Project Website Findings

Executive Summary

PROS Consulting, through the website client Social Pinpoint, hosted an interactive project website to gain a better understanding of the characteristics, preferences, and satisfaction levels of Sioux Falls Parks & Recreation Department ("Department") users for the Department's 2025 Master Plan. The interaction on the website provided the Department with insight into what respondents wanted to see prioritized and funded, as well as their satisfaction with the Department itself. This interactive project website provided three opportunities for users to provide feedback, including an **online survey, an interactive social mapping activity, and a vision board activity.**

Demographically, the contributions did not collect data on participants' gender, race, economic status, or age. Important to note is that the survey asked respondents to answer several questions for or in place of their family or household, meaning that some answers may be indicative of total households rather than individuals.

There were several key takeaways from the website. For example, there were some clear winners in terms of direction that the Department should take with park amenities, including additional and upgraded restrooms, playgrounds, park shelters, and pickleball courts. Respondents also indicated that parks and trails are the two most important offerings from the Department, with youth and family programs being a distant third. **It will also be apparent throughout this report that survey respondents specifically had overwhelmingly positive feedback for the Department, with relatively few concerns.**

Methodology

This project website was powered by Social Pinpoint, and has been open for roughly two months, from February 13, 2025, through April 28, 2025, and received a total of 334 individual survey responses, 153 individual social map interactions, and 28 vision board contributions. The survey included nine (9) questions total, while the interactive mapping activity had three preset categories (Something I Like', 'Ideas/Suggestions', and 'Make a Comment').

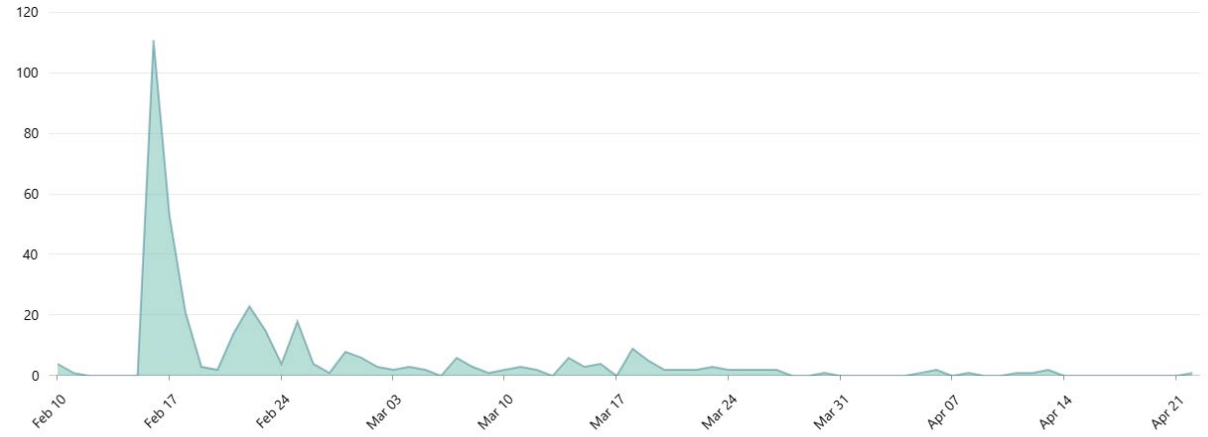
Survey respondents had the option to skip certain questions, which led to many questions having a high number of skipped responses. However, each question was analyzed individually, meaning that skipped responses were typically not considered.

Please note: the language used in this document is not always word for word with the questions posed on the project website. Some questions or responses were shortened for the sake of brevity.

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Survey Findings

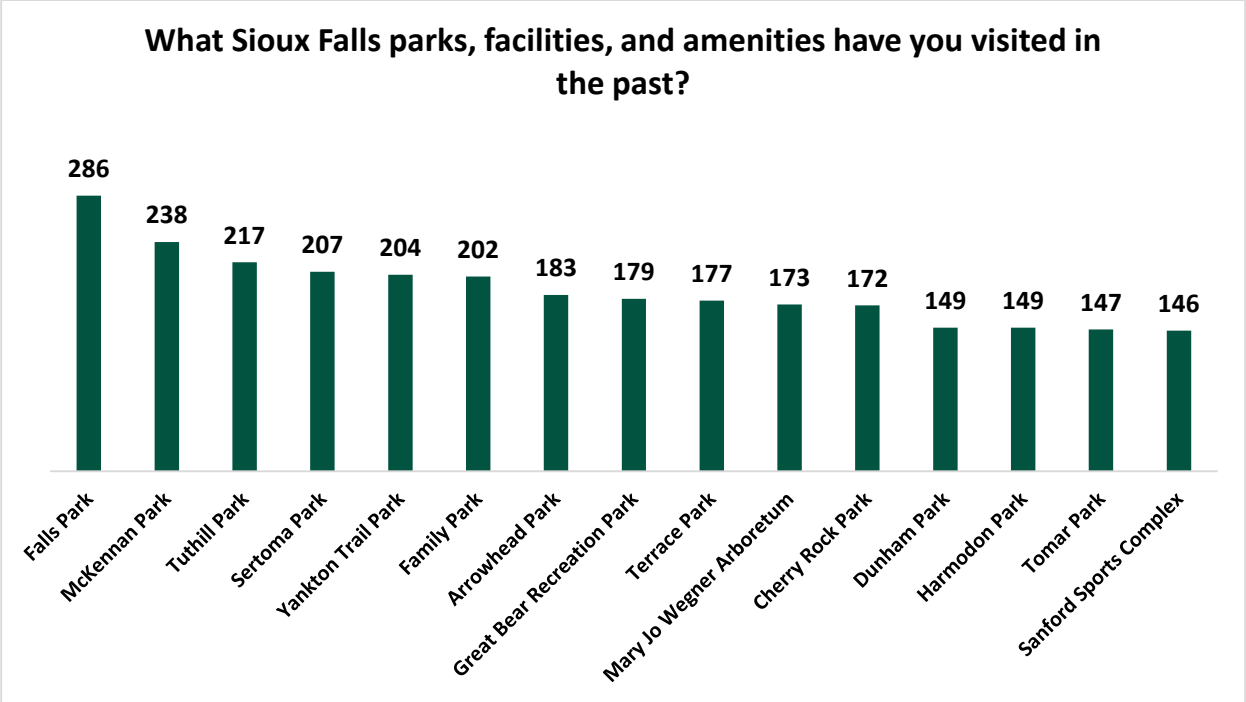
The project site's Interactive Social Map has been active for the same amount of time as the survey and has yielded 153 individual contributions. The following chart shows the contributions and when they were made.



The following subsections show the response data for each individual question in the survey.

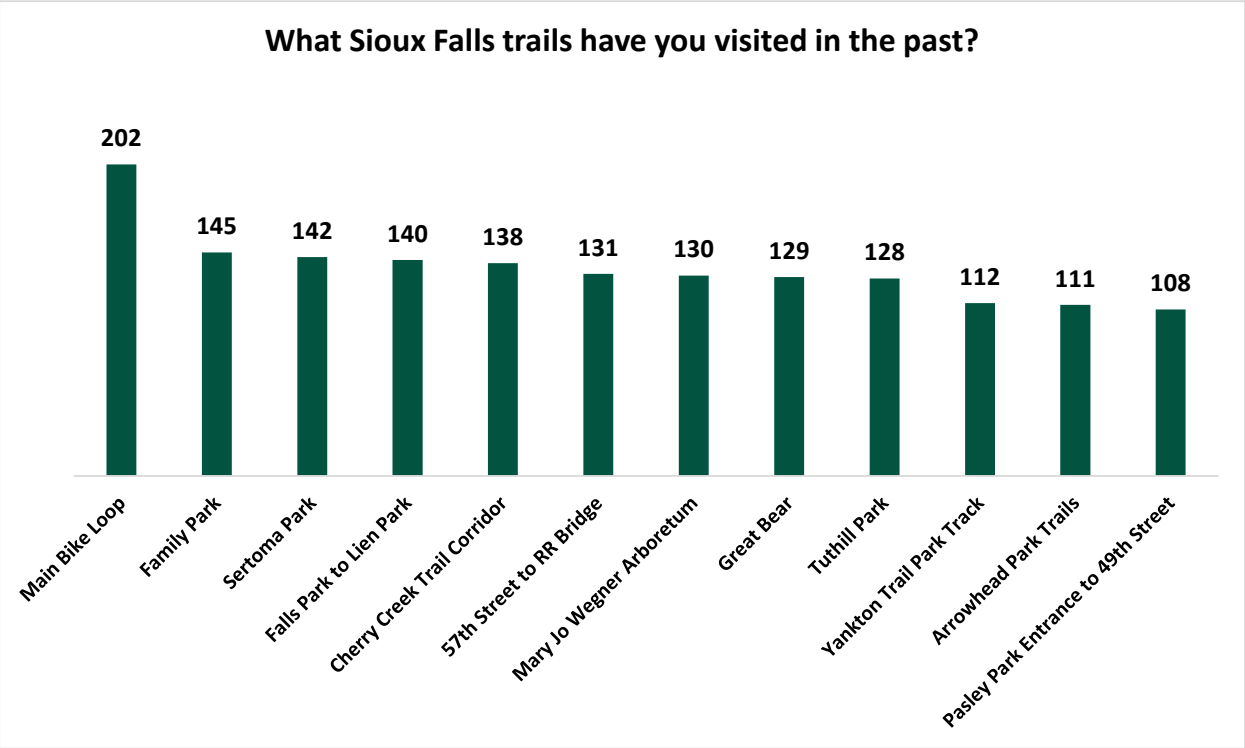
QUESTION 1: PARKS, FACILITIES, AND AMENITIES USAGE

When asked which Sioux Falls parks or facilities that the respondent or any members of their household have visited in the past, 286 respondents said they visited Falls Park, 238 visited McKennan Park, and 217 visited Tuthill Park**. The following chart shows the top 15 choices in terms of responses, however, there were several more options that did not receive as many votes. This full dataset, along with the entire dataset of survey and social map responses, can be found in Appendix A.**



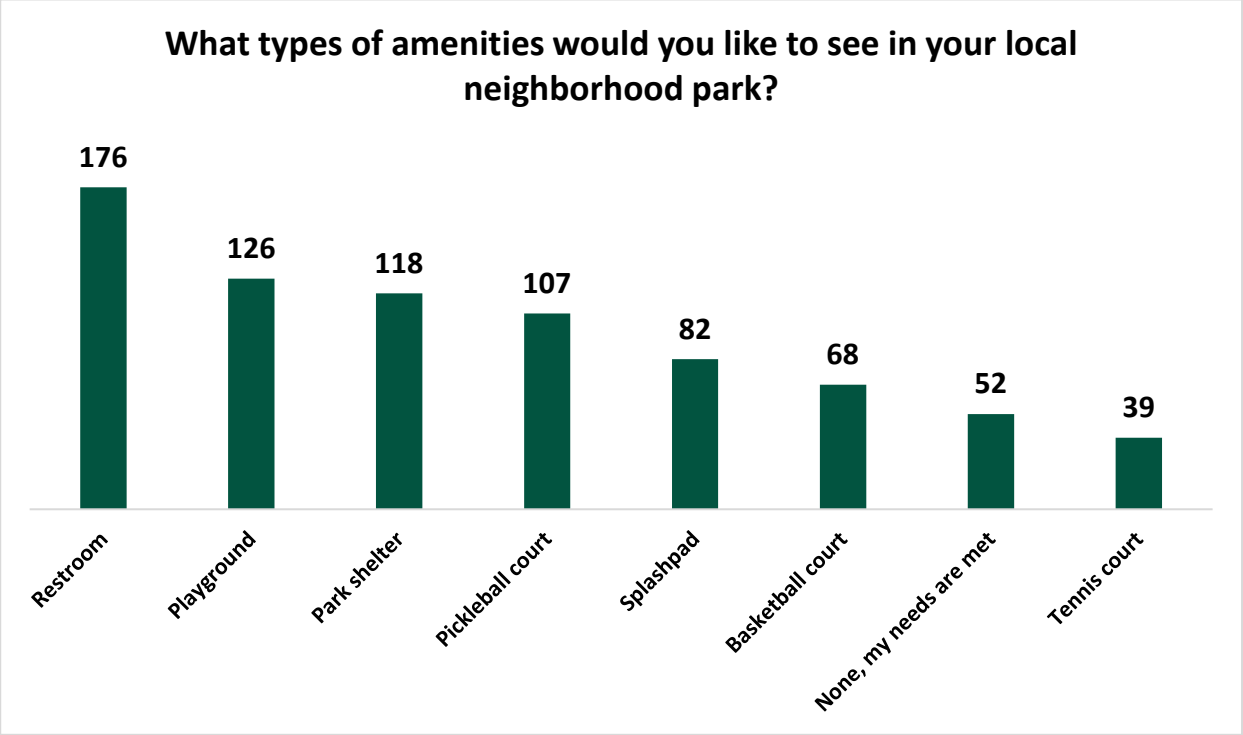
QUESTION 2: TRAILS USAGE

Respondents were also asked about trails that they have visited in the past. 202 respondents said they visited Main Bike Loop, 145 visited Family Park's trails, and 142 visited Sertoma Park's trails**. The full dataset for this question can also be found in Appendix A.**



