



PROS Plan Youth & Family Focus Group

Date: Summer 2025

Location: Survey

The department developed an online survey that was open from July 1 to August 15, 2025. Notification and engagement efforts included a press release, social media postings, placement at the front page of the Park website and a booth promoting the survey at the July 4th Parade.

Results

What APRD does well – 161 responses

- 35% noted many great parks
- 24% called out that parks and restrooms were well maintained
- 23% appreciate the ice rink and skating lessons
- 14% hailed the sports fields and programs for youth
- 13% enjoy the splash pad
- 11% appreciate the playgrounds
- 7% like the way the sports fields are maintained
- 6% noted the biking trails
- 4% dig the hiking trails

Gaps/New things to consider – 155 responses

- 34% Asked for more programming for children/youth. Some wanted age specific programming, some wanted particular activities like art or adapted programming, summer camps, after school, etc., but they all wanted more. A number of responders expressed concern over the amount of programming for seniors compared to that for youth.
- 26% Requested more sports fields for traditional organized sports (soccer was mentioned the most) and also for nontraditional sports like ultimate frisbee or just a large grassy area for free play. Turf sports fields were mentioned as was



a facility with indoor fields.

- 21% Would like a larger pool, extended hours at the pool, more open swim time, and/or a new pool open year-round.
- 12% Feel there should be more or improved playgrounds, half of those proposed adding shade structures or planting more trees for a break from the summer heat.
- 9% Believe the sports fields, facilities, and restrooms need to be updated or have improved maintenance/cleaning.
- 9% See a gap in beginner mountain biking opportunities. They want to see the Pump Track/Skills park built and would like more beginner biking trails.
- 4% Would like to have a youth center like the Grove once was. A safe place for youth to hang out and take classes, play games/sports, etc.

Future Hopes - 164 responses

Hopes ranged from music and language classes to movie nights in the park to a gondola for adventure sports. Despite the range of suggestions, the vast majority of respondents envision *more* for youth.

- 26% would like a year round larger pool with a water park and more swim options like a youth swim team
- 24% Envision more sports fields including turf fields and access to all youth, not just organized sports leagues
- 21% Would like more biking – pump track, trails close to town, beginning mountain bike lessons, bike clubs
- 10% See a rec center where youth could recreate
- 6% Just want to focus on what we have and keeping it all maintained: the pool, trails, sports fields, parks, etc.

Favorite to least favorite ranking - 162 responses

Top 10

1. Aquatics
2. Soccer



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3. Trails
4. Playgrounds
5. Art
6. Educational
7. Nature Play
8. Fitness
9. Dance
10. Bike polo/pickleball/music tied

What's missing? - 95 responses

Very similar responses to question #4. There were many requests for biking activities including the pump track/skills park, multi-use fields, a recreation center, non-sports classes and activities like gardening, art, music, education, year-round pool with more amenities, etc.,