

- The City is committed to providing the highest quality programming. To showcase that, the recreation video was created as part of the recreation branding of community and recreation services.
- We know that by telling our story on our website through videos engages the public to participate in recreation. This video is one component of the marketing strategy of which there will be more videos providing a specific focus to each of the various programming (e.g. yoga, swimming, skating, etc.) so that a program can be experienced on the City's website prior to registering. The videos are an introduction to recreation and programming opportunities that Surrey has to offer, a beneficial tool for new individuals moving to Surrey and curious of what is available.
- Healthy communities are where everyone is active and engaged for life. We achieve this with a community engagement model, working with other partners in the community and working with each of the stakeholders themselves.
- Creating healthy communities provides something for everyone to build relationships, to engage, to have a sense of belonging, to support a safe place for children and families.
- The City is committed to providing its diverse community with the highest quality programming; opportunities for people with all abilities, all needs, inclusive and accessible, to have the opportunities to become healthier as they age.
- The videos are a work in progress. As created, they will be loaded on to the City's website and YouTube. As they become available, new individual instruction and program promotion videos will be provided on Twitter and Facebook.

2. **Patrick Klassen, Park Planner, Parks, Recreation and Culture and Jason Owens, District Energy Manager, Engineering**

Patrick Klassen, Park Planner, Parks, Recreation and Culture and Jason Owens, District Energy Manager, Engineering, were in attendance to provide a presentation on the West Village Park (new mini-neighbourhood park) and District Energy Centre in City Centre.

A PowerPoint presentation was provided to give a background of the project and an overview of the preferred West Village Park concept plan, and accompanies the memo under item E.1, which seeks the Committee's endorsement of the concept plan.

Comments were as follows:

- This project, which falls within the City Centre Plan, is a partnership between Parks and Engineering. The outcome will realize both a new mini-neighbourhood park, and the city's first permanent District Energy (DE) facility.

- The New City Centre Plan (40 year vision) identifies parks as critical infrastructure to realize the vision of building a vibrant, livable city centre. Included are eight (8) new park sites across City Centre (celebration, community gathering, meet the needs of the community, etc.) located within walking distance of all residents, as determined through a walkshed analysis.
- West Village Park, a contemporary urban mini park and the first new park site in City Centre since Holland Park, is located within the West Village neighbourhood (City Centre Plan), a rapidly transforming high density/mixed use neighbourhood.
- The 0.3 ha (0.75 acre) site, is located along the future 103A Avenue (south), which will connect the park to the City Centre Plaza (image shown).
- Currently home to a temporary DE boiler plant, the park site will be the first of the permanent DE centres, part of Surrey City Energy, addressing the needs of both park space and energy infrastructure for City Centre.
- Surrey Centre Energy is a City-owned DE utility that supplies buildings in City Centre with heat and hot water. Currently there are three planned DE centres within the City Centre Plan area.
- In addition to improving energy efficiency, Surrey City Energy will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase the resilience of the City's energy supply stems and provide competitive and stable long-term energy pricing.
- The overall preliminary planning and design of the project included community consultation through a public open house (held October 1st), an online CitySpeaks survey, stakeholder consultation (including meeting with neighbours) and information sharing through social media and the City's website.
- To engage residents, two park concept plans were presented, one active and one passive, both of which included a proposed location and preliminary architectural design for the DE building within the park (renderings of each park concept plan were shown).
- Overwhelming support for the project was received through written feedback from 59 respondents, noting an overall 55% preference for the passive park concept. However concern with respect to crime and safety of the neighbourhood, noise of the facility and tree retention, was also expressed.
- Design of the park includes future opportunities for an expansion to the north. Furthermore, a public art element is also envisioned for the site, for which an Artist in Residence has been selected to work with the design team to implement.
- Next steps include a presentation to Council for park plan approval (December 2015), detailed design throughout 2016, construction 2017/early 2018 and completion anticipated for the end of 2018.

Discussion ensued with respect to potential purchasers of the energy. It was reported that there are presently two customers, the 'Wave' tower on 104 Avenue

and the new headquarters of Coast Capital on King George Boulevard, with an anticipated addition of two or three new buildings each year.

Opportunities for off-leash dog parks within City Centre was also discussed. It was noted that two or three off-leash dog parks are envisioned in the future, as well as the potential to take advantage of the hydro corridor.

With respect to public art for the park, and given that it is also the location of the Surrey Energy Centre, it was suggested that the artwork installation could be interactive with steam, e.g. the steam clock in Gastown. It was reported that a charrette, facilitated by the public art group, with the intent to receive interest and inspiration from the community, is scheduled for November 19th.

The potential to provide tours of the DE facility was discussed. It was reported that meeting space (to provide a safe viewing from the inside of the facility) as well as the opportunity to provide formal tours, etc., has been anticipated in the preliminary design of the facility.

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Concept Plan for West Village Park in City Centre

File No. 6140-20/W

The memorandum from the Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated November 9, 2015, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee:

1. Receive the report as information;
2. Endorse the concept plan for West Village Park (preliminary name) attached as **Appendix I** to the report, and recommend its adoption by Council; and
3. Attach a copy of the report to the minutes of the meeting for Council reference.

It was Moved by T. Allen
Seconded by C. Annable
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee:

1. Receive the report from the Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated November 9, 2015, entitled "*Concept Plan for West Village Park in City Centre*" as information; and
2. Attach a copy of the report to the minutes of the meeting for Council reference.

Carried

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

It was Moved by T. Allen
Seconded by C. Annable
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee recommend that Council:

1. Receive the report from the Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated November 9, 2015, entitled "*Concept Plan for West Village Park in City Centre*" (attached as **Appendix A**) as information; and
2. Endorse the concept plan for West Village Park (preliminary name) attached as **Appendix I** to the report.