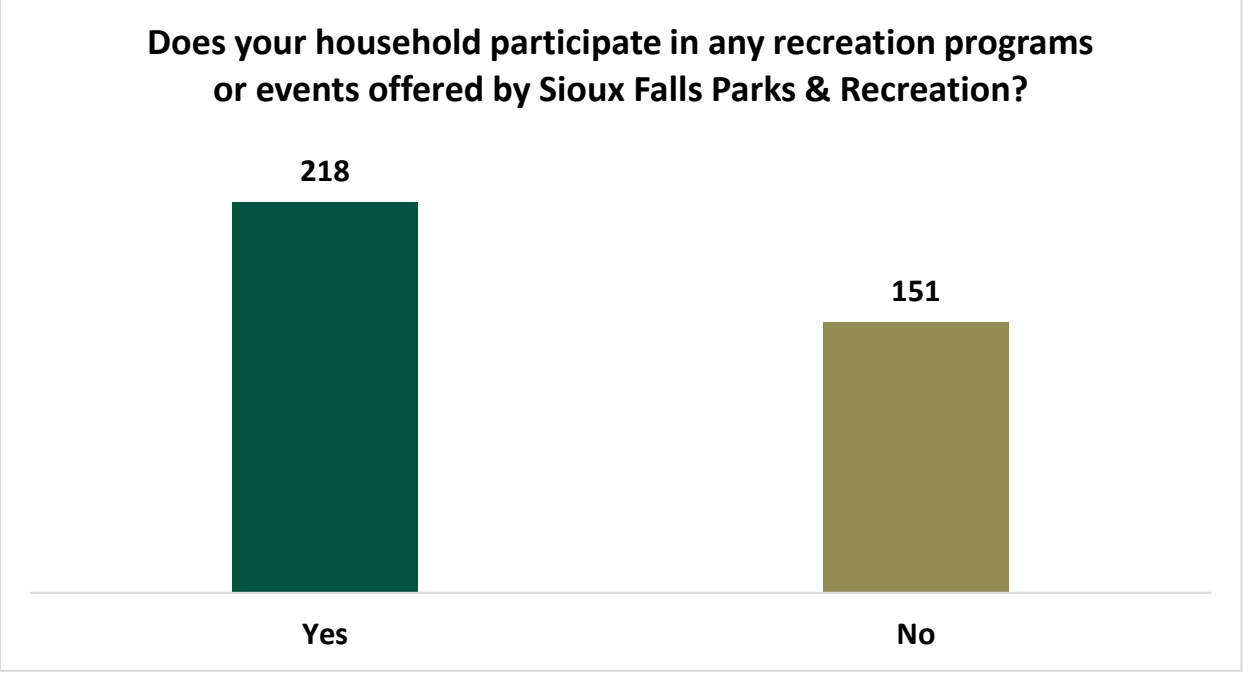
QUESTION 3: DESIRED AMENITIES IN LOCAL PARKS

In question 3, respondents were given options for which specific amenities they would like to see in their local neighborhood parks. While most respondents indicated they would like to see **restrooms, playgrounds, park shelters, pickleball courts, and splashpads** were also heavily sought after.



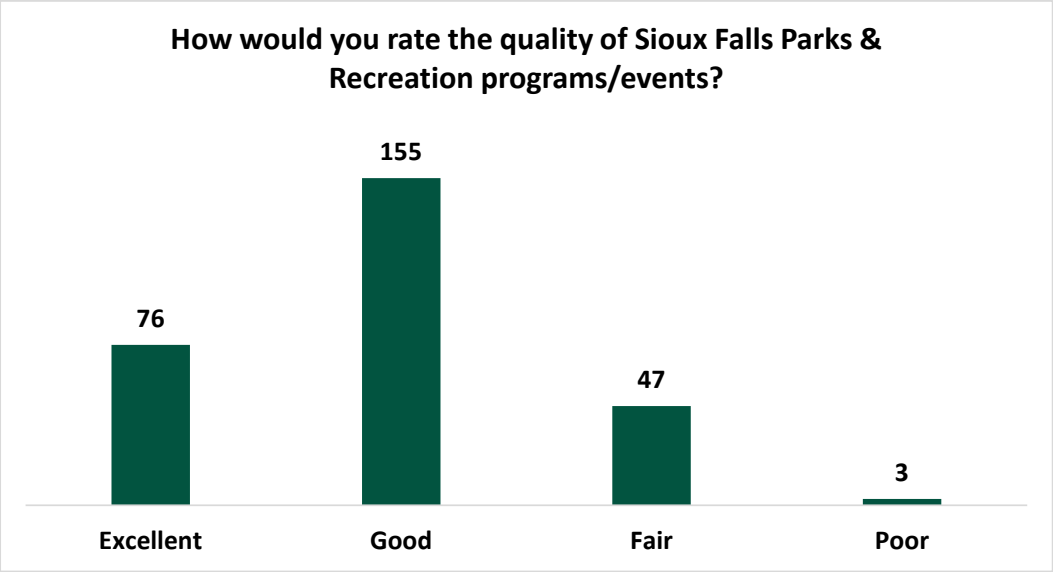
QUESTION 4: PROGRAM AND EVENT PARTICIPATION

When asked whether their household has participated in any Sioux Falls Parks & Recreation programs and/or events in the past two years, **218 respondents said 'yes', while 151 said 'no'.**



QUESTION 5: PROGRAM AND EVENT QUALITY

Respondents were also asked about their satisfaction levels with Sioux Falls Parks & Recreation's programs and events; as seen below, the response was mostly positive, with **76 respondents choosing 'Excellent' and 155 respondents choosing 'Good'**.



QUESTION 6: DESIRED PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Question 6 asked respondents: "What new and exciting experiences or programs would you love to see offered by Sioux Falls in the next five years?"

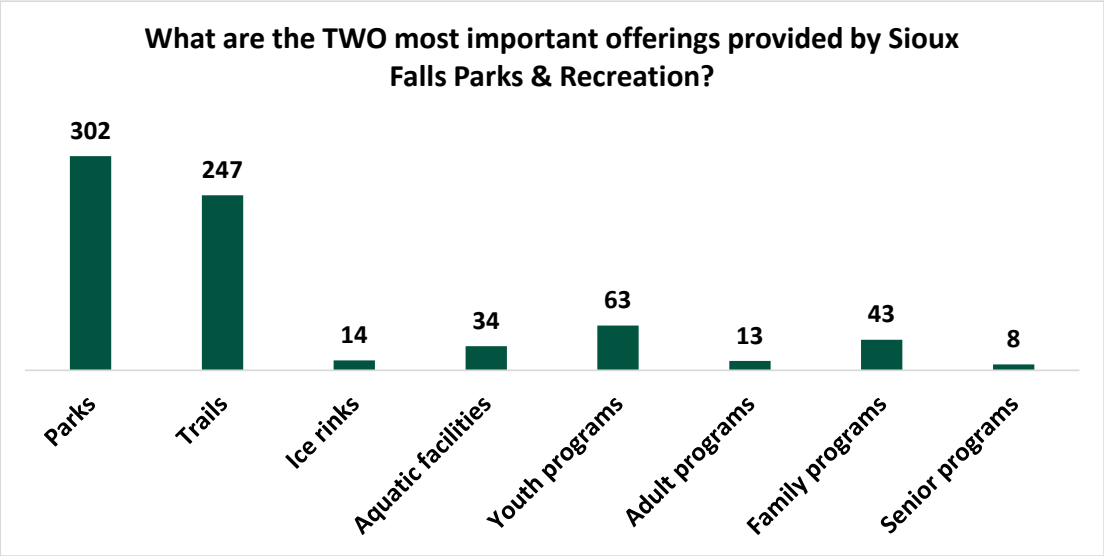
Community feedback highlights a strong desire for expanded recreation opportunities and equitable access across Sioux Falls. Residents repeatedly emphasized the need for additional indoor recreation spaces such as walking tracks, playgrounds, ice rinks, pools, and multipurpose centers particularly on the east and south sides of the City. There is also a clear call for more neighborhood parks, splash pads, and free or low-cost amenities that serve all ages. Many respondents expressed enthusiasm for extending and improving the City's renowned trail system, including new single-track and hiking trails, better access points, and connections to neighboring communities like Brandon.

A second major theme centers on wellness, fitness, and lifelong learning. Community members requested adult fitness opportunities such as yoga, tai chi, stretching, and aquatic exercise, as well as more recreation leagues, skill-based classes, and community events. Respondents also called for creative and educational offerings such as art fairs, live performances, and environmental programs focused on native plants, birding, and ecology, which indicates a strong interest in recreation that supports both physical health and cultural enrichment.

Another dominant theme involves the growing demand for dog-friendly and seasonal recreation. Residents voiced the need for more off-leash areas, fenced dog parks, and dedicated trails citywide, along with indoor options for cold weather. Some advocated for preserving the natural character of parks while others requested environmental safeguards in off-leash areas. In addition, participants suggested expanding winter and specialty recreation such as pickleball, mountain biking, skiing, ice trails, snow sculptures, and outdoor markets to create year-round activity. The full results to this question can be found in the back of this document.

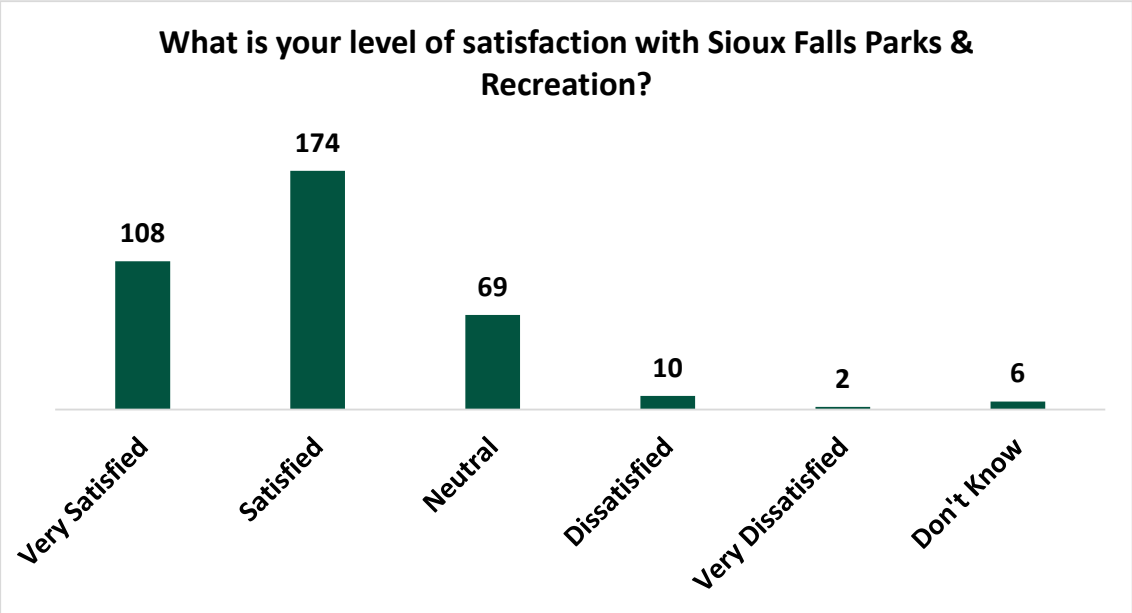
QUESTION 7: MOST IMPORTANT OFFERINGS

Respondents were asked their opinion on the most important offerings provided by Sioux Falls. Of the responses, 302 said parks, 247 said trails, followed by 63 for youth programs.



QUESTION 8: SATISFACTION LEVEL WITH SIOUX FALLS PARKS & RECREATION

Respondents were also asked about their overall satisfaction with the value their household receives from Sioux Falls Parks & Recreation. This question was similarly positive to question 5, with **108 respondents being 'Very Satisfied' and 174 respondents being 'Satisfied'.**

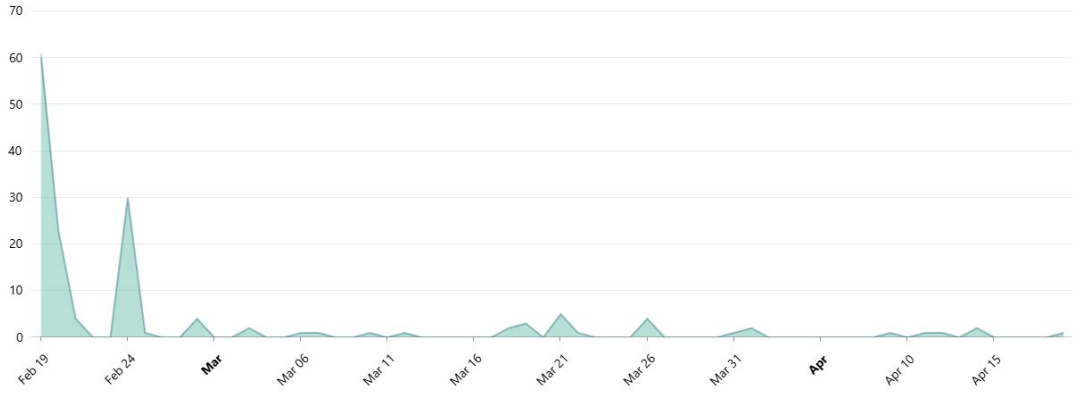


QUESTION 9: ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

The final question (Question 9) was for respondents to share any additional comments that could assist the Department with improving parks, trails, open space, or recreation programs and services. **The results to this question can be found in Appendix A.**

Interactive Social Map Findings

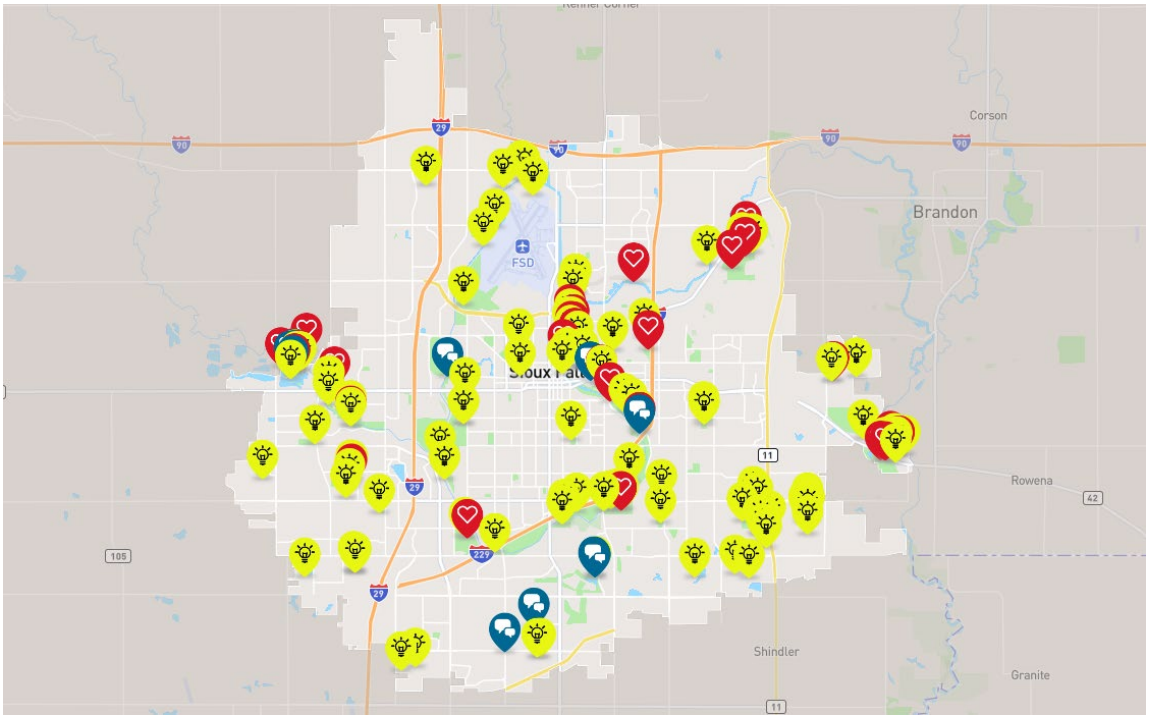
The project site's Interactive Social Map has been active for the same amount of time as the survey and has yielded 153 individual contributions. The following chart shows the contributions and when they were made.



