

# Survey Responses

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## Comment on the Draft Parks, Arts & Recreation Plan

# Engage Olympia

Project: Parks, Arts & Recreation Plan



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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

It's great to see so many new parks in the works. As the population of Olympia grows significantly, this will prove to be an excellent investment in our community.

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

I'm very pleased to see pickleball throughout the proposed plan. The new courts at Woodruff Park are amazing, and drawing large groups on a daily basis. I'm happy to see that pickleball is part of the plans for Lilly Road, Yelm Hwy and Downtown. Pickleball continues to be the fastest growing sport in the USA. I'm also very supportive of lining all existing tennis courts with permanent pickleball lines. This will help with the tremendous demand for pickleball courts in Olympia. Reducing wait times for existing courts, and giving families more access to this awesome sport, will have huge benefits.

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

not answered



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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Love it

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Love it

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Love it

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

No

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

NO :)



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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Can't read the plan because you put it in a platform that assumes everyone has the ability to download info. That is not the case. You should just put info on page without needing to download to keep from excluding people

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**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Please work with Intercity transit to get bus routes to at least one of our large beach parks. We have many in Thurston county but sadly only accessible to those with money and abilities for car culture. This is wrong. I shouldn't be expected to pay taxes for a park I have no access to

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**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Arts almost always are code for higher rents.

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**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

Yes, I'm guessing you are ignoring people with lower incomes as I can't find a public transportation option to get me to any of the parks I would want to visit. I'm expected to help support the parks with taxes but have no way to access these parks. We don't need more water wasting open grass fields. We need to protect nature and have access to it without cars. None of Thurston county's large beach parks are accessible without a car, please work with Intercity transit to fix this discrimination

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**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

People need natural spaces. Not grass fields that use precious water to keep. We need access to these natural spaces without needing to buy into destructive car culture. Please help fix the discrimination that's being allowed to continue by creating access via public transportation

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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

not answered



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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Date: Wed, 08 Sep 2021 19:16:15 -0700 To: Laura Keehan <lkeehan@ci.olympia.wa.us> From: Mike Vandeman <mjvande@pacbell.net> Subject: RE: Kaiser Woods Mountain Bike Parks At 05:23 PM 9/8/2021, you wrote: Hello Mr. Vandeman, Thank you for your email. I'm forwarding it to Sarah Giannobile, the parks planner on the project, so she's aware of your concerns. Thanks! Also, the planners broke the open meetings law, by holding unannounced meetings with just the mountain bikers! That invalidates the whole project. Best, Laura Keehan Parks Planning and Design Manager Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation She/Her Pronouns 360.570.5855 | lkeehan@ci.olympia.wa.us From: Mike Vandeman <mjvande@pacbell.net> Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 1:53 PM To: Laura Keehan <lkeehan@ci.olympia.wa.us> Subject: Kaiser Woods Mountain Bike Parks This is a totally inappropriate use of a park! Parks are wildlife habitat. Mountain biking is incompatible with wildlife habitat. It drives native animals out of their habitat. What were you thinking??? Mountain biking and trail-building destroy wildlife habitat! Mountain biking is environmentally, socially, and medically destructive! There is no good reason to allow bicycles on any unpaved trail! Bicycles should not be allowed in any natural area. They are inanimate objects and have no rights. There is also no right to mountain bike. That was settled in federal court in 1996: <https://mjvande.info/mtb10.htm> . It's dishonest of mountain bikers to say that they don't have access to trails closed to bikes. They have EXACTLY the same access as everyone else -- ON FOOT! Why isn't that good enough for mountain bikers? They are all capable of walking.... A favorite myth of mountain bikers is that mountain biking is no more harmful to wildlife, people, and the environment than hiking, and that science supports that view. Of course, it's not true. To settle the matter once and for all, I read all of the research they cited, and wrote a review of the research on mountain biking impacts (see <https://mjvande.info/scb7.htm> ). I found that of the seven studies they cited, (1) all were written by mountain bikers, and (2) in every case, the authors misinterpreted their own data, in order to come to the conclusion that they favored. They also studiously avoided mentioning another scientific study (Wisdom et al) which did not favor mountain biking, and came to the opposite conclusions. Mountain bikers also love to build new trails - legally or illegally. Of course, trail-building destroys wildlife habitat - not just in the trail bed, but in a wide swath to both sides of the trail! E.g. grizzlies can hear a human from one mile away, and smell us from 5 miles away. Thus, a 10-mile trail represents 100 square miles of destroyed or degraded habitat, that animals are inhibited from using. Mountain biking, trail building, and trail maintenance all increase the number of people in the park, thereby preventing the animals' full use of their habitat. See <https://mjvande.info/scb9.htm> for details. Mountain biking accelerates erosion, creates V-shaped ruts, kills small animals and plants on and next to the trail, drives wildlife and other trail users out of the area, and, worst of all, teaches kids that the rough treatment of nature is okay (it's NOT!). What's good about THAT? To see exactly what harm mountain biking does to the land, watch this 5-minute video: <http://vimeo.com/48784297>. In addition to all of this, it is extremely dangerous: [https://mjvande.info/mtb\\_dangerous.htm](https://mjvande.info/mtb_dangerous.htm) . The latest craze among mountain bikers is the creation of "pump tracks" (bike parks). They are alleged to teach bicycling skills, but what they actually teach are "skills" (skidding, jumping ("getting air"), racing, etc.) that are appropriate nowhere! If you believe that these "skills" won't be practiced throughout the rest of the park and in all other parks, I have a bridge I'd like to sell you! ... For more information: <https://mjvande.info/mtbfaq.htm> . The common thread among those who want more recreation in our parks is total ignorance about and disinterest in the wildlife whose homes these parks are. Yes, if humans are the only beings that matter, it is simply a conflict among humans (but even then, allowing bikes on trails harms the MAJORITY of park users -- hikers and equestrians -- who can no longer safely and peacefully enjoy their parks). The parks aren't gymnasiums or racetracks or even human playgrounds. They are WILDLIFE HABITAT, which is precisely why they are attractive to humans. Activities such as mountain biking, that destroy habitat, violate the charter of the parks. Even kayaking and rafting, which give humans access to the entirety of a water body, prevent the wildlife that live there from making full use of their habitat, and should not be allowed. Of course those who think that only humans matter won't understand what I am talking about -- an indication of the sad state of our culture and educational system.

