

June 30, 2016 Canby Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting

The Board met to review the initial results of the Park and Recreation Survey mailed in April. The results from the mailed and online surveys were basically the same except the online respondents were slightly younger.

Over 80% responded that Canby needs a Community Recreation Center that should be centrally located, and favored locating near schools.

A water feature such as a splash park; a dog park and new trails were the top three desired amenities.

Children 5-14 should receive priority access followed closely by equal access for all.

Grants, registration fees and partnerships were preferred funding mechanisms for constructing park facilities. The General Fund and a Park District were the top two choices for funding maintenance. Staff noted that numerous respondents cited no new taxes, and apparently there was some confusion as to what a park district is, since it is a taxing district. Staff suggested and the board agreed that the follow up maintenance survey should give a brief description of the funding mechanisms to eliminate this confusion.

Respondents prefer to receive information about parks and recreation via the local newspaper, city website and facebook, and by word of mouth.

Respondents noted lack of time as a main reason they did not visit parks. Lack of information regarding programs was cited as the main reason for lack of participation in programs.

Over 80% of respondents rated park maintenance good to excellent.

One third of respondents were willing do volunteer time for parks, and the majority of respondents owned their own homes.