Carried

2. **Pickleball Delegation Request**

File No. 6140-20/P

The memorandum from the Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated November 10, 2015, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive this report as information.

Comments were as follows:

- It is disappointing that the City's proposed Kennedy Park location to provide the requested pickleball-only facilities was declined. It certainly is a generous offer and it is unfortunate that response from the Surrey Pickleball Club was not as favourable as anticipated.
- Every effort was made to accommodate the request of the Club as best as possible, and some of the members were in support of the proposed location, however if the proposal is not going to attract the full utilization the City would like to see, it may be better to look further for any shared facility options at alternative locations.

- As with many groups, sometimes there can be differing positions within the group. Staff will review other alternatives that may be available. The initial generous offer may still end up being the resolve.

It was Moved by T. Allen
Seconded by R. Gorman
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport
Tourism Committee receive the report from the Parks Planning, Research and
Design Manager, dated November 10, 2015, entitled "*Pickleball Delegation Request*"
as information.

Carried

3. **Guildford Heights Park – Options Community Services Proposal**
File No.6140-20/GH

The memorandum from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, dated November 9, 2015, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee:

1. Receive this report as information; and
2. Support in principle, the leasing of 2,340 square metres of corporate land, located at approximately 10200 - 154 Street, to the OPTIONS Community Services Society, for the development of a community facility at Guildford Heights Park, as generally described in this report, subject to appropriate leasing requirements and subject also to approval by City Council.

The Committee commented as follows:

- Due to recent international events and Canada's proposed assistance to refugees, this proposal provides a timely opportunity for the City to play a leadership role.
- Subject to the Committee's approval in principle and subsequent to Council approval, the proposal will be to take the building footprint out of parkland and convert to corporate land, to enable the delivery of the facility without developing parkland and the value of the land would be returned to the parkland acquisition fund.
- In terms of a mandate, the Committee overall needs to take a balanced approach to meeting the diverse community needs and balancing the needs of Parks.
- The land is still encumbered with the building and as such, this proposal in many ways represents a housekeeping matter in terms of the area being replaced by a corporate acquisition.
- Consideration should be given to what will be more valuable for the community, such as tearing down the building and enhancing the park itself.

- Despite the value and worthiness of the proposal, there is an overall concern in removing lands from parkland and as such, further review of all legal implications should be considered.
- The City receives similar requests from housing agencies and to date the requests have been turned down, as such this proposal needs to be carefully examined to ensure a dangerous precedent would not be set.

It was

Moved by Councillor Gill

Seconded by T. Allen

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee recommend that the report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, dated November 9, 2015, entitled "*Guildford Heights Park – Options Community Services Proposal*" be referred back to staff to provide a further review of alternatives available to accommodate the OPTIONS Community Services Society proposal, including any legal implications.

Carried

Comments continued:

- Staff confirmed they will take into account all comments and undertake a thorough review of all potential implications and explore any other options to achieve this facility.
- In terms of City programming and ensuring for flexibility, the building could be used in partnership with Options and the City could also offer programs out of the facility. Staff advised that flexibility is an important consideration with this proposal, and that other options are being explored, such as an addition to the Guildford Recreation Centre.

4. **City Marketing of Off-Road Cycling**

File No. 5400-03

The memorandum from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, dated November 4, 2015, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee:

1. Receive this report as information; and
2. Forward of a copy of the report to the Surrey Off-Road Cycling Enthusiasts Society.

It was Moved by T. Allen
Seconded by R. Gorman
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee:

1. Receive the report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, dated November 4, 2015, entitled "*City Marketing of Off-Road Cycling*" as information; and
2. Forward of a copy of the report to the Surrey Off-Road Cycling Enthusiasts Society.

Carried

F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

1. **Corporate Report R196 – Avenues of Change – Guildford West Update**
File No. 4900-01

At the Regular Council – Public Hearing meeting of September 28, 2015, Council considered Corporate Report R196 entitled "*Avenues of Change – Guildford West Update*", and passed the following recommendation RES.R15-1685:

"That Council:

1. Receive Corporate Report R196 as information; and
2. Forward a copy of the report to the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee and the Social Policy Advisory Committee for their information."

It was Moved by T. Allen
Seconded by R. Benson
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport
Tourism Committee receive Corporate Report R196 entitled "*Avenues of Change – Guildford West Update*" as information.

Carried

2. **Corporate Report R226 – Child Care Task Force Co-Chair**
File No. 0360-20

At the Regular Council – Public Hearing meeting of November 16, 2015, Council considered Corporate Report R226 entitled "*Child Care Task Force Co-Chair*", and passed the following recommendation RES.R15-2028:

"That Council:

1. Receive Corporate Report R226 as information;

2. Support the City of Surrey staff participating as Co-Chair of the Surrey Child Care Task Force as generally described in this report; and
3. Forward a copy of this report to the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee and the Social Policy Advisory Committee."

It was
Tourism Committee receive Corporate Report R226 entitled "*Child Care Task Force Co-Chair*" as information.

Moved by R. Gorman
Seconded by C. Annable
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Carried

G. CORRESPONDENCE

1. BC Senior Games Society

Correspondence, dated October 1, 2015, from the BC Senior Games Society, was reviewed.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, reported that although the City of Surrey was not successful in its bid to host the 55+ BC Games in 2017, 2018 or 2019, it was requested that the City consider hosting the Canada 55+ Games in 2020, as the BC Seniors Games Society were very impressed with the City of Surrey.

The Canada 55+ Games are held every two years and will be held in Western Canada for the first time in 2020. Staff are currently in the process of evaluating the proposal that has been put forward for consideration.