Similarly, the maps below show the placement of each social map contribution. The social map function allowed for respondents to utilize three different categories to leave a contribution, including **'Ideas/Suggestions'**, **'Something I Like'**, and **'Make a Comment'**.

OVERALL INTERACTIVE SOCIAL MAP CONTRIBUTIONS

The following map shows the geographical spread of each category, with each Ideas/Suggestions contribution tagged by a **yellow and black light bulb**, each 'Something I Like' contribution tagged by a **red and white heart**, and each 'Make a Comment' contribution tagged by a **white and blue speech bubble.** The full results of this activity, including a list of each individual response, can be found in **Appendix B.**



CONTRIBUTIONS BY PARK: FAMILY PARK

Of the 153 individual contributions made on the interactive social map, 13 comments or suggestions were made on Family Park. Those responses can be seen in the table below.

Contribution Type	Contribution	Date
Ideas/Suggestions	Pave the road, parking lots, and trail around the ponds.	February 19, 2025
Ideas/Suggestions	Add disc golf	February 19, 2025
Ideas/Suggestions	Fewer Dog parks	February 24, 2025
Ideas/Suggestions	Would love to see a playground, fishing shack, native plant garden, etc.	March 18, 2025
Something I Like	My family and I love the off leash trails, and we would like the access to them to remain the same!	February 24, 2025
Something I Like	I'm looking forward to the addition of more family-friendly facilities at Family Park!	February 24, 2025
Something I Like	Love the off leash park	February 19, 2025
Something I Like	I'm excited to see the new bike path expansion that will continue north past Family Park and connect more neighborhoods to the parks!	February 24, 2025
Something I Like	Leave the off leash dog park area the way it is. It is the only place that we have.	February 19, 2025
Make A Comment	There is already an off-leash area that is fenced for dogs. That is where your dogs can be off leash. The north side of the park is being used as an off leash area. Owners do not pick up after their dogs and loose dogs are interacting with children. Disaster waiting to happen. Please add signage that indicates where dogs can and cannot be off leash. The name is FAMILY Park. It is for everyone. Dog amenities do not trump the safety of everyone, especially children.	March 18, 2025
Make A Comment	Leave the off leash dog park the way it is. Please no bike paths through it! If a playground is added, fence off a playground closer to the lake and leave the dog park alone.	February 20, 2025
Make A Comment	Family park needs picnic tables, swing set, and playground equipment. Make it family accessible.	February 19, 2025
Make A Comment	Dogs and playgrounds/bikes don't mix. There are plenty of other parks better suited to small children, leave the off leash dog area alone how it is. We all told you this in the meeting about it last summer and you've been ignoring it so far. Go "improve" the other parks with	February 20, 2025

	modern amenities and boardwalks and bike paths, leave Family Park alone.	

CONTRIBUTIONS BY PARK: ARROWHEAD PARK

Arrowhead Park also had a high number of contributions (10). Those comments are listed below.

Contribution Type	Contribution	Date
Ideas/Suggestions	I'm not sure if this is planned or not, but an expansion of the arboretum to this area could add so many more trees and shrubs and walking trails. I think the arboretum has so much great future potential.	April 12, 2025
Ideas/Suggestions	Add disc golf	February 19, 2025
Ideas/Suggestions	Would love to see outdoor nature playground added here	February 20, 2025
Ideas/Suggestions	A pedestrian bridge here would be amazing! There are two wonderful parks that appeal to the same people and share a history. Imagine having a physical link that would join these into one big area, featuring lakes, trails, gardens, forests, and the stories of quarrying and East Sioux Falls.	February 20, 2025
Ideas/Suggestions	Paved roadway, more paved walking paths	February 19, 2025
Ideas/Suggestions	A pedestrian bridge/tunnel would be amazing here.	March 22, 2025
Ideas/Suggestions	You can see the Arboretum/Perry Nature Preserve from this trail, many times we've wished there was a bridge or tunnel to cross Arrowhead Parkway to access these two areas on foot from Arrowhead Park.	February 19, 2025
Ideas/Suggestions	Pave the road and develop walking trails. Keep all activities passive i.e. no disc golf, play structures	February 19, 2025
Something I Like	Love this walking area.	February 21, 2025
Something I Like	Arrowhead is one of our family's favorite parks. We love that it doesn't have a playground and offers more of a quiet, woodsy environment.	February 19, 2025

CONTRIBUTIONS BY PARK: FALLS PARK

Falls Park had 11 individual contributions. Those comments are listed below.

Contribution Type	Contribution	Date
Ideas/Suggestions	I would love to see a beautiful carousel located in the Falls Park Area, perhaps in the restroom facility area. It would need to be completely enclosed with garage-type doors to open up all around. I visualize beautiful	February 20, 2025

	horses for anyone to ride on and pleasing music playing. A fee could be collected to cover expenses. Maybe there is a contributor that would like to have their name on it.	
Ideas/Suggestions	Need more biking in Falls Park	March 26, 2025
Ideas/Suggestions	Place a 4-way stop sign on the street that runs between the Farmers Market and Falls Park. The traffic there on market days is so bad. And to walk across that street is downright dangerous at that time.	February 20, 2025
Ideas/Suggestions	I would love to see more trees/flowers added to Falls Park, just to liven it up even more with color/vibrancy.	March 12, 2025
Ideas/Suggestions	I would love to see a flower garden added to Falls Park, like the Sunken Gardens in Lincoln, NE. I think this corner of the park would be a great spot for it.	April 11, 2025
Ideas/Suggestions	A Ferris wheel with set operating hours and ticket cost affordable for all. The Falls Park view especially at Christmas time would be epic.	April 14, 2025
Something I Like	My family have attended every one of the area Bare Bodkins Shakespeare plays that are performed in the Queen Bee Mill ruins each Summer. Thank you to SF Parks and Rec for making this available and free! The setting is perfect! Don't change a thing here!	February 20, 2025
Something I Like	Love the greenway!	February 19, 2025
Something I Like	Looking forward to the land bridge connecting the farmers market/stockyards ag experience to the park. A great safety solution that also enhances the park!	March 3, 2025
Something I Like	Love the plans shared for Falls Park North and looking forward to seeing them implemented!	February 24, 2025
Something I Like	The free concerts at the Levitt are fantastic, this is the kind of thing that makes Sioux Falls a great place to live!	February 24, 2025

CONTRIBUTIONS BY PARK: HARMODON PARK

Harmodon Park had 9 individual contributions. Those comments are listed below.

Contribution Type	Contribution	Date
Ideas/Suggestions	It would be nice to access the bike path without off-roading.	February 20, 2025
Ideas/Suggestions	A southeast Farmers Market would be welcome for the increased growth and traffic infrastructure that is being developed in this area.	February 24, 2025

Ideas/Suggestions	Walking path that surrounds Harmodon Park or the nature area to the south of it.	February 19, 2025
Ideas/Suggestions	Community Center with indoor basketball court, turf fields, ice rink, and fitness center.	February 19, 2025
Ideas/Suggestions	Off-leash dog park	February 19, 2025
Ideas/Suggestions	West side farmers market	February 19, 2025
Ideas/Suggestions	Park roads and parking lots need attention.	February 19, 2025
Ideas/Suggestions	Because the Falls Park Farmers Market is so huge and so congested, a west side farmers market would be great!	February 20, 2025
Ideas/Suggestions	Add field turf	February 19, 2025

CONTRIBUTIONS BY PARK: GREAT BEAR RECREATION PARK

Lastly, Great Bear Recreation Park had 5 individual contributions. Those comments are listed below.

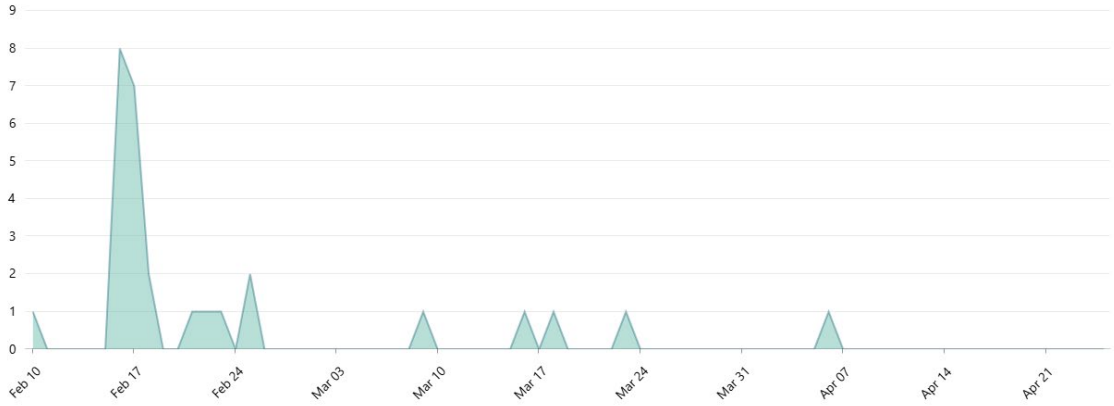
Contribution Type	Contribution	Date
Ideas/Suggestions	Less mountain bike trails. Please leave it to hikers and walkers.	February 24, 2025
Ideas/Suggestions	Add disc golf	February 19, 2025
Something I Like	Our family loves utilizing the archery range from early spring until late fall!	February 20, 2025
Something I Like	I can't wait to hike and ride the new singletrack trails at Great Bear! This update will make Great Bear a much better year-round destination.	February 24, 2025
Something I Like	Our family really appreciates having Great Bear in town for skiing and snowboarding. Prices have skyrocketed at ski resorts around the country and we're very fortunate to have an affordable option in Sioux Falls.	February 24, 2025

CONTRIBUTIONS BY PARK: OTHERS

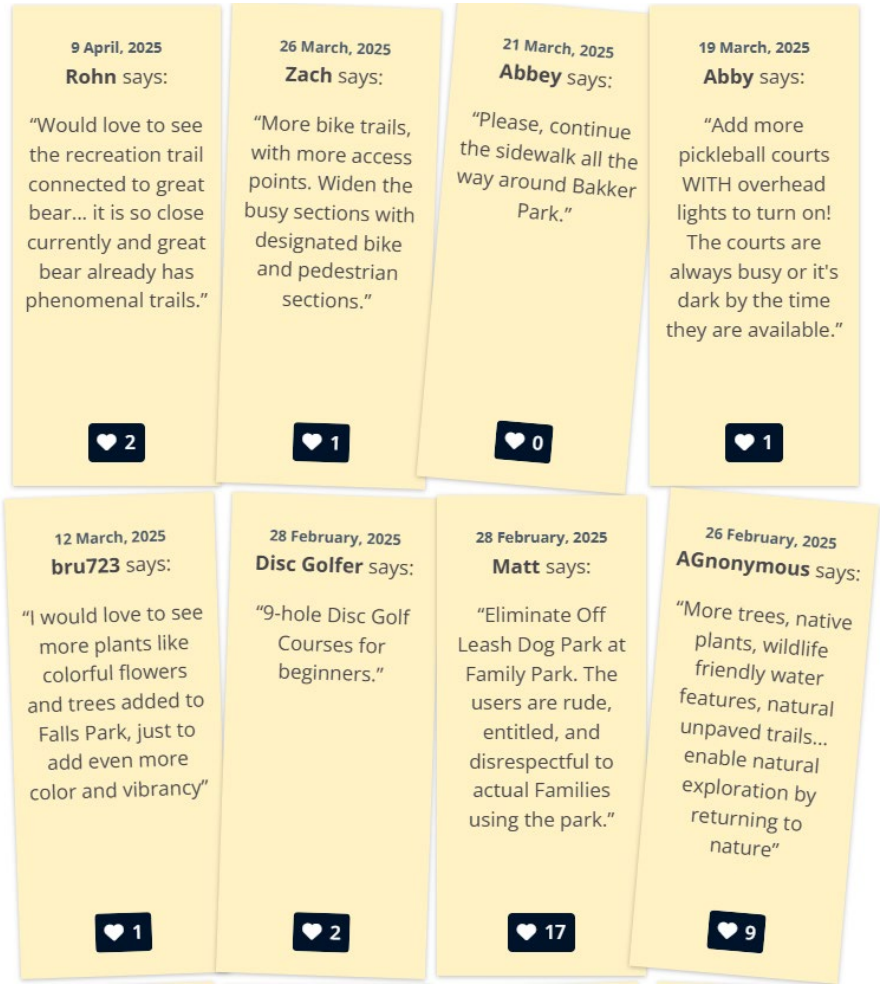
All other individual contributions can be found in **Appendix B.**

Vision Board Findings

Finally, the project site's Vision Board activity (open during the same duration as the survey and mapping activity yielded 28 individual contributions. The following chart shows the vision board's contributions and when they were made.



