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Park & Recreation Board

RecQuest Recommendations

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RecQuest Purpose

Sets the stage for the next 25-30 years of recreation center physical facilities and resulting capital improvements





RecQuest Purpose Continued

The underlying foundation of RecQuest is that physical assets should be designed around the needs of the community.

The facility phase will be informed by the body of work completed by RecQuest.



Phase I: Inventory

Strategies and Approaches

1. Trend, Service, and Gap Analysis
2. Community Engagement
3. Creation of Community Advisory Council (CAC)





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Phase II

Understanding



Process

- Developed a shared understanding of equity as it relates to MPRB's facilities, resources, amenities and programming
- Mined Data
 - Youth Development, Recreation, MPRB Police, Athletics, Equity Matrix, Service Area Master Plans
- Participated in cross learning
- Identified emerging priorities
- Validated program priorities

Guiding Principles

- Prioritize the voices of residents
- Equity
- Data driven decision-making
- On-going community engagement
- Consistency across the system
- Flexible for uniqueness of communities
- Transparent reporting
- Program monitoring
- Accountability
- Continuous improvement



Programmatic Priorities

The CAC believes that this set of priorities are interrelated. They are flexible enough to be responsive to individual community needs (geographic, age, gender, cultural, lifestyle and orientation) , but concrete enough to provide a foundation of equity in recreation programming across the city.

- Active Older Adults
- Youth Development
- Educational
- Access to Equitable Athletics



Access to Equitable Athletics

Objective

- Provide a range of athletic programs that supports the current and future lifestyles, fitness and social needs of Minneapolis residents
- Expand access for athletic activities and allocate resources to provide equitable participation



Access to Equitable Athletics

Outcome

- Ensuring that all residents have equitable access to the forms of athletic programming and facilities that are convenient, comfortable, appropriate and reflective of the span of residents within the city of Minneapolis.



Youth Development

Objective

- Expand the Youth Development department and increase program access
- Youth development is defined as classes, programs and activities targeted toward youth under the age of 18



Youth Development

Outcome

- Thoughtful and intentional youth development programming benefits the city of Minneapolis by providing more opportunities for youth to be engaged in activities that develop skills, reinforce positive behaviors and expand the realm of possibilities for their future



Equitable Education Programs

Objective

- Provide school age programs that are stimulating, engaging and inspire creativity in spaces that are safe for learning, create positive environments and encourage peer support



Equitable Education Programs

Outcome

- Engage children holistically in fun experiences that give them the opportunity to explore the world around them, develop a sense of wonder and stretch beyond what is familiar.



Active Older Adults

Objective

- Increase the number and expand the variety of programs that foster opportunities, share skills and talents, and develop a greater sense of community

