

Meeting Notes

Subject	Raleigh System Plan - Community Meeting #1
Date	January 10, 2013
Time	6:30 pm
Location	Green Road Community Center
Attendees	(see sign-in sheets)
Prepared	January 10, 2013
Prepared by	Ryan P. Cambridge

Purpose: A community meeting was held as part of the public involvement process for the needs and priority assessment phase of the City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation System Plan. The following are comments recorded:

Thought Boards:

Why are you here today?

- Interested in participating in the future
- For Parks!
- Learn more about what is planned for Barwell Park
- Participate in the process & pass info to neighborhood
- Ensure that Camp Friendly is available for all disabilities – even the severe kids – Mini camps all summer @ both locations
- Wants to hear about future plans

If you could **change or **add** items to the park and rec. system, what would you **change/add**?**

- Better communication of information to public (RE: programs, parks, etc.)
- Collaborate with community programs (i.e. – Eastor Seals, etc.)
- Require builders to include neighborhood parks (again)
- Yes! (see above)
- Only allow neutered dogs in dog parks

If you could **change or **add** items to the park and rec. system, what would you **change/add**?**

- Places for dogs to swim
- “Call Help” centers on specially secluded areas
- Outside music venue in Raleigh
- Sidewalks to walk to, not drive to greenways

What will your top needs be in **5, **10**, and **20** years?**

- Proximity of greenways and parks to neighborhoods
- 2nd this idea (see above)

- Yes! Yes! Yes! (see above)
- Inclusive playgrounds/ Senior activities
- Neighborhood playgrounds

What will your top needs be in 5, 10, and 20 years?

- Safe parks to take grandkids to
- Sports, arts programs for kids and teens

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- Active older adult programs

Parks Station:

- Beef up Eastgate Park facilities (larger community center, offer classes, expand playground)
- Sidewalk on St. Albans and Atlantic Ave. (esp. near greenway)
- Water play area/misters in existing parks
- Parking for greenway/ trailheads
- YAY for youth sports programs, please keep expanding (this is the only access to positive and self-esteem boasting activities that some kids have)
- Additional of gated/fences dog parks to existing parks or new ones too!
- Look at additional small park in the Pinecrest area and Crabtree Blvd. area
- Inclusive playgrounds – ADA
- Despite my digital tendencies, I still like a paper Leisure Ledger
- Sidewalks on Atlantic Ave., St. Albans to safely access greenway entrance on Atlantic Ave.
- Parking during the week on Atlantic Ave. entrance
- Natural treed areas in parks, not all open spaces/fields
- Please keep retro chess tables w/covers at Eastgate
- Nature trails within parks
- Solar/geothermal heat for pools for future energy savings!
- Safe ped access through connected sidewalks. (Atlantic, St. Albans, others!)

Program Station:

- Community gardens: city should provide free water
- Organize adventure racing events
- Senior fees (concerned about them)
- Likes that resources for seniors offer free programming
- Seniors kicked out during summer camps
- Park and Recreation should engage and work more closely with Wake County Human Services and other social services, same for senior services
- Good geographic distribution of programs
- More evening classes (adults/kids)

Greenway Station:

- Neighborhood connection, uninterrupted access
- Greenway and City of Raleigh bike route lane/ connectivity
- More unpaved trails
- North/South beltline connectivity

- More curb cuts
- Road crossings – at-grade
- On asphalt wayfinding
- Thanks for greenway app/map!!
- Parking for greenway/ trailheads
- Clear markings to direct on greenways
- Extend hours beyond dusk
- Specify destination direction and time

Summary Themes:

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- Collaborate with community programs (i.e. – Eastor Seals, etc.)
- Require builders to include neighborhood parks (again)
- Sidewalk needed on St. Albans and Atlantic Ave. (esp. near greenway)
- Additional gated/fences dog parks in existing parks
- Parking needed at trailheads and greenway entrances
- On-trail wayfinding and destination/time information
- Coordinate senior/social services programming with Wake County

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Turning Point Results

Date Created: 1/10/2013 6:07:12 PM Active Participants: 14 of 14

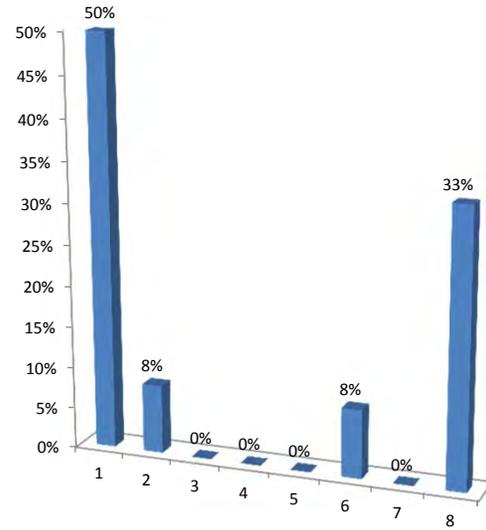
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Questions: 17

Results By Question

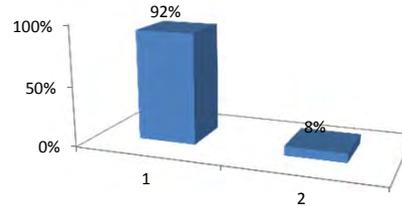
1.) What is your favorite NCAA basketball team? (test question) (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
NC State Wolfpack	50%	6
UNC Tarheels	8%	1
Duke Blue Devils	0%	0
Wake Forest Demon Deacons	0%	0
Virginia Tech Hokies	0%	0
USC Gamecocks	8%	1
Tennessee Volunteers	0%	0
You didn't list my team!	33%	4
Totals	100%	12



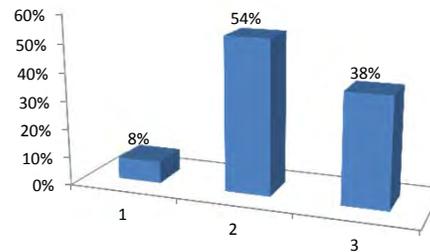
2.) Do you feel that the City of Raleigh's Park and Recreation System contributes to a high quality of life? (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
YES	92%	12
NO	8%	1
Totals	100%	13



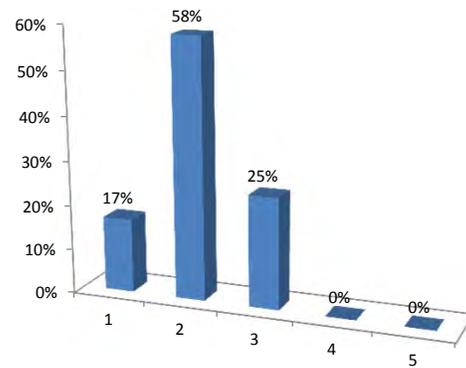
3.) What role do you believe the City's parks and greenways plays in the quality of life for residents? (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Not significant	8%	1
Significant	54%	7
Extremely significant	38%	5
Totals	100%	13



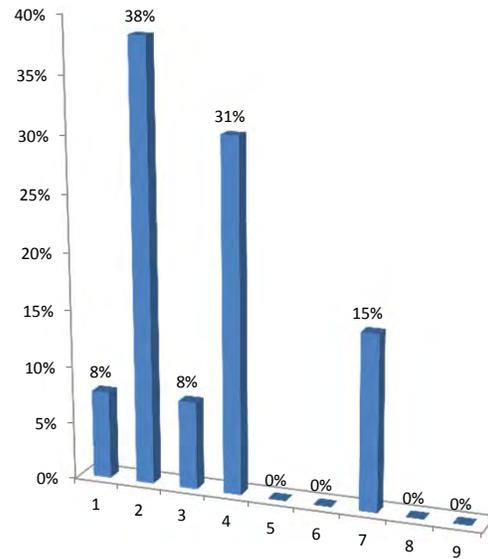
4.) Overall, how would you rate the condition and appearance of ALL the parks and recreation sites in the City of Raleigh you have visited? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Excellent	17%	2
Good	58%	7
Fair	25%	3
Poor	0%	0
Very Poor	0%	0
Totals	100%	12



