

Parks & Recreation Community Survey Findings



Data collected fall 2019



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Methods

- ▶ Survey questionnaire developed with City of Sandy
- ▶ Mailout survey with online option
- ▶ 5,278 mailing to random selection of voting households in three phases:
 - ✓ Announcement card
 - ✓ First mailer with survey
 - ✓ Second reminder mailer with survey
 - ✓ Each mailer indicated online option for taking survey
- ▶ 1216 surveys from random sample returned
 - ✓ 12% (149) online; 88% (1067) mailed
 - ✓ Additional surveys filled in online by general community, analyzed separately.

Methods, continued...

Sample:	Total	Sandy	Oregon Trail, outside Sandy	Estacada
Mailing sample	5278	2113	2112	1053
Response rate	23%	29%	23%	12%
Surveys returned	1216	608	485	123
Weighted Totals	1209	359	736	114
Worst case reliability of weighted segment*	±3.2	±5.2	±4.5	±9.2

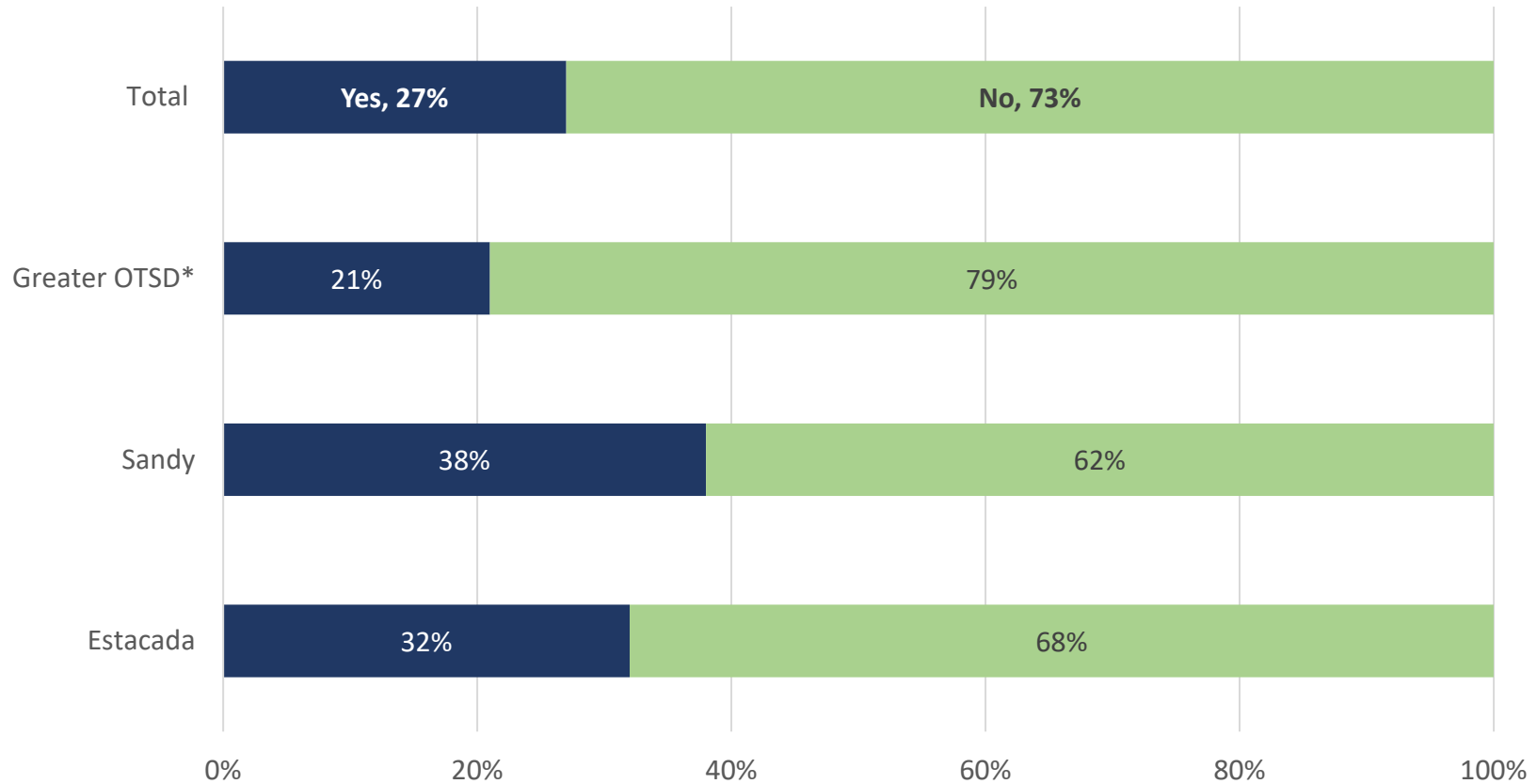
- ▶ Weighting for 1) 50/50 female/male (unweighted is 64% female) & 2) Distribution of voting population
- ▶ Tables, charts in report reflect weighted data
- ▶ Verbatim comments reported are from all who offered comments, unweighted

*Worst case reliability figures differ from standard reliability calculation to account for weighting impact

Research Results

3 in 10 have children at home

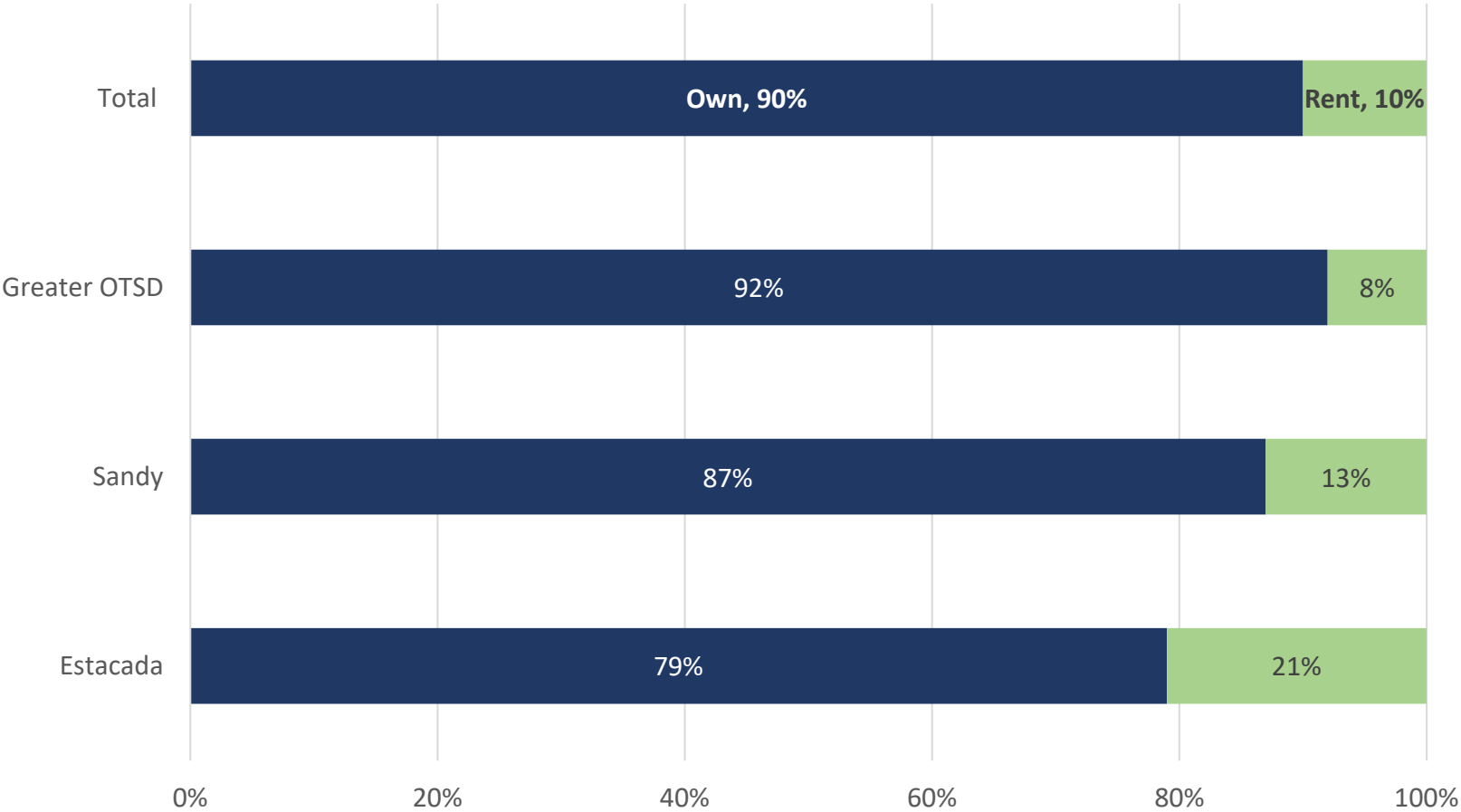
Q: Do you currently have children under the age of 18 in your household?



* Greater OTSD = the Oregon Trail School District except for City of Sandy

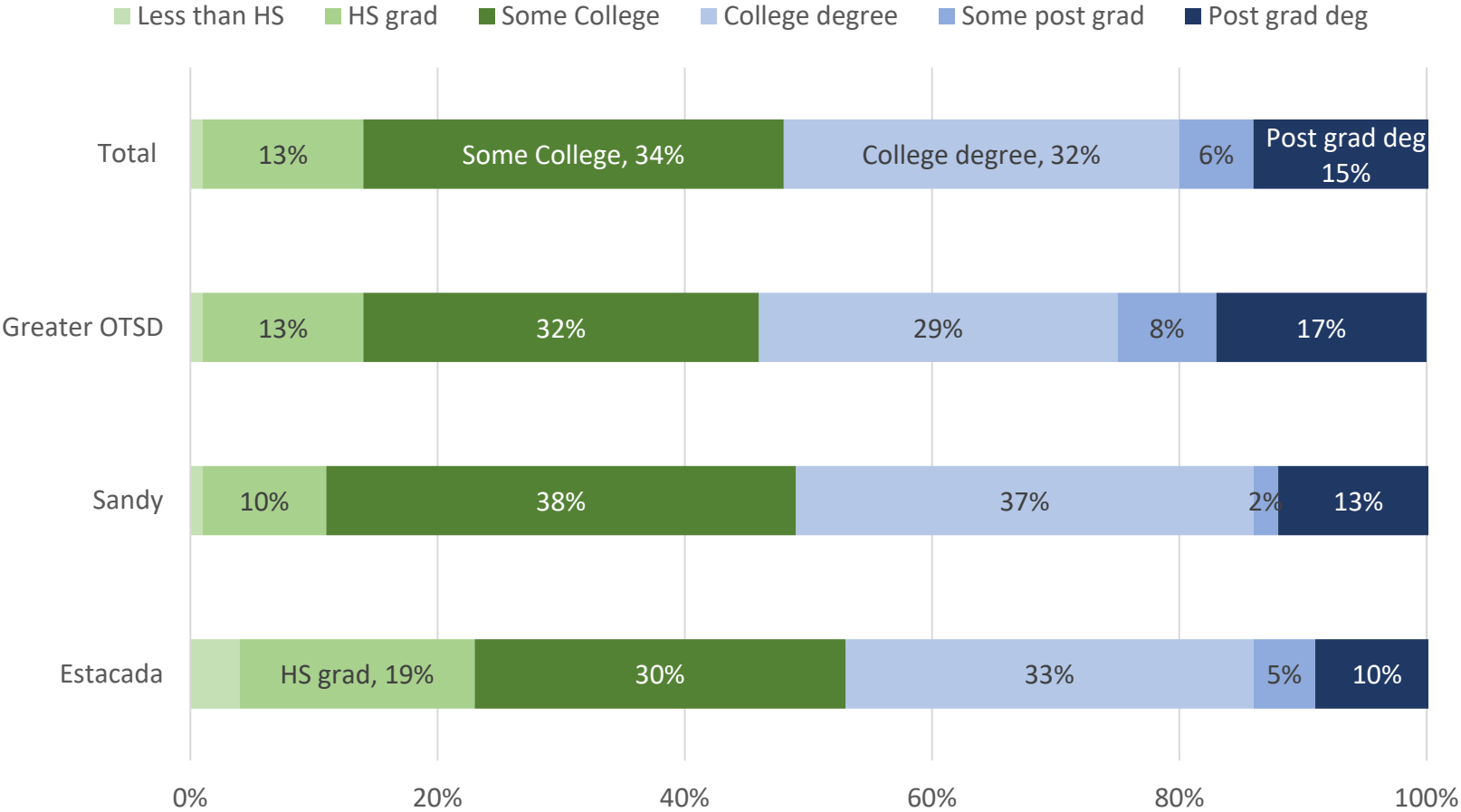
Most live in owner-occupied homes

Q: Do you own or rent your current home?



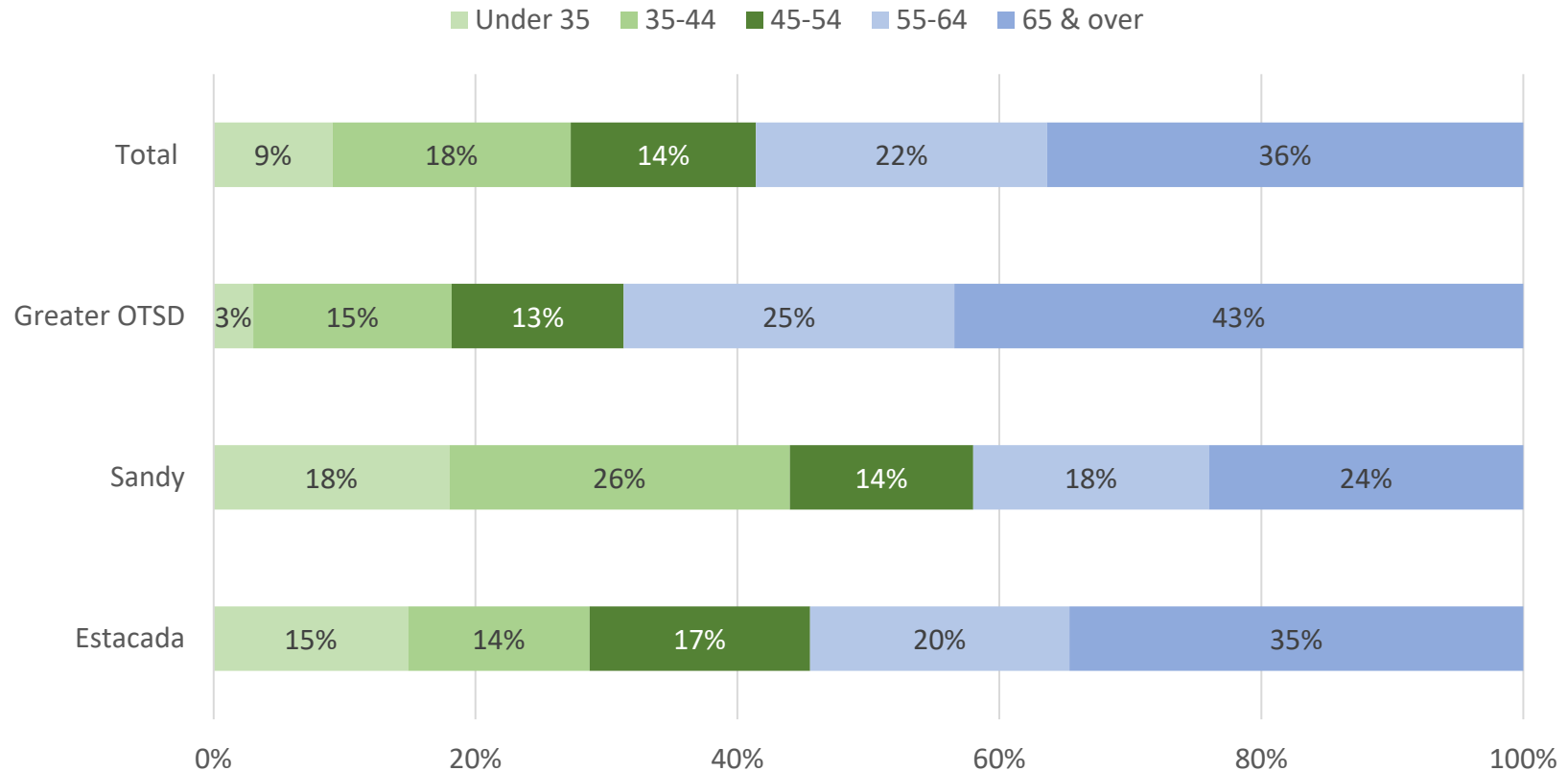
Just over half have a college degree

Q: What is the last year of education you completed?



