Community Vision Survey Questionnaire #3 of 5*— PARKS, TRAILS, AND RECREATION

The Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) requires cities to develop a comprehensive land use plan and associated capital facilities plan which provide for 20-years of city growth and development. La Center anticipates that it will double its population to nearly 8,000 residents, that builders will need to create nearly 1,800 new housing units, and that business will add approximately 1,200 new jobs between today and 2035.

La Center is revising its plans, including plans for parks, recreation and open space, for the period of 2016 – 2035. The Planning Commission is evaluating whether the City's existing park and recreation plans are adequate to serve the expected growth and is considering how to provide services without increasing costs to the taxpayer.

In 2007 the City adopted a new Park, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan. (Web link at the end of this survey.) The Planning Commission would like to know whether community priorities have changed over the past 8 years. Your response is important and greatly appreciated.

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Small sports fields for tournaments (basketball, undeveloped	d fields)	1	2	3	4	/ 5
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Dog parks		1	2	3	4	5
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River access (unmotorized boats, picnicking, trails)

Other (specify)

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	(Please rank 1-5, with 1 being most important and 5 being least important.)
	a. Building or expanding recreation programs and facilities,
	b. Building trails and walking paths,
	c. Purchasing and/or preserving open space or natural areas,
	d. Acquiring and/or developing new parks,
	e. Renovating existing parks, or
	f. Other
	such as, as Timmen Road, the I-5 Junction, Lockwood Creek Road, Pacific Highway?
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Question 1	#	Percent
Totals use on a regular basis	53	45%
Total use a few times a year	32	27%
Total use hardly at all	32	27%
Total responses received	117	
Total # of surveys received	118	

	Quality of Life		School
	Life	Land	Trail
Questions 2 - 4	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4
Total 1s and 2s (support)	86	67	63
Total 4s and 5s (do not support)	10	18	39
Total 1s and 5s (extremes)	69	42	58
Total response received	118	116	118
Total # of surveys received	118	118	118
Percent support	73%	57%	53%
Percent do not support	8%	15%	33%
Percent extreme	58%	36%	49%
No answer	0%	2%	0%
Average (Mean)	1.86	2.35	2.71

Please prioritize the following activity/facility.

	-,,,	Outdoor	Small	Small	River		
	Trails	Sports	Fields	Parks	Dog Parks	Access	Other
Questions 5	5 - A	5 - B	5 -C	5 - D	5-E	5 - F	5 - G
Total 1s and 2s (support)	85	56	45	61	35	63	17
Total 4s and 5s (do not support)	13	38	38	16	50	23	47
Total 1s and 5s (extremes)	61	45	31	42	56	43	14
Total response received	117	117	113	114	115	117	77
Total # of surveys received	118	118	118	118	118	118	118
Percent support	72%	47%	38%	52%	30%	53%	14%
Percent do not support	11%	32%	32%	14%	42%	19%	40%
Percent extreme	52%	38%	26%	36%	47%	36%	12%
No answer	1%	1%	4%	3%	3%	1%	35%
Average (Mean)	1.95	2.77	2.98	2.39	3.30	2.46	0.53

Recognizing budget limitations, La Center should prioritize park & recreation services and facilities as follows.

	Building Facilities	Building Trails	Purchase Preserve	New Parks	Renovate	Other
Questions 6	6 - A	6 - B	6 - C	6 - D	6 - E	6 -F
Total 1s and 2s (support)	34	72	47	31	33	6
Total 4s and 5s (do not support)	47	20	40	50	42	1
Total 1s and 5s (extremes)	41	57	45	38	40	4
Total response received	106	108	107	108	102	9
Total # of surveys received	118	118	118	118	118	118
Percent support	29%	61%	40%	26%	28%	5%
Percent do not support	40%	17%	34%	42%	36%	1%
Percent extreme	35%	48%	38%	32%	34%	3%
No answer	10%	8%	9%	8%	14%	92%
Average (Mean)	3.19	2.19	3.00	3.31	3.24	2.22

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- * Approximately 1,100 surveys were mailed out in January. As of 2/5/2014 118 surveys were received, resulting in an 11% return rate.
- * Overall residents support our community's parks and recreation facilities. Of the 118 responses received, 72% percent of the community use our parks and/or trail facilities throughout the year.
- * 73% believe our parks and recreation facilities are important for maintaining and improving our quality of life.
- * When asked to prioritize six different activities/facilities an overwhelming 72% found trail corridors for walking, biking or with electric carts to be most important. When asked specifically about a trail to the school property 53% were in support and 33% were opposed.
- * Residents showed a great level of support for small parks and access to the river. 52% favored small parks with only 14% opposing them. 53% of the residents favored river access with only 19% opposing it.
- * When asked about prioritizing future parks and recreation activities/facilities, residents favored trails with 61% supporting and 17% opposed. Their next priority was purchasing and/or preserving land for future parks, 40% supported it while 34% were opposed.