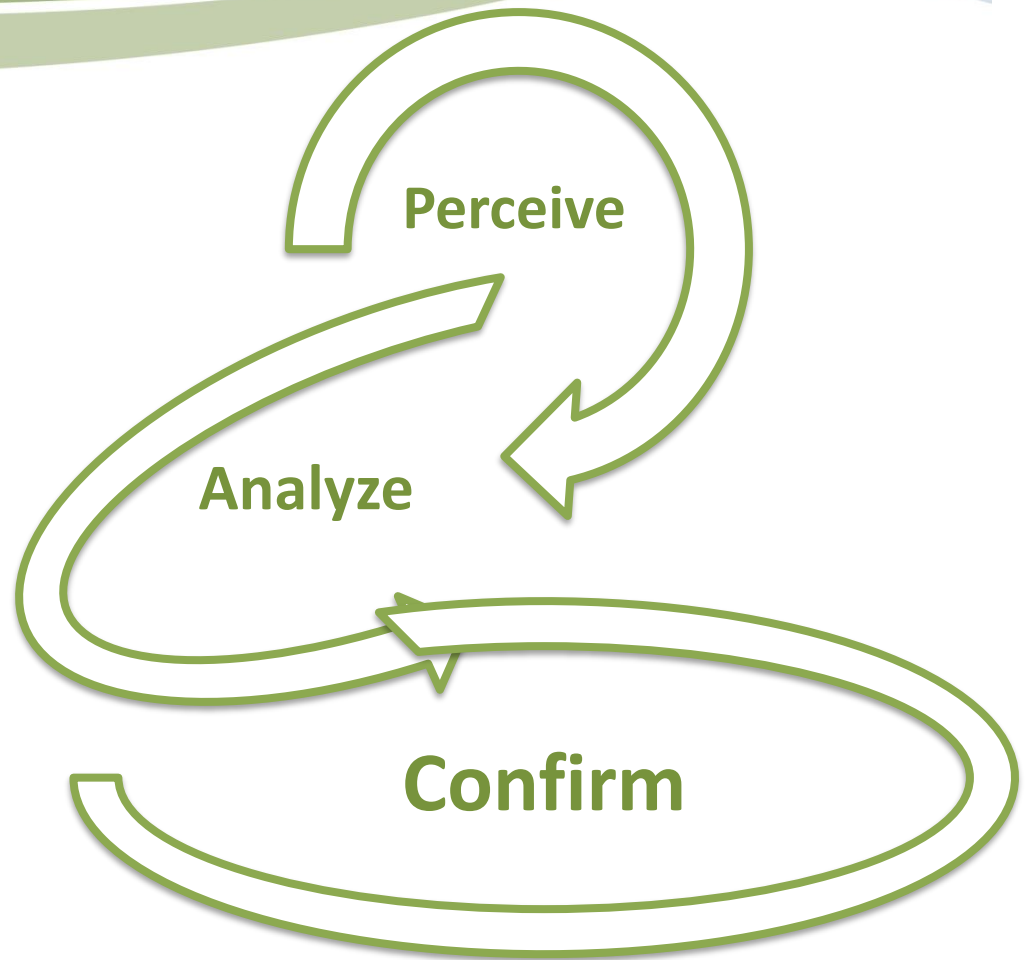


Active Older Adults

Outcome

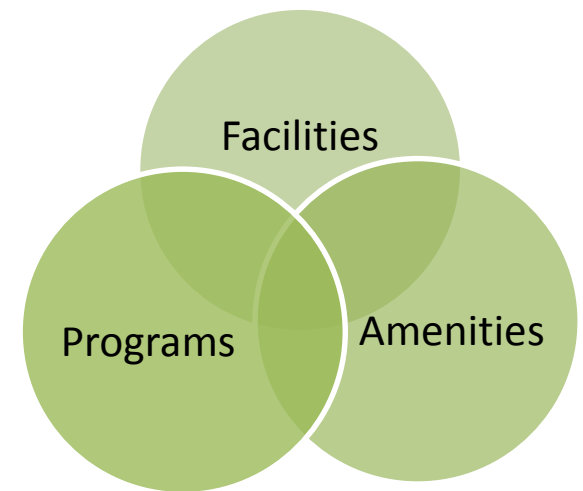
- Thriving communities are built, maintained and advanced when all members are valued and respected. Creating opportunities for inter-generational connections are of benefit to both young people and the senior members of our community

Validation



Methods

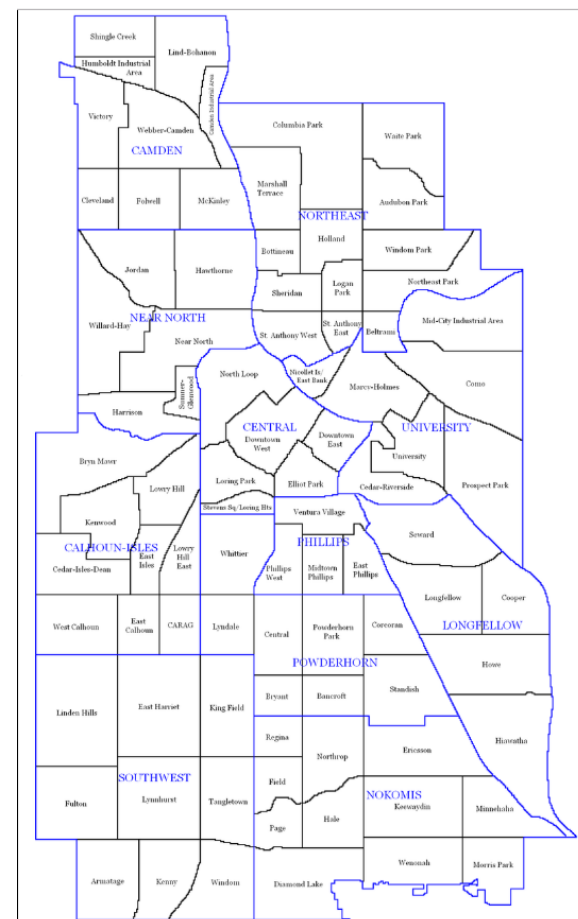
- Phase I document review
- CAC meeting notes analysis
- CAC Summit
- Focus Groups
- Intercepts





Age	%
10-14	12%
15-19	59%
20-29	9%
30-39	2%
40-49	4%
50-54	5%
55-59	3%
60-64	2%
65+	5%
Total	100%

Race/Ethnicity	%
American Indian	3%
Asian	1%
Black	35%
Hispanic	13%
Multi-racial	8%
White	40%
Total	100%





Results

- Confirmation of programming priorities
- Gathered knowledge to inform implementation

All participants:

- *voiced support for the park system; no comments indicated that parks were not useful, valuable spaces in the city*
- *showed agreement to the four priority areas for programming*
- *had ideas for programs, of which there were no specific target group*
- *said that people that looked like them were signs of a welcoming space that valued them*
- *Knew indicators/markers that spaces were welcoming*

Take-away's

- Entertainment isn't enough
- Intentional programming
- Community members are customers who have lots of choice in their activities

✓ *What kinds of things do 13-18 year-olds need to know, or be able to do, to be healthy adults?*

- ✓ To be flexible – knowing not everything's gonna go your way
- ✓ How to properly respect others
- ✓ Do not rush being an adult – means being responsible
- ✓ Taxes and debt – money
- ✓ Feel valid and accepted
- ✓ Get involved in pro-social activities
- ✓ Create positive friendships
- ✓ Inclusive sex education
- ✓ Putting on a condom
- ✓ Try to learn about the “envelope system” (method for visualizing and maintaining a budget)
- ✓ Learn to be brave and strong
- ✓ How to do taxes
- ✓ Failing high school is not the end of the world
- ✓ Mental health care and information
- ✓ Be you because you're the only one who can
- ✓ Do not rush into relationships
- ✓ Love yourself!
- ✓ Be safe
- ✓ Surround yourself with love, support and positivity
- ✓ They have a support system to lean on
- ✓ Trust your gut
- ✓ They are loved. They are important. They matter.
- ✓ How to interact with people unlike them
- ✓ Learn to say sorry
- ✓ Ground in your own truth and be open to growth and change
- ✓ Communicate opinions with respect
- ✓ Speak up
- ✓ Don't be afraid to be themselves
- ✓ Be willing to stand up for what you believe in
- ✓ Don't let others put you down. You are valid af.
- ✓ Be yourself and don't give a f*ck what anyone has to say about it
- ✓ Handle money



Recommendations

1. Accept the priority programmatic areas as the foundation for the Service Area Master Plan (s).
2. The Board use the priorities as guidance for the fiscal year 2019 budget.
3. Direct staff to employ the guiding principles, innovation, creative and collaborative solutions.

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Questions?



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