A brief discussion ensued with respect to the economic impact of the 55+ events versus the various youth events held in Surrey, e.g. greater likelihood of hotel accommodations versus billeting, etc. Similarly, national events tend to have a greater economic benefit than provincial events, although sponsorship requirements may dictate the overall impact.

It was
Tourism Committee receive the correspondence, dated October 1, 2015, from the BC Senior Games Society, as information.

Moved by R. Benson
Seconded by B. Burnside
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Carried

- 2. Proposed 2016 Meeting Dates
File No. 0540-20

The memo from the City Clerk, dated November 12, 2015, regarding the proposed 2016 Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee meeting dates, was reviewed.

It was
Tourism Committee adopt the 2016 Meeting Schedule as presented.
Carried

Moved by R. Benson
Seconded by B. Burnside
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

- 3. **Sunset Grove Strata Council**

Correspondence, dated November 13, 2015, from the Sunset Grove Strata Council was received on table.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, reported that staff are working with the Sunset Grove Strata Council and evaluating the proposal from the developer with respect to the concerns expressed. It is discussion only at this time, as there has not yet been a formal agreement issued.

A conclusion to satisfy both groups is needed. The developer is proposing pathway improvements estimated at a value of approximately \$100,000 to the community which warrants a review, however we want to ensure we are not compromising any future opportunities within the park.

It was
Tourism Committee receive the correspondence, dated November 13, 2015, from the Sunset Grove Strata Council, as information.
Carried

Moved by R. Benson
Seconded by B. Burnside
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

I. OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. **Calendar of Events**

The calendar of upcoming Parks, Recreation and Culture and Community Events was acknowledged.

2. Verbal Update

L. Cavan, GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture, provided the following update:

- **Emergency Social Services (ESS)** - On September 30th, ESS operated a reception centre at the Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre in support of the Access Apartment fire. 30 Staff and 19 volunteers supported 241 evacuees and 21 pets over the course of 72 hours. 10 suppliers were utilized and 11 community partners were engaged to support evacuees through the recovery process.
- **Guildford Aquatic Centre – Warranty Shutdown** - Guildford Recreation Centre aquatic facility closed for scheduled warranty maintenance November 14th and will reopen on December 15th. All pool areas and administration services on the pool side of the Recreation Centre will be closed to the public during this time. The closure is required to inspect and service all areas of the new facility, prior to warrantee expiration, to ensure sustainable operation and service to residents well into the future. The gymnasiums, program spaces and fitness facilities at the Guildford Recreation Centre will remain open for public use, and the Recreation Centre front office will remain open for business.

Given the busy season before Christmas, it was requested that the dates for the shutdown be adjusted, if possible. Staff confirmed that every effort is being made, working with Facilities Maintenance, to complete the required inspection and service within the deadline of the warrantee and to ensure a return to full operation of the aquatic facility as early as possible.

- **Youth Leadership Development Program** - Our Youth Leadership Development program in partnership with the YMCA at the Kwantlen University site is drawing good numbers of youth. Staff have started parent information nights in Cloverdale and South Surrey and are working on securing space and a partnership to deliver across CRS.
- **TD Green Streets Tree Planting** - The City of Surrey was fortunate to receive a TD Green Streets grant for the amount of \$13,000. A portion of the funding was used for a fruit tree planting event at the Lionel Courchene Community Garden on October 17th. Councillor Bruce Hayne provided greetings from Council and helped dig in the first tree. Members of the community garden were joined by the general public to assist in planting about 30 trees at the site. Additional tree plantings are scheduled for Holly Park and Cedar Grove Community Gardens as well.
- **Architectural Institute of British Columbia award** - The Architects of the new field house at the south end of Newton Athletic Park won an Architectural Institute of British Columbia award as well as an award from the Masonry Institute of BC. The building is very unique and has provided much needed facilities in the south half of this very busy athletic park.
- **Newton Athletic Park** - Parks staff have retained Taylor Kurtz Architects to plan renovations to the existing field house at Newton Athletic Park which currently has challenges accommodating all of the user groups and day care. They will also be meeting with park users to develop a schematic design for a new building in the north end of the park that will potentially provide more

washrooms, community space and opportunities for a viewing facility for the new cricket fields at the north end of the park.

- **Healthy Communities Manager** - Daljit Gill-Badesha is the new Healthy Communities Manager in the Community and Recreation Services Division.
- **Softball City Lease Agreement** – The City is in the process of securing a new operating agreement with Softball City and issued an Expression of Interest. Negotiations are currently underway with the preferred respondent to hold the new operating agreement.
- **Band-Aid** – In partnership with Arts Services and Recreation Services, 53 participants attended the City hosted Youth Musician Development Workshop, labelled "Band-Aid", on Saturday, September 12th, at the Surrey Arts Centre. Band-Aid has proven to be a very successful program, touching on all elements of the music business, conceived and planned by a committee of youth musicians.
- **Bear Creek Park Light Festival** - Surrey celebrated the 4th Annual Light Festival in Bear Creek Park on November 5th. Organized by the Partners In Parks staff, with the help of 365 Productions, the garden came to life with lights and music. Approximately 1,500 people attended to witness this spectacular display and over 500 children made a lantern. During their visit, participants were able take part in a guided nature walk, looking for signs of nocturnal wildlife.
- **Chuck Bailey Neighbourhood Gathering Conversations** – On November 17th (5pm – 7pm), Community and Recreation Services held a community engagement event with approximately 50 residents taking part. This event marked the start of a community engagement project in North Surrey to identify neighbourhood assets, create a resident led vision for the neighbourhood, and lead to a neighbourhood action plan to promote community vibrancy. Next steps will be to pull together a resident leadership committee to continue to build momentum and gather interested community members. This project is part of a larger project of increasing community participation at Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre.
- **Sport Development** – From November 16th – 21st, the City of Surrey celebrates Sports Day in Canada (SDIC) for a fourth consecutive year (national celebration is in its sixth year). This year, 16 different local and provincial sport clubs will attend eight different Surrey recreation facilities (in all six Town Centres) co-delivering free and inclusive 'Try-it' events, showcasing their sports, providing coaching, and sharing registration information. Celebrating SDIC annually has proven to be a valuable way for the City to connect and strengthen partnerships with the local sport community, and bolster the City's 'I AM Game' physical literacy and sport participation initiative.
- **Surrey's Kids Conference** - The Surrey Kids Conference will take place at Guildford Recreation Centre on November 21st & 22nd. There will also be a free Family Fun and Sports Day in Canada event, funded by the RBC 'Learn to Play' grant, taking place November 21st from 3:30 – 5:00 pm.