Average respondent age is 57, though differences by area are significant

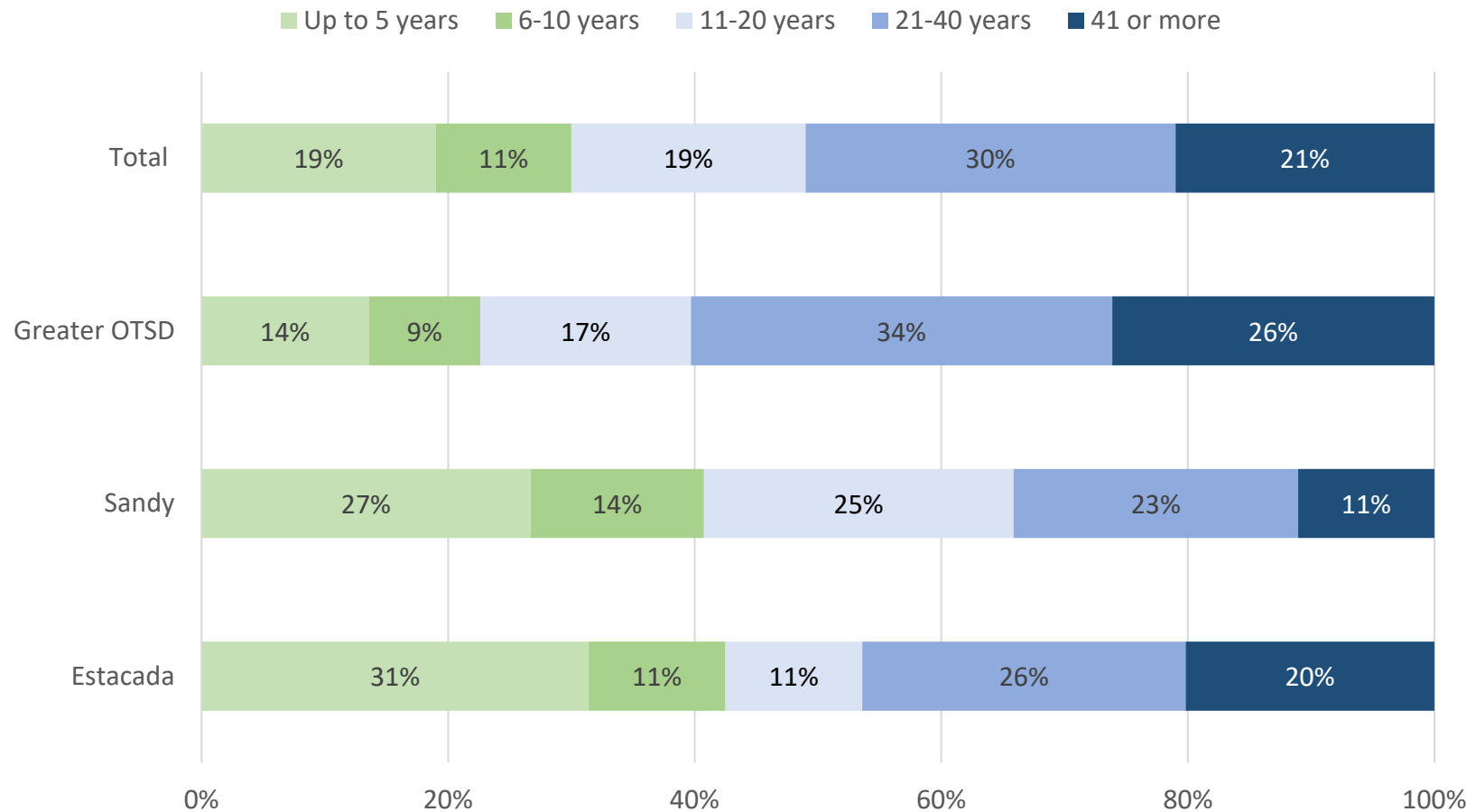
Q: What is your age?



► Average age for Sandy 51; Greater OTSD 60; Estacada 55.

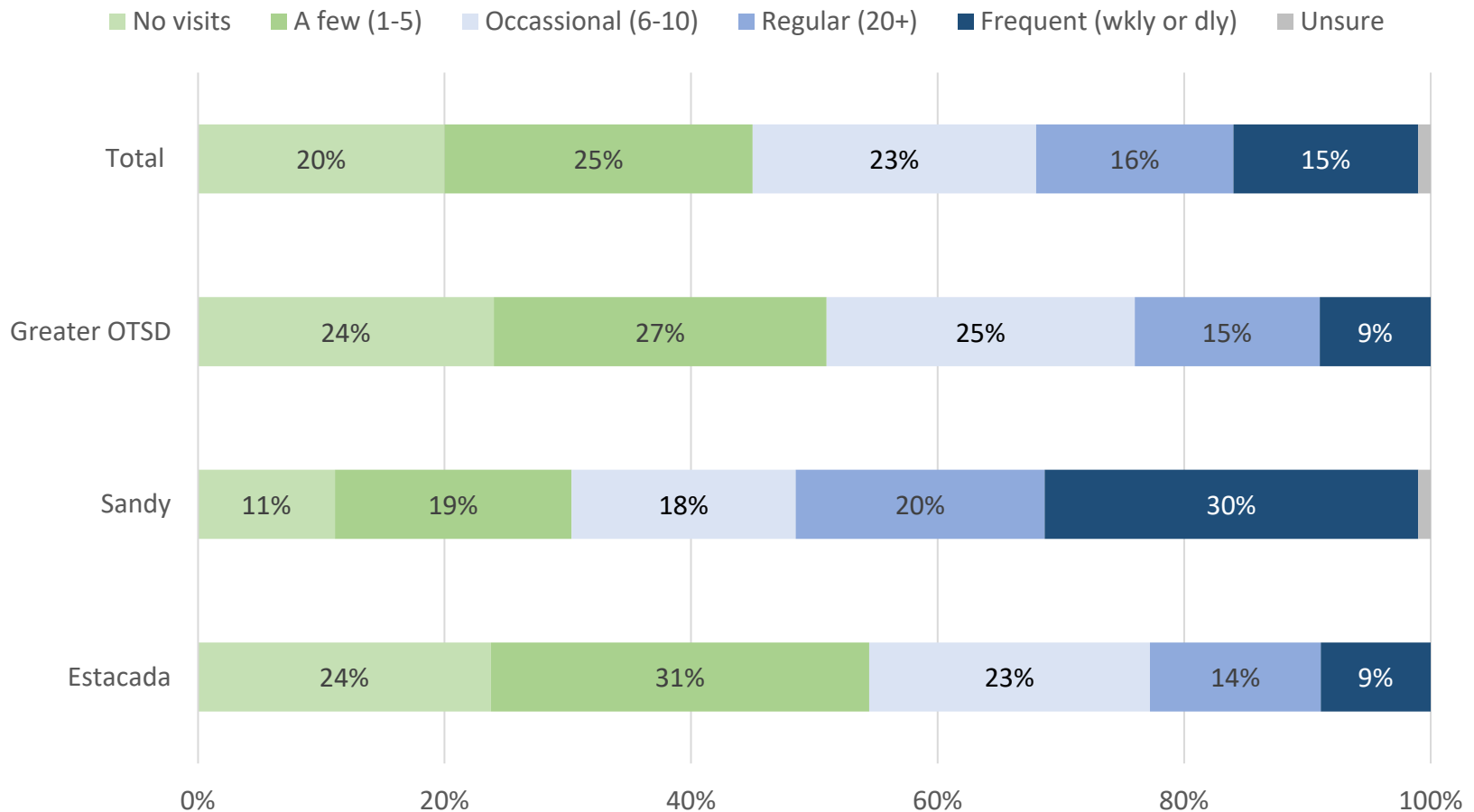
Average length of time in local area is 25 years; shorter in Sandy (18), longest in greater OTSD (28)

Q: How long have you lived in the local area?



One in 3 are frequent or regular users of P&R facilities; Sandy residents more than others

Q: In the last year, how often has anyone in your household visited a local park or recreation facility? Such facilities include parks, pool, trails, playing fields, skate park, and similar publicly-owned facilities

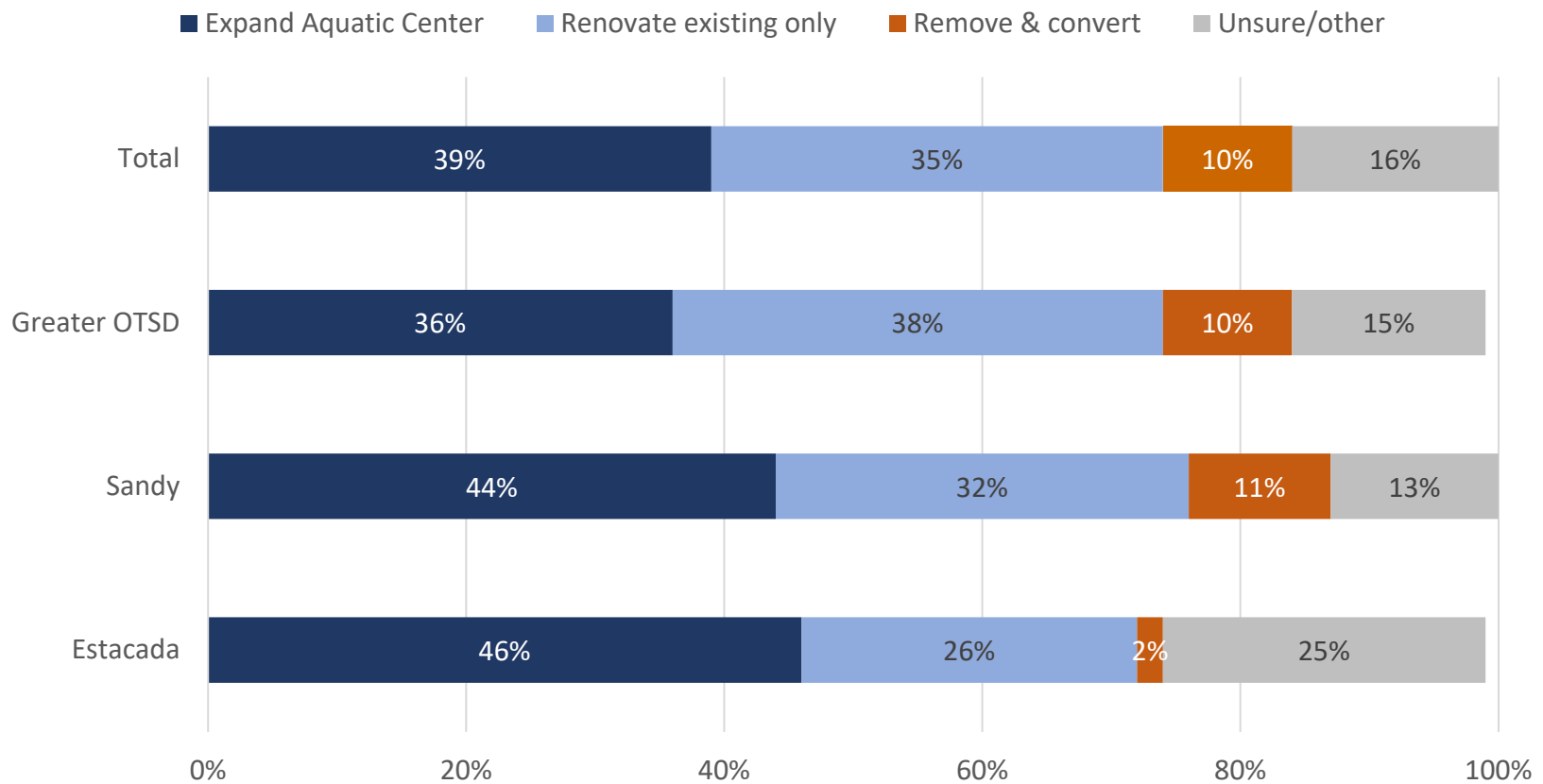


Q: For the indoor pool to continue serving the public, additional public investment would be required. Regarding the pool, do you believe the City should...

- ✓ Build an expanded Aquatic Center with features such as indoor & outdoor pools & a splash pool for young children
- ✓ Repair & renovate the existing indoor pool only
- ✓ Remove the pool & convert area to a less expensive use
- ✓ Unsure/Other

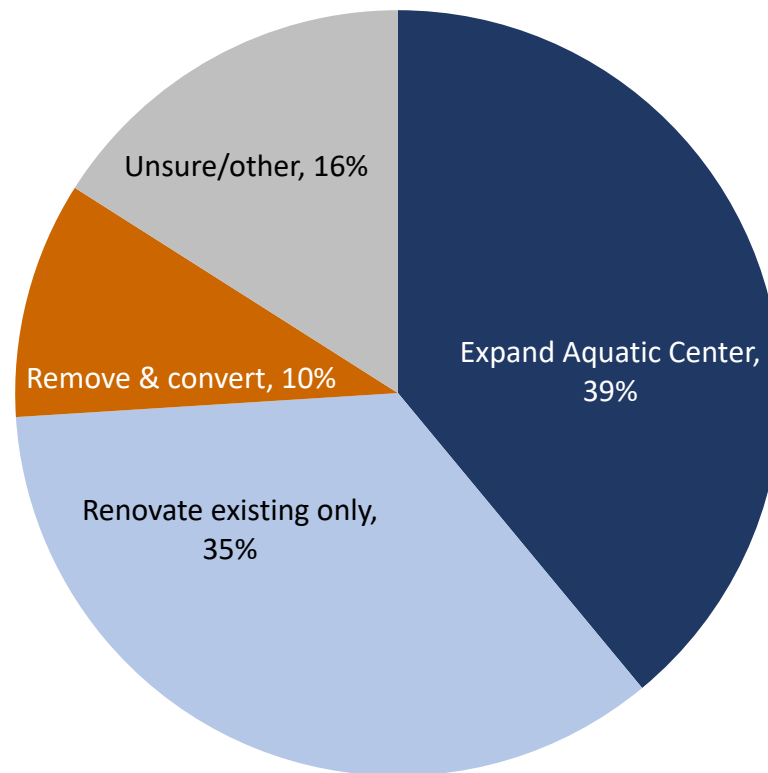
Three-quarters support keeping Aquatic Center; few endorse removal

Q: For the indoor pool to continue serving the public, additional public investment would be required. Regarding the pool, do you believe the City should...



Differences by area are less significant than similarities...

