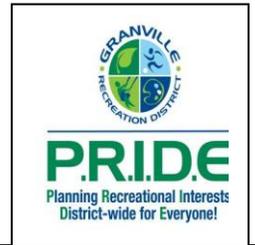




Granville Recreation District (GRD) Community Needs Assessment – Recreational Analysis

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The GRD Administrative Committee identified 28 community groups to receive an invitation to participate within the focus group portion of this process. Fifteen (15) of the 28 groups representing persons district-wide assembled between the dates of January 24th – April 14th of 2011. Meetings ranged between 30-55 minutes in length dependent on the amount of discussion among the participants. Persons in attendance totaled 213. Eight (8) additional groups were scheduled; however, persons did not attend those meetings. Therefore, 23 of the 28 groups agreed to participate in the overall focus group process.

The GRD Administrative Committee generated a listing of district-wide individuals (55) to partake in phone interviews. Twenty-nine (29) individuals completed phone interviews within both February and March, 2011. Three (3) individuals were not accessible; and, three (3) individuals participated in focus group sessions thus making the interview sample a total of 49 persons – this portion of the process yielded a 60% completion rate.

⇒ **Discussion Issue/Question #1:**

GRD would like to know what “Types of Park Amenities or Facilities” you believe need to be constructed/added to new or existing developed parks in the next five years.

	Rank:
Outdoor Leisure Pool	1
Community Recreation Center	2
Indoor Pool / Natatorium	3
Additional Flex Sport Fields	4
Indoor Sports Courts	5
Maintain/Develop Trails/Pathways	6
Senior Center	7
Year-round Restrooms at Parks	8

Note: Thirteen (13) additional facilities or park amenities were scored as top priorities.

Eight Main Facilities Brought Forward:

- “Outdoor Leisure Pool” ranked #1 by all participants – also was listed and scored in all 16 groups.
 - Comments included that there needs to be a replacement pool within the community as soon as possible. Persons are tired of having to travel to neighboring communities.
- “Community Recreation Center” ranked #2 – also was listed and received scoring in 13/16 participant groups. Scoring was high enough in these 13 groups of participants to rank this facility #2 overall.
 - This facility raised numerous financial/funding questions; however, that specific issue did not prevent this facility of being ranked #2 in the assessment.
 - Participants realize that many of the other amenities mentioned in this assessment can be within a community recreation center. The comments indicated that the participants wanted the GRD to recognize the importance of a complete facility – not just pieces.
 - The suggestion of “phasing” to someday have a completed LARGE community center was repeatedly stated by numerous focus group members and those being interviewed.
- “Indoor Pool / Natatorium” ranked number #3, scored in all 16 participant groups.
 - This facility represents the communities express interest in yearlong aquatic programs, as well as the permanent location for the high school swim team.

- Additional “Outdoor Sport Fields” ranked #4, scored in 12/16 participant groups. Along with requested expansion of youth and adult sport “REC” leagues, the need of additional fields clearly stands out as a high priority.
 - Continued discussion occurred regarding the use of Bryn Du fields. The request for the ability for increased public use of these fields in particular was stressed highly in numerous sessions.
 - Village and Township residents question why the public cannot use this facility more readily since their tax dollars are already in use. They consider this a possible community center in itself.
- Additional “Indoor Sport Courts” ranked 5th in this assessment – again, participants wish for Recreational Club leagues for high school students to be created, but recognize the shortage of courts currently available.
 - Numerous sessions discussed how additional courts could be developed – many times the solution became a community recreation center. However, a solution of a “Field House” for courts and turf fields was raised as a possibility IF an indoor pool facility is constructed as a stand-alone facility.
- “Maintain/Development of Trails & Pathways” scored in 11/16 participant groups. This category ranked 6th in scoring indicating the high priority voting this suggestion received.
 - Each time a specific trail line or pathway was suggested, each trail line was collectively scored under this category.
 - As explained to participant groups mentioning trail development, currently the GRD does not maintain or construct any pathways outside of the parks.
 - Residents encourage the GRD to urge a maintenance policy be developed for existing and future trails / pathways within the district – a collective agreement between all agencies.
- “Senior Center,” or dedicated space for senior programming, was scored in 7/16 participant groups – however, the scoring for this suggestion ranked 7th overall – indicating a significant priority in each of the participant groups that brought this suggestion to the board.
 - There are concerns from accessibility to a permanent location; as well as, “senior programming” ranked 5th overall in adult programming requests.
- “Year-round Restrooms” in parks ranked 8th overall in scoring with 12/16 participant groups bringing this topic to the board as a community need.
 - Raccoon being the sport park ranked number one, with Wildwood ranked second in priority.