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

There should be ZERO support for mountain biking and trail-building, both of which destroy wildlife habitat, which is IRREPLACEABLE.

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**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

No.

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**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

Honesty. As someone who grew up in Olympia, I'm embarrassed at the corruption I see.

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**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

The wildlife unfortunately can't speak for themselves or vote, or humans would be forced to take better care of the Earth. They need us to speak for them!

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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

The Armory plan should incorporate and preserve the unique and historic use of the gym floor as an indoor fitness/recreation space. Especially for basketball.

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

The plan is missing a great opportunity to preserve the indoor fitness/recreation space that is currently being used daily for basketball by the local community.

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

not answered





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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

I believe the National Guard Armory on the Eastside should have its gym and basketball court preserved for Parks recreational opportunities in the future. This space will become valuable as the population increases and more residents in the area require this kind of space for fitness, health and well-being.

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

The basketball court located in the National Guard Armory should be used for physical fitness, not destroyed and turned into a gallery or any other type of segmented, cubicle spaced maze of galleries or oddities displayed for people to look at and eventually grow tired of.

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

We already have many galleries and displays in the downtown area. It would make more sense to keep the "Arts" in the city within walking distance, not a long drive up the road on a back street that is difficult to find. People will grow tired of this after the dust has settled and will no longer use the facility for what it was intended. This will then become a waste of money over time and the city will have to sell it to an outside company, business or property buyer to refund their losses.

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

Keep the National Guard Armory in tact with a remodel of business offices. Use it as part of the Parks and Recreation area for physical fitness opportunities.

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

The Arts should be located somewhere in the downtown area.



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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Thanks for clear descriptions of park plans. I support the initial efforts at an equity tool aimed at prioritizing parks based on scores re poverty, race, age, and multi-family housing. Some parks scored much higher than others and hopefully will be moved forward faster for development than those with a lower score.

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

I encourage continued work to find ways to bring equity issues into park planning in addition to the item discussed on page 106-107. Do not be content with having this one helpful tool.