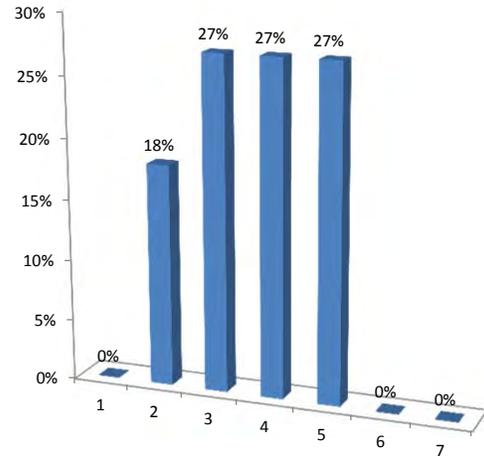
5.) How would you like to learn about City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation programs and activities? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Printed Leisure Ledger	8%	1
City Website	38%	5
Newspapers/ Magazines	8%	1
Social Media	31%	4
Radio	0%	0
Television	0%	0
Email Blasts	15%	2
School Flyers	0%	0
Mail	0%	0
Totals	100%	13



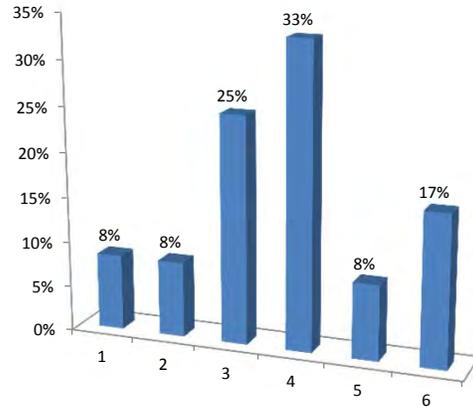
6.) In the City of Raleigh, how far should a resident have to WALK to reach a “meaningful” park, greenway or open space? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
1/8 mile (2-3 min. walk)	0%	0
¼ mile (5 min. walk)	18%	2
½ mile (10 min. walk)	27%	3
¾ mile (15 min. walk)	27%	3
1 mile (20 min. walk)	27%	3
1.5 miles (30 min. walk)	0%	0
2 miles (40 min. walk)	0%	0
Totals	100%	11



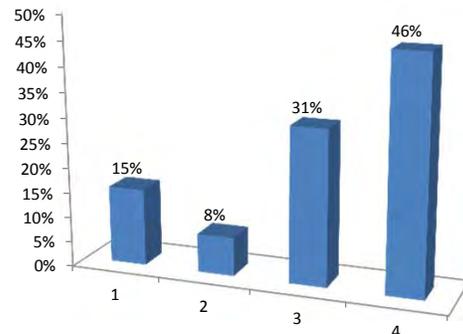
7.) In the City of Raleigh, how far should a resident have to BIKE to reach a “meaningful” park, greenway or open space? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
½ mile (5 min. ride)	8%	1
¾ mile (8 min. ride)	8%	1
1 mile (10 min. ride)	25%	3
1.5 miles (15 min. ride)	33%	4
2 miles (20 min. ride)	8%	1
3 miles (30 min. ride)	17%	2
Totals	100%	12



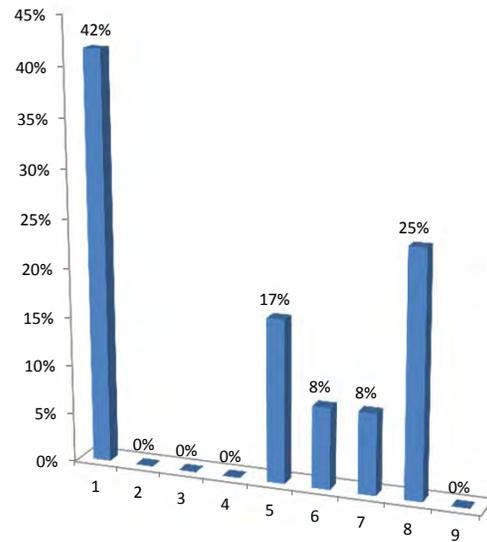
8.) Which priority best describes the emphasis that should be placed on the development of parks and greenways? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
More emphasis on smaller “walk-to” parks	15%	2
More emphasis on larger “drive-to” parks	8%	1
Equal emphasis on small and large parks	31%	4
More emphasis on greenway trails and connections to neighborhoods	46%	6
Totals	100%	13



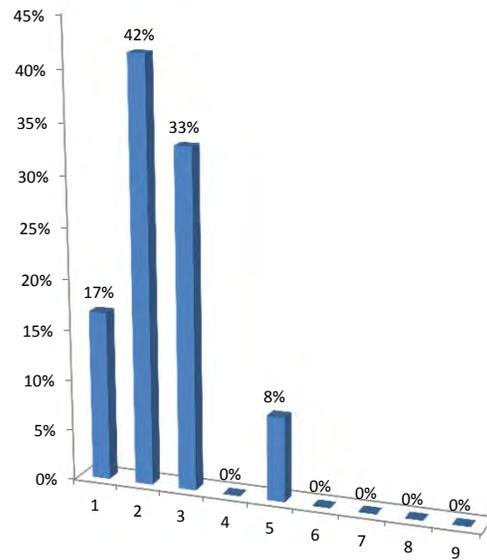
9.) Which action is most important for the City of Raleigh to take to improve the parks and recreation system? (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Purchase land to preserve open space and natural areas	42%	5
Purchase land to preserve historic sites	0%	0
Purchase land for developing sport fields	0%	0
Purchase land to developing recreation facilities	0%	0
Maintain existing parks, recreation facilities and fields	17%	2
Maintain existing greenway trails	8%	1
Develop new parks	8%	1
Develop new greenways and connect existing trails	25%	3
Develop new recreation facilities	0%	0
Totals	100%	12



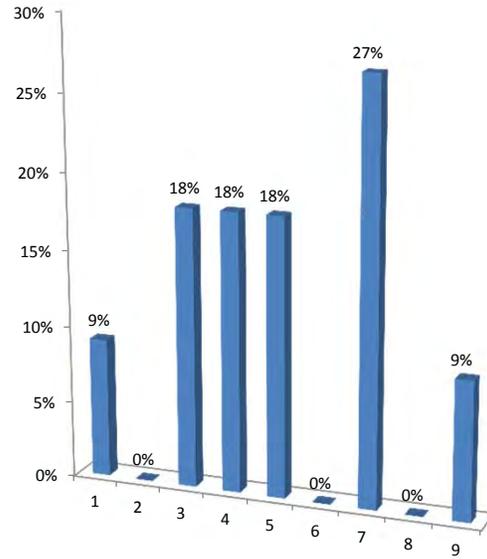
10.) How far do you think a city of Raleigh Resident should have to walk/bike/drive to:PLAYGROUND/TOT LOT (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
¼ mile	17%	2
½ mile	42%	5
1 mile	33%	4
2 miles	0%	0
3 miles	8%	1
4 miles	0%	0
5 miles	0%	0
7 miles	0%	0
10 miles	0%	0
Totals	100%	12