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Subset review of overall pool recommendation

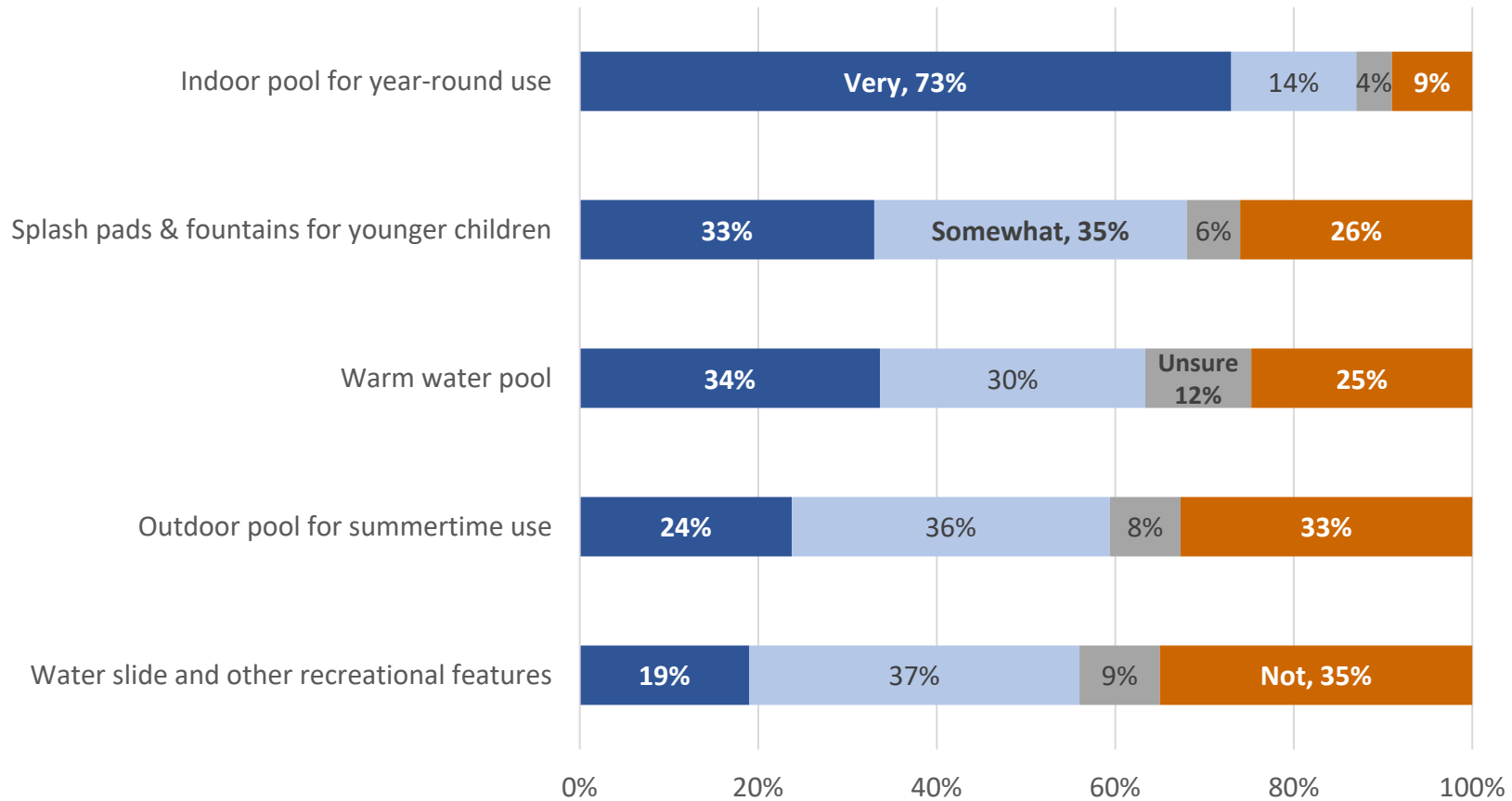
- ▶ Support for expansion (39% overall) is higher for under age 45 (53%), frequent P&R facility users (47%), & households with children (57%)
 - ✓ Essentially, younger adults, especially those with children in the household, support expansion more
 - ✓ However, most voters are not in these categories
- ▶ Also, women (44%) support expansion of the Aquatic Center more than do men (37%)
- ▶ Between expansion & renovation only, Sandy & Estacada respondents lean toward expansion, while Greater OTSD respondents split about evenly.

Q: If the pool area is improved, how important is it to include the following features (Very, Somewhat, or Not Important)?

- ✓ Indoor pool for year-round use?*
- ✓ Outdoor pool for summertime use?*
- ✓ Water slide & other recreational features?*
- ✓ Splash pads & fountains for younger children?*
- ✓ Warm water pool?*

Indoor pool for year-round use is plainly the most important aquatic center feature of those tested

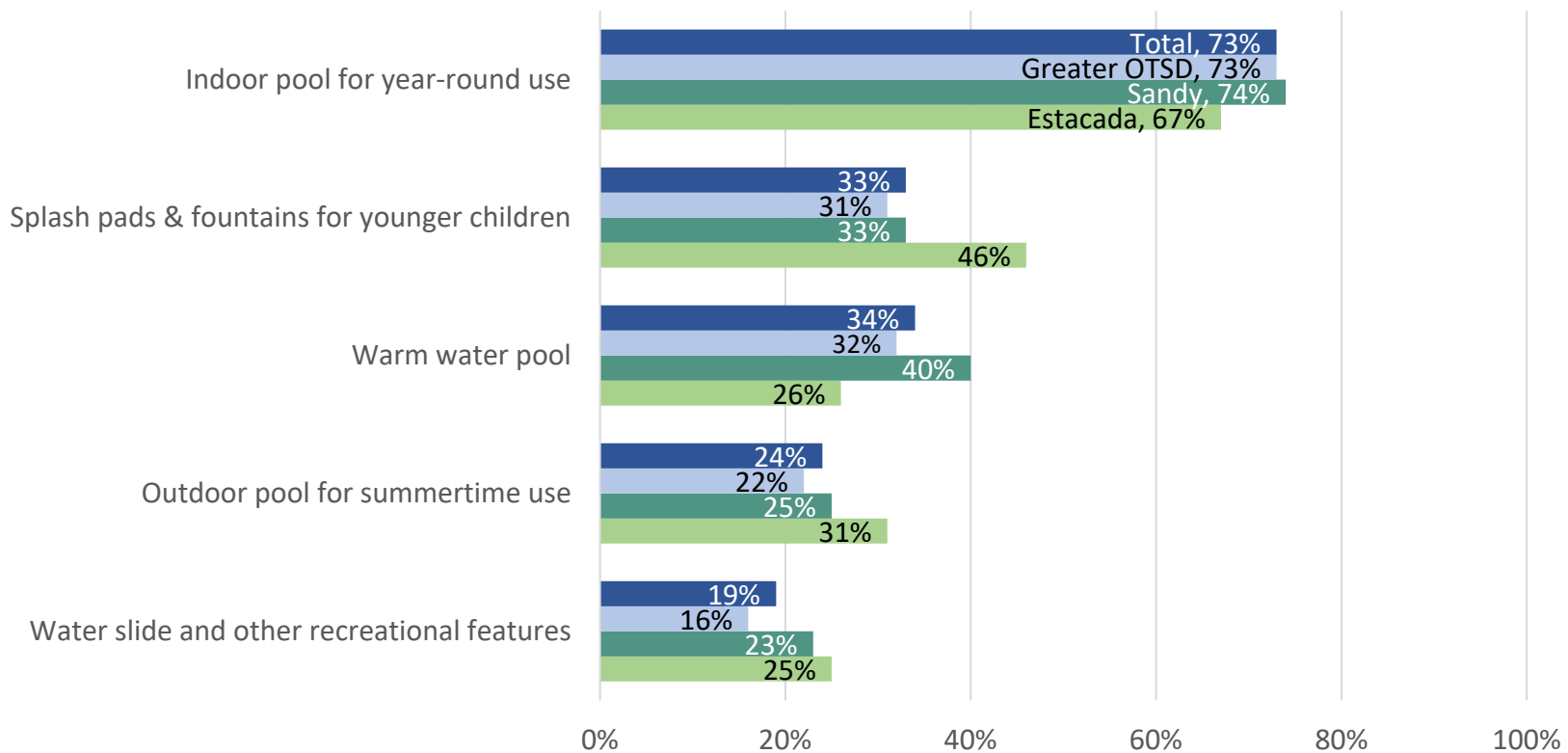
Q: If the pool area is improved, how important is it to include the following features?



Greater OTSD respondents show somewhat less support for pool features tested, though still similar

Q: If the pool area is improved, how important is it to include the following features?

“Very Important” rating



Subset review of recommended pool amenities

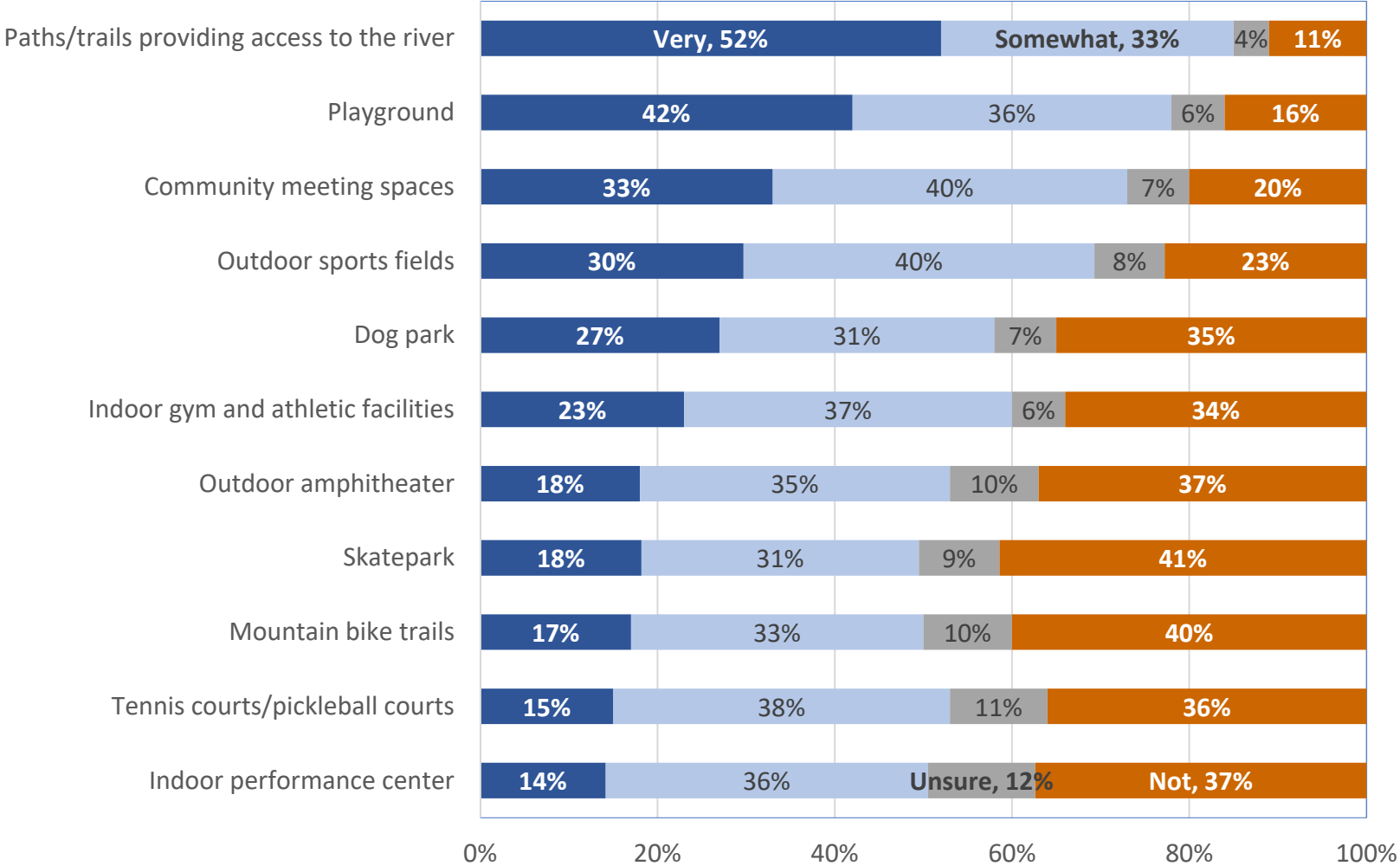
- ▶ Greatest variability is on “very important” rating for indoor, year-round pool:
 - ✓ Women (82% very important) are more supportive than men (65%)
 - ✓ Under 65 (79%) vs. 65+ (70%)
 - ✓ Households with children (83%) vs. those without (70%)
- ▶ Variability in response is less on other amenities, aligning with general expectations (e.g. households with children more supportive of child-oriented amenities).

Q: The following are suggestions for other improvements at the 40-acre property to serve residents of Sandy & surrounding communities. Which suggestions are important to include in final plans? (Very, Somewhat, or Not important)

- ✓ Community meeting spaces*
- ✓ Dog park*
- ✓ Indoor gym and athletic facilities*
- ✓ Indoor performance center*
- ✓ Mountain bike trails*
- ✓ Outdoor sports fields*
- ✓ Outdoor amphitheater*
- ✓ Paths/trails providing access to the river*
- ✓ Playground*
- ✓ Skatepark*
- ✓ Tennis courts/pickleball courts*

Access to river & playgrounds earn highest support among other suggestions

Q: Which other suggestions for improvements at 40-acre property are important to include?



Ratings from 3 geographic areas roughly similar

- ▶ Almost no geographic difference in “very important” rating for top two suggestions (river access & playgrounds)
- ▶ Sandy “very important” ratings more than 5 points above Greater OTSD on:
 - ✓ Playground (46% vs. 39%)
 - ✓ Indoor gym & athletic facilities (29% vs. 21%)
 - ✓ Mountain bike trails (22% vs. 14%)
 - ✓ Outdoor amphitheater (21% vs. 15%)
- ▶ Greater OTSD more than 5 points above Sandy & Estacada on one item: Community meeting spaces (36% vs. 29% & 30% respectively)
- ▶ Estacada responses are more supportive of a dog park (38% “very important” compared to 27% overall), otherwise generally similar to others
- ▶ No surprises in types of variability on other suggestions.

About 1 in 3 offer additional written suggestions

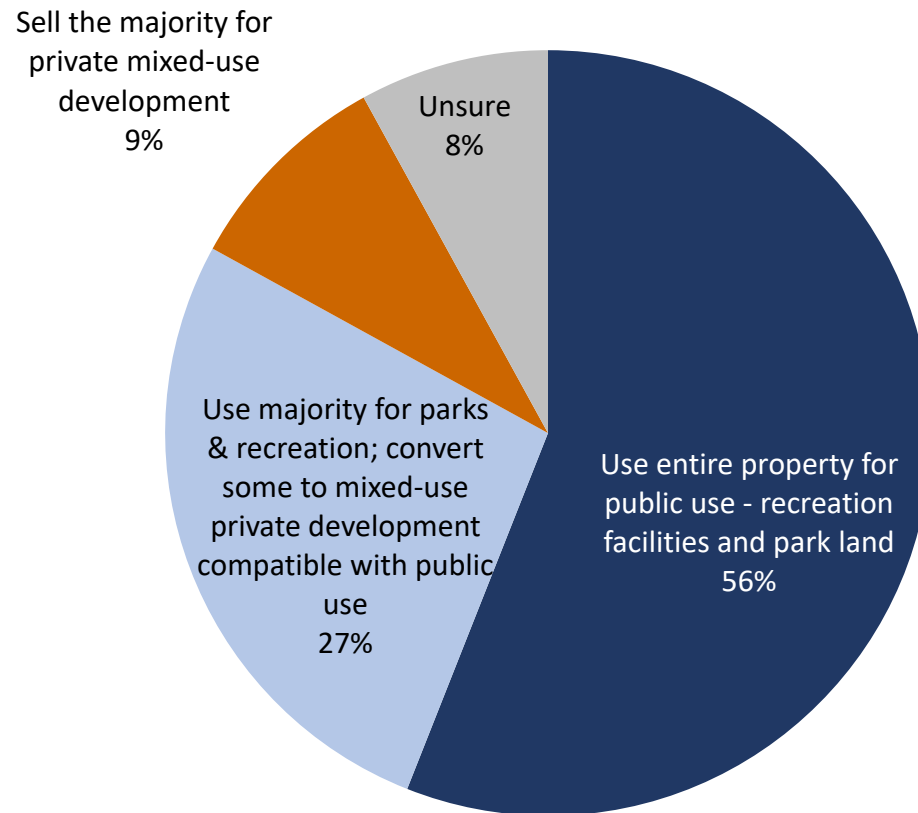
- ▶ Many emphasize results already tabulated
- ▶ Others suggest various ideas not tested
 - ✓ Space/activities for children/teens (e.g. after school); more walking trails, basketball, community/rec center, and rentable indoor & covered outdoor areas for private parties earn multiple mentions
 - ✓ Others, e.g., archery or bowling, mentioned by a few
- ▶ Various comments relate to cost concerns
 - ✓ Some seem rooted in general concern about keeping it reasonable, efficient, carefully-managed
 - ✓ Others are unequivocal in their desire to avoid new/increase in tax of any kind.