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

not answered



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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

The current plan is missing some key infrastructure around tennis. Here are my recommendations: 1. In 2020, 2 tennis courts were removed from Woodruff Park without any use studies or consultation of court users or neighborhoods. At their public meetings, the Parks Advisory Committee falsely claimed that the plan to remove tennis courts from this park was part of the previous Parks plan (it was not). What is currently needed are more tennis courts on the westside (there are only 2 public courts on the west side; school courts are not a substitute--they are in use by school teams for much of the year). Other westside parks should be evaluated for tennis, for example Burri Park and Decatur Woods Park. If these won't work, then long-term, the Woodruff courts need to be brought back to all-tennis, as pickleball is added elsewhere. 2. The draft plan recommends adding pickleball lines to all existing tennis courts in Olympia. There are two problems with this. First, it is already hard to find a tennis court, particularly in West Olympia--having spillover of pickleball players onto the tennis courts will make this even more difficult. We will now be waiting not only for tennis players to vacate the courts, but also for pickleball players. Second, pickleball lines make it harder to play tennis--they are distracting. 3. Instead of continuing to take over tennis courts with pickleball, proceed with the better idea that is also in the draft plan, which is to add pickleball to parks (such as downtown) where tennis courts don't fit. This is a perfect idea. An important underlying issue here is that the tennis community is apparently more scattered and less organized than the pickleball community. It is great that we are accommodating pickleballers with needed facilities; that we are doing so at the expense of tennis is not so great. Recreational tennis players are individuals, families, and friends, who like to play tennis and can't necessarily join the USTA or pay for private club membership. We don't have a unified lobby, which means the City may get a skewed perspective on court use.

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

Tennis courts needed in west Olympia.

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

not answered



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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Yes, on the Evergreen dog park-it doesn't seem to have any parking. Is the parking at the church lot? It looks like there are a lot of cars already parked in the street. Accessibility is very important in public space, especially parks (where parking is usually a good distance from the main area).

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

No

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

We need to find a place for artists to work & live near downtown to support & create downtown business. Put artists to work & give us some control over our destiny (like the WPA). Artists will help revitalize downtown by buying from downtown businesses and bringing people downtown with "Open Studios", workshops/classes! That is the answer to two or three problems here. There is ideal industrial space to the north & south of downtown, but it's overpriced and has been sitting empty (throughout the pandemic, at least). I'm willing to volunteer to help get this off the ground, however I need live/work space for myself (my motivation) & I know that artists are used to having bare bones spaces as long as it's space(!) with other artists. Productivity & morale increases quite a bit. We are used to being creative problem solvers and using our skills to do what we need to do. For example, I can manage the spaces, build, paint and research, delegating repair work when needed. Sustainability? Here's an idea!! I've done a little research to find solutions that other cities have put into place. Co-operatively owned buildings are a common theme. Breakdown: City purchases & sells to co-operative at a low-cost & low-interest loan (with small down payment). The return? Downtown revitalization= stability & familiar businesses bring people & money to downtown businesses. Below market rate live/work space for artists is needed now because of the federal grants in circulation & it's a moment of change. We have an opportunity right now to make Olympia stand out as an arts destination for tourism & this helps everyone in the community.

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

Accessibility is very important in public space, especially parks (where parking is usually a good distance from the main area).

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

I think that number 3 is plenty :) You can reach me at freetrinket@gmail.com



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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Something I have previously commented on but did not find included in the Draft Plan was a fully covered, or fully enclosed public playground for inclement weather days. We have many inclement weather days that would make this a very popular spot. The Hands on Childrens Museum's large admission fee is a deterrent, especially for low income families.

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**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

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**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

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**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

not answered

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**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

not answered

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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

Ways in which the City plans to address ways this plan mitigated risks and areas in which it is currently failing City residents. It is ridiculous to think that adding more parks, recreation areas are feasible when the city cannot even keep residents safe in core areas, such as parks and when current surveys show residents are fearful of even visiting public parks in Olympia. Until the City addresses the homeless issue reasonably and stops wasting tax payer money by throwing mass resources at violent individuals who don't want help, more parks and a "healing park" will just be another place to shoot you and leave needles behind. Not a place for residents to enjoy- but pay for and avoid. Let's get realistic.