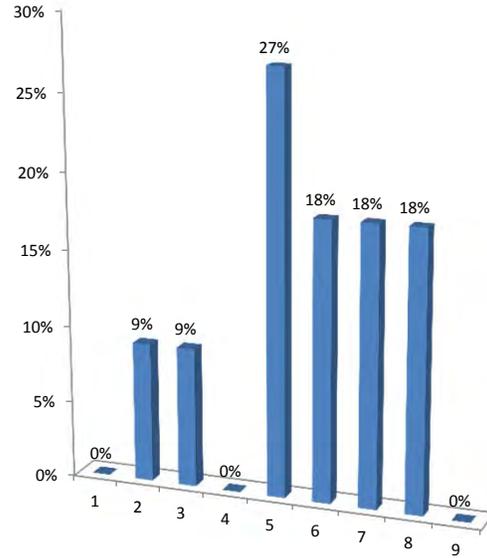
11.) How far do you think a city of Raleigh Resident should have to walk/bike/drive to:TENNIS COURT (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
¼ mile	9%	1
½ mile	0%	0
1 mile	18%	2
2 miles	18%	2
3 miles	18%	2
4 miles	0%	0
5 miles	27%	3
7 miles	0%	0
10 miles	9%	1
Totals	100%	11



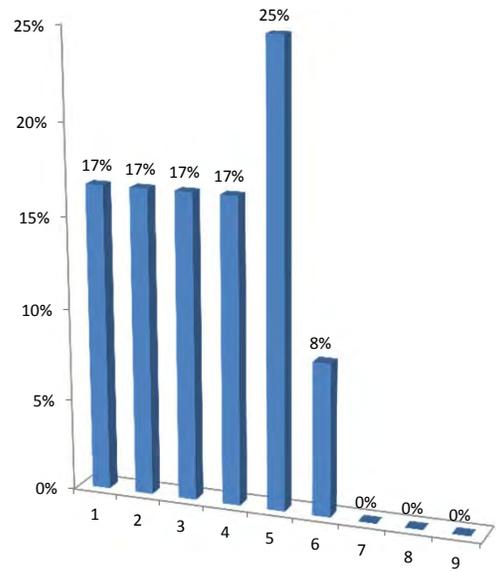
12.) How far do you think a city of Raleigh Resident should have to walk/bike/drive to:FOOTBALL/SOCCER FIELD (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
¼ mile	0%	0
½ mile	9%	1
1 mile	9%	1
2 miles	0%	0
3 miles	27%	3
4 miles	18%	2
5 miles	18%	2
7 miles	18%	2
10 miles	0%	0
Totals	100%	11



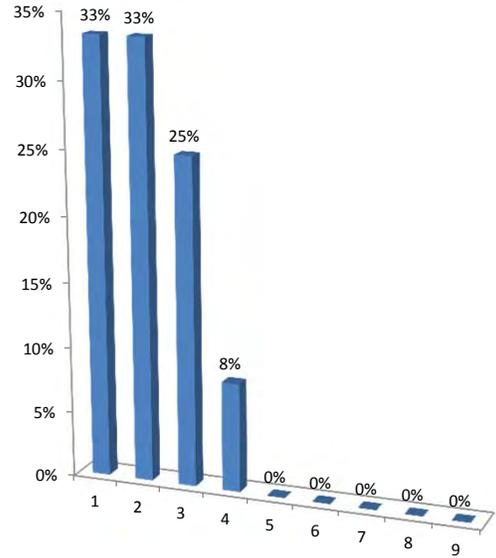
13.) How far do you think a city of Raleigh Resident should have to walk/bike/drive to:OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURT (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
¼ mile	17%	2
½ mile	17%	2
1 mile	17%	2
2 miles	17%	2
3 miles	25%	3
4 miles	8%	1
5 miles	0%	0
7 miles	0%	0
10 miles	0%	0
Totals	100%	12



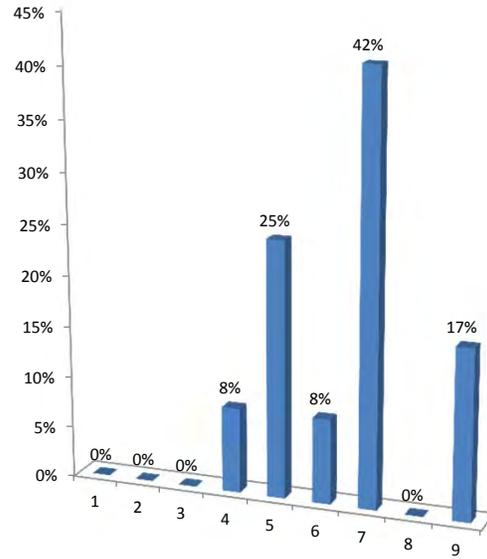
14.) How far do you think a city of Raleigh Resident should have to walk/bike/drive to:ACCESS A GREENWAY TRAIL (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
¼ mile	33%	4
½ mile	33%	4
1 mile	25%	3
2 miles	8%	1
3 miles	0%	0
4 miles	0%	0
5 miles	0%	0
7 miles	0%	0
10 miles	0%	0
Totals	100%	12



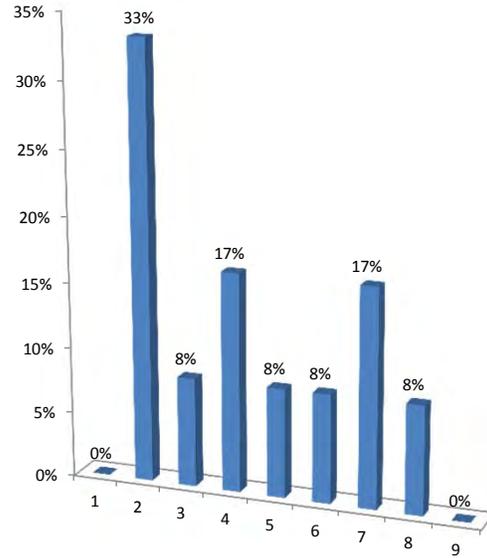
15.) How far do you think a city of Raleigh Resident should have to walk/bike/drive to:SKATEPARK (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
¼ mile	0%	0
½ mile	0%	0
1 mile	0%	0
2 miles	8%	1
3 miles	25%	3
4 miles	8%	1
5 miles	42%	5
7 miles	0%	0
10 miles	17%	2
Totals	100%	12



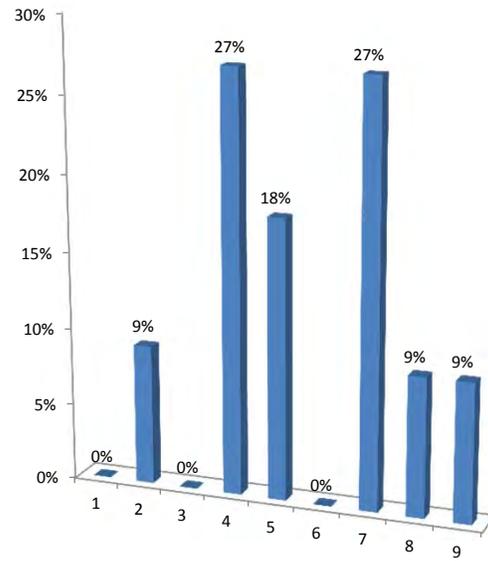
16.) How far do you think a city of Raleigh Resident should have to walk/bike/drive to:OFF-LEASH DOG PARK (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
¼ mile	0%	0
½ mile	33%	4
1 mile	8%	1
2 miles	17%	2
3 miles	8%	1
4 miles	8%	1
5 miles	17%	2
7 miles	8%	1
10 miles	0%	0
Totals	100%	12



17.) How far do you think a city of Raleigh Resident should have to walk/bike/drive to:NATURE/ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
¼ mile	0%	0
½ mile	9%	1
1 mile	0%	0
2 miles	27%	3
3 miles	18%	2
4 miles	0%	0
5 miles	27%	3
7 miles	9%	1
10 miles	9%	1
Totals	100%	11



Meeting Notes

Subject	Raleigh System Plan - Community Meeting #2
Date	January 12, 2013
Time	10:00 am
Location	Chavis Park Community Center
Attendees	(see scanned sign-in sheets)
Prepared	January 12, 2013
Prepared by	Ryan P. Cambridge

Purpose: A community meeting was held as part of the public involvement process for the needs and priority assessment phase of the City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation System Plan. The following are comments recorded:

General Notes:

- Transportation needed to community center
- Olympic sized pool, same caliber as Pullen requested at Chavis
- Improving other centers based on Barwell, others
- Need to improve parking lot lighting/ safety at Campbell Center; other work needed as well
- Restore Tuckegee Airmen history at Chavis; (Mr. Jones to meet with City)
- Chavis Park brought up to same standards as Pullen Park
- Should take less than 8-10 years for improvements to Chavis
- Need to get information out through CACs and neighborhood meetings
- African American history:
 - Palmer House
 - South Park
 - Chavis Park
 - Historical walk
 - Tuskegee Airmen

Thought Boards:

If you could **change** or add items to the park and rec. system, what would you **change/add**?