Q: Moving forward, which of the following do you believe is the best approach?

- ✓ Use the entire property for public use, including recreation facilities and park land*
- ✓ Use the majority of the property for public parks and recreation while converting some to mixed-use private development compatible with the public use*
- ✓ Sell the majority of the property for private mixed-use development*
- ✓ Unsure*

Most support using entire property for public recreation & park land

Q: Moving forward, which of the following do you believe is the best approach



Variability by geographic area on approach going forward is minimal

- ▶ Support for using entire property for public use supported by 61% of Sandy respondents vs. 54% of those in greater Oregon Trail School District area
 - ✓ Estacada support (54%) similar to greater OTSD
- ▶ Bigger differences in support are by:
 - ✓ Age — those 65+ show lower support for entire property use at 52% compared to 60% for younger adults
 - ✓ Other groups showing more support for entire property use, such as having children & making greater use of P&R facilities, are as would be expected.

Explanation: Added taxpayer support would be needed to pay for development & operation of the 40-acre property for public use & to support other area park & recreation facilities. One option is to ask voters to approve a “special district” that would have its own board of directors & a district-wide property tax rate to support it. The district would...

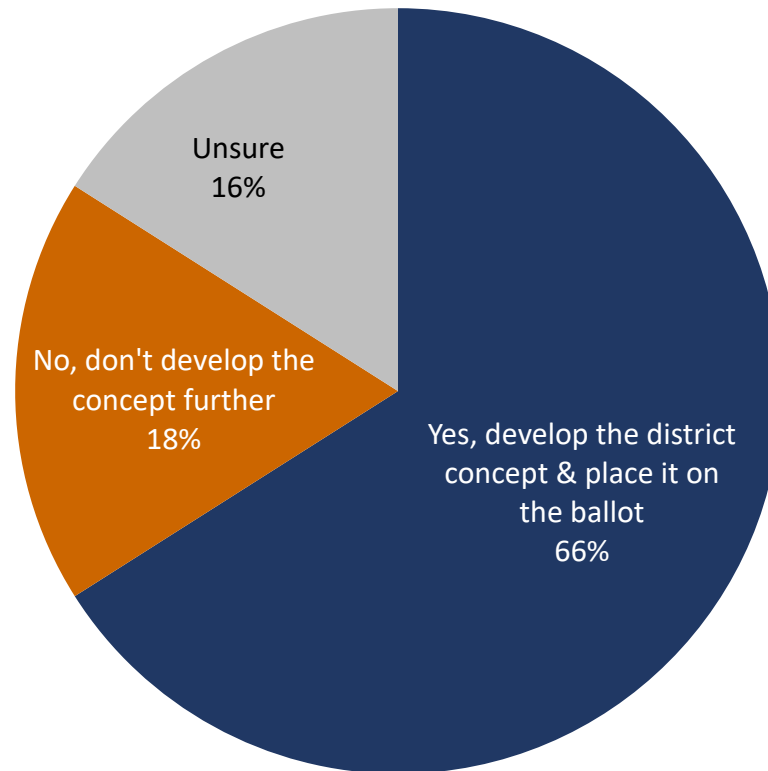
- ✓ Have boundaries that include Sandy & the greater Mt. Hood community (including communities from Estacada & Boring to Government Camp).
- ✓ Offer improved parks & recreation facilities district-wide, while charging residents lower in-district rates for all fee-based activities such as the pool or indoor gym facilities.

Q: More work is necessary before a specific proposal, including a specific tax rate, can be presented to voters for a decision. Do you support work on this concept continuing so it can be placed before voters?

- ✓ *Yes, develop the district concept & place it on the ballot*
- ✓ *No, do not develop the concept further*
- ✓ *Unsure*

Two-thirds support placing the district question before voters

Q: Do you support work on this concept continuing so it can be placed before voters?



Variability by geographic area on supporting developing concept for ballot is also minimal

- ▶ Putting the concept on the ballot supported by 70% of Sandy respondents, 65% of those in the greater Oregon Trail School District area, 67% in Estacada
- ▶ Other differences in support for placing on ballot:
 - ✓ Women more than men (72% vs. 62%); households with children (77% vs 63%); respondents who are younger than 65 (72% vs. 65%).

Highlights of voluntary (nonrandom) sample

- ▶ 586 surveys; 493 are Sandy or Boring ZIP codes
- ▶ 83% women; 2/3 children in home (reverse of random sample); younger age profile (avg = 45),
- ▶ Comparatively higher support for indoor pool (83% very important), warm water pool (48%), & for water slide & other recreational features (28%), otherwise similar support for other pool features
- ▶ Somewhat lower *very-important* rating for access to river, dog park, and amphitheater; somewhat higher for indoor gym & athletic facility; otherwise similar ratings for suggestions
- ▶ Greater support (among both men & women) for placing district question on ballot.

Conclusions & Recommendations

Opinions are largely similar across the three areas sampled

- ▶ Overall, respondents from outside of Sandy — in the greater Oregon Trail School District & in Estacada — share the same views as those within the City regarding the key questions asked
- ▶ What variability there is can be more easily explained by demographic differences. Compare to Sandy & Estacada respondents, those living in the greater Oregon Trail School District area...
 - ✓ Have a somewhat older age profile
 - ✓ Are somewhat less likely to have children in the home
 - ✓ Are less likely to be frequent visitors to P&R facilities.

Develop a district proposal

- ▶ In our view a proposal would offer:
 - ✓ A *conservatively* expanded aquatic center
 - ✓ Attractive trails including pathways/enhanced access to the river
 - ✓ Playgrounds & other outdoor park/field amenities
 - ✓ Community/rec center if cost viable
 - ✓ Support for additional parks/facilities elsewhere in the new district
 - ✓ Save more ambitious options for a future District board to consider
- ▶ Expect somewhat better support in 2020 elections when more “younger” adults (meaning under 65) will likely come out to vote.

Consider the complete picture of those who responded

- ▶ Remember that the voluntary (nonrandom) responses are somewhat more supportive of placing the question to voters and that women, who were more likely to respond to either survey, are more supportive on many questions
 - ✓ Regardless of whether responses from the voluntary participants are different, it is important to acknowledge the voices of everyone who took the time to offer an opinion.

For answers to questions or
more information, contact:

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Appendix


- ✓ Questionnaire materials
- ✓ Verbatim Comments

Dear Community Member,

The City of Sandy is conducting a short survey on the parks and recreation needs of residents in Sandy and our neighboring Mt. Hood communities. In about a week you will receive a short survey with questions about parks and recreation opportunities in Sandy and surrounding communities.

When you receive the survey, please take the time to fill it out and return it. The survey will take only a few minutes to complete. Your participation is important in helping to determine the type of parks and recreation facilities that will meet the entire community's needs.

Thank you very much!


Jordan Wheeler
Sandy City Manager

Next steps:

- ▶ Look for your survey in the mail in about a week.
- ▶ Fill out the survey (or use the online option described below).
- ▶ Mail the survey back using the prepaid-postage return envelope.
- ▶ If you have questions contact Campbell DeLong Resources, Inc. at 503-221-2005, the independent research firm we have hired to administer and analyze the survey or call us at the City Manager's office at 503-668-5533.
- ▶ ***Want to save time and paper?*** Fill out the survey online by using a web browser to go to www.cdri.com/Sandy2019 or scan the QR code below. You will need to enter the following survey code at the prompt: **9999**

Scan QR
code to go
directly to
survey



City of Sandy Survey
c/o Campbell DeLong Resources, Inc.
3519 NE 15th Avenue #265
Portland, OR 97212



City of Sandy
39250 Pioneer Blvd.
Sandy, OR 97055
503-668-5533
www.ci.sandy.or.us

[DATE]

Dear Community Member:

The City of Sandy is conducting a short survey on parks and recreation needs of residents in Sandy and our neighboring Mt. Hood communities. The survey is included in this mailing.

Please take the time to fill out your survey and return it. The survey will take only a few minutes to complete. When the survey has been completed, place it in the return envelope provided and then in the mail. Postage has already been paid.

Or, if you prefer to fill out the survey online, either use a web browser and go to www.cdri.com/Sandy2019 or scan the QR code at the bottom of this page. At the survey web page, enter the four-digit code shown at the bottom of the page on the enclosed survey when prompted to do so. The questions are the same whether you fill out the paper or the online version. (We use the code only to identify that a survey has been filled out by a household in our randomly selected sample; survey responses will *not* be associated with names or addresses in any analysis of the findings.)

If you have questions about the survey, please contact John Campbell or Martha DeLong at Campbell DeLong Resources, Inc. (503-221-2005), the independent research firm we have hired to administer the survey and analyze the survey data. If you have questions for the City of Sandy, contact me at the City Manager's Office, 503-668-5533.

Thank you for participating. By doing so, you are helping to improve parks and recreation decisions that can benefit the entire community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jordan Wheeler".

Jordan Wheeler
Sandy City Manager

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survey





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[DATE]

Dear Community Member:

About two weeks ago, you received a short survey regarding parks and recreation needs in Sandy and our neighboring Mt. Hood communities. At the time we mailed this letter, we had not yet received your returned survey. If possible, we would still like to hear from you. If you have completed the survey and sent it in already, please disregard this reminder.

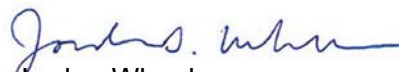
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2019 Parks & Recreation Survey

1. In the last year, how often has anyone in your household visited a local park or recreation facility? Such facilities include parks, pool, trails, playing fields, skate park, and similar publicly owned facilities.

- No visits.....
- A few visits (between 1 and 5).....
- Occasional visits (6 to 20 visits).....
- Regular visits (More than 20).....
- Frequent visits (weekly or daily).....
- Unsure.....

The City of Sandy recently purchased the former Cedar Ridge Middle School property. The 40-acre property, near downtown Sandy and the Sandy River, currently includes an Aquatic Center with six-lane indoor pool, middle school building, and nearby parks and open spaces. Historically, the Aquatic Center has attracted users from Sandy and from throughout the greater Mt. Hood community (from Boring and Estacada to Government Camp). The next questions are about that property.

2. For the indoor pool to continue serving the public, additional public investment would be required. Regarding the pool, do you believe the City should...

- Build an expanded Aquatic Center with features such as indoor and outdoor pools and a splash pool for young children
- Repair and renovate the existing indoor pool only.....
- Remove the pool and convert the area to a less expensive use
- Unsure.....
- Other (describe, briefly) _____

3. If the pool area is improved, how important is it to include the following features?

IMPORTANCE:	VERY	SOMEWHAT	NOT	UNSURE
Indoor pool for year-round use.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor pool for summertime use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water slide and other recreational features.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Splash pads & fountains for younger children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Warm water pool.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. The following are suggestions for other improvements at the 40-acre property to serve residents of Sandy and surrounding communities. Which suggestions are important to include in final plans?

IMPORTANCE:	VERY	SOMEWHAT	NOT	UNSURE
Community meeting spaces.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog park.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indoor gym and athletic facilities.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indoor performance center.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mountain bike trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor sports fields.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor amphitheater.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paths/trails providing access to the river	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playground.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skatepark.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis courts/pickleball courts.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (describe, briefly) _____				

5. Moving forward, which of the following do you believe is the best approach?

- Use the entire property for public use, including recreation facilities and park land.....*
- Use the majority of the property for public parks and recreation while converting some to mixed-use private development compatible with the public use.....*
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- Unsure.....*

6. Added taxpayer support would be needed to pay for development and operation of the 40-acre property for public use and to support other area park and recreation facilities. One option is to ask voters to approve a “special district” that would have its own board of directors and a district-wide property tax rate to support it. The district would...

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More work is necessary before a specific proposal, including a specific tax rate, can be presented to voters for a decision. Do you support work on this concept continuing so it can be placed before voters?

- Yes, develop the district concept and place it on the ballot.....*
- No, do not develop the concept further.....*
- Unsure.....*

7. If you have other suggestions or feedback regarding future parks and recreation plans in the Sandy area, please describe in the space below.

8. Do you currently have children under the age of 18 in your household? Yes No.....

9. Do you own or rent your current home? Own Rent.....

10. Are you (the primary person filling this out): Female..... Male..... Other.....

11. What is your age?Age: _____

12. How long have you lived in the local area? Years: _____

13. What was the last year of education you completed?

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|--|---|
| <i>Less than high school.....</i> <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>College graduate.....</i> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>High school graduate.....</i> <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Some post-graduate.....</i> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Some college.....</i> <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Post-graduate degree.....</i> <input type="checkbox"/> |

Thank you for participating! Please place the survey in the return envelope provided and then in the mail. Postage has already been paid.

Verbatims Comments

The following shows responses to “open-ended” questions in the survey (questions where respondents have the option to write in an answer. When reviewing the responses to open-end questions, readers are encouraged to maintain awareness of how comments written by respondents differ from the statistical data provided in the analysis, including:

- ▶ **Typical of self-administered surveys, most people filling out the survey did not write in any comments at all.** It is important to keep in mind that the comments below represent the ideas of about a third of the people who participated in the survey. In other words, the statistical results are more representative of the whole than the collected comments shown below.
- ▶ **Review the two question areas (*Facility Suggestions* and *Other Suggestions or Feedback*) independently.** There are two sections of comments. It is important to avoid the error of compounding the assumed volume of either positive or negative comments review by mentally adding the two sections together because this will often result in counting the same respondent’s opinion twice. In short, it is common for many respondents to offer similar thoughts in both sections.
- ▶ **Remember the context of the question being answered.** For example, under “facility suggestions” respondents are providing additional ideas in response to the eleven items on a list they have just evaluated. The responses provided should be understood in the context of how those items are rated and reported in the statistical analysis.
- ▶ **Comments have been lightly edited and roughly categorized.** While we have, on the whole, kept responses as they were provided, light editing was done to aid readability and clarity. Also, a small number of comments not meaningfully related to the subject of the survey were left off (e.g., one respondent used the comment area to describe the respondent’s profession). Finally, we have placed the comments in categories that roughly reflect the themes being discussed in them. However, it is worth reading the statements in full as many respondents commented on more than one theme — as a result, the choice of how to categorize comments can be somewhat subjective.

Facility suggestions

The following comments reflect ideas shared under questions 2 and 4 in the survey where respondents could list other suggestions the City could pursue for the pool, specifically, and offer other suggestions for the larger property site.