The vision board function allowed for respondents to leave an open-ended response to the question of **"What is your vision for the Sioux Falls Parks Master Plan?".** These responses were then displayed publicly on the project site with the capability for other users to 'like' a response, as shown below.



VISION BOARD CONTRIBUTIONS

The following table shows **all 28 individual contributions** to the vision board activity.

Would love to see the recreation trail connected to great bear... it is so close currently and great bear already has phenomenal trails.
More bike trails with more access points. Widen busy sections with designated bike/pedestrian areas
Please, continue the sidewalk all the way around Bakker Park.
Add more pickleball courts WITH overhead lights to turn on! The courts are always busy or it's dark by the time they are available.
I would love to see more plants like colorful flowers and trees added to Falls Park, just to add even more color and vibrancy
9-hole Disc Golf Courses for beginners.
Eliminate Off Leash Dog Park at Family Park. The users are rude, entitled, and disrespectful to actual Families using the park.
More trees, native plants, wildlife friendly water features, natural unpaved trails... enable natural exploration by returning to nature
More off-street bike paths to SE portion of the city.
Allowing taxpayers to personally select where some of their taxes get spent on park things.
More single track trails. We need to be shredding the gnar.
Safer parking at Frank Olsen, so there's less congestion on 18th St during games/swimming.
Add trees to reduce the wind at Family Park (dog park area)
Find replacement area for the 9 softball fields being removed from Frank Olson Park. There are no fields on the east side of town for youth.
Leave Family park the way it is, it’s the only good dog park around.
Urban food forests provide free food, educ programs, gathering places
Indoor play area- Not sure if the Arena is the answer or not. But something similar to this...https://www.minnesotaparent.com/edinborough-pa
Toddler areas at the pools need to be bigger. For example, Kuehn Park kiddie area is so small that it gets overrun and is dangerous.
I would love to see extensions to the bike trail going south as well as maybe the opportunity for vendors to set up along the bike path.
Dunham softball field has plenty of room for softball if the west end is totally redone. Could be just like Sherman park fields.
Heated indoor dome parks with natural light so people can walk and kids can play on equipment without having to brave cold, rain, or wind.
Bike trail that is well lit, year-round bathrooms, and connect to Brandon with updates when it’s clear in winter. All cities would envy us!
A large event space that can accommodate large crowds like when Jazz Fest was held. Not at Falls Park
Create a designated festival space / amphitheater on the river. Levitt is great, but limits what programming and who programs that space.
Add a new disc golf course that is not in the flood plains. The great bear area would be a good option.
I really want a high-ropes course in a forested area like Leaders Park.
Add pickleball courts. There are ZERO pickleball courts west of I29.
Lighting on along the busiest sections of the bike trail for early morning runners! I would feel safer seeing more than what my headlamp off

Appendix A – Full Survey Findings

QUESTION 1: FULL RESULTS

The following chart shows the full results for Question 1, in order of most to least responses.

What Sioux Falls parks, facilities, and amenities have you visited in the past?							
Falls Park	286	Harmodon Park	149	Elmwood Golf Course	85	River Boulevard	48
McKennan Park	238	Tomar Park	147	Oxbow Park	85	Kirby Dog Park	47
Tuthill Park	217	Sanford Sports Complex	146	Kuehn Pool	83	Lien Park	31
Sertoma Park	207	Spencer Park	141	Kuehn Golf Course	80	Hayward Park	30
Yankton Trail Park	204	Sherman Park	138	Veterans' Memorial Park	71	McCart Fields	29
Family Park	202	Pasley Park	134	Pioneer Spray Park	68	Nelson Park	28
Arrowhead Park	183	Frank Olson Park	117	Legacy Park	67	Farm Field Park	24
Great Bear Recreation Park	179	Kuehn Park	113	Prairie Green Golf Course	65	Other	20
Terrace Park	177	Spellerberg Park	113	Campus Park	63	Barb Iverson Skate Plaza	18
Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum	173	Riverdale Park	101	Elmwood Park	57	Lloyd Landing	16
Cherry Rock Park	172	Rotary Park	99	Elmen Trailhead	50	None	1
Dunham Park	149	U.S.S. South Dakota Battleship Memor	88	Leaders Park	50		

QUESTION 2: FULL RESULTS

The following chart shows the full results for Question 2, in order of most to least responses.

What Sioux Falls trails have you visited in the past?					
Main Bike Loop	202	Great Bear	129	Veteran Parkway Trail	64
Family Park	145	Tuthill Park	128	Tomar Park Fat Tire Track	59
Sertoma Park	142	Yankton Trail Park Track	112	Leaders Park	56
Falls Park to Lien Park	140	Arrowhead Park Trails	111	Diamond Creek Trail Spur	55
Cherry Creek Trail Corridor	138	Pasley Park Entrance to 49th Street	108	None	33
57th Street to RR Bridge	131	Spencer Park	89	Other	5
Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum	130	Beadle Greenway	86		

QUESTION 6: FULL RESULTS

The following table shows the full results for Question 6, which asked respondents **"What new and exciting experiences or programs would you love to see offered by Sioux Falls in the next five years?".**

I would like to see more fitness in the park programs for adults, such as stretching, yoga, or tai chi in the park.
I don't care about experiences. Just physical spaces.
Performing arts theatre events
more places to fish
Stop wasteful spending stop lining ur pockets and portfolio mr paul ten taken. Would like to not see the mayor in every decision the parks and rec make. They do whatever he wants. Very sad indeed
MS bike event
Zip Lining
E-Sports
Expand great bear too small for how many people in town use the park.
More adult classes on different activities
New parks on the south side of Sioux falls
Indoor Playgrounds
Additional indoor recreation, such as the Westside aquisition, for east, north and southsides
More single track riding options
skateboarding and cycling celebration

Plant identification
Ecology, forest bathing, bird watching
A dog park event. An art show. Educational event on local resources and park plants.
Off leash trails
Indoor Track - With two high caliber college programs in the city of Sioux Falls, it's crazy that there is no indoor facility for athletes to train/host track meets. When schools in smaller towns like Yankton, Brooksings, Sioux Center, etc. can
More city rec leagues (like pickleball, sand volleyball) that have enough people to not get cancelled
Road bike races
open to anything
More free exercise classes and in falls park
Expansion of the bike trail
An eastside off leash dog park
More CER trips---at most there are one to three a year and often scheduled on weekdays, which doesn't work for anyone who still works.
A place that would teach kids and adults a new trade or skill or at least the basics of them. (Wood working, Plumbing, Electrical etc.)
Expanded recreational trail system. Hiking trail improvements. Bans on e-bikes on bike trail.
More free amenities and programs, such as splash pads and playground improvements for the summer and indoor play/activities in the winter
Mountain Bike clinics and rides/races
Off leash family park
More off leash dog area
Expanded bike trails, walking trails
A covered dome for exotic flowers and plants.
free indoor parks, tracks, basketball courts, and tennis/pickleball courts
excited for the ice trail
More winter shoulder season events. Cold water plunges at Wall Lake in Winter months to expand utilization
More outdoor pool water aerobics. More outdoor adult time
Small art fairs
More swim lesson offerings during winter, more open gym/activities during no school days
Expand bike trails
Bring back BMX racing
Football field by Tuthill Park
More opportunities for swimming and sports such as pickle ball, and more developed trails for hiking within city limits if possible
Mountain bike group rides
Expansion of bike trail farther south of 69th.
Another off leash dog park and an indoor dog park
Dog stuff
Disc Golf
Disc golf and trails
More indoor space for field sports

A Disc Golf Course at Sherman Park. Could make a FANTASTIC 9-hole course there.
More Disc Golf Courses and/or Programs
Disc golf courses
Disc golf
Larger parks on the west side of town. I have to travel 15-20 minutes to enjoy tuthill or Spencer/tomar.
More disc golf courses
Better dog trail
Another off-leash dog park on east side
More events for families with tween and teens to participate in together.
Lane pools for adults to actually swim
More off leash walking trails for dogs and do something with the open lots in the Augie/USF neighborhoods
More off leash dog areas
Another indoor and outdoor pool, more off leash dog areas
I would like to see the park and rec department utilize the small business/wellness community better. Stop trying to reinvent the wheel by doing events poorly and utilize the folks that are experts within the community. Build better partnerships.
evening and weekend art, yoga, meditation, and similar offerings
More off leash areas for dogs preserving some nature for their owners to enjoy as well.
Don't know
More off leash dog trails
Another off-leash dog park on the East side
More dog park activities
Off leash dog trails on east side
Off leash dog parks and additional dog parks with city parks like Spencer Park
Quality indoor spaces for recreation, exercise, and surfaces for pickle ball.
More indoor facilities to house indoor activities in the winter
more pickleball
Duplicating previous answer: Wrestling is the fastest growing high school sport for both boys and girls, according to the National Federation of High Schools. I think it would be a great benefit for the youth in Sioux Falls to have an opportunity to access
Facilities for indoor sports like wrestling.
pickle ball
I like to think that basic parks are to be provided by the taxpayer while most other amenities should be left to the private sector
Youth fun and fitness programs- focused less on sports or organized teams but more on having fun while being active. Sioux Falls has many organized sports programs, but many kids don’t want that commitment and could still benefit from ways to stay active.
adult, outdoor programs
Natural parks
Kayak Beach
More pickle ball courts please, we love the bike trails!
Please resume the (outdoor) yoga that you used to offer

Bike trail track
Just leave our fence less dog park alone in its natural state
Citywide Challenges like Rucking
Expanded trail access for off leash dog running/walking.
Night Food Truck Festival, Dedicated Yoga/Zen Park, 'Farm to Community' Programs with pick up options in lower income areas
More pickleball courts
Not 100% sure it is typically driven by our kids interests
We are excited to see FAST's singletrack project at Great Bear, the paved bike path connection to Great Bear, the bike path expansion on the northeast side of town, and major improvements to the bike path at the intersection of East 10th & Highway 11.
Theme Park for families at Family Park area.
Need more info about this first
More for teens to give them outdoor gatherings. Bring the electronic experience outdoors in a fun way - AmongUs live action, outdoor nerf events, turn the hockey rinks into online skate parties, broom ball, hand eye coordination events for elderly/disable
Aquatic opportunities in E/SE Sioux Falls
It would be nice to have an actual Wellness Center with an indoor walking track and indoor hockey rink
Music and Movies
More music programs across the city
Biking Eastside
Unknown
More winter activities for kids
further investment in fields and and indoor recreational space that can facilitate tournaments
more bike trails
Pickleball programs tournaments
More large off leash parks on all sides of town.
Winter activities- indoor or outdoor
Indoor off leash dog park - winter sucks here haha
Find replacement softball fields on the east side of town for the 9 you are removing for build the new recreation center.
Keep family park dog focused
put more ski areas at great bear
organized bike trail rides
Education on native plants and pollinator friendly yards and gardens
More informal dog parks. Nothing fancy- just a fence with some poop baggies.
basketball and volleyball half or full day camps in the summer, tball and baseball rec league for kids. It would be great to have rec leagues for kids in baseball and soccer that aren't so competitive like the private sports.
The large, shiny and multi-amenity complexes serve a larger (sometimes louder...) need for the city, but we have lost our way with neighborhood parks with amenities for young kids (swings, slides, bathroom, 'kid friendly' attractions).
snow sculpture contest, bring back the ice bumper cars
Indoor farmers market. Indoor playground.

Aquatic exercise
Stock the lake at Galaway park with fish and look into other fishing oppertunities. Public shooting range
Leave off leash alone!!
An indoor dog park for winter and bad weather
Take the Leavitt At The Falls Concept and put it EVERYWHERE with live music
Dunham park softball field re mastered
Caring about signage to alert people of off leash dog area.
Just leave as is
More canoes and kayaks on the river. Triathlon with canoeing on the river instead of swimming.
More parks and trails on the south side that aren't just a concrete path or small park in a neighborhood.
Sheets of ice on the east side
Access to bike trails on 69th and Minnesota
New youth/fastpitch softball fields to replace Frank Olson
Nothing. Not your job. Leave that to the private sector.
More off leash open areas for dogs like family park
more indoor walking options
Indoor dog parK, indoor walking
Indoor public ice for hockey and curling
More off leash dog parks with trails to hike
More public outdoor pools
More options for dog parks and off leash areas
Programs helping restore native species in parks or learning about local species.
Development of existing, and addition of new, dog/pet-centered facilities.
Family park off leash dog trails expanded and better maintained
More swimming pools
Space for off lease for our dogs
More fitness options on the parks.
some option for an indoor dog park (after you get more indoor human activities of course!)
More programs on wheels or rental items
Maybe cemetery tours again.
More indoor options
Disc golf at more parks
Futsal tournaments
More youth programs
More off-leash walking areas where I can walk WITH my dog
unsure
A botanical garden
Arts in the park
Expanded Indoor Recreation, Expanded Refrigerated Ice, Unique Play Experiences
Indoor ice rink
Golf course

Complete a paved bike trail to Brandon. More kayak/canoe access areas on Skunk Creek and the Big Sioux River.
More indoor options for winter months
More, small sized, community parks and splash pads that are NOT tied to school playgrounds.
I would like to see Sioux Falls focus less on commercialization and development of some of the park spaces and allow them to stay natural. I am scared of what the city has in store for Falls Park the Greenway.
improve the disc golf course and add more. More hiking trails that are not full of mountain bikers
Winding walking bridges (such as what is found at Houston Memorial Park) where the community can interact with the river in a unique way.
Expanded bike trail system and more accessible points thereto and massive improvements to Falls Park.
Do what you promised to do with Family Park. Get rid of the disgusting off leash area that is infecting the waterways in that park. Just awful.
another athletic complex and another golf course
Electric bike rentals for the trail
Great Bear Park ski and chalet expansion
Indoor playgrounds /ice rinks
Expanding the bike trail system
more parks, pools, splash pad south of 57th Street
Indoor ice rink!
ice rinks
More indoor ice rinks and multipurpose rec centers throughout the community. East side is lagging.
more splash pads/wading pools, opportunities for kids to tour fire departments and police stations, more events at Falls Park proper, activities that start earlier (4-5 pm) so those with young families can attend
Open basketball gym
Minot, North Dakota has a Wee-Links golf course (https://www.weelinks.org/) This is something that Sioux Falls should consider.
walking clubs
More volleyball tournaments / pickleball tournaments / ice rinks
Indoor opportunities for young children during winter - on weekends as well as during week
More signature events that are unique to our area - for example MN does so much with snow + ice. We don't do a winter market, or an ice sculpture display or an ice fishing tournament.
Tennis ball walls for solo play.
more offerings, more diverse ages
Localized garden plots
More ice skating opportunities (weather dependant of course) and family group programs
More outdoor music opportunities -- Memorial Park would be perfect!
More unpaved walking trails
Ziplining, hot air ballooning