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

not answered



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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

It has been years since I've heard anything about the West Bay Park expansion project. I attended the public meetings and thought the project had funding and was moving forward. The need to connect West Bay to Deschutes Pkway via a paved trail remains high.

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

I feel like there needs to be more outreach to established neighborhood associations to identify and communicate the needs and concerns of specific neighborhoods to the city.

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

not answered



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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

I appreciated the section of the plan devoted to mega-projects. These are the park projects I would most like to see move forward. They make the near-term capital projects seem puny by comparison. I would like the final parks plan to lay out more concrete steps for how to advance the timeline for these projects, such as which grants will be applied for or what funding partnerships will be pursued near term. I fear I won't live to see the West Bay Park trail completed with the long timelines provided in this plan.

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

The Olympia Armory redevelopment is promising. Please keep the local media informed as decisions are made on how to proceed, so we in the community can keep abreast of opportunities to visit the space and see artists in action.

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

I feel there is a missed opportunity to accelerate the further development of the Olympia waterfront trail, cleverly referred to as the "big W" in the plan. Specifically, the city should create a temporary walking and biking trail from the Fourth Avenue Bridge to West Bay Park by simply removing or covering the old railway in basic rails-to-trails fashion. Some Boy Scout service projects, community work parties or jail work crews could lend the muscle to do portions of the weed clearing, decking and perhaps fencing to move this along at low cost. Please brainstorm a more aggressive timeline and identify potential community partners (such as OlyEcosystems/OCEP, Squaxin Tribe, et. al.) to move West Bay Park along in faster stages in the final plan.

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

not answered





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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Land acquired doesn't equate to usable parks / spaces. Emphasis on usable parks (can simultaneously include nature / walking trails). More kids play equipment, more sports fields other than just soccer fields (baseball, softball, ie The RAC in Lacey, etc.), just all around usable and safe parks. Unmaintained "parks" just allow for more transient living and illicit and illegal drug activity, theft, etc.

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Better recreational facilities (ball fields, basketball courts, etc.) can improve recreational participation. Yauger Park gets rained out and non-usable with the lightest rainfalls. Synthetic turf allows for most usage. An increased focus on sports (outdoors) would go a long way for this city.

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Arts seems to be pretty well off here in Oly and is everywhere you look. I think we're doing just fine.

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

Doesn't paint a clear direction and isn't quickly navigated. Simply list goals and how to get there, not so much emphasis on filler with graphs and tables. "Where we are currently, where we would like to go, and how do we get there".

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

Land acquisition is great and all, but let's turn these spaces into usable parks. We can balance the natural elements and still have fun, safe, usable spaces. Unmaintained and derelict "parks" are a liability.



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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Full sized, safe and playable Basketball courts are non existent in Olympia. Your plan mentions "full size basketball courts" once... This city and parks department has prioritized upgrading and expanding courts for privileged white activities like tennis and pickle ball far too long. You've dismissed and excused the lack of dedicated basketball courts by claiming school play gyms are available after school hours. Most of which are pathetic ( bent rims, broken backboard, few strings left of once was a net) and harbor opportunity for harassment by police and neighbors. You installed new playing surfaces for pickle ball and tennis courts at Woodruff, but left the Basketball area with half a court, concrete surface and pathetic hoop. The contrast is glaring and reflects a larger issue in the demographics served by these sports. Just because the Sonics left Seattle, doesn't mean people don't want to play Basketball in Olympia.

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

Whoever is making the decision on what athletic equipment and playing surfaces are purchased is doing a poor job. The new equipment is always dated, poor quality and never lasts.



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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

I'm concerned with the Yelm Highway Park plan. That will cause too much traffic and may also lead to even more nighttime issues for the neighborhoods nearby.

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**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

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**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

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**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

not answered

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**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

not answered

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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

I'm really looking forward to the Yelm Highway project. I had heard that there might be a partnership with OSD to build a high school there and I think that would be ideal. Im concerned that a big athletic complex without the added element of a school or fire station or something would attract vagrancy at night.. Especially because that area is a little remote.. Ward Lake water/swimming access would be amazing as well. Our lakes are so crowded in the summer! How do we get something like that to move from unfunded to funded?