- More activities for the young people in the community Barwell Park
- Wants pool, Olympic size, with seating
- Olympic size pool inside for Chavis Park
- Make Parks more connected
- An attendant for the up keep of the park
- Senior activities
- More adult activities at the park to involve the community

- More outdoor activities for young people in the summer and when school is out Barwell Park
- Need a swimming pool for Barwell Park
- Need more organization with community groups in the Barwell Park area
- Playground for the Barwell Park
- Bathrooms and water fountains in Chavis Park
- Enhanced Olympic size pool

If you could change or add items to the park and rec. system, what would you change/add?

- Barwell improve lighting, roads and parking into and out of the park
- More neighborhood size parks in residential areas
- Swimming Lessons
- Outside restrooms for Barwell Park
- Concessions stands/ Revenue in park
- Drug store, Laundry, Groceries more near my house
- Center for special pops
- Extension of Baileywick park greenway south to greenway Sawmill Road.
- Better opportunity to use the facilities at Top Greene
- For Chavis Park we need outside bathrooms and water fountains
- Lighting and restrooms
- Olympic size pool inside for Chavis
- Greenways connected to crosswalks and sidewalks at major roads
- Connected greenways and more sidewalks
- More playgrounds
- Develop Community advisory group to the parks
- Be able to learn trades
- Add more greenways to attach to existing greenways
- Bring programs to the parks that bring people out

What will your top needs be in 5, 10, and 20 years?

- Community involvement in all phases of planning
- Technical School
- Address security needs for the parks & greenways]
- Address technology changes that are important in the parks
- Youth programs that will enhance future park needs and outdoor programs
- Top Greene needs a better kitchen
- Have a plan to meet changing community needs, Barwell Park
- Do a survey of what is best needed and in the interest of the community Barwell park
- Expand Top Greene
- Plan to have more activities for children when school is out and in the summer
- Swimming pool for Barwell Park

What will your top needs be in 5, 10, and 20 years?

- Improved activities for Seniors at Barwell Park

- Revitalization of plans for Park in 8-10 years
- Inside/ Outside track for walking as I age
- Teen Center/ Skate Park
- Velodrome! (The one that the state promised in 1982!)
- Pool in NW Raleigh
- More programs for severely disabled children and adults
- Center for Special Needs

What will your top needs be in 5, 10, and 20 years?

- Don't forget Maintenance. Thanks!
- Greenway with highspeed rail

Parks Station:

- Shade at playgrounds
- What Park 'Elements' are important to you and family?:
 - Walking track
 - Traffic patterns
 - Security
 - Playground
 - Picnic area
- Entrance sign (lights) at Barwell Road
- Parking lot lighting, upgrade at Campbell Park
- Improve natural areas and stream buffer conditions
- Jackson property (open) (David Shouse to follow-up w/ citizen)
- Park space off Buck Jones
- Private sector pay/sponsor contributing park elements
- Top priority = Chavis
- MLK/ Grantland intersection/ MLK speed (David Shouse to follow-up to CoR DOT)

Program Station:

- Teen programming – Coed
- Not Athletic
- Geographically base (need around Barwell Rd.)

Greenway Station:

- No comments

Summary Themes:

- Chavis is top priority in community and needs to match Pullen Park in quality
- Tell history/story of African American history through Chavis or greenway interpretive signage
- Residents request for a pool/Olympic-sized pool at Chavis
- SE Raleigh needs more senior, adult and teen/youth programming, esp. at Barwell
- Request for outdoor restrooms/fountains at Chavis

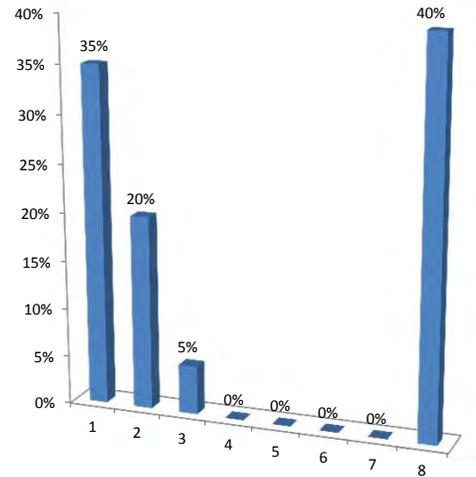
- Barwell needs for amenities for users, i.e. playground, better lighting, entrance sign, pool, etc.
- Campbell Park needs improves including lighting/safety
- Request for more smaller neighborhood parks that are connected via greenways or sidewalks

Session Name: Community Meeting #2 (Chavis) 1-12-2013 12-03 PM
 Turning Point Results
Date Created: 1/12/2013 9:18:01 AM **Active Participants:** 22 of 22
Average Score: 0.00% **Questions:** 7

Results By Question

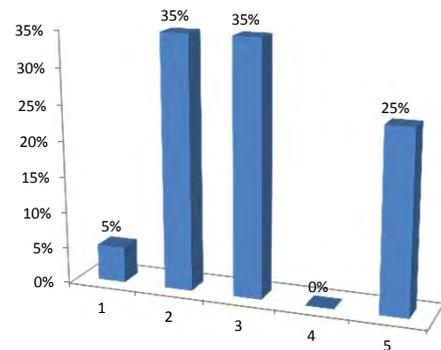
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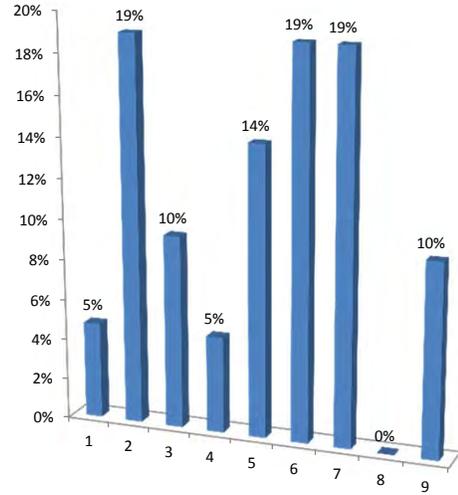
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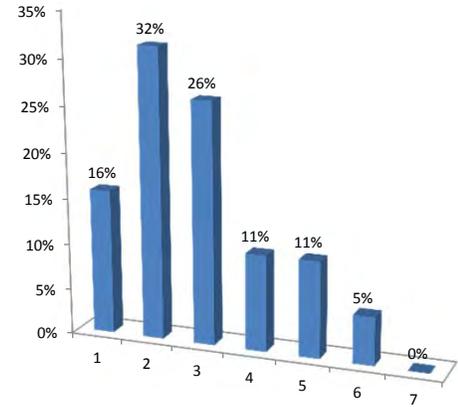
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Radio	14%	3
Television	19%	4
Email Blasts	19%	4
School Flyers	0%	0
Mail	10%	2
Totals	100%	21