The following table shows the full results for Question 9, which asked respondents to **"Please share any additional comments that could assist Sioux Falls Parks & Recreation with improving parks, trails, open space, or recreation programs and services.".**

Why are the TVs at the Westside Recreation Center always set to FOX "News"? I'm here right now and 3 of the 5 TVs are showing FOX. How about we stay out of politics?
We live in the Cathedral area. The playground options are severely limited as Terrace Park is pretty far from us. We and many of our neighbors would love to have a playground and pickleball court on the green space off Grange in-between 8th and 9th st.
could you please clean the concrete walkways in the Spenser Dog Park often. It his difficult to maneuver my Wheelchair on snowy and muddy walkways.
I am blown away by the turnout at family park for fishing both on the ice and shore fishing. Please continue to pursue these kinds of options for sioux falls as they bring the community together in ways that can create friendships and comradre for a lifetime.
Really sad to see frank olson turning into aquatic center. I know east side needs 12 month access but why frank olson that is the last pool from my era. I learned to swim there and recently bought my grandson. The lifeguards were exactly like i remember from my childhood they looked after the children and knew each one by name and now there will be another cold, unfriendly staff like midco and Westside too busy to get to know the children by name just yell the rules, get them in and out more turnover more profit gotta pay for all these amazing indoor water parks to draw new residents right mr tenhaken??? Love the wasteful spending and the corrupt way the mayor and parks and rec work together to get what they want and not what the old time citizens of sioux falls wants. Just continue to do what u think is right for us whether we want u to or not it is so sad
It is awful that you have 18 year old high school seniors not be a part of their families plan anymore! There is NO EXCUSE for that (college kids too!)
Thank you for maintaining a good park system in Sioux Falls and always wanting to make it even better! Our parks make this community a great place to live.
Honestly, Sioux Falls has a good bike trail, unfortunately it'll only just be good and not great due to the lack of access or additions to that trail. We need more bike trails. Would also like to see the busier (Yankton Trails, Spencer Park, Pasely Park, Rotary Park, Downtown Riverwalk and Falls Park) sections of the trails widened and give bikes and pedestrians divided sections. In the newer neighborhoods there is a lack of access to parks. I live in a newer westside neighborhood and the nearest parks are well over a mile away and on the other side of busy, arterial streets.
I think the new building at the top of Tuthill is awful - it was one of the best sunset spots in the city and now it's a big ugly building. Please don't put too much around Falls Park - it's meant to be calm and quiet, not a circus.
It's a very nice facility, however, there is definitely a lack of quality within the machines that have been here for over a decade. I would love to see you a bit more of a revival in this building such as maybe new paint, updated machines, and possibly even new machines.
The City of Sioux Falls very obviously places an emphasis on their Parks and Recreation, which I love. I look forward to the continued emphasis and development.
I have been to all 80 plus parks in Sioux Falls and I can say that there are some that are beyond excellent and well approved by didn't taken care of, and others that need some assistance. Adding

shade structures to a variety more parks would be very useful. Also developing parks on the south side of town as development continues because they don't have very many.
More shade is needed on the playgrounds!!! We never hi in the afternoons because of lack of shade canopy.
Hope we keep adding trees not just cutting. Worried about invasive plants like buckthorn Would love more xc ski trails
Love the trails and preservation of green space and trees! I also think community education/programming is so important.
Very disappointed that many of the Whittier neighborhood parks (Heritage, Meldrum, Whittier) have been excluded from much of the discussion around Sioux Falls Parks. There are many families that utilize those parks and they deserve some TLC.
Could Meldrum add pickleball courts to the former tennis courts?
I have two disabled sons, who use wheelchairs. Our local playground has a special swing, yet it has mulch, which is almost impossible to push a wheelchair through. Another park has a great musical item that my boys would have loved - but it is out of their reach. Family Park has a section that is not passable with a wheelchair - which isn't noted until you get to it and then have to turn around. If you want places to be available for ALL they need to be accessible for ALL, not just some,
You guys do an AMAZING job!! Our Parks and Rec areas are always beautiful and clean. Thank you for your hard work we see it and we appreciate it!!!
Would like a couple more off leash trail areas.
Would love to see more pickleball courts built, more sand volleyball, and to add lights to new places and existing courts so players can turn them on when it gets dark. Lights at all parks and more trails would be nice too for the times of year it gets dark very early. Most parks I have been to have been pretty clean and upkept! Would love more shelters / tables/benches to gather at as well.
Gym, aquatic and fitness opportunities please
I am obsessed with our paved recreation trails and think they are some of the best in the country. Id love to see this expand
More Sat water walking and classes, turn on music while we're waiting in line for the pools to open
Black mold all over showers on the W. Side Wellness Center in the men's locker room. Also, the stools in the men's locker room have exposed areas of sharp rust that both my kids have cut their foot on.
Would love to see some outdoor lighting in the parking lots at Family Park for safety in the winter. An outdoor dog wash station would also be nice. Thank you for the extra trash cans placed at Family Park this winter.
I used to love the concerts at the Levitt when the kids played in the back on the grass, but since they've basically turned the cement area in front of the shell over to the kids, they run around constantly during the concerts and their parents stand around watching them, blocking the view, or they don't watch them at all, so they do whatever they want. If they fall, which they frequently do, they're also falling on cement. It was safer for them and less disturbing for everyone else when they played in the back (and I'm talking about regular concerts, not the family/children's concerts). Also, really in favor of the plans I've heard for a library kiosk or branch in the remodeling of Frank Olson Park. There really isn't a nearby branch library in that neighborhood.
Why was Lacy Park not on the list of the parks?
Please preserve large natural areas to allow for large dogs to exercise and satisfy their need to explore, track, etc.
Be nice to make the bike trail on the west and north feel more like the trail between 57th and Falls Park. Plant a lot more trees and even encourage development close by

Do something about the homeless hanging out at the skate park for instance just today there was one passed out on the bench there and I've also witnessed drunks walking around it just not cool to deal with when I take my kid there
I say dissatisfied because i think there is large growth potential for our trails and parks. I think there is a great need for a MTB hub where 5+miles of MTB trails are accessible for people of all levels. Its a rapidly growing sport that has great upsides for the population!
My family and I will be devastated if they take the our community off leash dog park away
Need to leave the current dog off lease area alone at Family Park off Ellis. We need more of these around Sioux Falls.
SF parks are top notch. Ya'll do a good job! Many parks would benefit from more trees and/or plants (strongly encourage native species)
A multi- jurisdictional park on land in Lincoln County where the prison is supposed to go. This would be a deal with the state, where the city would pay for major improvements to the SD Air National Guard base at the Airport, including runways, buildings, parking, electronics, hangers, and utilities. Also, city would improve the highway system around the city. Park would included a major acqutic system, skate park, frisbee golf course, soccer fields, bike trail to towns nearby, softball fields, gardens, walking paths, drones flight area, and trees of course.
I would like to see more paved bike trails in the Sioux Falls area
Work with regional county parks as well. Think about shoulder season events. More focus on feeder trails to main bike trail. Need a designated bike trail that goes through the center of the loop, near the hospitals/va/universities.
When I was younger, we had very limited income. My mom decided to go back to school so we moved to Sioux Falls. One other reason for this move was because my parents knew Sioux Falls had a variety of rec offerings at little to no fee. We took full advantage, using the bike trail, attending park and rec on playground, using pools and attending open gym at Kenny Anderson. I was very disappointed to see the open gyms cease. I understand it is now with the YMCA, but no longer do they offer on school vacation days which is where we spent our entire days. If we want kids to have a habit of living healthy lives, we need to remove the barriers and make the offerings and services accessible and plentiful. Hence I am a huge advocate of the Frank Olson project.
Trails on dikes starting to develop some serious cracks ..
Would like to see Sioux Falls bring back a BMX racing track to one of the parks.
I would love to see more trails built to give us more distance, but also more access around Sioux Falls. I am very pleased with how Wonderfull the trail is maintained and it is definitely a jewel of the city.
Your "at your own risk" signs at the west side recreation center does not cover negligence on your part by: 1. Failing to properly maintain floor equipment and 2. Continuing to ignore member requests to address issues regarding the same. I have complained over the last 2 months to six different staff members regarding equipment needing attention and nothing gets done. I am beginning to hear complaints from several other members.
There are many wonder parks, trails, pools, and amenities. Continuing off leash dog areas and adding an indoor facility would be the next step to complement the community offerings.
We have many great Parks and Rec services/classes/experiences in Sioux Falls. That being said, it has been spoken of during a former public meeting last year that the department compared similar sized cities and found that it is underserving our community. Let's get started, shall we? Free indoor opportunities for children of all ages. It's great that we now have the Westside Rec Center and it is less costly than other available options, but remember the open gym time for kids at Morningside and Kuehn that was free? Yeah, that was nice. We have 5 months of winter and activities/memberships add up quickly or are unattainable for a lot of families in the community. For the love of our children

and parents, please, please, please put up some sort of shade structure at playgrounds, parks, and Barb's Skate Plaza. Playgrounds are virtually unusable except for mornings and evenings because the equipment heats up under the summer sun. Some pools have some sail shades, do that for playgrounds. Have more than one park bench for parents please! Not all of us love standing or sitting in the grass the entire time that our kids are playing. Again, preferably under some shade structure. Which leads me to - plant more shade trees surrounding the playground and invite more plantings/greenery into the space. It's good for pretty much everything/everyone. Our household loves McKennan Park, just like the rest of the city, but prioritize making other parks as nice as that one. Lower income neighborhoods deserve the beauty of natural outdoor spaces just as much as the higher income ones. One small example: there's the 9th and Grange community garden and is wonderful for that purpose, but then has literally NOTHING but grass covering the rest of the area. It's wasted space begging for opportunity. On a different note: Barb Iverson Skate Plaza is an incredible asset to the city. Properly and well built skateparks are the one thing that will always be used, every single day that weather allows, by so many. It spans across different ages, backgrounds, and sexes. They will routinely get used more than pickleball courts, tennis courts, and basketball courts. At Barb's, please put in proper bathrooms and again, shade structures and/or greenery. It gets dangerously hot to begin with, now imagine what it feels like at a big concrete park. Cement in the sun can feel 10+ degrees warmer than the actually temperature. There's an opportunity to curb that. The entry benches have nothing, the rocked areas are a great place for deciduous shade trees (and while we're at it...rocks at a skatepark probably aren't the wisest choice for safety anyway). One portapotty that doesn't get regular upkeep/service is not good enough. My young daughter has needed to be shielded and peed outside, to avoid using it. She's had accidents, to avoid using it. We bring a roll of toilet paper, wipes, and hand sanitizer in our bag every time we go there (which is multiple times a week). Not to mention - what about older girls and women who may need to use the bathroom for a different, hygienic reason that happens every month? As a whole, the programs, experiences, and events have been solid and well liked by our household. What we really would like to see is prioritizing the improvement of what we currently have. Thank you for reading. :)
We need more park that are toddler friendly. The new ones being put in and only good for kids who are 5+ or even older for some. What about parks for kids 1-5 years old????
We need more off leash trails/ areas.
I have personally looked at Riverdale park and the park next to it. Would make a great course. It would be similar to how Peccole Ranch in Las Vegas is played
We have an excellent Parks Dept!! We need additional indoor opportunities!!!!!!
Please continue to mow and maintain the disc golf course at Spencer and Tomar Parks. It is a superior course to Tut Hill. Tut hill has had so many trees removed and I thank you for the trees that were planted, but it still needs a lot more.
I would like to see an engagement with the local disc golf community
Add more 9-hole disc golf courses
If there is any way to include one or two disc golf courses on the west side of town, that would be amazing.
Need year round bathroom access at parks. Also more trash cans on disc golf courses would be huge. A lot of courses have 1 on each hole, but since Tut is dry, 1 every third would be incredibly beneficial.
Today, there are only two disc golf courses offered (in city parks) in the largest city in South Dakota. By comparison, Norfolk, NE has 4 champion level courses. Sioyx Falls is nearly ten times larger than Norfolk, NE and it is where most Disc Golf players must travel to play large tier tournaments.
When is Lien park to Great Bear going to be done?