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

not answered



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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

I hardly see anything in this plan about street trees. They are barely even acknowledged to be part of the parks department. Street trees are a vital link between the parks system, and a way for citizens to experience nature every day. There are so many studies about how beneficial street trees are to health and safety - why aren't you touting this? Probably because the street tree network in Olympia is disappointingly small. We need to invest in growing this resource. Obviously, new road projects should always have an eye on maximizing trees. Not just quantity, but size as well - big trees provide exponentially more benefit to small trees. But big trees need more soil - this requires a commitment from the city to provide it, since ROW real estate is limited. I don't see that commitment in this document. Additionally, we need to grow this resource in existing streetscapes as well. The replacement cycle for a road is longer than my lifespan - we can't wait that long. Let's find more creative ways to retrofit them into our existing communities. Street trees cost way more to integrate into our lives - but they provide dividends in return. Please show them the respect and support they deserve in this document.

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Where are your plans to make sure our community is inclusive? All I found was one single afterthought paragraph about programs for developmentally delayed people over the age of 16. What about kids? They are desperately in need of adapted and inclusive programs.

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

Yes, a robust street tree program, and supports for helping citizens grow and preserve trees in their private property. This has to be a key element of addressing the impacts of climate change in our community, and funding needs to be earmarked now so that the program has time to develop a robust plan and have trained and established staff yesterday.

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

Accessible and inclusive playgrounds and programs really seem to be an afterthought in this document. This is a community that has been ignored for far too long, and the impacted families are exhausted. They don't have time or energy to lobby the government for access the way that soccer teams and baseball clubs do! I was really saddened to see how much energy still goes in to sports fields, and I'm curious to know what percentage of the population is utilizing these fields in ratio to the amount of land they consume, compared to accessible playgrounds.



**Respondent No:** 20

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**Responded At:** Sep 21, 2021 12:39:20 pm

**Last Seen:** Sep 21, 2021 19:26:12 pm

**IP Address:** 24.18.102.180

**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

We have many playgrounds and park shelters that are only well used in good weather. We are sorely lacking in all weather outdoor play and gathering spaces. If some areas of some parks had more infrastructure for rain, I think we'd see the community out more year round.

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Big yes to swimming pool and any additional water play parks. Global warming and heat waves are only on the rise! We need more places to cool off.

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

This is sort of a parks + arts comment - it would be great to have a park that had a natural amphitheater for community performances. The String and Shadow puppet theater at Lion's Park was amazing this summer, and we could host even more great community events if we had a sloping hill and an all weather platform. Percival Landing seems like a prime space to gather community, and that green space is very underutilized. I also think there ought to be a more clear channel for local teachers and performers to offer programming for free and use a community space. If I want to offer something free, I have to pay for a small shelter out of pocket. If I want to ask for donations, I need an even more expensive permit. This limits the way that individuals can contribute in meaningful and accessible ways to the community. There ought to be some number of spaces available and some vetting process and marketing support for individuals to offer free community events like yoga, theater, education, and so on.

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

Y'all are great, thanks for all you do!



**Respondent No:** 21

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**Responded At:** Sep 24, 2021 15:33:21 pm

**Last Seen:** Sep 24, 2021 22:31:59 pm

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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

I affirm the plan to add pickleball lines to tennis courts. The tennis courts sit empty while pickleball courts are overflowing.

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

Stay the course with the plan.



**Respondent No:** 22

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**Responded At:** Sep 24, 2021 17:04:25 pm