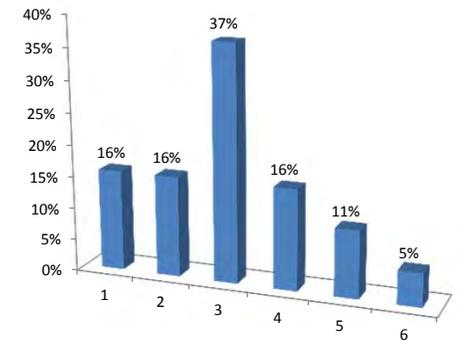
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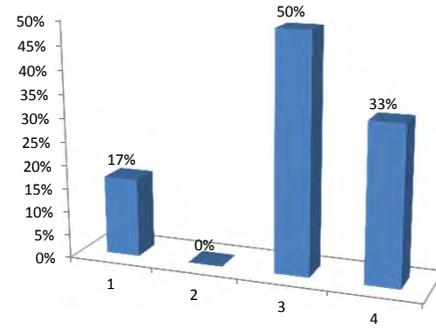
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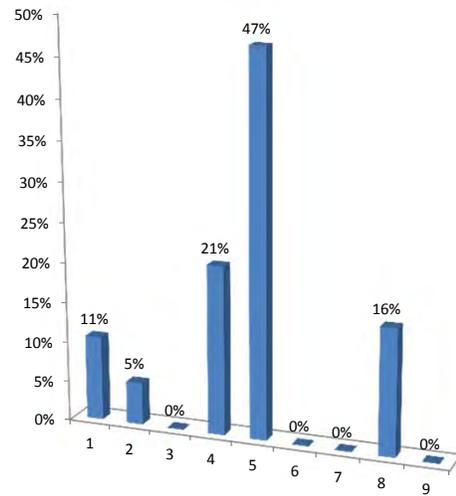
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Responses		
	Percent	Count
More emphasis on smaller "walk-to" parks	17%	3
More emphasis on larger "drive-to" parks	0%	0
Equal emphasis on small and large parks	50%	9
More emphasis on greenway trails and connections to neighborhoods	33%	6
Totals	100%	18



7.) Which action is most important for the City of Raleigh to take to improve the parks and recreation system? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Purchase land to preserve open space and natural areas	11%	2
Purchase land to preserve historic sites	5%	1
Purchase land for developing sport fields	0%	0
Purchase land to developing recreation facilities	21%	4
Maintain existing parks, recreation facilities and fields	47%	9
Maintain existing greenway trails	0%	0
Develop new parks	0%	0
Develop new greenways and connect existing trails	16%	3
Develop new recreation facilities	0%	0
Totals	100%	19



Meeting Notes

Subject	Raleigh System Plan - Community Meeting #3
Date	January 16, 2013
Time	6:30 pm
Location	Carolina Pines Community Center
Attendees	(see scanned sign-in sheets)
Prepared	January 16, 2013
Prepared by	Ryan P. Cambridge

Purpose: A community meeting was held as part of the public involvement process for the needs and priority assessment phase of the City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation System Plan. The following are comments recorded:

General Comments:

- Dog Park: would like to use the dog park during the week, it's not possible because of the closing time. Users would like the hours extended until 8pm, and lighting provided. The only current dog park with lighting and extended hours is on the north side of the city; it makes sense to have one on the south side as well.
- Connect Centennial Park to the Farmers Market along Lake Wheeler Road
- There is too much trash along the roadways, what can we do to make this better?
- Waited 20+ years for a pocket-park at Lineberry Drive, for children. (Park will be planned this summer).
- Raleigh is making strides with its nature parks, as Raleigh continues to grow, need to preserve/maintain/expand the nature parks accordingly; they are really important. People should be able to access them easily.
- Need a balance between hours of operation and safety at the dog park.
- Increased safety for cyclists using the roadways; lack of lighting limits the hours of use
- Need more greenways!
- Expand parking/access in the Reedy Creek area, Umstead Park
- Greenway connecting along Hillsborough between Buck Jones and Maynard
- More open greenway walking; increase visibility into greenways for increased security and safety
- Would like to see the city develop a cross county course, to alleviate the races having to take place on the roadways and the greenways. Need plenty of parking, toilets, power
- Dog park for working-dogs (guide-dogs, therapy dogs etc.) located within a well-used park. Guide-dogs need special treatment, e.g. more passive than most dogs, may get abused if put in with dogs that are not service dogs. Owners cannot see, and therefore cannot monitor them. Guide-dog owners have nowhere to go now.
- Think the website is great!

Current Uses:

- Playgrounds
- Greenways
- Park paths/trails
- Pools
- Tennis
- Visually Impaired Program
- Sports fields
- Hiking trails
- Special outings with visitors; destinations/icons (Rose Gardens)
- Photography
- Greenways for transportation
- Dog Parks
- Monthly meetings, CAC
- Birding
- Fishing
- Fieldtrips
- People watching
- Arts and crafts
- Education
- Sports for kids
- Special events
- Weddings
- Skateboarding
- Birthday parties
- Group picnics
- Special Olympics

Needs:

- Better, safer street connections (South Saunders area and Tryon area). Need crosswalks, safety features, connections to trails
- Need equity; southeast underserved
- Laurel Hills Park; need sidewalk leading into the park; would never send the kids to the park alone because there is no sidewalk
- Most kids don't go to schools in their neighborhood
- Would like to see better signage and wayfinding leading to the park sites; create identity, help people remember
- Need consistent, durable trail markings
- Greenways; need directional wayfinding showing where the next adjacent greenway/connection is
- Crabtree greenway closure; no detour telling people where to go.
- Walking/biking on the new greenways that are still in progress along the Neuse River, some of those sections are quite long; we would like to see some benches or rest areas along these sections.
- Need better planning for maintenance, include within budget/plan
- Would like to see more art installations in the parks and greenways
- Bike rental programs; none existing at this point, but something that can be explored.

- Connectivity in the southwest is not as good as some other areas

Thought Boards:

Why are you here today?

- To improve walks and walkways from Renaissance Park to Downtown Raleigh surrounding greenways
- To make sure we're connecting to Cary greenways and bikeways
- To learn more ask question, request routes for greenways/ walks
- Tennis is underserved! Facilities are not keeping up with demand and growth of the sport
- To find out about getting lights and extending the hours at Carolina Pine dog park
- To see where Raleigh Parks and Recreation is at on older projects not yet done on existing parks. Get existing park renovated before buying property for new parks (i.e. Hwy 401 North and Spring Forest has quite a few parks within 5 miles radius developed and your looking to buy more land for more parks in same radius.)
- I like being a public voice supporting our public parks. Love our parks and want to support high quality nature parks, creative play spaces for kids and open spaces and greenways.
- Loving the Mountains to Sea Trail along the Neuse River. Want to learn about plans in progress and be involved if possible with ideas.
- Sister City park/display area

If you could **change or **add** items to the park and rec. system, what would you **change/add**?**

- I'd like to see a campsite added to Neuse Trail and sign as part of Mountains to Sea Trail
- 'Green Walk' landscape sidewalk space adopted by organizations similar to Appalachian Trail.
- Parking expansion where needed, Umstead State Park
- More interactive leisure ledger (search engine, tabs for categories)
- High Adventure!
- Whitewater Park
- Rock-climbing Walls
- Better connectivity with Lake Wheeler Park
- More mixed age group activities

If you could **change or **add** items to the park and rec. system, what would you **change/add**?**

- Adopt a Trail
- Benches and relax areas on Mountains to Sea Trail along the Neuse River
- Lighting along greenways, preferably solar powered!
- More sports fields, our group has a hard time getting access!
- Pocket parks
- Creative, innovative, inviting play structures
- Inline hockey not only Marsh Creek Park but maybe in West Raleigh
- Repair/ Maintain all parks before adding new ones
- More organized group activities and social activities
- Opportunities for kids to interact with nature

What will your top needs be in 5, 10, and 20 years?

- Open spaces and public plazas for multi-story communities high rises need ground space
- More permanent dedicated employees
- Greenway on Hillsborough from Maynard (Cary) to Jones Franklin Road
- Adventure Recreation on the south side of Raleigh

What will your top needs be in 5, 10, and 20 years?

