



Recreation Centers Community Engagement and Programming



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Council Feedback

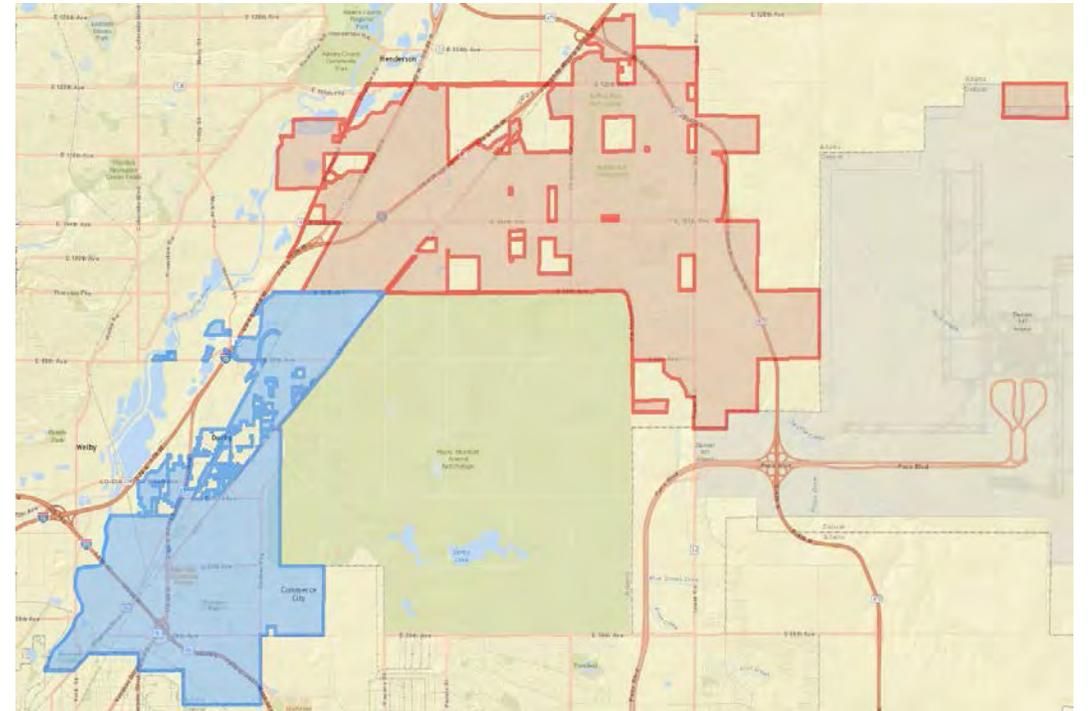


Purpose of the Session

- Share public outreach results
- Compare to the Critical Success Factors from earlier meetings
- Share recommendations for existing and new centers
- Gain feedback on center facility programming

Sources of Input

- Previous Planning Efforts – QCI
- Public Meetings
 - South– 8/5 & 6
 - North– 8/12 & 13
- Focus Groups – 8/18
 - Seniors
 - Spanish-speaking community
- Web based and paper survey
- Staff Input
- Professional Input



Community Input

Public Meeting/Focus Groups

Recurring Themes for Existing Center

- Size of the facility limits offerings
- Locker room renovations are needed immediately (family locker rooms are especially important)
- Lack of support spaces – spectator space
- Aquatics facility is in need of additional space (identified as a therapy pool amenity through QCI)
- Enhance physical access of the existing center for those with disabilities
- Opportunities to create better “flow”

Community Input

Public Meeting/Focus Groups

Recurring Themes for New Center

- A “community” space, accessible to the entire City
- Build and design to meet a growing population
- Start with core amenities (weight room, pool, multi-purpose space, etc.)
- Multi – functional spaces
- Family programs, areas, and services
- Opportunities for age specific areas



Community Inputs

Web-based Survey

Respondent Characteristics:

- Balanced amongst
 - neighborhoods, length of residency
- Skewed toward
 - females, younger residents, and families

Community Inputs

Web-based Survey

Summary of Findings from Survey – Existing Center

- Lack of usage by entire community
- Location identified as top reason for not using center
- Southern residents more likely to prioritize:
 - Therapy pool.
 - Family-oriented activities.
 - Fitness classes, aquatics programs/classes.
 - Age-related programs and classes.
 - Youth enrichment/education/skills programs.
 - Adult enrichment/education/skills programs.



