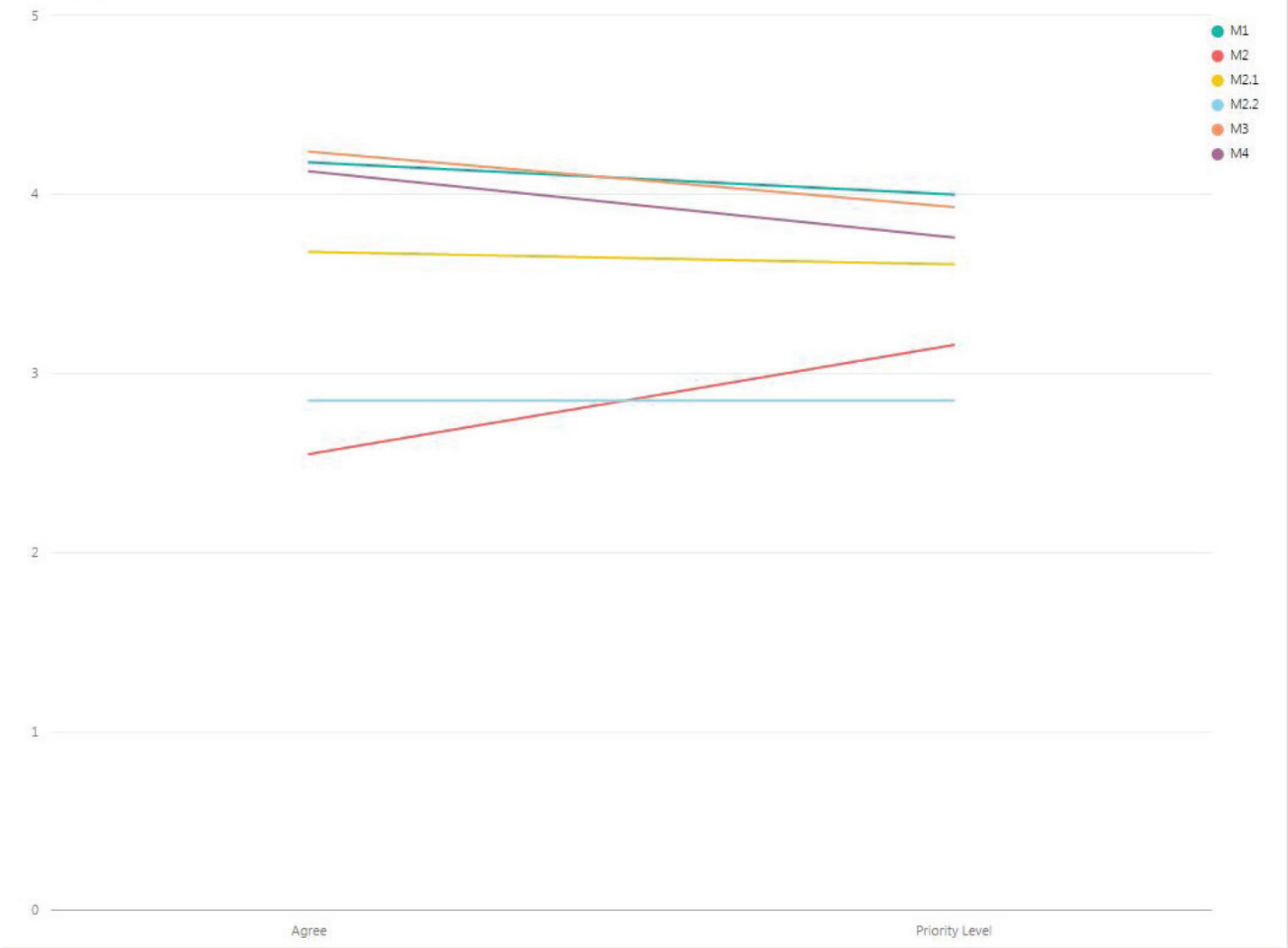
CP5: Implement the 2013 Trails Master Plan

CP6: Extend the hours of operation at the Aquatic Center later into the evening on weekdays.

All (draft) Recommendations



Maintenance



Maintenance

M1: Concentrate Maintenance on Priority Parks

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	4	2	0	8	5	19	3.42
7-Apr	0	0	0	3	9	12	4.75
9-Apr	1	0	0	6	18	25	4.60
Online	2	8	3	18	30	61	4.08
Total	7	10	3	35	62	117	4.15

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	2	0	2	9	1	14	3.50
7-Apr	0	0	1	4	5	10	4.40
9-Apr	0	0	1	7	7	15	4.40
Online	1	2	11	33	12	59	3.90
Total	3	2	15	53	25	98	3.97

Comments:

- 1 We have a lot of elderly and disabled folks who live here and without good sidewalks they can't go
- 2 All existing parks are priority, do not build any new parks.
- 3 The park in by the por of play needs maintenance and public restroom.
- 4 Bathrooms!
- 5 Would be great to have several small parks all over (not necessarily with play equipment, even just field of grass) for easier access, would love a park in walking distance for lunch breaks etc
- 6 Our sports fields need to be sprayed, replanted and kept up.
- 7 Focus on making parks manageable with minimal maintenance.
- 8 We need a dog park! Can we convert a local park?
- 9 The popular park, Fred Lindstrom, needs a bathroom. Even a year round port-a-potty would be appreciated!
- 10 Under maintained parks will become weed patches and eyesores.
- 11 I think its hard to generalize this question, just depends on what opportunities arise and doing what makes sense, case by case
- 12 Better upkeep of fiverwalk / owners required to mow and control vegetation (1 upvote)
- 13 Build more and maintain existing with volunteers
- 14 Hire homeless to clean up River Walk. They care! (6 upvotes)
- 15 Parks throughout the City should be the highest priority. Those within walking distance of ones home or place of employment or which opens up a viewscape should be the City's priority.

M2: Create a more manageable parks system by selling or transitioning under-utilized parks into natural areas

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	10		3	2	3	21	2.33
7-Apr	0		0	1	2	10	4.60
9-Apr	13		6	2	3	25	1.92
Online							

This question was not asked in the online survey. See M2.1 and M2.2, which were introduced into the online survey to differentiate the two concepts for reducing the number of park sites that need regular maintenance.

Total	23		9	5	8	11	56	2.55
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	Lowest Priority				Highest Priority		Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	5	0		3	6	2	16	3.00
7-Apr	0	1		4	2	2	9	3.56
9-Apr	2	1		4	4	1	12	3.08
Online								

This question was not asked in the online survey. See M2.1 and M2.2, which were introduced into the online survey to differentiate the two concepts for reducing the number of park sites that need regular maintenance.

Total	7		2	11	12	5	37	3.16
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Comments:

- 1 If we sell park space we never get that land back (2 upvotes)

M2.1: Create a more manageable parks system by transitioning under-utilized parks into natural areas

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr							
7-Apr	This question was not asked at the public input sessions. It was introduced in						
9-Apr	the online survey to provide clearer results on the subject of creating a more manageable parks system.						
Online	5	10	6	21	19	60	3.70
Total	5	10	6	21	19	60	3.70

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr							
7-Apr	This question was not asked at the public input sessions. It was introduced in						
9-Apr	the online survey to provide clearer results on the subject of creating a more manageable parks system.						
Online	3	4	18	26	9	60	3.57
Total	3	4	18	26	9	60	3.57

Comments:

- 1 This depends on which "under-utilized" parks you are referring to, the question is too broad.
- 2 One concern however...will the low priority parks then become havens for homeless people? Or illegal activities?
- 3 Maybe get volunteers, scout groups, schools, to help out!
- 4 They would turn into areas that look poor and would become blackberries.
- 5 Determining the use, or lack thereof may be difficult, but structuring parks so they require minimal maintenance would be generally best.
- 6 I don't see increasing our natural park areas as a negative or a loss at all! We could all use a little more wild in the city!
- 7 I am in favor of keeping the park space we have. Once it's gone, it's gone. In the future, a larger parks budget could allow for maintenance on "natural areas."
- 8 This would be sad that one would give a group of less than a few hundred the ability to downgrade a park to almost nonexistence just because they like another one better and because they have little or no experience with another. Some underutilized parks like the 9th Street Park isn't used like originally envisioned because the City has not put in recommended improvements as they know they should.

M2.2: Create a more manageable parks system by selling under-utilized parks

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr							
7-Apr	This question was not asked at the public input sessions. It was introduced in						
9-Apr	the online survey to provide clearer results on the subject of creating a more manageable parks system.						
Online	16	9	13	14	8	60	2.82
Total	16	9	13	14	8	60	2.82

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr							
7-Apr	This question was not asked at the public input sessions. It was introduced in						
9-Apr	the online survey to provide clearer results on the subject of creating a more manageable parks system.						
Online	11	8	26	11	4	60	2.82
Total	11	8	26	11	4	60	2.82

Comments:

1 we preserve our green space, perhaps finding why the space it's being under utilized.

2 We don't need developers ruining our community.. Transition them to natural areas

3

I'd only want this sort thing done a last measure and in the areas where there are more than one accessible parks/natural areas. Some areas the parkland should be kept, even if its under used right now because of future growth, but here people tend to think more of the right now and have passed some pretty dumb things that have ended up hindering the town rather than helping, so I don' t really trust their "public approval process". That would be the same public who voted to move the college out by the airport and were ignored, who shot down the round about (and were ignored), whose children voted for a zoo/animal themed park with a zipline at Tapiola and got a miniature town with badly placed benches instead.

4 I wouldn't want the properties to be developed if sold. If they have to be sold there should be stipulations.

5 Don't sell anything!

6 We need to preserve the park space that we have, but determining what people will use the space for is important.

7 Though the money would help in the short term guaranteed green space would be appreciated more.

8 Public space is valuable and not easily found, once sold.

9 potential for the creation of workforce/affordable housing opportunities

10 Is this talking about the cemetery? Then, yes, the cemetery in Warrenton should be sold.

11

9th Street Park should never be considered for this and I don't think any other should either. How can we foresee the future and the needs of future residents. We need to maintain our options for future users. Why would you allow a current park to be sold/destroyed for another building which would make it almost impossible to reclaim as a park. As our City embraces more affordable housing at higher density we are going to need more park lands --- Not less. Apartment dwellers need parks more than home owners. Think of the Future and do not sale our Future.

M3: Increase volunteerism

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	0	0	0	10	11	4.52
7-Apr	0	1	5	3	3	12	3.67
9-Apr	0	0	0	9	14	23	4.61
Online	0	2	7	33	19	61	4.13
Total	0	3	12	55	47	117	4.25

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	0	1	7	8	16	4.44
7-Apr	0	2	3	7	8	20	4.05
9-Apr	0	0	0	12	6	18	4.33
Online	2	3	16	32	7	60	3.65
Total	2	5	20	58	29	114	3.94

Comments:

- 1 Maybe too much money is being spent on too many studies? Volunteering is fine, but the city has a responsibility, and can not depend on volunteers. We pay high property taxes and expect the city to fulfill its responsibilities.
- 2 I think, however, that you would need to have the dept be self sufficient for the foundational costs of running a basic parks and rec program. The volunteer things would be for extras that enrich the department, so that if relying on volunteers failed, the enrichment things might go away but the basic department would still be able to operate.
- 3 Get the schools involved. All of them are required volunteer hours to graduate.
- 4 It would be cool to involve schools also. I know the kids in the fourth grade recently cut down scotch broom at Coffenbury. They'd love a field trip to
- 5 This would solve so may problems!
- 6 Let's be real, no one's going to step up. They always say they will but never do. Parks and Rec could do more advanced notice of chip in events at times but generally does a great job. Especially with the online presence
- 7 Involve the schools, Job Corps and other local organizations.
- 8 Like with any volunteer organization it will be the same few people doing all the work.
- 9 if you have groups willing be help with some maintenance at a park, make sure the parks dept still helps in other areas and communicate with the people taking some maintenance over.
- 10 Volunteers often take more effort to coordinate than the work they produce
- 11 I've heard of CHIP-in, but have no idea what it means/stands for...
- 12 Eagle Scout projects!
- 13 CCSO / inmate utilization. Community service (1 upvote)
- 14 What has been done to reach out to existing groups like the Sierra Club or Audubon.... or..... Senior Citizens groups or always have a recruiting table at the Sunday market. Teacher Groups or their classes. What about the groups like the Moose or Masons or ...There are so many Groups in which to tap into. I am not sure this has been done.

M4: Establish an official Adopt-A-Park program

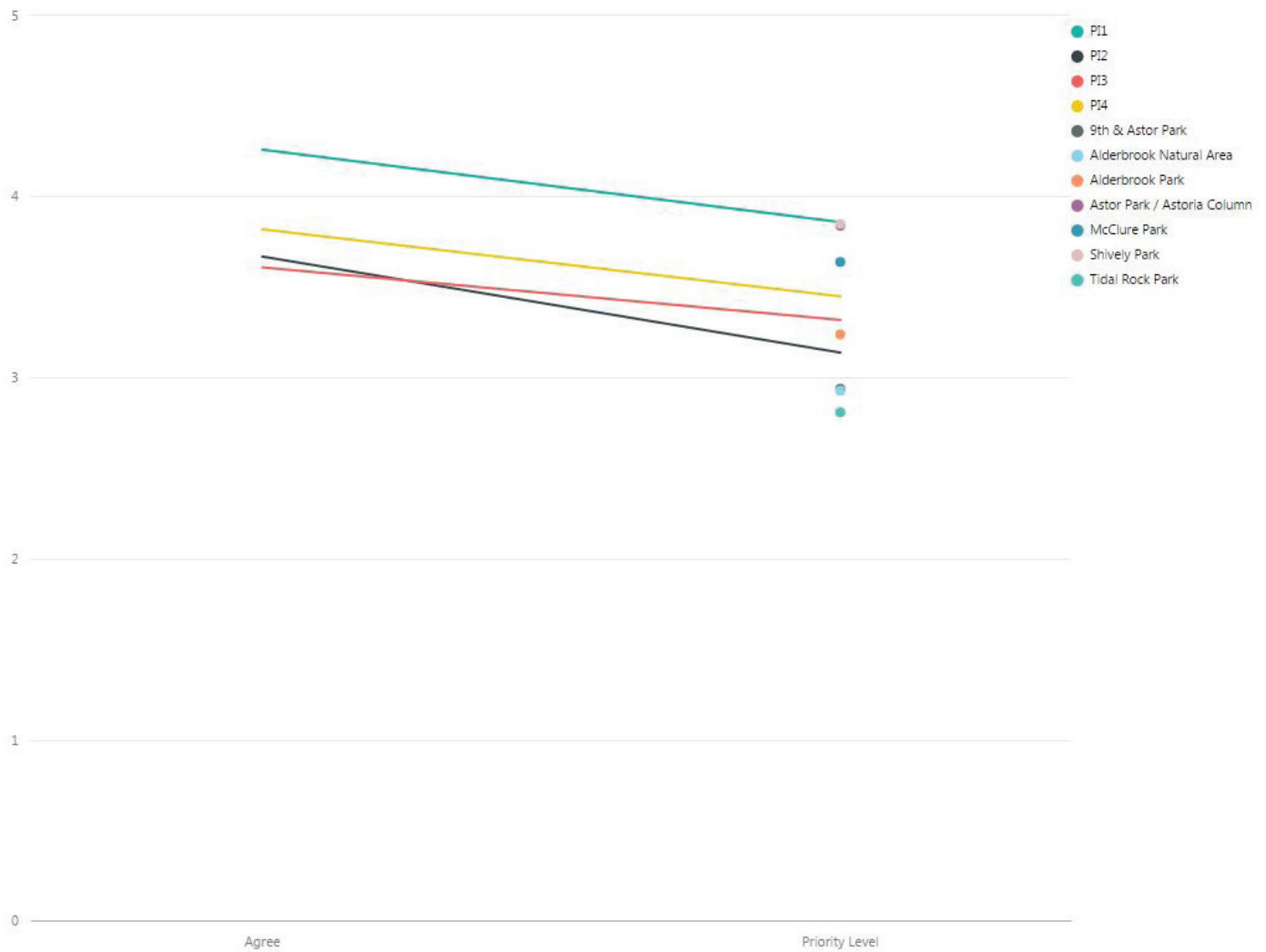
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	0	2	10	8	20	4.30
7-Apr	2	0	2	4	2	10	3.40
9-Apr	0	0	0	9	14	23	4.61
Online	1	4	4	36	17	62	4.03
Total	3	4	8	59	41	115	4.14

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	0	2	10	6	18	4.22
7-Apr	2	0	4	1	1	8	2.88
9-Apr	0	0	0	10	12	22	4.55
Online	3	6	18	26	7	60	3.47
Total	5	6	24	47	26	108	3.77

Comments:

- 1 Dog Park would be great for community....Everyone has to go to Warrenton. People from all over go to the dog park
- 2 Provides necessary structure for volunteer maintenance of parks. If there is no interest in caring for a low-use park, consider possibly selling the space if no one truly wants to use or maintain it. -Although, taxes are supposed to support maintenance, so if people seem to use it and just don't want to volunteer to caretake it, the park should remain open.
- 3 Ask groups that may want to adopt parks during certain parts of the year and have the parks dept take over at other times of the year.
- 4 Volunteers are not reliable, it's nice if they are willing to help out but you cannot solely rely on them
- 5 City would need to explore possible liability issues i.e. injuries to group members, public
- 6 Adopt trail & riverwalk - could be portions done by businesses, families, clubs, master gardeners.
- 7 Yes, Yes, Yes. If, however, it becomes too formal then I think you will discourage volunteers. You should reach out to the volunteers for their park and ask them for suggestions on the best way to help maintain and enhance the park.

Planning Initiatives



Planning

P1: Capital Projects

	Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree			Total Votes	Weighted Average
	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree				
6-Apr	0	0	1	8	6		15	4.33
7-Apr	0	1	0	1	10		12	4.67
9-Apr	2	2	0	3	10		17	4.00
Online	0	2	4	33	20		59	4.20
Total	2	5	5	45	46		103	4.24

	Lowest Priority			Highest Priority			Total Votes	Weighted Average
	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority					
6-Apr	0	0	5	6	2		13	3.77
7-Apr	0	1	0	2	5		8	4.38
9-Apr	0	0	2	4	1		7	3.86
Online	0	3	19	24	12		58	3.78
Total	0	4	26	36	20		86	3.84

Comments:

- 1 Oceanview Cemetery should always be well maintained
- 2 Nothing new without community support
- 3 Public input is good, but sometimes getting too many opinions and input can slow the process down too much
- 4 This should always be the plan.
- 5 We don't need any more parks! Quit spending our tax dollars! I can barely afford my home now! A lot of our homes are being bought by out of area people. How does tourism wages support family's as a whole? What about the traffic?
- 6 Fred Lindstrom park needs a bathroom.
- 7 Need a bathroom at peter pan park ASAP. Also it seems like the gym planning has been kind of haphazard but I could be wrong
- 8 The 9th Street Park deserves some improvements. I wants families having playtime and even some picnics at the 9th Street park. Putting some minor things like lights, curb cuts for wheel chairs or even tables designed for Chess.Checkers would be good. All would add little to maintenance, but they would enhance the park. This is where the Chinese Heritage Park should have been built or at least more needs to be done at this location to honor these people who help make Astoria. Do Not Sale this park. It is the Best location to do more to honor the Chinese who worked and lived in this area of our City.

P2: Visitor and Non-Resident Use Study

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	0	0	6	5	16	3.94
7-Apr	0	1	1	5	4	12	3.58
9-Apr	0	0	0	1	5	12	4.42
Online	4	2	2	23	21	58	3.47
Total	4	3	3	35	35	98	3.67

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	3	3	1	3	2	13	3.23
7-Apr	1	1	2	6	2	11	2.82
9-Apr	0	0	0	0	6	7	4.14
Online	5	5	8	27	12	57	3.07
Total	9	9	11	36	22	88	3.15

Comments:

- 1 Donation boxes would be a good idea. Not fee boxes . Locals shouldn't have to pay fees especially the "So sorry you live in Svensen fee."
- 2 Why? To add fees?
- 3 I am not sure of your point above....if you study the impact of tourism economy, what will you do with that information?
- 4 The city needs to cater more to the needs of the locals. Tourists are starting to take over nearly every aspect of our town. We need some sort of respite from tourists.
- 5 It would be interesting data to collect, but I think there could another department that could take the lead.
- 6 Don't spend thousands of dollars on a study
- 7
When we visit my father in North Bend, Oregon we go to three places...The library (because it has an AMAZING space for children unlike our tiny, dark cramped one here), the swimming pool (the kids LOVE swimming in a different place with different things..they have a small slide and rope swing and pool floats and toys there), and Mingus Park (which needs help maintaining their playground structures, but is a wonderful place to walk and sightsee because of the gardens, ponds, and trails). I rarely see tourists at our parks and never in our pool and I think that's a shame because I think many tourists would utilize the pool especially if it still had the workout room. I always think we should have a brochure with our parks and things to do in it that should be in every hotel/motel/B&B...Instead they have brochures sending people to Cannon Beach and Lincoln City. lol
- 8 Time/\$ shouldn't be used to officially study impact on tourism, but should be kept in mind when making decisions
- 9 Waste of time & money to create a study on this criteria. Parks are for everyone who come to the city.
- 10 We r a tourism city keep them coming back hogwash on visitor local!
Don't spend \$ on this! Ask for more tax from the lodging to help maintain!
- 11 The Parks Dept. is currently a district with only Astoria taxpayers contributing
- 12 If explored, the non-residents should not have to pay more.
- 13 Things like the riverwalk and cathedral tree trail are priceless examples
- 14 Some parks like the 9th Street Park work very nicely to open up a view of our City and hills to the Riverwalk users. This park also is a nice opening to the businesses on 9th and 10th Street.

P3: Combined Recreation Center Feasibility Study

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average	
6-Apr	5	0	0	0	6	9	20	3.70
7-Apr	0	0	0	3	2	5	10	4.20
9-Apr	7	2	2	3	4	5	21	2.90
Online	5	6	12	12	14	22	59	3.71
Total	17	8	18	18	26	41	110	3.60

	Lowest Priority			Highest Priority			Weighted Average	
	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority			Total Votes		
6-Apr	5	1	1	6	6	19	3.37	
7-Apr	0	3	4	1	2	10	3.20	
9-Apr	4	1	2	4	2	13	2.92	
Online	5	7	17	16	12	57	3.40	
Total	14	12	24	27	22	99	3.31	

Comments:

- 1 I think that it would be a great thing to have the facilities all in one place but i don't know if that is a high priority or not.
- 2 One site is preferred
- 3 I think this sort of thing would also appeal to tourists and help bring in revenue if it were advertised properly as a place for the kids to have fun while travelling parents get in their workout....
- 4 Having both facilities means that people who rely on public transportation have better access to indoor recreation and classes.
- 5 Please!!!
- 6 I've been to other small cities where this has happened and its amazing how much it brings the community together, I recommend this as the highest priority, active daycare/kids classes while the parents work out-best if it could all be at the pool
- 7 If building a consolidated facility would cause other parks in the City to lose maintenance funding or result in the sale of parks to pay for it, then I would be Very Much Against it.

P4: Ocean View Cemetery Master Plan

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	4		0	1	7	16	3.44
7-Apr	0		0	3	2	11	4.27
9-Apr	2		1	1	6	17	3.88
Online	4		2	9	29	59	3.83
Total	10		3	14	44	103	3.83

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	3		2	2	4	14	3.14
7-Apr	1		0	5	3	10	3.30
9-Apr	2		1	3	7	16	3.50
Online	1		4	25	18	58	3.55
Total	7		7	35	32	98	3.46

Comments:

- 1 It seems like the same type of employee who works in the parks would also work at the cemetery, so there must be a consolidation of duties when it is overseen by the pRks and rec dept. if it was separated from parks and rec but run by the city would there be redundancies in the staffing?
- 2 Currently 80% of people in Oregon opt for cremation. I would like to see the possibility of a new mausoleum or columbarium built.
- 3 I'm not sure why we have a parks and rec cemetery...does it generate revenue? If it does, then keeping it may be beneficial to the community.
- 4 This is not a place for Rec., this should be on its own or City Maintained!
- 5 Focus should be on parks actually in Astoria.
- 6 It is ridiculous. That grieving families have to plan a funeral around the schedule of maintenance workers. The worker's schedule needs to be flexible to accommodate the public they service.
- 7 Sell it.
- 8 Can the library manage the administration of the cemetery?
- 9 Sell the cemetery
- 10 This Master Plan should already be operational.

P5: Site-specific park plans

9th & Astor Park

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	2	1	4	5	3	15	3.40
7-Apr	0	4	2	4	0	10	3.00
9-Apr	4	0	2	1	3	10	2.90
Online	7	6	32	8	2	55	2.85
Total	13	11	40	18	8	90	2.97

Alderbrook Natural Area

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	3	2	2	3	0	10	2.50
7-Apr	0	3	2	4	0	9	3.11
9-Apr	1	0	1	3	3	8	3.88
Online	5	8	33	9	0	55	2.84
Total	9	13	38	19	3	82	2.93

Alderbrook Park

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	2	1	2	8	0	13	3.23
7-Apr	1	1	5	1	0	8	2.75
9-Apr	0	0	3	3	3	9	4.00
Online	2	5	30	17	1	55	3.18
Total	5	7	40	29	4	85	3.24

Astor Park / Astoria Column

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	1	1	3	5	5	15	3.80
7-Apr	0	0	2	6	2	10	4.00
9-Apr	1	0	0	3	6	10	4.30
Online	1	8	12	21	15	57	3.72
Total	3	9	17	35	28	92	3.83

McClure Park

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	1	0	4	5	5	15	3.87
7-Apr	0	1	0	2	3	6	4.17
9-Apr	0	0	5	1	10	16	4.31
Online	1	7	27	15	6	56	3.32
Total	2	8	36	23	24	93	3.63

Shively Park

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	0	2	7	9	18	4.39
7-Apr	0	1	1	6	2	10	3.90
9-Apr	0	0	2	3	7	12	4.42
Online	0	5	21	25	5	56	3.54
Total	0	6	26	41	23	96	3.84

Tidal Rock Park

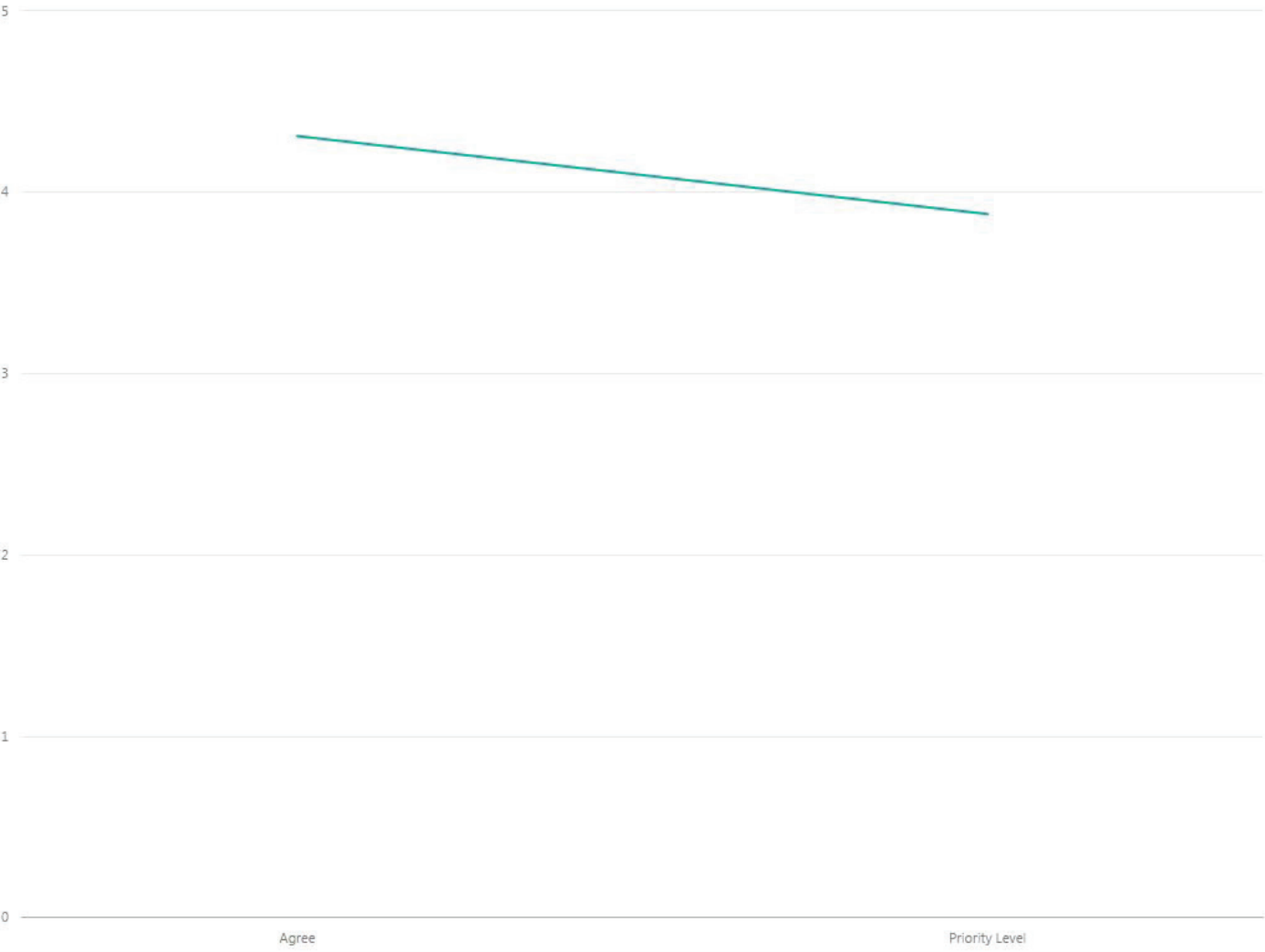
	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	4	0	3	6	0	13	2.85
7-Apr	2	0	2	3	1	8	3.13
9-Apr	0	2	2	1	1	6	3.17
Online	6	10	31	8	0	55	2.75
Total	12	12	38	18	2	82	2.83

Comments:

- 1 I chose neutral as i don't have enough info to answer these questions.
- 2 Astor Park makes enough to hire a part time maintenance Staff! FOMP can take this on!
- 3 Shively Hall bathrooms need attention. We had to keep mopping up water from the basement from in front of the bathrooms. The facilities are very unpleasant.
- 4 Although out of the way all parks in family areas are beneficial to everyone in maintaining family values in the community
- 5 We need a dog park!
- 6 Astor Park needs more trees, trails on hill.
- 7 Master Plans are great in theory... Will it really be used?

8 The City should make the 9th Street Park better. I suggested three simple ideas above for improving this park, but there are others. Most days of the year I walk by this park and see its use -- both physically and just as part of a viewscape for the City. You can look up pocket parks and see what other City's do to with small areas to make their City a better and safer place in which to live.

Communications & Marketing



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C1: Improve the organization and availability of information

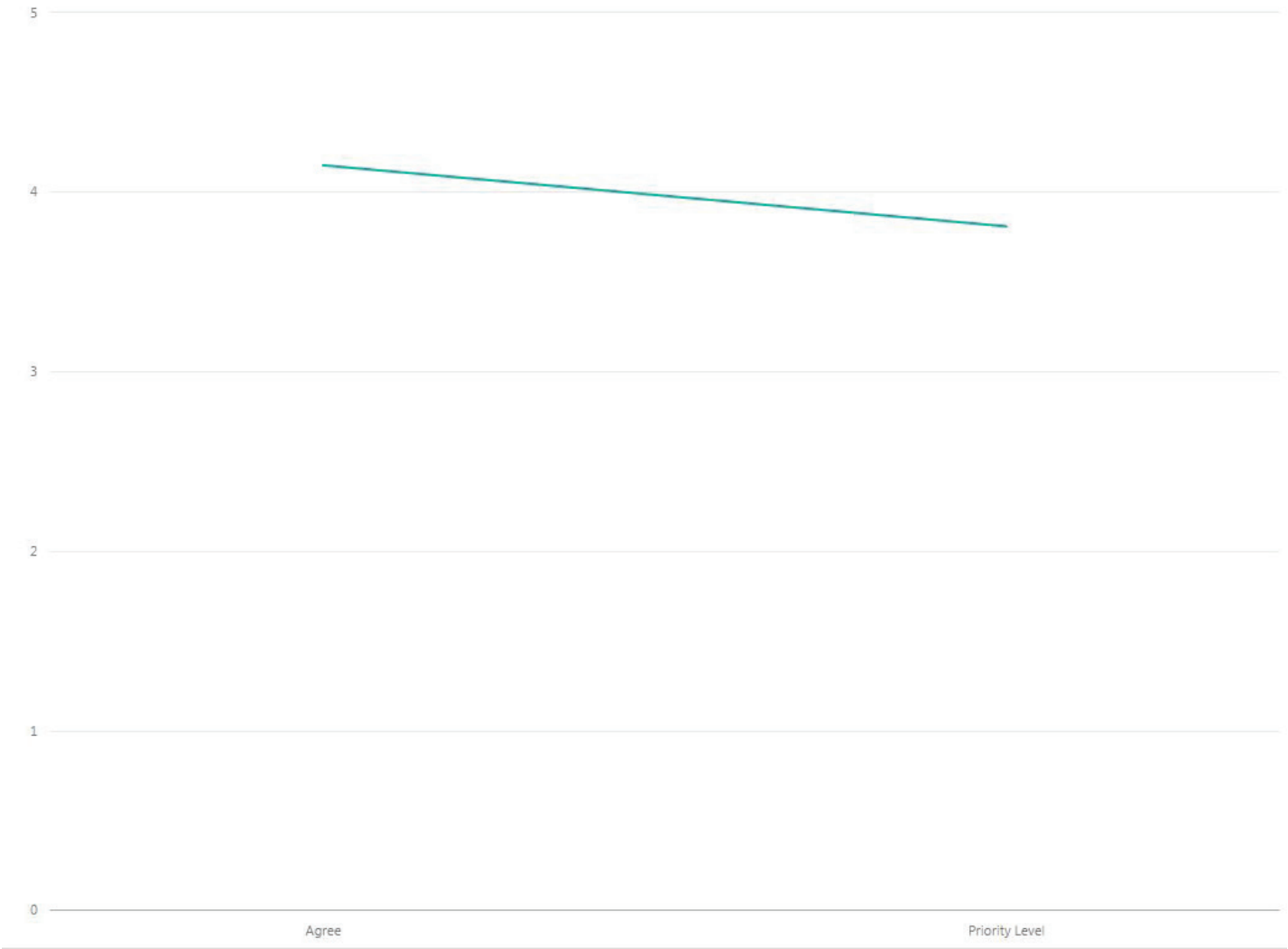
	Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree			Total Votes	Weighted Average
	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree				
6-Apr	0	1	1	8	9		19	4.32
7-Apr	0	0	1	5	8		14	4.50
9-Apr	0	0	0	6	10		16	4.63
Online	1	0	8	26	22		57	4.19
Total	1	1	10	45	49		106	4.32

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	3	1	9	5	18	3.89
7-Apr	0	0	2	9	2	13	4.00
9-Apr	0	0	0	8	0	8	4.00
Online	1	3	14	22	15	55	3.85
Total	1	6	17	48	22	94	3.89

Comments:

- 1 Seems like this is most important...if you are doing a good job people need to know.
- 2 Get a younger person with more familiarity with social media
- 3 Hard to even find where parks are. Have lived in seaside 25 years and don't even know all Astoria park locations (now work in ast)
- 4 Better communications would be a great way to get people interested in the parks again.
- 5 this should be full time and high priority
- 6 Oh great another tax payer job!
- 7 Separate fee structure for ARC classes and swimming facilities. Quarterly card covers both but I only use one.
- 8 I feel like the info distribution is well done!
- 9 Increase Transparency and easy access to needed information for not only future actions, but also past actions is very important.

Partnerships



Partnerships:

P1: Utilize partnerships to build synergy

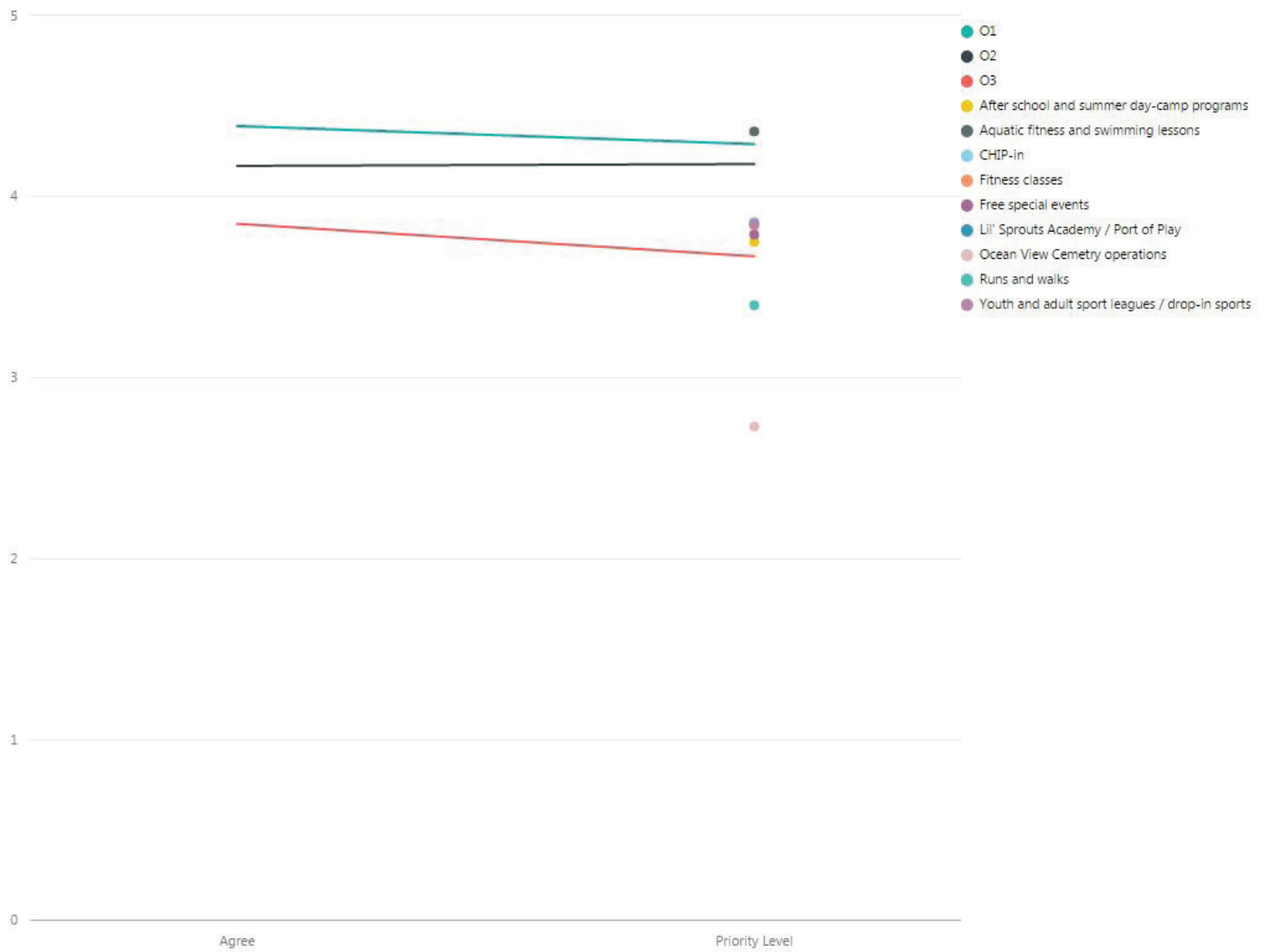
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average	
6-Apr	0	0	0	1	9	10	20	4.45
7-Apr	0	0	0	5	3	5	13	4.00
9-Apr	1	0	0	2	4	9	16	4.25
Online	0	0	2	11	26	18	57	4.05
Total	1	0	2	19	42	42	106	4.15

	Lowest Priority			Highest Priority			Weighted
	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority			Total Votes	Average
6-Apr	0	1	3	10	5	19	4.00
7-Apr	0	1	4	3	4	12	3.83
9-Apr	0	0	1	6	7	14	4.43
Online	2	6	17	18	12	55	3.58
Total	2	8	25	37	28	100	3.81

Comments:

- 1 Come on this should already be happening!
- 2 When goals are as universally "fine" as these are, most everyone "agrees". Ask some questions that contrast one METHOD with another to get clearer feedback.
- 3 Use CAT prperty across from Safeway for community garden, adopted by locals. CAT would trade to city for cost of taxes owed.
- 4 Communicate specific needs to the public, i.e. we need "x" donated. (1 upvote)
- 5 AVA public art partnership
- 6 Who will do this for the City and each partner organization? I see this as a good idea, but not worth a lot of extra time by paid staff.

Operations



Operations:**O1: Increase staffing levels**

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average	
6-Apr	0	0	0	0	4	15	19	4.79
7-Apr	0	0	0	0	2	11	13	4.85
9-Apr	1	0	0	2	8	5	16	4.00
Online	1	2	3	26	24	56	4.25	
Total	2	2	5	40	55	104	4.38	

	Lowest Priority			Highest Priority		Total Votes	Weighted Average
	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority				
6-Apr	0	0	0	7	11	18	4.61
7-Apr	0	0	0	1	10	11	4.91
9-Apr	0	0	1	4	4	9	4.33
Online	0	5	9	18	21	53	4.04
Total	0	5	10	30	46	91	4.29

Comments:

- 1 This is a great idea....not sure what you will need to give up to get to better staffing levels.
- 2 More boots on the ground yes, butts in office chairs NO
- 3 Some of this will be helped with Friends groups and volunteers and partnerships...
- 4 Use this person as a all around park person! Can do computer, mow lawn, plus!
- 5 Balance staffing with offered programs and services.
- 6 Staff needs to be based on programs offered. So far you don't offer activities that meet my needs
- 7 Not without extensive research into feasibility, impact on City budget and necessity.
- 8 More volunteers. (1 upvote)
- 9 Increasing staff, must be done without selling existing parks and cutting back on the maintenance of existing parks.

O2: Seek out additional sources of revenue

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	0	1	7	8	16	4.44
7-Apr	0	1	1	1	9	12	4.50
9-Apr	1	0	1	6	9	17	4.29
Online	2	5	4	26	20	57	4.00
Total	3	6	7	40	46	102	4.18

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	0	2	9	4	15	4.13
7-Apr	0	0	1	1	9	11	4.73
9-Apr	0	0	0	5	4	9	4.44
Online	1	3	7	25	19	55	4.05
Total	1	3	10	40	36	90	4.19

Comments:

- 1 I am not sure what you have in mind...a parks and rec foundation? Or?
- 2 Better this than raising our fees for service.
- 3 Think we need to get our current projects generating revenue first....
- 4 Maybe need a volunteer who specializes in grants. Or a temporary position.
- 5 Use the new lodging taxes to pay for new staff!
- 6 Look at cutting programs that are not used. Expanding/consolidating facilities could increase revenue.
- 7 Private sources
- 8 But not privatize
- 9 Tap into "Promote Astoria" funds: Chamber of Commerce
- 10 The sooner you do this the better. I hope you reach out far and wide to provide a list of possible revenue sources.

O3: Focus on core services

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average	
6-Apr	1		1	1	7	5	15	3.93
7-Apr	0		0	5	4	2	11	3.73
9-Apr	1		1	2	8	3	15	3.73
Online	2		4	12	21	17	56	3.84
Total	4		6	20	40	27	97	3.82

	Lowest Priority			Highest Priority			Weighted	
	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority			Total Votes	Average	
6-Apr	1	0	0	10	3	14	4.00	
7-Apr	0	0	7	2	1	10	3.40	
9-Apr	0	0	1	6	0	7	3.86	
Online	1	3	24	17	9	54	3.56	
Total	2	3	32	35	13	85	3.64	

Comments:

- 1 What are "core" services and what are outside the "core"? How can I answer this question without all the information?
- 2 I think this is true...in order to survive the dept will need to adapt to societal changes, but there should still be a piece reserved for things that may not be super popular but still needed by a certain segment of the population.
- 3 Perhaps people are not aware of the lower utilized services
- 4 Programs need to be development for all members of the community
- 5 Childcare is not a core service. Has there been an accounting of how many small business, and home childcare businesses were closed as a result of Lil Sprouts?
- 6 You continually push this point through the questionnaire. I guess teachers who are overworked should just cut back on the services they provide our children-- perhaps not teach science this year. The answer to that is no and the answer to cutting back on the maintenance of our parks also needs to be NO!

O4: What are the core services?