We enjoy the bike trail almost daily, as well as the off trail bike courses and the off leash dog park. As a dog trainer I will not go to fenced in parks as they seem overran by bad dog behavior. But LOVE the off leash area and recommend it to clients.
The 18 rule is RIDICULOUS and has got to go!!! Our senior in HIGH SCHOOL cannot be on our account because he's 18!!! Most ridiculous rule ever!!!!
Lots of on leash dog activity at Harmodon and lots of dog waste. If there were some bag dispensers and more garbage drops, maybe some people would be more inclined to pick up poop.
We live close to the Sertoma Park and when the ADA friendly chair got removed it hindered any fun for one of our young family members. I think we need to see something similar come back to that popular park.
Family Park Dog Park -- maybe some restrooms or a shelter near the off-leash park but no trails -- leave it as a true off leash area. There is so few places we can take our dogs off-leash to run in Sioux Falls
The department does a fabulous job building, maintaining, and managing our facilities. The marketing, registration, and overall instruction of programs is not the strong suite of the department. Build better relationships with the community businesses and local experts to ease the burdens that challenge the department. Programming could be so much better if you utilized the people and businesses our community has: Spoke N Sport, Great Outdoor Store, 605 Running Company, Revolution Yoga, Fit Body Bootcamp, and Coast to Coast Athletic Club are all great examples of businesses that could support better programming and services than what department offers.
Return to nature
I love the family park dog park. There is nothing like it in town and I would hate to see it go!
I believe that family park should be left alone other than adding an indoor dog area for winter time ans having better timed maintenance as far as trash and road services go. People also need to to pick up dog poop. Maybe have more dog poop disposals throughout the park?
Add another off leash dog park
Please keep family park the way it is.
Family Park offers a great area for families to walk their dog off leash on the trails YEAR ROUND. Very few parks can boast the high attendance year round of those who utilize the off leash dog park trails at Family Park.
Please leave the Family Park off leash dog park as is. I have been there daily for the last 2 years, no matter the weather. It is the best thing for me and my dog and I have appreciated the city providing this opportunity.
Please leave our off leash dog park alone. I've met so many people there from Sioux Falls and out of town that use it! Out of town people always comment how wonderful it is for us to have! I'm speaking of the Family dog park off leash.
More dog opportunities
The unfenced, off leash dog parks, such as Family Park are an invaluable resource for dog owners. Areas like this provide opportunities for training, socialization and exercise for dogs and their humans that is not available anywhere else. My dog, for example does extremely well in the unfenced, off leash area, but quickly gets overstimulated inside a fenced dog park. My dog is able to move at his own pace, which is much faster than my own, and I am also able to reinforce critical training and obedience such as recall.
Family Dog Park off leash area needs to remain off leash for the dogs without interference from playground equipment and other amenities added to the off leash area. My dog as well as numerous other dogs and owners love to walk their dogs here. Please do not ruin it for us.

I appreciate the parks and the trails. I love the way the flowers and trails are kept up. Our parks are what make Sioux Falls special. I especially love the off-leash (not fenced in) dog park hiking area. This is an amenity not found in many communities and is very appreciated. I drive 25 minutes to go over there and would love one on the east side of town as well. I find myself using this park on days that are not ideal for weather --- and see many others using it too! Dog parks that are fenced in are touch and go as far as not wanting to engage with other dogs. Hiking is ideal and people can connect with other dogs/owners as comfortable and as space allows Offleash dog hiking is especially nice for training purposes.
Our city is fortunate to have the high quality and accessible facilities we have throughout the community. These facilities most certainly contribute to quality of life for our population and more importantly, provide multi-generational opportunities that are family friendly.
Would love to see more indoor areas such as parks or basketball courts for the winter months.
Our family really enjoys the westside gym. It would be nice if it was a bit bigger and could support indoor sports like wrestling, instead of just basketball.
We need to make sure we continue adding parks/green space within a half mile of every resident as the city grows. We also need to make sure we're adding enough city parks employees to care for it and activate the spaces for neighborhoods.
I love the excellent park and recreational amenities in Sioux Falls. We have beautiful spaces and many opportunities to enjoy close to home. Keep up the great work.
I love all of the events and programs that are offered by the Parks and Rec department. I'd love to see more parks and trails in our area (SE Sioux Falls). It seems like all of the newer developments are lacking parks and trails. I'd love a park within walking distance or some trails to walk on. The only "parks" close by are the playgrounds at schools and we have to cross multiple busy roads to get there. I'd love to see a focus on adding parks and walking trails added into new communities that are being developed in Sioux Falls!
SFP&R is the primary reason we still live in SF.
Don't fix something that is not broken, family park is perfect for people and dogs.
The parks are very good. We have quite a bit but more is better. Minneapolis area seems to have more and se side of town seems a too few parks. Expanding bike trails. U
Please work toward keeping undeveloped areas for walking/hiking such as Outdoor Campus, Family Park, Great Bear Trails. We like to see this type of green space where you're in the city but feel like you're in the middle of nature. As our city grows, we need these spaces yet!
I so appreciate our parks and rec department! And I love the bike trail! I just wish that the programming included offerings beyond just those at midco swim center. It seems like once that facility opened, you discontinued many of your other programs in favor of those that are swim related. As such, I have not signed up for any programs in the last year, and I used to be an active participant in many, most notably, your yoga programs. I really wish that you would bring back the regular yoga sessions, particularly those at local parks in the summer.
My kids love the pump bike track off of Russell street. We had no idea it was there until we drove by one day and figured to try it out. Our boys want to go every weekend. It would be cool to see another one or that one rxpanded
I take my dogs to Family Park every day. Not only is it a great place for dogs to run, but because of the dogs, humans are also getting plenty of exercise.

Spend many hours at family park in fence less area. Would love to have it left in natural state! There is nothing else in Sioux Falls that compares to it. Soooo many people use it!
My Wishlist: More restrooms / water fountains around bike loop, a few added trail connections, another public track for jogging, trees on north side of loop
I think Sioux Falls Parks and Rec does an excellent job in our community. I've had generally positive interactions when talking with staff members.
Increased lighting along the trails, especially with the homeless population. Increased feeling of safety. Emergency buttons/alarms. Popup outdoor movie nights. Use the side of a building and a projector. Really cool to do this at a pool (used to be done in my community of 2,000 - I believe in SF!!) Multi-language signage.
We'd like to thank SF Parks for its partnership with FAST to create singletrack trails around town, and for its partnership with Let's Skate to build the Barb Iverson Skate Plaza. These assets, along with the paved bike trail, were major considerations when we decided to purchase our home in the location we did - Sioux Falls' excellent bike infrastructure is where we spend most of our recreation time, so we can't imagine going back to a life where we can't ride our bikes straight from our garage to the trails.
people not cleaning up dog waste and letting their dogs run off leash
I believe we are very fortunate for our beautiful and well maintained trail and parks in our community.
We lost 9 softball fields this year and we need to be able to replace a portion of them. People use them to not only play but also practice.
I presented a proposal to the Parks Dept about 5-6 years regarding Family Park upgrade. I would love to see that considered in your new comprehensive plan. Rob Howe 605-460-2082.
The off-leash needs stay as is! Having it not paved makes it feel like the country while still being in the city! Having a playground for kids is not needed by off leash but something right up close to the front fenced area wouldn't be a bad option! Also it's gets real muddy where the fountain is by the fence so adding rock or more concrete around it would be nice. Also you could add a watering hole in the back for dogs to swim as well so it doesn't affect the fishermen! I would like to see a L shaped wall in NW corner that blocks the wind and also has amenities like a rinse off station!
Most of my time at the parks or trails is with my dog. Please put more money into making Sioux Falls pet-friendly. I take my dog to Family (North Lot) Offf Leash trailed system. She is a Brittany Spaniel and loves running through the tall grass. Please leave that area the way it is! I occasionally take her to Spencer Dog Park. It would be nice if the big dog area could expand into the north wooded area that leads to the parking lot. We could put trails into it. I'm a part of the Facebook group Soo Foo Off Leash Dog Association. We follow what the city does close because we love our dogs and the areas we take them.
I still think the Kuehn park pool should stay as it is. Don't need zero entry, or to move it to a street Valley View, that doesn't have multiple lanes like 41st. It will be congested and decrease the neighborhood peace.
We need more waste receptacles during the winter. Way too many were pulled this winter, and even more are needed some places in the other months too. Examples include at the top of the Spellerberg sledding hill (I have to drive home with poop bags in my car because there's no bins that side of the park). Also many were pulled at Harmodon. Separate issue— I would love to see the addition of

swings or slides to Harmodon. This is the park closest to me and the playgrounds really don't have a ton of options especially for very little children.
I think the city of Sioux Falls could benefit from a true Wellness facility like other cities have. For example Fargo, ND has a great family wellness facility along with indoor hockey rinks that are run by their parks and recreation group.
Leave FAMILY PARK off the leash dog park the way it is!!
My husband and were traveling once through a city that seemed to have no parks... or if there was a park, it was crude. It made us realize what a wonderful city we live in. Thank you for all the outdoor opportunities! Keep up the great work!
Maintain walkways to prevent hazards. Sand accumulates under the train bridge at Falls Park, making it slippery. Regular clearing is needed. Enhance nature in the area.
We are pleased with the greenway and hope it remains free of commercial/residential development though having such development adjacent to it (with connections) would be great. An attempt was made seven or so years ago to make such connections from the west side of the trail between 41st to I-29 to the businesses adjacent, but it didn't come to pass.
Slow to include East Sioux Falls
Please keep everything at McKennan Park free. Please keep the ice rink space!
1) Falls Park master plan is a great way to further capture the beauty of the falls and make it more of an attraction. 2) Keep investing in sports facilities. Youth sports is a 40+ billion dollar industry and Sioux Falls is an attractive market for teams and organizations both regionally and nationally. 3) Continue to add to the bike trails as the city moves out in every direction. Quicker access to the trails results in higher safety since it removes people from side walks on busy streets
Ensure each development contains some type of local playground. As an example, in the entire Copper Creek development, no local park exists. You need to drive to get to a playground at a local school (either Brandon or SF). Make it easy and convenient for families to come together withing walking/biking distance.
For many years there has been 'talk' from the City about expanding the bike trail to the MJ Arboretum. Nothing mentioned in your 5 year plan that I could find. You mention a need for more indoor facilities. Doesn't it make sense to enhance outdoor recreation? The City's direction is off track with indoor emphasis. You have more tax payers using the bike trail.....think about it. j
Dog parks please
It would be helpful to have more Pickleball courts and also wind screens around the courts.
Please keep the nature area family off leash dog park
Your Park and Rec maintance crews are the best. The parks are great but your crew make the superior.
I am grateful for the wonderful off leash parks at Family Park, & would love to see more of these on all sides of town.
East of veterans is in need of some future park planning. The neighborhood south of 26th st and East of veterans is a decent distance from any park (except the playground equipment at inspiration elementary)
I know you get tired from hearing from all of us Off-Leash Dog Park people but we truly value Family Park and would love to see it left as is :)
Please listen to the softball community. I attended a couple of meetings AFTER the decision was made to eliminate 9 of the fields at Frank Olson. It was only then that several community members spoke up regarding this.

The local league has done a terrible job of scheduling games at Frank Olson. Many teams left the league and went to Brandon, so they wouldn't have to drive across town to play at Dunham. I've spoken at a city council meeting, met with Parks and Recreation staff (thank-you!) and met with council members individually. I've provided my recommendations for building these fields at Morningside Park. Actually, I believe Morningside Park would be a much better/convenient location for the new recreation center. I will not be able to attend many meetings as I'm busy with softball clinics/lessons most evenings. In fact, on Monday's I have over 50 youth show up for my pitching clinics at Impact Sports.
Family park doesn't need a road or changes.
Need to keep Family park off leash area for dogs “as is” meaning to not decrease size and do not change.
Will the downtown river walk eventually be a full "loop"? I think that would be absolutely wonderful! :-) We love what the city has done along the river, but to be able to walk a full loop would be an ideal goal to work towards. My family always spent a lot of time on the bike path when our kids were still at home. And now, I still walk it and my husband rides bike. We love - absolutely LOVE - this little gem of our city! Thank you so much for giving us an opportunity to weigh in. All the best to you as you do this important work for SF!
I have been to Coffee with the counselors, Active Transportation meeting, met with Brett Kollars at Park and Rec about this issue. Brett was very helpful, but not what I needed. When Greg Nietzert was on the city council he was able to get Class 2 E bikes authorized for use on the Recreation Trail even though they had been on the trail illegally for years with impunity. Now, you can legally electronically throttle along the entire Recreation Trail on a Class 2 E bike without turning a peddle. My E Scooter is basically a Class 2 E bike without peddles. Yet, Even though I pay as much tax to use the Rec Trail as any biker does, I am banned BECAUSE I DONT PEDDLE. I want E Scooters allowed on THE public Funded Recreation and Multi Use Trail. Your description, not mine. But, let’s be clear…..It is NOT a bike trail. Please explain to me the difference between a Class 2 E bike and an E- Scooter.
As a city employee I think it would help the employer of choice if you offered employee discounts.
Please leave the off-lead dog park alone! If you could add a restroom (even a vault toilet) that would be very helpful. I love our off-lead dog park. It is something unique to our area and sets us apart from the surrounding communities.
Leave family park alone, its perfect the way it is.
Rumor has it that the Family Park is going to be split up with bike trails. Personally, I don’t see a need to take the only off leash park and provide bike trails. There are other areas that would work just as well

Last time you asked the community for feed back on what we wanted from family park, we felt ignored. Everything we asked to keep the same, changed. Everything we wanted, ignored. We need a natural park, one where the dogs can have the freedom to explore and be dogs without the nuisance of bikes or disc golfers making the space smaller. We enjoy the feeling of being out in the country while still being in the city. There are improvements that can be made. Having a playground away from the dog area would be great, but make it safe for both kids and dogs. Fence off the area so they can't interact.
I love the work done on Legacy Park bike trail and the area of Family Park that is the off-leash dog area. Such an incredible place in Sioux Falls. After the large flooding in early 2024, there is a LOT of garbage in the trees/shrubs around the river. It would be nice to do more cleanup events to clear out the trash from those riparian areas.
Better decisions on bike trail detours -- consider street riding instead of sidewalks on major streets
More nature-friendly plants, like native plants and pollinator friendly plants. Work more with nature, less with chemicals. Community food gardens, apple trees, berries, other food, could be tended by volunteers supervised by City. Fenced areas for dogs at all parks, even if some are smaller, it doesn't take that much room to play fetch.
Our bike trails are the best in the state. I ride every day spring through fall. The one thing that needs to be addressed is security. It's either dogs off leash, glass on the trail or the unhoused being a nuisance. I live downtown and it's a major problem. That being said I'm proud to live in Sioux Falls with our wonderful parks and bike trails.
very happy with the progress of the Sioux Falls Parks Department. Keep putting money into our system as I believe this is the greatest treasure of Sioux Falls.
You do a great job! We love swimming, ice skating, running, biking and going to parks and rec events for kids and families.
I love that there is a lot of community engagement and opportunity to give input
My daughters play fastpitch softball and seem to not have enough places to play and practice.
I am concerned that the off leash trails at family park will be boxed in with other things so that we cannot actually let the dogs be off leash. It is already stressful at the entrance as bikes on the trail do not pay any attention. this park get a LOT of use year round and it would be a really disappointing to see it siphoned off
There needs to be more softball fields. Especially after losing those at Frank Olson
Community centers should be maintained by the city and accessible to all. Softballl fields need to have equal priority as baseball field offerings.
We need more indoor aquatics facilities. It is a lifetime activity that all ages and abilities can do. It is also a life skill. It needs to be indoor because the out door season is too short.
Rapid city has more natural habitat for outdoor activities. Sioux falls needs to create them.
I feel Sioux Falls does awesome with their parks and recreation. With an increasing dog population need more dog areas
Born/raised in Sioux Falls, now living in Tennessee due to my job commitment. Visit Sioux Falls now several times a year and the parks system is always part of my visit. Keep planting trees everywhere. Sioux Falls cannot have too many trees planted.
The slaughterhouse needs to be moved from the Falls Park area.
There are no where near enough pools for kids in the summer!! Not slides and sprinklers...actual pools. Now with Frank Olson gone...it's going to be even worse!