Community Inputs

Web-based Survey

Summary of Findings from Survey – New Center

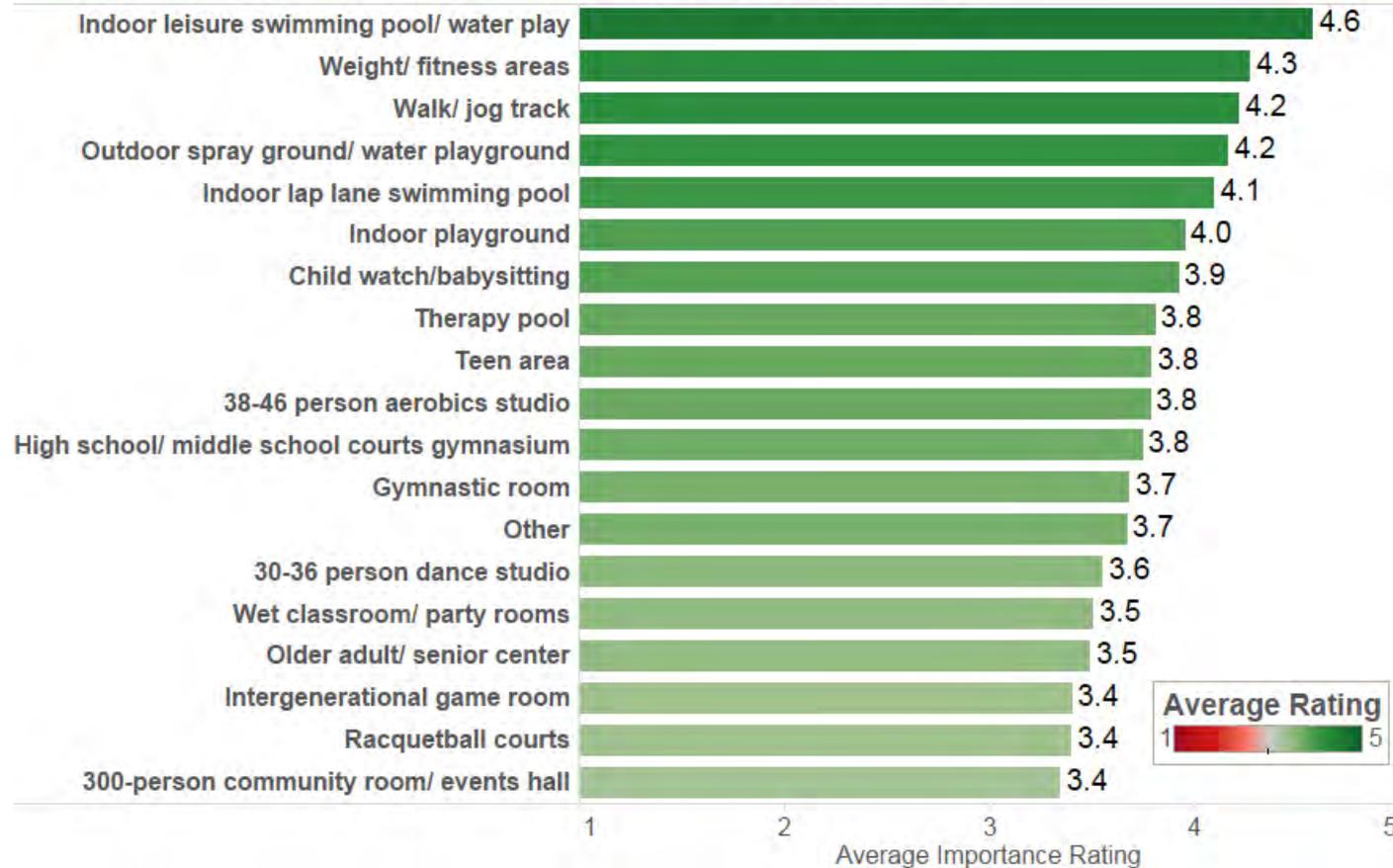
- Reunion, Thornton, and Brighton rec centers are most used by Commerce City residents
- Indoor Pool and Weight and fitness areas are the “most important” amenities
- Youth Sports Programs were identified as the “most important” program