After school and summer day-camp programs

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	1	6	3	4	14	3.71
7-Apr	0	0	3	5	3	11	4.00
9-Apr	1	0	0	7	5	13	4.15
Online	3	5	13	23	10	54	3.59
Total	4	6	22	38	22	92	3.74

Aquatic fitness and swimming lessons

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	1	0	4	9	14	4.50
7-Apr	0	0	0	4	7	11	4.64
9-Apr	0	0	1	1	13	15	4.80
Online	1	0	8	28	18	55	4.13
Total	1	1	9	37	47	95	4.35

CHIP-in (Citizens Helping Improve Parks)

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	1	0	2	5	9	17	4.24
7-Apr	0	0	4	5	1	10	3.70
9-Apr	0	0	1	6	5	12	4.33
Online	0	4	17	26	8	55	3.69
Total	1	4	24	42	23	94	3.87

Fitness classes

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	0	1	9	7	17	4.35
7-Apr	0	1	1	5	4	11	4.09
9-Apr	1	0	1	9	6	17	4.12
Online	2	5	18	22	8	55	3.53
Total	3	6	21	45	25	100	3.83

Free special events (Movies in the Park, Monster Bash, Easter Egg Hunts, etc)

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	0	4	6	5	15	4.07
7-Apr	1	2	2	5	3	13	3.54
9-Apr	0	1	5	4	7	17	4.00
Online	1	6	16	17	14	54	3.69
Total	2	9	27	32	29	99	3.78

Lil' Sprouts Academy / Port of Play

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	0	3	8	3	14	4.00
7-Apr	0	0	3	3	7	13	4.31
9-Apr	0	1	5	2	5	13	3.85
Online	4	3	15	16	16	54	3.69
Total	4	4	26	29	31	94	3.84

Ocean View Cemetery operations

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	7	0	0	4	4	15	2.87
7-Apr	6	2	4	1	0	13	2.00
9-Apr	3	2	2	1	4	12	3.08
Online	11	16	8	13	7	55	2.80
Total	27	20	14	19	15	95	2.74

Runs and walks (Fun Run, Gobbler Gallop, Run on the River)

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	2	1	1	4	6	14	3.79
7-Apr	4	0	1	6	2	13	3.15
9-Apr	0	1	5	4	5	15	3.87
Online	4	8	21	14	7	54	3.22
Total	10	10	28	28	20	96	3.40

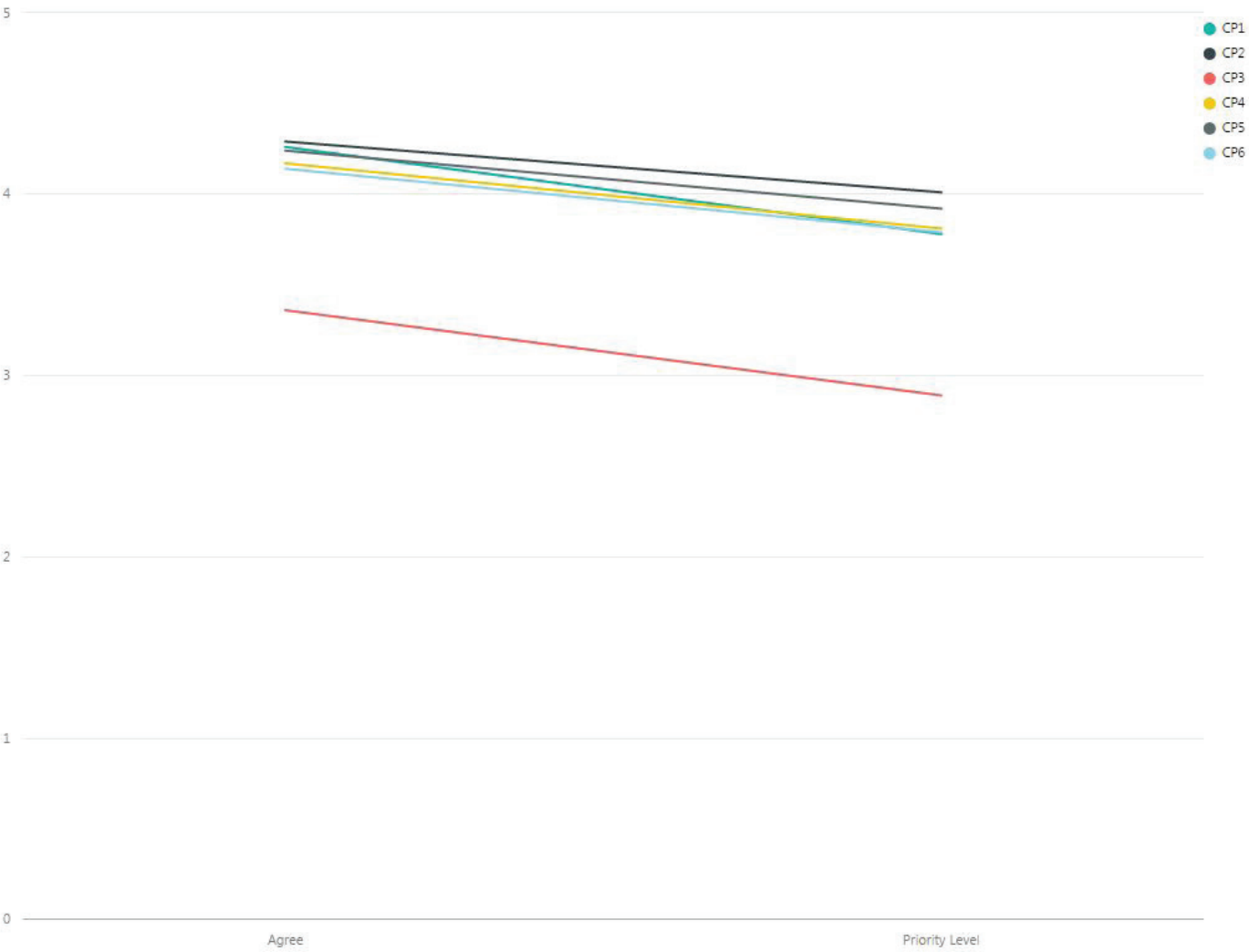
Youth and adult sport leagues / drop-in sports

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	3	1	2	5	6	17	3.59
7-Apr	0	0	4	6	2	12	3.83
9-Apr	0	1	3	3	7	14	4.14
Online	1	4	11	24	14	54	3.85
Total	4	6	20	38	29	97	3.85

Comments:

- 1 Youth leagues should continue adult leagues should be self funded
- 2 Youth sports a much higher priority. Adult sports league should and could be paying more to help support parks and rec.
- 3 Question 04 should of been 03.
- 4 The fun runs and adult leagues could generate more revenue of there were more of them
- 5 There is not much going on in the summer for locals needy children need activities!
- 6 We need places and things to keep kids active and daycare facilities. Lil' Sprouts is an amazing facility.
- 7 Our young people need things to do so they will be less likely to cause problems stemmed from boredom.
- 8 we love lil sprouts run as it is through parks. don't change lil sprouts please. Erin is super!
- 9 Need to develop activities for the older population. Chair yoga, tai chi gentle exercise
- 10 Once again, how many fitness businesses could have potentially been paying business/property taxes if the Park's Dept. hadn't gone into the fitness business.
- 11 Would like to see more offered for toddlers & preschoolers year round... ie classes / organized sports
- 12 We should pay less as a parent with a child using the pool - not \$7.50. (1 upvote)
- 13 Seaside pool has cheaper, and longer, and MORE swim lessons available.
- 14 More special-ed options
- 15 Severe shortage of child care in the area - expand Lil' Sprouts!
- 16 We live in a low wage area, so why are all the runs so expensive! Lower cost so more can
- 17 One-day summer classes to sign up for.
- 18 Why did you ask Q3 if we have this question?

Capital Projects



Capital Projects

C1: Extend the usable hours and improve safety along the River Walk by installing lighting between the Columbia River Maritime Museum (17th Street) and Pier 39 (39th Street).

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	1	3	5	9	18	4.22
7-Apr	0	1	0	4	7	12	4.42
9-Apr	1	1	2	4	22	30	4.50
Online	2	3	6	21	24	56	4.11
Total	3	6	11	34	62	116	4.26

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	1	3	4	8	16	4.19
7-Apr	0	2	3	7	0	12	3.42
9-Apr	1	0	2	5	12	20	4.35
Online	3	6	16	19	11	55	3.53
Total	4	9	24	35	31	103	3.78

Comments:

- 1 Pier 39 should find this if it wants the extended minimal walking business.
- 2 Would rather see more bike patrol officers along river walk. Seems to be more transients and panhandlers along the river walk.
- 3 Safety is a very important issue on the River walk, but lighting will distort it's character and urbanize it.
- 4 Get the transients and drug users off the Riverwalk
- 5 Get local businesses to install more lighting to help offset cost
- 6 Why is there NOT lighting on ANY of the Riverwalk? lol It's the day and age of suing.....First tourist who stumbles is gonna cost the City a lot of money.....
- 7 Depends on cost
- 8 It's safe same people r there in the day as well as night!
- 9 Use of solar lights would fit this need and protect the budget.
- 10 Very high cost to install and maintain. Encourage people to walk in groups and carry their own bright lights.
- 11 I agree that safety is a high priority, but I wonder if use would really increase with lighting, since we'll still have the issue of transients along the Riverwalk.
- 12 Yes! Would love to see some mellow lighting added to that side of the riverwalk. Perhaps something like the low-rise lights on the west end of the riverwalk.
- 13 Only after the cost and ongoing maintenance has been determined.
- 14 Lighting between 3rd and 7th Streets, as well as from 10th to 11th is also important
- 15 For those who live between downtown and 39th, night time walks are important and necessary but need better lighting
- 16 Downlit path lighting please!
- 17 It is because of your homeless being drunk on the River Walk
- 18 Many sweet kind human beings to befriend
- 19 Solar charged LED lighting (2 upvotes)
- 20 Why is the River Walk part of P&R?
- 21 We need lighting west of 17th Street too.
- 22 Keep fixtures low to avoid light pollution
- 23 Again if this is done, then it must be done without selling any existing parks and reducing maintenance at existing parks to provide funding. I walk the other direction from the Maritime Museum and suggest all directions should be treated equally. My direction also has many tourists from hotels to whom we should also cater.

C2: Repair, upgrade, or replace playground equipment at key neighborhood parks.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average	
6-Apr	0	0	0	1	9	7	17	4.35
7-Apr	0	0	0	0	5	6	11	4.55
9-Apr	0	0	0	2	6	1	9	3.89
Online	1	1	1	5	27	23	57	4.23
Total	1	1	1	8	47	37	94	4.26

	Lowest Priority			Highest Priority			Weighted	
	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority			Total Votes	Average	
6-Apr	0	2	1	9	4	16	3.94	
7-Apr	0	0	0	5	6	11	4.55	
9-Apr	0	1	1	3	2	7	3.86	
Online	1	4	10	26	15	56	3.89	
Total	1	7	12	43	27	90	3.98	

Comments:

- 1 The city is lucky it has not been sued for lack of title 1 access. This should be first priority now that the City has acknowledged the non compliant architectural barriers
- 2 Tapiola is the only decent park
- 3 Again this would provide for the young families in need of entertainment for kids.
- 4 Please don't fill the playgrounds with ADA equipment like the merry-go-round at Peter Pan Park! That is useless for most kids and has become a place for teens to sit and talk. Our kids need some risk in their play!
- 5 I watched a man urinate at the park while my child was playing! It was the last time I took her there! It was the nicest park in town! He smiled at me as he urinated. Ps I doubt that he spoke English!!! I'm not racist but WTF?
- 6 Will not have my grandchildren play at alderbrook swings. I find in general the play equipment is dirty especially at tapiola.
- 7 Accessibility for all children is important but the specific number of parks should be determined by cost.
- 8 I watch people with small children along the Riverwalk. I can tell when the Children need to do something else. Again the 9th Street Park could play a major role by having playground equipment for these children and providing some relief for parents. Just Do It!!

C3: Within the existing parks system, designate an off-leash dog area or construct a fenced-in dog park.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	8		1	4	3	25	3.16
7-Apr	0		5	3	1	11	3.00
9-Apr	4		0	3	3	23	3.91
Online	10		3	14	21	57	3.28
Total	22		9	24	28	116	3.35

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	9		0	3	7	23	2.87
7-Apr	4		2	3	2	11	2.27
9-Apr	3		4	1	3	17	3.29
Online	12		9	14	13	55	2.89
Total	28		15	21	25	106	2.89

Comments:

1 This is a good idea. A good use of an under utilized park..

2

We have so many places to walk dogs all ready and a park in Hammond for them so I don't htink this is a high priority just now, BUT....If it's in an exisiting park it woul dhave to be carefully chosen. Some sites that were suggested before were very poor because they were right beside busy high traffic streets, were in far away out of the way places, or were in busy children-filled parks with noisy kids and where the community uses the land for various things throughout the year. Love the rich guy who wanted it built in Tapiola park becuase his house is across the street. Who needs Easter Egg hunts and barbecues anyways? lol My moms dogs would FREAK at all the skateboards and bikes there.

3 Fenced in

4 It would be nice as a dig owner to have a place besides our small yards to play with our four-legged family members

5 Tapiola park green space would be perfect, especially considering the bathroom facilities already there.

6 Really tired of dogs our in public. We have left parks because of dogs running off leash.

7 Use a park that has less other activities going on around it. I have been at sports parks in Portland with dog parks next door and it takes away from the sports activity.

8 Indoor dog park. SE Portland has one by REED College.

9

The low rent market shares these issues about where pets are welcome. Look and listen for teaming home owners, renters and animal lovers.

10 I am sure it will happen and it is deserved, but I am not sure how much paid city staff time should be involved to make it happen until towards the end of the process.

C4: Install a permanent restroom facility at Fred Lindstrom (aka Peter Pan) Park.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	0	2	7	9	18	4.39
7-Apr	1	0	3	0	9	13	4.23
9-Apr	0	0	4	5	12	21	4.38
Online	4	2	5	26	20	57	3.98
Total	5	2	14	38	50	109	4.16

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	0	4	7	5	16	4.06
7-Apr	1	0	3	6	2	12	3.67
9-Apr	0	0	4	6	3	13	3.92
Online	4	1	15	22	14	56	3.73
Total	5	1	26	41	24	97	3.80

Comments:

- 1 As much as it its needed, it would do nothing but attract transients for their use as a shelter/shoot up drugs place.
- 2 Keep the porta potty, a restroom will only attract drug use, vandals and upkeep.
- 3 My daughter helped a moms group raise money for this as her senior project
- 4 YES YES YESAnd thanks for the second picnic table, but we can still use another two!
- 5 Purchase a per made Restroom or one staph type!
- 6 This would be of great service.
- 7 Right now people use the wooded stream area.
- 8 Only if it can be maintained.
- 9 With our weather, only half the year is used. Port a potty should be fine
- 10 Only after other parks have been eliminated or are maintained by volunteers/groups.
- 11 Although I heard this has already been discussed...
- 12 The Peter Pan market is very good about letting the children use their restrooms. A public restroom would be very nice to have there, depending on placement and upkeep. If it doesn't happen, I would hope that the market would continue to be gracious enough to let the children use their facilities. A big thank you to them!!
- 13 Hate the name still PETER PAN! Why rename - keep old names.
- 14 Agree as long as these cumulative suggestions in this survey do not require the sale of existing parks or a reduction in maintenance.

C5: Implement the 2013 Trails Master Plan

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average	
6-Apr	0	0	0	0	12	6	18	4.33
7-Apr	0	0	0	1	4	7	12	4.50
9-Apr	0	0	0	1	7	16	24	4.63
Online	2	1	8	31	15	57	57	3.98
Total	2	1	10	54	44	111	111	4.23

	Lowest Priority			Highest Priority			Weighted	
	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority			Total Votes	Average	
6-Apr	0	0	0	10	5	15	4.33	
7-Apr	0	0	1	6	5	12	4.33	
9-Apr	0	0	2	3	12	17	4.59	
Online	2	4	21	20	8	55	3.51	
Total	2	4	24	39	30	99	3.92	

Comments:

- 1 Walkability makes a city desirable.
- 2 Need to make more known
- 3 We have so many trails!
- 4 This would increase our ability to enjoy our great town.
- 5 place directional signs for the falls.
- 6 Only after outside commitments have been made. Due to weather conditions these trails could become a maintenance/liability nightmare.
- 7 invaluable asset to the health of residents, attractiveness to visitors, and quality of living-see numerous examples of how this makes cities a desirable place to live
- 8 Wayfinding!
- 9 Cathedral trail - column trail needs a new traction surface on wood sections and steps (no-slip surface)
- 10 Connect rough trails between Grand. Floral Alameda for trail and sidewalks around point and safe walk to River Walk.
- 11 Stroller friendly please!
- 12 Trail from James Street to the Stadium
- 13 Shively Loop to Power Line Trail below - Youngs Bay Overlook along Pipeline - to the west.
- 14 Have clear consistent signage... And share w/ community partners, e.g. Chamber, tour groups, etc.
- 15 Signage and information in Spanish (2 upvotes)
- 16 Map of trails
- 17 Rebuild dangerous section of Cathedral Trail (2 upvotes)
- 18 Have a CHIP-in at the Cathedral Tree Trail - "scramble" crawl area midway, switchbacks, rails, steps?
- 19 Agree as long as these cumulative suggestions in this survey do not require the sale of existing parks or a reduction in maintenance. Volunteers and reach out to organizations like the Sierra Club to reduce costs.

C6:Extend the hours of operation at the Aquatic Center later into the evening on weekdays.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	2	3	4	7	16	4.00
7-Apr	0	0	2	2	9	13	4.54
9-Apr	0	0	3	2	17	22	4.64
Online	0	4	14	22	16	56	3.89
Total	0	6	22	30	49	107	4.14

	Lowest Priority	Low Priority	Neutral	High Priority	Highest Priority	Total Votes	Weighted Average
6-Apr	0	2	3	6	5	16	3.88
7-Apr	1	1	0	3	8	13	4.23
9-Apr	0	0	4	2	8	14	4.29
Online	0	6	21	18	8	53	3.53
Total	1	9	28	29	29	96	3.79

Comments:

- 1 Start the hours later in the day rather than increase staff expense.
- 2 This pool is much less used than ours...Love their hours:
http://northbendoregon.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/pool/page/390/fall_win_sp_sched_2015-16.pdf
- 3 Weigh cost (staff etc) vs income
- 4 Wait until facilities are consolidated, then expand hours. Late evening is important, but there aren't enough services and interest for just the pool/weight room.
- 5 Perhaps the AAC could offer a few days a week with extended hours to test whether this is actually beneficial.
- 6 Not everyone can workout before you close at 7 PM, and the pool is packed with no lane space available between 4 and 7 PM
- 7 Extended hours seem appropriate if ARC is consolidated into Aquatic Center
- 8 Bring back weekend swimming lessons
- 9 Weekdays are fine - extending weekend hours is a high priority
- 10 More slide hours
- 11 Why such short hours on weekend when kids are out?
- 12 Longer WEEKEND hours for families/kids to use
- 13 Open/lap swim - longer hours during swim team schedule for working people
- 14 Agree as long as these cumulative suggestions in this survey do not require the sale of existing parks or a reduction in maintenance. You may need another funding source before agreeing to change the hours.

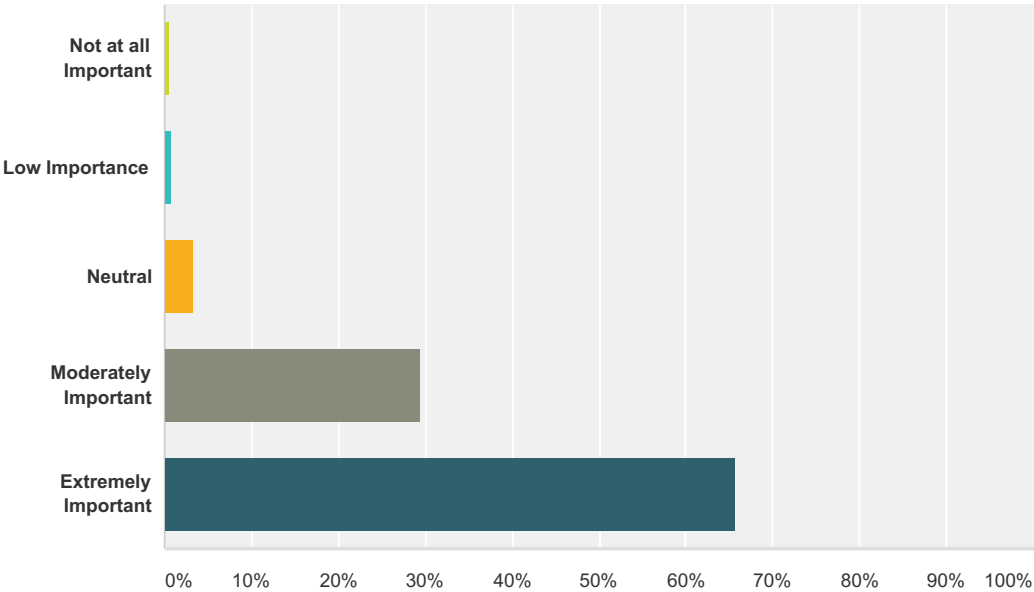
Additional Comments

Comments:

- 1 I am relatively new to the community although I have lived in this county for 30 years. I did not answer some questions as I did not have enough information. Also everthing seems like a high priority!
- 2 Love the community things that happen now. SUMmer at the park, pet shows, movies, concerts....Would love something like a "start of summer" BBQ also, that would be cool...YOU could even have fun and games for free but charge like 2\$-5\$ for food...or ask for a "suggested donation". More of these little carnival and social gatherings at the parks with a few sold items (water, snacks, even blow-up balls, jumpropes, hula hoops, frisbees) would be awesome.
- 3 Looking forward to seeing any and all improve nuts to te parks system.
Thank you
- 4 Great questions! Thank you!
- 5 When I was on the steering committee for Tapiola we talked to a lot of people who were willing to help just because they were asked. They didn't volunteer but they said they didn't mind helping when asked. Maybe ask different groups of people.
- 6 I would love to see the Recreation Center built in the lawn area at the Aquatics Center. It needs to be in a better area than the old yacht club
- 7 Thanks for making our parks a great part of our lives!
Need more picnic tables in all areas!
- 8 The 14th and Grand park needs a high fence along the north side.
- 9 These online surveys arw great. They are quick and easy. I would like to see more of these extended to the public. Thank you.
- 10 We have a wonderful beautiful town. Maybe sell some parks to concentrate on others? A dog park is a must. Our taxes are already a burden on elderly, disabled limited income people. Tourism isn't family wages... How can I afford the never ending taxes? Let's be honest about the traffic congestion. No more taxes on the home owners!
- 11 I'm looking forward to what the Scandinavians are coming up with for their proposed immigrant park.
- 12 More exercise classes at the ARC. Lower prices!!! Fitness 1440 is cheaper, has more classes, AND a sauna!!! More full-time staff!!!!!!
- 13 Talk to Jennifer Rasmussen about starting a composting program at Tidal Rock Park
- 14 Talk to Shelly Morgan at the Sherri's office about getting corrections crews to take on maintenance projects
- 15 The material being removed is historic material, which the city already owns. Consider asking local artists to create sculptures from it, to be set up along the River Walk. You state that Astoria is an arts town... Promote it. Rick Crawford, 673 Alameda Ave, rickcrawfordstudios@gmail.com
- 16 Do NOT sell public property! Find grants to maintain, operate and purchase more park land!!!
- 17 Core / Center Park / Heritage Square area: we need a downtown (old Safeway lot) park/library combo (4 upvotes)
- 18 Small and ideally located parks like the one at 9th Street need to be cherished. You need to find ways to improve it for all who use it and enjoy its viewscape. It opens up the area for 9th and 10th Street businesses. There are so many possibilities for this special area along the RiverWalk that it should never cross your mind to sell it or reduce maintenance. Volunteers can help, but having those suggested improvements found above would help the community. It is sad, but understandable, that larger parks with a longer history with respondents will more than likely receive more favorable support than the 9th Street Park. I wish I could bring people to this park and show them a vision. I dare say that most probably do not even know of this park exists and I think it has been less than a year since it was listed on the City's own map of park locations. I look forward to the City doing what is right by the 9th Street Park and making it more usable/enjoyable for the many people who walk by it every day. Again please use its space to further honor the Chinese who did so much for our City and this area is where some worked and lived. The information at the nearby trolley stop is not enough to do them justice. Thank you

Q1 In your opinion, how important are parks and recreation facilities to your quality of life in Astoria?

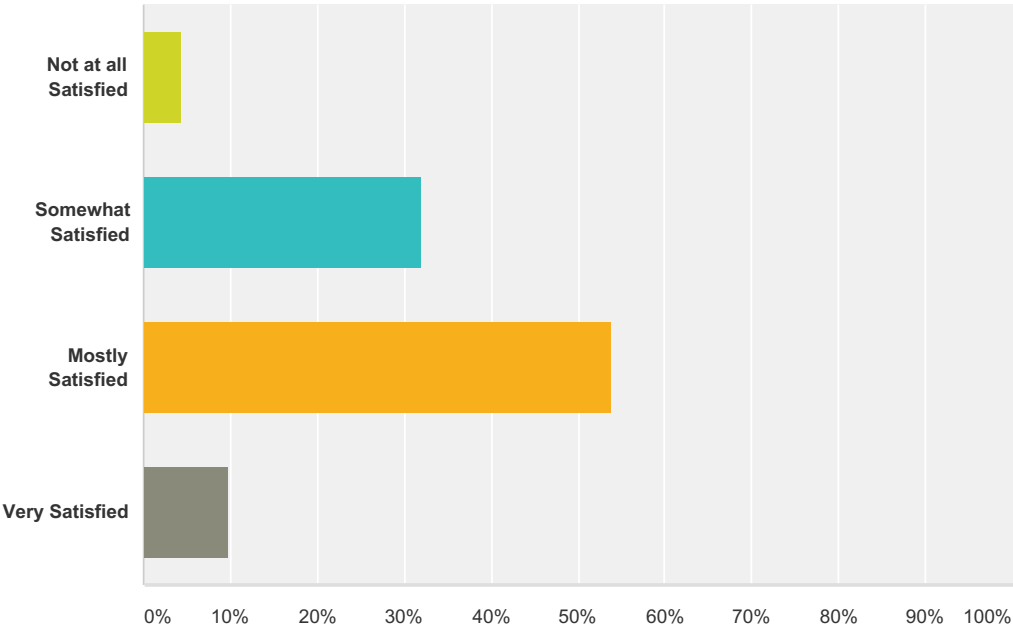
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Answer Choices	Responses
Not at all Important	0.57%5
Low Importance	0.91%8
Neutral	3.29%29
Moderately Important	29.51%260
Extremely Important	65.72%579
Total	881

Q2 In general, how satisfied are you with the parks and recreation opportunities in Astoria?

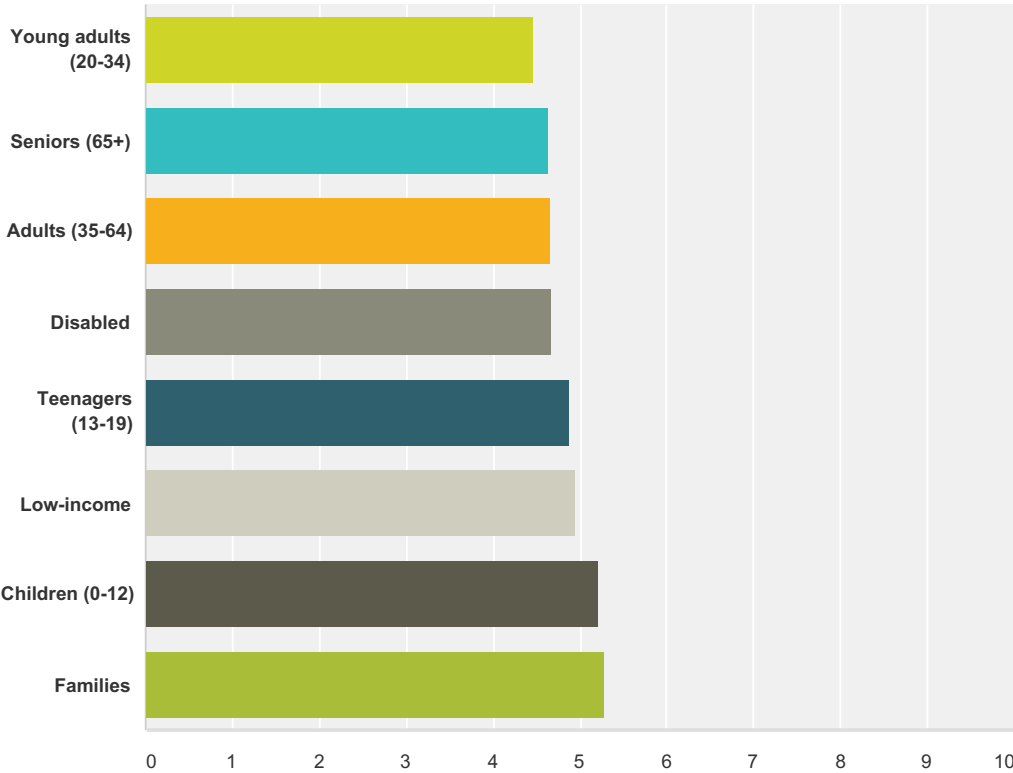
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Not at all Satisfied	4.43%	39
Somewhat Satisfied	31.90%	281
Mostly Satisfied	53.80%	474
Very Satisfied	9.88%	87
Total		881

Q3 How important to you are Parks and Recreation services specific to the following populations?

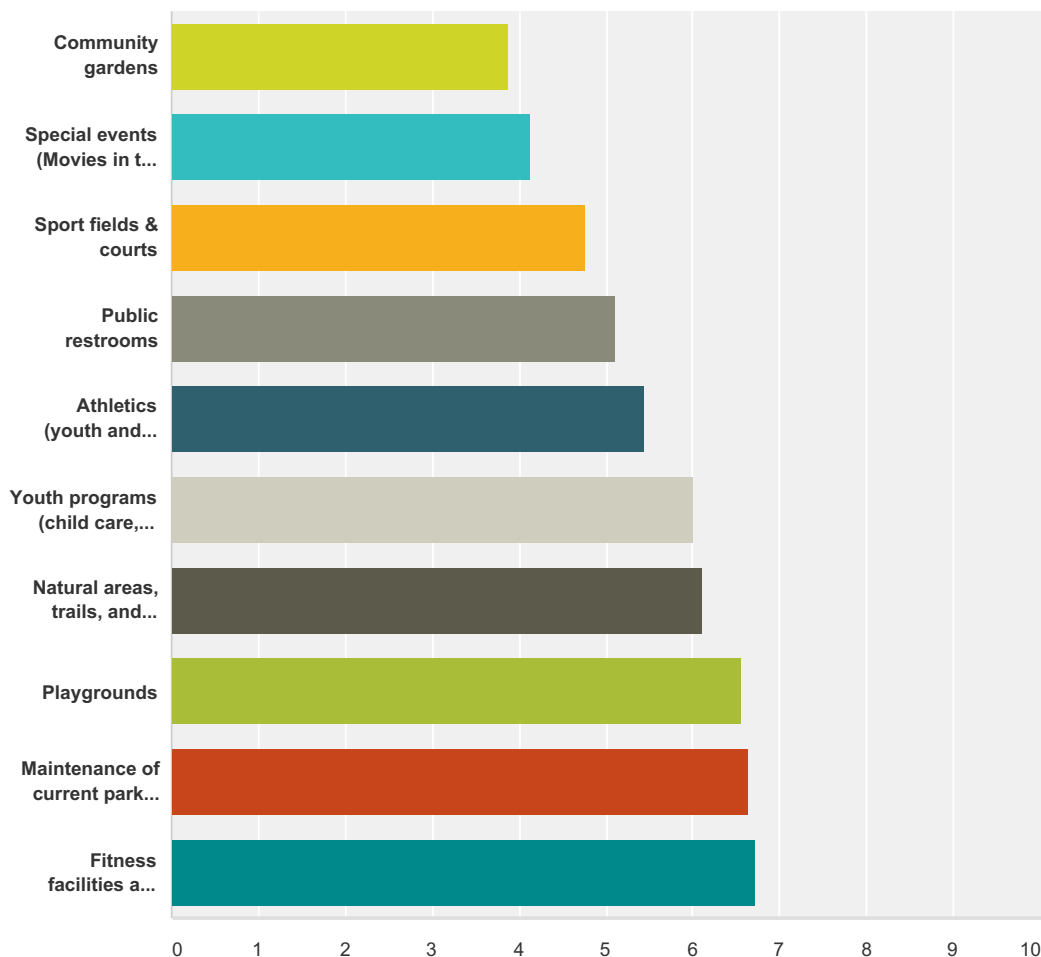
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	Not at all Important	Low Importance	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Moderately Important	Very Important	Extremely Important	Total	Weighted Average
Young adults (20-34)	2.24% 19	2.36% 20	3.31% 28	12.28% 104	25.03% 212	28.93% 245	25.86% 219	847	4.46
Seniors (65+)	1.75% 15	2.33% 20	3.26% 28	11.19% 96	18.07% 155	31.35% 269	32.05% 275	858	4.64
Adults (35-64)	0.81% 7	1.62% 14	4.05% 35	7.99% 69	23.96% 207	33.33% 288	28.24% 244	864	4.66
Disabled	1.79% 15	1.43% 12	3.70% 31	13.01% 109	16.35% 137	27.80% 233	35.92% 301	838	4.68
Teenagers (13-19)	1.85% 16	1.04% 9	3.58% 31	5.54% 48	15.82% 137	31.87% 276	40.30% 349	866	4.89
Low-income	1.65% 14	1.41% 12	2.71% 23	9.76% 83	10.12% 86	28.71% 244	45.65% 388	850	4.94
Children (0-12)	1.72% 15	0.92% 8	2.86% 25	2.63% 23	7.22% 63	29.90% 261	54.75% 478	873	5.21
Families	0.70% 6	0.23% 2	1.97% 17	3.02% 26	9.51% 82	30.05% 259	54.52% 470	862	5.29

Q4 For this question, please review the list of current Parks & Recreation amenities and services. If you were in charge of the Parks & Recreation Department, how would you prioritize these items? (Rank the list from 1 to 10. 1 = highest priority; 10 = lowest priority):

Answered: 874 Skipped: 7

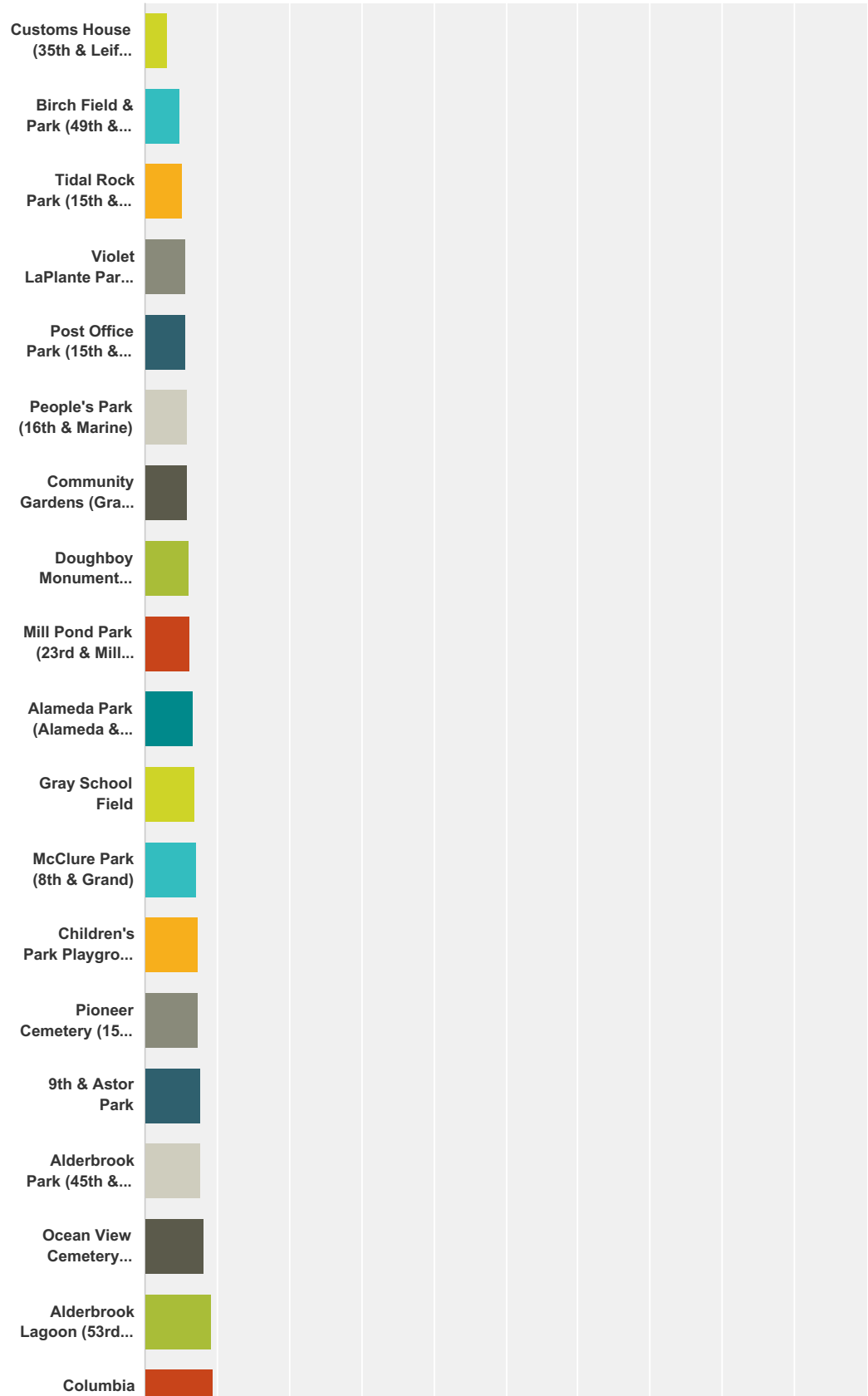


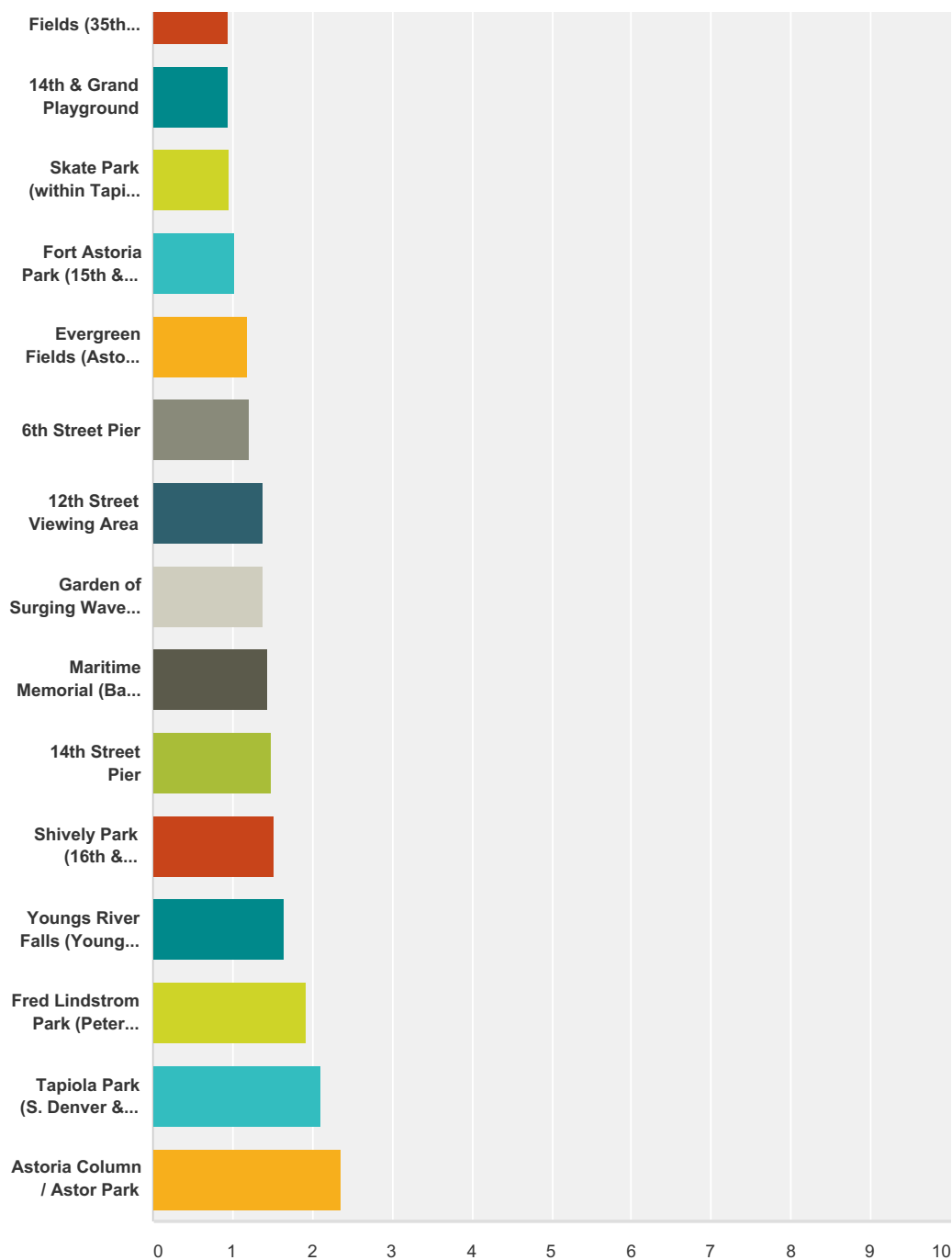
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	Score
Community gardens	5.74% 43	4.94% 37	5.34% 40	4.94% 37	7.74% 58	7.74% 58	8.01% 60	10.68% 80	14.69% 110	30.17% 226	749	3.88
Special events (Movies in the Park, Easter Egg Hunt, runs / walks, etc)	3.32% 26	6.00% 47	5.49% 43	7.41% 58	8.30% 65	9.83% 77	9.07% 71	14.43% 113	16.60% 130	19.54% 153	783	4.14
Sport fields & courts	2.83% 23	4.80% 39	8.62% 70	10.96% 89	11.33% 92	11.21% 91	11.95% 97	15.64% 127	16.13% 131	6.53% 53	812	4.75
Public restrooms	5.81% 44	6.61% 50	8.59% 65	12.42% 94	12.29% 93	10.04% 76	13.34% 101	9.64% 73	10.30% 78	10.96% 83	757	5.11

Athletics (youth and adult sport leagues)	10.15% 74	10.01% 73	9.47% 69	9.05% 66	9.33% 68	10.01% 73	11.39% 83	10.29% 75	11.66% 85	8.64% 63	729	5.45
Youth programs (child care, summer camps, after-school, Teen Center)	16.88% 145	11.53% 99	9.55% 82	8.50% 73	10.13% 87	7.68% 66	10.94% 94	10.13% 87	5.59% 48	9.08% 78	859	6.02
Natural areas, trails, and scenic viewing areas	11.58% 87	14.91% 112	10.79% 81	10.39% 78	9.85% 74	12.25% 92	8.79% 66	8.79% 66	7.86% 59	4.79% 36	751	6.11
Playgrounds	9.85% 74	14.51% 109	16.25% 122	14.91% 112	13.18% 99	10.79% 81	6.92% 52	7.46% 56	3.73% 28	2.40% 18	751	6.56
Maintenance of current park land, community halls, historic sites, and picnic areas	15.55% 114	14.32% 105	12.96% 95	11.46% 84	12.01% 88	10.91% 80	9.00% 66	6.55% 48	5.05% 37	2.18% 16	733	6.63
Fitness facilities and programs (Aquatic Center, Recreation Center, fitness classes, swimming lessons)	20.70% 153	13.53% 100	14.34% 106	8.93% 66	9.47% 70	8.66% 64	8.53% 63	6.09% 45	4.33% 32	5.41% 40	739	6.73

Q5 How often do you or members of your household visit the following parks?

Answered: 810 Skipped: 71





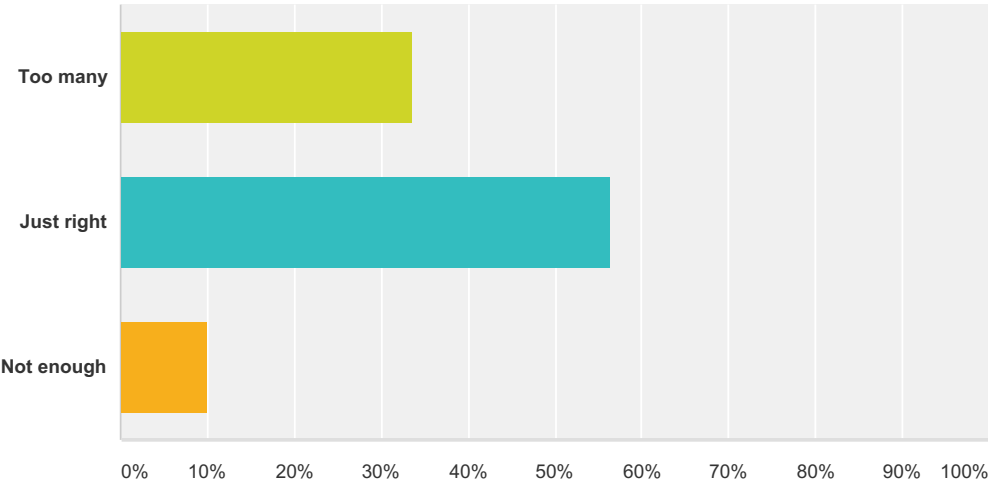
	Never	Rarely (1-3 times / year)	Occasionally (4-12 times / year)	Sometimes (2-3 times / month)	Often (1-3 times / week)	Daily (4-7 times / week)	Total	Weighted Average
Customs House (35th & Leif Erickson)	77.38% 602	16.07% 125	4.76% 37	1.29% 10	0.51% 4	0.00% 0	778	0.31
Birch Field & Park (49th & Birch)	70.39% 542	18.18% 140	6.75% 52	3.25% 25	1.04% 8	0.39% 3	770	0.48
Tidal Rock Park (15th & Commercial)	64.03% 493	23.12% 178	9.61% 74	2.21% 17	0.78% 6	0.26% 2	770	0.53
Violet LaPlante Park (45th & Cedar)	67.69% 530	18.39% 144	7.79% 61	2.94% 23	2.43% 19	0.77% 6	783	0.56

Post Office Park (15th & Franklin)	64.42% 496	21.82% 168	8.31% 64	3.77% 29	1.30% 10	0.39% 3	770	0.57
People's Park (16th & Marine)	65.03% 504	19.87% 154	9.29% 72	4.00% 31	1.29% 10	0.52% 4	775	0.58
Community Gardens (Gray School)	66.71% 523	18.11% 142	8.42% 66	3.95% 31	2.30% 18	0.51% 4	784	0.59
Doughboy Monument (Columbia & Marine)	63.41% 499	21.35% 168	9.15% 72	4.07% 32	1.65% 13	0.38% 3	787	0.60
Mill Pond Park (23rd & Mill Pond Ln)	61.70% 480	21.59% 168	11.44% 89	2.57% 20	2.31% 18	0.39% 3	778	0.63
Alameda Park (Alameda & Melbourne)	62.95% 491	19.87% 155	8.33% 65	5.13% 40	3.08% 24	0.64% 5	780	0.67
Gray School Field	59.46% 465	21.74% 170	11.89% 93	4.48% 35	2.05% 16	0.38% 3	782	0.69
McClure Park (8th & Grand)	58.23% 453	22.62% 176	11.83% 92	4.63% 36	1.67% 13	1.03% 8	778	0.72
Children's Park Playground (6th & Commercial)	57.56% 449	22.56% 176	11.67% 91	5.00% 39	2.44% 19	0.77% 6	780	0.74
Pioneer Cemetery (15th & Niagara)	55.60% 437	26.59% 209	10.81% 85	3.56% 28	2.54% 20	0.89% 7	786	0.74
9th & Astor Park	49.48% 382	30.96% 239	12.56% 97	5.57% 43	1.42% 11	0.00% 0	772	0.78
Alderbrook Park (45th & Leif Erickson)	53.89% 423	24.97% 196	12.61% 99	6.11% 48	2.17% 17	0.25% 2	785	0.78
Ocean View Cemetery (Warrenton)	54.76% 431	23.00% 181	12.71% 100	5.72% 45	2.80% 22	1.02% 8	787	0.82
Alderbrook Lagoon (53rd & Alder)	52.11% 408	22.09% 173	14.30% 112	6.13% 48	4.34% 34	1.02% 8	783	0.92
Columbia Fields (35th & Leif Erickson)	49.94% 389	23.11% 180	15.53% 121	7.57% 59	3.21% 25	0.64% 5	779	0.93
14th & Grand Playground	49.16% 380	24.71% 191	15.14% 117	5.82% 45	4.01% 31	1.16% 9	773	0.94
Skate Park (within Tapiola Park)	56.67% 442	17.05% 133	11.15% 87	7.44% 58	4.87% 38	2.82% 22	780	0.95
Fort Astoria Park (15th & Exchange)	40.72% 316	29.64% 230	19.72% 153	6.70% 52	2.58% 20	0.64% 5	776	1.03
Evergreen Fields (Astoria Middle School)	43.59% 340	20.64% 161	18.46% 144	9.74% 76	5.77% 45	1.79% 14	780	1.19
6th Street Pier	28.30% 225	36.98% 294	23.40% 186	8.05% 64	2.89% 23	0.38% 3	795	1.21
12th Street Viewing Area	24.77% 192	33.68% 261	26.45% 205	9.81% 76	4.39% 34	0.90% 7	775	1.38
Garden of Surging Waves (11th & Duane)	32.41% 256	26.58% 210	20.89% 165	12.91% 102	5.19% 41	2.03% 16	790	1.38
Maritime Memorial (Bay St & Marine Dr)	27.39% 215	28.66% 225	25.48% 200	11.21% 88	5.73% 45	1.53% 12	785	1.44
14th Street Pier	22.75% 174	30.98% 237	28.24% 216	11.37% 87	5.62% 43	1.05% 8	765	1.49

Shively Park (16th & Williamsport)	26.67% 208	28.33% 221	23.21% 181	12.31% 96	7.05% 55	2.44% 19	780	1.52
Youngs River Falls (Young's River Loop Rd)	18.89% 150	31.74% 252	26.45% 210	14.11% 112	6.80% 54	2.02% 16	794	1.64
Fred Lindstrom Park (Peter Pan)	23.63% 185	19.16% 150	21.46% 168	17.24% 135	13.54% 106	4.98% 39	783	1.93
Tapiola Park (S. Denver & W. Marine)	19.92% 157	17.89% 141	22.72% 179	17.89% 141	14.85% 117	6.73% 53	788	2.10
Astoria Column / Astor Park	2.65% 21	14.75% 117	43.88% 348	24.46% 194	10.72% 85	3.53% 28	793	2.36

Q6 What is your opinion on the number of parks operated and maintained by Astoria Parks & Recreation?