**Last Seen:** Sep 25, 2021 00:01:22 am

**IP Address:** 73.221.219.223

**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

My partner, Jeffrey Hoffman, and I (in our 70's) moved to this area last fall to spend our retirement years in Thurston county and to avail ourselves of the many quality outdoor activities available. We are avid PickleBall players and were among the first to enjoy the opportunity to play on the new courts at Woodruff Park. In the year since we began playing there, we have seen the demand for court time grow exponentially, including many new, younger players. Often times there will be extensive waits, 30+ minutes to get on a court for a 10-15 minute game, while the adjacent Tennis Courts are mostly idle. RE: Your current proposal: "the Department will add painted lines on the remaining tennis courts in Olympia parks (as time and resources permit) to allow for both uses on courts"....We strongly urge the OPARD to line any available Tennis Courts in the City, for use as PickleBall courts, in order to help accommodate this growing demand. PickleBall plays a critical role in the physical and mental well being of its players, and the return on investment is well documented. We urge you to please consider adding many more courts to your overall offerings and to (in the interim) provide the opportunity for PickleBall play on all Tennis Courts in the City, that are often idle while long lines form for PickleBall play. Thank you for your consideration, Shirley Rickman & Jeffrey Hoffman 206-799-8120

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

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**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

not answered





**Respondent No:** 23  
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**Last Seen:** Sep 25, 2021 01:00:04 am  
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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

I play pickleball at Woodruff Park and would love to see more available courts. This park is a great neighborhood asset. You will find all age groups playing pickleball. Beginners, families, experienced and wannabes. The learning curve with pickleball vs tennis is less, encouraging folks to get out and be successful.



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**Responded At:** Sep 24, 2021 19:30:28 pm  
**Last Seen:** Sep 25, 2021 02:29:14 am  
**IP Address:** 97.126.19.194

**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

I would like more pickleball courts

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

I agree with more pickleball courts

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

No

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

No



**Respondent No:** 25

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**Last Seen:** Sep 25, 2021 02:22:24 am

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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Olympia is in need of more pickleball courts. This week at Woodruff park, all of the courts were being fully utilized (4 courts x 4 players per court) with between 3 and 16 players waiting a turn to play. At the same time, the tennis courts adjacent to the pickleball courts were generally empty, except one day with two players and one day with four players. This utilization was for only a short part of the time the pickleball courts had a waiting line. I believe that a utilization survey of the courts would produce similar results. Pickleball is growing and needs additional space for play. And the players range in age from their 80's to high school students. This indicates room for continued growth in the sport.

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

not answered



**Respondent No:** 26  
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**Responded At:** Sep 24, 2021 20:38:09 pm  
**Last Seen:** Sep 25, 2021 03:25:20 am  
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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

I have been playing pickleball at Stevens Field for over a year now. (our group number varies from 8 - 14 depending on the day) This growing sport warrants the addition of courts as well as the addition of pickleball lines to existing tennis courts. The maintenance dept. has been very responsive to our requests for 1. a new net and 2. keeping the court clean. We appreciate the efforts of Oly Parks and Rec. Thank you.



**Respondent No:** 27  
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**Responded At:** Sep 24, 2021 20:54:01 pm  
**Last Seen:** Sep 25, 2021 03:48:20 am  
**IP Address:** 172.56.42.141

**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

We love pickleball! Thanks for supporting pickleball! More pickleball courts please!

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**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Please do add pickleball lines to all tennis courts! Thanks!

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**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

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**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

not answered

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**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

Have you seen the number of people out playing pickleball?! It is a sport for absolutely everybody. Gets us off the couch and off our phones! Thanks for supporting pickleball!

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**Responded At:** Sep 24, 2021 20:56:02 pm  
**Last Seen:** Sep 25, 2021 03:52:16 am  
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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

We need more pickleball courts built, preferably indoors. In the interim, please stripe the existing tennis courts in the Olympia area with Pickleball lines so that the courts don't sit unused most of the time.

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**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

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**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

no

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**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

We need more pickleball courts built, preferably indoors. In the interim, please stripe the existing tennis courts in the Olympia area with Pickleball lines so that the courts don't sit unused most of the time.