⇒ **Discussion Issue/Question #2:**

GRD would like to know what “Types of Recreation Programs” you would like to see coordinated for the district over the next couple of years. Results represent “Senior/Adult” and “Youth/Teen.”

Adult/Senior Programs	Rank:
Adult Education Seminars	1
Adult Sport Leagues/Tourneys	2
Adult Fitness Program	3
Adult Day Care	4
Senior Social Programs	5

Note: Seventeen (17) additional Senior and Adult programs were scored as top priorities.

Youth/Teen Programs	Rank:
Aquatic Programs/Swim Lessons	1
Youth Adventure Camps (Su')	2
Swim Team (Recreational)	3
Teen Programming	4
Youth Art Camps (Su')	5

Note: Fifteen (15) additional Youth and Teen programs were scored as top priorities.

Ten Main Program Areas Brought Forward:

Youth / Teen Programs

- “Adult Education Seminars” ranked #1 in scoring by participants, and listed in 7/16 participant groups.
 - Education seminars could be for all adult age categories, including: retirement/estate planning, automotive repairs, parenting teens, nutrition, etc.

- “Adult Sport Leagues / Tournaments” ranked 2nd in participant scoring and was listed in 8/16 groups.
 - Participants were adamant about some type of sport league to be established – beginning with basketball and softball – maybe 35/40+ leagues. Basketball could be year-round if outdoor courts were established.
- “Adult Fitness Programs” ranked 3rd in scoring and was mentioned in 6/16 groups.
 - Initial programs could be partnered with private instructors using chair aerobics for seniors in an open community room OR personal trainers and home health – until a facility would be available within the community.
- “Adult (Senior) Day Care” ranked 4th in priority scoring overall by participants representing only four groups. This indicates that for groups that mentioned this need, voting ranked it very high in every group.
 - The ranking of this program suggestion indicates a large aging community, as well as ones who may be assisting with care of older parents/family members. This would be a great future partnership with a qualified agency.
 - The need for dedicated senior space can also be seen as vital with this type of program suggestion.
- “Senior Social Programs” ranked 5th overall in priority scoring from 6/16 participant groups.
 - Although it only scored in 6 groups, the discussion for this need was continuous throughout the input process. Active seniors typically include adults 55+. Social day programs, lunch groups, day trips, etc.

Youth / Teen Programs:

- “Aquatic Programs / Swim Lessons” ranked #1 in the youth program category with scoring occurring in 8/16 participant groups.
 - Discussions centered on the need for a year-round pool – however, discussions also intently focused on the Bryn Du pool and Denison pools for immediate use.
 - District members would support a new facility only once these two other entities gave a public statement indicating that no public use would occur in their respective facilities.
- “Summer Youth Adventure Camps” ranked #2 in priority scoring with 6/16 groups listing the need for this summer opportunity.
 - Important to note that discussions also focused on the “extension” of hours to include an all day registration option. Also, the option for evening sports camps for dual working parents.
 - Accessibility really was the real barrier for registration growth.
- “Swim Team – Recreational” ranked #3 overall in youth programming needs in 6/16 participant groups.
 - Summer programs typically are recreational in nature – not competing with indoor pool space with high school and middle school competitive teams. Analysis of the possibility of this opportunity existing indicates the need for a summer outdoor pool that would also have an area with lanes at least 25 meters in length.
- “Teen Programming” ranked #4 in priority scoring by participants in 6/16 input sessions.
 - Numerous discussions occurred in more than the six scoring groups indicating a decisive need for teen programs, as well as teen space.
 - Also mentioned was the loss of the previous teen space and the desire to have a new dedicated space, aided by teen groups – possibly a store front rental or another community space that would allow painting and kids standing outside.
- “Summer Youth Arts Camps” ranked 5th in priority scoring by 3/16 participant groups indicating a superior number of high votes for this program suggestion.
 - This camp option would have to have some types of adventure education types of activities to entice enough children to make the program possible.
 - For example: photography trips to shoot various types of scenery; trips to shoot people in different environments; canoeing could offer some interesting artistic activities. Could merge the two camps as one as building the program takes place.