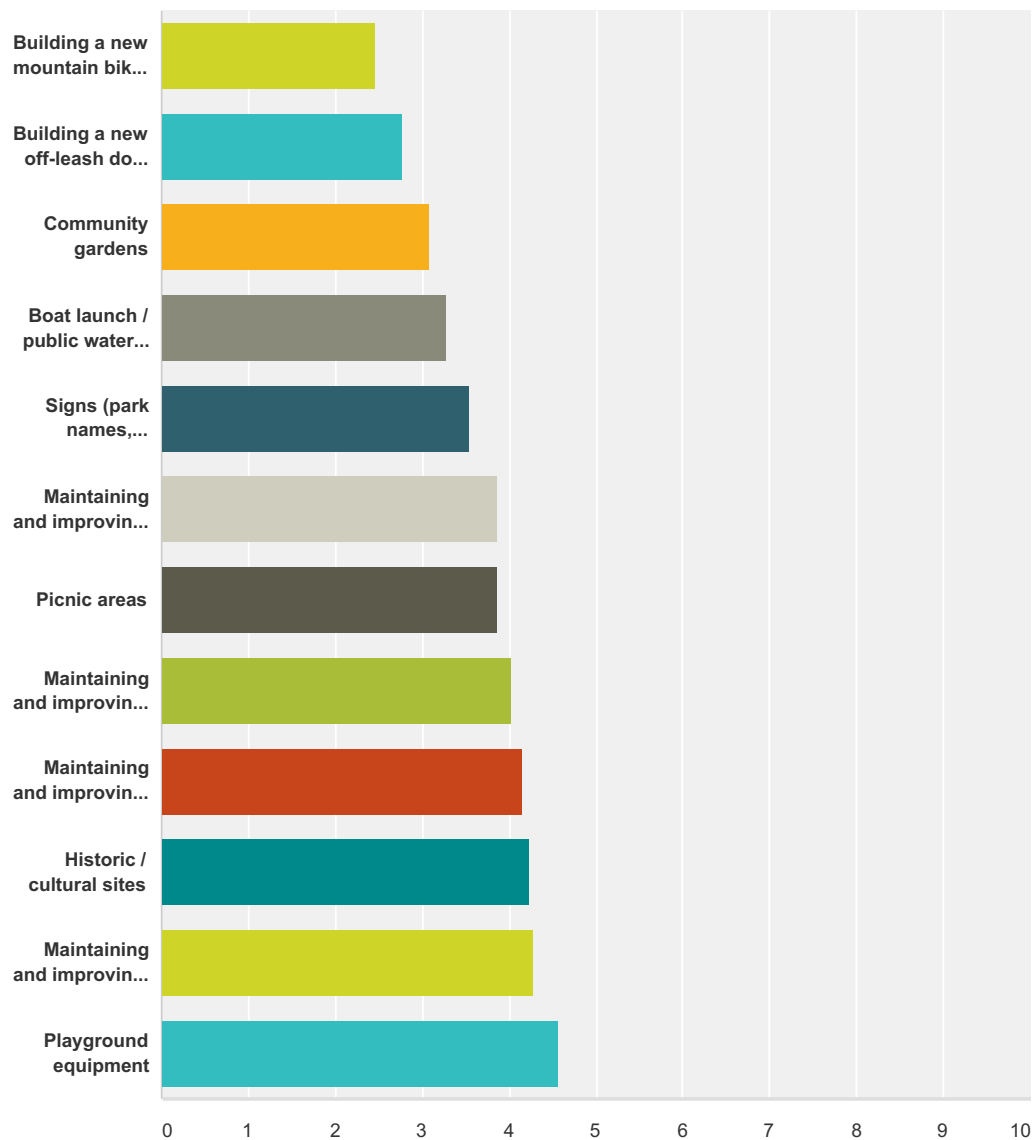
Answered: 810 Skipped: 71



Answer Choices	Responses	
Too many	33.58%	272
Just right	56.30%	456
Not enough	10.12%	82
Total		810

Q7 Regarding parks, how important to you is investment in the following areas?

Answered: 810 Skipped: 71



	Not at all Important	Low Importance	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Moderately Important	Very Important	Extremely Important	Total	Weighted Average
Building a new mountain biking area ("pump track")	21.93% 177	18.09% 146	10.29% 83	17.47% 141	13.14% 106	11.52% 93	7.56% 61	807	2.47
Building a new off-leash dog park	20.82% 167	14.21% 114	9.73% 78	17.71% 142	11.60% 93	11.85% 95	14.09% 113	802	2.77
Community gardens	8.86% 71	14.36% 115	12.73% 102	17.73% 142	22.85% 183	15.23% 122	8.24% 66	801	3.10
Boat launch / public water access	9.19% 74	12.30% 99	11.18% 90	17.64% 142	19.88% 160	18.39% 148	11.43% 92	805	3.28
Signs (park names, information, wayfinding)	2.87% 23	7.86% 63	12.22% 98	22.82% 183	26.56% 213	18.20% 146	9.48% 76	802	3.55

Maintaining and improving existing landscaped areas / flower beds	1.25% 10	5.35% 43	11.33% 91	13.20% 106	34.25% 275	25.16% 202	9.46% 76	803	3.87
Picnic areas	1.25% 10	4.73% 38	10.46% 84	14.82% 119	35.12% 282	25.53% 205	8.09% 65	803	3.87
Maintaining and improving existing sport courts (basketball, tennis)	1.87% 15	3.86% 31	9.70% 78	14.93% 120	27.61% 222	27.74% 223	14.30% 115	804	4.03
Maintaining and improving existing sport fields (softball/baseball, soccer)	1.74% 14	2.74% 22	9.71% 78	13.45% 108	25.40% 204	30.39% 244	16.56% 133	803	4.15
Historic / cultural sites	1.87% 15	3.24% 26	7.72% 62	14.20% 114	22.29% 179	31.26% 251	19.43% 156	803	4.23
Maintaining and improving existing natural areas	0.63% 5	5.26% 42	9.89% 79	8.14% 65	23.15% 185	31.79% 254	21.15% 169	799	4.28
Playground equipment	0.87% 7	1.37% 11	6.09% 49	8.08% 65	21.89% 176	37.31% 300	24.38% 196	804	4.58

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Maintaining and improving existing public restrooms	1/1/2016 9:37 AM
2	More trails, paved and unpaved	12/31/2015 10:17 PM
3	We like the trails including Riverwalk, Cathedral, & Shively.	12/31/2015 8:51 PM
4	Maintenance on the river walk is extremely important to me.	12/31/2015 7:18 PM
5	Improve, cover skatepark.	12/31/2015 5:48 PM
6	cemetaries don't receive enough attention. I object to the name change at Ocean View, from the original more indigenous names that are on the DAR maps.	12/31/2015 12:56 PM
7	Improve recreation center.	12/31/2015 11:14 AM
8	clean port of play regularly, maintain toys discard unsafe stuff, broken toys, stage area: rotate, enhance discovery areas	12/31/2015 11:14 AM
9	The City should have more public fountains	12/31/2015 10:47 AM
10	We so desperately need an indoor facility for open gym, racquetball, video arcade, indoor running track and rock climbing wall. Not sure why the county hasn't work on a project as such to accommodate the community and our youth, especially during the winter.	12/30/2015 9:39 PM
11	historic trees inventory	12/30/2015 4:17 PM
12	keep law suits down and keep playground equipment safe for the little ones	12/30/2015 3:08 PM
13	Maintaining/Improving existing halls/meeting spaces-Extremely important	12/29/2015 8:54 PM
14	Disabled access	12/29/2015 5:44 PM
15	Signage for the public path system. They're hard to find and often obscured by neighbors that don't want people finding them.	12/29/2015 1:02 PM
16	cemetarys ocean view, has been neglected past years more mowing get the work crew from jail to help	12/29/2015 9:46 AM
17	REPAIR RESTROOMS AT DOUGHBOY!	12/29/2015 3:52 AM
18	we need to kep what we have clean operable.	12/29/2015 12:04 AM
19	public restrooms at Peter Pan park. children need a place to relieve themselves.	12/28/2015 10:20 PM
20	Important to me: River Walk and trails. Places to explore & play.	12/28/2015 7:19 PM
21	Indoor activities (basketball, raquetball, indoor track)	12/28/2015 3:26 PM
22	maintaining the fields and parks for children and families first.	12/28/2015 2:31 PM

23	Restrooms needed and public safety at high traffic parks such as Peter Pan. It would be nice to have a playground area off of the riverwalk so families could walk and stop and play.	12/28/2015 2:13 PM
24	More natural/nature trails in wooded areas.	12/28/2015 1:55 PM
25	More boat launch and water access is needed.	12/28/2015 12:15 PM
26	I would like to have a map of the parks. And separate the dog and kids areas. Because the dog sh..... Waist. Its a big problem.	12/27/2015 11:01 PM
27	Bathrooms for public	12/27/2015 5:50 PM
28	Improve parking. Particularly at Port of Play/Lil Sprouts	12/27/2015 9:00 AM
29	Improving lighting	12/23/2015 3:52 PM
30	Developing Heritage Square	12/23/2015 10:26 AM
31	greater education / signage for hunting season / areas where hikers / hunters may overlap, like by Dike trail behind warrenton biz park where hunters are shooting TOWARDS the trail? Or up on Pipeline?	12/23/2015 10:12 AM
32	Shifting pool hours so working people can swim	12/20/2015 11:01 AM
33	Aquatic Center should be a top priority	12/18/2015 8:05 PM
34	Maintaining River Walk	12/18/2015 10:10 AM
35	Build a cover for the skate park	12/18/2015 9:26 AM
36	Restrooms maintainance	12/18/2015 9:19 AM
37	Indoor recreation	12/18/2015 8:35 AM
38	Maintain sidewalks, and keep city clean for visitors. It looks trashy at entry and exits. First impressions important	12/18/2015 6:38 AM
39	Question six: don't like options. Not necessarily too many but need more staff, funding etc	12/17/2015 7:54 PM
40	More hiking trails	12/17/2015 7:16 PM
41	A river beach park with wading would be great for warm westher	12/17/2015 6:10 PM
42	Reservation taking at Port of Play no a good system.	12/17/2015 5:30 PM
43	Waterfront walk, especially its terminus neat Pier 1	12/17/2015 5:21 PM
44	Evening classes for Exercising/Yoga/Pilates	12/17/2015 5:19 PM
45	Raquetball court	12/17/2015 3:23 PM
46	Continue the River Walk to the main channel with bench(es) so we can sit and watch the ships go by or the sail boat races or the storms. (by the Port). Now it stops just short of the main river and even though there is a small trail to climb through, not so good for tourists and public. Several years ago before it was grown up I walked out around the point and it is an awesome river view!!	12/17/2015 1:41 PM
47	Natural areas should be kept natural (not 'improved')	12/14/2015 5:05 PM
48	Trail systems	12/12/2015 3:59 PM
49	Mountain bike trails by Astor Column. Swimming area for dogs in city limits. Please remodel skatepark (Cannon Beach and Seaside are good models). A sauna or steam room at aquatic center.	12/12/2015 2:37 PM
50	more natural areas like the catherdral trail.	12/10/2015 5:53 PM
51	Drop some small ones	12/10/2015 2:59 PM
52	In general, maintaining what we have and keeping it in good condition is most important	12/9/2015 5:30 PM
53	stronger online information for tourist.	12/9/2015 9:38 AM
54	Child care/Port of Play - Extremely Important.	12/7/2015 10:23 PM
55	non motorized boat access at various points along the Columbia River	12/7/2015 2:31 PM
56	We need a fully Ada playground	12/7/2015 1:25 PM
57	increase full time employees and summer help	12/7/2015 8:45 AM
58	Improve the Riverwalk amenities, view, maintenance	12/6/2015 4:42 PM

59	Would love to see extension of River Walk to South Slope	12/5/2015 12:21 PM
60	Heritage trees- We are concerned about them.	12/4/2015 8:42 PM
61	Mountain Bike Trails would really encourage healthy lifestyles.	12/4/2015 8:00 PM
62	My Bike trails would be great!	12/4/2015 4:29 PM
63	A trail along the water on south side would be nice.	12/4/2015 10:18 AM
64	More hiking and mountain bike trails connected to town but utilizing natural areas better	12/3/2015 9:33 PM
65	Garden of Surging Waves	12/3/2015 9:22 PM
66	Building and maintaining existing and new trails is extremely important	12/3/2015 8:20 PM
67	running trails, lighting on riverwalk	12/3/2015 7:28 PM
68	Riverwalk maintenance and enhancements	12/2/2015 8:12 PM
69	Maintain and expand trail networks	12/2/2015 5:56 PM
70	Heritage Square with the Library should be coming soon	12/2/2015 2:39 PM
71	FITNESS TRAIL	12/2/2015 1:39 PM
72	Public Restrooms	12/2/2015 1:31 PM
73	A climbing wall would be great!	12/1/2015 3:54 PM
74	improving/maintaining/building trails	12/1/2015 9:31 AM
75	public bathroom at Peter Pan Park!	11/30/2015 5:08 PM
76	Gym Access	11/30/2015 11:44 AM
77	Expanding Daycare is most important	11/25/2015 2:51 PM
78	I don't see the "Riverwalk" listed. I use it a lot and appreciate it immensely. Keeping it well maintained is important to me.	11/25/2015 10:22 AM
79	I think the ocean view cementary needs attention.	11/25/2015 10:09 AM
80	Continued trail expansion	11/24/2015 7:49 PM

Q8 Use this space to provide any additional feedback on parks:

Answered: 204 Skipped: 677

#	Responses	Date
1	In the excersise pool, there is a constant build up of scum coating the top full light blue tile. The scuppers don't work right. This scum needs to be mechanically removed. When brought to the pool mgr's attention, her response is always abrupt: "We're working on it." Then, nothing ever gets done.	1/2/2016 2:42 PM
2	need an off-leash dog park	1/1/2016 1:16 PM
3	Should probably start upkeeping the city again cause it look terrible. I've never seen the round a bout, fields, and parks look this trashy.	12/31/2015 9:03 PM
4	The only reason I say that there are too many parks is because there are several that I had no idea about, or it did not occur to me that they were parks. Also, if you look at google maps, they are not listed at all. If something is not listed in something as mainstream as that, how will people know about them, let alone go to use the areas provided for us?	12/31/2015 8:49 PM
5	I think we need to only have a couple very well maintained family playgrounds /parks vs. Many small under maintained play areas.	12/31/2015 7:56 PM
6	I use the fort Astoria park several times a day with my dog. I like the disposal bags and trash can but better lighting would be appreciated.	12/31/2015 7:44 PM
7	I would like to see the river walk area better lit between 9th and 11th. I feel there is a liability issue and people are nervous using this area at night.	12/31/2015 7:18 PM
8	You need to do something with the drunk and disorderly. Also, the homeless at Shively park, river walk. Poor lighting on 10th and other areas.	12/31/2015 6:57 PM
9	I love that Astoria has so many natural areas and trails for hiking. I spend so much time at Shively, the Cathedral tree trail, and the Riverwalk. My son loves Tapiola and Fred Lindstrom Park These are not as hot programs as sports or childcare, but these outdoor experiences are the fabric of our lives. Married at Shively 15 years ago. Thank you.	12/31/2015 6:31 PM
10	Need more employees to maintain parks. Some programs should be private rather than city as it competes with business such as day care	12/31/2015 6:03 PM
11	I use the parks in one way or the other Neely daily!!!	12/31/2015 5:05 PM
12	Aquatic center needs an evening water aerobics class. Need afternoon hour for adult only free swim.	12/31/2015 3:41 PM
13	Concentrating your efforts by reducing the amount of parks, amount of maintenance responsibility and overall liability, will create a more manageable parks system and improve the quality of the parks in Astoria.	12/31/2015 3:25 PM
14	We are new in Astoria, therefore haven't had an opportunity to visit all of the wonderful community venues... yet :) We visit about 3 a week, weather permitting! Thank you! We love this fairy tale town :) Anne Rice	12/31/2015 3:19 PM
15	I especially enjoy the Community garden at Gray school.	12/31/2015 12:56 PM
16	I had know idea some of these parks existed! Will get out and visit them...wasn't in town for the tour.	12/31/2015 12:36 PM
17	I use the Riverwalk 3+ times weekly, it is one of Astoria's most valuable resources and most important factors in contributing to a high quality of life.	12/31/2015 11:44 AM
18	I had no idea the parks and rec department maintained so many parks. I think I would benefit most from more summer youth programs.	12/31/2015 11:23 AM
19	Mt.Bike and hiking trails, need to be developed. The city owns a lot of forest land that is rarely used by the public.	12/31/2015 11:14 AM
20	Too many parks. Should be consolidated into a reasonable number that can be consistently maintained.	12/31/2015 10:25 AM
21	My husband and I regularly bring a big garbage bag to our favorite areas and pick up trash because there are often no receptacles. I wish Parks and Rec would invest in more trash cans so the beautiful areas aren't littered with waste.	12/31/2015 10:00 AM
22	Our opinion is to take care of what we have and do it well before adding more into the budget. If it is always half done it is not inviting and defeats its purpose and respect.	12/31/2015 9:25 AM
23	Sell the cemetary if you cannot provide the staff or money to maintain it, or bring it back to the glory it once was.	12/31/2015 9:25 AM

24	I love the restoration of Tapiola Park!	12/30/2015 7:17 PM
25	Since this area has many many miles of logging roads, I don't see a need for more mountain bike facilities.	12/30/2015 6:57 PM
26	i would use a dog park , a leshless park where responcable dog owners can go to let our babies run and play so i don't have to drive a long way to enjoy	12/30/2015 5:47 PM
27	"Too many" parks is because there aren't resources or personnel to maintain them.	12/30/2015 4:17 PM
28	Shivley park is the best	12/30/2015 3:56 PM
29	this is a depressed area and people don't keep animals current on their vaccinations and then to be off a leash might open a big can of worms...	12/30/2015 3:08 PM
30	I would like to see an emphasis on pet owners picking up their dog's waste. I've never lived anywhere that compares to the number of people that ignore warnings and disregard available poop stations as I have living here.	12/30/2015 2:59 PM
31	Thank you so very much for all that you do!! I lived in this area as a child in the 80' and remember how bleak and depressing this area was. thanks to the efforts of so many this area is truly a treasure for me to raise my kids and enjoy all that is around us and have a real sense of a great community. I do know this is because of the endless things we have to do and be proud of int his awesome area of ours. Thank you! I do think we could reach out to local people and organizations to help with service projects and upkeep. Not fundraisers! But i know my boy scouts would love an opportunity to help. Maybe a website where we can look up things that could be worked on? I think you would be surprised at how many people would help:)	12/30/2015 1:16 PM
32	With this town Bing a major tourist destination I think it's important to maintain beautiful parks and public areas to show that we care a great deal of our parks and scenic areas	12/30/2015 10:38 AM
33	Your fitness classes need to be expanded at REC.	12/30/2015 9:34 AM
34	We are new senior residents so have not made full use of the parks, but love the pool and Shively Park for swimming and walking.	12/30/2015 8:59 AM
35	Reliable public transportation between Warrenton, Hammond and Astoria. I might get out and visit parks more often if the city restored the route 15 bus to come by my house every hour, like they use too.	12/30/2015 1:06 AM
36	Trail maintenance is very important	12/30/2015 12:56 AM
37	I would be more interested in a dog park if that would mean people would keep their animals off the sports fields AND it was enforced- all the sports fields say "no dogs on the field" yet whenever I drive by the softball and baseball fields, people have their dogs in there playing catch.	12/29/2015 11:45 PM
38	In my opinion, Astoria has a shortage of affordable options for group gatherings such as weddings, family picnics, birthday parties, etc. Particularly areas with both indoor/covered and outdoor space. Shively is a good option for this but it seems it has gone downhill in recent years and could use some work. I would be very supportive of making an investment in existing halls/covered gathering areas and exploring options to offer more opportunities for group gatherings. Happy with Astoria parks overall. Thank you!	12/29/2015 8:54 PM
39	The Riverwalk is the most important city park. We need areas that visitors see maintained adequately, including Garden of Surging Waves, 11th Street Stairs, Astoria Column.	12/29/2015 7:52 PM
40	I believe you should stop building more to maintain. I listened to the bs about the chineese garden not costing tax payers. Now you are whining about not having enough money to maintain it. Maybe you should put that in your plan. What is the cost to maintain what you have and quit building what you can't afford to do the up keep on.	12/29/2015 6:16 PM
41	good job people	12/29/2015 5:54 PM
42	I would like them all to be chemical-free -no herbicides or pesticides. Especially where children play.	12/29/2015 5:23 PM
43	Tapiola is the main park, it needs the most attention.	12/29/2015 3:46 PM
44	Wish Astoria had the out door pool instead of putting a skate park the .. Prices need to go down as well at swimming pool that way also low income family's can also afford it .. They have all historic sites what about taking care of our kids parks improving them	12/29/2015 1:56 PM
45	As I near retirement the natural areas become more important to me than areas for kids but realize kids need something to do to keep them out of trouble.	12/29/2015 1:45 PM
46	I would love if a trail could be improved through the Bond street landslide to reconnect First and Duane down to Commercial and then down Commercial to Hume.	12/29/2015 1:02 PM
47	Too much time and emphasis on "Parks" and not enough on "Recreation".	12/29/2015 10:59 AM
48	We do not need additional Parks had no idea City was responsible for this many .. Keep Tapiola bathrooms clean	12/29/2015 9:46 AM

49	More for seniors	12/29/2015 8:13 AM
50	Where is the Riverwalk? I use that park on a daily basis and so do many other people. Garbage collection and restroom access is most important.	12/29/2015 7:48 AM
51	I am saddened by the neglect of maintenance at Shively Park. What was once the city's grand park is in very poor condition.	12/29/2015 5:53 AM
52	ADDITIONAL WALL AT MARITIME MEMORIAL PARK	12/29/2015 3:52 AM
53	It seems like there are too many to adequately maintain the facilities instead of concentrating on a handful instead.	12/29/2015 1:49 AM
54	The pool is dirty and too expensive! I would rather drive to seaside pool	12/29/2015 1:30 AM
55	I do think the gym at the aquatic center should be priced separately and cheap enough for everyone	12/29/2015 12:17 AM
56	Countless tourists asking where the column is we should get huge signs everywhere people miss those tiny green ones Also I think the goonies house should be taken over by the parks system if she's willing to sell it that's a huge money maker for this town and a historic icon of Astoria and Tarping it up is wrong. She could make it a museum and move somewhere else, sell it, etc. but something needs to be done by the city of Astoria about that and I think it would make a great addition to the museums etc. even just a goonies park or walk through museum like the cannery on 39th	12/28/2015 9:51 PM
57	Promote Neighborhood volunteerism to offset some expenses and build community involvement.	12/28/2015 9:16 PM
58	Because most apartment complexes do not allow dogs, so the larger majority of Astoria residents don't have them. Refurbishing and updating existing parks and having safe places for children and teens to go when the weather is bad are vital to our community.	12/28/2015 8:05 PM
59	I've been in city league sports for several years (15+) since a teenager and have seen a severe decline in maintenance in the middle school fields and inability to provide proper officials. I know many that have quit playing in this area due to these on going problems that get blown off and not properly addressed as if it were a joke and not taken seriously, we pay good hard earned money for services we are not getting in return. I'm am very fearful that in the not so distant future that the city parks adult sports programs are going to be extinct if these issues are not addressed.	12/28/2015 7:44 PM
60	I believe people were intended to be nomadic. It's important to have places to get outdoors, explore and move freely for both adults and children.	12/28/2015 7:19 PM
61	I have very young grandkids, so playground space for them over the next few years is going to be what I think is most important.	12/28/2015 5:41 PM
62	I think the pool should offer discount for people with disabilities they rased the price to much	12/28/2015 4:17 PM
63	There needs to be more effort put in to our children's parks and areas of play as well as activities for teens	12/28/2015 4:01 PM
64	I love all the outdoor activities this area has took offer... As well as the indoor for my children & grandchildren	12/28/2015 3:53 PM
65	We need more off-leash dog parks	12/28/2015 2:56 PM
66	The parcels are nice	12/28/2015 2:51 PM
67	My husband was Astoria Park Director for 23 years. The parks are very important for our community. I think the number of facilities and parks are too much for the current employees to keep up with.	12/28/2015 2:42 PM
68	I feel that Astoria has too many undefined parks and we keep making more. Instead of taking care of the ones that are already here	12/28/2015 2:31 PM
69	Love the pool and use it daily - keep it a top priority !	12/28/2015 1:55 PM
70	Making Astoria safer and more affordable would help with the quality of life here.	12/28/2015 1:04 PM
71	Suggest evaluate overlap in area responsibilities. e.g., community gardens are serviced by Ext Div. also I believe.	12/28/2015 12:52 PM
72	Shively Park is one of my favorites. I am concerned that it will be ruined by a cell phone tower. I love it the way it is but trail system could be improved and connected to sports field.	12/28/2015 12:15 PM
73	We have only been in Astoria for 4 months, so we have not visited many of the parks.	12/28/2015 11:13 AM
74	Neighborhood parks are great but some are rarely used and seem to attract people who are just hanging out smoking and drinking, not a good place to take your kids.	12/28/2015 9:11 AM
75	I think the city should charge for parking for launching boats. This could be a good source of revenue for the parks.	12/28/2015 7:22 AM
76	restrooms	12/28/2015 7:20 AM

77	The small parks without good public access and use like tidal rock park need to either be developed or let go. A large number of the parks on this above are not actually signed as parks so that people know they are public spaces. Fort Astoria park is a good example of a previous low use, awkward park that has been redeveloped well and sees more use now.	12/28/2015 6:35 AM
78	Little sprouts and the ARC a wonderful asserts to this community.	12/27/2015 11:52 PM
79	The people whit dogs needs to get a fine if they don't pick up your dogs waist. Its berry discasting when the kids run and step in the dog sh..... The parks are for children's.	12/27/2015 11:01 PM
80	I think it's very important for public bathrooms in astoria city limits,,,little kids can't hold it,pregnant woman and older ppl,ect.	12/27/2015 5:50 PM
81	Shively Park, the way it currently exists, is very underutilized. Could work be done that would make this park more useful to people? Could there be more trails, a restroom. I don't even understand the purpose of this park except that it is disappointing to go there. The loop around is peaceful, but seems a lot of space for the occasional walker/runner.	12/27/2015 4:49 PM
82	We use the Port of Play quite often with our grandchildren. That is a facility we would like to maintain and improve on.	12/26/2015 9:51 AM
83	Focus on Maintaining what exist. Poor upkeep on many parks, trails, playgrounds, aquatic center showers and bathrooms. Invest in QUALITY parks and facilities rather than trying to grow. Once sustainable on current parks and facilities then try growing and expanding. Parks and Rec should invest in quality AND consistency rather than starting something new for a year or two then moving or closing a class or letting an area fall apart.	12/24/2015 11:27 AM
84	The first set of questions should have a category for age and handicap accessibility. as a person retired and in a wheelchair questions about playgrounds are not relevant to me.	12/23/2015 7:56 AM
85	all of the parks in Astoria are a wonderful, integral part of the city. I hope you guys can get more resources to manage them. Good job taking care of so much with so little !	12/22/2015 12:11 PM
86	Thanks for working on our parks and asking public opinion. My ans to #6 is actually no opinion.	12/21/2015 10:44 AM
87	Great job! We love you guys!	12/20/2015 11:43 PM
88	I'm rarely new to this area,6months, and have not heard of a majority of these places. Perhaps some further promotion and community invitation would prompt better participation.	12/20/2015 2:02 PM
89	Parks department provides many services between 7-4, that working people 9-6 can't utilize	12/20/2015 11:01 AM
90	Dog park a total waste of money	12/19/2015 8:14 AM
91	My family was very disappointed with the recent replacement of the old metal merry-go-round at Peter Pan Park. I realize that it had seized up and that the new one is intended to be accessible. In actuality, it's become a place for teens to sit. This piece of playground equipment cannot be used without a parent pushing it. It is not possible for kids to push it or climb in or out without help. It only accomodates four seated kids and does not encourage them to discover the limits of their bodies, nor does it increase their fitness. I would like to see a real merry-go-round put back at the park. The needs of handicapped children AND able-bodied children should be considered when making future equipment purchases.	12/18/2015 8:21 PM
92	Love the parks , and I personally would love to get more involved.	12/18/2015 7:46 PM
93	The river walk could be improved and cleaned up-see Corvallis Oregon as an example. Also, I miss the large central 'green' park with playground and picnic area in Corvallis. Astoria has many small neighborhood parks but it could use some green space in the downtown area. The old Safeway parking lot screams for a park or better yet, below ground parking with a park on top. I would have much rather seen this happen and the old library renovated at its current site than a new library and condos in this location. Again, Corvallis would have been a great example to follow. Thanks for the opportunity to express my opinions through this survey! Keep up the good work.	12/18/2015 2:10 PM
94	The parks should be non smoking! There needs to be a garbage can at youngs river fall. We are always packing others peoples trash out.	12/18/2015 1:53 PM
95	I had no idea there were so many parks here - I've lived here for 20 years!	12/18/2015 1:39 PM
96	Too many transient camps along Riverwalk. We walked along there last summer picking blackberry and it was smelly and trashy in one area, was actually a little scary to bring children to!	12/18/2015 12:21 PM
97	i don't live in Astoria...!	12/18/2015 11:48 AM
98	With Astoria becoming known as a tourist location, I think maintaining and improving our parks, trails, and landscaped areas is very important.	12/18/2015 11:27 AM

99	The PRD does "own" a lot of acreage... and some of the locations outside of city limits that the shop dumps effort into is plain ridiculous (falls). Give that to the county. The Air Station field is coast guard property. As for OVC... that account will continue to be pilfered from	12/18/2015 11:02 AM
100	The City of Astoria has done an amazing job with creating and maintaining the River Walk and the Astoria Aquatics Center.	12/18/2015 10:10 AM
101	I have lived in Astoria for the past 15 years and have 8 year old twins. Most of these parks are more like empty lots. Many I had no idea were even considered parks.	12/18/2015 9:41 AM
102	Please give Peter Pan Park a permanent restroom!	12/18/2015 9:19 AM
103	I think our school systems need to do more sports activities for the kids and not Parks and Rec. Its time for the school to step up and start finding grants! Parks and Rec seems over worked..... they need some help ??	12/18/2015 8:46 AM
104	I am still upset that the city used such prime real estate to build a sub par pool that doesn't even utilize the amazing view at that location. ilt would probably be unreasonably expensive to renovate the pool and add an upper level or two, or possible side extensions to create an indoor track with a view, and racquetball or other courts. There are so many opportunities for outdoor recreation naturally here, but we are really lacking indoor activities. I suppose we do have indoor spaces available for recreation, but they are all over the place and it is confusing, and not that nice. It makes sense to have fitness and recreation consolidated in one area, where there is something for the whole family, and showers etc. I think we should look at other community centers and model after them. For example, Lincoln City has an awesome pool/rec center, and we go there for a family activity when visiting.	12/18/2015 8:35 AM
105	I find it disturbing the lack of care that most of our parks get.	12/18/2015 8:32 AM
106	My children are teenagers, so we don't visit parks that much, but I think it is important to have them for parents with young children.	12/18/2015 8:15 AM
107	a lot of private money goes into parks (with little or No Thanks from local city Gov) Encourage families or business to adopt a park. Give incentives for locals to get involved.	12/18/2015 6:38 AM
108	It seems like either ability or will to maintain our existing parks has drastically decreased over the course of the last several years. Do we need more staff to be able to maintain existing parks? How was it done in years past? have we added more parks & programs and not added to the budget and thus the staff?	12/17/2015 11:07 PM
109	Parks and playgrounds need to be kept nice to allow kids to have fun and exercise	12/17/2015 8:31 PM
110	So many of these parks I did not know were available. Publicity would help. Our community is over run with addicts and transients, going to the park with our children is sometimes nerve wracking.	12/17/2015 6:29 PM
111	Maintaining what we have has gone down hill over the past few years. If what we have can not be kept up why add more?	12/17/2015 6:18 PM
112	The city has too many parks to maintain. In my opinion some of these parks should be closed so the city is able to take care of the main ones better instead of maintaining all of them substandard.	12/17/2015 6:07 PM
113	The maintenance guys need STOP using the brushing machine on the wildflowers at Shiveley Park. Shiveley does not need to be brushed it needs to be nurtured BY HAND by people who care.	12/17/2015 5:43 PM
114	2 phone calls to Port of Play. Said will call me back never did ,Called again. when party day came there were no reservations. Person duty took care of it quickly.	12/17/2015 5:30 PM
115	Water areas should be handled by the Port of Astoria	12/17/2015 5:18 PM
116	I would love to see a child centered community garden, and more natural/sensory areas for children to explore. Even though we live in an area with high amounts of rain fall I do think it would be beneficial to install a (free) outdoor water feature for young children to access in the warmer months.	12/17/2015 5:18 PM
117	I would like to see more energy put into my biking trails	12/17/2015 5:18 PM
118	Needs more light so we can feel safer. Control areas that might bring dangerous people.	12/17/2015 5:08 PM
119	We take the parks for granted but without their beauty and the maintaining of the sites we would not be as rich of a community.	12/17/2015 3:23 PM
120	We need to maintain what we have. We seem to struggle with that. If we can't afford to maintain what we have we should not add anything else.	12/17/2015 3:18 PM
121	We're lucky to have so many parks in a small community. I think it's great that kids in different neighborhoods have the opportunities to play in parks near their homes.	12/17/2015 2:27 PM
122	WE really need a dog park, one that is constructed with good drainage!!!!	12/17/2015 1:41 PM

123	I am frustrated and angered by the continued increase in the cost to utilize the aquatic center, especially with a young family. It is cheaper for us to drive to Seaside and use their facility than it is for us to travel 5 blocks down the hill to use the one in Astoria. That is really sad to me.	12/17/2015 12:49 PM
124	My family and I love the Astoria Aquatic Center. We use the gym regularly and one of the highlights of this town is spending time in the baby pool with our young child however with the new rate increases we will most likely not be able to afford it any longer. Pretty sad, I am a surfer and believe water safety is very important. I was hoping to spend countless hours with my son in the pool teaching him to swim in preparation for the ocean however my wife and I can no longer afford your rates. We have already been looking into other local gyms and/or just using the high school gym where I work. An increase of ten dollars a month may not seem like much but on a teachers salary it all adds up. I wonder how many other customers you will lose due to increased rates and a decrease in service i.e. broken gym equipment, pool closed for whatever reason (lack of lifeguards or not working properly), WIFI goes out regularly when listening to music while working out, et. Owl	12/17/2015 12:45 PM
125	Can't think why this government's park department would ever position itself along-side of alcohol ("beers to your health" event). Aren't parks supposed to be a healthy place in which to spend time. What's next, partnerships with marijuana businesses? The leadership sure screwed up on this!	12/16/2015 2:57 PM
126	I would like to see parks with better stewardship by focusing on higher maintenance of prioritized parks and transitioning others to natural areas or sellable lots.	12/15/2015 4:16 PM
127	Love to have a park east of the Maritime Museum on the water. People's park is fine, but won't use due to homeless.	12/14/2015 5:05 PM
128	Parks with playgrounds for kids is lacking in Astoria. Current playgrounds need updating. Tapiola is a nightmare in terms of being able to keep your eyes on your child. Very happy to see the city thinking about use of public spaces.	12/12/2015 10:23 PM
129	Need better access at Tidal Rock. Want proposed tide clock to be installed at 14th Street Pier.	12/12/2015 8:30 PM
130	Mountain bike trails by Astor Column. Swimming area for dogs in city limits. Please remodel skatepark (Cannon Beach and Seaside are good models). A sauna or steam room at aquatic center.	12/12/2015 2:37 PM
131	Most of these parks I don't even know about. Is there even anything there. Develop a couple parks like Tapiola but space them around for different areas of Astoria. Maybe a nice tennis court that is not run down and close to the road.	12/12/2015 8:44 AM
132	Don't short change our t	12/11/2015 9:17 PM
133	I think Shively needs to be a priority for preservation.	12/11/2015 7:14 AM
134	Some of the parks desperately need repair and new playground equipment. The monuments should be turned over to the city or chamber of commerce for maintenance.	12/10/2015 6:56 PM
135	Not enough staff at port of play, aquatic center schedule is unreliable, Peter Pan park needs a restroom!! A playground is necessary in Knappa	12/10/2015 4:20 PM
136	I did not know all the parks that we have I will be going to visit the one's that are new to me. Is there a listing at the chamber of commerce?	12/10/2015 4:06 PM
137	It is amazing how few people are responsible for so many properties.	12/10/2015 3:28 PM
138	Close doughboy bathrooms the only people that use them are the bums. The average person is afraid of the bums. When was the last time you saw a family enjoying doughboy. I go by there 5 times a week going to work, very few times in last 10 years do I see visitors/family's enjoying it. Keep the monument close the bathrooms. Use that money on the river walk.	12/10/2015 2:59 PM
139	Keep up your good work	12/10/2015 2:38 PM
140	A bathroom that gets maintained at Peter Pan park would be nice if funds allow.	12/10/2015 2:38 PM
141	Crazy to think about NEW parks when we can't afford what we have now.	12/10/2015 9:12 AM
142	Love your programs, but hire more maintenance folks for parks.	12/9/2015 5:30 PM
143	Down hill mtn bike track rocks! Trails for foot traffic also, keep separate to avoid user conflict.	12/9/2015 9:38 AM
144	As the father in a two income household with an elementary age child, the child care provided by Little Sprouts and now ARC has been invaluable. I do not know what we would have done without it. We literally may have moved away if it had not been there for us. There is such a lack of young childcare in this county it is embarrassing. Thank you for providing it. We would happily pay more if needed.	12/7/2015 10:23 PM
145	There were several sites in your priorities that constituted the River Trail, but it wasn't called out.	12/7/2015 2:31 PM
146	The grounds coordinator is really really great looking and a super nice guy	12/7/2015 1:27 PM
147	Parks department needs more funding for more staff and stop building parks	12/7/2015 1:25 PM

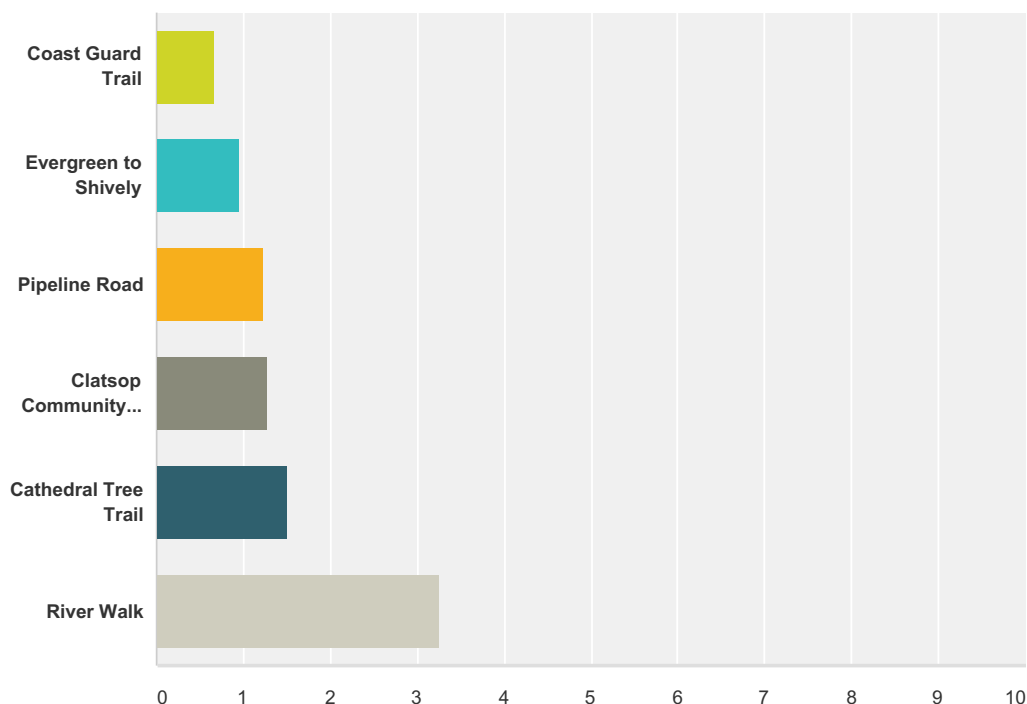
148	It is time for the city to take stock of heritage trees, and natural areas. In addition to the green areas between lots -- that should have significant consideration in preservation. That there should be adequate funds for maintenance; of natural areas, community gardens and spaces where people can abide.	12/7/2015 12:36 PM
149	I love having such a variety of parks but I do worry about all the work being done by just two people. That's a ton of work! Great job, guys!	12/7/2015 12:32 PM
150	Many of the listed parks are very passive in nature--ie historic "spots" on the landscape. They don't offer much opportunity for activity-based interaction for any age group. This isn't a bad or good thing--it just is the way it is. I use the Riverwalk at least 4x a week. I didn't see that listed above, so I marked the parks which I go through while on the Riverwalk (Alderbrook) as high use frequency.	12/7/2015 11:26 AM
151	I believe we have enough parks in the city at this time, It is difficult to maintain most of them as it is, I truly believe utilising the less frequently used parks as a small neighborhood playground along with a fenced in area for a dog park would be very beneficial to many neighborhoods in town, as most animal owners wouldn't drive across town to go to a large dog park. It would also relieve some issues of animal owners letting their dogs run free in playgrounds and parents having to worry about their children falling in animal feces.	12/7/2015 9:16 AM
152	Contract out cleaning of restrooms and trash pick up around the city to ensure proper care of parks	12/7/2015 8:45 AM
153	I would love to assist with a pump track	12/7/2015 7:31 AM
154	We need more community gardens around the City. People don't know what they are missing. Learning how to grow a garden is a skill that can make a huge difference in people's lives in ways that simple aesthetics cannot.	12/6/2015 4:42 PM
155	Our local area does have plenty of parks and areas to walk. There is not a safe, family friendly place for mountain biking and introducing the excellent sport of mountain biking to others. Many people drive 2 hours+ to go mountain biking in other locations. I strongly support creating a local environment to keep mountain biking local and bring others to ride here as a potential revenue generator. Through volunteerism, local mountain bike groups and bike shops could help maintain the pump track and other trails. This will also keep costs low and potentially save the city money when maintenance is completed through volunteers. Group events could be planned to help maintain the park and trails while also creating a family oriented atmosphere to introduce the sport of mountain biking to others.	12/6/2015 1:33 PM
156	I think we have enough parks but they need to be improved and maintained to a higher standard.	12/6/2015 10:40 AM
157	You guys do a great job!	12/4/2015 10:12 AM
158	We seem to have a lot of unnecessary options. Garden of surging waves looks nice, but seems completely useless. I would love to see things for our youth put first, and some more options for things to do when its nice out. Racquetball court or similar type activity...or bring back the swimming pool! I lived at Tapiola pool and park as a kid. Worst thing Astoria has done was close that pool!!	12/4/2015 4:30 AM
159	#6 I say "too many parks" because I think Astoria may not have enough money to support them all adequately. If we had the money, I'd doing all this and more is good for our community.	12/3/2015 9:34 PM
160	Disappointed with Garden of Surging Waves, there is no water attraction which seems like an obvious missing feature, does not feel tranquil, elements seem disconnected, how much money has been invested in this?	12/3/2015 9:22 PM
161	Mtn bike trails	12/3/2015 9:13 PM
162	Please make a mountain bike track. Please please please.	12/3/2015 8:26 PM
163	Doing a good job with limited resources. Updated fitness options... bouldering, ultimate frisbee!	12/3/2015 7:28 PM
164	I really support natural areas with small, single track unpaved trails. Please remove invasive species (ivy!) and consider banning dogs from areas with sensitive wildlife.	12/3/2015 4:14 PM
165	We need a dog park in Astoria.	12/3/2015 1:37 PM
166	Regular parks that have grass and trees people can visit are fine. Fancy stuff caters only to a few and are things we cannot afford. The private sector should contribute a lot more to parks things.	12/3/2015 12:39 PM
167	Mt bike/motorcycle trail system is needed. All that land on top of the hill and no trails! Also some calisthenic equipment (pull up bars, parallel bars) in some of the parks sure would be nice.	12/3/2015 10:43 AM
168	I would like to see the existing parks and ball fields maintained instead of creating other attractions.	12/3/2015 10:39 AM
169	Pioneer Cemetery could be made into a dog park. It's already a defacto one.	12/3/2015 9:38 AM
170	It would be good to keep up the areas you have first before adding new projects or parks	12/3/2015 8:39 AM
171	I do not feel Ocean View Cemetery should be included in with all the other parks. It is NOT a park, but a place where people go to visit their loved ones and if out of town, find where their loved ones are buried. As one who does this from people's requests, I find it totally unacceptable to locate people. The kiosk does not do the job at all.	12/3/2015 8:23 AM

172	I think the city has an opportunity to sell Youngs River Falls to a conservancy while still maintaining its water rights. The conservancy could then sell the Falls to Lewis & Clark National Park for inclusion into its non-constituent Park. The money from the sale could be earmarked in many different ways. Some or all of it could be dedicated funding for parks use only.	12/3/2015 8:22 AM
173	The pool is too cold . I take my daughter to seaside for open pool and lessons.	12/3/2015 7:24 AM
174	Emphasis on Astoria's history.	12/3/2015 1:48 AM
175	list all the CHIP's activities at least 6 months in advance to plan accordingly	12/3/2015 1:26 AM
176	We went to the armory last weekend and nearly froze to death. ??	12/2/2015 9:56 PM
177	The benches along the Riverwalk need to be put back in place. The 16th Street People Park needs to have the caution tape removed. The stairs from Exchange to the Aquatic Center need to be unbarricaded. The grass area by the Aquatic Center needs to be enhanced. The adoption plan for the 9th Street Park needs to be completed and signage put up acknowledging the Astoria Lions Club. The so called bad behavior of the homeless should not limit how I use the Riverwalk and the various parks. Why can't I have a place to sit down. Parks and Recreation should not be responsible for Rest Room patrol. That is a project to contract out. There needs to be " MOM and Grandma" Patrol to sweep and clean park areas and be present to model good behavior. We use them, do not loose them due to neglect and thinking someone else will do the clean-up. Have a "Tinker Club, a Pride of Place Club and allow the citizens to give back, much like the example of McClure Park efforts. It takes a village and we still have a long way to go.	12/2/2015 8:12 PM
178	Rental of park facility at 45th and Lief Erickson in too costly. It is better to have more usage to generate income than have it sit vacant using up utilities. Shivley Park is the most under utilized park in the city. It need to be completely renovated and set up for summer weddings, reunions, concerts etc. It is a crime to have let it deteriorate when Surging Waves is just a location for smokers and drug dealers. I don't think they would venture that far up the hill with proper lighting and happy happenings going on. It could pay for it's self with proper management and affordable rents.	12/2/2015 6:35 PM
179	would love to see picnic table back at Fort George/ Astoria park. I don't know why it was moved, but it was nice for picnics in the summer.	12/2/2015 5:05 PM
180	Please spend our \$ in a prudent manner on real stuff, not on a bunch of meeting, site evaluations and consultants!	12/2/2015 3:18 PM
181	Having better youth sports facilities would be amazing. Maybe more places to sit at the park while watching your kids and more things for the toddlers tho play on.	12/2/2015 2:39 PM
182	The aquatic center experience was horrendous this summer. Pulled my kids out and drove to clatskanie. I have 3 children, and I know I am not the only mom that drives to clatskanie. Might consider changing a few things like the fact that it cost me close to \$175 a session for my kids to have lessons in Astoria. 1 in the lesson and 2 in the baby pool... Extra cost. All 3 in the pool in clatskanie was \$60 per session. Each class was an hour my kids ages ranged from 1-5... They worked with me.	12/2/2015 1:49 PM
183	Thank you	12/2/2015 1:31 PM
184	It is important to the community it have places to go and enjoy.	12/2/2015 1:30 PM
185	Would love to see more creative uses of current park space. Maybe an adventure playground, outdoor classrooms, spaces for kids to be in the woods building forts and exploring the natural environment.	12/1/2015 11:19 PM
186	My biggest complaint about the parks here is that there always seems to someone smoking, it baffles my mind at how many smokers there are in the PNW, especially at the parks.	12/1/2015 10:42 PM
187	maintainance seems thin--possible benefit to placing more resources on fewer lications	12/1/2015 3:54 PM
188	A new pump track for mountain bikes and bmx riders would be an incredible asset to Astoria. These are often maintained and supported by community volunteers.	12/1/2015 9:31 AM
189	Another dog park would be great, especially with some individual runs for training.	11/30/2015 4:46 PM
190	I am very impressed with the Parks and Recreation team!	11/30/2015 4:20 PM
191	Would love to see more offered for preschool aged children not in school	11/30/2015 3:56 PM
192	Perhaps other city public works staff can provide additional help with park maintenance and development, when they have availability due to "down time", as when water and sewer maintenance and repair is not needed.	11/30/2015 12:01 PM
193	Gym Access for adults and kids would be greatly appreciated. Currently, there is no indoor facilities for community members to play basketball which is unfortunate in this rainy climate that restricts outdoor play.	11/30/2015 11:44 AM
194	I would love to see outdoor exercise equipment along the riverwalk	11/30/2015 11:27 AM

195	The number of parks is fine. But please improve them and get us some more covered space. Also more family events that arnt holiday based. Not everyone celebrates holidays and as a community we should reach out to all of our members	11/29/2015 9:08 AM
196	I had no idea there were so many parks here. lol Lived here 18 years and haven't been to them all. Seems odd to be talking about building more when we have a park heavily used (Lindstrom) that doesn't even have a public bathroom. Do you communicate with the summe rlunch program? Did you know that there are two-three times the amount of children at Lindstrom than at Tapiola throughout the summer? ANd yet we only just got a second picnic table and garbage can, and there are no bathrooms.	11/28/2015 2:41 PM
197	Maintaining current park is more important then adding new parks.	11/28/2015 2:20 PM
198	More lighting on the riverwalk please.	11/25/2015 7:37 PM
199	There is a urgent need for quality childcare in the area, especially for the under 2 age group. Little Sprouts need to expand and in the long run more income will be generated to maintain and build other facilities.	11/25/2015 2:51 PM
200	Please consider hosting events in Surging Waves and People's Park to discourage growing nefarious activity. Claim those spaces by using them as rooms for community activities. Allow vendors to set up coffee carts? Live music? Live shows by ASOC or others? Brown paper bag lunch events for downtown employees? Cross-promo with to-go menus from doentown restaurants?	11/25/2015 11:57 AM
201	The city should develop a design standard for the over-water portions of the "Riverwalk" that is safe. The boardwalk portions are historic perhaps but slippery and irregular surfaced. These should be incrementally upgraded to meet the standard when new developments are proposed and as funds are available.	11/25/2015 10:22 AM
202	It is not right that the park department dictates when funerals can take place. The needs of the families should be the top priority not when workers are available.	11/25/2015 10:09 AM
203	Those spots that are specific to a particular user group (community gardens) should be maintained by the user group not the Parks Department. Public restrooms are a Public Works responsibility not a Parks responsibility.	11/25/2015 8:56 AM
204	It's very frustrating that he bathrooms at tapiola are often locked or trashed. I feel unsafe letting my children use them, so what's the point?	11/24/2015 7:49 PM

Q9 How often do you or members of your household use the following trails?