- Maintain older historic parks
- Open space
- Access to park within 5 minute walk
- Quiet places in the big, populated city
- Botanical gardens

What will your top needs be in 5, 10, and 20 years?

- Active older adult programs
- Large water features south of downtown

Parks Station:

- Walkable connection to parks
- (New Normal) – All inclusive
- Marketing unique facilities, skate parks, signage at canoe launches
- Lake Wheeler/ Johnson – over used
- Connected trail system
- Formalized
- Expansion of natural surface trails system-wide

Program Station:

- Leisure Ledger reformatting for easier navigation
- Make sure all 'alike' programs are listed together
- Check on social media promotion

Greenway Station:

- Over 40 connections
- Camping options, Mountain-to-Seas Trail
- Maps, dates, what's open
- Wayfinding – trail continuity
- Mountains to Sea Trail branding
- Neighborhood spur trails, connectivity
- Parking at Reedy Creek & Umstead
- Mountains to Sea Trail on maps
- Maps need street labels and future corridors

Summary Themes:

- Crosswalks and safer street crossings needed to and from parks, more walkable parks
- Need expanded greenway wayfinding that identifies other connections and destinations
- Request for benches/ rest areas along stretches of greenways that do not connect to parks

- Residents comments regarding connectivity in SW Raleigh is not as equitable as other areas of the City
- Consider providing greenway connections to surrounding communities i.e. Cary
- Dog park operation hours could be expanded and lighting provided
- Leisure Ledger could be reformatted for easier use/ group similar programming
- Label Mountains to Sea Trail on maps and providing branding
- Priority needs in 5 years by residents are:
 - Open spaces and public plaza for multi-story developments
 - Greenway trail along Hillsborough from Maynard (Cary) to Jones Franklin Road
 - Adventure recreation facilities/programs in South Raleigh area

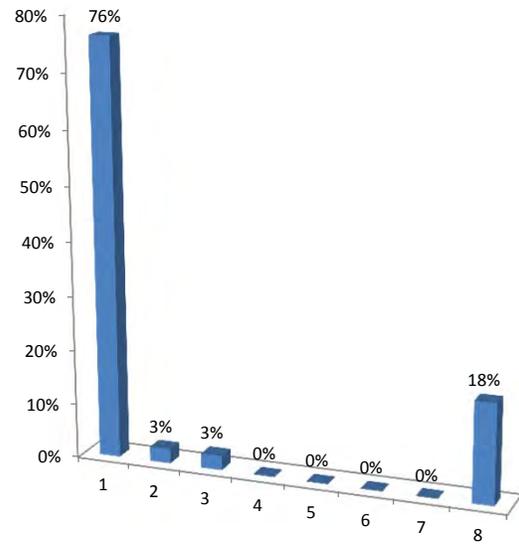
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 Turning Point Results
Date Created: 1/16/2013 7:36:10 PM **Active Participants:** 42 of 42

Average Score: 0.00% **Questions:** 7

Results By Question

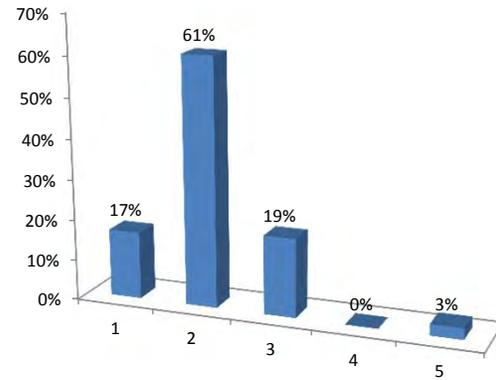
1.) What is your favorite NCAA basketball team? (test question) (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
NC State Wolfpack	76%	29
UNC Tarheels	3%	1
Duke Blue Devils	3%	1
Wake Forest Demon Deacons	0%	0
Virginia Tech Hokies	0%	0
USC Gamecocks	0%	0
Tennessee Volunteers	0%	0
You didn't list my team!	18%	7
Totals	100%	38



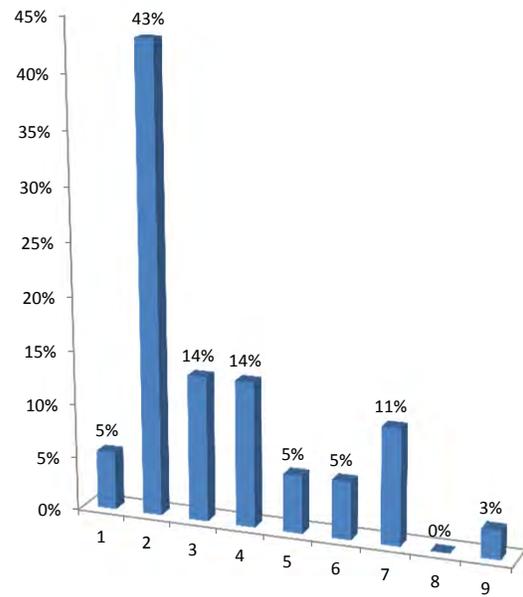
2.) Overall, how would you rate the condition and appearance of ALL the parks and recreation sites in the City of Raleigh you have visited? (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Excellent	17%	6
Good	61%	22
Fair	19%	7
Poor	0%	0
Very Poor	3%	1
Totals	100%	36



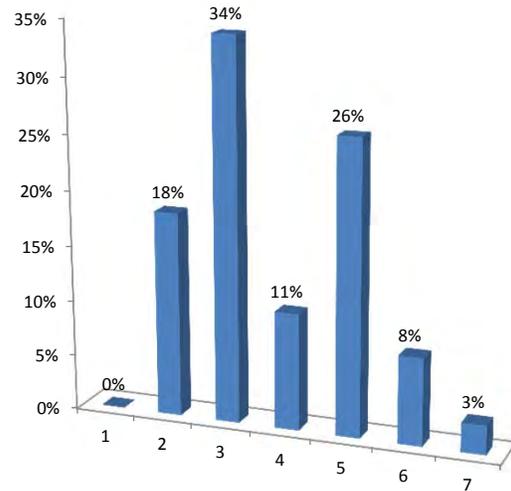
3.) How would you like to learn about City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation programs and activities? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Printed Leisure Ledger	5%	2
City Website	43%	16
Newspapers/ Magazines	14%	5
Social Media	14%	5
Radio	5%	2
Television	5%	2
Email Blasts	11%	4
School Flyers	0%	0
Mail	3%	1
Totals	100%	37



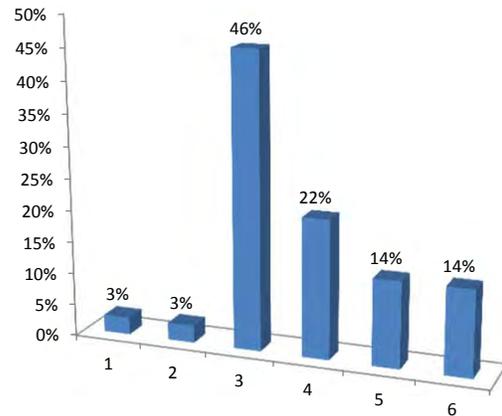
4.) In the City of Raleigh, how far should a resident have to WALK to reach a "meaningful" park, greenway or open space? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
1/8 mile (2-3 min. walk)	0%	0
¼ mile (5 min. walk)	18%	7
½ mile (10 min. walk)	34%	13
¾ mile (15 min. walk)	11%	4
1 mile (20 min. walk)	26%	10
1.5 miles (30 min. walk)	8%	3
2 miles (40 min. walk)	3%	1
Totals	100%	38



