



Parks, Recreation & Golf Advisory Committee

Indoor Playground Findings

PRG Advisory Committee Meeting – 10/21/2025

Staff Research:

- Information Gathered from:
 - CPRA Facilities Manager Section Meetings
 - Facilities Researched:
 - Erie Community Center
 - Broomfield's Paul Derda Recreation Center
 - Apex Center in Arvada
 - Northglenn Recreation Center
 - Louisville Recreation Center
 - McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park
 - Scottsdale, AZ



Images of Indoor Playgrounds:



Roundhouse Playground:

The Roundhouse!

- 10,000-square-foot
- Climate-controlled space is designed with kids in mind, offering year-round fun for children of all ages and abilities.



Hours & Admission:

- 6 per person, per hour
- Kids 2 and under play FREE with a paying adult
- One adult enters FREE with paid child admission
- Children 17 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian
- Children must be supervised at all times

Feedback Received | Pros:

- Younger kids really enjoy it.
- Child Watch services utilize this space when a large number of children are present within their drop-in program.
- Facility location is important:
 - Near the front desk, allowing for supervision by the front desk staff.
 - Located outside the paid area of the facility, making it accessible to everyone at no cost with minimal paid staff supervision.
- Provides reliable play opportunities regardless of the season or weather.
- Parental conveniences are available when staffed, allowing parents to access other areas of the facility.
- Unsupervised format helps reduce staffing costs.
- It is an attractive amenity for families.



Feedback Received | Cons:

- Older kids (teens and tweens) often hide in hard-to-see areas.
- It is difficult to clean and sanitize all areas due to the size and openings of the space.
- Allowing bare feet or socks increase the need for cleaning and contribute to unpleasant odors in the play area.
- There are liability risks involved.
- Behavior issues may arise due to a lack of staff supervision.
- Parental oversight is necessary if no staff supervision is provided. Managing this can be difficult, requiring parents to supervise their child.
- Regular maintenance & inspections are required.
- There are constraints regarding space.



Location is Important:

- Near front desk:
 - If easily visible by staff, it can be:
 - Self supervised by parent/guardian
 - Free play option
 - Staff can monitor age groups utilizing the area
 - Monitor capacity numbers
 - Greater open hours for play as staff are not scheduled to monitor the room
 - Cost can be less as it's self-monitored play
- Away from front desk:
 - Not visible by front desk staff, operations tend to be:
 - Staffed for supervision
 - Pay to play
 - Paid staff can monitor age groups utilizing the area
 - Less open hours as staff are scheduled to monitor the room.
 - Annual operating cost are higher due to staffing the room.



Location Ideas/Options:

Bison Ridge Recreation Center:

- **Child Watch room** (750 sq. Ft., 10-foot ceiling height)
 - Would require payment due to the location of the room.
 - Would reduce the open play space area depending on the size of the structure.
 - Would impact the child watch operational capacity
 - Structure size would be limited due to the room size.
- **New build/addition to the facility**
 - If not a paid amenity, ideal location would be front of the front desk/lobby area (passive area), not in the active area of the facility.
 - One idea, adjacent to the Active Adult room, where the exit doors are.
 - If a paid amenity, an ideal location would be off the back/west side of the active part of the facility.

Eagle Pointe Recreation Center:

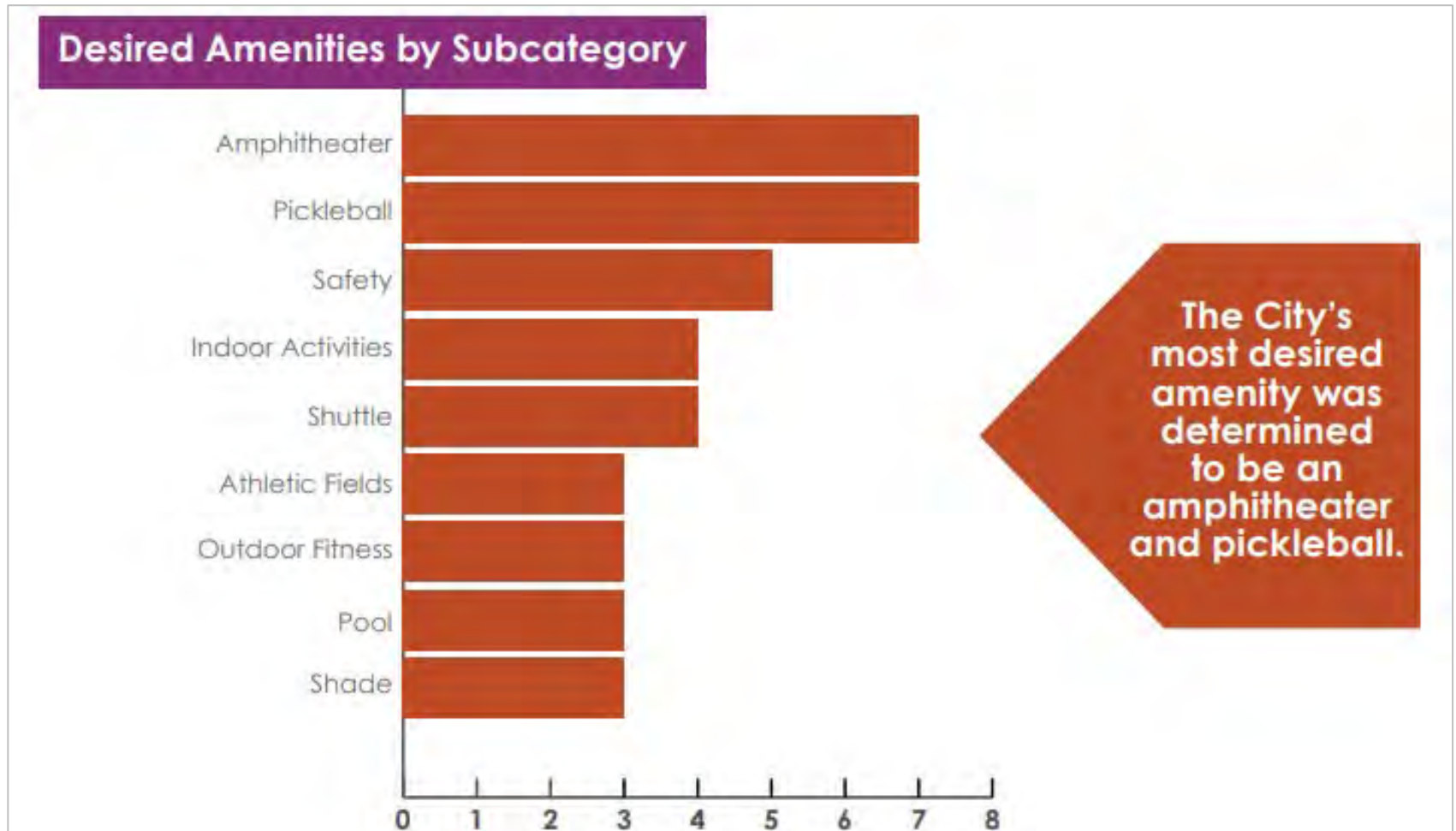
- **Child Watch room** (550 sq ft., 9-foot ceiling height)
 - Room is not large enough to accommodate an indoor playground. Currently, there is an outside playground adjacent to this space.
- **Tech room** (900 sq. ft., 13-foot ceiling height)
 - Is an option, removal of the tech equipment for community members would be required.
- **Racquetball Court** (800 sq. ft., 20-foot ceiling height)
 - Reduce from two courts to one court, turning one court into an indoor playground area.
- **New Build/addition to the facility would be needed**
 - If not a paid amenity, ideal location would be front of the front desk/lobby area (passive area). Due to parking lot, no ideal area to expand the facility.
 - If a paid amenity, an ideal location would be off the back of the active part of the facility, expanding the facility into Veterans Park.

Master Plan Findings:

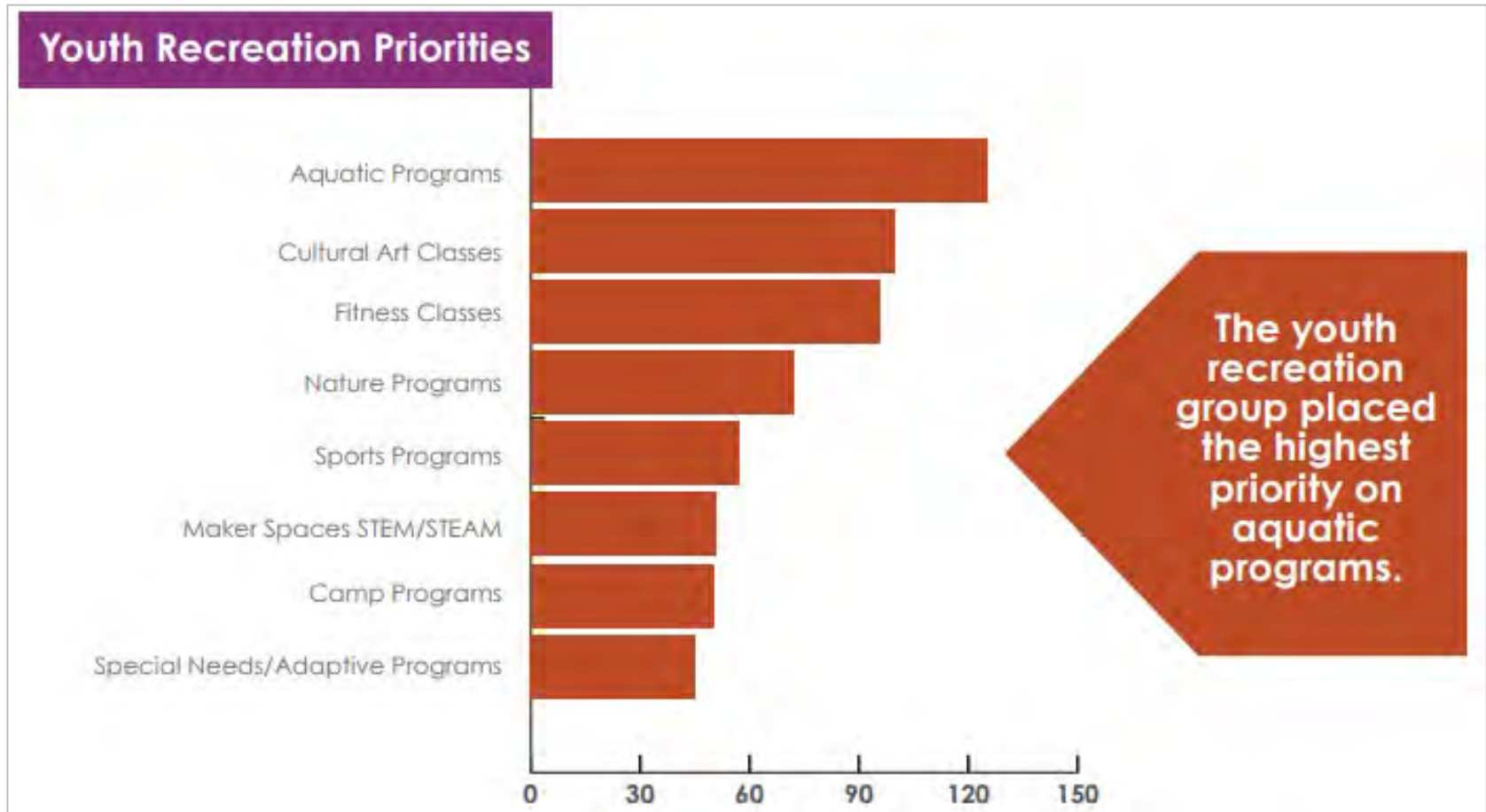
- Documented Points of Contact
 - More than 61,000 points of contact were recorded throughout the public engagement campaign across the city.

Outreach Method	Points of Contact
Dot-ocracy Votes	3,922
Discovery Interviews	660
Statistically Valid Survey	407
Website Visits	1,266
Social Media Posts	9,811
Emails (communications team)	5,882
Direct Mail Postcard	18,424
Facility Comment Cards	41
Golf Survey (308 received)	2,961
City Newsletter	18,424
TOTAL	61,798

Master Plan Findings | Desired Amenities



Master Plan Findings | Youth Priorities



Master Plan Findings | Park Improvements



Master Plan Findings | Top Priorities

ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS - SUMMARY OF TOP PRIORITY NEEDS:

- Shaded Areas
- Aquatics (Programs and Facilities)
- Cultural Arts (Programs/Facilities)
- Special Events
- Community Gardens
- Trails/Connectivity
- Dog Parks
- Restrooms (Preferably Plumbed)
- Pickleball Courts
- Nature Programs
- Adventure Playgrounds



Building Expansion Costs:

- Estimated construction cost: \$500 to \$700 a square foot
- Estimated indoor playground square footage:
 - 75 feet x 75 feet = 5,625 square feet
 - $5,625 \times \$600 = \$3,375,000$
 - $\$3,375,000 \times 2 \text{ facilities} = \$6,750,000$
- Ongoing cost, annually:
 - Staffing of space, depending on location
 - Equipment maintenance, repair, and replacement
 - Utility and energy costs
 - IT equipment (security camera enhancements, computer, and software needs)

Future Department Action Items:

- Due to the building constraints, and high cost for expanding both facilities, staff actions are:
 - We will continue to allocate resources based on the community feedback related to the highest priority needs outlined in the Master Plan.

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- If a future build occurs, (field house/recreation center) this amenity can be added to the idea list for the community to choose from.



Thank you