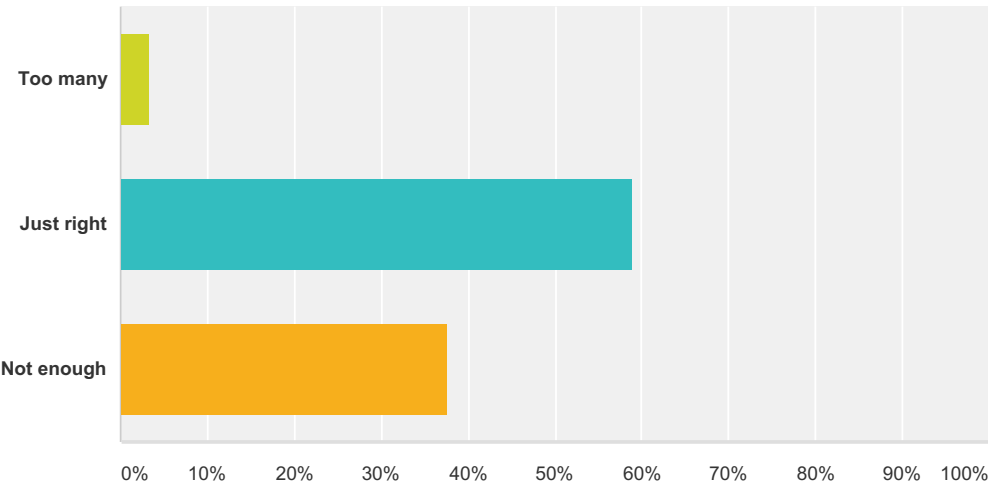
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	Never	Rarely (1-3 times / year)	Occasionally (4-12 times / year)	Sometimes (2-3 times / month)	Often (1-3 times / week)	Daily (4-7 times / week)	Total	Weighted Average
Coast Guard Trail	62.24% 483	20.36% 158	8.63% 67	6.31% 49	2.19% 17	0.26% 2	776	0.67
Evergreen to Shively	47.74% 370	24.77% 192	14.45% 112	9.55% 74	2.71% 21	0.77% 6	775	0.97
Pipeline Road	43.97% 343	21.67% 169	13.59% 106	11.15% 87	6.79% 53	2.82% 22	780	1.24
Clatsop Community College to Astoria Column	35.97% 282	25.51% 200	20.92% 164	11.48% 90	4.59% 36	1.53% 12	784	1.28
Cathedral Tree Trail	21.91% 172	32.87% 258	25.10% 197	13.38% 105	5.73% 45	1.02% 8	785	1.51
River Walk	3.41% 27	4.29% 34	20.96% 166	25.51% 202	26.77% 212	19.07% 151	792	3.25

Q10 What is your opinion on the number of trails in Astoria?

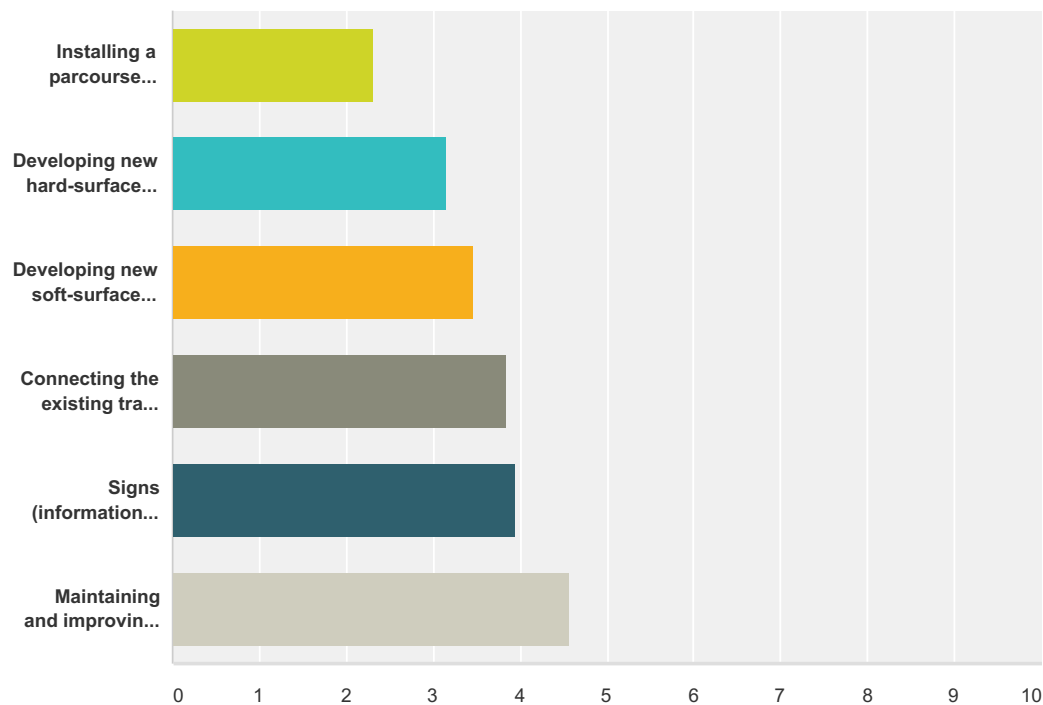
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Too many	3.41%	27
Just right	58.96%	467
Not enough	37.63%	298
Total		792

Q11 Regarding trails, how important to you is investment in the following areas?

Answered: 792 Skipped: 89



	Not at all Important	Low Importance	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Moderately Important	Very Important	Extremely Important	Total	Weighted Average
Installing a parcourse (fitness equipment stations) along the River Walk	24.67% 187	19.39% 147	8.05% 61	19.13% 145	12.14% 92	9.76% 74	6.86% 52	758	2.31
Developing new hard-surface/paved trails for combined use	9.92% 78	12.47% 98	9.92% 78	22.52% 177	20.48% 161	14.50% 114	10.18% 80	786	3.15
Developing new soft-surface/unpaved trails for combined use (e.g. hiking, running, mountain biking)	7.61% 60	9.26% 73	11.29% 89	18.53% 146	21.83% 172	16.50% 130	14.97% 118	788	3.47
Connecting the existing trail system with new trails	3.70% 29	8.43% 66	8.17% 64	16.99% 133	22.61% 177	22.61% 177	17.50% 137	783	3.84
Signs (information, wayfinding)	1.92% 15	5.90% 46	8.72% 68	16.92% 132	26.92% 210	24.10% 188	15.51% 121	780	3.95
Maintaining and improving existing trails	0.76% 6	1.65% 13	7.60% 60	6.97% 55	21.17% 167	35.87% 283	25.98% 205	789	4.58

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Keep off leash dogs out of parks.	12/31/2015 6:58 PM
2	Keep river trail as open and natural as possible and not cluttered with other uses. More intrpretve sings though	12/31/2015 6:06 PM
3	protecting the sea wall like the Chinese wall did & is still there where man has not disturbed it. We are loosing trees & they could be saved so no inrodes or encroachment is made to the river walk	12/31/2015 12:57 PM
4	handicap accessibility: astoria is aging!	12/31/2015 11:17 AM

5	par cor gym	12/30/2015 9:42 PM
6	"Informal" trails, "maintained" by public works, should be incorporated into parks trail system.	12/30/2015 4:22 PM
7	people bring their own equipment which interests them	12/30/2015 3:12 PM
8	I've never heard of the Coast Guard trail!	12/30/2015 3:02 PM
9	I worked for the public works temp position back in 08 and it was my job to maintain the trails in Astoria and I still use them today. I think of them as a local only short cuts!	12/30/2015 10:41 AM
10	No smoking or dogs on leashes signs	12/29/2015 7:02 PM
11	You don't list the neighborhood connector trails that I use daily.	12/29/2015 1:05 PM
12	Dog park	12/29/2015 8:15 AM
13	CLEAN UP THE RIVERWALK	12/29/2015 3:55 AM
14	Plant wildflowers on river walk	12/28/2015 8:48 PM
15	Keep motorized vehicles off of trails.	12/28/2015 1:58 PM
16	I dont like the idea of parcourse on the riverwalk. Pipeline road would be better.	12/28/2015 12:17 PM
17	Trails suitable for OHV use.	12/28/2015 8:23 AM
18	trail maps, dog clean up stations, park benches and stops along the way.	12/27/2015 4:54 PM
19	We love the trail system in Astoria and would love to support any programs where they can be protected, expanded, and guarded fiercely against overpopulation and development as the town grows in density.	12/23/2015 10:16 AM
20	No mountain biking trails within city limits!	12/22/2015 7:38 PM
21	please see previous comments regarding river walk	12/18/2015 2:11 PM
22	More garbage cans	12/18/2015 9:21 AM
23	Who will make sure drug paraphernalia is picked up?	12/17/2015 6:33 PM
24	As a dog owner, I appreciate that the animal waste stations are for the most part well stocked on the river walk.	12/17/2015 5:26 PM
25	Dog Walking Trails..	12/17/2015 3:28 PM
26	Making sure that any areas with steps have hand railings or better yet, no steps, just ramp	12/17/2015 1:46 PM
27	Monitor more by safety officer or police would be awesome	12/10/2015 11:59 PM
28	Maintain what we have and keep it in optimal shape then do new ideas.	12/9/2015 5:32 PM
29	love the trails.	12/9/2015 9:42 AM
30	Easy to find and easy access	12/8/2015 10:41 PM
31	Trails to the new athletic complex	12/3/2015 8:23 PM
32	I have been unable to use these trails because of a disability.	12/3/2015 8:25 AM
33	I no longer use the River walk because I do not feel safe. instead I walk through the down town area where there are fewer homeless and panhandlers.	12/2/2015 6:38 PM
34	FITNESS COURSE AT TAPIOLA PARK	12/2/2015 1:41 PM
35	Mountain biking seems to be incompatible with hiking, walking, due to collision risks.	11/30/2015 12:06 PM
36	Trails up and down the Astoria hillside are enjoyable but sort of unmarked and unknown. It would be nice if they were expanded, mapped and maintained.	11/25/2015 10:32 AM

Q12 Use this space to provide any additional feedback on trails:

Answered: 107 Skipped: 774

#	Responses	Date
1	Develop the trails in the Pipeline/Column region and limit some of them to non-motorized recreation only.	12/31/2015 10:19 PM
2	A parcoursewould be amazing and well used!	12/31/2015 10:08 PM
3	I may be neutral on fitness equipment stations along the River Walk, but it seems like something that people would only take advantage of 3-4 months out of a year. I do not know if it would be cost effective with installation and maintenance with so little use over time.	12/31/2015 8:52 PM
4	Again lighting on the river walk is needed between 9th and 11th	12/31/2015 7:19 PM
5	See above. Seriously love the trails.	12/31/2015 6:34 PM
6	Try to take care of what parks you have now. stop building parks you can't take care of.	12/31/2015 3:56 PM
7	River walk for tourists and shoppers. Don't clog it with fitness equipment. Do have well maintained restrooms.	12/31/2015 3:44 PM
8	Work with other agencies to extend the River Walk trail to the John Day boat ramp. Develop forest trails, that are moderate in difficulty, harder than the river trail but not as steep as the Cathedral Tree trail.	12/31/2015 11:20 AM
9	As far as maintaining some of the parks and trails, I would encourage more community organizations for clean-up work on a regular basis...businesses, clubs, etc. could take up some of the work.	12/31/2015 10:40 AM
10	Better trail, with markings from water reservoir (16th str.) to Irving (35th str.).	12/31/2015 10:10 AM
11	Fitness equipment on trails sounds good but more to maintain and more at risk of vandalism. I'd allocate resources to maintain what exists.	12/31/2015 9:55 AM
12	Signs? Didn't even know some of the trails existed until we happened on them:) Paracourse someplace else. But again, not adding new until current can be maintained.	12/31/2015 9:29 AM
13	Above comment. Walking should be seen as a form of transportation, not just exercise. The informal trails that are all over the city should be better maintained. I use them fairly often as a form of transportation, and exercise, in my daily activities.	12/30/2015 4:22 PM
14	you could get some volunteers to work these trails and or inmates	12/30/2015 3:12 PM
15	I would like to see more information on trails, a place to see find out about trails available.	12/30/2015 3:02 PM
16	again we could reach out to the community more often to help with the upkeep of these places that we love to utilize	12/30/2015 1:18 PM
17	Trail on 7th between Franklin and Exchange needs some tender loving care. It is steep and gets slippery and the berry bushes need to be cut back	12/30/2015 12:14 PM
18	More wheelchair accessible trails	12/30/2015 11:14 AM
19	I want bark dust like Eugene for running.	12/30/2015 9:35 AM
20	Bring back reliable transportation between Warrenton, Hammond and Astoria. The bus needs to come by every hour, like it used too. People want to be able to get out of their homes, and work. Every two hours is inhumane.	12/30/2015 1:12 AM
21	Pipeline Rd should be declared a formal trail and developed further for distance and connections. End the unsafe gun range at the dump	12/30/2015 12:58 AM
22	I have long desired a place in Astoria to mountain bike as well as more areas to hike and have always thought that our abundance of wooded areas and varied topography could make for some neat mountain bike trails that would allow opportunities for all different skill levels.	12/29/2015 9:14 PM
23	First priority - walking!	12/29/2015 7:53 PM
24	Fines for garbage	12/29/2015 7:02 PM
25	Quit adding you can not afford to maintain what you have!	12/29/2015 6:18 PM
26	A Parcourse are you kidding me? How about enjoying what view we have of the river left.	12/29/2015 9:50 AM

27	Pool needs to be warmer for seniors	12/29/2015 9:33 AM
28	Safe feeling	12/29/2015 8:15 AM
29	PUT SIGNS UP FOR DOG WALKERS, CLEAN UP?	12/29/2015 3:55 AM
30	Signage would be useful. For example, I have family members that live in the area of Coast Guard Housing and we have never heard of a Coast Guard Trail! Perhaps organizing group trail hikes.	12/28/2015 9:20 PM
31	I would prefer not to have mountain bikes on hiking trails	12/28/2015 8:29 PM
32	Different types of trails appeal to different people and variety keeps people interested and motivated.	12/28/2015 7:24 PM
33	What is "Coast Guard Trail"	12/28/2015 5:58 PM
34	Have users set up a maintain para course	12/28/2015 5:57 PM
35	I feel like the Riverwalk is the hub of our city. Everyone I know uses it, so it would be the highest priority. I didn't even know three of the trails you mentioned existed, so I can't really accurately assess their importance.	12/28/2015 5:44 PM
36	The Pacific Power line corridors have potential to be utilized. It would be great to see Parks and Rec team up with the utility company and the county to create a trail in town as well as connecting the fairgrounds.	12/28/2015 5:29 PM
37	I think they need to offer discount for people with disabilities they raise the cost to much	12/28/2015 4:20 PM
38	The trails aren't marked or advertised very well.	12/28/2015 3:28 PM
39	Need to connect trails where possible	12/28/2015 2:58 PM
40	They are kept up nicely	12/28/2015 2:53 PM
41	Trails are often muddy/slippery so bark or gravel footing is a good idea.	12/28/2015 1:58 PM
42	I would like to see the trails in Astoria's forested areas become less of a tourist attraction, not more of one. Having crowds of people on these trails defeats the purpose of hiking in the woods. There's a reason we have chosen to live here year-round, and the masses of people that tromp through our woods before leaving the area are a detriment.	12/28/2015 1:17 PM
43	Riverwalk could use additional natural, historic, cultural interpretation.	12/28/2015 12:17 PM
44	Trails are great but keep in mind the environment and habitat that is degraded every time people move into a new natural area. Maintaining what we have should be the focus.	12/28/2015 9:13 AM
45	Closing of the 'Bayfront' area in Warrenton was a tremendous loss. While I fully understand why this happened, but creating a day use/fee area this could be a revenue opportunity and would allow for local access for ATV/motorcycle riders. The pipeline road area boasts some tremendous trail systems that have been shut down. The mountain bike community has been granted the ability to build new trails, while motorized vehicle use continues to decrease. Equal opportunity needs to be provided to both. There is more hostility towards motorized vehicles than was ever present towards skateboarders - and the skateboarders got their own park which is not particularly family friendly and attracts all kinds of interesting people.	12/28/2015 8:23 AM
46	We have started to avoid young's river falls due to the drug use there. This is a big concern, I am not sure how to fix it but I wish something could be done	12/28/2015 7:25 AM
47	Urban trail "systems" are the key for future development. Especially with the increasing popularity of long distance hiking/walking. A greenspace trail system is great for locals and tourist.	12/28/2015 6:40 AM
48	I can't give my opinion because I don't know all the trails and parks.	12/27/2015 11:05 PM
49	Feeling safe while on trails like the river walk would be nice	12/27/2015 8:31 PM
50	Bathrooms for public	12/27/2015 5:52 PM
51	It would be great if all of the trails could be connected so that people could take short or long trail hikes right in town.	12/27/2015 4:54 PM
52	I sometimes worry about safety on the trails. A lot of homeless people and teenagers partying. Lots of trash, too, as a result.	12/27/2015 9:03 AM
53	I love the trails that are available, but the trails are currently difficult to find and decipher due to little signage on site, online, etc. we end up having to use Trails app to look at what is available. Would love to help develop hiking trails materials with information on off leash areas for dogs, areas to avoid during hunting, etc. best use & practice, and also figure out more volunteer programs for trail maintenance and development! we can't believe 3 people maintain all that! KUDOS, Astoria! You're doing great - what can we do to help?	12/23/2015 10:16 AM
54	No trails combining mountain biking with walking and hiking. Not compatible.	12/22/2015 7:38 PM

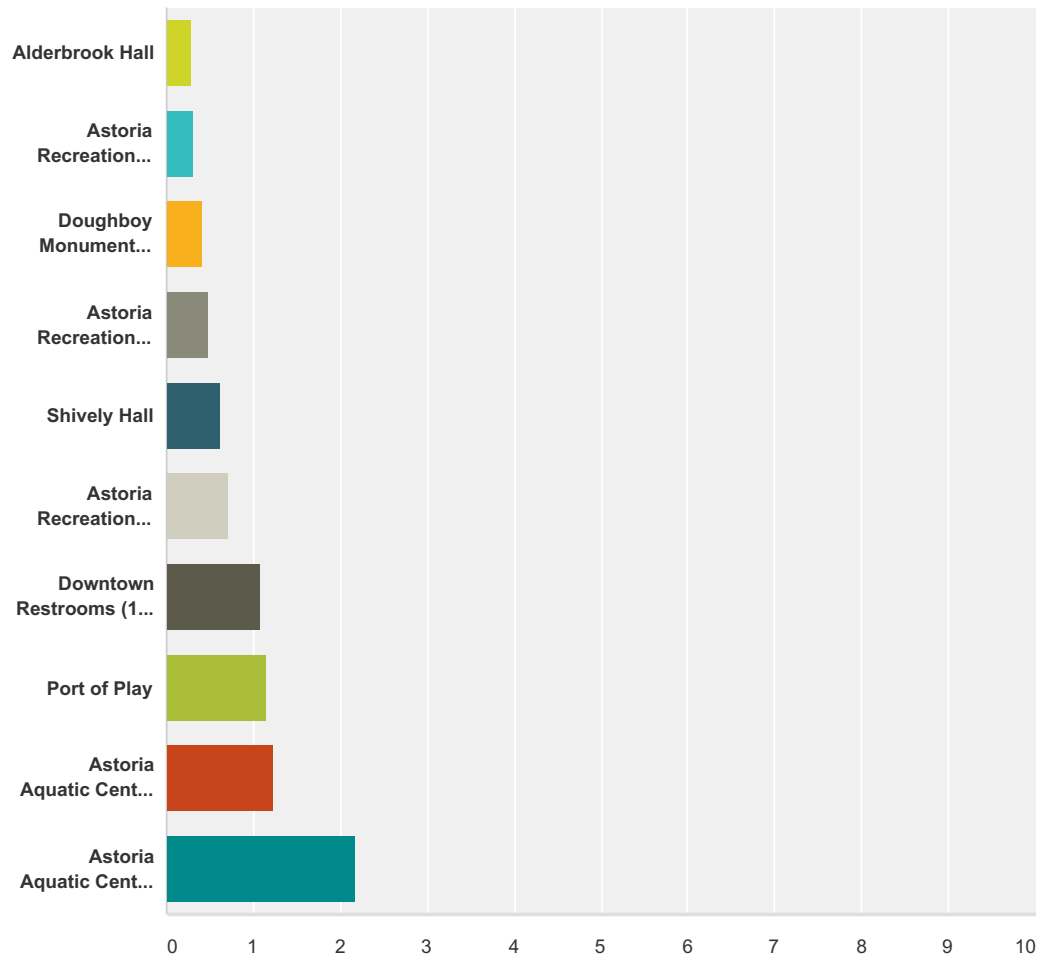
55	I love the idea of the parcourse. I think that the river walk is manly used for leisure but is a great space to be used to fitness. AWESOME IDEA!	12/21/2015 11:38 AM
56	I love the idea of a parcourse just not on the river walk. I think it would take away from the walk not enhance. If you decide to develop new trail with multi use path I would develop it there with paved areas off to the side of trail to not interrupt trail flow	12/20/2015 2:08 PM
57	Cathedral trail was fun till it has become a little dangerous. Need to cut back bushes.	12/19/2015 8:25 PM
58	Condition of existing trails is mediocre. With funding constraints adding more is not a good idea. Grants for new additions are great but plans for upkeep \$ are unrealistic at times	12/19/2015 8:22 AM
59	Low cost way to exercise and good for everyone if there are variety of surfaces in town. Adopt a trail could be encouraged	12/19/2015 7:56 AM
60	The south side of town would be greatly improved if the Riverwalk were extended along Young's Bay. Not only would it provide residents with a safe place to walk in an area that often lacks sidewalks, but it would provide a safer route to school for high schoolers, many of which have to walk with their backs to traffic on 202 when walking to school on the shoulder of the highway.	12/18/2015 8:34 PM
61	I believe right now we should work on maintaining and improving what we already have. We have a LOT, we just need to take better care of them, in my opinion.	12/18/2015 11:30 AM
62	leave maintenance to volunteer groups.	12/18/2015 11:06 AM
63	I love that the City is mowing Alderbrook Dredge spoils area at the end of the River Walk yearly to kill/maintain the Scotch Broom.	12/18/2015 10:13 AM
64	Many trails behind and around Coast Guard are overgrown or have had trees fall, making them impassable. Lots of litter too!	12/18/2015 9:21 AM
65	I think it is an interesting proposal to add fitness equipment along the riverwalk. I think it is a good idea, but might be more feasible and appropriate to add such equipment to the existing playgrounds. Perhaps creating a playground on the Riverwalk, that has fitness equipment would be best. I definitely do think the Riverwalk should be utilized more. I am still surprised to see the garden of surging waves in the middle of town, and not along the water, which seems more appropriate. I also lament the move of the fairgrounds. I could imagine a riverview amphitheater attracting people worldwide. I also miss the days when the sunday market was on the waterfront. I think it is great that the Brew Cup is held on the waterfront annually, and I think we need to utilize that space more. Highlighting the downtown core and featuring the waterfront so it can be most enjoyable should be the priority.	12/18/2015 8:48 AM
66	I think all of the above would be wonderful but I cannot see adding and developing new trails when it seems like there isn't enough budget/staff to maintain what is currently in place.	12/17/2015 11:09 PM
67	I love to hike with my grandchildren but its questionable. And I am not familiar with the location of some of these trails.	12/17/2015 6:33 PM
68	Developing specialty trails for high maintenance low population user groups is a waste of taxpayer money. Keep things simple.	12/17/2015 5:46 PM
69	I would love to see a neighborhood accessible trail loop for hiking, trail running and mountain biking. Check out Nelso BC http://www.discovernelson.com/htdocs/biking.html this town is built on steep hills and is well known for making community wellness a priority through access to neighborhood mountain bike trails.... The more access to recreation the kids in our community have the more likely they are to stay out of trouble and find a healthy outlet for the many struggles they may be experiencing.	12/17/2015 5:26 PM
70	More lights	12/17/2015 5:10 PM
71	If there are "pathways" through the undergrowth then there are people who are WALKING through the area. We need to look at those undefined trails and validate them with perhaps a bit of bark dust or signs. (Depending on where they are located of course.) If the homeless people in our community are creating trails to walk to different locations then perhaps we need to address the problem of the homeless in our community and not necessarily create a "trail" for them.	12/17/2015 3:28 PM
72	Maintaining what we have should be first priority. If we can afford more then we can add more.	12/17/2015 3:19 PM
73	Astoria's urban trail system has a major positive impact on my family's quality of life, although most of the trails besides the Riverwalk and column trail would benefit from improved maintenance (to be fair, I'm not sure whether the Parks department is responsible for the trails I have in mind).	12/16/2015 6:37 PM
74	I wouldn't want to see the trails system further developed unless there was funding to maintain them including keeping out homeless camps. I like how natural they are and wouldn't want to see them further degraded by increased access. I feel unsafe on most of the trails alone and I'm not sure if further access and development will increase or decrease illicit uses.	12/15/2015 4:22 PM

75	I love the River Walk trail! Better lighting would be nice for evening runs, especially when there is inclement weather. I also like the idea of connecting the trails.	12/14/2015 12:13 PM
76	Need maps	12/12/2015 8:31 PM
77	Mountain bike trails please	12/12/2015 2:40 PM
78	River walk gets used more than all the other trail/walks put together. Put your money where the most people will benefit.	12/10/2015 3:03 PM
79	Turtles need better up cape and unsafe objects need to be removed it's also concerned when a person is running and they come across a transient camp	12/10/2015 2:46 PM
80	My name is Shea Wright, I'm a park service Mason (not at Lewis & Clark, although I designed/lead mason the McGowen property Hwy 101 wall for them), I'm willing to volunteer (I will cost nothing) in building some stone work for the Astoria Parks & Rec. Here's a tumblr link https://www.tumblr.com/search/djstonemason to see some of my park work. I'd like to help while I'm here. EMAIL me at HEATHSHEAWRIGHT@GMAIL.COM or call me at 435-260-2396. I want to be involved. I have 13+ years of trail work and masonry experience. I have an extensive resume that spans 1/2 dozen National parks throughout the west.	12/9/2015 8:41 PM
81	During my time in school I use the trails on a daily basis for stress relief and recollection of daily thoughts . Bicycling was main form of transportation Riverwalk was critical in accessing downtown.	12/9/2015 9:42 AM
82	There are so many undeveloped city streets and ROWs that could be excellent connector trails. Although Astoria is a very hilly town, for avid walkers like myself, development of even rough gravel trails through more of the city owned streets and vacant lots would be welcome. The deer use it anyway. Why shouldn't we?	12/7/2015 10:27 PM
83	city should improve and incorporate existing trails such as goat trail from Harrison to Grand? on 12th to improve pedestrian access trails	12/7/2015 7:18 PM
84	I find doing triple jumps over the riverwalk addicts is ample exercise	12/7/2015 1:32 PM
85	I don't know what the "Coast Guard" or "Evergreen to Shively" trails are.	12/7/2015 11:28 AM
86	There are great opportunities for more focus on trails in and out of the City. Connecting the trails would be a great addition, please focus on native history and habitats, no paving or mountain biking within city	12/7/2015 8:50 AM
87	I do not like para courses when they've been installed on already existing trails.	12/6/2015 4:46 PM
88	I love the riverwalk, but as a female, I think it needs more police presence. It gets uncomfortable to go there alone as there are too many questionable people hanging out.	12/4/2015 4:36 AM
89	Would like more trails for both transportation and recreation. Connect column, middle school, shively to new athletic complex. Reestablish forest trail network lost in storm	12/3/2015 8:23 PM
90	Love our trails, more connectors please! Official access to the new sports complex from Shively, more maintained connections to/from Pipeline.	12/3/2015 7:32 PM
91	Please do not expand trails in natural areas. Consider building a dog park and then making some trails no-dogs to increase wildlife sightings.	12/3/2015 4:16 PM
92	11 miles of trails is pretty minimal for a town like Astoria, especially given that it's in such a spectacular natural area. Focus on trails!	12/3/2015 3:55 PM
93	Please build more Mt.bike trails and motorcycle enduro trails. An enduro cross style park would be nice too.	12/3/2015 10:50 AM
94	Build usage on existing trails before adding more.	12/3/2015 1:51 AM
95	I encourage the parcourse and hare-surfaced handicap accessible trails	12/3/2015 1:27 AM
96	More needs to be done about homeless people hanging out on the river walk.	12/2/2015 9:00 PM
97	Hugh maintenance issue and if I am any indication the hard-surface/paved River Walk is my definition of an urban trail.	12/2/2015 8:16 PM
98	The last thing we need is a parcourse!	12/2/2015 6:38 PM
99	Would be nice for an improved feeling of safety along the Riverwalk. I am hesitant to go on it alone due to some of the brushy areas and some of the clientele who hang out in the area.	12/2/2015 6:00 PM
100	I am just concerned that more trail development would make this town even more attractive to tourists. which I guess is what you want, but personally I feel invaded. I don't mind the trails the way they are, I use them all a lot and think they're fine.	12/2/2015 5:11 PM
101	Same as the last page, prudence please.....)	12/2/2015 3:19 PM

102	We live in an area where the state forestry dept has an entire team dedicated to forest recreation... We don't need more	12/2/2015 1:51 PM
103	A walking trail to the CMH Field, likely starting at Pipeline Road seems a good idea. Also, perhaps there is a dog park option near the entrance of Pipeline Road that could be developed.	11/30/2015 12:06 PM
104	It would be awesome to see a bike/jogging trail beside highway 30 that connects Astoria to Knappa	11/30/2015 11:29 AM
105	NO MOUNTAIN BIKES OR DOG PARK!!!	11/26/2015 1:12 AM
106	I feel trails and natural spaces are extremely important to our physical and mental health. I think more info about native species, history, etc of area helps build a personal connection to this place we are lucky to live in.	11/25/2015 12:01 PM
107	I walk for exercise. I live in Astoria so I mostly walk in town, on City sidewalks, the riverwalk, shortcut trails up and down the hill, on Column trails, and on pipeline road. I enjoy these year around. I also walk in Fort Stevens, and on the Warrenton portion of the River Walk as well as the Port property. These are my priorities as I am a senior (age 67). I intend to walk until unable to because of health limitations.	11/25/2015 10:32 AM

Q13 How often do you or members of your household use the following indoor facilities?

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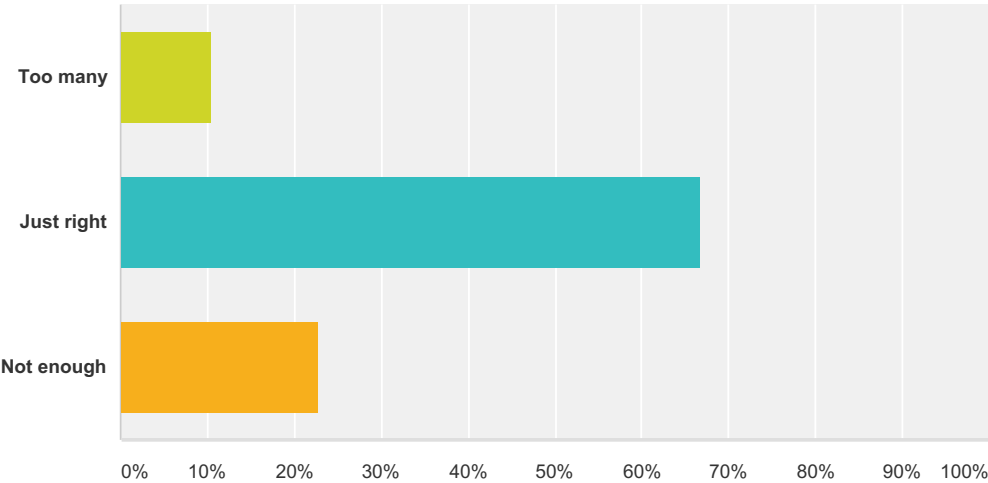


	Never	Rarely (1-3 times / year)	Occasionally (4-12 times / year)	Sometimes (2-3 times / month)	Often (1-3 times / week)	Daily (4-7 times / week)	Total	Weighted Average
Alderbrook Hall	75.68% 582	20.03% 154	3.12% 24	0.65% 5	0.39% 3	0.13% 1	769	0.30
Astoria Recreation Center: Teen Center	82.44% 634	9.49% 73	4.29% 33	2.47% 19	0.91% 7	0.39% 3	769	0.31
Doughboy Monument Restrooms	75.13% 583	13.66% 106	6.83% 53	2.96% 23	1.03% 8	0.39% 3	776	0.42
Astoria Recreation Center: Community Room	72.39% 561	15.74% 122	6.97% 54	2.97% 23	0.90% 7	1.03% 8	775	0.47
Shively Hall	55.70% 430	31.48% 243	8.29% 64	3.11% 24	1.04% 8	0.39% 3	772	0.63
Astoria Recreation Center: Fitness Studios	68.13% 528	13.42% 104	6.84% 53	5.03% 39	4.90% 38	1.68% 13	775	0.70

Downtown Restrooms (12th & Exchange)	41.75% 324	26.68% 207	18.43% 143	9.02% 70	2.84% 22	1.29% 10	776	1.08
Port of Play	52.12% 406	13.74% 107	15.53% 121	8.34% 65	6.29% 49	3.98% 31	779	1.15
Astoria Aquatic Center: Cardio/Weight Room	49.61% 385	17.01% 132	11.21% 87	9.54% 74	7.47% 58	5.15% 40	776	1.24
Astoria Aquatic Center: Pool	14.10% 110	21.54% 168	24.36% 190	19.23% 150	13.33% 104	7.44% 58	780	2.18

Q14 What is your opinion on the number of indoor facilities operated by Astoria Parks & Recreation?

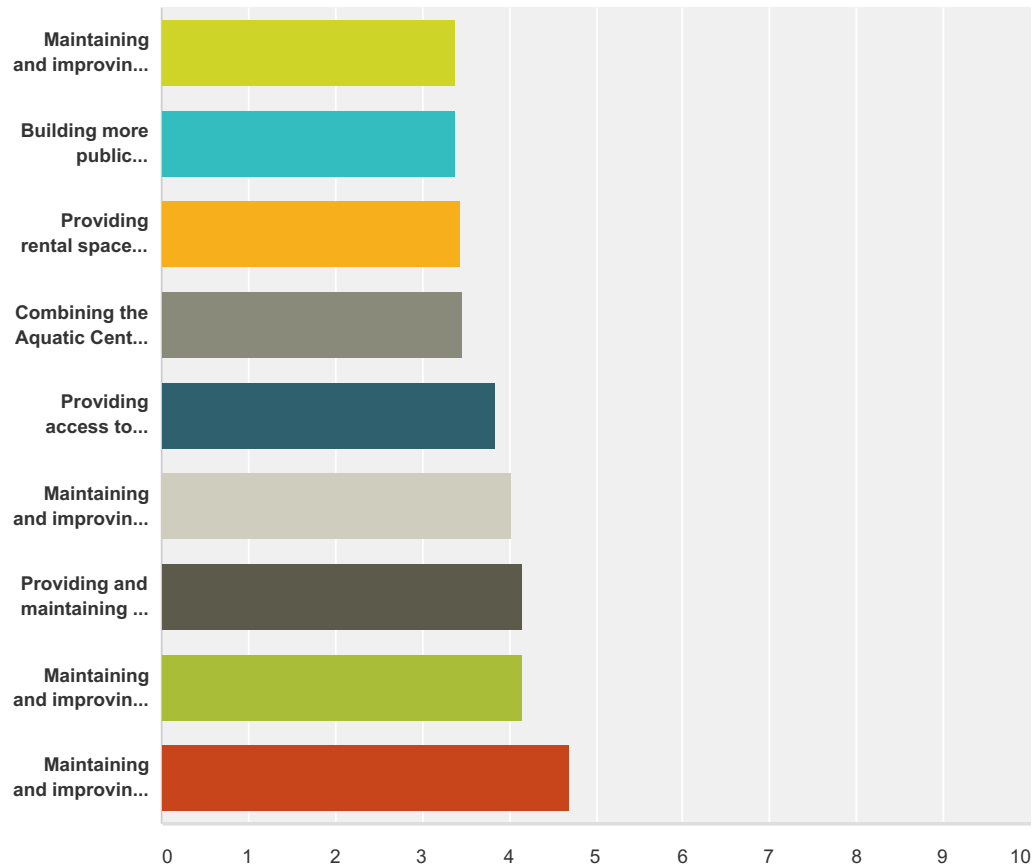
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Too many	10.43%	82
Just right	66.79%	525
Not enough	22.77%	179
Total		786

Q15 Regarding indoor facilities, how important to you is investment in the following areas?