The Surrey Kids Conference is a collaborative, creative, inclusive and healthy approach to linking children aged 6 to 12 to community resources, services

and educational experiences. It is delivered in partnership with community agencies and supports Surrey's initiatives related to middle years' children.

The Surrey Kids Conference theme is "Respect for Diversity – All Different, All Equal" and will focus on children's rights and diversity as well as achieve objectives in the areas of healthy lifestyles, social responsibility and personal development.

- **Sledge Hockey Showdown** - The 7th Annual Sledge Hockey Showdown, hosted by SportAbility in partnership with the City of Surrey, will take place at Surrey Sport and Leisure Arena on November 21st. This event is an annual fundraising and awareness event for sledge hockey in Surrey. The day will feature 3 on 3 games, lunch and silent auction prizes.
- **Coastal FC Covered Practice Facility at South Surrey Athletic Park** - Planning for a covered practice facility at SSAP continues and Coastal FC is hosting a public open house at the Rotary Field House on November 25th at 6:00 pm. Assuming a positive response from the open house, the project will continue into finalizing the lease and partnering agreements as well as a development application and building permit process in the new year. Construction would commence following the Softball World Championships at Softball City.
- **Walnut Park** - Parks staff will be hosting a public open house for Walnut Park and 43C Greenbelt, both in Fleetwood Town Centre, on December 8th at 6:00 pm at Walnut Elementary School (16152 – 82 Avenue). This is the first of two planned open houses to develop concept plans for the parks. The preferred concept plans will be brought to the Committee in spring 2016.
- **Tree Lighting Festival** - The festival will be taking place on Saturday, November 21st at the City Hall Plaza. Lighting of the 55' tree will be at 6:25 pm. Main Stage entertainment includes Michael Buble and Elvis Presley tribute bands. There will be lots of activities for the whole family.

The Chair reported that Committee member Rich Gorman has advised he will not be seeking reappointment to the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee for 2016. Best wishes were extended and appreciation for Mr. Gorman's contribution and dedicated participation to the Committee for the past four years was expressed by all Committee members.

An update on the status of the Sport Tourism Manager, Sport Surrey, vacancy was requested. It was reported that a formal posting is anticipated to be issued within the coming week. The position, managed through Surrey Tourism as part of a partnership with the City, is a contract, 24 hours per week, non-unionized position. The goal is to have the position filled and in place by February, 2016.

C. Annable provided a brief update of the completed renovations of the Rotary Fieldhouse at South Surrey Athletic Park. It was further noted that a great deal of praise for the facilities, grounds and hospitality during the recent National U16 Soccer Championship, held in October and hosted by Coastal FC, has been received.

J. NEXT MEETING

It was agreed the next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in Meeting Room 2E – Community Room A.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by C. Annable
Seconded by R. Gorman
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee do now adjourn.

Carried

The Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Bruce Hayne, Chair
Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee



INTER-OFFICE MEMO

TO: **Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee**

FROM: **Parks, Planning, Research and Design Manager**

DATE: **November 9, 2015**

FILE: **6140-20/W**

RE: **Concept Plan for West Village Park in City Centre**

RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee:

1. Receive this report as information;
2. Endorse the concept plan for West Village Park (preliminary name) attached as **Appendix I** to this report and recommend its adoption by Council; and
3. Attach a copy of the report to the minutes of this meeting for Council reference.

BACKGROUND

Over the next 40 years Surrey City Centre will undergo a transformation from a car oriented suburban town centre to a vibrant, walkable and multi-cultural downtown. Parks will play a crucial role in this transformation, and will form key components of the urban infrastructure. The City Centre Plan envisions eight (8) new park sites across City Centre, to promote community gathering, improve the environment and to meet the open space and recreational needs of a growing and diverse population.

West Village Park (preliminary name) is a new neighbourhood park site located in the West Village Neighbourhood of City Centre. The area is comprised of a mix of existing single family houses, 4-storey apartments and new and under construction high-rise residential towers. This park will provide a contemporary urban place for the community to enjoy the outdoors. The site measures an area of 0.3 hectares (0.75 acres). A park location map is attached to this report as **Appendix II**.

The site is also the future home of the City's first permanent District Energy Centre, which will provide surrounding buildings with a highly efficient and sustainable supply of hot water heating. The area for the District Energy Centre will be defined by a statutory right of way and the value of

that area will be compensated from Engineering to Parks. This partnership allows the Parks Division to advance the development of the park in a timely manner and deliver amenities to a growing neighbourhood. The consultant team for the project has been tasked with designing both the park and the District Energy Centre so that they function in a compatible manner.

DISCUSSION

A public engagement strategy was developed for this project to ensure that stakeholders and the public had opportunities to provide feedback on the project design. This process included a public open house, online CitySpeaks surveys, a meeting with the neighbours and a dedicated project web page. A site survey and environmental review were completed to support the planning and design process.