Children and teens (23 comments)

- ✓ I believe kids and (adults too) need places where they can have choices of recreational things to do within our area.
- ✓ Teens need an outlet. My son was on the swim team.
- ✓ Activates for kids/teens please!
- ✓ Afterschool programs for school-aged students including evening and weekend events.
- ✓ More community/recreation activities for children and families!

- ✓ Some sort of cyber or gaming space for teens. They use the skatepark extensively and another gathering place for this age group would be a positive addition.
- ✓ Boys and Girls club.
- ✓ A place for young adults to hang out safely with friends with pool tables, karaoke, video games and snack bar, for example.
- ✓ Activities for children.
- ✓ We need a recreational center for children to have positive mindset, pool, ping pong, swimming, gym etc.
- ✓ Sandy needs a space where kids can go all year long in any season for fun and recreation. I will always support that. The only thing we have is the athletic club pool (prices too high), a couple small parks heated to smaller kids, and a very sad version of a skate park. I also think a monthly pass option for individual and families would make a huge difference helping to cover some of the costs. Another option to possibly consider with the property is adding a BMX track and a remote-control car course. Fun outdoor activities that encourage kids of all ages to be active and outside and off electronics.
- ✓ I think recreational facility is important for all ages. There are no constructive outlets for the young people in our community. Pre-teen and teenagers need outlets to channel their energy. Current opportunities are limited for this group. We need to look at what things are already available in the community and develop other areas to compliment them – arts, dance, pool etc.
- ✓ This area is close to all schools. An area for after school projects would be good to keep the kiddos off the streets and have a super vision.
- ✓ We need activities for tween children.
- ✓ Hot tubs and sauna facilities, youth facilities for after school activities (we need more!) for KIDS (like YMCA) a place kids *want* to go and not get into trouble.
- ✓ The kids in this town need a safe place to go after school. Sandy is lacking in after-school activities for kids and programs for young children. Community makes it a home :)
- ✓ Increase the number of recreational and youth/children classes offered to the public.
- ✓ Our children are and should be supported in ways to build strong foundation.
- ✓ Regardless of what happens to the property, Sandy needs more activities for kids and teens. This would allow them to use their time constructively and help keep them out of trouble.
- ✓ We need like a bowling alley, teen dancing something for the kids in town to do and walking destinations for them in come to.
- ✓ A place for young adults to hang after school/weekends to try and keep them from trying and finding trouble. Also, a place where the homeless could get rest/shower and hot meal.
- ✓ Have something for teens to do to keep them off the street.
- ✓ Parks are important for our youth! How are they to stay out of trouble? Government has taken everything away from them. Jobs for one. Don't know how people can afford anything in Oregon! Property taxes are already too high. Now that Governor Brown implemented illegally, state climate control costs, taxes will go much higher as well as cost of goods. Gas will go up alarmingly! Oregonians are being bled to death!

Community Center Related Comments (19)

- ✓ Repair existing pool but also build a family rec center with party and activity areas.
- ✓ Community education opportunities (kitchen access, space for artists to teach classes).

- ✓ To accommodate meets, events, certain activities (ping pong table) etc. large open room with stackable portable chairs and tables. Possibly a small portable stage for speakers to stand on.
- ✓ The myth that current Sandy residents are backwoods people is foolish. I made good money and so do most of my friends and acquaintances. Let's make Sandy a high-end community.
- ✓ Recreational activities and classes. Including music, dance, cooking, life skills, sewing etc. would be fantastic. A community center/rec area should be a fun and learning space for all.
- ✓ Community center with a nice pool and sport courts.
- ✓ Mixed use would serve a broader purpose and benefit the community.
- ✓ Would like classes available such as craft classes, educational speakers, cooking classes, health classes.
- ✓ Arts center. In the cedar Ridge Building include an Arts center, space for artists to have classes and showcase local art.
- ✓ Community building is important to our growing family. We would love more space to meet with other families.
- ✓ Create public use space similar to a YMCA.
- ✓ I would love to see a community center with an improved pool and indoor gym. The parks that we have are great but with all the growth in Sandy, parks and rec needs to grow too. Thanks for asking for my opinion!
- ✓ We just spent the week in Lincoln City and they have an amazing community center. It was busy each time we were there. We went 3 times during our stay, twice for the gym and once for the pool.
- ✓ Would be great to have a place to have exercise classes yoga, dance, self-defense. Not all for kids or too expensive. We could also use a warming center for the homeless.
- ✓ Would love to see a fully developed community education center that would include classes for youth and adults, outdoor sports recreation teams, swim lessons and water aerobics and continuing education offerings.
- ✓ We need a state-of-the-art rec/community center to improve extra-curricular activities for our children! Keep them out of trouble and engaged.
- ✓ A hub for community resources.
- ✓ Community/Senior center.
- ✓ Combine all into one: Action center, senior center, VFW etc. Also have 1 designated fundraising car wash area - school etc.

Walking trails (14)

- ✓ Let's keep this 40-acre property as virgin ground for trails and use a small parcel up front for a dog park and playground. Let's not make it for humans and kick out the deer, rabbits, racoons, and cougars. Let's get it natural. Please!
- ✓ Paths and bike trails — "Very Important." I have concerns about river access and safety and environmental damage.
- ✓ Walking trails other than the river.
- ✓ Walking trail incorporating fitness equipment.
- ✓ We need more nature trails in Sandy. Most of the other suggestions already exist.

- ✓ We use the tickle creek trail almost daily and would love to see more walking trails like that around Sandy.
- ✓ Well maintained safe walking running path.
- ✓ Just walking trails in general not just for river access.
- ✓ The Tickle Creek Trail is one of Sandy's best recreational assets. I think finding more pedestrian friendly trail opportunities would make this community even more attractive. Also, Salmon Creek Estates is fully developed now, and a large number of households include children. This neighborhood is so close to the Tickle Creek Trail, but there is not a good, safe crossing to access the trail. Please consider options to provide for safe access. Vehicles driving on 362nd typically exceed the speed limit where many do cross now, and there is very poor visibility when leaving the trail to return to the neighborhood. Perhaps continuing the sidewalk on the west side of 362nd and establishing a crossing at Dubarko would work. Alternatively, clear vegetation on the east side of 362nd between Chinook and Skogan to at least allow people to see traffic without having to take risks and step into the roadway to judge whether it's safe to cross. Thanks for considering these options to improve use and increase safety. The bottom line is that users need to have good visibility when crossing 362nd, a road where the speed limit is 35 and people generally drive 45.
- ✓ Continue the Tickle Creek trail system.
- ✓ Connecting trails to the Sandy River trail would be phenomenal.
- ✓ Natural paths like Tickle Creek are best. You've already almost doubled our water/sewer rates. No more taxes.
- ✓ More walking/hiking trails without bikes.
- ✓ Trail to the river would be nice if it was hiking only! *No bikes*. Trail would be costly to maintain and could be spent on other ways that more people could get use of.

Basketball (13)

- ✓ Basketball courts.
- ✓ Indoor basketball court.
- ✓ Basketball and sports fields with lights. Flag football, soccer sports leagues for the communities of Mt Hood.
- ✓ Indoor courts for basketball, volleyball, etc.
- ✓ Basketball courts
- ✓ Outdoor basketball court.
- ✓ Outdoor basketball.
- ✓ Basketball court, walking trails.
- ✓ Basketball, teen center, summer day camps, after school programs, community garden space/plots.
- ✓ Outdoor ballpark court, basketball court, for free public access.
- ✓ Basketball court at Bornstedt Park.
- ✓ We would love to have basketball/baseball/volleyball teams or indoor sports in the winter. Sports league to unite adults. We only see teams for kids but adults around Sandy. Always looking for pickup games in winter.
- ✓ Indoor basketball for local clubs to form and recreate and use it for after-hours activities. Create a man-made wetland with the WWTP effluent like Forest Grove.

Dog park (12)

- ✓ I'd love more trails to take my dog on hikes/walks. Or an off-leash dog park, like Sandy Delta in Troutdale would be awesome.
- ✓ For the dog park, my dog has high anxiety and is not friendly to other dogs, I would like a dog park that has an area where a section of it was fenced off so it would just be us in there to throw a ball.
- ✓ Dog park — people can swim at Mt hood Athletic and the Aquatic Center.
- ✓ We need a dog park with *natural grass, no chemicals, no round-up*, these are strong chemicals. My dog almost dies per vet from all the stuff. My dog does not go to Sandy Park because of this. Dogs put balls, toys into mouth and eat grass! A dog park is for dogs, natural grass please!
- ✓ Please dog park (natural grass) No fertilizer, No round-up. Dogs eat grass, play, pick up balls, toys, is killing dogs (high chemicals) Please. Dog park with fence, such as think dog park is natural grass in Estacada.
- ✓ More dog parks. Increase Tickle Creek trail system. Make Sandy attractive to recreational businesses: Circuit Rock gym, RGI panel, Small breweries.
- ✓ There are literally thousands of dog owners in Sandy that would appreciate a large area for free running pets.
- ✓ If needed (a lot of dogs need) make part of the 40 acres a dog area, if enough skateboarders and bike riders, expand the skatepark and make a new kids park like the one at Meinig park for who people live towards the high school. Making trail to river is un-needed. Too far for people to use, way too expensive to make.
- ✓ Make future parks dog friendly. We need low/no cost indoor gym facilities for all ages.
- ✓ Make a space for a dog park at Meinig Park.
- ✓ Enforcement of leash laws.
- ✓ Please no more wasted space on dog areas.

Picnic area (11)

- ✓ Might consider nature interpretive trail and picnic area if site has suitable space/areas.
- ✓ Picnic area.
- ✓ Picnic space with tables.
- ✓ Shaded areas and seating.
- ✓ Picnicking areas.
- ✓ Cafe/picnic area indoor/outdoor.
- ✓ Have large covered area for large groups to hold church picnics, etc. with wood cooking stoves and large tables.
- ✓ Nice picnic area.
- ✓ Picnic and holding bazaars.
- ✓ Picnic area by the water.
- ✓ Covered picnic area. Basketball court.

Space to rent (9)

- ✓ Rentable covered areas for private parties.

- ✓ Workspace for individual uses or rent.
- ✓ It would be nice to have a place in Sandy that we could rent and host gatherings. Indoor and outdoor options. Examples: family reunions, birthdays, school fundraisers and Chamber of Commerce events.
- ✓ One thing which constantly comes up on the community FB page is people looking for event/meeting space with a kitchen.
- ✓ Rose garden or beautifully landscaped areas for wedding photos, family photoshoots etc.
- ✓ BBQs and picnic tables and if people want to rent for a reunion or wedding, charge a fee and clean up deposit.
- ✓ Venue for parties, weddings, etc.
- ✓ Covered picnic tables —for rent and kitchen.
- ✓ Indoor areas the public could rent for catering parties etc. at a reasonable rate.

Bike related (7)

- ✓ BMX pump track. Really cool little tracks recently built in Redmond and Hood River.
- ✓ Bike park, racetrack, run by Private Party.
- ✓ BMX bike track to go with the skate park.
- ✓ Road bike trails.
- ✓ Mountain bike pump track.
- ✓ Build mountain bike trails with assistance of the northwest trail alliance!
- ✓ Would volunteer heavily if mountain bike trails were included.

Skate Park (6)

- ✓ Our community doesn't have a skate park. The only one nearby is a private one halfway up hood. The older kids in this town need a place to stay active and a skatepark and maybe a pump track would be fun for a lot of people and wouldn't cost nearly as much to build or maintain. It would only be a small part of 40 acres. There are already a ton of people in the community who would use it. We live so close to a mountain with some of the best skiing, snowboarding and biking but we don't have any off-season activities for all the local avid riders. Please, please, please build one!
- ✓ A skate park is what we need! It wouldn't be nearly as expensive and very little maintenance. Please build one!
- ✓ Updating the current skatepark making it current and larger
- ✓ Already have a skate park in that area.
- ✓ Avoid [skate park]! Crime magnet.
- ✓ Isn't there already a skate park? Does this question mean adding a new one? We have used high school tennis courts for personal use, so I'm not sure we need more tennis courts in Sandy.

Handicap access (6)

- ✓ Better ADA access to parks. Specifically Tickle Creek Trail. As well as repaving Meinig Park paths. They are currently dilapidated and an embarrassment and Hazard during Mt. Days Please fix it.
- ✓ More wheelchair and handicap recreation.

- ✓ Please consider partnering with Her Pets Playground (nonprofit) (sic) to develop an *inclusive playground* for all abilities. Thank you for including whole Mt. Hood community in this survey.
- ✓ Please assure that all facilities are accessible to people with physical disabilities — even beyond what is "required."
- ✓ Paved road for handicap! Parks at river's edge. Call me. I have a vision for this park land, call me [number provided].
- ✓ A park with complete handicapped/disabled accessibility.

Restrooms (6)

- ✓ Clean free public restrooms — very important.
- ✓ Restroom for park areas.
- ✓ You need restrooms at the parks you already have.
- ✓ Include restroom in city parks.
- ✓ Add restroom facilities to local parks.
- ✓ Bathrooms! Not porta-potties.

Disc golf (6)

- ✓ Disc golf (4 comments).
- ✓ Frisbee golf course.
- ✓ Disc golf is very popular.

Tennis or pickleball (5)

- ✓ Build at least one or make one tennis court into a pickleball court or courts.
- ✓ We need indoor and outdoor pickleball courts — inexpensive sport, growing rapidly throughout the country. School age through seniors can play.
- ✓ I believe a pickleball court needs to be mandatory. I know several older members of our community are avid players but have to travel to Oregon City to play. It would be fantastic to have a court in our hometown.
- ✓ What is with pickleball? Why are we so stuck on that random thing?
- ✓ Tennis courts too often go unused yet consume large space. How many tennis courts exist in the area and what is their cost?

Parking (5)

- ✓ Parking lot for trail to Sandy River would be huge value and low maintenance. Don't Tax us out of our homes!
- ✓ Parking. More parking!!! Street access with the already busy grade school, is impossible to park.
- ✓ Parking and traffic are major concerns.
- ✓ Yes: parking, parking, parking.
- ✓ Better city center park/meeting area.

Others

- ✓ Think Green, open spaces! Attractive for residents, healthy. Green growth. Look at Norway - they connect schools, subdivisions, ski/hiking/biking trails to open spaces, rec., shopping, etc. Excellent survey. Good luck. P.S. I'd be on the board if needed.
- ✓ Sandy needs a senior center/membership charge a membership fee with senior discount. Think outside the box to make money, support itself.
- ✓ Environment education center. Wild animal rescue center. Mountain and river rescue with safety education store with safety equipment.
- ✓ Nature preserve.
- ✓ Areas for organizations such as Relay to use — no charge as long as nonprofit. Others can rent.
- ✓ Turn area in to parkland for animals and people to enjoy nature, without all the man-made things.
- ✓ Please deal with traffic first!
- ✓ Indoor soccer facilities.
- ✓ Maybe at some time a roller-skating rink could be included — with a charge so we would don't need to travel to Gresham.
- ✓ Emphasis on outdoor recreation. I *love* the idea of River access trails and Mountain Biking trails (that access the rivers as well). *Affordable* indoor lap pool would be outstanding. Skatepark for kids is great. I use Sandy River trail almost daily in good weather.
- ✓ Should include a Boys and Girls Club.
- ✓ I think more outdoor facilities are needed because it's important for children and adults' well-being to spending time outside.
- ✓ Add an 8-lane track.
- ✓ Public gun range.
- ✓ Outdoor climbing wall, educational center with interactive learning.
- ✓ Indoor gymnastics space would be amazing because so many families drive 25 minutes or more and spend a lot of money on gymnastics programs.
- ✓ Archery range, lawn bowling green.
- ✓ Archery range.
- ✓ Soccer court.
- ✓ If acreage remains after "outdoor sports filed" then I think a community garden would be a benefit.
- ✓ Natural open space.
- ✓ New elementary and middle school buildings or community kitchen for organic school lunches.
- ✓ Elementary schools.
- ✓ Sandy needs indoor and outdoor exercising/recreation areas.
- ✓ Adult education classes in old school.
- ✓ City aquarium.
- ✓ Community gardens for yearly fee.
- ✓ An attraction like Container Park in Las Vegas.
- ✓ Improvement for nearby grade school-providing safe track for jog-a-thon activities; track and field sports.