Answered: 786 Skipped: 95



	Not at all Important	Low Importance	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Moderately Important	Very Important	Extremely Important	Total	Weighted Average
Maintaining and improving the Community Halls	3.85% 30	9.24% 72	11.17% 87	26.32% 205	26.96% 210	14.12% 110	8.34% 65	779	3.39
Building more public restrooms	10.86% 85	9.07% 71	7.79% 61	22.73% 178	18.65% 146	14.18% 111	16.73% 131	783	3.39
Providing rental space for special events in the Community Halls	5.13% 40	10.40% 81	8.86% 69	22.34% 174	27.60% 215	14.51% 113	11.17% 87	779	3.45
Combining the Aquatic Center, Recreation Center, and Childcare into a single facility	8.09% 63	10.01% 78	6.16% 48	27.47% 214	15.92% 124	16.43% 128	15.92% 124	779	3.46
Providing access to indoor sport courts (e.g. basketball, racquetball, volleyball)	4.10% 32	6.92% 54	8.33% 65	17.18% 134	26.41% 206	18.85% 147	18.21% 142	780	3.84
Maintaining and improving Port of Play	4.27% 33	3.88% 30	6.86% 53	19.53% 151	20.96% 162	24.32% 188	20.18% 156	773	4.03
Providing and maintaining the existing public restrooms	2.96% 23	3.86% 30	8.61% 67	12.72% 99	25.84% 201	23.39% 182	22.62% 176	778	4.15

Maintaining and improving the Recreation Center	2.06% 16	4.12% 32	7.21% 56	16.60% 129	23.42% 182	25.87% 201	20.72% 161	777	4.16
Maintaining and improving the Aquatic Center	1.15% 9	2.43% 19	3.84% 30	7.93% 62	20.33% 159	30.95% 242	33.38% 261	782	4.70

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Possibly do new restroom on west end in lieu of doughboy due to maintenance issues	12/31/2015 6:11 PM
2	I feel we need an ombudsman during the tourist season to get the visitors take on how they use our parks & rec's facilities. I have lived here 26 yrs & you listed several facilities I wasn't aware of.	12/31/2015 1:05 PM
3	Can't stress the importance of an indoor facility for basketball, racquetball, indoor rock climbing, indoor track. We need it in the winter when it is cold and wet.	12/30/2015 9:45 PM
4	Great idea to combine ARC and aquatic center (not necessarily child care though).	12/29/2015 6:08 AM
5	COMMUNITY CENTER TO SMALL ENOUGH PLACES TO RENT	12/29/2015 4:00 AM
6	A lower cost of pool and recreational classes for the low income. This community tends to have a lower income level for some of the people here. I would like to see all families able to afford to send their child, or themselves to some activities. That is what I call a community center.	12/28/2015 8:55 PM
7	Peter Pan park needs a public toilet	12/28/2015 1:32 PM
8	Patrol public restroom. All that's missing is a cot for homeless.	12/28/2015 1:23 PM
9	Shively Hall is a gem but needs maintenance.	12/28/2015 12:20 PM
10	Create indoor track for walking/running	12/28/2015 8:33 AM
11	Room for more types of fitness classes at the recreation center	12/27/2015 5:02 PM
12	Another in downtown or along river walk would be good	12/24/2015 10:58 PM
13	Port of Play like space or opportunity at Gray for open gym times during winter for older kids who are going stir crazy (ages 8 - 14?)	12/23/2015 10:19 AM
14	We need an addition at the pool to house more ops there and have one facility	12/19/2015 8:01 AM
15	please put a public restroom at Lindstrom Park	12/17/2015 5:57 PM
16	Make it affordable, I can't afford family pass to pool and workouts. Gyms around here are too expensive. I miss Portland. Better acces.	12/17/2015 5:14 PM
17	Rainy day spaces for indoor fun..	12/17/2015 3:31 PM
18	It would be better to have maybe less buildings to maintain and have the remaining building(s) well equiped	12/17/2015 1:54 PM
19	clean, secure restrooms at the parks	12/14/2015 10:36 AM
20	I would like to see the Fred Lindstrom park have nice restroom. We don't play much at that park because there is only port of potty. We would use this park more often if we had restroom.	12/11/2015 12:24 AM
21	Again put your money where the people are.	12/10/2015 3:14 PM
22	I do not support public restrooms because they get trashed. I am against the public restroom idea for Peter pan park because if will just get trashed.	12/10/2015 2:51 PM
23	The doughboy question is a trick question. They aren't even open!	12/9/2015 6:28 PM
24	Parents' Night Out is a wonderful service. Please maintain it.	12/7/2015 10:30 PM
25	access to indoor sports courts - badminton	12/3/2015 9:33 AM
26	Need to consolidate the various locations. Fewer locations, better service.	12/2/2015 9:19 PM
27	Parks and Recreation are not the public restroom police, this belongs with a contracted service paid for out of the Promote Astoria Fund or farm out to ADHDA and have the merchants find a solution. Restrooms in the parks and halls are your responsibility.	12/2/2015 8:23 PM
28	Restrooms in the downtown & River Walk areas	12/2/2015 1:39 PM

29	The homeless population needs to be managed to avoid conflicts with users of public spaces. Perhaps a tent city could be developed as has been done in Portland. This way bathrooms, garbage pickup, sewer and water, electricity could be focused on a single area. This would minimize costs, conflicts with public space users, and show a bit of humanity towards the less fortunate. I think maybe the Alderwood end of the "Riverwalk" might be suitable. Several already use the area.	11/25/2015 10:40 AM
30	More bathrooms would be great (especially at Fred lindstrom) IF they were maintained.	11/24/2015 7:52 PM

Q16 Use this space to provide any additional feedback on indoor facilities:

Answered: 114 Skipped: 767

#	Responses	Date
1	"Building more public restrooms" is a nice idea, but not if the costs outweigh the benefits. In other words, they should be in a high-traffic area (like the one near the Market and Co-Op) and not in a place that would be vulnerable to abuse/misuse.	1/3/2016 12:53 AM
2	For #13, I put that I never use many of the facilities offered, but the reasons for that is there is no child care offered at them at the times that my young child and I can go. I would love to take advantage of these place. More than love to, but because of the limited times for childcare, I cannot. Perhaps, an area that can be looked into would be offering child care all day long for people with children that have to work in the mornings (or other reasons). Seriously, I cannot stress enough how much I would begin going to the rec if the hours for child care there were better for my own needs.	12/31/2015 8:57 PM
3	It's unfair that those of us who live outside city limits can no longer get scholarships for pool. Me, myself I am disabled & the new pricing is WAY TOO EXPENSIVE	12/31/2015 7:01 PM
4	I didn't know there were public restrooms at the doughboy monument.	12/31/2015 6:37 PM
5	Older people need more restrooms available. Restrooms spaced on river walk would be nice!	12/31/2015 6:05 PM
6	It is nice to have more indoor activities available because of the weather. I also think that if the price at the Aquatic Center was not so high more people including myself and family would want to visit it a lot more often.	12/31/2015 2:58 PM
7	Due to the volumes of rain we get I feel indoor spaces are equally important to trails & parks.	12/31/2015 1:05 PM
8	The recreation center needs to be moved back to the aquatic center, since it moved out it has been harder to use the Recreation Center. At the aquatic center you could go to a exercise class take a shower and make it to work on time, now there are no showers or changing rooms at the rec center. Families could send the kids in to swim while the parents took an exercise class. Also the swimming pool needs to be open later especially in the winter, to get kids dinner and then try and go swimming is not possible with an early closing. In the summer kids can be outside but in the fall/winter and spring there is no place to take the family with kids to exercise in the evenings.	12/31/2015 11:29 AM
9	I am neutral on some things since I do not use them...as a senior resident.	12/31/2015 10:43 AM
10	The fourth question above about combing facilities is a good concept but the existing space would not allow it to work well.	12/31/2015 10:00 AM
11	We had Shively rented for an event but it was so musty smelling we changed venues. Seems like the city has great places, BUT only if able to maintain	12/31/2015 9:33 AM
12	Pool to expensive for seniors and low to mid income people...	12/31/2015 9:19 AM
13	just found out about port of play a couple months ago.....great for my young grandson!	12/30/2015 7:23 PM
14	Facilities that are not maintained adequately in Astoria's rainy climate deteriorate and ultimately cost more to repair than to maintain in good condition.	12/30/2015 4:26 PM
15	not enough of them. Should be open all year	12/30/2015 1:20 PM
16	Bathrooms need to be open 24 hours. Otherwise it's a joke.	12/30/2015 9:36 AM
17	Please bring back the skating rink and a place for the Shanghaied Roller Dolls to compete. Stop taking city. Time to give back. The Shanghaied Roller Dolls do a lot for our community. We don't want to go swimming all the time.	12/30/2015 1:20 AM
18	Unless I see a VERY well written plan, I do not see how the childcare and aquatic center can be combined. My child currently attends Lil Sprouts pre-school. The Port o play building is perfect for the pre-school and child care program.	12/29/2015 11:50 PM

19	Myself and many others I know were extremely disappointed with the recent overhaul of the Aquatic Center cardio/weight room equipment. I feel that the old equipment was perfectly good and was wasted and the new set-up really decreases the versatility of the gym. I used to love the place-small gym but clean and had everything I needed. Now I am hardly going there at all because it doesn't have a lot of the machines I used to love. Great opportunity for those that want to use the "cross-fit" bars but as I said I know many people who are disappointed. On another note, I think it's very important that we have things for teens to do in this small town. I was very glad to hear that there is a teen center at the Astoria Rec. Center but fear that the entire rec. center is under-utilized. I feel that with a little more outreach the place could be a real community center and local citizens/businesses may be quite willing to help improve the teen center and other resources there. I appreciate this opportunity to share my input. Thanks.	12/29/2015 9:22 PM
20	Put back Zumba in Astoria Rec.	12/29/2015 7:04 PM
21	Stop worrying about adding and maintain what you have.	12/29/2015 6:21 PM
22	The pool used to be fun back then now they don't have nothing and they raise prices not ok	12/29/2015 2:02 PM
23	New to the area and didn't know a lot of this existed.	12/29/2015 11:13 AM
24	Maybe a small restroom at Fred Lindstrom park	12/29/2015 10:15 AM
25	The Aquatic Centers weight room is a joke for the drop in price of \$6. That is WAY too high for a casual user so we don't pay it and instead go somewhere else. What about reduced rates for parents of swim lesson kids or a punch card rate of \$4 (REC center class price) so the facility actually gets used?	12/29/2015 1:54 AM
26	Supporting the Recreation/ Pool facilities to allow better hours for working people to use!	12/28/2015 9:24 PM
27	I have trouble finding up to date information about different facilities, and also figuring out where the locations are: the teen center for example, I haven't been able to find any information to even know if my son is old enough, or if there are tween activities in the community.	12/28/2015 8:14 PM
28	Options to stay active and involved with community are important during rainy weather.	12/28/2015 7:27 PM
29	More restrooms is extremely important to the tourist trade, as well as to pedestrians around town. I said I have never been to the doughboy restrooms, that's cause I didn't even know they were open!	12/28/2015 5:48 PM
30	It's important to make sure that the public restrooms feel clean and safe. How do we keep drug usage out?	12/28/2015 2:18 PM
31	I feel that there are enough restrooms to maintain..... I've found that no matter what season of the year or day of the week nor time of the day, more often than not, they are so dirty that I have walked out to find another elsewhere.	12/28/2015 1:27 PM
32	Unlocking the current public restrooms during the hours that humans typically wish to spend time outdoors might be helpful. It's not at all important to combine facilities. We have enough facilities available that are being underused. The last thing we need is another addition to our property taxes. I already almost don't have time to use the existing facilities because I'm so busy working to support them.	12/28/2015 1:19 PM
33	The efficiency of combining Aquatic, Rec and Child care is attractive - but is there room?	12/28/2015 1:00 PM
34	Would love an indoor walking track	12/28/2015 12:58 PM
35	Teen center seems very poorly placed. Would have been a great location for a water sports/ rental outlet though.	12/28/2015 12:20 PM
36	We have not had the chance to utilize many of the facilities.	12/28/2015 11:16 AM
37	If the rec center and port of play were combined it would be great but where will it be located?	12/28/2015 9:17 AM
38	We need public indoor basketball and racquetball with childcare	12/27/2015 8:04 PM
39	Move the fitness studios so that they are in the same location as the weight training studio, or include a weight training center at the ARC. Now I have to go to two places.	12/27/2015 5:02 PM
40	Price for the Aquatic Center fitness facility is too high. Also, the middle pool at the Aquatic Center is too cold. My daughter's lips always turn blue, and she started to hate swimming lessons because of it.	12/27/2015 9:06 AM
41	The Doughboy restroom does not seem like a safe place.	12/26/2015 11:06 PM
42	Please build a raquetball court. Fix the water heat at pool showers...it's way too hot	12/23/2015 1:54 PM
43	love the armory skatepark idea, would love to help develop older kid appropriate indoor area on south slope (gray?) for indoor exercise during winter hours - climbing walls? ropes to climb? dodgeballs? scooter track inside? foam pit with trampoline?	12/23/2015 10:19 AM
44	The activities need better communication regarding a central location for events and activities.	12/20/2015 5:29 PM
45	I either can't afford it Or never heard of it to be able to contribute to the discussion of these	12/20/2015 2:11 PM

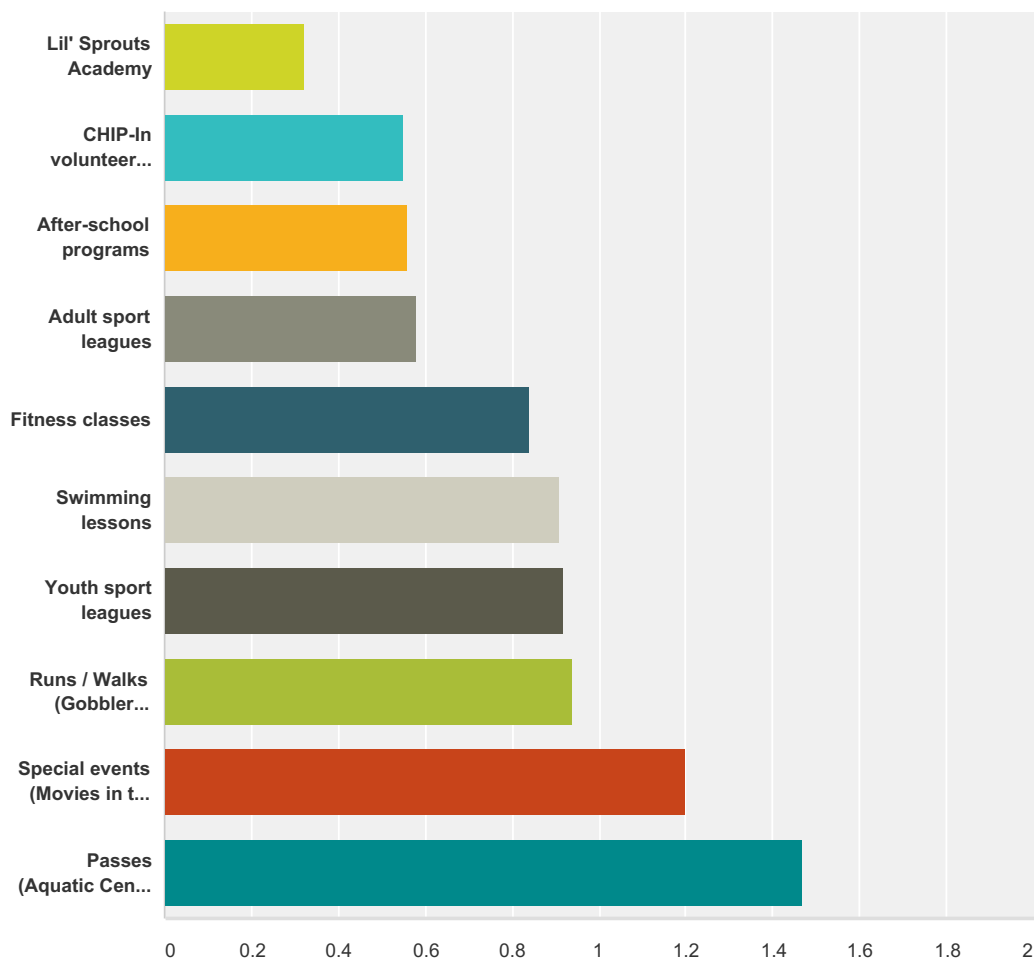
46	Longer or later pool and fitness hours	12/20/2015 11:05 AM
47	Would be nice to expand aquatic center using fenced lawn area to include fitness studios, eliminating those at yacht club. Partner with armory for indoor courts.	12/19/2015 8:29 AM
48	My family would use the pool more often if the play pool was warmer. Instead, we go to Seaside.	12/18/2015 8:37 PM
49	We would use the spaces a lot more if the fees weren't so high. It should just be one membership for everything including port a play. The memberships is just too high. I hate asking for scholarship money. Just take that money and make the price low enough for everyone.	12/18/2015 1:59 PM
50	From the tourist standpoint, I think more public restrooms would be great. As a parent, I can't imagine life without the Aquatic center and port of play. Adding to or improving these facilities would always get my vote.	12/18/2015 11:33 AM
51	Antiquated... An outdoor covered area for services at OVC was discussed a few years ago.	12/18/2015 11:12 AM
52	Cost is too high for Aquatic Center...this will keep people away.	12/18/2015 9:23 AM
53	I think there are too many indoor facilities. I support consolidation, but not necessarily to include child care, although drop-in care would be helpful and relevant to fitness classes. It seems that the port of play is ok as it exists, but if it would save money in the long run, it would make more sense to consolidate. We definitely need to see a consolidation of the rec and aquatic centers. It is just too confusing and jumbled to have everything scattered. It would be VERY nice to have the recreation opportunities centralized and expanded.	12/18/2015 8:58 AM
54	I find that I save money going to Seaside for swimming, etc..I cannot afford Astoria's prices at the Aquatic center.	12/18/2015 8:37 AM
55	The Aquatic Center is central to being active in Astoria during the winter and rainy season. Public restrooms are essential for keeping Astoria clean.	12/18/2015 8:19 AM
56	Anything we do to provide a safe and innovative environment for our youth is worthwhile.	12/17/2015 11:44 PM
57	Wish the pool had better hours later into the evening. I know this has been done before and they changed back the hours. Maybe if you cut back on all the other unnecessary things this could be a long term.	12/17/2015 6:37 PM
58	Combining the aquatic center, recreation center and child care into one location in my opinion would not be feasible because a new building would have to be built. There is not enough room to add all of these to the existing aquatic center	12/17/2015 6:13 PM
59	Creating an all inclusive community center that had a central location should be a priority.	12/17/2015 5:54 PM
60	Why can't we drive the Shively park road and what happened to it's Picnic area. Why is it not available???	12/17/2015 5:35 PM
61	Due to the weather we do need more indoor recreational opportunities: tennis, racquet ball, climbing, indoor bike/skate park (very excited we finally have an indoor skate park and roller skating). What about an indoor dog park with agility trails or American ninja style park for adults and kids?	12/17/2015 5:31 PM
62	Share with Schools and Port	12/17/2015 5:21 PM
63	Not late enough hours, no childcare and high prices make it not worth it.	12/17/2015 5:14 PM
64	We need those indoor spaces to come together when it is so stormy and rainy.	12/17/2015 3:31 PM
65	Public restrooms would have to be maintained at a cost to consider.	12/17/2015 1:54 PM
66	I would love to take advantage of the Aquatic Center and related facilities but the cost is too much for my household.	12/17/2015 1:25 PM
67	We would use the Aquatic Center a lot more often if it was not so expensive. I don't see the logic in continuing to pump money into a facility that is not reasonably affordable for families to utilize.	12/17/2015 12:54 PM
68	I greatly appreciate the indoor recreation opportunities that the city has developed over the past decade, and I think that between the Aquatic Center, ARC, and non-Parks facilities such as the Armory, Astoria's in good shape for indoor rec. facilities for children and adults.	12/16/2015 6:40 PM
69	I think its important for the city to prioritize offering indoor facilities that the community would not have without tax support. Rental spaces (community halls), workout classes and facilities, and childcare are things that could be provided by other entities in the community (though they may be filling a current need). Things like public restrooms and a swimming pool cannot be provided by any other entity. I think that if all the indoor facilities are going to stay, they should be housed in proximity to one another (ideally the same building) so they can make efficient use of resources like utilities and staff. It will also make it much easier for the community to access the diverse services offered so they are not competing with one another for participation.	12/15/2015 4:32 PM
70	Places for teens to meet very important.	12/14/2015 5:11 PM
71	The river walk is and forever be the number one people magnet that Astoria has. Permanent restrooms should be there. Stronger laws/city regs to keep the bums away from the river walk.	12/10/2015 3:14 PM

72	open the doughboy bathrooms	12/9/2015 6:28 PM
73	Bathroom at Lindstrom!!!	12/9/2015 8:46 AM
74	Peter pan park desperately needs a bathroom!	12/9/2015 8:46 AM
75	Please do not cut back on child care at Little Sprouts and ARC. Charge more if you need to so it can be maintained.	12/7/2015 10:30 PM
76	Yacht club should be sold - funds could help support parks improvements	12/7/2015 7:20 PM
77	We should combine all our facilities	12/7/2015 1:33 PM
78	I would like to see the fitness classes in the same facility as the pool. I would use the classes more if there were locker rooms and changing facilities and pool, and better yet, child care, in same facility.	12/7/2015 11:31 AM
79	increase rent amounts to cover maintenance and upgrades childcare programs are extremely important-raise fees for those that can pay	12/7/2015 8:53 AM
80	Indoor facilities need to be improved; specifically rental community facilities.	12/6/2015 10:44 AM
81	building a restroom along the riverwalk would not ONLY help the homeless, though I think having a restroom for the homeless is important. But many older persons and children need a restroom break!	12/5/2015 8:33 AM
82	Indoor rock climbing gym would be an incredible addition somewhere. Also, the fumes from the chlorine pool make working out in the gm there nearly impossible for people with chemical sensitivities. Please keep that in consideration when thinking of combining more facilities in that environment. Would a salt water system as a chlorine alternative be possible? I would use the pool 3-5 times a week if it were.	12/4/2015 10:19 AM
83	More class variet @ rec	12/4/2015 8:09 AM
84	Like the idea of combining all into one facility. We used to have a YMCA , I spent a lot of time there.	12/4/2015 4:40 AM
85	My two major priorities of extreme importance would be to combine the facilities to provide a full family/community center, and to have access to basketball/racquetball courts for open gym times	12/3/2015 8:27 PM
86	Thank you for maintaining a great pool facility! How about a covered skate park?	12/3/2015 4:18 PM
87	We could spend all our money on things like this but only a very few would benefit.	12/3/2015 12:42 PM
88	In my opinion the pool is disgusting. My daughter swims there at least three times a week, I have plenty of time to look around. I was excited to see the pool being closed for the month of September expecting a sparkling facility. That is not at all what I see, the showers/locker room floors are disgusting, the hot tub surround area is disgusting as well as the area around the lap pool.	12/3/2015 11:30 AM
89	I'm not sure why the city is running programs that should and could be run by a privately owned business	12/3/2015 11:23 AM
90	I quit using the Aquatic Center when the prices went up too high. I was using it several times a week. I am on a fixed income, do not qualify for discounts and meds, etc. seem to come first.	12/3/2015 8:29 AM
91	Pool is too cold for kids.	12/3/2015 7:33 AM
92	none	12/3/2015 1:54 AM
93	We have attempted on many occasions to rent these different buildings and swim time and the arc and all facilities are extremely unorganized. Any person at any given time on any day will give you different answers to questions regarding times and fees and dues. It's extremely frustrating to call in and be told something only to find out upon arrival that the kiddie pool is actually closed or parts of the arc are closed or certain fees are different. The kids sports have also been misleading at times. Parks and Rec has been a mess for quite some time and for locals that want to use these services as part of their everyday life, these things could use improvements.	12/2/2015 9:43 PM
94	Homeless people live in the two public restrooms in the city! ??	12/2/2015 9:03 PM
95	Maintenance in old facilities is a blessing or a curse. We who use them have grown to not expect too much and are sometimes please that a refurbishing has occurred. The expertise of an interior design team would really help in bringing the halls back to their funky vintage look. Remember Alderbrook Hall was a fire station. And Shively Park and buildings has more history that has not been revealed and enhanced upon.	12/2/2015 8:23 PM
96	We need more public restrooms that are maintained and open everyday. These also need signs directing the large amount of visitors we get. Businesses cannot be expected to provide public restrooms. I don't feel this should only be the Parks & Rec responsibility, the City of Astoria and possibly the Chamber or Business Associations should help with the costs.	12/2/2015 4:50 PM

97	We stopped going to the Astoria pool several years ago - and started going to Seaside. The pool had open swim at the same time as swim lessons - so there was a constant interruption. Every lesson there was a new instructor. The change room/and bathrooms were not always clean. Several times we came for lessons, only to find out lessons had been canceled. This was about 3 years ago -	12/2/2015 3:51 PM
98	Again, prudence please...	12/2/2015 3:20 PM
99	Need place for indoor open gym ages 7-14.	12/2/2015 3:19 PM
100	I think the aquatic center is to expensive. We would love to use it a lot but can't afford to pay that much all the time.	12/2/2015 2:43 PM
101	The temperature of the aquatic center therapy pool is too cold. The kids that work there should not be left without the supervision of an adult. The programming as the ARC is poorly managed and you are not hiring qualified, certified instructors.	12/2/2015 2:35 PM
102	Would you be building public restrooms to be ruined for the homeless?	12/2/2015 1:52 PM
103	I think the kind of facilities offered is appropriate, but it would be nice if more of them--specifically the ARC and Aquatic Center and maybe even the programs of Port of Play were all offered in one location. Personally, I liked how the ARC was more centrally located to the center of town before.	12/2/2015 1:43 PM
104	I would love a gym/ymca with more readily available daycare.	12/1/2015 10:45 PM
105	The current seasonal passes for the aquatic center are so insanely expensive. Being in the Coast Guard community, many of us swim for our exercise however due to the cost, most of us choose to work out on base instead, even though the aquatic center is much nicer of a facility. I realize the cost is of maintaining the facility is high, however the cost of this center is the highest I have ever seen in any city I have lived in.	11/30/2015 8:35 PM
106	need more public restrooms	11/30/2015 4:25 PM
107	Again I would love to see more offered for preschool and younger agree children in the community	11/30/2015 4:01 PM
108	Can another city department, Water and Sewer public works, provide for restroom development and maintenance?	11/30/2015 12:11 PM
109	Indoor tennis! Showers at the ARC!	11/30/2015 11:31 AM
110	Have you noticed it rains? And how many fat kids we have? They need indoor exercise.	11/26/2015 1:14 AM
111	It's absurd that tax payers should pay for maintaining the aquatic center. It's not a community center, it's far too expensive for "normal" Astoria residents to use and there is NO community access to the facility. Elderly? Low income? Go Away!	11/25/2015 11:48 AM
112	The aquatic center needs better hours and more advertising for classes available. Plus is there a program for low income families to have access to the park facilities	11/25/2015 10:14 AM
113	Consolidation of the services into one facility would be a huge benefit. The quality of the community halls is substandard and the cost of increasing the standard is overwhelming because of the age and original design of the structures. A good community room could have benefits of decreasing maintenance costs and increasing options but would require tearing down some old structures (Shively, ARC, Alderbrook) which is probably not something that could get support.	11/25/2015 9:04 AM
114	We rented Shively hAll a few years back. Very hard to get hold of Tara to set it all up, get keys, etc. day of event no outside lights worked. Very hard for guests to get back to cars in dark. Again tried to call Tara the following week to address our safety concerns. Never heard back on any calls or emails. Would not rent from parks and rec again because of this experience.	11/24/2015 9:23 PM

Q17 How often do you or members of your household use the following programs and services?

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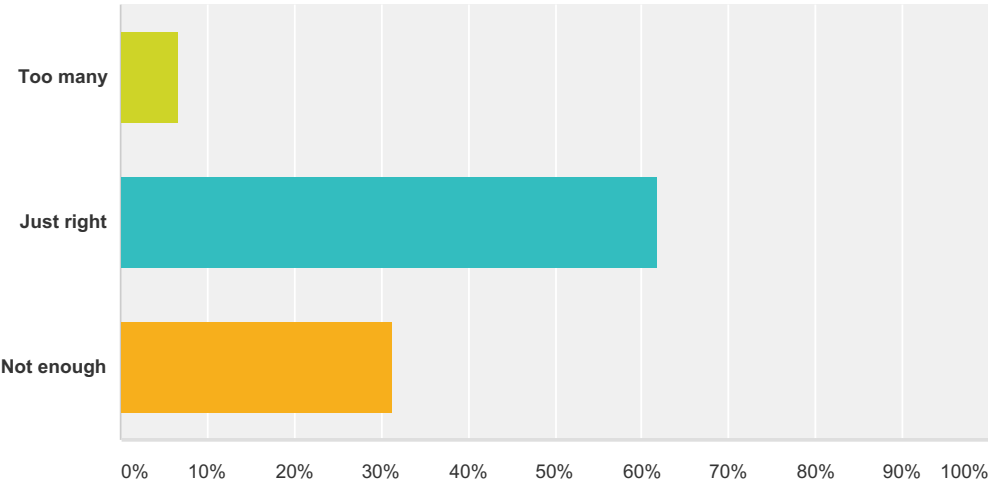


	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently	Total	Weighted Average
Lil' Sprouts Academy	82.48% 626	8.56% 65	3.29% 25	5.67% 43	759	0.32
CHIP-In volunteer events	63.06% 478	22.30% 169	11.48% 87	3.17% 24	758	0.55
After-school programs	67.19% 514	15.16% 116	11.76% 90	5.88% 45	765	0.56
Adult sport leagues	65.80% 504	16.97% 130	10.70% 82	6.53% 50	766	0.58
Fitness classes	52.62% 402	20.42% 156	16.88% 129	10.08% 77	764	0.84
Swimming lessons	51.70% 396	16.84% 129	20.37% 156	11.10% 85	766	0.91
Youth sport leagues	57.40% 438	10.35% 79	14.94% 114	17.30% 132	763	0.92

Runs / Walks (Gobbler Gallop, Run on the River, Fun Run, etc.)	46.48% 357	22.27% 171	21.74% 167	9.51% 73	768	0.94
Special events (Movies in the Park, Easter Egg Hunt, etc.)	31.33% 240	29.63% 227	26.50% 203	12.53% 96	766	1.20
Passes (Aquatic Center Pass, Land and Water Pass, Punch Pass)	30.80% 235	18.48% 141	23.98% 183	26.74% 204	763	1.47

Q18 What is your opinion of the number of programs and services offered by Astoria Parks & Recreation?

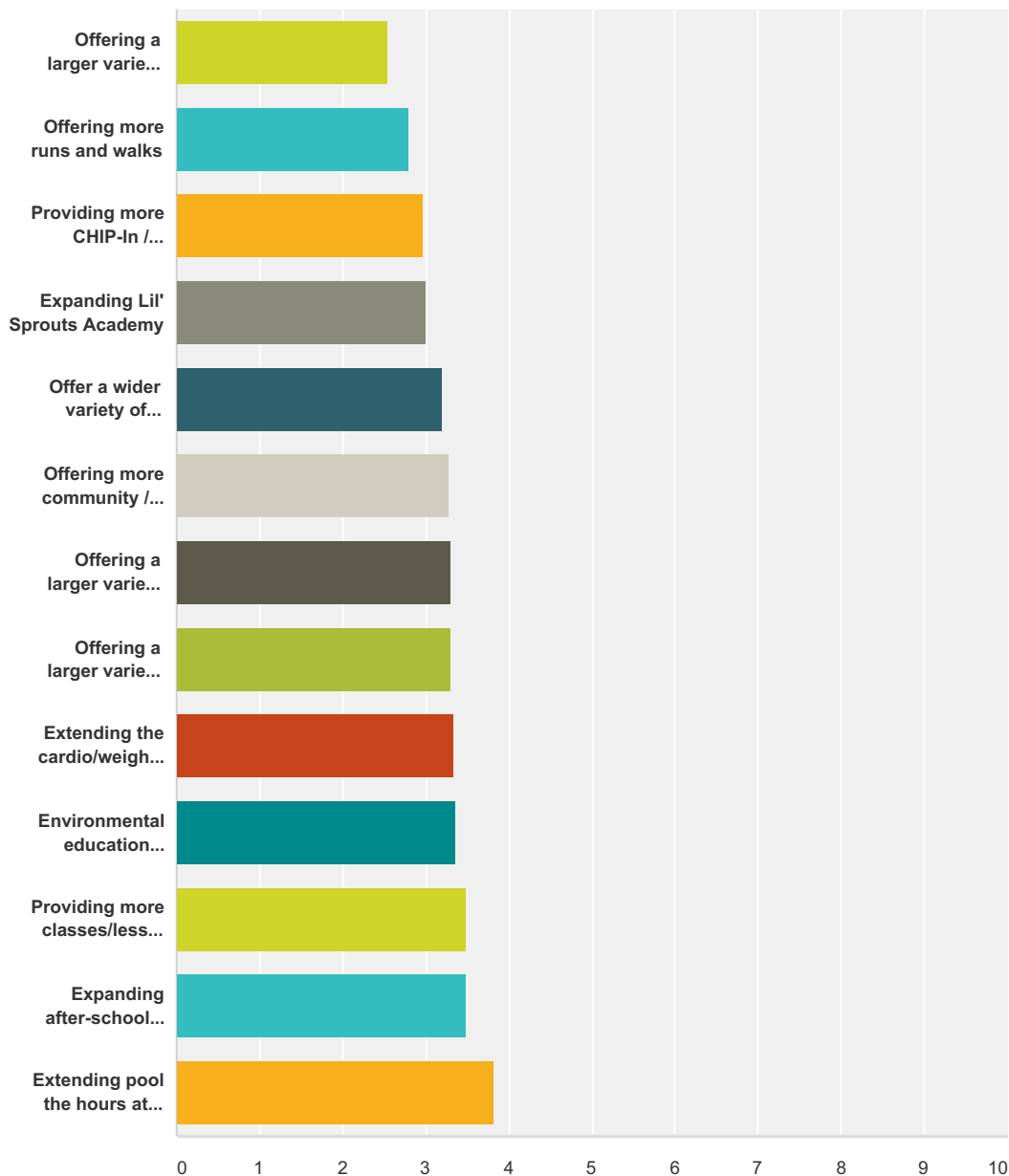
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Answer Choices	Responses
Too many	6.74% 52
Just right	61.87% 477
Not enough	31.39% 242
Total	771

Q19 Regarding programs and services, how important to you is investment in the following areas?

Answered: 771 Skipped: 110



	Not at all Important	Low Importance	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Moderately Important	Very Important	Extremely Important	Total	Weighted Average
Offering a larger variety of adult sport leagues	14.75% 113	20.76% 159	9.66% 74	23.63% 181	16.97% 130	8.75% 67	5.48% 42	766	2.55
Offering more runs and walks	11.52% 88	14.79% 113	11.39% 87	30.37% 232	16.23% 124	8.90% 68	6.81% 52	764	2.79
Providing more CHIP-In / volunteer opportunities	8.55% 65	11.45% 87	11.32% 86	33.95% 258	18.95% 144	10.79% 82	5.00% 38	760	2.96

Expanding Lil' Sprouts Academy	11.35% 86	10.82% 82	9.63% 73	33.64% 255	13.32% 101	11.87% 90	9.37% 71	758	3.00
Offer a wider variety of rental equipment (e.g. paddle boards, kayaks)	9.92% 76	10.57% 81	10.44% 80	21.54% 165	23.63% 181	13.45% 103	10.44% 80	766	3.20
Offering more community / special events	6.69% 51	11.29% 86	9.58% 73	25.59% 195	24.15% 184	13.52% 103	9.19% 70	762	3.27
Offering a larger variety of youth sport leagues	8.77% 67	9.55% 73	10.60% 81	23.82% 182	21.34% 163	14.53% 111	11.39% 87	764	3.29
Offering a larger variety of fitness classes	7.44% 57	9.66% 74	12.40% 95	22.32% 171	22.85% 175	14.75% 113	10.57% 81	766	3.30
Extending the cardio/weight room hours at the Aquatic Center	8.40% 64	10.24% 78	8.40% 64	26.51% 202	19.42% 148	12.47% 95	14.57% 111	762	3.34
Environmental education programs (e.g. gardening, native plants, restoration/conservation, marine biology)	9.14% 70	9.27% 71	11.36% 87	20.23% 155	21.41% 164	13.58% 104	15.01% 115	766	3.36
Providing more classes/lessons/programs at the Aquatic Center	6.27% 48	7.96% 61	8.88% 68	24.93% 191	25.07% 192	14.62% 112	12.27% 94	766	3.48
Expanding after-school programs	6.41% 49	7.71% 59	12.68% 97	17.39% 133	25.88% 198	19.35% 148	10.59% 81	765	3.49
Extending pool the hours at the Aquatic Center	4.72% 36	7.21% 55	6.55% 50	21.89% 167	21.76% 166	17.69% 135	20.18% 154	763	3.83

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	I would like to see our events to be less alcoholic & more music & Art focused. It seems to me alot of folks come to these just to drink	12/31/2015 1:12 PM
2	find revenue other than taxes to support programs	12/31/2015 11:22 AM
3	Dance,all kinds all ages	12/29/2015 10:50 AM
4	KEEP CLEAN WHAT WE HAVE	12/29/2015 4:05 AM
5	Ambiguites in a couple of questions frustrating	12/28/2015 1:03 PM
6	paddle boarding, kayaking, and water safety classes. Develop a pass that would include several months for just the fitness classes. People could have a choice of the punch card pass or a pass that was for a quarter or several months.	12/27/2015 5:09 PM
7	Self defense classes	12/26/2015 11:16 PM
8	Pool and thAt facility are priority. Work with what we have. More afternoon hours again	12/19/2015 8:05 AM
9	I don't even know what CHIP-In is!!!! I am always looking for volunteer opportunities. Where do we rent the rental equipment. I didn't know we had that either!! :-(12/17/2015 2:11 PM
10	Weekend childcare would be awesome. It's next to impossible to find in this town.	12/16/2015 6:45 PM
11	Understanding cost but for larger families many things are too expensive for them to do.. Low incomes or unemployed	12/11/2015 12:03 AM
12	chip isn't workign and sports programs aren't either because there aren't enough coaches	12/10/2015 6:00 PM
13	Love the community gardens, Get Rebecca Sedlak moving on the ones she took over!	12/9/2015 6:41 PM
14	paddle boards!	12/9/2015 9:52 AM
15	Tai Chi and Qigong for adults. Tai Chi in the Garden of Surging Waves.	12/2/2015 8:29 PM
16	Year round under 5 sports (baseball, soccer, karate, etc)	11/30/2015 4:05 PM
17	Saturday swimming lessons	11/27/2015 4:07 AM
18	Increasing the staff to make sure all parts of the aquatic center (ie the slide) are open during all operational hours	11/25/2015 2:57 PM

19	I think group walks would be nice and offer a degree of safety to those who fear walking alone.	11/25/2015 10:44 AM
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Q20 Use this space to provide any additional feedback on programs and services:

Answered: 100 Skipped: 781

#	Responses	Date
1	I chose "neutral" on several responses because I support the ideas, e.g. more community/special events, but ONLY if they are cost-effective for the City to provide. I have seen so many great events offered by the City that are poorly attended, which is unfortunate but also costly.	1/3/2016 12:57 AM
2	Along with a larger variety and extended hours with the classes, some in-house child care would be amazing. When I go to the Aquatic Center with my child, the pool is often occupied by others in free swim, and he is not free to actually play while the lap pools remain entirely unused. The slide is always closed in the mid-morning hours too.	12/31/2015 9:02 PM
3	When my child was young, we enjoyed many of the parks dept. offerings. But now as a young adult attending Clatsop College, there is not much offered for that age group. Several students have asked about social opportunities that do not involve alcohol or sports.	12/31/2015 4:06 PM
4	I think you do a great job with the resources & staff you have available.	12/31/2015 1:12 PM
5	Work with the schools to enhance the sports and exercise options for kids. Like basketball, running or track options for kids that don't want to be on a team but would like to participate. My son favorite thing in PE is badminton, activities that all kids and parents can join.	12/31/2015 11:38 AM
6	I would like to see trained people teach water aerobics.	12/31/2015 10:46 AM
7	Increase fees for non-residents. Residents of Astoria are subsidizing non-residents which has a negative impact on the Parks & Rec Dept.	12/31/2015 10:31 AM
8	It would be nice if the pool facility was open earlier on Saturday mornings, particularly in winter months when there are fewer outdoor activity opportunities in the region.	12/31/2015 10:04 AM
9	Again, if it can't be done well, don't do it. We quit swim lessons in years back because it was TOO expensive for what our kids were learning. Feels the same with other parks experiences.	12/31/2015 9:37 AM
10	Because I don't participate in parks programs, I don't feel I can comment on most of the above.	12/30/2015 4:29 PM
11	Pool is too cold and too expensive . We use the Seaside aquatic center.	12/30/2015 1:23 PM
12	na	12/30/2015 1:18 PM
13	For years I have wanted to take an aquatic fitness class in the pool but the times offered are not conducive to most work schedules. If there were a class offered early morning (before 7am) or after 3:00 I would be extremely likely to participate,	12/29/2015 9:27 PM
14	We need more events for the locals and not the tourists.	12/29/2015 6:14 PM
15	like to see more indoor recreation for everyone during winter season.	12/29/2015 6:11 PM
16	Again didn't know these existed.	12/29/2015 11:15 AM
17	Extended hours for the pool in the summer especially!	12/29/2015 9:45 AM
18	hOW ABOUT A HAPPY HELLO WHEN YOU GO TO THE POOL	12/29/2015 4:05 AM
19	Community gardens will benefit the public. Help your city grow fresh organic food and teach the children how to garden they are the future and so is organic farming !!!	12/28/2015 9:56 PM
20	Besides extending the Pool/Recreation Center to allow more use by working people, consider featuring different groups on different nights. i.e., Senior Night (lap pool and in-water exercise in main pool), Teen Night, etc.. One thing I've noticed over the years, it's VERY difficult to have Swim Team, "private" lessons, and only 1-2 lanes left for evening Lap Swim every weeknight. If a person gets off work about 5pm, maybe gets into the water and shares 1-2 lanes by 6pm, then the facility closes at 7pm!	12/28/2015 9:42 PM
21	Again, the main reason I am taking this survey is to be able to speak on behalf of our adult sports peers and stress how urgent the need is for field maintenance and officials before someone gets seriously injured or the leagues depletes to nothing for lack of importance	12/28/2015 7:55 PM

22	Aquatic center passes are too expensive and offer no advantage to pay as you go...I've bought them in the past but will not in the future...weekend hours are poor	12/28/2015 4:07 PM
23	Classes or leagues for kids not yet school age	12/28/2015 3:43 PM
24	I didn't know parks and recreation offered equipment to rent. Where can people get more info on what type of equipment there is and costs?	12/28/2015 3:04 PM
25	There used to be quite a lot of one-day youth classes when I was growing up, like clay sculpture and chocolate making. I wish there were more opportunities like that.	12/28/2015 2:20 PM
26	I cant afford the pool and water programs because I live outside of astoria I would love being able to buy passes for my grand children if I wete able to pay the same as Astoria residents.	12/28/2015 2:00 PM
27	There should be a "neutral" of "no opinion" answer choice for Question 18, and the others of that same limited format	12/28/2015 1:14 PM
28	More youth sports leagues or programs that will run year round	12/28/2015 12:36 PM
29	I would like to see habitat restoration of Alderbrook lagoon.	12/28/2015 12:21 PM
30	I would really like to see an adult swim club added to the Aquatic Center. It would be great to have a group of adults that get together 1 night/ week to swim and keep each other motivated.	12/28/2015 9:39 AM
31	Expanding duration and number of games in the youth sports leagues is extremely important. The 2nd grade boys basketball season included only 4 games. That's absolutely ridiculous!!	12/28/2015 8:33 AM
32	Erin is wonderful at little sprouts.	12/27/2015 11:56 PM
33	The adult fitness classes at ARC are excellent. I would like a more comprehensive pass as sometimes I go to two or three classes/day and use up the punch card too fast.	12/27/2015 5:09 PM
34	It would be cool to offer one free additional hour of childcare to parents with kids at after school or Lil Sprouts to participate in fitness classes at the ARC.	12/27/2015 9:09 AM
35	Because the college does not offer opportunities for student recreation outside of classes, there is a need for non-alcoholic social activities for older teens and young adults. For example, theme dances, costume events, clubs or other activities that are not sports related.	12/26/2015 11:16 PM
36	Need to work on the Aquatic Center. Facility is ALWAYS having problems when we go: no hot water, bathrooms are NOT clean, maintain the facility better.	12/24/2015 11:35 AM
37	Would love more info on programs - sometimes difficult to find out whats happening in town!	12/23/2015 10:26 AM
38	My experience with organized youth sports has not been very good. I have been very frustrated with the poor communication especially during the flag football season.	12/19/2015 10:30 PM
39	Love to do a lot of these things but can't afford to.	12/19/2015 8:31 PM
40	Our kids are at that age where it's difficult for us to take advantage of these programs. The cost of some programs are too high, but I would support the establishment of a tax supported recreation district like Seaside's.	12/18/2015 8:41 PM
41	Still fairly new to the community, but excited to get more involved	12/18/2015 7:57 PM
42	I've had my children enrolled in swim lessons at the Seaside pool for the past couple of years because I've found the facilities and the staff at the Astoria Pool inadequate... especially the staff, when it comes to teaching kids how to swim. Additionally, the pool is so damned cold! We've had a really poor experience with the Astoria Pool, but a really great experience at the Seaside Pool.	12/18/2015 7:26 PM
43	Please combine childcare and more fitness equipment. It is unfortunate that you don't have that capability anymore. Also sometimes good you programs begin and lose momentum, so there isn't security in what types of programs will be offered, or for how long	12/18/2015 4:42 PM
44	I would like to see an adult indoor soccer/futsal league and an outdoor league. I would also like to see for-fun pick-soccer (indoor and outdoor) for youth become a regular event.	12/18/2015 2:45 PM
45	Again the fees are just to high. The lil sprouts doesn't open until 7:30. If it opened earlier people could drop their kids off in the morning to be able to get on the morning bus.	12/18/2015 2:04 PM
46	During your summer day camp program, there's hardly anything offered for young teens. The few things there are seem to be "extreme sports" type activities. How about other programs for this age group? Tennis camp? Art or Music or Space camp? Geared toward OLDER kids and publicized so people actually know it's being offered. So many things are for little kids in this town, which is nice, but older kids need activities to keep them out of trouble and away from all the electronics over the summer!	12/18/2015 12:27 PM

47	As a teacher, I believe we desperately need more after school options for children k-12. Something for homework help as well as structured games and sports with good supervision and a safe, welcoming atmosphere.	12/18/2015 11:36 AM
48	\$10-20 per person for an hour to two hour weekend kayak tour at FSSP. At JBLM(MWR) its \$30/ day and includes life jacket. Kayaks pay for themselves	12/18/2015 11:19 AM
49	Please do CHIP-in activities on days other than Sundays. We want to help but Sunday is a day to attend church.	12/18/2015 9:26 AM
50	Child care is definitely a problem in the area. We have been on the waiting list at little sprouts for months. We don't utilize the fitness classes, because we hate that they are not consolidated. It would be nice if mom could do a class while dad and baby swam, or did some other activity at the same location. Increasing the opportunities at one location will lead to more interest. I also thi k renting equipment is a great idea, which would also appeal to tourists, which are now a huge part of our economy. I think that consolidation of facilities would also appeal to tourists as well as locals.	12/18/2015 9:05 AM
51	Once again, Astorias pricing is too high.	12/18/2015 8:38 AM
52	There seems to be an adequate number of youth sport leagues. My children participated in many of them when they were younger. Maybe include volleyball.	12/18/2015 8:21 AM
53	The environmental education programs could be handled by the college?	12/17/2015 11:46 PM
54	Our youth need more affordable/available activities	12/17/2015 6:49 PM
55	Some of these questions should have an option to answer N/A	12/17/2015 6:16 PM
56	It seems that almost everything is a Monday through Friday schedule with a Saturday 'something' thrown into the schedule. A more inclusive class schedule including weekdays after 6 or 7 PM and Sunday events would be welcome. The hours of 9-5 do not work for everyone.	12/17/2015 5:59 PM
57	GREEN SPACES are far more important to quality of life than the fantasy of going to work out at a the gym...	12/17/2015 5:49 PM
58	The current after school program is very poorly run.	12/17/2015 5:37 PM
59	Lil' Sprouts is ls doing a fantastic job and they are always full. There is an extremely high need for infant care and more and more babies are being born, we are going through a bit of a baby boom right now! They really need a larger space. Our community is in desperate need of a lower cost quality child care and after school programs especially for low income kids.	12/17/2015 5:37 PM
60	Making some things more affordable for residents.	12/17/2015 5:27 PM
61	Why Compete with Private industry on rentals? Why Compete with Weight/Exercise rooms? College provides classes as well as other	12/17/2015 5:24 PM
62	Would like to see more of a focus on developing fundamentals in the younger sports leagues and less on the games with more experienced coaches for everyone to learn from.	12/17/2015 5:20 PM
63	I'd use the pool and ARC more often if they were more affordable. I generally purchase a pool pass once/year for my family, but I cannot afford to do so more often... and that was before the rate increase. I'd rather see reduced hours and affordable rates than vice versa.	12/16/2015 6:45 PM
64	Activities for young people a priority!! (esp. teens)	12/14/2015 5:14 PM
65	More swimming lesson options!!	12/12/2015 10:27 PM
66	You are charging too much. only the richer folks in the community can afford your programs. You are not serving those who need it. You are really concerned about tourism not the community. We need more community gardens and affordable ones. the cost of Grey is ridiculously expensive.	12/10/2015 6:00 PM
67	Need more indoor walking areas for the rainy months.	12/10/2015 3:17 PM
68	I would like more fitness classes.	12/10/2015 2:53 PM
69	The pool/fitness centers need extended hours, more hours on weekends.	12/10/2015 1:43 PM
70	Get Emerald heights in shape	12/9/2015 6:41 PM
71	Bring back swim lessons on the weekend	12/9/2015 3:45 PM
72	Rainy day activities and open play areas within the buildings are very nice during the fall/winter months.	12/7/2015 10:33 PM
73	I feel like Astoria Parks and Rec doesn't do the best job in spreading the word about how these programs work, where they are, how much they cost, when the run, etc. For example, I lived here a long time before I even heard about the cardio-weight room, and I still don't know how much it costs to do it. I feel like the programs could be more robust	12/7/2015 10:14 AM
74	The schedule is really not accessible to working hours, especially for classes	12/6/2015 4:50 PM

75	Larger variety is needed.	12/4/2015 4:43 AM
76	Extending pool & cardio/weight room hours on weekends, open earlier.	12/3/2015 1:28 PM
77	Erin Reilly should remain the program director at Lil' Sprouts. She does an excellent job!	12/3/2015 1:19 PM
78	It appears we cannot afford to maintain what we have. Why add more stuff we cannot afford to maintain - oh, yeah, we can raise taxes.	12/3/2015 12:44 PM
79	Keep providing programs on Astoria's culture, art and history.	12/3/2015 1:59 AM
80	As I said previously on my comment before, these things could be improved greatly by actually training employees properly. It's disturbing to show up and have different sets of rules and kids that don't know what's going on. For a district so large, I would think that more effort would be put in to improve things for the next generation. There's a lack of carefulness, that could easily be fixed.	12/2/2015 9:49 PM
81	The Garden of Surging Waves is an attraction for visitors and residents alike. An active program of Tai Chi and Qigong in the GSW would enhance the visual experience of the park.	12/2/2015 8:29 PM
82	Improve and change the way swimming lessons are conducted and taught. First can't have them at the same time as open swim, secondly the instructors needs to teach the kids how to swim, not dilly dallying showing them how to blow bubble's in the water. Moved my children to Seaside pool instead, and they know how its done. Have your instructors go on a fieldtrip.	12/2/2015 3:34 PM
83	Ditto... This will mess your metrics up!	12/2/2015 3:21 PM
84	I've had a huge issue with the lack of organization with the youth sports programs. We, as parents, are given very limited notice as to when programs are starting. When you go in to sign up people at the office seem clueless. A parent that I specifically advised the Park & Rec program not to allow to coach was allowed to be a t-ball coach and many parents either asked to be on another team or pulled their kids from the program because of his background. Please get organized! I've got a lot of years ahead of me with kids in youth sports but I can only take so much!!!	12/2/2015 2:48 PM
85	It would be great if they could offer more sports life gymnastics or cheerleading.	12/2/2015 2:46 PM
86	Environmental Ed programs are through the extension office, why do more?	12/2/2015 1:54 PM
87	Offering a wider variety of rental equipment is an exciting idea, not sure if it is the duty of the rec department however...	12/1/2015 2:59 PM
88	Maybe extending sports to ages 3 and up.	12/1/2015 8:57 AM
89	Wish they had more activities for kids under 4	11/30/2015 5:43 PM
90	Make some chip-in events for a day other than Sunday.	11/30/2015 4:48 PM
91	Preschool or younger sports or programs	11/30/2015 4:05 PM
92	We could absolutely use more youth sports/activities, and better advertising for such programs.	11/30/2015 1:46 PM
93	Id love to have more community gardens with events to in luxe our children in	11/29/2015 9:13 AM
94	Really, if you close the aquatic center at 7, when are people with kids supposed to work out? Don't say in the morning because kids have to get up and get to school. Then we go to work. Yeah...7 PM doesn't cut it.	11/26/2015 1:16 AM
95	LARGER DAYCARE!	11/25/2015 2:57 PM
96	Adult sports leagues have dwindled in the last 20 years. Makes me wonder if they're worth it which is too bad but a reality.	11/25/2015 11:53 AM
97	Again, the aquatics center does not have any reasonably priced activities for the community. If you want that huge-assed center, you pay for it. The YMCA was a community center. The aquatics center is not.	11/25/2015 11:50 AM
98	More classes for senior citizens such as gentle yoga and thia chi for balance and arthritis.	11/25/2015 10:17 AM
99	The balance of programming is pretty spot on. While alot of things don't apply to me and mine, it is part of what gives the community texture and improves the quality of life.	11/25/2015 9:12 AM
100	Hard to know about programs being offered. Advertising in community seems to be lacking. Lack of communication. Website hard to find info on toddler aged events. On fliers often important pieces of info are missing (time, target age, etc). Would use these things more if they were more easily accessible	11/24/2015 9:26 PM