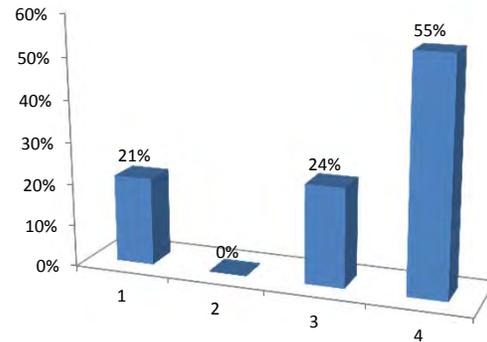
5.) In the City of Raleigh, how far should a resident have to BIKE to reach a "meaningful" park, greenway or open space? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
½ mile (5 min. ride)	3%	1
¾ mile (8 min. ride)	3%	1
1 mile (10 min. ride)	46%	17
1.5 miles (15 min. ride)	22%	8
2 miles (20 min. ride)	14%	5
3 miles (30 min. ride)	14%	5
Totals	100%	37



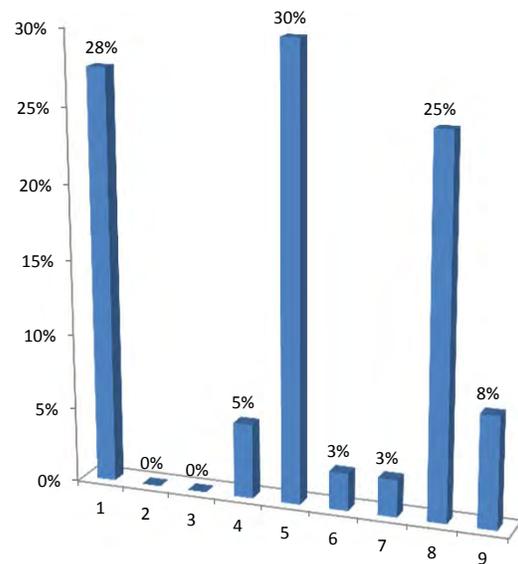
6.) Which priority best describes the emphasis that should be placed on the development of parks and greenways? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
More emphasis on smaller "walk-to" parks	21%	8
More emphasis on larger "drive-to" parks	0%	0
Equal emphasis on small and large parks	24%	9
More emphasis on greenway trails and connections to neighborhoods	55%	21
Totals	100%	38



7.) Which action is most important for the City of Raleigh to take to improve the parks and recreation system? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Purchase land to preserve open space and natural areas	28%	11
Purchase land to preserve historic sites	0%	0
Purchase land for developing sport fields	0%	0
Purchase land to developing recreation facilities	5%	2
Maintain existing parks, recreation facilities and fields	30%	12
Maintain existing greenway trails	3%	1
Develop new parks	3%	1
Develop new greenways and connect existing trails	25%	10
Develop new recreation facilities	8%	3
Totals	100%	40



Meeting Notes

Subject	Raleigh System Plan - Community Meeting #4
Date	January 17, 2013
Time	6:30 pm
Location	Lake Lynn Community Center
Attendees	(see scanned sign-in sheets)
Prepared	January 17, 2013
Prepared by	Ryan P. Cambridge

Purpose: A community meeting was held as part of the public involvement process for the needs and priority assessment phase of the City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation System Plan. The following are comments recorded:

General Comments:

- The wooden bridges at Lake Lynn warp during the summer, creating a safety hazard. They are also slippery when wet.
- Outside of the beltline, there are too few parks within walking distance, we have to drive to many of the parks. We do not believe this is consistent with the Vision and quality of life in Raleigh
- Would like public indoor tennis courts; don't know why there aren't any?
- The vast majority of the tennis courts city-wide are in need of repair; cracks in the surface, broken nets etc.
- Need to increase walkable access and/or increase transportation so that kids and teens can access facilities
- Would like to see increased access for the public to recreational amenities at school sites
- Raleigh needs to be more walkable, city-wide
- Need, small satellite skate parks
- Lack of joint use for middle and high school facilities – should be accessible to taxpayers. School sites should transition to the control of the parks and recreation after school hours
- Future schools should be designed with joint-use and colocation in mind
- Change any policies in place that prohibit the joint use
- Greenways should have divided/striped centerlines at intersections
- Need better signage and wayfinding along the greenways
- Bridge where Mine Creek and Crabtree Creek greenways cross needs to be wider; not safe

Current Uses:

- Running and biking on the greenways
- Tennis
- Specialized recreation – special ed
- Dog parks

- Tennis
- Swimming
- Baseball
- Pullen park – Kickball
- Disc golf
- Adventure programming
- Picnics
- Canoe launches
- Senior center
- Community meetings
- Playgrounds
- Special Olympics
- Swimming pools
- Indoor play
- Bike riding
- Dog walking/dog parks
- Wildlife viewing
- Walking
- Photography
- Eagle scouts
- Ceremonies/special events
- Camping
- Environmental programs
- Jogging/running
- Soccer
- Fishing
- Sitting/relaxing
- Festivals
- Socializing
- Voting
- Programs:
 - Nature programs
 - School/College programs

Needs:

- Maintain/ enhance oaks throughout city
- Growing special-needs population; need to expand facilities/programs to accommodate that
- As downtown becomes more residential, there will be a need for increased urban parks
- Coordination with other Departments regarding how the City accommodates growth.
- Need to know the current usage levels of parks/facilities; what is used and what isn't? There may be tennis courts in the City that are not utilized, but in northwest Raleigh, it's hard to find access to courts
- The retiree population in Raleigh will continue to increase; we need to accommodate for this.

Thought Boards:

Why are you here today?

- Love City of Raleigh parks and greenways but wooden bridges are not safe. Boards stick up and people are falling and getting injured (especially at Lake Lynn). Please do something. Thanks!

If you could **change or add items to the park and rec. system, what would you **change/add**?**

- Greenway access from Lake Lynn to Umstead
- More extensive joint use agreements with Wake County Public School System!
- No more wooden bridges, unsafe for walkers, runners and bikers
- Fencing (Olympics)

If you could **change or **add** items to the park and rec. system, what would you **change/add**?**

- Bike and bus route access to Lake Lynn Park
- Dog park at Leesville Community Park
- Indoor pool at Lake Lynn
- Park-centric volunteer groups
- Dog Park at Lake Lynn
- Indoor Pool at Leesville Community Park
- Wireless access at larger/ multi-use parks
- Gun range at Lake Lynn
- Woodworking hobby shop
- Maintain/ repair all parks before adding new ones

What will your top needs be in **5, **10**, and **20** years?**

- No more wooden bridges, unsafe for walkers, runners and bikers
- Improved access to the greenway from Laurel Hills neighborhood
- Composting facilities
- Community gardens

What will your top needs be in **5, **10**, and **20** years?**

- More trees

What will your top needs be in **5, **10**, and **20** years?**

- None

Parks Station:

- NW Raleigh needs additional parks and tennis center (facilities and courts)
- Wooten Meadows needs plan for development. It is a waste and an eye sore
- Lower fees for facility rentals (centers and picnic shelters)
- More sidewalks
- Connections
- NW Raleigh smaller parks closer to homes
- Need dog park and pool in NW Raleigh
- Work with city to better plan sidewalk/ crosswalks for pedestrian and bike access

Program Station:

- Ultimate Frisbee (Intramurals) Young Adults/ Adults
- NW Raleigh Tennis Program

Greenway Station:

- Connection to Crabtree Creek Greenway from West Laurel Hills subdivision
 - Difficult access to greenway
 - > 1 mile distances, no sidewalks, 35 mph road, but people travel faster
 - Future connection to Umstead
 - Need neighborhood connections
- More greenway connections to get to larger corridors
- More signage trail markers to directed where to go
- Race/ User conflicts, limit races and charge fees
- Bridge – asphalt
- Metal plate is slick (Shelly Lake Park)
- Commercial development along greenway corridors
- Residential beyond corridors require connectivity
- Retrofit neighborhood connections
- Crossing/ connection underneath Anderson Dr.