Skate park on west side needs to be manned by a person and closed at night. Too much drugs and crime at that park. Also Dunham park softball fields could be totally redone for practice and like Sherman park softball fields. We need a more softball fields like harmon park but for softball.
Larger off leash dog park. More signage telling people they are entering an off leash dog park. Even better if there were a second off leash dog park on the other side of town. The ONLY thing family park needs is a spigot in the Off Leash area. There needs to be more of these types of parks. I think the city underestimates the beauty that is the off leash dog park. I left 7 blank because dog parks and (more specificly) off leash dog parks were not mentioned.
Do not develop Family Park beyond enhancing the natural landscape
I would love to see family park on Tea Ellis road leave as is. I would donate to help keep clean . My husband died of Covid. My dogs are what I live for.
Sioux Falls has come a long way since 1996 when I first arrived here. Very impressive integration of park amenities with downtown development. Please plant more trees to replace those at Tomar that had to come down along the trail. More willow trees please. More native grass prairie wild flower and pollinator experiences. Keep up the good work!
The South Central part of Sioux Falls is extremely lacking in basic parks. I live in West point. SCHOFIELD Ave. We have no public parks other than schools or HOA parks within walking distance for young families.
I use Family park daily to run my dog in the large off leash area. I have made many friends there and my dog enjoys the time to run and explore along the many trails it offers. According to the counts we have done at least 500 visitations a week occur there. Unlike the many other parks the city provides the Family park is used all year long. We are begging the city to leave the park as is. It is unique to the area, offers exercise to hundreds of people and dogs, and costs the city very little to maintain in comparison to the other city parks. If the city goes through with its plans to repurpose the park then hundreds of people and dogs will have no where else to go that is comparable.
The loss of the softball fields at Frank Olson takes away useful practice fields and fields to use for girls softball games at the younger ages. The love of the game grows at the park. I know our daughters live for softball grew there.
Softball is very important to my family. I'd love to see awnings put over the bleachers at Harmodon Park (like there are at Sherman). I'd also love to see more softball diamonds available for teams to use.
Local parks have heavy wear and landscaping is usually the first to suffer non-native plants die off and aren't replaced. Duluth MN has done a great job of creating natural plantings that are rugged and promote bio diversity. Follow their example please.
Expanding the bike trail south would be amazing! Great job!
We need more youth softball fields
We desperately need softball fields in our community specialist for youth/Fastpitch softball. There are almost no fields that meet the size requirements for this sport. With the growth of the sport and inclusion of Fastpitch as a sanctioned sport by SDHSAA we as a community need to invest in the girls and women who play this sport. There is a huge disparity between the quality of the fields used for baseball and Fastpitch.
Leave the parks alone.. The parks are fine. The council gives money, doesn't mean you have to use it.
Please do not reduce the off leash open area dog park at Family Park. We need more areas like this. It has become even more popular than the enclosed dog park. Huge need!!
Need indoor facilities for walking when it is hot/cold

We just came back from Fargo and for a town that is smaller than SF, they had an incredible indoor park facility that had indoor turf, 2 ice rinks, a gym, pickleball and basketball. It was embarrassing that we are larger and most of our indoor places like that are private.
Love the family park off leash area!!! Would love more of this type of opportunity
I'd like to see more upgrades or additional parks added. I don't think more indoor programs are needed.
For the size of Sioux Falls, we should have more options for off leash dog areas. We constantly have to defend the one dog park area we have as it's threatened to be changed, made smaller, or taken away EVERY YEAR! If monitored, I would guarantee it's the most used park in the area.
Sioux Falls has a great park and trail system. However it would be nice to see more parks like the outdoor campus by sertoma park. More natural areas are needed rather than just mowed grass. Seeing native forests and prairie in the city is needed for parks.
Dunham park could really use some lighting in the parking lot areas. I feel that could help reduce some of the nefarious activities that seem to ramp up after dark. I love the off-leash dog areas offered around Family Park on the west side of town. The city needs more of that type of space and the existing space needs to be expanded or improved rather than squeezed out for the addition of other activities in that area.
Please do not get rid of or lessen the family park off leash dog trails. That area is used by a very large community of dog owners.
I'm disappointed to see Frank Olson is losing a 50 meter pool that is not being replaced elsewhere. I would like to see another 50 meter pool indoor or outside in the next plan.
Please leave the off leash area for our dogs. It is exercise for me (72 years old) and for my dog.
dog trails and docks for dock diving. (Separate from fishing so there's designated areas for just dogs).
I would love to see a park on the northwest side of town. I know the new elementary will have a playground but a lot of weekends the Sanford Sports Complex is super busy and it's hard for the little kids to have fun. I know that The Falls is going through a big change as well but the playground there is super busy on Saturdays as well. Wondering if there is a more immersive activity that could be in some of the green space to keep kids entertained? Like outdoor musical instruments (SD Children's Museum has good examples)
There should be another off leash dog park with trails similar to family park on the east side of town
More parks east of highway 11 needed.
My dogs and I use family park daily. They live going out to run. It is the only off leash dog park with trails and is used by so many people and dogs. Please don't change it
I wish the Off Leash Park would just be left as it is. The amount of people that use that area for their fur babies is incredible. There could be more trash cans and maybe some porta potties there. I don't think the city realizes how popular this place is.
Love the off leash park at family park! I utilize this 4-5 times per week
Our family, (myself, my husband and our 2 daughters) live within walking distance to Elmwood Park, and have for the past 4 years. We love walking there together, exploring the trails and bike path, and the pump track on the north side of the park is awesome for our kids! The only issue we ever run into is the homeless population that like to dwell in the wooded area, and wonder around the playground.
Love the bike trail. Would LOVE at least 1 year-round bathroom. And a way to know when the trail is clear. Our huge running community would love that!
Please continue expanding futsal soccer park opportunities.

Please don't develop Family Park's off-leash dog park anymore -- I hate that it was cut in half by the bike trail. I love being able to go and get some exercise and also let my dog sniff and enjoy herself as well.
We believe that there should be more security on the bike trails. We ride our bikes often throughout the year and never see anyone patrolling or security cameras. Our city is growing quickly and since there are more people, there will be more opportunities for crime.
Please expand bike paths to the northeast and around the new housing developments. We still have to drive to access bike path. Please keep outdoor pools operating. They are so much more healthy for the city's kids than indoor. Please expand natural habitat, (not picnic and camping), but truly natural areas like Good Earth. Please put some resources into the Japanese garden at Terrace. It's beautiful, but needs TLC. Japanese gardens are VERY popular in other cities. I think it could be a main draw if attended to. Love that the naturalist from Kansas City comes every year to help and advise. Please consider a proper botanical garden. These are another popular destination for visitors and residents. Most people would happily pay an entrance fee for such a thing. Thank you!
West side needs pickleball now not 2027.
Don't leave the Frank Olson park softball users without fields to play on. Those fields are full almost every night in the summer.
The Off-Leash Dog Park at Family Park should be eliminated. Unfortunately there are too many people, and their dogs who believe they have ownership over specific areas of this park that they do not.
The Sioux Falls public golf courses are often booked. Need a new 9 hole course on west side of SF. Also need more pickle ball courts on the west side.
So excited for what's to come. Hope to see more kids outside through this initiative!
Would love to see more parks in south Sioux Falls (south of 69th street) that are not tied to school playgrounds. Many kids are too young for school, homeschooled, visit grandparents, or go to different schools so they are not on the Harrisburg district schedule. Going to the school playgrounds doesn't really work when school is in session. Would also love to see some additional splash parks on the south side of town.
See my response to Question 6.
Have always enjoyed the skating sites that become available in the winter. Really glad to see that the ice skates were updated and rentals are free!
Add more high-quality disc golf courses that are disc golf only and more hiking trails that are not full of mountain "bikers."
You guys do an amazing job. The parks are the crown jewel of our city!
Please consider adding restrooms, a park shelter, more trees, and level out the grass field at Willow Ridge Park.
I won't attend anymore of these so called master plan diversions. Family Park has been destroyed by your off leash area that seems to indicate to the disrespectful users that the entire park is for them. There are dog fights that aren't reported to law enforcement because people are avoiding the repercussions of their lack of control of their animals. Dogs fight and dog crap are on the trails around the lake. If we confront those people about their behavior they scream at us we aren't supposed to be in the park. I have to wonder if most of the dog owners behaving so poorly are Democrats? What about EPA concerns for Skunk Creek with so much dog crap washing into the water. What is the health of the lake for the same reason.

I would like an East Side dog park. It would be also amazing to find a space similar to this https://maps.app.goo.gl/dnhCQtBWtC9JVnAKA (Lilydale Off-Leash Dog Park). It was amazing. There were trees and areas for dogs to run around, similar to areas around the Big Sioux River area. It was a great place to take the dogs to and let them explore. We need more off-leash spots in the city.
Great Bear can be overcrowded at times
Indoor rec center with ice rink would be ideal on the east side
Updated maps on the bike trail. More ways to get off to go to restaurants. Expanding the trails to Brandon or any where.
The city does an amazing job keeping the parks clean
We recently went to a tournament up in Fargo and the amount of rinks they have available for a tone smaller than Sioux Falls was incredible. We only have three indoor rinks throughout the winter that we can use and with having a D1 hockey program in our town, I think it would be very beneficial for the entire community to get more indoor rinks.
Hockey is a growing sport in this area & could be bigger with more ice rinks.
Please look at Fargo, Des Moines city rec centers with ice rinks, indoor turfs, courts, walking paths all indoors to provide opportunities for families during the winter and can be used to host tournaments throughout the year to drive visitors to town to increase revenue.
Loss of the FREE open gyms and game rooms at the community centers was a step back for the community.
There is a desperate need in the community for additional golf courses. Prairie Green was the last public golf course added to the city and it was completed in the mid 1990s. Since that time, the city has more than doubled in population. Access to golf continues to be scarce. In SW Denver, CO there is a golf course called Foothills Golf Course (https://foothillsgolf.org/foothills-golf-course/) The property contains 36 holes - an 18 hole Championship golf course, a 9 hole Executive course and a 9 hole Par 3 course. This would be ideal in Southeast Sioux Falls, especially as the area will have growth with the completion of Veterans Parkway. There is time now to consider purchasing land for recreation space in this area before it gets purchased by Residential and Commercial Developers. This would be should be the minimum number of golf holes. There is simply too much recent growth in the city (while also accounting for future projected growth) for this not to be a major park's priority. Additionally - youth sports programming needs to evolve. There is not enough low (no) cost space for kids to just play basketball (indoors) without having to pay unreasonable amounts of money for memberships or entry/participation fees.
Would like more shaded walking paths as well as more circular paths. Also, would like to have the east side have bike trails of their own or to sync up with the main bike path.
Maybe adding a safety stations similar to the ones seen on campus' in SD. You press a button and a police officer will be there within 5 minutes. This could be due to injury or threats while walking alone.
Wish there was a park in our neighborhood so we don't have to cross a major street. Ellis east to sertoma 26th south to 41st.

Cross walk 41st/perdue or Lancaster/Ellis road would be helpful to reach those schools/playground
We love the bike trail, and the disc golf courses in town. Want to do more pickleball this summer.
Registering for a program is confusing and difficult.
Where are the Tennis walls for solo play? Courts are great. But solo walls are necessary akin to a driving range prior to hitting the links. Thank you.
#7 answer didn't offer pools as an option and it should have been included as it is an important part of our summers
Would love to see more activation of parks that are outside the core / downtown. Memorial Park has so much open space that could be activated with an outdoor concert series during the summer. Offer swim lessons at at the Westside Rec Center during the winter.
Lighting along the busiest sections of the bike trail for early morning runners! I would feel safer seeing more than what my headlamp offers.
I love unpaved walking trails so more would always be great. I utilize the off leash dog area at Family Park a couple of times a week and love that area out there. It's such a great facility.
I work for the City and also at The Falls. The compliments we get from visitors at the VIC are amazing. People are so impressed with the park and how it is kept up. Kudos to the Parks & Rec Department! Especially during the Winter Wonderland.