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**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

We need more pickleball courts, preferably indoors so that we can play the 9 months out of the year when its raining. Retirees need an indoor activity and pickleball is a has a huge senior participation and interest

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**Respondent No:** 29  
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**Responded At:** Sep 25, 2021 00:15:04 am  
**Last Seen:** Sep 25, 2021 07:14:14 am  
**IP Address:** 97.126.84.113

**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Short version of my comments on the Parks and Rec Five Year Plan, regarding tennis: Stop eviscerating westside tennis. Increase the number of tennis courts available on the westside. Don't put pickleball lines on the only two remaining westside courts. The two remaining westside courts are great, by the way, following their renovation in 2020. But getting one of the two courts after Labor Day (when school courts become mostly off-limits) is often challenging. As someone who has played tennis almost exclusively on free outdoor courts in my life, I can testify that having to wait in order to play on crowded courts reduces one's interest in playing at all. If you have 60 or 90 minutes to play (typical for most tennis players I know), but you frequently have to wait 15 to 60 minutes to get a court, eventually you will stop trying to play. If we want to encourage people to get exercise via an exceptionally aerobic and ideally social-distanced sport like tennis, we need to avoid waiting in lines to get on the courts. On the number of tennis courts: The plan says: "We have renovated Woodruff Park (Olympia's oldest) by adding a new sprayground, shelter, and full renovation of the tennis courts" Well, yes, the two renovated courts are great. Unmentioned here is that the number of tennis courts at Woodruff was reduced from 4 to 2. Two is now the number of tennis courts available on the westside (school courts are great for much of the summer, but are mostly unavailable during the school year). Two of the three mentions of the changes at Woodruff in the plan celebrate the court renovations, while notably failing to mention that any tennis courts were lost (let alone to mention that half of the available westside tennis courts were lost). The only mention of the reduction in the number of westside tennis courts is buried on p. 89 of the report. The report notes that downtown parks are (possibly) too small for tennis courts, but ok for pickleball courts. If so, why were two tennis courts at Woodruff, a park which not only had room for 4 tennis courts, but in fact already had 4 tennis courts, removed in favor of pickleball courts in 2020? On pickleball lines on tennis courts: When there were 4 tennis courts at Woodruff and no dedicated pickleball courts on the westside, it made good sense that 2 of the tennis courts should have pickleball lines. But pickleball lines are a real distraction to tennis players. Now that westsiders are down to 2 tennis courts, they should not be given pickleball lines. IN fact, when we argued in 2019 that no tennis courts should be lost at Woodruff on the grounds that pickleballers could play on the tennis courts, we were told that the nets aren't the right height and lining the courts is a poor substitute for a true pickleball court. IN short, we were told that lining tennis courts for pickleball was not adequate. Ok. So build dedicated pickleball in the small downtown parks that can accommodate them; focus on tennis in the bigger parks. And don't encourage pickleballers to play on the only two remaining westside tennis courts.

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

not answered



**Respondent No:** 30  
**Login:** Linda Mae  
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**Responded At:** Sep 25, 2021 18:09:21 pm  
**Last Seen:** Sep 26, 2021 01:07:28 am  
**IP Address:** 73.11.157.170

**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Like to see Pickleball.

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Thanks for including Pickleball.

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

Pickleball is well attended.

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

Socially and athletically pickle ball is popular among all ages.





**Respondent No:** 31  
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**Responded At:** Sep 25, 2021 23:05:19 pm  
**Last Seen:** Sep 26, 2021 06:04:09 am  
**IP Address:** 73.109.18.84

**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Please build more pickle all courts

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

not answered



**Respondent No:** 32  
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**Responded At:** Sep 26, 2021 16:06:39 pm  
**Last Seen:** Sep 26, 2021 23:03:03 pm  
**IP Address:** 73.140.218.89

**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Would like to see park on Lily road developed sooner

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Please add more pickle ball courts and stripe tennis courts for pickle ball. Would like some indoor courts.

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

not answered



**Respondent No:** 33

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**Responded At:** Sep 27, 2021 07:21:26 am

**Last Seen:** Sep 27, 2021 13:53:52 pm

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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Please see below comments.

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Dual purpose courts did not seem to work well at Woodruff. Pickle ball apparently requires a different height net. Which is a reason given for converting some of the tennis court space into strictly pickle ball use.

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

I love the art work which has been added to Woodruff, the new lighted walkways, and the temporary story /plant walkway boards that were added this summer.

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

I may have missed it but I did not see a plan for the restoration of the tennis back board at Woodruff Park. It is much missed. I watch players try to use the fence without success. Unless one can afford an auto feeder there is nothing left for solo players.