Q21 Use this space to share your big ideas, goals, and vision for the future of Astoria Parks & Recreation:

Answered: 303 Skipped: 578

#	Responses	Date
1	I love and appreciate all that the City has to offer and truly admire how ambitious Parks & Rec is in maintaining and improving facilities and services, as well as offering numerous special, FREE events, year-round, for families. However, it seems that the City is doing so much without much use/benefit from a high proportion of Astoria residents, calling into question cost-effectiveness and viability. It also seems the City does a lot of community outreach to publicize its events, through a variety of media (print, radio, flyers), and still participation is generally low at the special events. Thus I do not think that the solution is "better communication," nor do I think that the low level of participation/use is a reflection of the caliber of the City's offerings. Rather, it seems this is (unfortunately) a reflection of local residents' relative lack of interest in pursuing outdoor activities. As a result, the City is well-advised to take stock of all the properties it maintains and services it provides and decide which ones are most heavily used, and at what cost, and to consider other properties/services it could let go of.	1/3/2016 1:05 AM
2	Seniors should be offered a discount on a monthly pool pass. Offering a discount Apr 1st to those only giving access to their bank acct. is not right. The same discount should be given to those who pay monthly w/o giving access to their bank acct.	1/2/2016 2:50 PM
3	as the town is of major tourist attraction overall, it would be a great idea to maintain and improve where needed to keep those 'tourist dollars' coming to the city and surrounding area.	1/1/2016 5:01 AM
4	More trails, particularly soft-surfaced, and linked thoughtfully.	12/31/2015 10:23 PM
5	Take care of something like its meaningful to you. Get a new director probably.	12/31/2015 9:06 PM
6	Mainly, at this point I would love to see a better range of in-house child care options at the various facilities. I know I am not the only person with limited to no child care options in the area. There are so many things that I want to be able to do and participate in, but I am restricted severely because of the lack of child care.	12/31/2015 9:03 PM
7	Keep up the great work getting the community involved.	12/31/2015 8:11 PM
8	I don't agree with parks like surfing waves unless Astoria has a high income which if we did we wouldn't have multiple empty store fronts. I think we need more business and tidy city before we build or expand anything.	12/31/2015 8:06 PM
9	Do something about improving safety on trails. Keep dogs off leash in off leash parks. Improve lighting. Make pool more affordable.	12/31/2015 7:03 PM
10	The goal of the master plan should be to make the parks and recreation department a world class department. that means each site and everything offering is world class. the master should show how each site and offering would accomplish this. example aquatic center --- cover the grass area and basketball, volleyball, meeting room, fitness space, running track. cardiac center, tennis, gymnastic. by adding these the pool could break even.	12/31/2015 6:53 PM
11	Providing a variety of spaces and experiences for Residents to stay healthy and connect with natural resources.	12/31/2015 6:41 PM
12	While providing variety parks should not be in competition with services that should be provided privately such as fitness centers and day care. After school activities and care are needed as they are not generly provided privately	12/31/2015 6:19 PM
13	How about a team 2k. With a child and a senior? Bring the ages together. They have a lot to learn from each other.	12/31/2015 6:08 PM
14	We all need opportunities to be involved inactivity.	12/31/2015 5:10 PM
15	Because the college does not offer opportunities for student recreation outside of classes, there is a need for non-alcoholic social activities for older teens and young adults. For example, theme dances, costume events, clubs or other activities that are not sports related. Comic convention style activities are very popular with that age group.	12/31/2015 4:09 PM
16	Focus on doing a few things well, rather than many things adequately.	12/31/2015 3:40 PM
17	More affordable things for the youth to do.	12/31/2015 3:01 PM
18	The River Walk is the best use of the riverfront. It should remain open space & accessible to all. I also feel supporting our youth development & education is Very important to have a better functioning next Gen, especially the girls as they set the tone & educate that next Gen. My vision is a world more equitable & just to all.	12/31/2015 1:23 PM

19	I would love to see more classes, opportunities and special programs for the children and teens in the community.	12/31/2015 12:53 PM
20	There are a fair amount of adult activities available in Astoria; fewer youth activities. I would like AP&R to focus on providing services for kids and young families over providing more services to older retirees such as myself. We've had our chance, put the resources into supporting our kids.	12/31/2015 11:52 AM
21	Get more of the community involved, the community for Astoria Parks and Rec. should be everyone that has "Astoria" as part of their address, like Knappa, Olney, Brownsmead, Lewis and Clark. A recreation district would be a low cost for the North County residents, but allow more people to afford and participate. Work with the College to make sure that all the residents that will be paying for the new "gym" building have access to it. Sell Park & Rec programs to the community, having a great Parks & Rec. program is a hallmark to a healthy community, go to a place like Bend where I grew up, parks and rec. provide a big part of a successful and growing community.	12/31/2015 11:49 AM
22	My goal is to become more aware of activities and programs offered by this department and visit more parks and sit operated within astoria and warrenton.	12/31/2015 11:33 AM
23	downsize so whatever we have is supportable.	12/31/2015 11:23 AM
24	I hope you will hire more staff or contract out to maintain our existing beautiful parks and trails. Thanks for all you do.	12/31/2015 10:54 AM
25	. Encourage organizations to do clean-up, do some maintenance, etc. .Have good, qualified instructors teach water aerobics and with more times offered .Have yoga, core classes, stretch classes, weight classes at the Aquatic Center. .Encourage more senior fitness classes. . Create a dog park to accommodate lots of running around for big and little dogs.	12/31/2015 10:51 AM
26	Reduce the number of parks to a more manageable amount and then take good care of them. Increase fees for non-residents! Stop dwelling so much on Ocean View Cemetery. Allow more opportunities for volunteers to mow and clean up and work there. Don't build more parks.	12/31/2015 10:36 AM
27	New mileage markers on the river walk. Consider changing zoning of land on east end of river walk and sell for residential development. The increased tax base would benefit the city, the sale income could be applied toward maintaining existing parks and facilities. You asked of BIG ideas! This one will certainly stir the pot!	12/31/2015 10:16 AM
28	Well marked, connected set of trails, with bathrooms, that give better access to all of the public parks and landmarks	12/31/2015 10:16 AM
29	Keep in mind that about 58% of our population struggle to pay for housing.	12/31/2015 9:49 AM
30	I think effort should be put into making what is available affordable for families. The pool is a huge asset to this community. Take care of what we have before adding more. Partner with the High School and hire recommended students to help maintain. Entry level and year round.	12/31/2015 9:43 AM
31	It is my opinion the Rec Center is a Gold Mine! I believe more adults would take advantage of classes if they knew about it. Not many know the wide range of classes available.	12/31/2015 9:34 AM
32	We live in a beautiful area with many options for all. I appreciate that. Even if the options don't benefit my family, I know they do another. You guys have your hands full. I just want to continue to live and thrive in a beautiful, clean, and safe area with my family. Thank you for all that you guys do.	12/31/2015 9:25 AM
33	Senior citizen and disabled better affordable pricing	12/31/2015 9:23 AM
34	None	12/30/2015 6:32 PM
35	just a dog park. large area safe and secure well fenced park benches to sit /covered	12/30/2015 5:54 PM
36	This area needs more excitement for young adults. There's not muh opportunity here for those who are attending CCC and new grads. Put on some community dances for certain age groups that are affordable by all.	12/30/2015 4:58 PM
37	The department needs more employees to even begin to meet the needs.	12/30/2015 4:30 PM
38	combine recreation facilities: include an indoor track, sport courts, and fitness studios	12/30/2015 3:41 PM
39	Combined recreation centers	12/30/2015 3:14 PM
40	Sorry i did this on the other spaces.... Aquatic center is too cold and too expensive. We us the seaside pool. It has more fun activities and even free on out of school holidays. Really its the temp of the pools that keeps us out of Astoria. A gymnastics facility would be of big importance to our family! I know of many families that would be willing to volunteer to help get this program going! Again Thank you so much for all that you do DO! and please reach out to us. We are proud of what we have and are more then willing to help keep things the way they are!! Thank you for this survey and please let us know how we can help! P.S. even though we were not able to participate in many of the Adult only activities this last summer. Please do them again and with maybe more public notice.	12/30/2015 1:30 PM
41	I just want open gym basketball for FREE	12/30/2015 1:19 PM

42	Would like to see more for the teenagers. To keep programs for youths affordable for the very low income families. We are a very low income area and I have seen and heard parents say that their children can't participate due to the fees. Makes me sad to hear.	12/30/2015 11:23 AM
43	I think restoring and investing some time in restoring the cathedral trail is a must! It has not been restored since the major storm in 2007. It is a beautiful walk and a great little bit of exercise!	12/30/2015 10:47 AM
44	More opportunities that are affordable for toddler and smaller children's sports and classes. also better advertising of what is available to kids	12/30/2015 9:26 AM
45	Having lots of parks does not mean lots of recreation. It needs people to use and as people use more hear of it and add to the use.	12/30/2015 8:24 AM
46	Whatever you do, do it 100%. Many events fall very short of well run. More planning and organizing for large children events.	12/30/2015 7:31 AM
47	Bring back reliable transportation (like it used to be) and bring back more variety of indoor activities, such as, the roller skating rink. There needs to be more things to do around here after 9pm. It is so boring around here.	12/30/2015 1:31 AM
48	A fully interconnected trail system that makes Astoria an even better and more walkable/bikeable place to live, work and visit.	12/30/2015 1:03 AM
49	What about the new Scandinavian Monument? Where can it go?	12/29/2015 7:56 PM
50	Perhaps have pkg.deal lllllll. Like free trolley withbl llseason pass	12/29/2015 7:07 PM
51	My goal is for you to figure out a way to not cost me as a tax payer more money. I am getting the feeling this survey is you way of trying to tedt the waters of how important all of these items are so you can come back and raise property taxes. No no no	12/29/2015 6:26 PM
52	Improve Ocean View Cemetery. Perhaps build a new mausoleum and/or a building for niches. Also leave decorations on graves alone.	12/29/2015 6:16 PM
53	more low income recreations	12/29/2015 6:11 PM
54	Astoria should celebrate its natural amenities more full. Y Mai tsing and creating greater natural area type park and rec opportunities. The natural world is one of Astorias greatest assets.	12/29/2015 5:10 PM
55	Astoria Parks and Rec must determine what it can really do. With the limited budget and staff that P&R has, tough decisions must be made as to what services can be maintained. Some things will have to go to allow others to survive. Prioritizing of services has to be done. Perhaps cooperative partnerships are the answer to expensive activities such as the pool, Little Sprouts and the Riverwalk. Good luck!	12/29/2015 4:05 PM
56	Make more activities for kids and teens. There isn't enough for them to stay occupied and out of trouble. Also prices at the aquatic center. Most kids can barley afford to go... or offer a lower income rate.	12/29/2015 3:51 PM
57	I haven't put much thought into it because those of us who live outside the city are charged to much more to use them.	12/29/2015 1:55 PM
58	Would love to see more things for people to do!	12/29/2015 12:59 PM
59	I would like to see another therapy pool just for ppl to do therapy separate from the kids. I would also like to see more of a water play ground in the pool for the children. I would also like to have music back in the pool... and movie night	12/29/2015 11:52 AM
60	Astoria has some great recreational opportunities but not widely advertised to the local population. I would like to see better communication with the public.	12/29/2015 11:16 AM
61	Decide what the priorities are, scale back the parks and maintain what is kept. Provide recreation opportunities for community members. It is okay to differentiate between local/tax payers and non-taxpayers when it comes to fees and programs. Those of us that are paying for the services should have a benefit above and beyond those that do not provide the funding base.	12/29/2015 11:07 AM
62	More information	12/29/2015 10:51 AM
63	Maintain The Pool Hire quality life guards. Pay them more and drug test them.	12/29/2015 10:20 AM
64	I think some events need to be advertised better because there is a lot of stuff I wasn't aware of.	12/29/2015 9:55 AM
65	CLEAN UP THE RIVERWALK..FIX RESTROOMS AT DOUGHBOY, WORK ON MARITIME MEMORIAL PARK, HAVE A WORKING TENNIS	12/29/2015 4:07 AM

66	More advertising to let community members know of all Astoria P&R comprises. Updated/user friendly website (extremely hard to find information at this time). Lower weight room prices at Aquatic Center with the idea of volume and usage = expansion. Partnering with the school district for reduced rates for educators/families. Incentives in schools that link good grades/good works with P&R punch passes	12/29/2015 1:59 AM
67	you should expand memberships to aquatic center to clatsop county residence. not just astoria. and not raise the cost because they live in astoria seaside.	12/29/2015 12:14 AM
68	I think that the teen population in this area is left out in a lot of the planning. You talk about youth league which is usually up to 12 or 13. And you talk about adult leagues. Except for the skate park, I don't see much for teens.	12/28/2015 11:14 PM
69	More youth centers especially designated towards teenagers who lack things to do in this town. Admission would be cheap or free. The roller rink would be a super cool hang out spot that is open for skate night Friday, and Saturdays at least, from like 7-12 I would make a young adult version of what the boys and girls club is, it's like a place to hang out do crafts, game, use the gym, eat, etc. there's nothing to really do in this town if you're under 21 and we need to find inventive ways to get them involved in healthy community activities, a lot of kids are suffering because so much funding is going towards sports and not the arts they aren't as recognized, and again big organic farms!!!	12/28/2015 10:00 PM
70	The Facebook page could be better utilized, as well as other Community info providers (KMUN, for example). Perhaps something like: "Did you know Astoria Parks does this?" Rarely do I see the Facebook page announcing upcoming events or services. As new people move into the area (Coast Guard families change regularly) the community does not seem to promote info on the services and facilities available.	12/28/2015 9:56 PM
71	One facility with all programs and services.	12/28/2015 9:52 PM
72	Mountain bike paths/trails would be a valuable addition to the Astoria community, preferably ones that would be accessible to all skill levels and family friendly. Access to the area above CMH field (near Shively) with built up (non boggy) trail(s) connecting to the Cathedral Tree /Column system would be amazing. Signage would be very integral and incorporating Chip In would be great!	12/28/2015 8:56 PM
73	The rate of staff turnover in the childcare department is very high. Attachment and consistency are very important for young children. Paying low wages and offering only part time hours is doing a disservice to the communities children. Our children are only as healthy as those taking care of them. Those taking care of our children should be offered health care and a living wage.	12/28/2015 8:51 PM
74	Maintaining and expanding trails, open basketball gyms.	12/28/2015 8:30 PM
75	I would like to see a program that teams can possibly pay the league fees by working for the city maintaining fields and equipment instead of doing it for free to make a better experience for ourselves while still paying the city the same. Thank you for your time, I apologize for the frustration and hope this will be addressed	12/28/2015 7:58 PM
76	Would like them to focus on how best to serve the community - specifically children, families, seniors and people with disabilities.	12/28/2015 7:54 PM
77	A variety of activities for all age groups, from children to seniors, for health, appreciation of nature, and a sense of community.	12/28/2015 7:34 PM
78	Maintenance of the cementaries	12/28/2015 6:47 PM
79	To get more for the money we pay for adult sports.	12/28/2015 6:15 PM
80	We need more community events for kids!	12/28/2015 5:51 PM
81	They need to keep the cost affordable for everyone	12/28/2015 4:25 PM
82	Like to have fitness center, weights and pool under one roof. Have monthly membership	12/28/2015 4:19 PM
83	Indoor roller hockey league at the armory	12/28/2015 4:07 PM
84	Maintain the aquatic center, improve the availability of activities for the youth	12/28/2015 3:49 PM
85	More for younger kids	12/28/2015 3:43 PM
86	We would REALLY benefit from indoor facilities to be active year round, that are open for drop in activity for kids as well as adults. A facility with an indoor walking track (wide enough that moms could take strollers on and people could run on at the same time) or even do indoor track meets. Basketball courts you could drop in and play and also racquetball. Indoor tennis would be also great! kids could take tennis lessons year round. Something to get people out of their homes and active, somewhere to go when its cold and rainy but not scheduled. Drop in access is very important. Also something you can do that is year round, for example, the kids can only play basketball for 5-6 weeks of the year during organized youth basketball leagues, but it would be great to let them continue to use the skills they learned year round.	12/28/2015 3:42 PM

87	Love the river walk and it would great to have it expanded to the Bay side of Astoria if some grant funds could be found.	12/28/2015 3:39 PM
88	More adult sport leagues for volleyball. Bike/hike groups	12/28/2015 3:32 PM
89	I think that we have a wide variety of things and we need to take care of what we have and not add to it too much.	12/28/2015 3:21 PM
90	I hope to see more kid activities I'm the future	12/28/2015 3:18 PM
91	Better marketing of group fitness classes and I wish there was more variety.	12/28/2015 3:05 PM
92	For more off them to be better know and use more often	12/28/2015 2:56 PM
93	Priority should be for the community instead of the hopes of attracting visitors. We are over-extended with too many facilities and parks to do them justice with budget cuts at this time.	12/28/2015 2:50 PM
94	more indoor areas for area youth to congregate in supervised settings for tutoring/social engagement/life skills trainings	12/28/2015 2:15 PM
95	Treat us all the same as far as out of towers go! I would love to have a membership to the pool...just cant afford it.	12/28/2015 2:02 PM
96	More adult recreation leagues and events with more details on flyers/social media. Lower prices for using the pool.	12/28/2015 1:46 PM
97	I would appreciate a smaller Giftcard/punchcard offering for portaplay I wanted to purchase several 2 to 5 visit admission gift certificates. When I stopped to ask, I was told there is only a \$50 punch card available. I personally think that an opportunity is being lost in not offering smaller less costly gift cards.	12/28/2015 1:38 PM
98	Make sure the column doesn't raise their annual rates and have a day fee.	12/28/2015 1:26 PM
99	no opinion	12/28/2015 1:15 PM
100	More kids sports	12/28/2015 1:09 PM
101	We can reach a balance with a plan that is sustainable that first serves Astorians needs and secondarily attracts tourists.	12/28/2015 1:05 PM
102	Would love an indoor adult center like the Y with walking track, racketball, tennis, basketball etc	12/28/2015 1:01 PM
103	I am enthusiastic about the prospect of additional playground equipment at McClure park. I would also love to see expanded trail systems in town.	12/28/2015 12:48 PM
104	More soccer youth tournaments and a competitive season Also for baseball and other sports	12/28/2015 12:38 PM
105	I believe that the parks should serve to improve the quality of our lives by providing natural areas, preserving history, and encouraging health, fitness, and social interactions. Our most outstanding natural and historic areas need to be managed very carefully so that their value is not degraded. Public input on the master plan is important, thank you. Too much to say here.	12/28/2015 12:30 PM
106	This is from a city I used to live in. I loved going and participating. Twice a year (May and October) hold a city-wide kids only yard sale at a park. People who want to sell kids stuff (toys, clothes, strollers,playpens) pay \$20 for a table they get get to keep the rest of the profit. Shoppers have free entrance. It is a great way to pass along useful items to new parents or parents with growing children. It was a lot of fun for everybody involved.	12/28/2015 12:16 PM
107	Enjoy the port of play!	12/28/2015 12:12 PM
108	With the climate we live in, I think there should be more indoor facilities that are accessible to the public. I understand that by leaving these places open & available invites some trouble but for at least half the year the outdoor parks & fields are of little use.	12/28/2015 10:48 AM
109	Les Mills classes would be nice to add to the fitness classes available- I recently tried Body Pump and it was a great full body workout.	12/28/2015 9:40 AM
110	Better facilities for sports, and more options for girls sports.	12/28/2015 9:20 AM
111	I would like to see an indoor option for walking/running indoors, other than treadmills.	12/28/2015 8:42 AM
112	There are a lot of parks but having neighborhood parks is part of the reason I love Astoria. I have been very happy with the Parks Program since my family and I moved to Astoria 10 years ago. I am so glad you were able to save the pool and I love looking at the new gardens!!	12/28/2015 7:31 AM
113	more activities for youth and after school programs	12/28/2015 7:26 AM
114	One thing I want to bring up is the "issue" of teens and public spaces. There is a huge trend of excluding this population from these spaces and we need to make sure our town does not do the same. Teens are just looking for a space to congregate and socialize, parks are an appropriate place for them to do so.	12/28/2015 6:47 AM

115	The children's and youth people needs clases like music or arts and probably be coking clases or some pre job preparation like a hoobie. Something to learn and weist the time and good way. For them the community and the future.	12/27/2015 11:16 PM
116	More indoor activities during the cold dark and rainy months for kids and adults. Longer youth sports league seasons	12/27/2015 8:06 PM
117	Need to remember that some of us parents work odd hours and days...have more than one kid and money is tight in this little town. It also rains alot!! An indoor playground would be nice,,like subway,where we go every sunday or two during winter	12/27/2015 6:10 PM
118	1. Have one facility for adult fitness, aquatics, weight training, and cardio. Could also include youth fitness and child care and child/youth classes. 2. Have more trails and connect them all with wayfinding and maps.	12/27/2015 5:11 PM
119	I want to see better ran swimming pool.	12/27/2015 4:56 PM
120	Geocache on the trails	12/27/2015 12:58 PM
121	Would love to see more trails for running, and better security on the trails. The River Walk, in particular, is just not safe early in the morning, or late in the evening. Some of the parks downtown are also overpopulated with homeless people.	12/27/2015 9:12 AM
122	We moved from a place that had no park amenities so we have been thrilled with the opportunities that exist here. Sometimes more is not better. By maintaining and improving the parks, trails, programs you offer, you will probably please more people than if you add opportunities and then are not able to maintain them. Or the cost increases significantly enough that people stop using the facilities and programs.	12/26/2015 10:03 AM
123	Boar ramp near port between west end and cannery pier. Parking probably difficult	12/24/2015 11:01 PM
124	Bring quality to the parks and facilities.	12/24/2015 11:36 AM
125	I love the parks here! It'd be nice to see improvements to what we have, and maybe one or two big projects move forward instead of just creating lots of small mediocre projects	12/23/2015 3:56 PM
126	Equalize payment for facilities. If I take an exercise class with and instructor for 1 hour, the cost is 4 punches on a punch card. If I go to the weight room/machine room in the aquatic center for 5 minutes it costs 6 punches. Also, if you lowered your pass prices, I would purchase passes instead of punch cards and attend the aquatic center. I think most people would. Lower your prices and more people would use the fitness facilities.	12/23/2015 2:29 PM
127	I think you need to invest in customer service training for staff and management. I've encountered some very rude individuals over the years.	12/23/2015 1:56 PM
128	we're really impressed with the services and amenities offered for the size of Astoria and certainly the size of staff maintaining! you're doing great! we cant wait to see what is next!	12/23/2015 10:27 AM
129	The Chinese park as it stands is an embarrassment to the city. It is still just a hole ,and not located in the former local where It should have been. Do something to make it look like something to show the enrichment the Chinese have given Astoria	12/23/2015 8:11 AM
130	i'd like to see the Alderbrook lagoon area continue to be enhanced as a natural area for wildlife habitat	12/22/2015 12:16 PM
131	Fewer parks to maintain, better maintenance of what we have.	12/22/2015 10:08 AM
132	As a senior, I use the accessible areas: River Walk, pool, meeting rooms, and drive-up areas: column. We need more accessible view areas and safe dog parks with shelter from wind and rain for me, small dog area for my dog. The benches downtown will be accessible, not pits I can't get out of. There will be more benches in the downtown area, at the column, and in shady areas. Every public area will include benches.	12/22/2015 10:04 AM
133	Increase soft (or even graveled) trail miles. The "recreation center" is very unofficial in my mind...we called Star of the Sea the rec center...now the yacht club is the recreation center. Seems a rec center should have facilities...bathrooms, courts, exercise areas, equipment rental, showers. I know Astoria is a smaller town, but I think we're to the point we can start doing something official to offer the people	12/22/2015 6:56 AM
134	Ropes course that youth have to complete a certain amount of community service hours before they can do it. Like a rite of passage.	12/20/2015 11:49 PM
135	Making sure we have more knowledge about things and maintain what we have. Let more information come home from the schools.	12/19/2015 8:33 PM
136	Stop taking money from people who don't share your ideals. Respect them enough to let them keep what they earned if they want to. If you want it pay, for it yourself.	12/19/2015 6:49 PM

137	Aquatic center of utmost importance. Outdoor recreation potential virtually unlimited. Improve trail maintenance. River walk is a gem. Sports fields in general are in poor condition. Sports fields are not just there for organized athletic leagues but are vitally important as a green natural area for many other casual recreational activities. Like the Riverwalk they are widely available to many and offer free recreational opportunities for many. Paddle board and water sport opportunities at yacht club nice but don't see fitness studios as really belonging there. Would like to see fitness studios, port of play combined in aquatic center area usin an addition, cooperative agreement with armory or ?. Would have been nice to work out some cooperative agreement with hospital regarding some portion of John Warren property for future expansion/collaboration. No no no to dog park. Staff currently much improved. Regarding maintenance, do we have enough professional training with regard to maintenance? Arborist? Horticulturists? We seem to currently be a mow and go operation.	12/19/2015 8:56 AM
138	Maintain trails, pool center and childcare. Cemetery is not the right job for parks. Keep playgrounds safe and clean. Maintaining what we have with long term plan. Do not create more outdoor plans without sufficient maintenance budget. Our sports fields are important but need a better budget.	12/19/2015 8:10 AM
139	More community events for the whole family. So many of your options are for adults only, which is nice? But there is a large community of people here with zero access to child care, so having more events where kids can attend would be great. Also, your pool is freezing. I drive all the way to Seaside for swim lessons because their pool is warm, and because their lessons for two-year-olds is not at 6:30 at night. I grew up in a community where Parks & Rec was the centerpiece of the community. It's more of an afterthought here. You have a lot of lovely parks and playgrounds, so you should have events that showcase these parks. Give people a reason to visit.	12/19/2015 7:06 AM
140	the Pool should be open till 5 or even 6pm on weekends	12/18/2015 8:56 PM
141	I would love for our parks and recreation opportunities to become a draw for professionals or entrepreneurs looking to relocate.	12/18/2015 8:43 PM
142	I plan to get more involved with the community and offer a helping hand to the parks and trails	12/18/2015 7:58 PM
143	I would really like to see expansion and development of the river walk as a multi-use path and to see it expand around the round-about all the way around the south side of the city.	12/18/2015 7:28 PM
144	Out door senior playground with fitness equipment	12/18/2015 6:50 PM
145	For our family an awesome park to visit would be one designed like a farm. A big piece of land to hike around and observe food growing. Fruit bearing trees would line the paths. Visual lessons of permaculture. I think folks are extremely interested/curious about how food grows, especially visitors to Astoria. When our family visits another place, we seek out a farm that allows public access so we can hike all around and observe, our kids love it! Children would take school field trips to such a park. Our community is rich with farmers, a park like this could employ a couple of younger hard working individuals working with volunteers. I'm glad I found this survey of FB. Thanks!	12/18/2015 6:40 PM
146	Strong family (youth, parent/child use) and elderly and disabled population focus. We have high poverty in our area so making public spaces green safe and with healthy activities at lower price points would be my highest priority	12/18/2015 4:44 PM
147	Spend it wisely and put a parking garage under the Chinese gardens next to city hall. That project was such a terrible use for that property! Short sighted move that was sweet but dumb!	12/18/2015 1:50 PM
148	I think we should really clean-up the parks, plant new flowers and vegetation and put in a rose garden.	12/18/2015 1:35 PM
149	Things to do no matter what your age.	12/18/2015 12:27 PM
150	I would love to see all the existing things be really well maintained, staffed, funded, and utilized in our community. I believe everything that falls under this umbrella is vital to healthy life in Astoria, as well as tourists.	12/18/2015 11:38 AM
151	Take out the Asian junk yard and put in a multi level parking area	12/18/2015 11:21 AM
152	Would love to see more indoor facilities with better hours (earlier open for instance, not everyone can do evenings)	12/18/2015 11:20 AM
153	The dredge spoils at the east of of the River Walk are a prime site for some inter tidal restoration projects.	12/18/2015 10:26 AM
154	Keep prices down for using the Aquatic Center. Keep the parks/restrooms/aquatic center clean. Continue the use of the Skating Ring. Extend hours of operation remain open during the weekends! Continue to Open some of our Beautiful Museums free on occasion to our community. Look into more paddle boating in our community if possible?	12/18/2015 10:25 AM
155	When I think about parks and recreation I think about family friendly events and facilities. Providing several activities for families with young children should be a priority.	12/18/2015 10:01 AM

156	Three family friendly parks for play and picnics. You have Tapiola, Peter Pan, and create one closer to downtown. Public restrooms free of drug use and homeless at each one. A user friendly trail system that connects together as much as possible. Stop maintaining areas that are used by so few people. The surrounding few people make a lot of noise when you do anything to their private little park. But they are a small few. The squeaky wheel doesn't always need to get the grease. Give the school ground parks to the schools. They have the manpower and equipment to mow. The city should be doing nothing with evergreen park for example. Give it to the district. Yes I work for the school district. There needs to be places for families to spend time outside together. Not spaces where parents can drop their kids off for daycare.	12/18/2015 9:57 AM
157	I would love to see Shively Park opened up with more parking and turn the old water reservoir next to it into grass and a new play ground. Then you could use the water treatment building, after it was remodeled a bit, to rent out for weddings and events. We need more open grassy areas!	12/18/2015 9:43 AM
158	Cover the skate park, turn the old train tracks from tounge point to wanana into a bike path and create more hiking and biking trails on the forested land outside of Astoria!	12/18/2015 9:34 AM
159	Please see my previous notes. Consolidation of services, expansion of utilization of waterfront property and views.	12/18/2015 9:06 AM
160	I would love to see some sort of YMCA type building go up geared mostly towards the youth of our community! I grew up visiting a center in Colorado every summer for years and it was so fun! I would love to see something like that for my kids! I would also LOVE a new park that has a trail around it to jog or walk with a stroller! I get bored of the same places I.e. the river walk, school tracks, and the warrenton trail (only real safe places to walk alone) I mostly want to see a vast improvement for the kids in our community! More stuff to do... activities and programs. The schools should be doing more of the sports activities so parcks and rec can focus on new programs for the kids!	12/18/2015 8:58 AM
161	I think Astoria Parks and Rec should narrow it down to the most important pieces that are essential to the citizens of Astoria so that those parts can be done well, instead of spreading everyone too thin. I also think Astoria Parks and Rec has done a great job with what they have!	12/18/2015 8:22 AM
162	I would like to see more non sport classes. (Art,music,crafts)	12/18/2015 6:25 AM
163	Trails connecting all facilities within the city of Astoria.	12/17/2015 9:16 PM
164	Kids need a place after school or on rainy days to use facilities that will keep them busy maybe adding a boys and girls club	12/17/2015 8:41 PM
165	The price of the pool should be cheaper . Yes more people will use it so you Get more money to maintain and improve it	12/17/2015 8:40 PM
166	I must say Astoria needs more affordable/available youth activities!!	12/17/2015 6:49 PM
167	Having a dog park in town. Giving teachers an opportunity to help students understand how to give back to the community with helping with CHIP in events during school hours or in the areas around the school or some other ideas that grade school students could participate in to learn about the importance of community building	12/17/2015 6:38 PM
168	If you build it, maintain it. Too many things to maintain as it is, and I feel there are not enough employees to keep up with what the city is responsible for as it is now.	12/17/2015 6:27 PM
169	The future of the current Parks and Recreation is not feasible. There are too many services that the Parks Dept is responsible for and does not have enough money or resources to run and take care of currently.	12/17/2015 6:20 PM
170	See number 20 comments.	12/17/2015 5:59 PM
171	To follow through with programs on line sites need to be updated thru the day so you know if the pool as changes or Rec center cancels classes. Don't start more parks when struggling to take care of parks now. Recreational programs are an important part of this community for all ages.	12/17/2015 5:58 PM
172	Indoor climbing gym, skate/bike park, tennis and racquet ball courts	12/17/2015 5:39 PM
173	Take better care of ball fields	12/17/2015 5:38 PM
174	Affordability of services/ programs for children, maybe more scholarship or income based fees	12/17/2015 5:31 PM
175	Would love go see more after school programs	12/17/2015 5:30 PM
176	If it was ever possible I would love to see an Olympic diving pool added to the Aquatic center in the grassy area so we can train some future Olympians. Just another reason to put Astoria on the map.	12/17/2015 5:29 PM
177	Parks and rec needs to define itself and fix what they have, rely on private sector partners for other stuff or community college or NGOs	12/17/2015 5:25 PM
178	The goal should be to keep our city and citizens healthy so they can continue to contribute to our community.	12/17/2015 5:23 PM
179	Fitness is important and not just for the wealthy.	12/17/2015 5:18 PM

180	Dog park at east end of riverwalk.	12/17/2015 5:13 PM
181	I would like to be involved, on a volunteer basis, for any areas I may be needed. Anne Danen 5037390611	12/17/2015 5:10 PM
182	Would love to see more hiking trails and better maintenance of equipment at playgrounds	12/17/2015 5:09 PM
183	Facilities have expanded and improved tremendously in the last few years. I don't think you need to add any more parks/facilities - but should make sure that the ones that are most frequently utilized are maintained at the highest level.	12/17/2015 3:52 PM
184	I'd love to see Shively Park and Shively Hall utilized more, but it needs a better access road. It's scary pulling out of the parking lot. Maybe put the dog park up there?	12/17/2015 3:41 PM
185	Thanks for all which you do to help our community. Parks and recreation assets are vital to the health of a locale.	12/17/2015 3:35 PM
186	Maintaining what we have...	12/17/2015 3:23 PM
187	My main idea is the expansion of the River Walk the several more feet to end at the main channel and not viewing the Youngs Bay Bridge. It was apparent last summer, as people were trying to get a glimpse of the sail boats over the scrub brush, that this would be a welcomed addition. Have a bench and a round-a-bout there, like the one where the trail ends now. Nice place to catch your breath and watch the river traffic before turning around and heading back.	12/17/2015 2:22 PM
188	I would like to see Astoria Parks and Rec as an entity that helps provide the community with many ways to interact with each other. I would love to see more educational opportunities for all age groups, including guided hikes.	12/17/2015 12:51 PM
189	I like the idea of the chip in events to help the parks out when they are understaffed. I would like to see more activities offered for adults, teens, kids such as pickleball, frisbee golf, Ultimate frisbee, etc. The stuff that is happening in larger places and are popular.	12/17/2015 12:35 PM
190	Please continue to maintain the parks and facilities that we currently have while keeping access affordable. If you increase anything, I'd like to see trail connectivity and more childcare options. Parks currently offer many great programs and special events for kids and adults-I'd focus on strengthening these core programs and MAKING THEM AFFORDABLE!!!-before overextending into many new ventures. That being said, when it comes down to it, the parks staff are those who know the field, and I hope that city leaders choose to trust and support their judgment rather than caving to vocal minorities... if those exist.	12/16/2015 6:50 PM
191	Can't think why this government's park department would ever position itself along-side of alcohol ("beers to your health" event). Aren't parks supposed to be a healthy place in which to spend time. What's next, partnerships with marijuana businesses? The leadership sure screwed up on this!	12/16/2015 3:01 PM
192	I would love to certain parks prioritized for beautiful maintenance and upkeep while others are grown into low maintenance natural areas (or sold).	12/15/2015 4:39 PM
193	With the local mountain bike group (NCTA), we will have a work force to build and maintain new and old trails. Pump track will also be maintained by NCTA. This is a win for all park users.	12/15/2015 6:49 AM
194	Activities for teens/youth a priority. Waterfront park east of Maritime Museum.	12/14/2015 5:15 PM
195	love the idea of combing the Rec and Aquatic Center; I think for families, it would be extremely valuable. BIG GOALS: increase funding for Parks and Rec service to increase maintenance and management of all the great programs and offerings. The Astoria Parks and Rec goes above and beyond. Thank you!	12/14/2015 12:18 PM
196	It would be great if the younger kids (preschool/kinder) could have more activities. Maybe get together with state parks, forestry, etc. Also, there isn't much time to get to the gym at the aquatic center in the evenings and get a decent work out in.	12/14/2015 10:39 AM
197	Better parks for families; better access to quality affordable childcare.	12/12/2015 10:29 PM
198	Beautiful usable parks should be another reason people come to visit Astoria.	12/12/2015 8:37 PM
199	Mountain bike trails by Astor Column. Swimming area for dogs in city limits. Please remodel skatepark (Cannon Beach and Seaside are good models). A sauna or steam room at aquatic center.	12/12/2015 2:45 PM
200	A state i use to live in had a business called bounce magic.. It was a empty building filled with bounce houses that kids could just run around. The doors had special push to open buttons that were six feet high so kids could not leave unattended. Food and drink options. They charged 10 a kid for an all day pass. I think a place could be found within city limits. Major expenses would most likely be insurance coverage and electricity. Just an idea. It was always a special treat for my kids.	12/12/2015 9:03 AM
201	Don't shortchange our kids with subpar coaches. Drug test or at least backgroundcheck.	12/11/2015 9:22 PM
202	make sports leagues more affordable. participation has dropped over year due mainly to increased costs.	12/11/2015 9:05 AM

203	I would to see more activities for kindergarten kids, to help keep them active. My kids have done a few session of swimming lessons. The biggest draw back from continuing them was a different teacher each week. I do not feel that it can be decided how a child is doing if they have 3 different teachers. I would like one teacher assigned to the class .	12/11/2015 12:31 AM
204	More signs of these places would be awesome, flyers mailed to people out skits of town, olney, svensson Knappa and so forth. I my self didn't know of a few of these places and I have lived here 20 plus years...	12/11/2015 12:06 AM
205	More accessible fun and well maintained	12/10/2015 10:11 PM
206	Expand Riverwalk to the South side of Astoria and finally add trails over hill to make a loop. My kids often used the ARC when it was at Star of the Sea, but it's current location is too far for them now.	12/10/2015 9:40 PM
207	I think discounts should be offered for disabled people, they are really no different than offering for seniors	12/10/2015 8:34 PM
208	I would like to see more trails and better communication of events.	12/10/2015 7:02 PM
209	I would use the aquatic center more if childcare was offered.	12/10/2015 6:44 PM
210	Make the recreation more affordable...create more gardens and natural areas. A lot of stuff is not being used.	12/10/2015 6:01 PM
211	More indoor play areas for kids during the winter, a playground in Knappa.	12/10/2015 4:30 PM
212	I think there needs to be more programs for children. It would be especially great to see and seniors and children project.	12/10/2015 4:18 PM
213	Need to offer competitive sport program. In the older days we had end of season party bbq and trophies for first ,second , third based on wins plus sportsmanship	12/10/2015 4:13 PM
214	Visibility of programs and healthy options for families, and individuals of all ages is healthy for this community. The offerings now are much better than in the past, so the momentum is good.	12/10/2015 3:38 PM
215	The river walk is where the future is. We need a trolley district with its own laws/rules. Stores and housing could have their own trolley district address. Advertising would include thier trolley district address. In Portland the city could advertise places and events that are in the "Trolly District" Commercial advertising would follow .	12/10/2015 3:24 PM
216	I support a biking pump track. We ride alot of bikes I. Our house.	12/10/2015 2:54 PM
217	Should not be focusing on more of anything until the current budgetary crisis is solved. Combining programs could be a smart way to create some cost efficiency that then frees up money to invest places, but increasing the budget outright (more taxes) should not be considered.	12/10/2015 9:17 AM
218	You should advertise a volunteer meet and greet. This could be a 30 min. refreshment time followed by a board meeting describing what is needed and how to accomplish those goals, then reduce burden and assign teams to a once a month assignment to achieve those goals. If every person donated 1 day a month many of the burdens of monitoring a parks system would be alleviated. All attendees will have a skill set, a physical or mental level, and an area of expertise. If we could concentrate on these talents and gifts and place people where they feel they are getting the most from their time we could get a lot of obstacles set aside.	12/9/2015 8:49 PM
219	Organize tours of the water department and sewer departments, Public Works too!	12/9/2015 6:43 PM
220	More youth classes under 5	12/9/2015 2:10 PM
221	Downhill mountain biking through the designated landslide areas. Digital mapping of all historic and cultural assets including arboretums in heritage trees. Events such as importing snow for rail jam competitions at Heritage Square. Extending Riverwalk to the peninsula of tongue point then to merts campus. Improving cyclo tourism and conducting feasibility studies to find funding for all these cool ideas	12/9/2015 9:59 AM
222	Covered play structure. Bathrooms at Lindstrom. Renting land at Tapiola for a COFFEE CART!!!! Coffee!!!	12/9/2015 8:48 AM
223	It would be great to see work out stations along the river walk, more connecting trails for hiking and biking. having well maintained playgrounds keeps the parents engaged in bringing their kids to the parks. The public restrooms are needed, but such a challenge with vandalism.	12/8/2015 10:48 PM
224	Off leash dog park	12/8/2015 10:52 AM
225	The swimming pool was designed to have an outdoor section during summer season. MAKE THIS HAPPEN!	12/8/2015 10:16 AM
226	The city and Parks and Rec have access to so many wonderful properties and facilities. Please focus on maintaining the best and most useful of the buildings. Mothball or decommission the economically obsolete structures. Don't get hung up on sentiment. You have limited resources and a population of young families and retirees that need quality, dependable services. If you need to consolidate facilities and reorganize then just do it.	12/7/2015 10:38 PM
227	Improve and protect Shively Park -	12/7/2015 7:23 PM

228	The chip in events are great. Perhaps go a step further and develop an adopt a park program, similar to adopt a highway plan. Different parks can be assigned to various groups of people who can then help with maintaining our parks. Our family already empties garbage, picks up litter, clears fallen branches, ect. at our neighborhood park. (14th and Grand) Encourage more community involvement.	12/7/2015 4:16 PM
229	1. Work to make Astoria more walkable from any neighborhood to the downtown center, thus improving health, community connection, livability, local commerce, and sustainability. 2. Insure that our community has healthy, beautiful, outdoor environments where our children can Learn, grow, and connect with one another year round. 3. Take care of the exceptional indoor facilities we have to make sure there is always a good option for fun, fitness, and friends, no matter how foul the weather. THANK YOU!!!	12/7/2015 12:46 PM
230	I'd love for APR to be a well-funded "full-service" department full of robust programming with appropriately trained staff people. We have toddlers to the elderly, sports to crafts interests, urban hardscape to wild natural areas. We are blessed to have so much variety in our relatively small and constrained City and APR has been doing a great job getting a handle on everything since Angela has come on board. Keep up the great work, and THANK YOU!!	12/7/2015 11:37 AM
231	Having a comprehensive trails system, with excellent signage, information and maps would be so wonderful in Astoria. Also having more community special events more often, like movies in the park, games and other things. I'd love the idea of having a native plants walk-through event. And having a better understanding of the indoor programs Astoria Parks and Rec runs would also be good. I think a better website that is updated every day would be a good way to go.	12/7/2015 10:17 AM
232	I would hope that the City Council would provide more funds through tourist tax dollars to pay for increased maintenance of current facilities. Increase fees and get rid of old buildings that are not in use.	12/7/2015 8:57 AM
233	I like the idea of gardening and classes and more community building opportunities. Maybe collaboration with the extension services? I like the pool and arc but schedules are challenging with an 8-5 job.	12/6/2015 4:53 PM
234	Walking trail interconnections with signage, and community gardens. Community gardens and school involvement of community gardens can re-educate people with a basic skill of living that has been lost. This skill can be proliferated and improve the nutrition and health of our community, provide new entrepreneurial opportunities and even support the local food bank. Fitness, safe walking transportation alternatives, and community gardening, this is how you grow a community.	12/6/2015 4:51 PM
235	We have a beautiful area and a great community. We have plenty of mountain bike enthusiasts. What we do not have is dedicated, safe and legal trails to ride locally. Our community needs to invest in mountain biking/hiking trails that help people see all the beauty of our region offers while also emphasizing proper stewardship of the land. By building or improving existing trails it would encourage people to get out and explore more. Nature, plant and agriculture classes could also be held using the new or improved trail systems. Lastly, new trails would entice avid mountain bikers and hikers to come to our region, which has the potential to generate revenue throughout the year.	12/6/2015 1:44 PM
236	Providing for additional opportunities for passive recreation e.g. trail where you do not view development. Shively Park loop is a classic example. Keep it as it is and don't allow any development that brings in the outside world to this remote location nested within the City!	12/6/2015 10:49 AM
237	I hope that whatever the big plan becomes that you continue to create and maintain amazing spaces and programs for the people that live in Astoria. With so much emphasis on tourism, it is wonderful to have one organization focusing on the quality of life for our residents. I think the most important focus for the community would be providing access to mental health care and programs. I don't know how the Parks dept would be involved in that but it is very important and a resource that is lacking in Astoria. As far as fun stuff, an indoor rock climbing wall would be awesome. And more fitness classes available for the large population of people that don't work a traditional 9-5 job, classes at 11am or 2pm for the service industry folks that don't wake up in time for a 6am class :)	12/5/2015 12:48 PM
238	For a community our size, I think we have an AMAZING park and rec department. I wish I had more time to partake. I am over 60, so I did not put much about children's activities in my survey, but one of the saddest things I notice when I take my walks is that you rarely see children outdoors, playing. My dream is to see children having good, physical fun every time I walk through my town. Every time I go by Lindstrom park and see kids there, I smile. Parks are critical.	12/5/2015 8:39 AM
239	I am most interested in helping people, especially children, to connect with the natural world in our parks. I was involved in an organization in Eugene while Attending UO called Nearby Nature that has done some very innovating things with the parks and natural areas in Eugene, including providing educational nature walks to tens of thousands of school children and adults over the years. We have a need for wild areas even within the city. I am also wish to speak on behalf of the many wonderful old trees. We live near Violet LaPlante Park and the recent storm damage to the grand old Big Leaf Maple has really pointed out the need for arbor care to preserve these masterpieces of nature.	12/4/2015 8:52 PM
240	I would love for Astoria to be a mecca for the youth of today and the future in mountain biking, and other healthy active sports.	12/4/2015 8:04 PM
241	Keep improving/expanding indoor kid opportunities. Advertise for tourists.	12/4/2015 4:54 PM