A total of 44 respondents completed the online CitySpeaks surveys and 15 people completed open house questionnaires. Participants were presented with background information and were asked to provide ideas and preferences regarding the design. Two park concept options, attached as **Appendix III**, were presented through the public consultation process to generate ideas and gather feedback.

Park Option A

Park Option A provides a variety of activities that support the changing character of the surrounding neighbourhood. The concept compliments the District Energy Centre with formal park spaces that reflect the angular forms of the proposed building. A central activity space supports play features for children, a collection of social gathering spaces and an informal lawn space. These activity areas are framed by planting beds that separate them from the adjacent roadways.

Park Option B

Park Option B is focused on providing a quiet green space for this developing urban community. Passive open spaces have been created adjacent to the large windows of the District Energy Centre to encourage park users to investigate the building's internal workings. The central park space features a large informal lawn with a gentle south facing slope that encourages use during the warmer months. The design features a communal long table that can be used by individuals or for community gatherings. The planting beds throughout the park will be planted to celebrate the change of seasons.

Participants were asked to select a preferred park option and provide feedback on the specific design elements of each. **Respondents were largely in support of Park Option B**, which provided more un-programmed open space and landscaping. Respondents also provided feedback on specific park amenities, including a children's play area, seating opportunities and landscaping, as well as the interface between the District Energy Centre and the park site.

Based on the feedback and preferences received through public engagement, staff have refined the park option into a preferred Concept Plan, presented within this report as **Appendix I**. A full summary of the public engagement process is attached to this report as **Appendix IV**.

Preferred Concept Plan

The preferred Concept Plan for West Village Park builds on the existing natural features of the site while providing a variety of amenities for local residents. In the plan, the central area of the park features a large lawn with a gently south facing slope. A network of pathways, seating areas and a long table provide opportunities and areas for social interaction, while a children's play area adjacent to the central greenspace encourages family use. The interface between the park and the District Energy Centre will animate the park with opportunities for public art as well as large floor to ceiling windows that will display the mechanical workings of the centre. Educational opportunities, such as interpretative signage, will be considered through the detailed design process. Along the east of the park, a large existing Japanese Maple tree will provide vibrant autumn colour. Additional larger canopy trees will be planted to provide the park with shade and visual presence.

Park amenities, including the children's play and passive open spaces, have been located with consideration to public safety and privacy. Clear site lines from outside and within the park will help make this a safe and inviting place. All shrub beds will feature low plantings, and trees will be strategically placed to create spatial definition within the park without creating places to hide.

Park Naming

In addition to providing feedback on park amenities, residents were also asked to comment on their preferred park name from a list of options, or write-in suggestions for a park name. The most popular name to-date is West Village Park, which reflects the proposed name for the neighbourhood within the City Centre Plan. Parks staff will continue to survey the community on potential park names through the detailed design process, and will report back to Parks Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee with a preferred name prior to construction.

Next Steps

Detailed design of the park and District Energy Centre will begin following Committee endorsement and Council approval of the preferred concept plan. The park will be constructed in coordination with the District Energy Centre. Any required site preparation or clearing will be scheduled following the 2016 bird nesting season.

SUMMARY

West Village Park will be a neighbourhood amenity for many residents of City Centre, and will provide a site for the City's first District Energy Centre. The park concept plan, attached as **Appendix I** to this report, delivers the park amenities most requested by the community through a public engagement process while incorporating the City's goals for the development of a district energy utility.

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee:

1. Receive this report as information;
2. Endorse the concept plan for West Village Park attached as **Appendix I** to this report and recommend its adoption by Council;
3. Attach a copy of the report to the minutes of the meeting for Council reference.



Ted Uhrich
Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager

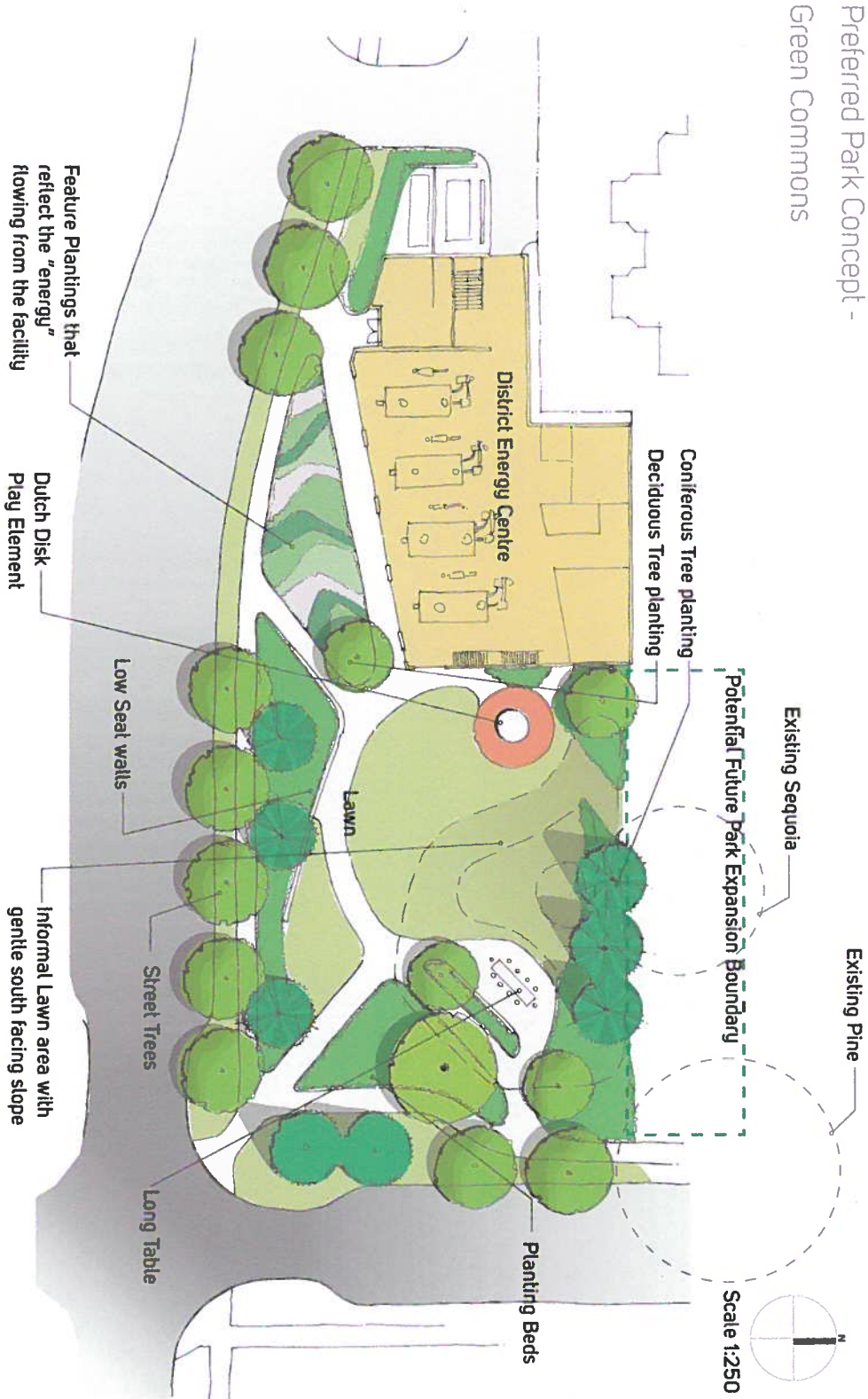
Attachments:

- Appendix I – West Village Park Concept Plan
- Appendix II – West Village Park Location
- Appendix III – Park Concept Options
- Appendix IV – Public Engagement Summary

West Village Park Concept Plan

WEST VILLAGE PARK + DISTRICT ENERGY UTILITY CENTRE

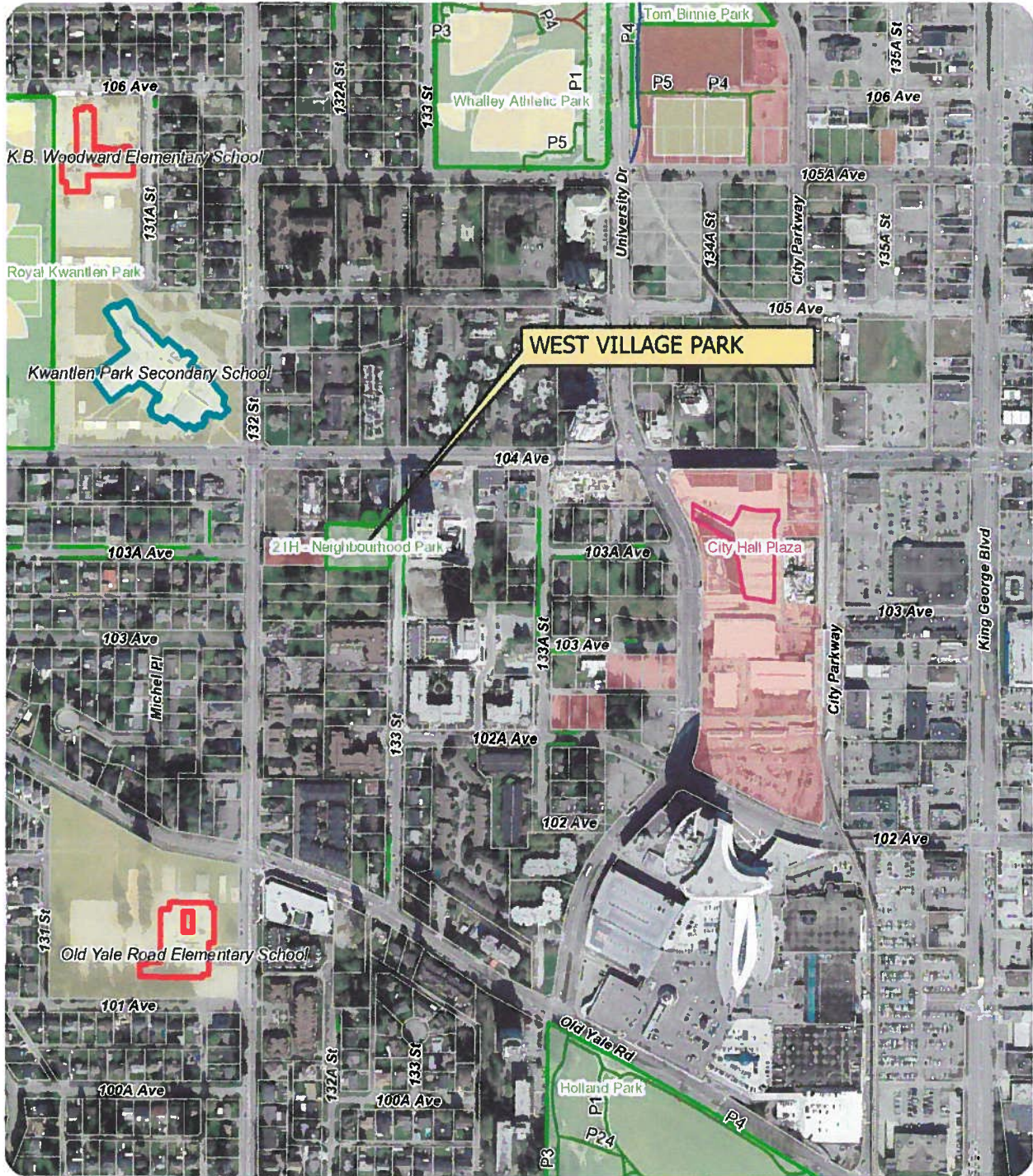
Preferred Park Concept -
Green Commons



Feature Plantings that reflect the "energy" flowing from the facility