- ✓ Ice rink for skating, hockey, curling, and a volleyball court.
- ✓ YMCA.
- ✓ Pokestops.
- ✓ Ballet dance room/aerobic exercise.
- ✓ Food cart pavilion, like Happy Valley.
- ✓ Rock gym (climbing).
- ✓ Turf sports fields for use and rent that could generate revenue.
- ✓ Arcade — give kids a place to go and revenue for the City.
- ✓ Indoor batting cages arcade/laser tag area for kids.
- ✓ Not baseball! Soccer yields and football for young people. Softball fields for adults perhaps?
- ✓ Outdoor amphitheater for revenue income.
- ✓ Class for adults, higher learning, yoga, painting etc.
- ✓ Leave the track and field.
- ✓ Concentrate on features not already provided at other city locations.
- ✓ Performing arts and amphitheater would be nice.
- ✓ Convert to homeless usage.
- ✓ Sandy needs an outdoor space for all ages. I find there is not safe space for elderly to walk safely. Sandy area parks are full of homeless and drug deals.
- ✓ Build a boat ramp and a yacht club (I'll pitch in).
- ✓ Senior Rec Area like a gym with membership.

Other Suggestions or Feedback

The following comments reflect ideas shared under questions 7: "If you have another suggestion or other feedback regarding future park and recreation plans in the Sandy area, please describe it in the space below."

Pool, positive comments (75)

- ✓ There are so many young families in and around Sandy it would be great to have pool/recreation areas expanded.
- ✓ At least update the pool facility! Do a monthly or yearly membership cheaper than the gym. people can use.
- ✓ Another/bigger splash pad would be great.
- ✓ Please bring the public pool back. Not everyone can afford, or want to belong, to MHAC.
- ✓ Improve and expand the pool.
- ✓ Need a swim place that is inexpensive for seniors.
- ✓ Please do not put any housing development on 40 acres. Sandy is overpopulated now, and we just want our pool back!
- ✓ Water park.
- ✓ Pool for high school swim team.
- ✓ Splash pad/park.
- ✓ Build new pool — indoor only.
- ✓ A saltwater pool would be best.
- ✓ Many other suggestions already exist within our community and the city limits, but a community aquatic center does not.
- ✓ Learning to swim is very important. I would like to see a cost-effective pool (public) in Sandy.
- ✓ Warm water athletics exercise pool.
- ✓ Expanded aquatic center. No outdoor pool.
- ✓ Have it a salt H2O pool. Just repair and renovate if population uses it.
- ✓ Community pool! Lifesaving skills and are much needed commodity for a community. We need a pool for seniors, kids and teens.
- ✓ Having a community pool is the most important thing to consider at this point.
- ✓ Please fix the pool! Only suggestion is: make it warmer.
- ✓ We really need a community pool!
- ✓ I personally wouldn't use the pool, but I think it's important for others, especially those with kids.
- ✓ Charge reasonable admission for the pool to keep it open.
- ✓ Bring back the pool!! It is not an option. It needs to be done.
- ✓ This community badly needs swimming lessons. My kids took swim lessons up until the day the pool closed. Sad to see a gap in service to the community and hope a solution is found soon.
- ✓ Reopen the pool don't overload it with private party stuff open it for open public swim like it was in the early to late 90's.

- ✓ The pool is the priority for young and old. I am fixed income and would not vote for a tax to provide many of the outdoor recreation activities that are already available in Sandy area.
- ✓ Swimming lessons provided to grade school in local areas. Track and field in which grade school may have access to, as well as parking lot.
- ✓ Swimming lessons need to be incorporated into any plans for the pool. This is a safety concern we have for all local children.
- ✓ The parks and rec employees should be housed at this site and a space for classes and activities offered though that department could be held on-site. Also, my grandchildren miss the pool. The community needs to have swim lessons offered again. Driving down to MHCC is really inconvenient. Perhaps an indoor playground such as Whippersnapper's for the young children.
- ✓ Reopen the pool.
- ✓ *Love it here* — Keep the pool at least the indoor— not all can afford Mt Hood Athletic Club or can use Mt Hood Community College Facilities.
- ✓ Perhaps a retractable roof could be incorporated over the indoor pool for use in warm weather. Include a hot tub, a big one.
- ✓ Put an adults-only indoor lap pool in Brightwood, and give discounts to local taxpayers, and extra discounts for seniors over 55. They kicked us out of the pool at the RV Village.
- ✓ Advertise for the lap swimming pool. How can I get a membership? Do I have to contact Cedar Ridge? I've always been interested in using the pool for lap swimming but have never known much about it; how to get a membership etc. It is not advertised.
- ✓ We need a swimming pool in Sandy. There is nowhere for swimming lessons.
- ✓ Whatever you do, please at least open the pool again.
- ✓ Keep pool use for teaching our local youth to swim, family access.
- ✓ Swimming is an excellent exercise for all. I am a senior citizen and used to swim daily at the Mt Hood RV village. Then they closed it to the public. Very sad. Charge for pool usage but make it affordable.
- ✓ Work with the Oregon Trail School District to make sure the swim team and water polo team have pool time. Also, public swim lessons need to be available.
- ✓ Our children use the facilities very much. All learned to swim at the pool. One of our sons had scholarship for swimming but went to Coast Guard Academy instead.
- ✓ At the very least renovate the pool and facility we have, pools are important, but less chemicals.
- ✓ It all sounds like it would be a great asset to our community. Although it would be very expensive. the most important part in my opinion is saving the pool. I would also hope that the pool would continue to be used for Sandy High School's swim team and water polo team!
- ✓ I feel an Aquatic Center would be great for Sandy. Not everyone can afford the gym in town. A large number of people don't want to join the gym and can't afford it. The pool is too small and people don't want to have to spend a bunch of time fighting for pool time at the gym.
- ✓ The parks in Sandy are lovely. To develop the downtown park and pool area is great but increasing taxes is not desirable. Fix the outdoor pool, charge admission to cover the cost. It's nice to have a community pool but it has to be affordable.
- ✓ Re-open the pool!
- ✓ Keep the Aquatic Center pool! Great use for kids and families all year round. Also is very nice for the swim team at school to practice.

- ✓ It would be a blessing to have more facilities around for future visitors and families moving to Sandy area and other travelers.
- ✓ I love the idea of keeping and expanding the pool, but if it does not happen, I know my whole family would love to see a skate park (indoor or outdoor) installed or expanded from where it currently is. Thank you!
- ✓ We moved to Sandy in December of 2018 and this past spring participated in the last baby water acclimation class held at the Aquatic Center and were so sad to see it close. Our son is now 15 months and we are looking at having to join the Mt. Hood Athletic Club just to utilize their facilities and keep our family active. Having a dedicated Sandy recreational center would be much appreciated and needed.
- ✓ Took my first swimming lessons there as did my boys and hopefully my grandkids too!
- ✓ Really need to have pool open to residents not just school- I go to Mt Hood pool to swim. Rates at Mt Hood Athletic Club too expensive. You must have those amenities to attract.
- ✓ Please find a way to open the pool back up. My daughter *loves* it! Also, a t-ball and youth softball team here in town would be great.
- ✓ We really want a local swimming pool, ASAP. Thank you! My younger kids need to learn to swim and my older ones would love employment as guards.
- ✓ Sandy is a smaller community, but a pool supports the greatest numbers from youth to elders.
- ✓ Gym, playground, skate parks are already available in sandy. Pool is the priority for young & old!
- ✓ Indoor pool with retractable walls/doors with patio for summer use.
- ✓ Pool for our youth water teams!
- ✓ Splash pool are huge for all ages and convenient.
- ✓ The outdoor pool at MHCC is small and always crowded. Sandy needs this really bad.
- ✓ Add jacuzzi. No fee use.
- ✓ Swimming, trails, etc.
- ✓ I don't use the pool anymore, but I did when we kids were young and I think it is a wonderful resource for the community.
- ✓ Re-open the pool please.
- ✓ Since Sandy is growing so rapidly, you need to appeal to all ages. Most important is adding indoor/outdoor pool! Swimming is a "life" skill!
- ✓ Expanded, updated, enlarge indoor pool.
- ✓ Need reliable lap swim not dictated by swim meets or water polo.
- ✓ Start with indoor pool and add on as more money is available.
- ✓ Splash pad.
- ✓ We need a warm pool and indoor pool. Aquatic Center would be great but maybe years to complete?
- ✓ I think the pool is important but needs to be done with a modest budget.
- ✓ Keep the same facility with nice upgrades.
- ✓ I like the Aquatic Center and the features of indoor/outdoor pools. However, we need to know cost/revenue to make decision.
- ✓ Children being able to learn to swim is so important — I hope a solution to the pool can be found — especially as the town continues to expand. We appreciate all your hard work!

- ✓ I would love to have an indoor/outdoor pool with time for senior swims and water aerobics classes and such.

Concern about taxes (65)

- ✓ Whatever is done it should be paid for by user fees not taxpayers.
- ✓ No more taxes.
- ✓ At this point in time, I am unwilling and unable to afford more taxes and increases for this. We are a one-income family and water/sewer increase have forced me to look for additional work to be able to keep paying our bills.
- ✓ Yes. Taxes are high enough now. Let people pay that want to use recreation property pay to use it!!!
- ✓ If anything raises taxes, I will vote no.
- ✓ No more tax.
- ✓ No more fees, taxes or increases.
- ✓ If pool is repaired/improved, should not come from taxpayers.
- ✓ Nothing! No more taxes; should not have been purchased!
- ✓ Nothing to raise fee or taxes.
- ✓ Work within the city's tax base budget!
- ✓ We do not use Sandy area parks and recreation and do not want to be taxed on land not beneficial to our needs.
- ✓ Nothing that increases tax dollars.
- ✓ Everyone misses the pool. But the new high school has already raised taxes too much.
- ✓ Not for any plans that will raise taxes.
- ✓ Too much money. Need police officers! Already has been too much money. How about Dodge Park area residents? Outdoor yoga, BMX track, tech center, climbing wall, volleyball, racquetball, cross country ski trails, handball court, kayak access, ecology, recycling facility, dog area, class to learn trades: auto, metal, wood, electrical.
- ✓ We need education, not parks and rec at our expense! We already pay towards City lights. The public should not have to be taxed more and more for City improvements. It's unfair!
- ✓ We currently have excessive taxes in the area, so a plan that utilizes private funding and sustainable uses that are complimentary to project are a must
- ✓ We do not need another layer of government and taxation.
- ✓ You people need to stick to the business of running the City without expanding in my area and without spending any additional funds — your priority — more service for *less money*. I expect you to reduce costs, not increase them.
- ✓ Before we increase our taxes, we ought to figure out a way to get our homeless people off the street, sidewalks, and fairways. Develop triple-decker parking lots and make them camp there with toilets and sinks and garbage dumpsters.
- ✓ Retired on fixed income. Property tax is already eating me alive. I understand the need for progress, but I would vote NO on any bond measure.
- ✓ No more taxes.
- ✓ No Sandy taxes outside of Sandy city limits!
- ✓ Charge for use of facilities to pay for it. Taxes are high enough and so much money is misused.

- ✓ Why should those of us who live in the greater Mt Hood community be "on the hook" to pay for a facility primarily for the good of the residents of Sandy?
- ✓ I live in Gov't camp. Paying for something I would probably would never use seems [pointless].
- ✓ There is a lot of public land in the area already. We do not need more property taxes.
- ✓ I don't use public parks or recreation areas. I say instead of having my taxes go to something I don't use, charge for passes.
- ✓ Public spaces are important, but I do not believe a larger scale development which would absolutely require ever increasing tax support is a proper function of local government. If user fees can cover it, okay; otherwise, you will burden future generations with expensive maintenance costs. Open spaces are needed, but the role of local government should not include increasing tax burdens.
- ✓ Do not force me to pay tax for something I will never use!
- ✓ Users of a pool need to pay for that pool. There is no reason taxpayers should fund an expensive facility for a very small minority to use. There are private pool options in our community.
- ✓ We pay enough for the new high school in Sandy and can't afford more taxes.
- ✓ You know when a farmer needs new equipment, he lays aside so much a year to pay for it. Live with in your budget. Be thrifty, it's about time we all do. Put money aside every year to pay for items. Don't raise taxes.
- ✓ Do not want tax increase! Let's pay off high school first!
- ✓ We don't live in the City, but I suppose this would just raise our taxes again like the high school that we don't use.
- ✓ My wife, child, and I would not use the properties as mentioned in the survey. Find another means to support the programs and facilities other than raising taxes further.
- ✓ No new taxes!
- ✓ No more taxes!
- ✓ Build a self-funded enterprise and no property taxes!
- ✓ I do not want to support this with property tax increase.
- ✓ Is Sandy trying to become "the metro" of the east county? The Hoodland Women's club already is pursuing a community park in Welches!
- ✓ They didn't need a new high school, just cost us more taxes. Whatever you do just don't add more taxes. Low income can't pay any more taxes. I probably would never use the property. They should have used the school as it was instead of building a new school.
- ✓ I don't want the taxes to go up. When government is involved money seems to flow through fingers.
- ✓ Stop overreaching our tax obligations for projects that will only serve a very few residents!
- ✓ Use the leftover money from the high school, fix the pool, period.
- ✓ Stop looking for ways to raise taxes. We're fine the way it is. Reevaluate in 10-15 years.
- ✓ No more taxes.
- ✓ No future taxes!
- ✓ Please don't just put a tax on water and sewer for a ballot. As a lot of homeowners are on to you.
- ✓ No new taxes.

- ✓ Do not increase my taxes for any reason. Find other ways to promote growth without taxing us anymore. I can barely afford to live as it is, and I will never support taxing people.
- ✓ Don't tax us for more playgrounds and parks. Sandy has plenty of them and plenty of trails for people to enjoy. Allow the private sector to do what it wants with it.
- ✓ Too much taxes stop! We cannot afford it.
- ✓ I am a senior citizen on a fixed income. My property taxes have increased 440% in 16 years. I will lose my home in a few years because of the property taxes!
- ✓ Stop wasting my money!
- ✓ Our family votes "No." No more taxes or we'll all leave the City.
- ✓ Don't raise taxes!!!
- ✓ Only people who live within 5 miles of the property will take advantage of this land. No taxes outside of Sandy as most others will not use it.
- ✓ Taxes have gone up significantly with the new high school. Taxes also increase every year by 3%. We do not need more taxes for "recreation." Let those who use the facilities pay for it through their usage.
- ✓ Totally fine with updating a park. However, Sandy cannot be trusted to balance a check book after going far over-budget for the new high school. Stop raising our taxes or you will be replaced.
- ✓ Why not have these projects fund as Sandy Fiber (sic). People pay who use it, but still non-profit.
- ✓ We are maxed out; our tax bill went up \$3,000/year for high school. I would love to mark the first choice but am not willing to throw more money toward anything.
- ✓ Taxpayers gave already paid for facilities similar to those listed here at Sandy High School — paid a lot! They should have access to use those facilities. There are always more ways to get "free" money to pay for luxuries — through taxation.
- ✓ Stop taxing! Use the resources from private and 4013c exempt organizations — mountain biker groups, skate organizations, recreation groups tennis, acquire grants. Allow private businesses to provide pool. Camp Collins would be a good location. Infrastructure need to be improved before any new Parks are opened! Parking lots, crosswalks, pullout, security, new roads. Should be supported by local business and 401c3 entities.