242	Kids do need more outdoor activities, a bike pump track near the skate park would be a great improvement	12/4/2015 4:34 PM
243	more resources made available for maintenance and improvement to our green spaces Cataloging trees of significance within our parks system Caring for these trees in an appropriate manner (industry standard) Creating more complex plantings within our parks to lower maintenance Incorporating natives and native plant allies to form these plantings Cataloging all trails Forming neighborhood trails volunteer groups	12/4/2015 10:12 AM
244	More clAsses, aided variety of volunteer opportunities	12/4/2015 8:10 AM
245	I am mostly a pool user an my kids are older so not so much participation in youth programs. I love the Alderbrook lagoon trail and would like to see the east end area preserved and maintained. Big vision would be to keep all services affordable and maintain what we have.	12/3/2015 11:24 PM
246	Have fewer things but have those that are maintained be fantastic. Lower the price for the pool. I know longer swim there because it is too expensive. Maintain, improve and put up better signs and publish a good list of all the trails.	12/3/2015 10:24 PM
247	Utilize community groups, and local trails groups to enhance and expand local trails for all users. Revisit the 2006 trails plan and formalize social trails that are poorly built and maintained. Create an adopt a trail program so Astoria parks financial and resource burden would be close to net zero.	12/3/2015 9:48 PM
248	Most important is maintaining the natural beauty of the area and access to it. Also important is providing places and opportunities for community gathering and activity. Thank you!!!	12/3/2015 9:45 PM
249	Maintain what we have, keep it natural, preserve our trees.	12/3/2015 9:32 PM
250	Mtn bike trails for all ages	12/3/2015 9:20 PM
251	Provide convenient access to recreation to meet the needs of our community	12/3/2015 8:31 PM
252	The River Walk really needs to be spruced up with native plantings, litter pick up, etc. Partner with local organizations, like school, businesses and watershed councils.	12/3/2015 4:20 PM
253	Trails, trails and more trails	12/3/2015 3:57 PM
254	I think Heritage Square should become a grass, lightly landscaped open/picnic space.	12/3/2015 1:53 PM
255	A dog park in Astoria is LONG overdue!	12/3/2015 1:42 PM
256	Make it easier for seniors to be involved in the pool and aquatic classes. Make sure there is someone on duty at the Ocean View Cemetery and keeping it up. It is disgusting.	12/3/2015 8:35 AM
257	By the tone of this survey, I see a somewhat slimmed down version of the Parks department that perhaps sells off some of the underutilized properties, creating funding while econmizing its budget. I think this is a good thing.	12/3/2015 8:29 AM
258	Keep as much riverfront open to public access as possible; no more hotels, condos, etc. Select more sites of historical significance to point out.	12/3/2015 2:05 AM
259	I would love to see the parks and Rec improve what they already have going instead of adding more.	12/2/2015 9:51 PM
260	Consolidate, increase access to low-income users, continue to solicited community input.	12/2/2015 9:22 PM
261	I would like to see an off leash dog park.	12/2/2015 9:07 PM
262	A dog park and exercise circuit on the Pacific Power Youngs Bay property. They can relocate the substation to the old Bonneville Substation site. Give me back the benches along the River Walk. Have a design plan for each community park to honor the residents who live and have lived around that park. Extend the River Walk east to the city limits and recover the railroad as a trail until such time as commerce needs the rail line.	12/2/2015 8:33 PM
263	I'd like to see a dog park. I think Astoria needs that. I'm grateful for the preservation and restoration that has been done in Astoria!	12/2/2015 8:06 PM
264	The Parks & Rec needs a better budget (more \$) in order to take care of all the areas under their responsibility. We need all these programs, trails, facilities but there has to be money to help maintain them.	12/2/2015 4:51 PM
265	Spend \$ on the projects themselves, not on the studies!	12/2/2015 3:22 PM
266	I think the entire Park & Rec department lacks organization. Perhaps it's the wrong people in the wrong spots. Things are not done with the attention to detail that I would expect. Honestly, I think the entire department is a bit of a joke.	12/2/2015 2:49 PM
267	It would be nice to have cheaper options for the aquatic center. It would also be nice to have things offered like gymnastics and cheerleading.	12/2/2015 2:48 PM
268	Keep families active and participating in facilities.	12/2/2015 2:43 PM
269	Heritage Square development with the Library is important.	12/2/2015 2:42 PM

270	A well maintained park and public restroom makes ppl want to return. we need more thinks for the kids to do when its raining here after schooll such as a trampoline rec center or a indoor skating rink.	12/2/2015 2:38 PM
271	I think the parks and all of the park and recreation programs can help build a sense of community while promoting a healthy population, but they need to continue to be operated well. Adding more and more without expanding the parks department will not help achieve these goals and will exhaust the good people we have within the department.	12/2/2015 1:47 PM
272	MORE TRAILS	12/2/2015 1:44 PM
273	The Aquatic Center is the main place I use - and the River Walk, so keeping them up is a priority.	12/2/2015 1:36 PM
274	Would love to see more public art incorporated in to public areas. As a resident of Warrenton would love to see some of your great programs coming to our community. Any chance for a merger?	12/1/2015 11:30 PM
275	I've been in Astoria for 18 months now and I think it is pretty great! Probably my biggest complaint would be extending workout room/pool hours.	12/1/2015 10:49 PM
276	I'd love to see parks and rec focus on consolidation of sites (too many parks, maybe to much maintenance of diverse sites), increasing awareness of existing events/increase community awareness/engagement and services, let go of childcare and daycare services (better served under some other or distinct departments care) and examine ways of subsidizing pool and rec center costs (too expensive for many of us to use regularly, would love to but, yikes, not cheap for a rural community!). Finally, would love better communication/development of wintertime/ rainy venues and activities. e.g. didn't know about the community halls, could they be utilized in such as way that my family could expect activities there on bad weather/winter days?	12/1/2015 3:05 PM
277	At a minimum maintaining what currently exists. It would be a shame to lose what has been for so many years	12/1/2015 2:41 PM
278	Outdoor swim area as an extension to the pool in the grass area. Especially during the summer. Everyone always talks about the pool that used to be at Tapiola. We have nothing outside for kids during the summer in relation to swimming.	12/1/2015 9:52 AM
279	Astoria needs a space that can meet the needs of all ages, at the same place. Community is built together. We need a place that can bring us all together. Fitness, aquatics, indoor sports courts, community meeting space and child care all together allows for this to happen.	11/30/2015 10:34 PM
280	Make aquatic center passes more affordable. Have an annual pass?	11/30/2015 4:50 PM
281	For many the children's and after hour programs are all they have and give good socialization skills. This should continue to be a main focus.	11/30/2015 4:50 PM
282	The more special and community events the better!	11/30/2015 4:24 PM
283	Indoor climbing wall for kids and adults!	11/30/2015 4:07 PM
284	More offered for under 5yo!	11/30/2015 4:05 PM
285	How about some indoor tennis facilities please?	11/30/2015 2:47 PM
286	The idea and concepts for these parks and rec is great, but the problem that we have is the price. The cost to utilize these programs are extremely steep. Especially considering seaside's pool/activities. I also think that we could absolutely have better maintenance/cleaning for the Port of Play. Many friends and members in the Coast Guard community have become timid to continue taking their children, as children often times become sick after playing there. And lastly, I think that if a family pays for the pass for the Land and Sea pass, there should be an Annual pass. It should include all the parks and rec (including the Port of Play for kids). It should also include the child care for the children during the fitness classes. If you would like additional feedback, please feel free to call me. Kelsie Ward- 760-485-4193	11/30/2015 1:49 PM
287	Develop several Par Course stations along the river walk, at the Aquatic Center, at other parks, to enhance overall fitness opportunity.	11/30/2015 12:16 PM
288	I would love to see a indoor basketball facility for open gym's - or use the current gym's at the public schools for community use on a more frequent basis.	11/30/2015 11:48 AM
289	Enough variety to encourage everyone to get out and move in some way.	11/30/2015 11:33 AM
290	More community gardens please with more events attached to them. More low income options. And more events based around family. Spruce up the kids parks a bit.	11/29/2015 9:15 AM
291	Focus master planning effort on sourcing adequate funding to support the plan. Adequate funding includes sustained funding to support all programs and facilities that Astoria Parks and Recreation operates.	11/27/2015 12:33 PM

292	I envision the Parks as a community hub, where activities are offered for all ages, with a space that allows for mingling. Expansion of the pool into a rec center/pool/fitness/community space area would be ideal. Having a library nearby would add to the sense of being at the heart of our community.	11/26/2015 6:33 AM
293	Wish we could expand the Aquatic Center to be a real rec center. No offense, but ARC is kind of skeezy and there are often sketchy people in the parking lot. I will not send my kids to after care there for that reason. And I would not want to go there alone after dark. Just sayin'.	11/26/2015 1:18 AM
294	Need to improve the website and information available around town. I've never visited nor knew about many of the places listed on the survey.	11/25/2015 8:16 PM
295	Expanding Little Sprouts and offering youth sports leagues for younger children are the 2 biggest things that need improved. other than this, i am very happy with the resources and activities APR provide.	11/25/2015 2:59 PM
296	Keep the community healthy and protect our natural resources! Have fun indoor activities during winter and develop programs to get people outside in winter...depression is a big issue here in dark season. More time moving and more time outside can save lives. Keep kids busy. And Protect those natural spaces!	11/25/2015 12:07 PM
297	Simply maintain what you have. It's amazing all what you cover with limited resources. I can't vision building beyond on what already is a massive load. Perhaps with the results on the survey cut back or eliminate services/parks and concentrate on improving (if necessary) the most popular areas/events. You do a fabulous job and always amazed what your able to accomplish for the citizens/visitors to Astoria,	11/25/2015 11:58 AM
298	DOG PARK! You keep wanting to raise money for a new (unnecessary) library, for a silly wave park and other activities but dog owners get squat!	11/25/2015 11:52 AM
299	I would like a map, perhaps an online GIS map that shows all walking trails and recreational sites. It would be nice to link all the trails together in a way that provided loop walks for those who want to begin and end at the same place.	11/25/2015 10:47 AM
300	More classes and better care for the cemetery.	11/25/2015 10:18 AM
301	I want the experiences to be more positive. I try to like parks and pool programs but usually leave frustrated and feeling let down. Service is not consistent. Hard to get the right info on programs, lessons, etc. hoping for a more clear relationship with the community in the future.	11/24/2015 9:27 PM
302	The city needs a more functional website. The current one is hard to navigate. People should be able to sign up for classes through the website, and pay for them in a normal way. Fred Lindstrom park needs a bathroom. It is an unfair burden for Peter Pan market to bear.	11/24/2015 7:54 PM
303	Connect Riverwalk to Warrenton trail system	11/24/2015 6:26 PM

Q22 Use this space to share your favorite story, memory, or tradition involving Astoria Parks & Recreation:

Answered: 274 Skipped: 607

#	Responses	Date
1	Running around the Astoria Column grounds with my young children, climbing up the stairs and enjoying the view, having a picnic, and/or hiking the adjacent Cathedral Tree Trail.	1/3/2016 1:06 AM
2	The Astoria Column has always been one of our family major visits.	1/1/2016 5:02 AM
3	I like the running events you sponsor.	12/31/2015 10:23 PM
4	The first time I walked into Port of Play with my child and he saw the bouncy house and assortment of things to play with/on. His face lit up like he had been gifted mana, then he zoomed off with his new-to-walking wobble with a squeal.	12/31/2015 9:05 PM
5	It is sweet to be able to escape into the forest of Cathedral Trail so quickly from the bustle of town.	12/31/2015 8:51 PM
6	Every time I pick up my daughter from lil sprouts makes me smile. She loves the staff and has so much fun every day she's there. Keep up the great work!	12/31/2015 8:13 PM
7	I was married in the pouring rain outdoors at the top of the hill at Shively Park February 29,2000. Afterward, we went to the Masonic Lodge for a potluck and then we rented the pool at the Aquatic Center for the evening.	12/31/2015 6:43 PM
8	Love the river trail which is astoria's living room I started monster bash and love that it continues to provide a safe alternative to trick or treating with a free and non commercial advertising event	12/31/2015 6:21 PM
9	I climbed the stairs up the column. I have asthma, high blood pressure and diabetes. It was difficult but I taught my grandchildren to never give up! I have lost 40 lbs in 3 yrs.	12/31/2015 6:12 PM
10	I appreciate how the youth can learn to swim..take lifesaving classes and then give back as lifeguards...	12/31/2015 5:11 PM
11	I would like to work out while kids swim but age limit prohibits this	12/31/2015 2:27 PM
12	As a small Faith community it has be very helpful to be able to rent Alderbrook Hall & others to support our growth & teaching. It has also been a big support to our 2 generations of youth raised here in the Paradise of the N. W.	12/31/2015 1:38 PM
13	Walking my dog on the Riverwalk is my favorite outdoor activity in Astoria. Made me decide to buy a house and put down roots here. I understand that there was opposition from many to expanding the Riverwalk out to Alderbrook lagoon, kudos to those who had the vision to make this great improvement to our community!	12/31/2015 12:03 PM
14	See the transition back a few years ago when fitness classes where added was great, the morning of Pam or Debbie in the spin class helped me stay in shape and allow me to keep up with my kids that are now teenagers. When my kids where toddlers on up to late grade school we went swimming ever Tuesday evening. Seeing my daughter and two of her friends compete in the Triathlon at Ft. Stevens was fun. Running in a couple of 5K races along the River walk has been a good event and goal.	12/31/2015 11:55 AM
15	Celebrating my daughters August birthday at Tapiola park. It was the perfect set up for activities we had planned and it accommodated the large number of kids in attendance. It was a great day.	12/31/2015 11:35 AM
16	port of play is great for young kids and supportive of their caregivers	12/31/2015 11:25 AM
17	When we visit from Seattle we always make a point to visit the Aquatic Center. Its a great deal and a very nice facility.	12/31/2015 11:16 AM
18	Taking friends and relatives to the Astoria Column.	12/31/2015 10:55 AM
19	We are too new to the area to give a memory.	12/31/2015 10:52 AM
20	My kids are grown but we certainly made could use of the parks, pool etc. when they were young. I regularly use the pool/gym and run the riverwalk - both are great assets to the community. It's clear the budget is spread thin trying to staff and maintain what we have.	12/31/2015 10:18 AM
21	We love the falls! We take our dogs there and they love to swim and chase sticks. It's by far our favorite place to go. We make memories every time we go.	12/31/2015 10:06 AM
22	Love the riverwalk and pipeline and it being available to all! Great way to make the town and scenery available. Many a life concern has been sorted out walking there.	12/31/2015 9:45 AM

23	I raised two kids who participated in about every sport we could get them in to at a very young age and up until you had no more for that age group. My belief is it helped my kids be more responsible as adults. These programs are extremely important and the whole County should share in the expense.	12/31/2015 9:38 AM
24	Last year's 10k on the Riverwalk (there were other distances as well), hosted by Norma. The energy and celebration that went along with it was second to none. Honestly one of the best races/public events that I've been to.	12/31/2015 9:34 AM
25	My kids play different sports all year round. We have boats and love fishing, we love being outside and exploring our town on days off. We never run out if things to do or get tired of our options and places to go.	12/31/2015 9:28 AM
26	Use to be able to use pool when affordable. I bought a year or half year passes....	12/31/2015 9:25 AM
27	My son helped build Tapiola his name is on the wall. He died of diabetes this last summer. That wall is a FABULOUS memorial to his legacy.	12/30/2015 9:49 PM
28	Taking pillow blankets and snacks to sumed night movies in the park with my kids.	12/30/2015 6:33 PM
29	used to use pool but can't aford it any more retired and counting pennys but when i was using it enjoyed my self loved watching my kids and grandkids play sports , grown now	12/30/2015 5:56 PM
30	I love to play volleyball. Recently there was an open gym at the middle school, which I was unaware of until about half way through. I loved to play and meet new people. I improved my game while having tons of fun.	12/30/2015 4:59 PM
31	we bring all out of town guest to see the column and the riverwalk and the trolly	12/30/2015 3:22 PM
32	Too many. Just simply being able to take my family out at any moment and go and do and learn. Never an excuse not to. We participate in so many of the local activities:)	12/30/2015 1:32 PM
33	Free lifeguard training is great. Offer more free certs in other areas if possible.	12/30/2015 1:19 PM
34	Due to being a family with a wheelchair disability we need more accessibility for the chair,via trails an the older buildings we can't get into due to narrow doors or steps	12/30/2015 11:26 AM
35	Like I said before, my family and friends love to walk the board walk at least a couple times a week, and the cathedral trail the rest of the time, but it desperately needs some attention.	12/30/2015 10:49 AM
36	We over port of play and swimming. I have two small children and it's great to get out of the house and run and play and exercise. Especially in the rainy months.	12/30/2015 9:28 AM
37	My wife and I are new to the community and we use them for walking our dogs and working out at the Aquatic Center.	12/30/2015 8:26 AM
38	My best memories were at Tapiola Park and the old roller rink. I remember the line to get into the swimming pool and how we all used to hang out. They took the pool out and it's not the same. It's still a fun park though. We really need something at the center were locals can gather and socialize. The old fair grounds, the skating rink and Tapilo park were those kind of places. You bring something like these places back, you bring Astoria back to life again.	12/30/2015 1:40 AM
39	Everyone that visits us gets a tour of the parks usually starting with the Riverwalk but always including the Column and Cathedral tree trail	12/30/2015 1:04 AM
40	As a family over the past 10 years of living in Astoria, my children (3 now adults) have been able to use so many of the Parks & Recs facilities. My son's were Life Guards in HS. It was a great experience for them. I now have a 5 year old going through the many programs the P&R offers. Thanks to the P&R, I have no regretted moving my family to a small town.	12/29/2015 11:55 PM
41	Tapioca pool...	12/29/2015 10:26 PM
42	Easter Egg Hunt a favorite memory: I found an E.T. figurine in the '80's as a child, and I'm such a packrat, I probably still have him! Playing in various parks.	12/29/2015 10:03 PM
43	I've really enjoyed all the trails ever since moving to this area. Lots of places to walk my dog.	12/29/2015 9:52 PM
44	TAPIOLA POOL!! Miss that place-so many great memories. As a native Astorian, airplanes from the column and hikes to the cathedral tree are also some of my fondest childhood memories, in addition to middle school dances at Shively Hall!	12/29/2015 9:29 PM
45	Outdoor swimming at Tapiola Pool - those were the good old days. The new Aquatic Center in not the same.	12/29/2015 7:56 PM
46	Wonderful memories of youth sports, Tapiola Park and EasterEgg Hunt	12/29/2015 7:21 PM
47	Having mynseason pass to pool,and gettingbto go to zumba 3 days a week...walking astoria column trail,then down cathedral trail on a misty sunny morning and 3.nice buck deer kind of walking with me for 5 minutes,til another couple was walking towards me then they skidaddled,but the biggest buck stopped and looked to me as if to say" thank you for the company"... or walking up column on morning just after sunset and as i opened door to balcony,a huge eagle soared 10 ft.above my head and landed on the canoe down below,it was a site to behold... Lll	12/29/2015 7:16 PM

48	ALWAYS ENJOYED ALL PARKS AND PORT OF PLAY FOR CHILDREN.	12/29/2015 6:13 PM
49	We spend a lot of time at the Aquatic center. I have a very challenged Child. He is very Sensory , ADHD type personality . He almost never fits in anywhere . At the aquatic center he is comfortable. the swimming instructors deal with him amazingly It is incredible how well he does there . Like no other place on earth for us . To be somewhere with such and understanding staff and people so compassionate is such a blessing.	12/29/2015 4:57 PM
50	Climbing the Astor Column	12/29/2015 2:10 PM
51	Living in the Knappa area I spent most of my time enjoying the free use of open space. Now that the logging roads and hills are shut down it would be nice to have those types of areas open to the public.	12/29/2015 2:00 PM
52	The use of the Armory for a company celebration where we were all allowed to use the skates. I was disappointed in the condition of the facility however.	12/29/2015 11:19 AM
53	I am just getting started with running in races after over a decade of none at all.	12/29/2015 10:28 AM
54	My family usually spend a lot of time at the tapiola and Peter Pan park. Other than that I wasn't aware of the many activities we could do as a family.	12/29/2015 9:57 AM
55	THIS SURVEY IS TOO LONG	12/29/2015 4:08 AM
56	i walk the riverwalk everyday iys not puering. it has helped me lose weight and keep healthy.	12/29/2015 12:15 AM
57	I grew up using Tapiola park, pool, and field. It was a place where mom could watch the young ones, older kids could swim or play, and teens could hang out. Then everyone would meet and watch baseball in the evening. Everything is so spread out now. There isn't a place where everyone has a lot to do.	12/28/2015 11:23 PM
58	Love the tapiola park ball fields. Too bad the tapioia pool was destroyed to make room for tweakers and drug users. Bring back the summer fun. Bring back our outdoor pool.	12/28/2015 10:28 PM
59	Movie and Music Nights in the Park have been fun. The Tapiola Easter Egg Hunt has been a regular event. Have been a regular Lap swimmer when work schedule allows time to get there before closing. Have close family members (teen to elder) in the area that I get together with to enjoy the Parks services. Still trying to learn about other services and events that I may be able to participate in!	12/28/2015 10:07 PM
60	I loved going to the pool. I hate that you have to pay so much money to run across the bridge the one time of year pedestrians are allowed.	12/28/2015 10:01 PM
61	Love Chip-in, and movies at the park. To	12/28/2015 9:53 PM
62	I love the youth Rec programs including swimming lessons, basketball, gymnastics and softball, as a way to introduce healthy living/sports to my children as well as the trails in town.	12/28/2015 8:59 PM
63	The outdoor Tapiola pool....	12/28/2015 8:51 PM
64	Competitive adult league basketball	12/28/2015 8:31 PM
65	I have several years of memories in this community, from softball tournaments to Easter egg hunts and look forward to more in the future!	12/28/2015 8:00 PM
66	Taking my kids swimming at the pool on a bad weather day!	12/28/2015 7:55 PM
67	I walk/run everyday and it's imposible to pick a "favorite" because there are so many great places, but that is what makes everyday in Astoria special.	12/28/2015 7:41 PM
68	I've played softball since 1988, I was on Hauke's sentry team it was my first year and the beginning of my passion....	12/28/2015 6:17 PM
69	bringing son and his cousins to pool for swim lessons	12/28/2015 6:02 PM
70	My favorite memory is climbing to the top of the column with my grandparents.	12/28/2015 5:52 PM
71	None	12/28/2015 4:20 PM
72	Chip in program helping at Tapiola park with the whole family	12/28/2015 4:08 PM
73	I love using the Aquatic Center gym and I use the Cathedral Trail every day with my dogs. Love, love it!	12/28/2015 3:53 PM
74	Swimming lessons and swim team at the new aquatic center Dance practice at Shively Hall Family parties at the rental Alderbrook Hall	12/28/2015 3:51 PM
75	Bringing my so. To his first waterfall (Youngs River Falls)	12/28/2015 3:44 PM
76	Running the turkey trot every thanksgiving morning! perfect start to our holiday! rain or shine. We also love tapiola park!	12/28/2015 3:43 PM

77	Playing Xbox Dance games at the teen center.	12/28/2015 3:40 PM
78	I'm a pure bred Astorian, I'd like to see more community involvement with preservation of our beaches, hiking trails, and morale. I remember free swim at the aquatic center with jazzy night lights. THAT, I'd go to. Or, bring a can of food, swim for free.	12/28/2015 3:34 PM
79	I love taking my kid and my niece and nephew to the port of play.	12/28/2015 3:19 PM
80	None.	12/28/2015 3:05 PM
81	We use tapiolia espesaly from brithday party's to just going to work out the "wiggles"	12/28/2015 3:01 PM
82	The kids using the pool for birthday parties.	12/28/2015 2:48 PM
83	I liked the tapiola fun day this last summer.	12/28/2015 2:21 PM
84	Working with former City employee Jim Krettlar on the many projects that engaged Cub/Boy Scouts in community service	12/28/2015 2:16 PM
85	Birthdays at the pool birthdays at shively hall riding bikes on river walk!	12/28/2015 2:03 PM
86	Visiting the Column for the first time	12/28/2015 1:46 PM
87	Working on first round of preparation for cleaning and restoring sgraffito on Astor Column in 1989	12/28/2015 1:16 PM
88	I love using the pool and the RiverWalk. I always feel good enjoying these great facilities.	12/28/2015 1:06 PM
89	I am fairly new to the area (2 years) and I love continuing to discover new paths and trails as I continue to explore the neighborhoods.	12/28/2015 12:51 PM
90	Going to the Astor column!	12/28/2015 12:12 PM
91	There ever such a great day as when you could spend the day splashing and laughing at the Tapiola pool followed by ice cream at the Dairy Queen. The Tapiola Pool will forever be missed!	12/28/2015 9:31 AM
92	Coaching girls softball	12/28/2015 9:20 AM
93	Watching my boys play soccer and basketball will always be my favorite parks memories.	12/28/2015 7:33 AM
94	first time my 4 year old hiked the cathedral trail, and reached the Astoria column, she was very happy that she made it by herself, and the view took her by surprise.	12/28/2015 7:27 AM
95	I was not an athletic child by any stretch of the imagination but a friend of mind convinced me to play softball the summer between 8th and 9th grade. During that season I learned I needed glasses - half the reason I could catch a fly ball was I couldn't see the darn thing. I also lucked out that it was the first year for fast pitch and the pitchers walked half the batters since I don't think I hit a ball that whole season. Hiking along pipeline was much more my speed growing up and I spend many hours meandering through the woods around Astoria.	12/28/2015 6:52 AM
96	My kids learn to swim. And tooked taekwondo lessons. They participate and the zombie run. And also used the gym at the pool.	12/27/2015 11:20 PM
97	When Regetta ball tournaments meant something and there were so many teams you had toturn teams away.	12/27/2015 8:00 PM
98	Prioritize our beautiful natural resources first, then activities that engage the children & families. Dog park, dog park, dog park!	12/27/2015 7:48 PM
99	Our family is grateful to have the Lil sprouts academy. We moved our kiddos out of the Seaside school district to Astoria school district as Seaside offers no Kinder care and the after school programs at the Sunset pool are outrageously priced for the "little" supervision given. We are happy to have Erin Reilly be the Director of Lil sprouts and know our littles are well cared for by a very competent and sweet set of teachers. We are excited to hopefully utilize the "ARC" program for our boys next year, and will be sad to be outgrowing Lil Sprouts, but hope that the program continues to grow under Erin and her staffs care! Can't say enough good things since this came into our lives!	12/27/2015 7:45 PM
100	when the community came together to help create Tapiola Park playground.	12/27/2015 7:04 PM
101	Our family has enjoyed the large variety of community parks in Astoria. We also appreciate the pool and riverwalk for personal exercise.	12/27/2015 6:32 PM
102	I have 5 kids, they love our parks,Riverwalk and trail to colum we go out every sunday to one or the other	12/27/2015 6:14 PM
103	We enjoy walking lots of trails, including cathedral tree to column, river walk, and pipeline. We use playgrounds quite a lot throughout the summer.	12/27/2015 5:22 PM
104	I don't have a favorite story, but the ARC classes, parks, and trails are amongst the amenities that we moved to Astoria to enjoy. I also like community involvement in parks.	12/27/2015 5:13 PM

105	Best part is taking my kids swimming about three years ago. When there was not as many rules. More relaxing family fun. I'm now disappointed how it's run.	12/27/2015 4:58 PM
106	Looking out on top of the Astoria Column	12/27/2015 12:59 PM
107	I love participating in the runs, and seeing the representation from all age groups participate as well.	12/27/2015 9:15 AM
108	Many fun hours at the parks, pool and children's museum. Thank you!	12/26/2015 11:28 PM
109	We are going to start doing the Fun Walk on New Year's Day.....	12/26/2015 10:03 AM
110	Spent childhood years at Alderbrook and LePlante. Good times	12/24/2015 11:02 PM
111	We use the trails and river walk a lot in good weather. In winter or rainy months we like to swim. Having options to get out of the house and exercise is important for us.	12/24/2015 11:38 AM
112	Walking along the river walk and feeling like it's "home"	12/23/2015 3:57 PM
113	I like the fitness classes at the "Yacht Club", plus the rates are more reasonable than the aquatic center.	12/23/2015 2:31 PM
114	Tapiola swimming pool	12/23/2015 1:57 PM
115	Seeing the senior pool exercise group trying to sing because of the lack of music for exercise at the pool, and cringing at the off-key rendition of "now I am old and my time is all spent; my get-up-and-go has got up and went". Endearing, but pathetic that seniors are not being accommodated adequately, nor are disabled.	12/22/2015 10:08 AM
116	Youth basketball league was a fun part of growing up...then FREE access to playgrounds, parks, and trails (we had little money and outdoor, energy expending recreation was important in my family. Easter egg hunt was fun and swimming lessons were essential. I love the Riverwalk. I use it often.	12/22/2015 6:59 AM
117	Love all the programs! Movies in the park, Easter egg hunt, chip in, events in the park, teen Easter egg hunt,	12/20/2015 11:50 PM
118	I love the river walk. The beautiful sunsets and sunrises, the ships in the harbor, the sea lions and the wild life all contribute to the natural beauty and allure of Astoria.	12/20/2015 2:19 PM
119	Don't have any	12/19/2015 8:34 PM
120	JP Moss suckered Astoria into paying him \$13,000/month for a part time job. And all he did to "save" the pool was double the rates.	12/19/2015 6:52 PM
121	Many good memories of swimming lessons for our children. Countless pleasant walks and hikes on pipeline, Cathedral tree, and Riverwalk. Love the aquatic center facilities.	12/19/2015 9:00 AM
122	The creation of the river walk. The three month fitness challenge really helped me one year. Dee R in spin class. Our kids are adult swimmers and love our area because of swim lessons and swim team.	12/19/2015 8:12 AM
123	Lots of fun at the playground, the Column and the Riverwalk	12/19/2015 7:08 AM
124	I love the pool!	12/18/2015 9:08 PM
125	Thanks to the pool being there I am able to make it through the winter. Physically and mentally. I use it all year long.	12/18/2015 9:00 PM
126	I love walking up to the column and then down to cathedral tree taking photos along my hike.	12/18/2015 8:01 PM
127	Me and my children love to ride our bikes around town, especially the riverwalk and maritime memorial park. We also love the column and the nature hike trails in the area.	12/18/2015 7:32 PM
128	We love the Column and visit it regularly with family and friends, for the view. Also the river walk. I wish a historical preservation group would help with Big Red, here is the anniversary of the roof being blown off and now there is no access for the walkway has fallen into the river. I believe it is the oldest standing structure in Astoria, a valuable symbol of Astoria's history. The trail from CCC to the column is special because of the families of deer you can get to know.	12/18/2015 6:52 PM
129	We love Run on the River and swim lessons!	12/18/2015 5:19 PM
130	Port of Play and drop-in childcare at Li'l Sprouts was a lifesaver when we first moved here and didn't know anyone. Also we like the pool and the events in the park. One of my favorite events was music up at the Column, even though the turnout was low, it was very fun.	12/18/2015 4:46 PM
131	Taking our grandchildren swimming	12/18/2015 3:38 PM
132	My kids went thru the youth sports leagues and had valuable experiences in them - they should be at least preserved.	12/18/2015 2:46 PM
133	We love taking family to the pool, column, river walk, and youngs river when they come to visit.	12/18/2015 2:05 PM
134	Looking for a parking spot downtown!	12/18/2015 1:51 PM

135	I only moved here in June so I really do not have a favorite memory at this point. We do enjoy going to the Maritime Museum and the water front and trolly.	12/18/2015 1:37 PM
136	Thank you for the swim center and many swim class opportunities. So nice a town this size can offer that. Best gift to give a child is the ability to swim.	12/18/2015 12:29 PM
137	We just love to go on family hikes on the trails and riverwalk, meet friends for playdates at Port of Play, take swim lessons, etc...we use such a variety of services, we just can't imagine life without it.	12/18/2015 11:39 AM
138	installing the play structures at 6th st and Lindstrom parks.	12/18/2015 11:29 AM
139	Tapiola Pool was wonderful. Aquatic center has rude staff often times and is just not into customer service at all.	12/18/2015 11:21 AM
140	The Old Fashion Fourth of July Sundae Social. Astoria opened the Museums to the Public/Community free of charge and we were able to walk through our local museums 2002-2003?.	12/18/2015 10:35 AM
141	Watching the River Walk come to life has been amazing. Thinking how the area between Safeway and the Columbia River was in the early 1990's and now is such an amazing improvement that I really commend the City of Astoria and Paul Benoit with their vision.	12/18/2015 10:28 AM
142	My family has participated in the egg hunt at Tapiola park since my son was born in 2010. We look forward to it every year. We also loved the little kickers and little hitters camps during the summer. I wish there were more classes available for children under age 5.	12/18/2015 10:02 AM
143	Love going to watch the sunsets at the Column! A favorite Summertime activity!	12/18/2015 9:44 AM
144	My favorite memory is the Tapiola out door pool as a kid in the summer! So many good times! It should have never been destroyed ?? I think we need to rebuild it and add a splash park or 2 around the community! It may not get too hot during the fall, winter, and spring.... but come summer it's been getting hotter and hotter over the years! If we want to take our kids to play at an out door splash park we have to travel out of town.... spending money on gas and whatever else!	12/18/2015 9:01 AM
145	I believe the river walk is a very important to Astoria, but the issue with the homeless is getting scary.	12/18/2015 8:39 AM
146	My children spent a lot of time in sports and swimming, so our favorite memories are attending games and meets. My daughter also now works at the Aquatic Center, so she has basically grown up there!	12/18/2015 8:23 AM
147	I love to show off our waterfront trail to visitors. It is always a highlight!	12/17/2015 10:37 PM
148	Taking visitors to the column.	12/17/2015 9:17 PM
149	We live in the country so don't use the facilities as much, one area is youth sports that serves the entire community and pool. Concentrate on areas that other governments don't provide, i.e. don't need gardening and such as OSU extension provides those services	12/17/2015 8:56 PM
150	The Easter egg hunts are great every year. It would be nice to bring back the flashlight hunt for the older teens. My kids loved it.	12/17/2015 8:42 PM
151	Lil Sprouts and Port of Play and the Aquatic Center have been fantastic resources for us.	12/17/2015 7:22 PM
152	When my family visits we love to go to the falls, the column, and the river walk!! Those are our traditions, but the trash at the falls is unreal, the riverwalk is overrun with transients and dogs!!!	12/17/2015 6:52 PM
153	The pool meeting people with in the community. New to the are and this is how we met some of the greatest people in our community.	12/17/2015 6:46 PM
154	Seeing some of my students help at the CHIP-in event cleaning cathedral trail and how proud they were they helped	12/17/2015 6:38 PM
155	Learning to swim at tapiola, and brining my children there to learn and play. Night time walks on the riverwalk in the summer time.	12/17/2015 6:30 PM
156	I used Tapiola pool thru my childhood took many swimming lessons there & later worked there as a lifeguard. I have stayed involved in fitness my whole life it's important to an area that has many rainy months not many like to workout outside.	12/17/2015 6:02 PM
157	Afterschool programs with my daughter and her friends. I was able to pick her up and help her finish a game, read a book or make a craft with she and her friends.	12/17/2015 6:00 PM
158	we love taking family and friends that come to visit to see the Cathedral tree	12/17/2015 5:40 PM
159	Swimming with family. Watching daughter play softball	12/17/2015 5:39 PM
160	The aquatics center has been a pure joy to my family!	12/17/2015 5:33 PM
161	Maybe if some facilities were more affordable or discounted every Astoria could start making more memories.	12/17/2015 5:31 PM

162	Easter egg hunt	12/17/2015 5:30 PM
163	Community/fraternal clubs took care of and adopted parks in the past, that needs to happen again.	12/17/2015 5:26 PM
164	The Easter Egg hunts are always a family favorite!	12/17/2015 5:11 PM
165	I love the Riverwalk. It's a great place to meet and chat with friends.	12/17/2015 3:42 PM
166	I remember attending a Christmas potluck at the Shively Center and many people attended the event. It was stormy and rainy that night and a tree actually fell down and smashed the top of a friends truck. I was glad my friend was safe and had not been in the vehicle at the time and I was in AWE at the beauty and majesty of the tall trees at the said park.	12/17/2015 3:37 PM
167	Lived here most of my life and was grateful to have access to buildings to rent for my kids birthday parties and family get-to-gathers. Now, I walk the trails with my dogs all the time. I wish we had more of them that walked in the wooded areas. It's awesome to enjoy the natural settings and wildlife that we have in our area.	12/17/2015 2:27 PM
168	2015 Run on the River was an exceptional event!	12/17/2015 1:26 PM
169	I have great memories of my kids participating in the yearly easter egg hunt.	12/17/2015 12:53 PM
170	I have used the parks a lot in the past 30 years. Highlights include the building of the Aquatic Center, the building of the playground at Tapiola with the community, and the hiring of our parks head, Angela Cosby,. "Lowlights" include no permanent bathroom at Peter Pan Park and the hiring of JP Moss who fostered poor relations with the public, and created distrust issues with the Parks department. All in all I think Astoria provides a lot of opportunities for a community of its size.	12/17/2015 12:41 PM
171	My favorite thing about Astoria parks-and perhaps Astoria, period-are the trails: running & biking with my kids and friends and dogs. Also, I recently began attending spin class with my teenage stepdaughter, and although it is not my preferred exercise-makes me feel like a hamster-it's turned out to be a fun and rare stepmom-stepkid bonding experience. Thanks for that.	12/16/2015 6:55 PM
172	My favorite memories are of walking to Tapiola pool in the summer with my best friend from ages 8-10, swimming for hours, and then hanging out in the park. I also took some really great summer classes when I was a kid, like tennis and sewing.	12/15/2015 4:40 PM
173	I love Shively Park. I got married there and have spent many hours walking my dog and just hanging out. Upset about cell tower. The river walk is amazing.	12/14/2015 5:17 PM
174	river walk strolls, volunteering, the 0k!	12/14/2015 12:18 PM
175	We have many memories from swim lessons, t-ball, birthdays at port of play and hikes on the trails. I also ran the half marathon on the riverwalk while pregnant with my 2nd kiddo, which was an interesting experience.	12/14/2015 10:41 AM
176	Spending my summers swimming at Tapiola Pool. Running the Cathedral Tree Trail.	12/12/2015 10:31 PM
177	Love the historic parks and the riverwalk.	12/12/2015 8:37 PM
178	Playing at 6th & Commercial park 50 to 60 years ago with all my cousins	12/12/2015 7:32 PM
179	Riding bike with the dog on the river walk.	12/12/2015 2:46 PM
180	The Easter egg hunt	12/12/2015 9:03 AM
181	Sports leagues used to have multiple levels of competition with many different teams. It was very impressive.	12/11/2015 9:06 AM
182	I enjoy the movies in the Park. My child attended Lil Sprouts and loved it. He is in Kindergarten now, but the staff was wonderful. They always had a smile.	12/11/2015 12:34 AM
183	Be able to walk our dog on river walk, walking and looking at the historical stuff, trying to educate my kids of the history here	12/11/2015 12:07 AM
184	River walk in any weather rain or shine	12/10/2015 10:11 PM
185	I worked at the aquatic center from 1998-2003 as a life guard and swim instructor and it was a wonderful experience and gave me experience to move onto other jobs in this field in the Portland area.	12/10/2015 6:45 PM
186	Don't have one...but I sure do miss the YMCA, This town couldn't ever support that!	12/10/2015 6:01 PM
187	I grew up swimming in Tapiola pool every summer.	12/10/2015 4:32 PM
188	When my daughters turned ten we had a party at Shivley hall. It wasn't very expensive in those days and all the kids had a great time. It is a great hall.	12/10/2015 4:19 PM

189	At the end of softball season all teams had barbecue and trophies were handed out for first second and third place based on wins and sportsmanship	12/10/2015 4:15 PM
190	A community-wide effort to create the Tapiola Park play area where we all remember shoveling bark mulch, raking it, and feeling as if we were helping create something for all generations to enjoy. It is the first park my kids played in when we moved here. I like that this City values and cares for its treasures.	12/10/2015 3:40 PM
191	Your group needs to leave it better than when you got here. Remember just to maintain means you are going downhill.	12/10/2015 3:26 PM
192	Bob Marley's Birthday party and Jerk Barbeque at the Aquatic Center	12/10/2015 2:54 PM
193	I'm an Astoria native. My uncle used to work for the Parks department when I was a small child. He also lived by Tapiola park. I have fond memories of playing there. Especially in the big open field before the softball field was installed. I also live close to McClure Park and grew up close to it as well. I loved going down the slide there while looking at the ships when I was a kid. Now, as an adult, I enjoy taking advantage of the many places available to go relax and enjoy the view. Also, its nice to have multiple options available for our young daughter to play.	12/10/2015 11:23 AM
194	I see a lot of disrepair and years of erosion on many once sparkling gems. There are people in this community that could be tapped into to give oral histories, or help preserve historically the attributes of the parks as they once were. (i.e.) The rock walls that are falling down in numerous parks. We could designate ADA status for some trails, and thus get federal funding through ADA grants. Community outreach, fun raisers, and grass roots may be the only way to achieve the missions at hand. Astoria Parks & Rec. needs to proclaim a mission, and stick to it. Be it preserving and protecting for future generationsunimpaired, or just to enjoy and use the resources as they present themselves in the present. Either way the parks should express their goals. Then only as a community can we achieve them.	12/9/2015 8:55 PM
195	The "hillwalks" and chicken runs of Astoria are one of my favorite aspects of the city. Great effort was made to construct these. I have studied them and written a booklet. I also like the movies in the parks	12/9/2015 6:46 PM
196	Easter egg hunt	12/9/2015 2:10 PM
197	I was married at Shively park. Cathedral tree trail was my relief from the real world as I suffered poverty and began improving my quality of life during school. I rode my bicycle to town on the Riverwalk multiple times a day and bicycle to merts to attend class. I would take my son to the parks to play and help him practice writing his bicycle at the elementary school. He and I would walk on the trails together when he was 2 years old. Now when I visit town and bring my family for work we do not have a home so the parks have become our space for spending time together as a family rain or shine. Every Park in Astoria has been a significant contribution to my life as I grew into adulthood and a tremendous asset for my children during our time living there and look forward to using them when we move back.	12/9/2015 10:09 AM
198	I love the private swim classes! My 5 year old learned to swim in one set of them!	12/9/2015 8:49 AM
199	Love walking to the parks, playgrounds are awesome.	12/9/2015 8:48 AM
200	The pool was open all day and warm.	12/9/2015 3:34 AM
201	Too many!! The column is such a treasure and we can hike to it or bring a picnic to watch the sunset. One time we hiked up cathedral trail with friends and ordered pizza that was delivered! So many great memories on the Riverwalk, from 4th of July Riverwalk parade to teaching our daughter how to ride a bike! Learning how to swim at the aquatic center, roller skating for the first time at the ARC. Father daughter dance, breakfast with Santa. We so appreciate what our parks and rec is able to do with the limited staff.	12/8/2015 10:54 PM
202	We've only lived here a few years, but we live up above Union Town. I love to walk down to the little Alameda park below the bridge and play with my son in the evenings after work. I know hardly anyone uses that park, but I we like it and it has a great view. I know everyone will vote for Tapiola and Peter Pan parks as favorites, and we love them too, but little Alameda park deserves some respect :)	12/7/2015 10:42 PM
203	We really like the movies in the park events during the summer.	12/7/2015 4:19 PM
204	Spent many, many years playing summer softball as a youth. Slow pitch and tennis as an adult. We had to 'argue' w/the parks dept years ago about keeping the tennis courts lights on after 7 pm, when it was dark. They didn't think it was important. They heard us and made a change.	12/7/2015 1:38 PM
205	Now the Gateway Center, the Clatsop County Fairgrounds were once located downtown. Festivals, such as Regatta, and especially the Scandinavian Festival, offered an outdoor setting that provided a close community feel. While the pool and movie facilities, and Seafood Center are now a major asset to the cultural needs of the Lower Columbia Region, what was lost was a centralized park. While the open spaces, ballfields, and corner lot parks exist, there is no real city park. The Garden of Surging Waves, while aesthetic, and honoring the Chinese Community -- it does not lend itself to a place of rest, contemplation or gathering on a small or larger group scale. Nature and social nature could use a focus here. In years to come, preserving and creating open spaces as well as forest and trail preservation, and the maintenance of these areas, including an expansion of community gardening, will be the best decision for all citizens -- more so than more athletic buildings and contraptions.	12/7/2015 1:06 PM

206	Many many walks and jogs on the Riverwalk and Cathedral Tree-Column trails. When my son was a baby we would take frequent rests during our Riverwalk strolls at the Mill Pond park and we would enjoy the flowers there. Also keep Norma as the MC for any and all events!	12/7/2015 11:41 AM
207	I always take new people and visitors up to the Column, since it gives them such a great view and is beautiful. I often walk up there myself in all kinds of weather. It's beautiful in the summer, in the snow (I've gone sledding down the hill), in the rain, in the fog, during sunrise and sunset. I love the hiking trails leading up to it. I love hiking Pipeline Road, but want more signage. I've never head of Evergreen to Shively. I often walk and run the Riverwalk (though the mileage signs vary and are a bit confusing to know how far you've gone). I love the loop around Alderbrook. As you approach the Port to the west, it's confusing as to how far you can go and where the Riverwalk is. I love movies in the park during the summer -- for adults and kids. More fun runs is a good idea.	12/7/2015 10:20 AM
208	We always take people up to the column when come they to visit Astoria, sometimes we walk up the Cathedral tree trail. One time we threw the gliders off of the column and then picked up gliders and handed them out to people headed into the column. We have many great memories at the column.	12/6/2015 4:55 PM
209	We are grandparents doing childcare for 2 granddaughters two days a week. Wonderful to take them to swim lessons, parks and sports that we took our own children to growing up in this great community!	12/6/2015 3:50 PM
210	I moved here from Hawaii a few years ago. My family and I love it here. I started mountain biking here and purchased my first mountain bike locally. As a result, I am healthier and my joints are healthy due to the low impact sport. Through mountain biking, I have explored more of the Oregon Coast than I ever thought possible, I have met new friends and become locally involved with the North Coast Trail Alliance to help our community and preserve our beautiful coast. Mountain biking helped 'open my eyes' to our precious resource, seeing how beneficial the sport of mountain biking is makes me what to get involved and help others too.	12/6/2015 1:50 PM
211	Sharing private conversations about life and the world on the steps at the end of the loop trail at Shivley Park with my children as they have grown up. It's the best place to go and be free from development. You can go there and engage in meaningful conversations free of distractions from the outside world.	12/6/2015 10:53 AM
212	I think Shively Park is my favorite place in Astoria. I had multiple birthday parties there as a kid and teenager, I've watched family and friends get married there, celebrated baby showers, had picnics, and found a quiet place to hide out on my lunch break. I couldn't pick one memory, that place has a lifetime of them.	12/5/2015 12:48 PM
213	I loved going to the Cathedral tree for the first time with my children and our best friends. I had lived in CC for over 10 years (Seaside, at that time), and had never heard of it. It took my breath away that there was such a park in the center of Astoria. It is a sacred space.	12/5/2015 8:42 AM
214	Watching my son taking swimming lessons	12/5/2015 7:20 AM
215	Our daily walks and commutes along the riverwalk from Alderbrook immensely enrich our lives as a family. There are too many amazing beautiful sightings to list, From double rainbows joining ships on the river, to the over 75 different bird species on our neighborhood list. Weddings and picnics at Shively hall. The cathedral tree trail, pipeline, Playing at Tapiola park when our boys were little....	12/4/2015 9:00 PM
216	Growing up in Astoria and spending my summers and weekends at the Y	12/4/2015 4:35 PM
217	This is a bittersweet story It's been three years ago I think, possibly four . I had heard rumor that one of the biggest big leaf maples on the main walk at Shively park was deemed too ill to stay standing. In the forest a giant like this would be left to it's slow decline. Providing habitat for many species over possibly another decade or longer. In our litigious society ,I was told ,this was just not an option. I formed a plan to say goodbye to the tree. Three woman,a walk to the old friend, a blanket, and a picnic. We spent many hours over our snacks and stories. Each of us sharing memories of walks up here, friends wedding, trilliums in the spring, pileated wood peckers , music shows in the hall, our collective sense of wonder at discovering different relics placed around this historical park. One of my friends took out four sheets of paper , attached them together, as we told stories she slowly drew a picture of this Giant Acer we came to say good bye to. A single sheet too small to fit all the enormous canopy filled with mosses, lichens, licorice ferns and countless critters calling this particular tree home. We stayed well into the dusk. Finally packing our baskets , folding the blanket and giving our last goodbyes. The three of us walking out of that special place to engage with the real world again. Even though the occasion was sad in one way , in another , it showed me the value of these places of respite. These Forest spaces within our city that can provide us with a time out. Leaving cars , phones and houses behind. A place where we can slow down, perhaps even sit down and contemplate the beauty a little slice of nature has to offer. Thank you parks and rec for your care of these special places.	12/4/2015 10:56 AM
218	Tapiola pool. ??	12/4/2015 4:45 AM
219	Finding an unexpected staircase coming from an upper street and going through a scrub tunnel ending up down on the main HWY.	12/3/2015 10:26 PM