Dutch Disk Play Element

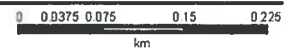
West Village Park Location



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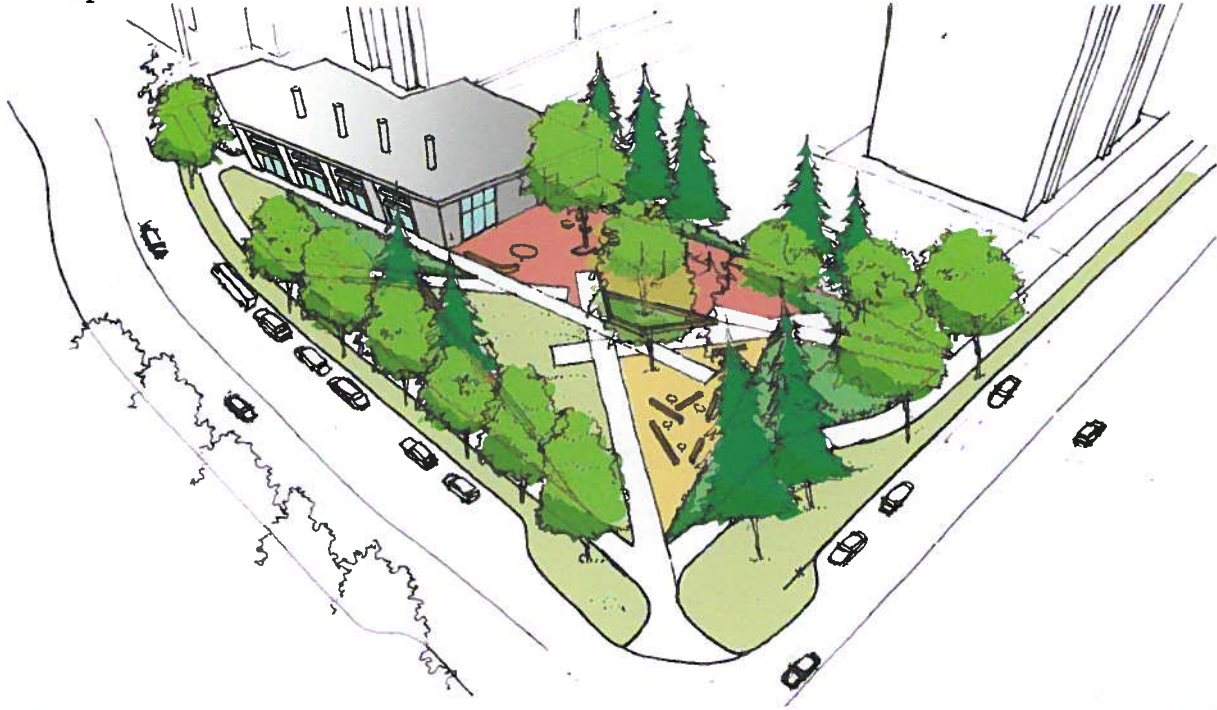
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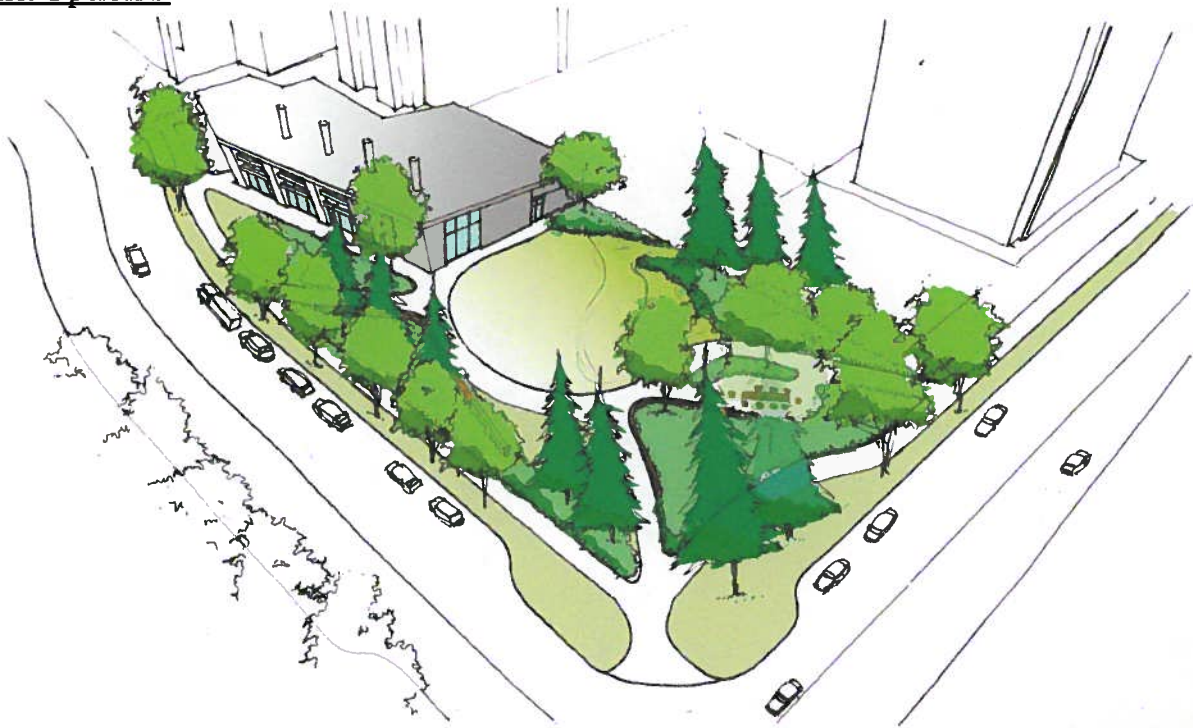
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West Village, Preliminary Park Options