Summary Themes:

- Provide better transportation options for kids and teens to access facilities
- Many tennis courts throughout city are in need of repair
- Participants request for an indoor public tennis court
- Outside beltline (I-440) neighborhood parks are not easily accessible by walking
- Better coordination and joint-use agreements needed between schools and parks
- Request for better signage/wayfinding along greenways to highlight connections and destinations
- Coordinate with other City departments regarding how to accommodate growth
- As city urbanizes, there will be an increase need for urban parks
- Plan for an increase in retiree population in Raleigh
- Do not build any more wooden greenway trail bridges and/or replace existing to provide smoother running, walking, biking surface

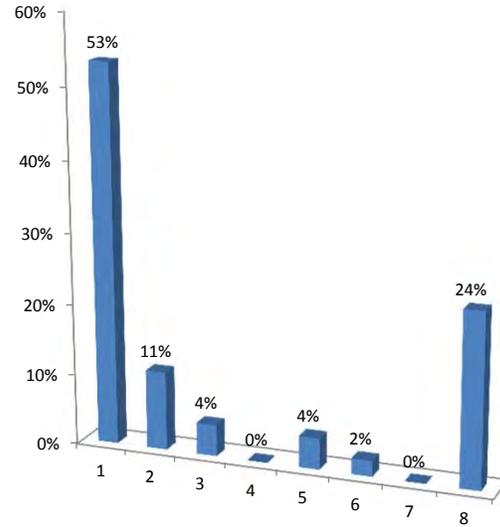
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Average Score: 0.00% **Questions:** 7

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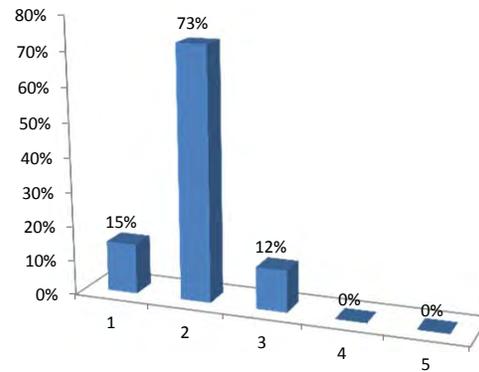
1.) What is your favorite NCAA basketball team? (test question) (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
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NC State Wolfpack	53%	24
UNC Tarheels	11%	5
Duke Blue Devils	4%	2
Wake Forest Demon Deacons	0%	0
Virginia Tech Hokies	4%	2
USC Gamecocks	2%	1
Tennessee Volunteers	0%	0
You didn't list my team!	24%	11
Totals	100%	45



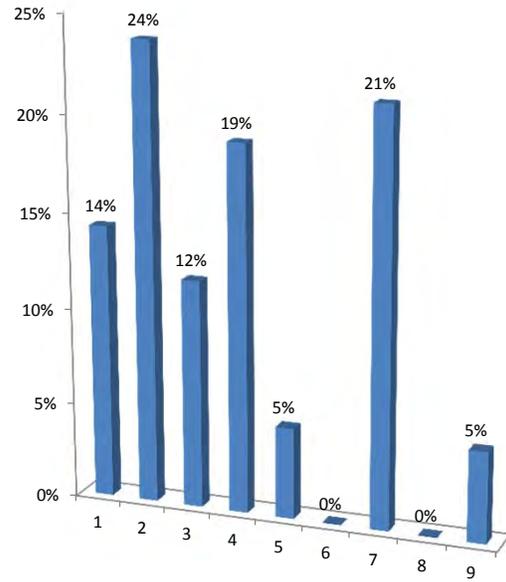
2.) Overall, how would you rate the condition and appearance of ALL the parks and recreation sites in the City of Raleigh you have visited? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Excellent	15%	6
Good	73%	30
Fair	12%	5
Poor	0%	0
Very Poor	0%	0
Totals	100%	41



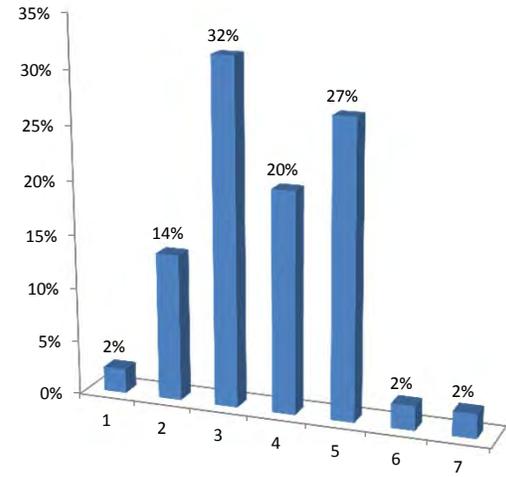
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	Responses	
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Printed Leisure Ledger	14%	6
City Website	24%	10
Newspapers/ Magazines	12%	5
Social Media	19%	8
Radio	5%	2
Television	0%	0
Email Blasts	21%	9
School Flyers	0%	0
Mail	5%	2
Totals	100%	42



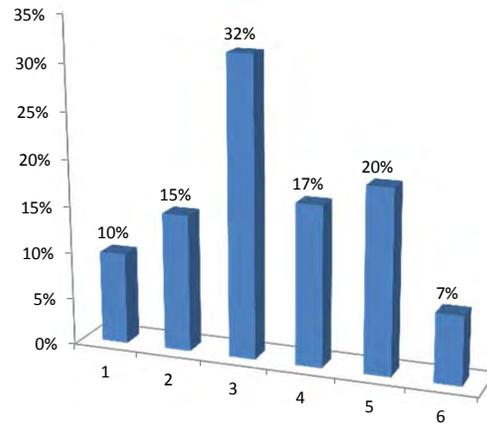
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¼ mile (5 min. walk)	14%	6
½ mile (10 min. walk)	32%	14
¾ mile (15 min. walk)	20%	9
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1.5 miles (30 min. walk)	2%	1
2 miles (40 min. walk)	2%	1
Totals	100%	44



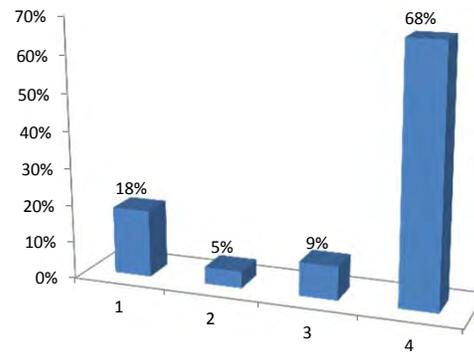
5.) In the City of Raleigh, how far should a resident have to BIKE to reach a "meaningful" park, greenway or open space? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
½ mile (5 min. ride)	10%	4
¾ mile (8 min. ride)	15%	6
1 mile (10 min. ride)	32%	13
1.5 miles (15 min. ride)	17%	7
2 miles (20 min. ride)	20%	8
3 miles (30 min. ride)	7%	3
Totals	100%	41



6.) Which priority best describes the emphasis that should be placed on the development of parks and greenways? (Multiple Choice)

Responses		
	Percent	Count
More emphasis on smaller "walk-to" parks	18%	8
More emphasis on larger "drive-to" parks	5%	2
Equal emphasis on small and large parks	9%	4
More emphasis on greenway trails and connections to neighborhoods	68%	30
Totals	100%	44



7.) Which action is most important for the City of Raleigh to take to improve the parks and recreation system? (Multiple Choice)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Purchase land to preserve open space and natural areas	21%	9
Purchase land to preserve historic sites	0%	0
Purchase land for developing sport fields	0%	0
Purchase land to developing recreation facilities	2%	1
Maintain existing parks, recreation facilities and fields	21%	9
Maintain existing greenway trails	0%	0
Develop new parks	9%	4
Develop new greenways and connect existing trails	37%	16
Develop new recreation facilities	9%	4
Totals	100%	43