Appendix B: Full Interactive Social Map Findings

Contributions by Category: Ideas/Suggestions

The Japanese Gardens have so much potential, would love to see it upkept more, and more Japanese trees and flowers added to make it seem more like a Japanese Garden, as it did in the 1930s.
In the winter, create a winter wonder land by allowing people to rent at a cost, Cross Country Skis and snowshoes and ski/walk the fairways as designated by the park board. Of course, this could only be possible if it did not have any negative effects on the course. (and there was Snow:)
A Ferris wheel with set operating hours and ticket cost affordable for all. The Falls Park view especially at Christmas Time would be epic.
I'm not sure if this is planned or not, but an expansion of the arboretum to this area could add so many more trees and shrubs and walking trails. I think the arboretum has so much great future potential.
I would love to see a flower garden added to Falls Park, like the Sunken Gardens in Lincoln, NE. I think this corner of the park would be a great spot for it.
Get with the High Schools and or Colleges and have their art program paint a mural in the tunnel.
The bike path is one of the most popular and wonderful trails. The traffic between Minnesota Ave, Tomar and Spencer Dog park is always packed with runners, walkers, dogs, kids, new bike riders with training wheels, little scooters and strollers. With the additional traffic and increase in electric bikes, scooters and hover boards, the variation in speed continues to expand. This can make the trail dangerous or scary for some newer or slower riders or walkers. Recommend adding another section of then trail be added in here as it is nice and flat and newer riders could train on that section without causing an accident on the main through fair on the trails.
Tomar Park is a fantastic location for tennis, small group activities, soccer and bike path trips for both walkers and riders. This location is in need of better bathroom accommodations with the ability to lock up a bike or hang up other belonging while using the restrooms. This is not near any other public facilities and really needs to be enhanced.
Can the joints, (more like caverns), in the asphalt in the southern part of the bike trail between 49th St and 26th St be repaired like the northern part was a couple years ago?
Need more bike parking in falls park.
Widen the Bike trail and have designated Pedestrian and Bike sections. At least for the busier sections between Yankton Trail and Falls Park.
A better way to get from the trails across the river to lower Tuthill without having to walk around along Cliff would be great. I find this challenging to navigate and am always left frustrated.
A pedestrian bridge/tunnel would be really amazing here.
Needs water fountain
Needs a picnic shelter
Needs a public restroom
This playground is old and needs to be replaced.
BAKKER PARK: It would be so nice to have a sidewalk all the way around the park. The sidewalk on the 61st side is fantastic! There are so many walkers in this area!! Also, there are many team practices held at the park. And parents would be glad to keep moving rather that sit and watch practice.

An indoor track facility in Sioux Falls could be utilized by both college programs and the public school system. Looking at events like the State Track Meet at Howard Wood, and Augie Twilight cross country, there is clearly the appetite to host running events for these athletes. Would drive a lot of additional traffic to the city and increase marketability for the colleges in recruiting.
Would love to have lights on the pickleball courts so you can see even when it is starting to get dark!
Would love to have more public pickleball courts - the current ones are always full!
Would love to see a playground, fishing shack, native plant garden, etc.
I would love to see more trees and flowers added to Falls Park, just to liven it up even more with color and vibrancy.
Add more pedestrian/bike bridges in this area and the bike trail in general. To get across the river sometimes you have to bike miles to get to a bridge that will bring you to the other side.
Add some new play features!
Single track mountain bike trails
This would be a great location for a disc golf course.
This would be a great park for a disc golf course.
A disc golf course would make a great addition to this park. The past 3 years the local club has hosted events here with great success
Off-street bike paths to SE part of the city.
Bring back the lion water fountain :)
Sioux Falls needs an indoor skatepark so the people who skate here all spring/summer/fall have somewhere to stay active and engaged with their hobby in the winter.
There is a lot of invasive Buckthorn in Dunham Park (and other parks around town) - can anything be done to get rid of it and replace it with native tree species?
FAST volunteers spend a lot of hours mowing the singletrack trails in Dunham and Legacy Parks. Could the Parks Department help with this?
The Kuehn Skate Park is outdated; the west side of town could really use a nice concrete skate park like the Barb Iverson Skate Plaza.
Please rebuild the picnic shelters in Legacy Park. I frequently see families using the picnic tables when I am riding at the Skills Zone, and the picnic shelters would be a huge improvement for them.
Less mountain bike trails. Please leave it to hikers and walkers.
I'm looking forward to seeing the bike path continue all the way out to Great Bear so I can ride from the main bike path loop to the new FAST trails. The existing bike lane on Rice Street is a scary place to ride; we really need an off-street bike path to continue from Bahnson to Great Bear.
kids zipline
A southeast Farmer's Market would be welcome for the increased growth and traffic infrastructure that is being developed in this area.
The incredible growth in this area with a focus on young families as well as retired individuals absolutely needs an activity park, dog park, community gathering area. It's high density and continues to see city improvements in the area. Consider adding a nice park!
Beginners and youth friend disc golf course
glow-in-the-dark playground
The porta-potty here gets a lot of use, could we get a permanent bathroom with a water fountain in this area?
Fewer Dog parks

I would love to see a beautiful carousel located in the falls park area ,perhaps in the restroom facility area. It would need to be completely enclosed with garage type doors to open up all around. I visualize beautiful horses for anyone to ride on and pleasing music playing. A fee could be collected to cover expenses. Maybe there is a contributor that would like to have their name on it.
A pedestrian bridge here would be amazing! These are two wonderful parks that appeal to the same people and share a history. Imagine having a physical link that would join these into one big area, featuring lakes, trails, gardens, forests, and the stories of quarrying and East Sioux Falls.
Place a 4-way stop sign on the street that runs between the Farmers' Market and Falls. The traffic there on market days is so bad. And to walk across that street is downright dangerous at that time.
Because the Falls Park Farmers' Market it SO HUGE and SO CONGESTED, a west side Farmers' Market would be great!
The river walk is wonderful! We should work to make it a FULL LOOP
The crosswind gets pretty nasty on the bike trail around the north and west of the airport. I get that you probably cant put in trees because of the airport, but how about some bushes? Lilacs are good and inexpensive windbreaks.
I'd like to see a permanent bathroom. There are activities almost every night during the fall, summer and spring. Would also love to see a fenced in area. Nothing fancy- just something so dogs can run around! Not sure if that is something our Neighborhood association could help with or not! This park is getting busier and busier!
Would love to see outdoor nature playground added here
some kind of shade here- shelter/ etc. there is no shade over at this park
some kind of sledding hill on this side of town.
There are now hundreds of families in this area with no park area with swings, slides, etc for kids to go to without crossing extremely busy roads (Sycamore, 57th, Hwy 11) and going to an area. Truly, anyone in this and other areas has to drive anymore.
It would be nice to access the bike path without off-roading
Splash pad for southern Sioux Falls. Wintertime ice rink.
A dog park would be a nice addition in this area
More useable softball fields
Very few parks in this area, other than private HOA. Large future development opportunities. Will become highly developed in the future. Marked for regional level development. Great time to get ahead of future development and plan a central park level development between Tea and Sioux Falls.
Add some public amenities here. We have to cross very busy roads or drive way across town to access any parks, libraries, etc. Generally making Sioux Falls more walkable with each neighborhood offering basic goods, services, and amenities would really improve quality of life in our city!
There's a lot of dogs in this neighborhood so I think a dog park would be good.
Splash pad or pool
Scenic bike tail that connects to the Highway 11 bike trail that starts at Meadow Park and cuts across north of the new Good Sam.
Dog park
Hockey rink or skating ribbon, something other than the schools playground equipment

You can see the Arboretum/Perry Nature Preserve from this trail, many times we've wished there was a bridge or tunnel to cross Arrowhead Parkway to access these two areas on foot from Arrowhead Park.
trail spur going out to (USD) Discovery Park.
Ice rink, small sledding hill, small bike or walking path/trail, and more here please.
Walking path that surrounds Harmodon park or the nature area to the south of it.
The blind curve under the farm field bridge is dangerous for runners and bikers to share, especially with e-bikes traveling at 25-30 mph. Creating a two-lane median, like it is under the 6th street bridge by Cherapa would be helpful. Or creating it so the bike path goes up and around the bridge, would be much safer and easier I'd assume.
9 hole disc golf course to complement the existing ball golf course
Keep these restrooms open year round. :) Runners that use YTP could access them. And often in winter, the open stretches of trail from Sertoma Park to Minnehaha CC are the only ones that are dry and run-able- but with no bathroom, it's a crap-shoot to run there. ("Ba-dum, tiss!") But really, it would be awesome to have one year round.
The bike trail from Falls Park to Yankton Trail could use lighting to provide safer use, and to encourage those attending events downtown to use the trail system as an option to get to and from events.
Pave the road, parking lots, and trail around the ponds.
Park roads and parking lots need attention.
It is time to update this park with the plans submitted in the bond.
Pave the road and develop walking trails. Keep all activities passive i.e. no disc golf, play structures
Add field turf
west side farmers market
Designated bike lane for spurs into neighborhoods.
Downtown would be a great area to start having protected bike lanes. Drivers in Sioux Falls never look for bikes! I know plenty of people who have been hit by cars because the driver was not paying attention to bikes on the road.
Put the graffiti back! It's fun art :)
Add signage in this section to show which other parks the bike trail will bring you. East to family park, north to around the airport, etc.
Add bike trail lighting here.
South Side pool
Option for a south side farmers market
Shade structures along this part of the bike trail would be great. During the summer heat the sun can get quite hot!
Update the disc golf course and make it more useable when the park floods.
add a park with band shelter and other things then you basic small park
add disc golf
add disc golf
add disc golf
Playground and a small dog park area would be nice. Adding trees would also make the area more inviting.
Add a swingset.

So much wasted space, utilize it. Also, not having a sidewalk that goes all the way around the park is a disservice. It is hard to walk on the choppy ground in many places.
Community Center with indoor basketball court, turf feilds, ice rink, fitness center.
More parking stalls. Batting cages. Practice areas.
Paved roadway, more paved walking paths
Off leash dog park
Restrooms, walking paths, shelter
Development of trails (not disc golf trails) so people could more easily utilize the space in the spring/fall/summer and not disrupt the golfers
Can we get some bike trails over here??
Add pickleball courts. There are ZERO pickleball courts west of I29.

Contributions by Category: Something I LIke

I like having a walking path around the park and the open green space great.
Looking forward to the land bridge connecting the farmers market and Stockyards Ag Experience to the main park. A great safety solution that enhances the park as well!
My family and I love the off leash trails, and we would like the access to them to remain the same!
The free concerts at the Levitt are fantastic, this is the kind of thing that makes Sioux Falls a great place to live!
I appreciate this newer section of singletrack; I really appreciate that I can ride my mountain bike all the way from 57th & Western to Downtown while barely touching pavement!
I rarely visited Riverdale Park until FAST built the singletrack trail along the river. I like how this section of singletrack still parallels the paved bike path, but takes riders through a different area than the paved path.
I love the future plans that have been shared for Falls Park North and I'm looking forward to seeing them implemented!
Our family really appreciates having Great Bear in town for skiing and snowboarding. Prices have skyrocketed at ski resorts around the country and we're very fortunate to have an affordable option in Sioux Falls.
I can't wait to hike and ride the new singletrack trails at Great Bear! This update will make Great Bear a much better year-round destination.
I can't wait to see the new bike path expansion out to Bahnson Avenue!
Thank you for partnering with FAST to add singletrack trails in Dunham Park!
I'm looking forward to the addition of more family-friendly facilities at Family Park!
I'm excited to see the new bike path expansion that will continue north past Family Park and connect more neighborhoods to the parks!
The new FAST Skills Zone is a well-used addition to Legacy Park.
FAST's singletrack trails in Leaders Park have turned this largely-unused patch of Interstate right-of-way into an attractive destination. Thank you for partnering with FAST in Leaders Park!
The Barb Iverson Skate Plaza is a fantastic addition to our city's recreation infrastructure, and it's very popular. Thank you for partnering with Let's Skate to create a top-tier skate park in Sioux Falls... we'd love to have more skate parks of this quality around town!
The FAST singletrack trails (all over town, but especially in Tuthill Park) are my favorite park resource in Sioux Falls.
Love this park
Love this walking area
Love this walking area
My family and my husband have attended EVERY one of the Bare Bodkins Shakespearean plays that are performed in the Queen Bee Mill ruins each summer (25+ years, and counting). Thank you to the SF Parks and Recs for making this available and FREE! The setting is PERFECT! (And thanks to Auggie for their amazing performances!) Don't change a thing here!
Love this new bike trail expansion
Our family loves utilizing the archery range from early Spring until late Fall!
Arrowhead is one of our family's favorite parks. We love that it doesn't have a playground and offers more of a quiet, woodsy environment.
Love the off leash park

Leave the off leash dog park area the way it is It is the only place that we have.
Love the greenway!
Love the greenway
So excited about everything happening here to make this a regional draw!
We love the bridge here and walking in the creek barefooted.
We like the green space here! open ended for soccer practice or just running around.

Contributions by Category: Make a Comment

I know this comment isn't quite "park & rec" related, but when a suggestion would be that as the city gets closer to placing a new convention center in DTSF, the city should purchase this block and remove the eye-sore structures there.
There is already an off-leash area that is fenced for dogs. That is where your dogs can be off leash. The north side of the park is being used as an off leash area. Owners do not pick up after their dogs and loose dogs are interacting with children. Disaster waiting to happen. Please add signage that indicates where dogs can and cannot be off leash. The name is FAMILY park. It is for everyone. Dog amenities do not trump the safety of everyone, especially children.
Id like to establish a Disc Golf course here while integrating Rotary Park
It would be nice to have some tennis courts on the south side of town. Currently the closest ones are at Tomar Park.
Dogs and playgrounds/bikes don't mix. There are plenty of other parks better suited to small children, leave the off leash dog area alone how it is. We all told you this in the meeting about it last summer and you've been ignoring it so far. Go "improve" the other parks with modern amenities and boardwalks and bike paths, leave family park alone.
Leave the off leash dog park the way it is. Please No bike paths through it! If a playground if added, fence off a playground closer to the lake and leave the dog park alone.
This playground is very old.
The pathway in this park is dilapidated. The sharp edges makes it unsafe for kids.
We used the bike trail here and would go north toward the airport but had to stop because the garbage left on the trail became dangerous. Broken glass, boards with nails, feces and more were on the trail and it is clear that park staff does not maintain this area. There is garbage there that has never been picked up in 3 years. It is frustrating especially when park staff buzzes around the trail in other areas on small vehicles picking up trash but never at the trailhead on 12th street going north under the railroad tracks. Maintenance isn't just for the areas where the wealthy utilize the trail.
Family park needs picnic tables, swing set, playground equipment. Make it Family assessable.
Southside Pool and Southern addition to bike trail