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

I am a 73 year old who has a 12 year old grandson who has been coming to Woodruff Park most of his life. I live across the street, and have done so for the past 19 years. We use the park facilities a lot. Tennis is our big sport. Even with a 60 year age gap we have had some pretty competitive tennis matches. I do not know of any other free tennis courts available anywhere else in the area. Aside from the high school which often is not available for use. Continuing to have both dedicated pickle ball and dedicated tennis courts in our parks seems like a good solution. Thank you for listening to me.



**Respondent No:** 34

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**Last Seen:** Sep 27, 2021 15:09:40 pm

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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

Generally I love the Olympia Parks, the Art included in them. The draft plan is excellent, but I would like to see more pickleball facilities. - Additional tennis courts lined for pickleball at Woodruff Park. - Indoor pickleball courts. > Reopening Olympia Community Center upstairs for pickleball > Additional/ new indoor pickleball courts - Additional / new pickleball courts in Northeast Olympia. (Lilly Road property?).



**Respondent No:** 35

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**Last Seen:** Sep 27, 2021 16:35:43 pm

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**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

I love the emphasis on pickleball. There are so many players compared to the available courts. I support the striping of existing tennis courts for pickleball use, as well as the development of dedicated pickleball courts. Thank you!

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**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

I appreciate the emphasis on DEI and climate change in the whole plan.

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**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

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**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

not answered

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**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

Thank you for all your hard work on this plan and in our community. You make a huge difference!

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**Respondent No:** 36  
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**Responded At:** Sep 27, 2021 10:35:44 am  
**Last Seen:** Sep 27, 2021 17:16:51 pm  
**IP Address:** 76.121.126.99

**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

I would love it if sport courts are included for pickle ball. Maybe include lights generated from solar as an alternative since its so dark here in the Northwest.

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**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

Will there be an option to rent any specific part of a gym? Indoor recreation is really needed as we get so much wet weather during Fall and Winter seasons.

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**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

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**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

not answered

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**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

In regards to Pickle Ball Court, can a timer be set up so if my family enter a court it's ours for duration of 90 minutes? We are not at the same skill levels as most players and do not want to be obligated to share.

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**Respondent No:** 37  
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**Responded At:** Sep 27, 2021 18:19:52 pm  
**Last Seen:** Sep 28, 2021 01:18:04 am  
**IP Address:** 73.221.63.44

**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

Striping tennis courts with pickleball lines makes sense as there are many more pickleball players compared to tennis



**Respondent No:** 38  
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**Last Seen:** Sep 28, 2021 05:59:02 am  
**IP Address:** 73.254.131.111

**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

My understanding is that the OPARD is not planning to incorporate tennis courts in the new Yelm hwy community park. However pickle ball courts are planned. It seems like OPARD is saying there are neighborhood parks that have tennis courts so the new community park doesn't need more tennis courts. I don't think it is a right decision for reasons below: 1) There are only a very limited number of tennis courts in the neighborhood parks. There is ONE in Lion's Park, TWO (after pickle ball took away two) in Woodruff Park, and TWO in LBA Park, which is full of cracks and humps on the ground; 2) Pickle ball lines can be drew on tennis courts, so tennis courts can be used as pickle courts, but pickle ball courts can't be used for tennis; 3) it makes more sense if the neighborhood parks, which are relatively smaller in size, and easier for seniors to get there, to host pickleball courts. The community parks, which are usually larger, like Yelm Highway Parcel 86.55 acres, should include tennis courts in the plan. 4) I live in southeast Olympia, and I have to either wait in a line for a court at woodruff or go to Lacey use their fancy courts at Rainier Vista Community Park. In summary, we need more tennis courts in Olympia! OPARD should not make tennis community feeling like we have to compete with pickleball community.

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

Thank you for your hard working. My family has tons of fun with parks and programs OPARD brought to the public.





**Respondent No:** 39  
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**Responded At:** Sep 28, 2021 14:01:57 pm  
**Last Seen:** Sep 28, 2021 21:01:35 pm  
**IP Address:** 24.18.99.53

**Q1. Do you have any feedback about the Parks related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q2. Do you have any feedback about the Recreation related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q3. Do you have any feedback about the Arts related elements of the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q4. Is there anything you feel is missing from the Draft Plan?**

not answered

**Q5. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?**

not answered