Park Option A



Park Option B





November 2015

WEST VILLAGE PARK *(preliminary name)* Community Engagement Summary

Parks has recently completed the preliminary planning and design process for West Village Park (preliminary name), a new 0.3 hectare (0.75 acre) mini-neighbourhood park in City Centre. This process included site surveys and assessments, a neighbours meeting, online CitySpeaks surveys and an open house on October 1, 2015.

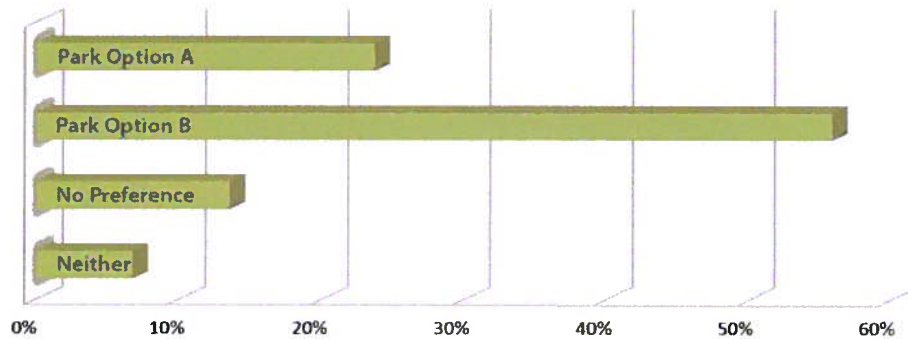
The City provided project information and updates through a dedicated project webpage, and advised residents on engagement opportunities through an on-site park sign, newspapers ads, neighbourhood mail-outs and social media. Consultation opportunities were aimed at generating ideas and gathering input from residents and potential park users.

Key Findings

Two concept options (Park Options A & B) were presented to the public for review and comment. A total of 44 respondents completed the online CitySpeaks surveys and 15 people completed questionnaires at the October 1 open house. The following findings summarize the feedback received through this process.

Preferred Park Option

Participants were asked to select a preferred park option and provide feedback on the specific design elements of each option. Respondents were largely in support of Option B (56%), which focused on providing passive open space and landscaping. Option A which, focused more on children's play and formal social areas, was selected by 24% of respondents, while 21% had no preference or selected neither concept option.



Popular park amenities from both options included trees and landscaping, passive open space and lawn, tables and seating areas, and a children's play area.

Greenspace

We heard that the park should build on the existing natural features of the site, and that the design should focus on providing greenspace to support a peaceful and relaxation park setting. Respondents were in support of retaining trees. They also liked the idea of planting new trees and providing landscaped areas within the park.



63%

of people identified with the natural features of the site and wanted trees retained in the plan



West Village Park – Community Engagement Summary

Passive Open Space

Passive open space and lawn areas were widely supported by respondents. It was noted that the surrounding high density residential neighbourhood will generate a lot of park visitors looking for un-programmed open space to support casual activities like bocce, frisbee and picnicking. There were some concerns regarding the safety and security of open spaces, and suggestions to maintain open site lines from the adjacent roads and provide lighting within the park.

Social Space

Areas for picnicking and socialization were supported in the plan, with a number of respondents (15%) noting a specific desire for park tables and seating areas. Equally, however, there were concerns with providing covered shelters and gathering areas that would encourage loitering and illicit activities within the park after dark.

Children’s Play

Despite a preference for Park Option B, which did not have children’s play, several respondents (20%) specifically indicated that a refined layout should incorporate some element of children’s play. Residents felt it was important to address the needs of future children and families that will live in the surrounding neighbourhood.

Dog’s in the Park



Some residents commented on the potential for a dog off-leash area, with residents both in favour and opposition. However, given the park’s small size, and the public’s direction to provide passive open space, landscaping and children’s play, a dog off-leash area is not compatible or suitable for this park. As such, Bylaw signage requiring dogs to be on-leash at all times will be posted. The City will explore other locations within City Centre for a dog off-leash area.

Park Name

Respondents were provided a list of potential park names, as well as an option to write in name proposals. The most popular park name to-date (44% of respondents) is **West Village Park**, which reflects the proposed name for the neighbourhood within the City Centre Plan. Other popular names included Wellington, which was the family name of one of the original owners of the surrounding properties, and Dowling which was the original name of 103A Avenue. Other notable write in names included Central City Park, Greenall Park, Emerald Park, and Sequoia Park. Parks will continue to survey the community on park names through the detailed design process, and will select a preferred name prior to opening.



SUMMARY

The City has completed public engagement for the design of West Village Park. The process included a range of public consultation opportunities to ensure that stakeholders and the public had meaningful opportunities to share ideas and provide feedback. Community outreach will continue through park development and once the park is open to the public.

Respondents were largely in support of a park layout that took advantage of the existing natural features of the site and provided opportunities for green space and passive use. The final park concept plan has been developed with consideration to the community feedback that was received. Amenities for children’s play and socialization have been included, while concerns of loitering and security were addressed through pathway placement, interface with the District Energy Centre and landscaping. The plan is consistent with majority public opinion and provides the amenities and function most desired by engaged residents.