Other financing comments (63)

- ✓ We need an area for the low income that can't afford the gym membership so these families can still enjoy it all without having to go to MHAC. If something like this was done since 1/2 of Sandy is low income, this would thrive and also bring more jobs for us people!
- ✓ I would be happy to support park and rec through taxes but there would be many questions to answer first. I'd also anticipate more support if outlying zip codes maybe had a lower tiered tax rate.
- ✓ Build an indoor pool and gym on the acre on Salmon Road in Welches (owned by the county) and I will consider the park district you want to define. Use funds from the state to develop the land. I will never use a park in Sandy. I am not willing to pay taxes for any of this. The citizens of Sandy need to pay for their own recreation. I live in a forest of paths and trails. Why would I pay for more?
- ✓ Please accept health club memberships such as the Silver Sneaker's Fitness for limited income, disabilities and seniors.

- ✓ While parks and rec are important at a community, residents will be experiencing the following: over 60% increase for wastewater treatment plant, increase for 2 new police officers (not voted on), upcoming Bull Run water treatment projects, and rumor of a bond for updating local schools. I'm guessing that most residents aren't yet aware of all these increases. This is a large financial burden, so our belief is that the parks and rec are definitely not a priority at this time.
- ✓ Determine first the level of remodeling needed to best serve citizens and obtain remodeling quotes. Once you know what is needed and the cost to achieve same, bring the plan to vote of the people who must pay for the pool. With rivers in or near our community it is critical all youth learn to swim. I do not support any level of government owning and managing the operation of any business – a business that government runs is unfair to the citizens and the community. Unless privately managed, for profit, city government will be in a direct conflict with city management and private business management.
- ✓ You need to find another way to pay for this. A temporary gas tax could work. Residents got screwed with property taxes on the school bond. I think you'll find it hard to pass. This is a much-needed venture.
- ✓ Support should come from Sandy area taxpayers.
- ✓ If Sandy wants to update let Sandy pay for it. How dare you suggest that residents of Estacada pay property taxes to update a facility in the City of Sandy. Charge extra fee for those who want to visit.
- ✓ City of Sandy has pressing challenges in sanitation, policy and education. "Prestige" facilities are not needed. Functional, cost effective recreational spaces are.
- ✓ Support parks — Curious about "special district" and board of Dir. could this fall under City Sandy funding thru levy-separated line item for City?
- ✓ There should be a committee in place to also search for and apply for grants to help rehabilitate the pool. Then more tax/district money can be used for additional costs and park systems.
- ✓ Let the people that want to use the pool pay to use it.
- ✓ Increase the fees for members that use it. I don't use it.
- ✓ I would also phase the taxes in on a temp basis. I suggest doing improvements in phases so the facilities can be used during part of improvements.
- ✓ Keep as is — just went through a major renovation.
- ✓ Maintain it with the funding you already have appropriated.
- ✓ The City could sell yearly passes or a club/fee.
- ✓ Do nothing. Spend your time and money improving City of Sandy, such as post office, landscaping, removing trees/stump, remove stop sign left on 362nd curve — a hazard.
- ✓ No discount for pool for city residents — only if you're NOT swimming, small charge for non-swimmers. Ask middle school/high schoolers what activities/spaces they would go to: "dance", karaoke, arcade, lounge, coffee bar/juice bar, pool, movie night.
- ✓ This sounds very similar to the model used by THPRD. I Would consult with them for guidance and support.
- ✓ Can we employ AntFarm people and get Gates to fund the work?
- ✓ Be very selective and wise on how you spend taxpayers' money. This will either encourage support or discourage similar projects! Put main features first and leave "undeveloped" areas for future expansion. Coffee shops? Yes, to special district if the money will be managed properly. A finance coach or financial consultant would have to be involved.

- ✓ I know the pool is very important to the community but if some of the other amenities were developed first, they could help subsidize the building/repair of the pool and other areas. For example, if an amphitheater were built that could host for a fee concerts that would provide a relatively quick source of income. Vendors could also pay a fee to provide food, drink or goods to sell.
- ✓ Use urban renewal funds to help finance this project!
- ✓ Make sure you note if fees apply to future use, that citizens are free. Or you will not get approval. Charge for out-of-district-use and charge a lot. You will get the income needed.
- ✓ Do not develop commercial enterprise or sell land for development, I am adamantly opposed to that.
- ✓ Use bond measure to make the capital investment and a special levy for City to operate if and only if the City budget is too tight to absorb operation and or maintenance. A tax district is too permanent and beyond control of the voters when it gets out of control.
- ✓ Public/private partnership to add a ropes course use, zip line, improve the pool with families in mind. Need more open pool times. Move the senior center to this location and sell the current property. Develop some partnerships in the community.
- ✓ Develop areas for public use at no charge — basketball, volleyball etc. Open gym free time. School grounds are too often locked up. Still agree with fee to use pool though.
- ✓ I have always felt that Cedar Ridge as a building would be great as administrative offices for Oregon Trail School. Is this feasible?
- ✓ I am old. The effect of additional taxes would not affect me, at least not for very long. So, I am bias.
- ✓ I'm not sure when the taxes for Oregon Trail School District will go down. Start improving pool, add more improvement gradually over time, according to survey response.
- ✓ If you use it (the pool) pay for it.
- ✓ Include in City Budget 2. No hurry.
- ✓ Functional, practical use such as an Aquatic Center community gym and recreational (athletic) use is ideal over dog park etc. If asking for new taxes, please be practical, not idealistic!
- ✓ Close the park the extend from Marci Ia to the Sandy River. Make the space retail or office. the City should not compete with private business.
- ✓ As a citizen of Sandy, I would be willing to pay a *little* but not more on my property tax to help pay for this renewal of this property.
- ✓ Please consider financial impact on homeowners as you continue to raise taxes, fund bonds etc. at their expense forcing many to sell and leave the City.
- ✓ If we are going to be taxed on it to improve it, I feel we should at least have a period of time of free use of the facilities — maybe a couple of years. After a few years then change it to low rates for in district. But taxing us and charging us seems unfair.
- ✓ What if the businesses that go in the area are in a tax-unique zone where the taxes they pay go to support the community space (not higher taxes though — just re-allocated)
- ✓ Why are we buying property and spending money when we have a \$60 million water treatment plant to build?
- ✓ Clackamas Aquatic Center is a great example of how I would like to see the space used. Residence within the supporting tax district receive a much lower rate to use since they funded it. It also creates revenue as non-residents frequent the facility regularly.
- ✓ Maybe ask what residents want rather than spend money you don't have.

- ✓ Most development includes dedicated park land from the developer to the City. Much of this land never gets developed to be used because there is no money to develop it. It then just sits — wasted.
- ✓ Just do it. Be leaders and do the right things for citizens. Make political contributions for local office mandatorily disclosed. Don't hide behind ballot measures.
- ✓ If new facilities are built would Sandy residents get free usage (if they pay tax)? Or just fee+fee+fee = no use. Lowest cost to residents = used by more people.
- ✓ If you sell some of the space to private businesses, use the funds to pay for a majority of the improvements to minimize cost to taxpayers.
- ✓ Keep park fees low for low-income families.
- ✓ Consumptive — user taxes are first tier financial source. Secondary sources are then applied and developed.
- ✓ I'm 79 years old; this doesn't pertain to me! Only wealthier communities can afford this.
- ✓ If selling a portion can support the construction of the recreation portion, then absolutely sell a portion.
- ✓ I lived in Portland SE where we had a community center and I used it a lot. Even my older grandkids did some of the activities which I paid separate fees for and worked out great. So maybe offering what would help to keep taxes down just a thought.
- ✓ Absolutely not! (Sell a portion or majority of land.)
- ✓ I think voters would rather not get an "in-district rate" instead of higher taxes. I would rather pay more to go to pool than pay higher taxes. Would like to see an Aquatic Center that is self-funded. Would love aquatic park with slides, kid area, wave pool, lazy river, all indoor! I just don't want to pay for it unless I go.
- ✓ I work for Portland Parks and Rec Aquatic Dept. Outdoor pools do not make revenue and barely break even. Maintenance is cost prohibitive.
- ✓ Let a private company manage and maintain for private. It is wrong for local government to compete with local business while being subsidized by taxpayers.
- ✓ Use funds from building permits for renovation. Do you realize that Hoodland is also seeking a Parks & Rec bond for the Hoodland area only? Lastly, the School District is in dire need of a bond to address the increasing growth in Sandy. Why is the City trying to pit the public against the district? Shouldn't the City be working with the School District to grow our community and schools?
- ✓ I support a recreation district, but I am concerned about the tax compression (reduction to all districts) if it were approved.
- ✓ Sell a portion for private development to help pay for the pool improvements and river access. Would be a big draw for Sandy.
- ✓ If a mixed-use private development would reduce tax impact to community — this I would support.
- ✓ Where does the money go when you sell the land?
- ✓ Fund it with school bond.

Comments on past expenditures/decisions (27)

- ✓ Don't screw it up like you did Roslyn Lake and the flume that was history.
- ✓ What happened to the money secured by the last administration to improve this facility?

- ✓ Poor decision to purchase middle school property. Poor decision to fund police services via sewer/water user fees.
- ✓ Provide a map (Google) of the 40 acres and the money the city has invested in the property and assessed value.
- ✓ Why did you buy it if you can't afford to do anything with it? Was the purchase on a ballot?
- ✓ The community should utilize the High School property more rather than build something new. We are all still paying dearly for the HS Bond. That was a sham since it was pushed that the old HS needed to be torn down and wasn't suitable for students, but suddenly was OK to be turned into a Middle School. Now Sandy has purchased the old Middle School site and wants to develop similar facilities to what we are already paying for at the High School. Sandy does need a pool. Can't believe that one wasn't included in the High School. Sandy youth are missing out in developing an important life skill (swimming), and at the older ages the youth are unable to be competitive in the area in swimming and water polo. We do not need a glorious recreation center on the site, and don't need property owners to pay for facilities that are already available at the High School and at Cascade Athletic Club.
- ✓ It seems we are quick to purchase/sell facilities and make new ones that are too costly and unnecessary. Many schools around country that are older than Sandy still are in use.
- ✓ I am sadly disappointed at the lack of maintenance and literal abandonment by the school district for the past 15 years!
- ✓ Do your job with the funding we already have appropriated for maintaining these facilities. You Democrats are destroying everything in this City.
- ✓ Why did the City buy this albatross in the first place; you all knew the pool was not going to be viable/useable!
- ✓ Should have kept for school. More waste of money.
- ✓ As mentioned earlier, we were taxed extremely heavy for the high school. I like the idea of developing something for the community, but I would like to see things done in a reasonable and affordable way. The school building is way over the top and the expense for that is unrealistic for such a small community. Anything done needs to be done well but sensibly without unreasonable bells and whistles.
- ✓ You [meaning the research providers], would be surprised how many parks the City of Sandy already have and are rarely used. Ridiculous! The City of Sandy spends hundreds of thousands of dollars and taxpayers are kept in the dark. Too many parks are not used now! Our large park rarely used for over 20 years.
- ✓ Would it be less expensive for families to join the Mt. Hood athletic club? The new high school bond raised my taxes \$1000/year.
- ✓ My tax dollars already support a school my children never were able to attend. I would not want to pay to use a facility that my tax dollars are used for.
- ✓ All on the mountain. No need to go to Sandy. I do not need, nor have I ever recreated in Sandy! I live in Rhododendron. I swim in Hawaii and in the Caribbean when on vacation. The pool at the RV park on a rare occasion. There is much to do in Rhododendron and Government Camp — no need to go to Sandy except for groceries, movies, prescriptions and definitely not to dine out or recreate.
- ✓ If you can't pay for it in your current budget, you have no business doing anything.
- ✓ You have no business expanding government especially without a vote before proceeding. I think this calls for a recall drive on the mayor and/or city manager.
- ✓ All these suggested things are in our community in our schools that the public has already paid for. Why spend more money?

- ✓ Pay for it out of the high school bond!
- ✓ No! Quit looking for ways to spend money!
- ✓ Spend as little as possible. Mow the grass, just make it a field that people can enjoy.
- ✓ Let people who use it pay for it.
- ✓ Stop asking for more money. Manage what you've already been given. We work hard for our incomes.
- ✓ After the high school fiasco, which still galls me, I am very hesitant to consider taxation for this. Honesty and frugality are most important and were violated with high school project. That old high school was represented as unfit for human habitation and yet it has just housed more different students. Our "fancy" high school is an amazement to the rest of the state! Waste of money that we just keep paying for!
- ✓ We have had this property for 2 years and there was a plan in place. Why are we starting over? What a waste of time and resources! We need a pool.
- ✓ System development fees need to pay in new developments. If City couldn't pay to keep everything up and running shouldn't have bought the property.

Positive comments, general (22)

- ✓ Yes, but get with it already. My sacrifice in not being able to use the pool feels like out of touch bureaucrats who deny people exercise are in control for money only. FYI, there are things in life that you can't put a dollar sign on, like health for instance! Joy! Love! Fun! Get on board already! It's been months of hemming and hawing. Please help, please make good decisions. Please keep a large tract of it natural — humans need it to renew their spirit. It's also rejuvenating and refreshing to see real world animals; please consider these things. Think of our health, as this helps the overall community and cuts down on medical costs in the future all our futures, even you!
- ✓ Improve what we already have. Demolition is expensive! As is new construction. No need to duplicate what is already offered (outdoor amphitheater, skatepark, indoor gym).
- ✓ If Sandy is wanting to entice people to come to town then the City needs to offer more to do. We have a beautiful river with poor access, so I think adding trails, for biking and hiking is a great idea. We also have used the pool over the years for swim lessons. I still have 2 children who need lessons, but I am unwilling to drive to Gresham (since already I am 30 min from Sandy). We have missed the pool and would love an outdoor summer pool too! The lower rate needs to be for all that would pay the added tax, not only for Sandy residents. However, I don't think the discount is necessary at all. If a taxpayer chooses to pay an added tax, they also should be willing to pay the use fee.
- ✓ The 40-acre site is relatively rare as community properties go. It would be a shame to have it developed; only the rich can afford such property. I/we urge you to keep this property with Sandy River views and access in the public sphere.
- ✓ We don't need any more private development in Sandy! I like the idea of the recreation area. I am opposed to any private development. I'm tired of so much traffic and people moving here. I'd honestly be upset if this made Sandy a more desirable place to move to.
- ✓ Make it awesome and fun.
- ✓ Don't be discouraged by negative people; this project has tons of potential! And don't try to please everyone — it's impossible. Good luck! Make some profit to offset costs! Local business or corporate sponsors?
- ✓ Sounds like a good use of land and add more levels of youth use. The city park does not provide enough for youth and teens.

- ✓ The Cedar Ridge Campus should be developed for *public* use.
- ✓ Special rates for senior citizens.
- ✓ I have never actually been to the facility in question, but I love to jog Tickle Creek Trail. I would think you could raise funds by admission.
- ✓ The area is growing. The need for parks and recreation will only increase in the future.
- ✓ Some attractions for recreation are simple but beautiful. Because many homes have small yards, a place where there is ample room to run and play is imperative.
- ✓ If we had a community rec/pool club center, I could quit Mt Hood Athletic and my 27-year-old daughter who lives with me could finally afford to use such facilities. MHCC is getting very expensive for families.
- ✓ Parks and Recreation facilities help bring communities together. They also provide "space" for medium-low income families — a place to go besides their living area.
- ✓ I like the ideas in this flyer, not sure how the numbers play out. I think whatever the City decides has to be at least cost neutral. It's a great piece of property and you won't be able to get another like it in the future.
- ✓ Add park under BPA high lines north of Sandy Bluff Annex 435 and Sandy Woods.
- ✓ Please keep property for public use, recreation and park lands. Development today is ugly and destroys the beautiful city we live in.
- ✓ Technically there is only one park in Sandy, Meinig Park. The rest are neighborhood parks. More parks would be awesome!!
- ✓ Nothing specific, but in general, the more the better for the community — especially youth and seniors — both parks and recreation.
- ✓ The outdoor pool at Mt Hood gym doesn't seem to be used much. "Summer" is short. Slides and features can be found at large rec. places (great work).
- ✓ Either expand or just repair (10 comments like this were offered).