Question #3: Regarding the Possibility of a Community Recreation Center within the Granville Rec District –

The following examples of Community Center Facilities list the size type and possible amenities combined with approximated 2012 construction costs. **Please select “√” ONE (1) of the three (3) Community Center choices listed below that you believe your household would support constructing in the Granville Recreation District in the next five years or “√” check the Do Not Support box Choice #4 below.**

Choice #1: → Go to Q#4

\$ 8 Million (construction only)

Small Community Center

Possible Amenities:

- * Arts Room
- * Fitness Room
- * One (1) Full Sports Court
- * Meeting Room
- * Small Kitchen
- * Multi-purpose Room
- * Staff Office Area

Choice #2: → Go to Q#4

\$ 15 Million (Construction only)

Medium Community Center

Possible Amenities:

- * Small Indoor Lap Pool
- * Outdoor Leisure Pool
- * Fitness Area / Aerobics Area
- * One (1) Full Sport Court
- * Childcare Room
- * Indoor Track
- * Staff Office Area
- * Meeting Rooms
- * Separate Senior Area

Choice #3: → Go to Q#4

\$ 25 Million (Construction only)

Large Community Center:

Possible Amenities:

- * Large Indoor Competitive/Lap Pool
- * Indoor Leisure Pool
- * Outdoor Leisure Pool
- * Fitness / Aerobics / Yoga / Pilates Areas
- * Indoor Track
- * (2) Full Sport Courts
- * Childcare Room
- * Community Meeting Rooms
- * Climbing Wall
- * Indoor Play Area
- * Staff Office Area
- * Separate Area for Seniors
- * Separate Area for Teens

Choice #4: **I do not support constructing a**

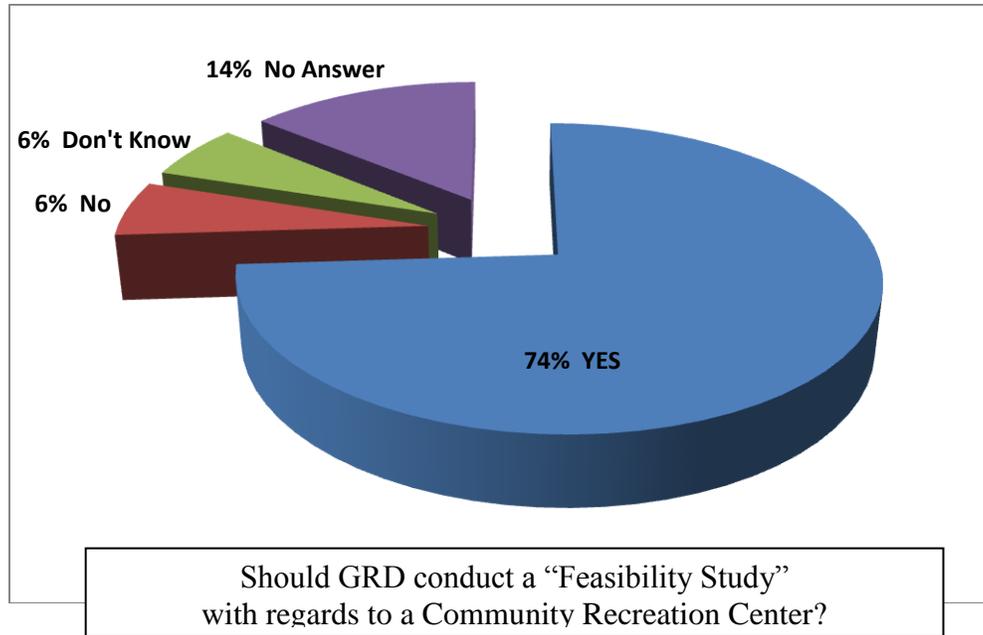
**Community Center in the Granville Rec District
within the next five years → GO TO Q#4**

#1: Small	#2: Medium	#3: Large	#4: No Support	No Answer	total
9%	30%	34%	12%	15%	100%

**Note: “No Answer” simply means that the participant did not provide an answer to this question.*

- 73% of participants chose some type of facility.
- 64% of participants indicated either a medium or large facility – ranging between \$15M-\$25M in construction costs alone.
 - Discussions occurred with nearly each group regarding how to “phase” construction to reach over time the larger facility option.
 - Construct 1 full-size gym with the outer wall available for a second gym in the future.
 - Construct either the indoor pool complex or the outdoor pool with the ability for the second pool well to utilize the same utilities.
 - Senior space could be dedicated with its own outdoor entrance – teen space could use a community room until an additional separate area could be built.
 - Keep notice that 12% did not support the development of any facility at this time. This percentage will not disappear over time – may shift on who chooses this option, but there will always be a descending portion of the population for this type of spending on a large recreational facility. Also, those who participated in this input process had an interest to do so, whether to just give an opinion or see what was being discussed.
 - These results do not indicate that 73% of the district will support a facility or funding to do so. Until there are specific plans with specific funding needs, there is no indication of guaranteed support, just definite interest.

Question #4: I do support completing a “Feasibility Study,” whether or not I believe that the Granville Recreation District should construct a community center in the next five years, for this specific project.



**Note: “No Answer” simply means that the participant did not provide an answer to this question.*

There is overall general support (74%) for contracting a feasibility study completing a comprehensive analysis of costs, funding options, partnership opportunities, location options, and concept drawings for a community recreation facility within the Granville Recreation District.