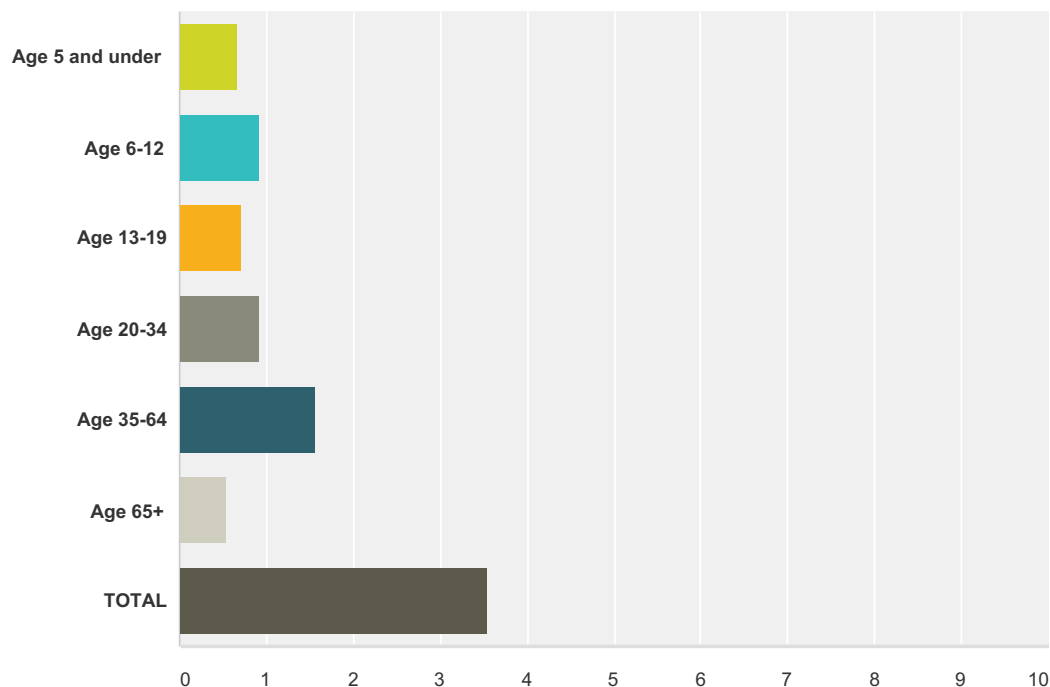
220	We were told a few years back that the community indoor swimming pool was going to be shut down. We are so glad that it is still open. When we visit Long Beach, Washington or Seaside, OR, we like to stop by the community center to use the indoor pool.	12/3/2015 9:59 PM
221	The Astoria riverwalk was poopooed by many prior to construction but is a real gem for the community. Let it be the starting point and not the ending point for Astoria trails.	12/3/2015 9:51 PM
222	One of my favorite traditions is... when I have visitors from out of town, I take them for a walk on the river, then we climb the Column.	12/3/2015 9:48 PM
223	We were married at Shively Park, we like the natural unaffected setting.	12/3/2015 9:33 PM
224	Bringing my little girls to the parks. Port of play. Riding bikes with the family on the river walk trail.	12/3/2015 9:21 PM
225	Peter Pan Park, we use it daily for kids play and basketball.	12/3/2015 8:32 PM
226	We love to walk the cathedral trail and riverwalk.	12/3/2015 3:58 PM
227	WE NEED A DOG PARK WITH A COVERED AREA TOO. A pea gravel surface is great way to keep the dogs clean and makes it easy to pick up dog poop.	12/3/2015 11:00 AM
228	We love attending the pool in the winter and spring. It's the perfect place to go and stretch our legs! We were there a couple weeks ago and the pool looks great, nice job.	12/3/2015 10:45 AM
229	Port a play, all the parks, Easter egg hunts, movies in the parks!	12/3/2015 10:02 AM
230	I have always enjoyed going to cemeteries and spent lots of time locating graves for other people. I also did some cleaning and even offered to record the burials. Was told at the time that the City was in the process of finding a program to do this. That has been several long years and I don't know if they will ever get it done.	12/3/2015 8:38 AM
231	Loved the movies in the park this summer! Appreciate all the work that goes into the bonus events on top of regular work!	12/3/2015 6:47 AM
232	Fond memories of going to the Tapiola outdoor swimming pool as a kid. Also loved taking family outings on the old ferries; try to get the one found in Washington back for river outings.	12/3/2015 2:09 AM
233	Walking the cathedral trail	12/2/2015 10:08 PM
234	I use the river walk daily to exercise and enjoy summer movies in the parks.	12/2/2015 9:09 PM
235	Scandinavian Dance Practice in Shively Hall each week. Meetings and Potlucks in Shively Hall. Our wedding reception at Alderbrook Hall in 1972. Coed volleyball in the Capt Robert Gray Gym. Soccer games on Evergreen Field with first graders. Hosting Bicycle Oregon at Evergreen Field and the sprinkler system came on in the middle of the night. Hosting Bicycle Oregon at Tapiola Park. The first time taking little kids to the new and improved Tapiola Park. Taking kids to the outdoor Tapiola Park.	12/2/2015 8:38 PM
236	I attended an 'art hike' which was one of my favorite community memories to this day. We got slightly lost and two different rangers or park workers directed us and were very friendly. They seemed to be enjoying that this event was happening. As we hiked along the trail, there were different art pieces created by members of the community. It felt magical and the trail was incredible.	12/2/2015 8:09 PM
237	I grew up playing youth sports through Park and Rec and always had fun.	12/2/2015 6:08 PM
238	We used the aquatic center and the tooth sports leagues a lot when our kids were young. These are important for our community's youth.	12/2/2015 5:07 PM
239	Parks and Rec do a lot of great things. Peter Pan and Tapiola parks are great for kids of all ages. The old Tapiola pool was fun. The kids sports leagues are provide memories for so many kids. The Riverwalk is probably the best new thing that has been added. It is so nice to enjoy the riverfront.	12/2/2015 4:57 PM
240	Our favorite is the pool and love the work you did on it this fall.	12/2/2015 4:34 PM
241	The river trail is a daily routine that's never actually routine. Love being able to walk the length of town without crossing a road.	12/2/2015 3:31 PM
242	My son has loved playing baseball through parks and rec.	12/2/2015 2:48 PM
243	Both of my children learned to swim at the aquatic center.	12/2/2015 2:45 PM
244	My daughter graduated from Lil Sprouts Academy and I have nothing but great experiences from our time there.	12/2/2015 2:42 PM
245	my kids loved coming to the free swim lessons Astoria provided in the start of summer (now discontinued).	12/2/2015 2:40 PM
246	none	12/2/2015 2:26 PM

247	I loved when my kids played 4th grade basketball. They learned some skills, got exercise, and had fun while I was thoroughly entertained with their basketball games. There is nothing like the enthusiasm of 4th graders combined with all levels of coordination and understanding of the rules on a basketball court! Cheapest entertainment in Astoria!	12/2/2015 1:50 PM
248	Love watching my 4 yo swim and take lessons	12/2/2015 1:40 PM
249	We have logged countless hours at the pool. It is not a friendly place to be. My kids have always enjoyed movies in the park and the Easter Egg Hunt.	12/2/2015 1:39 PM
250	Port of play when the kids were in head start and watching them play at the aquatic center	12/2/2015 1:38 PM
251	I have had many good experiences in Shively hall over the past 10 years! From private birthday parties to the Music Festival fund raisers....	12/2/2015 1:37 PM
252	We have enjoyed many of your family programs. Your Easter Egg hunt is an annual event for our family.	12/1/2015 11:30 PM
253	We absolutely love the movies at the park, such a great community of event. Thanks!	12/1/2015 10:50 PM
254	I love the river walk, its a #1 priority to me. Movies in the park and the races are also top memory makers, I love those kind of events.	12/1/2015 3:06 PM
255	The Astoria Column...can never get enough of the view, the climb, the sense of accomplishment when you have reached the top without being out of breath.	12/1/2015 2:42 PM
256	Outdoor swimming lessons at Tapiola, playing at the park, and ice cream from Dairy Queen as a kid. So much too do, roll down the grass hills, watch a softball game, play on the playground, shoot hoops, all at one spot.	11/30/2015 10:37 PM
257	Exploring Astoria after moving here with my dog :-)	11/30/2015 4:51 PM
258	My first visit to the column	11/30/2015 4:32 PM
259	All of the runs!	11/30/2015 4:25 PM
260	Watching my son for the very first time concue the skate park	11/30/2015 4:07 PM
261	My daughter loves port of play and we stop at Peter Pan market in the Sumer for an ice cream treat to eat and play at Peter Pan park	11/30/2015 4:07 PM
262	I just moved here and have been happy to find all the parks and classes available.	11/30/2015 4:05 PM
263	As a mother of four children, I have always loved taking our children to the pool and port of play. Living in a rainy climate, it is wonderful having these opportunity to allow our children to play safely in our indoor parks.	11/30/2015 1:51 PM
264	My wife and I love going to the movies in the park. We just had our first child, which means we have just been attending as adults. I love the atmosphere with all the kids running around and it really feels like a community event. I look forward to my daughter attending these over the years and hope they continue. I am also a big advocate for the adult basketball league. It is run extremely well and I am very thankful to the referee's who give their time to make it a reality. A+ operation - although I would love to play year round and not just in the winter months.	11/30/2015 11:50 AM
265	morning hikes to cathedral tree	11/30/2015 11:33 AM
266	My girls and i always catch the movies in the park during summer. Theyve always loved tgat	11/29/2015 9:16 AM
267	Watching the kids have swim lessons at the pool and taking them on the mad dash easter egg hunt at Tapiola was always fun!	11/26/2015 6:34 AM
268	Ummm....what??? So far I have found Parks and Rec to be very....frustrating and disorganized. Pool is crazy overpriced (look at Seaside) and they're always cancelling classes, lessons, etc.--often without telling us. Oh...and in the pool--why do the lifeguards let middle-school age boys whip balls around? I guess my three year old getting whacked is my favorite memory. Seriously, though...there is potential here and we should unlock it.	11/26/2015 1:20 AM
269	I love Chip-In's, and am thankful to have such a nice aquatics facilities.	11/25/2015 7:41 PM
270	We go to the Aquatic center weekly. The scholarship program has been a godsend for keeping my kids active and letting them burn off their extra energy. After a long workweek and the stresses of military life, Friday evenings at the pool are just what we needed.	11/25/2015 3:01 PM
271	My husband and i go hiking/walking every Sunday rain or shine with our dogs. It is our family day. I also walk the riverwalk every chance I get. I love waving hellos to all our neighbors and seeing how the riverscape changes daily. It has so much personality. Looking at the beauty that surrounds us fills me with awe and comfort daily. Yay, nature! Yay, community of Astoria!	11/25/2015 12:12 PM

272	I played several years of city league baseball and basketball. Funnest times of my life. My kids also learned how to swim at the pool which is invaluable. They also both participated in rec basketball with myself as the coach. Priceless! Finally that I got my girls involved with some of the Chip-in events which they had fun at and showed how they can personally improve the city they grew up in. I could go on but that's enough....	11/25/2015 12:04 PM
273	We have watched the fireworks from our home when our kids and grandkids visit. We enjoyed this annually until it was moved to the East end of town. We now skip it.	11/25/2015 10:49 AM
274	Lots of memories over the years of gatherings at Shively	11/25/2015 8:19 AM

Q23 Including yourself, how many people live in your household? (Please enter a number for each category; enter 0 if none)

Answered: 756 Skipped: 125

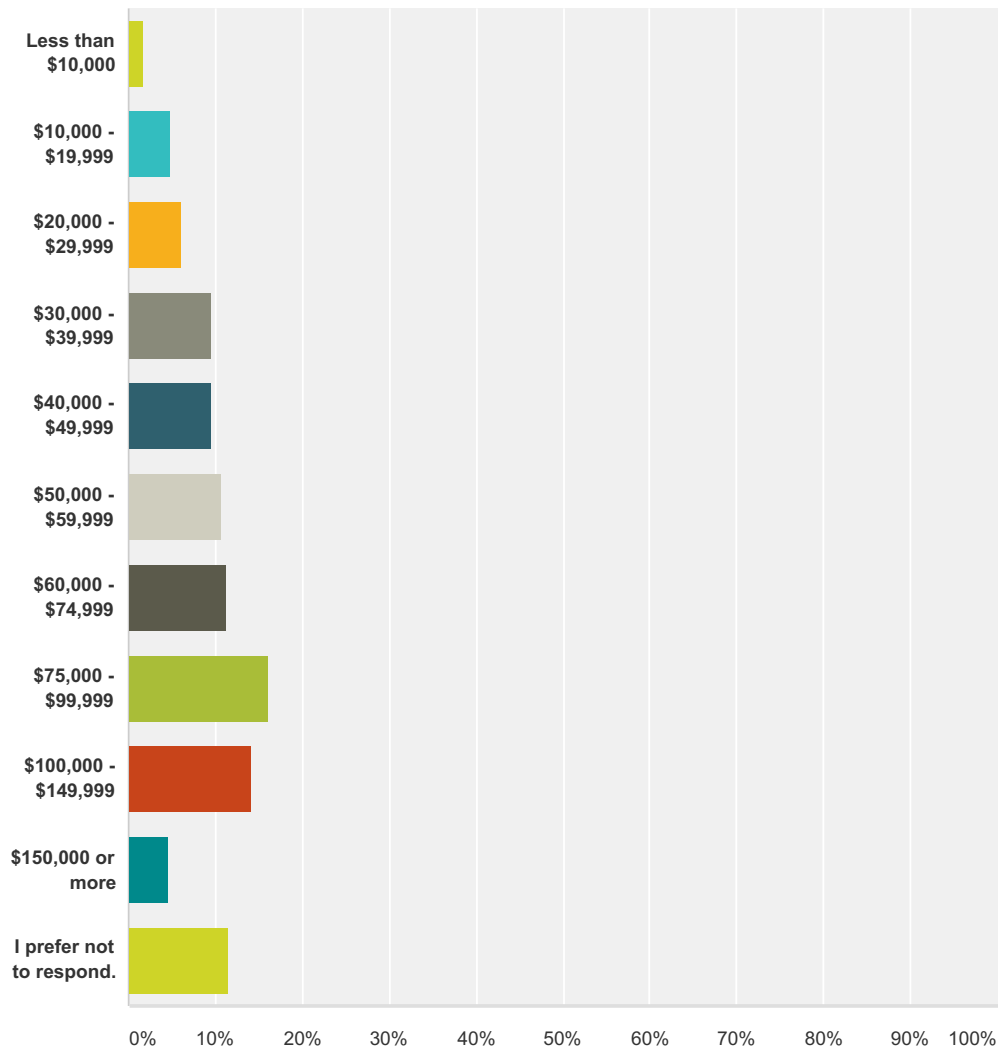


Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Responses
Age 5 and under	1	275	409
Age 6-12	1	416	455
Age 13-19	1	276	389
Age 20-34	1	383	421
Age 35-64	2	999	635
Age 65+	1	161	302
TOTAL	4	1,549	437
Total Respondents: 756			

#	Age 5 and under	Date
1	0	1/3/2016 8:01 PM
2	1	1/3/2016 1:08 AM
3	2	1/1/2016 9:44 AM
4	0	1/1/2016 12:56 AM
5	1	12/31/2015 10:12 PM
6	1	12/31/2015 9:08 PM
7	1	12/31/2015 8:17 PM

Q26 Please estimate your combined total household income before taxes in 2015. (This information is helpful for us to be sure our programs are accessible to all income levels)

Answered: 756 Skipped: 125

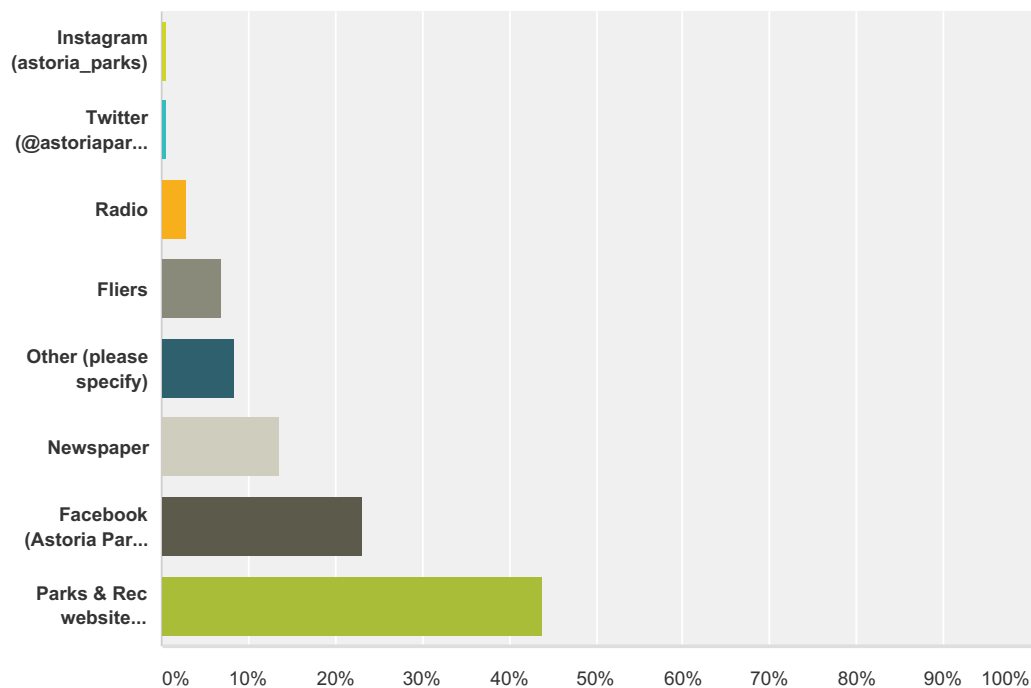


Answer Choices	Responses	
Less than \$10,000	1.59%	12
\$10,000 - \$19,999	4.89%	37
\$20,000 - \$29,999	5.95%	45
\$30,000 - \$39,999	9.66%	73
\$40,000 - \$49,999	9.52%	72
\$50,000 - \$59,999	10.71%	81

\$60,000 - \$74,999	11.38%	86
\$75,000 - \$99,999	16.01%	121
\$100,000 - \$149,999	14.15%	107
\$150,000 or more	4.63%	35
I prefer not to respond.	11.51%	87
Total		756

Q28 Which resource do you use most frequently for finding information about Astoria Parks & Recreation facilities, programs, and special events?

Answered: 735 Skipped: 146



Answer Choices	Responses
Instagram (astoria_parks)	0.54% 4
Twitter (@astoriaparksrec)	0.68% 5
Radio	2.86% 21
Fliers	6.80% 50
Other (please specify)	8.44% 62
Newspaper	13.47% 99
Facebook (Astoria Parks & Recreation)	23.27% 171
Parks & Rec website (www.astoriaparks.com)	43.95% 323
Total	735

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	neighbor's	1/3/2016 8:01 PM
2	I go to the pool for brochures...	12/31/2015 6:45 PM
3	Also find out by fliers. Don't use computer	12/31/2015 6:25 PM
4	Seasonal booklet	12/31/2015 4:56 PM

5	Google	12/31/2015 4:51 PM
6	1	12/31/2015 3:43 PM
7	Word of mouth	12/31/2015 12:04 PM
8	none	12/31/2015 11:17 AM
9	Local knowledge and past history	12/31/2015 10:38 AM
10	City Web Site	12/31/2015 9:53 AM
11	Word of mouth and the knowledge of the annual events	12/30/2015 1:34 PM
12	Google or search engine	12/30/2015 1:45 AM
13	front desk	12/28/2015 10:30 PM
14	Reader board at Aquatic Center.	12/28/2015 10:09 PM
15	Parks Guide distributed to elementary school students	12/28/2015 9:03 PM
16	Asking other people	12/28/2015 7:39 PM
17	Word of mouth	12/28/2015 6:32 PM
18	I google stuff.	12/28/2015 5:55 PM
19	Just knowing the Area.	12/28/2015 1:29 PM
20	I go to those locations and look around.	12/28/2015 1:23 PM
21	handouts at the pool	12/28/2015 1:08 PM
22	email	12/28/2015 9:34 AM
23	I have a hard time finding information	12/27/2015 8:15 PM
24	word of mouth	12/23/2015 1:47 PM
25	I have not used any	12/22/2015 10:10 AM
26	friends	12/22/2015 7:01 AM
27	none are needed	12/19/2015 6:54 PM
28	Facebook + KMUN talk shows	12/18/2015 6:55 PM
29	fliers delivered home through the school district	12/18/2015 2:17 PM
30	They used to mail fliers. We'd probably do more of the free community programs if we knew when they were.	12/18/2015 2:08 PM
31	Coast Weekend	12/18/2015 1:52 PM
32	Google Search because there is no reliable presence on social media.	12/17/2015 11:38 PM
33	Friends and word of mouth	12/17/2015 6:54 PM
34	schools or direct mail	12/17/2015 6:23 PM
35	Self directed	12/17/2015 5:40 PM
36	None of the above	12/17/2015 5:25 PM
37	Annual program guide	12/17/2015 3:44 PM
38	I call by phone	12/17/2015 3:24 PM
39	KMUN	12/17/2015 2:32 PM
40	Word of mouth!! The old fashioned way :-)	12/17/2015 2:31 PM
41	Hipfish	12/12/2015 4:10 PM
42	Friends and family	12/11/2015 12:09 AM
43	I just go to the parks...I don't have to message socially about it. You have the wrong idea about activity. Do it...don't tweet about it. Geeze!	12/10/2015 6:04 PM
44	Word of mouth!	12/10/2015 4:21 PM

45	the website does not seem user friendly or up to date at times	12/10/2015 3:53 PM
46	newspaper	12/10/2015 2:57 PM
47	HIPFISH, KMUN, WEBSITE, USING THE PARKS	12/9/2015 8:57 PM
48	On site notices (pool)	12/9/2015 3:37 AM
49	Word of mouth	12/7/2015 12:49 PM
50	word of mouth from neighbors.	12/4/2015 9:02 PM
51	Community announcements	12/3/2015 9:54 PM
52	word of mouth	12/3/2015 7:41 PM
53	Attending and participating at City Council and on City Commissions	12/3/2015 1:53 PM
54	parks and rec seasonal handbook publication	12/2/2015 10:33 PM
55	City Council emails	12/2/2015 9:24 PM
56	friends	12/2/2015 8:10 PM
57	google	12/2/2015 8:08 PM
58	radio, newspaper and word of mouth	12/2/2015 5:39 PM
59	email	12/2/2015 3:23 PM
60	Not sure I do, would love to have a central point of info	12/1/2015 3:08 PM
61	Co-workers	12/1/2015 10:58 AM
62	Word of mouth	11/28/2015 2:27 PM

STAFF REPORT AND FINDINGS OF FACT

May 19, 2016

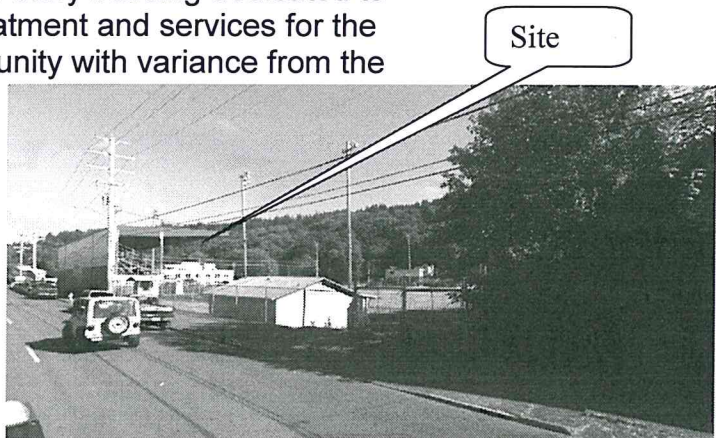
TO: ASTORIA PLANNING COMMISSION

FROM: NANCY FERBER, PLANNER

SUBJECT: VARIANCE REQUEST (V16-05) BY PKA ARCHITECTS FOR COLUMBIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FROM MINIMUM FLOOR AREA RATIO TO CONSTRUCT A CANCER TREATMENT FACILITY AT 1905 EXCHANGE ST.

I. BACKGROUND SUMMARY

- A. Applicant: PKA Architects (Josh Kolberg)
on behalf of Columbia Memorial Hospital (CMH)
6969 SW Hampton Street
Portland OR 97223
- B. Owner: Columbia Lutheran Charities dba Columbia Memorial Hospital
2111 Exchange Street
Astoria, OR 97103
- C. Location: 1905 Exchange Street; Map T8N-R9W Section 8DC and 8DD, Tax Lot 1-12; Blocks 111 & 138, Shively
- D. Zone: AH-HC Zone (Attached Housing – Health Care)
- E. Proposal: To construct a two-story building dedicated to cancer related treatment and services for the north coast community with variance from the minimum floor area ratio (FAR) of 1:1 to a FAR of 0.22:1
- F. Previous Applications Design Review Committee approved DR16-01 April 29, 2016 for building design.



II. BACKGROUND

A. Site:

The subject property is located on the south side of Exchange Street, on the corner of 19th and Exchange Street within the Gateway Overlay District. The proposed cancer center will be located at the west end of the existing Columbia Memorial Hospital (CMH). The project covers multiple lots, and a large portion of the area that was once the John Warren field. The proposed area encompasses approximately 91,000 square feet.

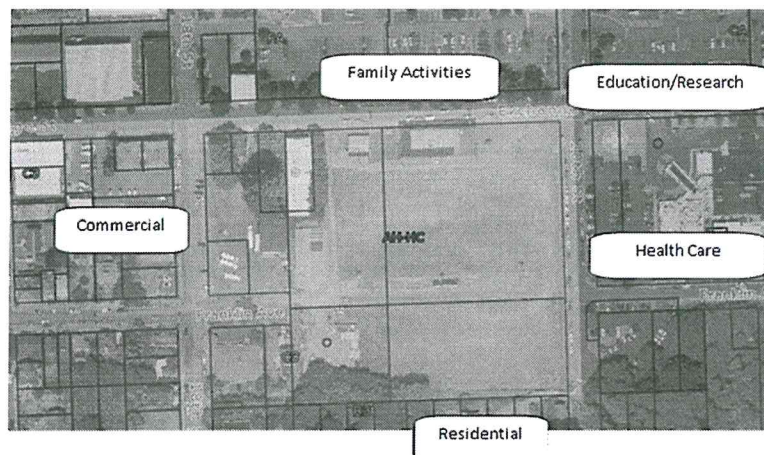
The site has been vacant since the Warren field was purchased. The bleachers have since been removed, and recent parking lot improvements were completed to the east of the site.



B. Area

The area is developed with a mixture of residences to the south across Franklin Ave toward Grand. Education and Health Care facilities are to the east, commercial area to the west and family activities such as the cinema to the north. The building will be oriented along

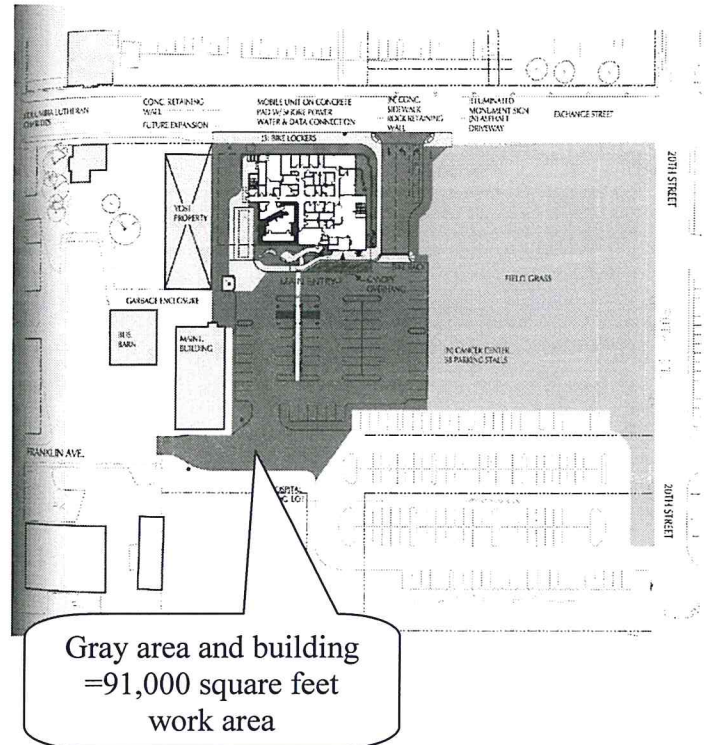
Exchange Street between 18th and 19th, east of the Yost Property. The main driveway entry will be along Exchange Street, with building off the patient parking in the back of the site.



C. Proposed Use

This proposal is to construct a two-story facility for cancer care and treatment. Oncology services at the existing CMH have increased to a full medical clinic with an infusion center. This project expands the CMH campus to include the proposed building which will be 31 feet, 3 inches in height excluding a mechanical penthouse. This project would include 25% landscaped spaces, exceeding the 20% minimum requirement. A traffic study and geological investigation have been included in the Design Review Committee application.

The Gateway Area requires a minimum building height of 24' and a floor area to lot ratio (FAR) of 1:1. The proposed work area encompasses an area of approximately 91,000 square feet. The first story is 10,479 square feet, the second floor is 9,178 for a total square footage of 19,657 square feet for an overall FAR of 0.22:1.



III. PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

A public notice was mailed to all property owners within 250 feet pursuant to Section 9.020 on April 30, 2010. A notice of public hearing was published in the *Daily Astorian* on May 17, 2010. Comments received will be made available at the Planning Commission meeting.

IV. APPLICABLE REVIEW CRITERIA AND FINDINGS OF FACT

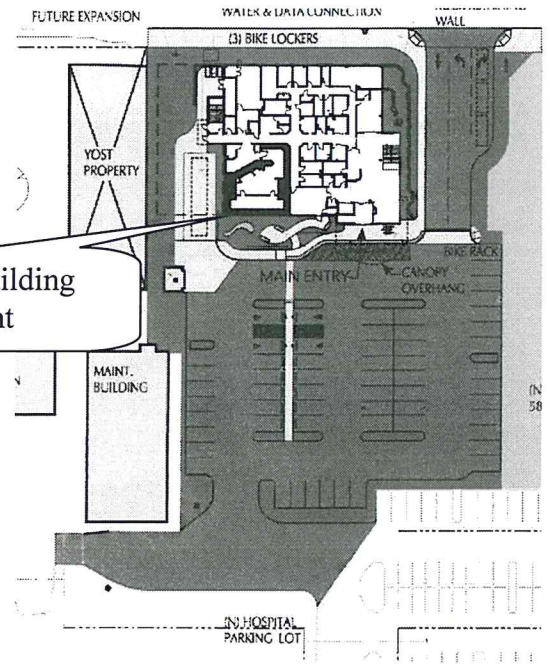
A. Development Code Section 14.030(B), *Building Massing* in the Gateway Overlay Zone, states that:

- “1. *Buildings should have a floor area ratio on their lots of at least 1:1 (One square foot of building area for one square foot of lot area), in order to maximize use of the land.*
2. *Buildings should be a minimum of 24 feet in height from grade to highest point of the structure, excluding those features exempt from building height as identified in Development Code Section 3.075.*

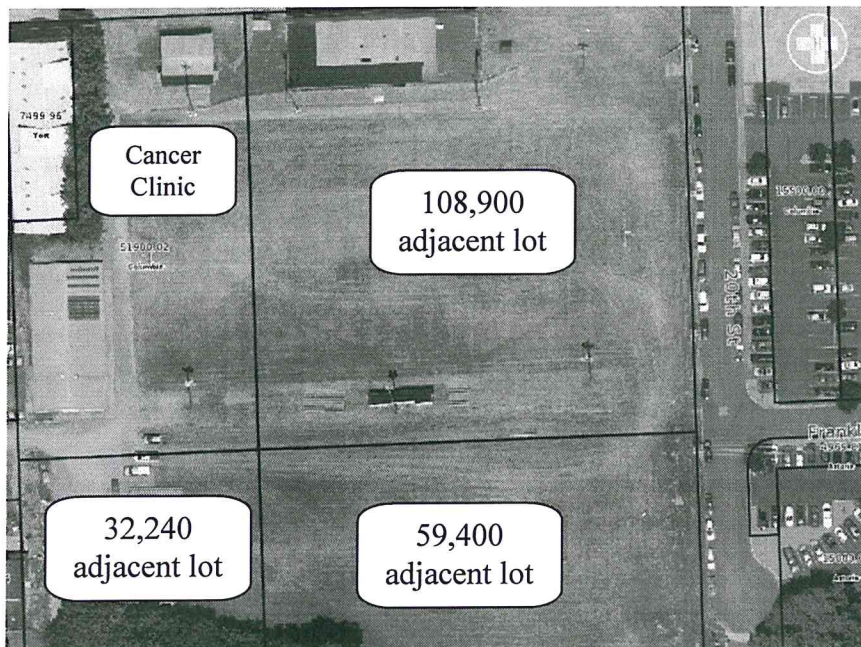
3. *The height, mass, and scale of buildings should be compatible with the site and adjacent buildings. Use of materials should promote harmony with surrounding historic structures and the character of the waterfront."*

Development Code Section 14.010, Definitions in the Gateway Overlay Zone, defines "SHOULD: A requirement, unless it can be shown that to comply with the requirement would be unreasonable, impractical, or unfeasible. Economic hardship alone shall not be justification for noncompliance with the requirement, but may be considered in conjunction with other reasons for noncompliance."

Finding: The proposed buildings would have a floor area ratio of 0.22:1 and a height of approximately 31 feet, 3 inches. The minimum height requirement is met. The applicant noted there is no medical use that requires the entire square footage to be programmed to meet the 1:1 ratio of the 91,000 square foot site. Siting the Columbia Memorial Hospital Cancer Clinic at the John Warren Football field provides the area for the needed clinic space, and additional room for future expansion.



The adjacent lots are currently owned by Columbia Lutheran Charities d/b/a (Columbia Memorial Hospital) and may be used for expansion of health care facilities should the need arise.



- B. Development Code Section 12.030(A) states *“the granting authority may grant a variance from the requirements of this Chapter, if on the basis of the application, investigation and the evidence submitted by the applicant, all four (4) of the following expressly written findings are made:”*

1. Section 12.030(A)(1) states that *“the request is necessary to prevent unnecessary hardship.*

Relevant factors to be considered in determining whether a hardship exists includes:

- a. *Physical circumstances related to the property involved;*
- b. *Whether a reasonable use, similar to like properties, can be made of the property without a variance;*
- c. *Whether the hardship was created by the person requesting the variance;*
- d. *The economic impact upon the person requesting the variance if the request is denied.”*

Finding: The applicant noted the clinic needs can be met within the proposed 19,657 square feet of project space. The building would meet the minimum 24' height requirement. The nature of a clinic is to provide comfortable, healing space for persons with receiving cancer related treatment in a day-use type facility. It is not feasible to use the entire lot to develop a treatment facility and unnecessarily expand into the adjacent lots where future development may occur.

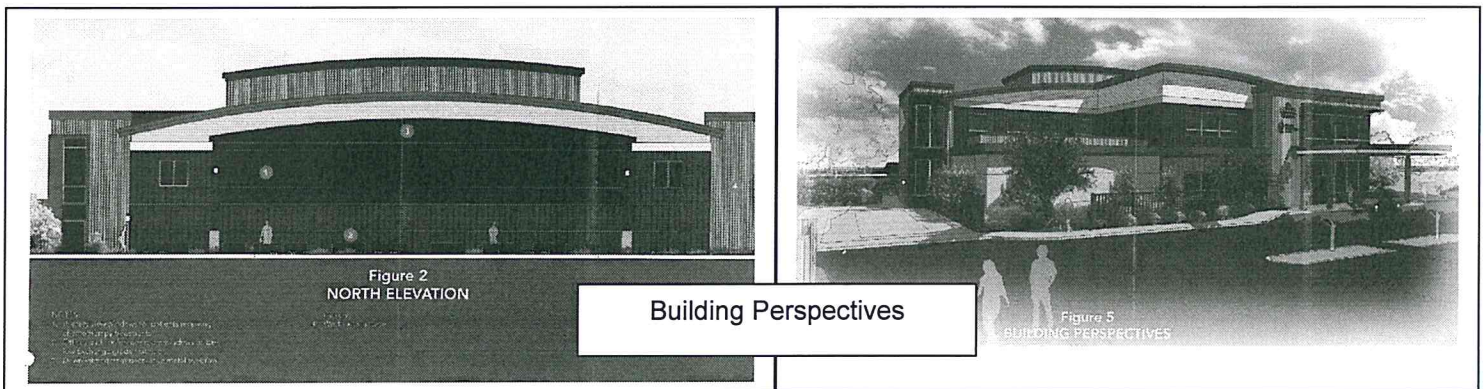
The location of the site is in close proximity to the other medical facilities makes it ideal for the cancer clinic. The site is large (91,000 square feet) and provides sufficient area for the multiple buildings in the future along with the outdoor amenities desired for this type of use. Lots of sufficient size and topography for a facility of this size within Astoria are limited, making this site ideal. To build at this site and comply with the FAR would be an unnecessary hardship and adds cost to the project for unnecessary expansion.

2. Development Code Section 12.030(A)(2) states that *“development consistent with the request will not be substantially injurious to the neighborhood in which the property is located.*

Relevant factors to be considered in determining whether development consistent with the request is substantially injurious to the neighborhood include:

- a. *The physical impacts such development will have, such as visual, noise, traffic and the increased potential for drainage, erosion and landslide hazards;*
- b. *The incremental impacts occurring as a result of the proposed variance."*

Finding: The Design Review Committee approved the design of the building including orientation and design details in DR 16-01. The architect has given the facility an appearance similar to the adjacent medical facilities and compatible with the neighboring areas. The project has frontage on Exchange Street, with the main entrance and parking lot located on the south side of the building.



The lower FAR would not be injurious to the neighborhood, and will likely blend into future build outs of the Columbia Memorial Hospital campus.

3. Section 12.030(A)(3) states that *"the request is necessary to make reasonable use of the property."*

Finding: The Gateway Area requirements were intended to create a denser area designed more for pedestrian access and to limit sprawling developments. Development Code Section 14.005, Purpose of the Gateway Overlay Zone, states that *"... The Gateway Overlay Zone is intended to be an intensively developed, mixed-use area which complements Downtown Astoria and the community as a whole."* With its location close to downtown, and variety of zoning abutting the property, this proposal meets reasonable use of the property, while providing for future campus development.

4. Section 12.030(A)(4) states that the request is not in conflict with the Comprehensive Plan.
 - a. CP.020(7) Community Growth Plan Strategy states *"Future development of the Gateway Overlay Area should be planned in accordance with the Gateway Master Plan. Special attention should*

be given to architectural design, landscaping, street frontages, location of parking lots, and other circulation issues. Future uses should serve to complement the Downtown Area.”

CP.058, Gateway Area Policies, states that

- “1. The City will utilize the general vision of the Gateway Master Plan to direct future development in the Gateway Overlay Area. The overall Comprehensive Plan objectives are to:*
- a. promote development that complements the Downtown Area;*
 - b. enhance the primary uses, such as the Columbia River Maritime Museum and Columbia Memorial Hospital, and work to redevelop areas such as the Mill Site, which have significant development potential;*
 - c. promote new land uses complementary to the riverfront and existing development, particularly visitor oriented uses and high density housing;*
 - d. establish visual and physical linkages within and around the Gateway Overlay Area, with special emphasis on the Columbia River riverfront;*
 - e. create a pedestrian-friendly environment throughout the Gateway Overlay Area through the careful siting of buildings and parking lots, careful consideration of street frontage design, and extension of the Astoria RiverWalk; and*
 - f. create investor interest by promoting complementary land uses and quality development in the surrounding area.”*

Finding: The proposed project at the CMH campus would be in compliance with the Gateway Design Review Guidelines and would complement the existing hospital and downtown developments. The request is for a “variation” from just the FAR, which is specific to the Gateway Area, and would allow a project to be constructed that would substantially meet the overall objectives of the Gateway Area.

V. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

For future developments at this site, and the adjacent properties, staff strongly encourages the development of a master plan for the campus to guide future development issues such as FAR, density, orientation and access.

This request, in balance, meets all the applicable review criteria. Staff recommends approval with the following conditions:

1. Significant changes or modifications to the proposed plans as described in this Staff Report shall be reviewed by the Astoria Planning Commission.
2. Any significant design changes or modifications to the proposed plans as described in this Staff Report shall be reviewed by the Design Review Committee.

The applicant should be aware of the following requirements:

The applicant shall obtain all necessary City and building permits prior to the start of any construction or operation.



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Fee: Administrative Permit \$150.00
(or) Planning Commission \$250.00

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VARIANCE APPLICATION

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Property Address: 1905 Exchange Street

Lot 14301 & 6400 Block 111 & 138 Subdivision Shively ~~Not applicable~~

Map 80908DC & 80908DD Tax Lot 1, 2, 10, 11, 12 & 5, 6, 7, 8 Zone AH-HC

Applicant Name: PKA Architects (Josh Kolberg, Architect) on behalf of Columbia Memorial Hospital

Mailing Address: 6969 SW Hampton Street \ Portland, Oregon 97223

Phone: 503.968.6800 Business Phone: Same Email: josh@pkaarchitects.com

Property Owner's Name: Columbia Memorial Hospital

Mailing Address: 2111 Exchange Street

Business Name (if applicable):

Signature of Applicant: [Signature] Date: May 3, 2016

Signature of Property Owner: [Signature] Date: May 3, 2016

Existing/Proposed Use: AH-HC Zoned use, planned cancer treatment facility

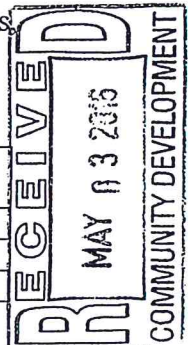
What Development Code Requirement do you need the Variance from? (Describe what is required by the Code and what you are able to provide without a Variance.)

Section 14.030(B)(1) concerning building massing states that buildings should have a floor area ratio on their lots of at least 1:1 (One square foot of building area for one square foot of lot area), in order to maximize use of the land.

Finding: The project would have a floor area to lot ratio (FAR) of 0.22: The applicant has indicated that area of work encompasses an area of approximately 91,000 square feet, and there is no medical use that requires the entire 91,100 square foot area to be programmed to meet the 1:1 ratio. The large area provides sufficient space for the multiple buildings that make up the CMH campus.

SITE PLAN: A Site Plan depicting property lines and the location of all existing and proposed structures, parking, landscaping, and/or signs is required. The Plan must include distances to all property lines and dimensions of all structures, parking areas, and/or signs. Scaled free-hand drawings are acceptable.

For office use only: <i>already met pre-app for entire project, Variance is a condition of approval for DR 16-01</i>			
Application Complete:	5/3/16	Permit Info Into D-Base:	5/3/16
Labels Prepared:	5/3/16	Tentative APC Meeting Date:	5/24/16
120 Days:	8/31/16		



FILING INFORMATION: Planning Commission meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Completed applications must be received by the 13th of the month to be on the next month's agenda. A Pre-Application meeting with the Planner is required prior to acceptance of the application as complete. Only complete applications will be scheduled on the agenda. Your attendance at the Planning Commission meeting is recommended. *See PR 16-01 for site plan*

Briefly address each of the following criteria: Use additional sheets if necessary.

12.030(A)(1) The request is necessary to prevent unnecessary hardship.

Finding: The project would have a floor area to lot ratio (FAR) of 0.22: The applicant has indicated that area of work encompasses an area of approximately 91,000 square feet, and there is no medical use that requires the entire 91,100 square foot area to be programmed to meet the 1:1 ratio. The large area provides sufficient space for the multiple buildings that make up the CMH campus.

12.030(A)(2) Development consistent with the request will not be substantially injurious to the neighborhood in which the property is located.

This development will extend the Columbia Memorial Hospital campus and provide room for future hospital development on Warren field.

12.030(A)(3) The request is necessary to make reasonable use of the property.

A 1:1 FAR for a medical campus is a very large hurdle given the clinical need and space for parking and landscaping.

12.030(A)(4) The request is not in conflict with the Comprehensive Plan.

Confirmed.

Astoria Development Code Section 12.030(B) states:

In evaluating whether a particular request is to be granted, the granting authority shall consider the following, together with any other relevant facts or circumstances.

1. Relevant factors to be considered in determining whether a hardship exists include:
 - a. Physical circumstances related to the property involved;
 - b. Whether a reasonable use, similar to like properties, can be made of the property without the variance;
 - c. Whether the hardship was created by the person requesting the variance;
 - d. The economic impact upon the person requesting the variance if the request is denied.
2. Relevant factors to be considered in determining whether development consistent with the request is substantially injurious to the neighborhood include:
 - a. The physical impacts such development will have, such as visual, noise, traffic and the increased potential for drainage, erosion and landslide hazards.
 - b. The incremental impacts occurring as a result of the proposed variance.
3. A determination of whether the standards set forth in Section 12.030(A) are satisfied necessarily involves the balancing of competing and conflicting interests. The considerations listed in Section 12.030(B) (1) & (2) are not standards and are not intended to be an exclusive list of considerations. The considerations are to be used as a guide in the granting authority's deliberations.
4. Prior variances allowed in the neighborhood shall not be considered by the granting authority in reaching its decision. Each request shall be considered on its own merits.