Pool financing/building comments (18)

- ✓ It is my understanding that [instead of repairing the pool], it would be the better use of taxpayer money to build a new pool with an anticipated life of 50-plus years on the property. Also, a playing field for soccer. Current soccer fields require busy parents to drive long distances for practice and games.
- ✓ If developed for public use like trails, instead of spending a lot of money from extra taxes, utilize volunteer services like AmeriCorps NCCC.
- ✓ Boring, Estacada, MT Hood area should all be included in the tax due to them using it besides just Sandy.
- ✓ Depends on what it costs for use.
- ✓ Research what is more cost effective. Renovate existing or start from scratch on indoor pool only.
- ✓ Keep big business and corporations out of this.
- ✓ Another way to raise revenue would be adding a couple of cents per gallon to the City gas tax — that way we capture revenue from out-of-area visitors as well.
- ✓ Sell use permits to offset taxes. Charge the people using the facilities. We are in our 70's and fixed income. Can't afford an increase in our property taxes.

- ✓ Consider public/nonprofit partnerships. Where I lived before moving here, the YMCA and school partnered in a pool. Invite the Y to build here and subsidize a membership for residents.
- ✓ One thing I would suggest is to reach out to the Cascade Aquatics Center in Redmond, Oregon, for tips on how to make the pool profitable. They do a good job on keeping their pool constantly in use.
- ✓ Make the district concept and include enough money to run and maintain the facility so users do not have to pay large user fees. A small fee would encourage use and support.
- ✓ Start by renovating the existing pool and charge a use fee. Then, when able to fund it with use fees, expand to a larger aquatic center
- ✓ Fill in old pool and you have a new gym with 2 tennis courts and basketball etc. Build new aquatic center on field next to skatepark with parking at the center and track and trails.
- ✓ Move City Hall to one of the buildings - maybe 2nd building sell the old City Hall to McMenamins.
- ✓ Finish the road from Bluff down to the Sandy River and create a park with parking with trails up to the CRMs opus. A step further would create a multi-aquatic use area like the River Trail through Bend, OR (fishing, hiking, biking, floating, fishing, park activities).
- ✓ I think you should come up with several options: plan a = indoor/outdoor/all the amenities and give cost; then plan b= indoor/outdoor pool price only. plan c = indoor swim.
- ✓ Do the least expensive option.

Other parks and facilities (15)

- ✓ Use SHS courts, very little used currently. Playground at Sandy Bluff Dog Park always available.
- ✓ Develop the Bornstedt Park with basketball/tennis courts.
- ✓ This property is very close to Meinig Park. Maybe you should rethink some of this.
- ✓ Meinig Park needs a major cleanup of invasive ivy and holly- it is terrible! Sandy is focusing a lot on the 40-acre property and neglecting Meinig Park. Too much drug use going on- Clean it up!
- ✓ I'd like to see a park on the land west of the Catherine Church, across the street from the police station even though it's zoned and underground utilities are ready to go with "ugly" row houses. Parks next to public buildings 100% impressive to me. Also, I think you should renovate existing structures, not go "all-out" and wild with tax money and try it as it exists. You can always think bigger if the need presents itself vs. another Wapato mistake and waste precious hard-earned tax money.
- ✓ We have Meinig Park already with paved walking trail. Open it up for bikes. The 40 acres lot should remain pristine.
- ✓ Make improvements to existing parks and recreational amenities before undertaking future parks, i.e. Meinig Park.
- ✓ At Bornstedt Park, have covered areas and bathrooms. Also add a smaller play structure for smaller kids.
- ✓ Please, please, please do something with Sandy River Park. It needs a proper parking lot, public restrooms and more trail development at a bare minimum. It is heartbreaking and shameful to see such an incredible outdoor asset that could attract visitors to our community slowly turn into a large homeless encampment due to neglect.
- ✓ Meinig Park already has a fantastic play area and amphitheater, please consider this when planning for the future of the old Cedar Ridge land.

- ✓ Suggest you study the Old Emerson Grade School in Bergman Mt.
- ✓ Clean up ivy at all parks and holly.
- ✓ Cover basketball courts in Sandy Bluff neighborhood. That way they can be used rain or shine just like the Dog park. One of the largest neighborhoods in the city and the least amount of recreation! Sad!
- ✓ There is already a great play structure at Meinig park. Walking trails are important and probably would be the most used part of a park. A good bike trail would also be useful, not necessarily just for mountain bikes but a safe trail for families and older citizens. A picnic area would be nice.
- ✓ Willamalane Parks and Recreation in Springfield has managed to maintain a broad, active facility and program. It may offer a model to be considered or replicated.

Sell the property/other property uses (13)

- ✓ Sell it.
- ✓ Sell the property!! (3 with this comment)
- ✓ There is plenty for recreational places in the area. Build a Winco Foods.
- ✓ Home Depot or building supply outlet.
- ✓ Sell for private investors.
- ✓ Sell off the property.
- ✓ Some of the ideas compete with established businesses.
- ✓ Sell portion of property and use funds to develop improvements.
- ✓ Sandy needs things to do like bowling or whatever so people have options for dates other than drink and eat — says the single guy. :)
- ✓ Sell it all.
- ✓ Include vote for initial purchase. Thoughtless purchase at the City's and citizens' expense. Sell it and move on.

Negative comments regarding the pool (10)

- ✓ Sandy is a small town that has a park. Most of the older town needs clean up. Repair roads sidewalks. It is silly to consider spending on new project.
- ✓ If the facility doesn't get used, then "remove pool." If use is limited, turn it into a green park.
- ✓ Never used the pool.
- ✓ Do not visit anytime.
- ✓ Don't use pool.
- ✓ Mt Hood CC has a pool which is open for public usage.
- ✓ The Tickle Creek trail was a perfect investment. A run-down pool is ridiculous.
- ✓ I am against a City-owned pool. I feel Sandy is too small to take on ownership of a pool that in my opinion is a money pit. There is a very nice indoor/outdoor pool within the city limits, that residents can use if they purchase a reasonable membership. Also, there is a fantastic indoor recreational pool facility within Clackamas County (that taxpayers pay for) and utilized by many. If that pool facility didn't exist, I might be more inclined to push for the City of Sandy to own a pool. I would like to see another dog park, trails & a children's splash pad to occupy the land. Thank you for putting out this survey.

- ✓ I am a senior and don't do any of these things. Since I never use any of this here no opinion what would be best.
- ✓ Never been there — DK.

Concerns about public safety (7)

- ✓ Kept them clean from drugs and needles.
- ✓ If these areas are going to be created/improved will there be added security/policing?
- ✓ If trails are created, how will they be policed. There is much nefarious activity on the existing trails in Sandy. That should be addressed first.
- ✓ If you build more public spaces, make sure it can be safe for children (needles, trash) so the public will use and enjoy the space.
- ✓ Need to be safe environment, deter homeless. Utilize volunteers (board of directors, lifeguards etc.) Charge donations for events. Follow the success of AntFarm in Sandy
- ✓ Something to support school activities and not bring riffraff into our community.
- ✓ Would need fulltime security to prevent violence vandalism trash control conflicts.

Others

- ✓ Provided there is considerable public involvement. I am finding it difficult to answer many of the survey questions without having a better understanding of some of the key factors one would hope will be considered in the planning process before a final proposal is submitted for a vote. This appears to be a "wish list" from potential users residing outside the city limits. Cost of development and maintenance of facilities and grounds is a major consideration for most in determining level of importance and priorities. In addition, it is unclear to me what the level of need might be given that, theoretically, there should be access to public school facilities for those living in the same region who would be included in yet another taxing district. Although I am a proponent of providing quality recreations opportunities to reach all demographic groups, I foresee major difficulties in giving support from non-city residents.
- ✓ Very few people will drive from Mt Hood to Sandy for this.
- ✓ Depends on how well we can utilize this property, first. Nowadays with the corporate greed buying everything, the more "public" lands we own the happier the citizen. We need physical land to show why we pay taxes.
- ✓ Keep Sandy green and active!
- ✓ Need bus for lunch at action center- just like the one that used to be there.
- ✓ My husband's family has 58 acres for sale on SE 362nd HWY 211 This would be a great place for a golf course, etc. [Name provided].
- ✓ I believe a pickleball court needs to be mandatory. I know several older members of our community are avid players but have to travel to Oregon City to play. It would be fantastic to have a court in our hometown.
- ✓ If part of the property is sold for private use, it needs to be nice development that would benefit the community such as restaurants and shopping. As for the parks- is there a way to connect the Springwater (partially road use) to this large property? And create another great multi use trail? The Tickle Creek is very well used, and the trail down to the Sandy River is unpleasant and unsafe at the bottom (too much trash and fishing hooks). I am a dog owner (no kids), but we do not need another dog park. A splash pad in the middle of a park could be nice for the summer but lower priority. It would be a nice community gathering spot.

- ✓ Please keep mountain bike and hiking trails separate. Please demand future housing developments includes green space for walking and community parks. Thank you!
- ✓ Availability in weekends and evening for working families.
- ✓ Children need something to do. In middle of town years ago the children could skate indoors. There were movie theaters and bowling alley; everyone could *walk* to these.
- ✓ Currently a group in the Welches area is proposing forming a special park district with its own tax base. the voters would never approve both. Perhaps the Welches group could be persuaded to drop their idea and join forces with you.
- ✓ Defer the District concept and ballot measure till near completion of Parks and Trails Master Plan that will have extensive public involvement. That will encourage folks who want ball fields, dog parks, trails, and other City improvements to support it. Less than 10 acres of the 40 acres is able to be developed. The rest is steep forest land. This was not made clear in survey. This is the only park land in the northeast quadrant of the City. There are no developed parks in this section and these City residents are badly in need and overdue for developed park facilities! It took more than 5 years to develop Bornstedt Park and 10 years to build Tickle Creek Trail, once City bought the land. Do not sell City owned park land! It is short sighted and suspect. Pursue bonds, grants, and urban renewal funds to develop this site as the new Community/Senior/Aquatic Center and then sell off the existing Senior Center site. This combined site use helps reduce City costs for front desk staffing.
- ✓ Keep some trees and natural areas. Keep [the rest] mowed and keep some walking trails.
- ✓ Build a new elementary and middle school on par with Sandy High school and/or focus on a community kitchen to serve organic lunches at the current schools. Build a new state-of-the-art elementary and middle school. Make it a saltwater pool — though I'd rather see the schools improved.
- ✓ Are the ball fields at the high school adequately supporting the demands of city leagues or tournament leagues? Who would maintain city-owned ball fields? Will there be public meetings after survey results are in?
- ✓ No more apartments. Larger more accessible community gardens. Make it beautiful. Art like. Good lighting. Plant trees.
- ✓ Community needs to vote on the board members.
- ✓ We have always thought there should be an ice arena on the east side of Portland. We are members at MHAC and attend frequently.
- ✓ Ensure that it will not now or ever be a place for "homeless" to camp.
- ✓ Please develop and operate the property through on acute environmental lens — e.g. waste reduction, sustainability and energy- solar panels?
- ✓ Better sidewalk/path upkeep.
- ✓ Educate the public to how much of the 40 acres are level and the slope of the rest.
- ✓ Develop in stages, first get the existing working well and add one new item per year or season. Outside to be done for season of use! Bring more revenue to Sandy, more youth activities.
- ✓ If the pool is reopened it needs to have more open swims on the weekends, so kids have a chance to use it. If birthday parties are booked, there is no reason for the pool be closed to the public.
- ✓ Much of the 40 acres is very steep and undevelopable — correct? Please do not sell the flat accessible land — you'll never be able to buy that open space in the center of town again. What's the rationale for including Estacada? Excited about this option! There seems to be sufficient underutilized land already — let's not sell City parkland.

- ✓ Important outside issue: Traffic congestion within Sandy. Plans for growth but no plan for roads: a big problem.
- ✓ I need more information concerning district concept vs non-special district. Does the City Council oversee the pool/40 acre parcel? Cost of both?
- ✓ Just maintain what you have minus the pool.
- ✓ I do not swim. I am unsure what to do.
- ✓ Save as many trees as possible and also plant as many native, drought-resistant trees as possible.
- ✓ I walk the trails at Tickle Creek daily, it is a haven for many in the neighborhood. I find it very disheartening to see every day painted rocks and non-natural defacing of the forest and its property. I have seen glitter sprinkled along the trail. probably ten painted rocks a day placed in tree holes and on the ground. I'm worried about the birds and wildlife eating toxic paint as well as it looks ghastly. I want to experience natural nature. I realize parents may think this a fun activity to do with kids, but it is harming and defacing the area, and I would like it to be put to a stop. Further down the trail I have seen 'fairy houses' little platforms made out of wood and plastic and little toys etc. This is absolutely ridiculous that people would just leave this in a public area. It's harmful to the environment and wildlife. When it comes down to it, it's property damage and littering and I so hope that Sandy Parks will post a notice or create awareness to put a stop to this. Please, please help us keep nature, natural. Thank you for considering this.
- ✓ In addition to this 40-acre parcel, I believe all new subdivision projects should be required to provide park space in their development plans.
- ✓ I have lived in the Deere Point development since 2006 and my children have never had a park, like every other new development in Sandy. Why?
- ✓ We are so sad that Sandy has grown so much. I know it is what it is, but we moved here 30 years ago because we liked the small town and low population. Others did too. Now with all the high-density housing the City has allowed, (no doubt for tax revenue purposes) many areas in town are a crowded mess with no parking in the business areas or in neighborhoods. The high-density crowded subdivisions are a real sticking point for me. It makes a town an unhappy place to be.
- ✓ Parks and recreation facilities are super important for young families moving to the area. We think it would be smart to also use some of the 40-acre property for business that would also be convenient for those families (ie Costco, Home Depot, Target). We would much rather spend our money in Sandy but have to travel out to Gresham and Happy Valley, spending so much money in other communities.
- ✓ There is also a proposed park District in the Welches area for Nov 2020 ballot.
- ✓ The wetlands at the end of Ruben should be incorporated into the Tickle Creek Trail. It is a unique and functioning ecosystem that would bring a lot of value to the park system. Loss of this gem would be a tragedy for the citizens of Sandy.
- ✓ Involve community via stakeholder group.
- ✓ Like I said, use it to benefit everyone! Not just younger families with children! Even consider recreation with exercise for the elderly?
- ✓ Have 4 grown children in this area, 4 grandchildren with more to come. If you're going to add the 400 new approved homes, plan, plan, plan.
- ✓ I do not live in Sandy.
- ✓ Make it fun family friendly. Youngest to oldest family members. Make it reasonably priced!

- ✓ Green space with gazebo type building for local talent to perform.
- ✓ Don't get to Sandy.

Comments on survey (5)

- ✓ This survey is great, I'd volunteer to help count these if you keep using them to steer public direction.
- ✓ I hope this survey will be used and not a waste of time. The last survey was a total waste of time and money.
- ✓ I'm saddened to hear that the City of Sandy has to hire a firm to run a survey. Doesn't seem to be a wise use of taxpayer funds. An added layer of bureaucracy is usually only in the interest of the bureaucrat and their family members.
- ✓ Fabulous survey, thank you!
- ✓ Thanks for including public comments!