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Farmington City Parks, Recreation, Arts and Trails Master Plan

Public Scoping Meeting

December 5, 2022, 6:00 pm, Farmington City Hall

29 Participants signed-in



SUMMARY

PARKS

- **General Comments on Parks:**
 - Focus on high-use facilities
 - More large parks, less small ones
 - Highly amenitize new parks
 - Parks should be multipurpose (not just open fields)
 - Like Centennial Park in South Jordan or Layton Park

- **Improvements to Existing Parks:**
 - Woodland Park
 - Convert Amphitheater into a concert venue
 - Practice water conservation, including waterwise landscaping and grass only in active areas
 - Farmington's parks are too similar – need variety
 - Consider decommissioning underutilized parks

- **Desired Park Facilities:**
 - Shade Trees
 - Pickleball Courts
 - Synthetic Fields (for soccer, lacrosse, football, etc.)
 - Can reduce maintenance and water use
 - Splash Pad
 - Skate Park
 - Needs to be well-designed with a good variety of equipment for various ages abilities
 - Dog Parks
 - Off-leash dog areas
 - All-abilities Park
 - Similar to St George's

- **Desired Events**
 - Farmers/Food Markets
 - Music in the park
 - Triathlon

- Outdoor Concerts
- Expanded Farmington Festival Days
- Generally more events/programming is desired
- **Vision for New Business Park**
 - Outdoor music venue
 - like Layton
 - Outdoor basketball,
 - Grass for Flag Football
 - All-Abilities Facilities
 - Hammock Park
 - Horseshoe Pits
 - Splash Pad
 - Pickleball courts
 - Tournament facility with lots of courts
 - Could bring in revenue
 - Outdoor Music Venue/Amphitheater
 - Like Layton or Sun Valley's
 - Outdoor Basketball Court
 - Bike Park
 - A Destination Park
 - Interactive like Bountiful Town Square but better
 - Too many amenities for too small of space

RECREATION

- **Gym Expansion Desires:**
 - Full-size Indoor Fields
 - Indoor swimming pool
 - A pool is needed the High School swim teams
 - private gym will likely accommodate (almost finalized)
 - Dedicated space for fitness classes
- **Recreation Programs:**
 - There is a shortage of referees
 - Referees are not needed for sports with young children
 - Require each team to provide a referee
- **Pool:**
 - Lap-lanes are desired
 - Differing options on where to put the lanes (at gym or with rec pool)
 - Multi-use recreation pool better accommodates residents. Lanes only serve specific people
 - The existing rec. pool needs to be expanded
 - Existing pool is too small for demand/population

- Need facilities for all ages and abilities
 - Splash pad near pool works well for the less-abled
- **Pickleball:**
 - More pickleball courts (indoor and outdoor)
 - Existing courts are heavily used and often full
 - Desired specifically at Ranches Park
 - Issues with the current indoor courts sharing space with the group fitness classes.
 - Music is loud and disturbs game-play
 - A separate space is needed

ARTS

- **More Visual Art throughout the City**
 - Should include a wide-variety and interactive
 - Murals
 - Public Art Play Equipment
- **Disappointed the City opted out of the CenterPoint Theater**
 - CenterPoint is heavily used by Farmington residents
 - Now is a great opportunity to re-engage with the theater
 - There is no need for separate theater – would be a waste of resources
 - Would be better to invest in CenterPoint

TRAILS

- **General Comments on Trails**
 - Farmington has great trails
 - More trail education
 - Work with the Ranches and other HOAs on trail alignments and amenities
- **Desired Trail Improvements:**
 - More connectivity between trails
 - More access to water/streams
 - Better weed control/maintenance
 - Art along trails
 - Signage (wayfinding, interpretive, and regulatory)
 - A system of foothill trails
 - Similar to Corner Canyon/Eagle Mountain/Park City
 - More user-specific trails (for mountain biking, hiking, equestrian, etc.)
 - There are conflicts between bikes, equestrians, and hikers
 - Particularly with the High School Mountain Bike Team

- Need trail etiquette education and improved signage
 - Existing trails do not accommodate everyone
 - Ensure trail design meets user's needs (particularly for equestrians)
 - User-specific trails are needed on both east and west sides
- **Maintenance Issues with Trails**
 - Proactive maintenance is needed
 - A trail subcommittee should be formed
 - Work with High School Bike Team to help address some maintenance needs
 - Weed Control is needed
 - Dyer's Wood/Goat heads/Puncher Vine is an issue on trails
 - There needs to be an employee who is dedicated to puncher vine control
 - Trail maintenance could be addressed through volunteers/non-profits

GENERAL

- More trails and parks are needed on the west side of Farmington
 - Conservation easement funds from UDOT could be used for west-side recreation
- Farmington Gym bond will be paid off in 2 years
- Keep the Farm in Farmington
- Funding is a concern
 - Resources should be prioritized
- Concern getting responses to the community survey via email