Community Inputs

Web-based Survey

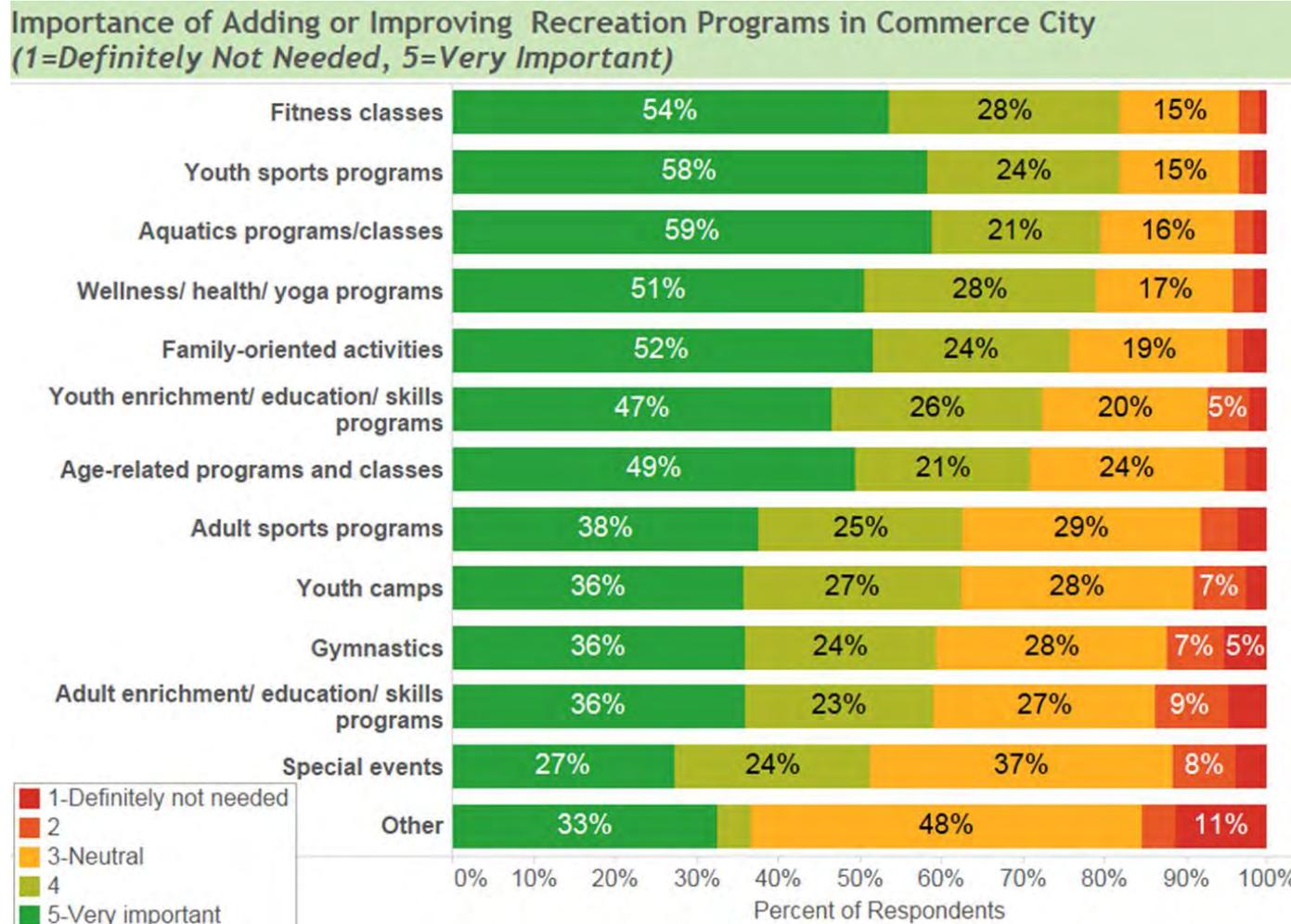
Importance of Including or Expanding Indoor/Aquatic Recreation Amenities in Commerce City

Average Rating (1=Definitely Not Needed, 5=Very Important)



Community Inputs

Web-based Survey



Critical Success Factors

- **Community Engagement** – throughout the process
- **Transparency** – and feed back from input
- **Timeliness** – in achieving milestones
- **Budget** – stay within budget – consider any savings for existing rec center
- **Equity** – which considers the existing rec center and balances amenities
- **Flexibility** – in plan for expansion and spaces being used for more than one thing
- **Forward Thinking** – to plan for the future including the potential for additional facilities
- **Sustainability** – in O&M Costs

Existing Center

Recommendations

- Renovation of the locker room facilities.
- Additions and renovations to the pool facility; therapy pool and spray ground.
- Repurposing of the gymnastics space to meet the demand for expansion of fitness drives the need for a new gymnastics space at the new center.
- Look for opportunities to add desired programs.



Existing Center

Amenity	Approx. Sq. Ft.
Aerobics/dance studio	2,000
Therapy pool	2,600
Outdoor spray ground	2,500
Building support services - Interior (inc. Locker rooms – men’s/women’s/family locker rooms and Restrooms)	12,600
Building support services – Exterior (inc. Restrooms)	1,300
Facility admin. spaces	2,700
Total Sq. Ft. Impacted	23,700

Estimated project cost - \$6,773,305

2K Baseline Budget - \$6,702,432

New Center

Recommendations

- Meet the space requirements of a growing population.
- Spaces that serve the widest range of the population
- Concept of a community gathering space.
- Dedicated spaces could be phased in as additional amenities.
- Age-specific amenities should be replaced by more age-specific programming.



New Center

	Ideal Facility
Approx Sq. Ft.	95,000
Building costs	\$26,206,000
Site Construction	\$1,876,618
Development Costs	\$7,764,976
Owner's Contingency	\$4,116,657
Total	\$39,964,251
2K Baseline Budget	\$32,892,445

New Center

Cost Saving Strategies

- Choose a focus for the rec center - not all things to all people
- Build desired amenities, but limit the size
- Phased construction approach - establish priorities for phase 1



New Center

Sample Phased Construction Approach

Amenity	sq. ft.	Amenity	Sq. Ft.	Amenity	Sq. Ft.
Leisure pool	19,012	Leisure pool	14,700		
Wet classroom/party room	976	Wet classroom/party room	1,000		
Aquatics support	903	Aquatics support	900		
Weight room/fitness area	6,527	Weight room/fitness area	4,500		
Aerobics studio	3,294	Aerobics studio	3,300		
Gymnasium space	13,505	Gymnasium space	10,700		
Gymnastics center	10,370	Gymnastics center	10,400		
Community room/event hall	6,710	Community room/event hall	4,300		
Catering kitchen	1,464	Catering kitchen	1,500		
Elevated walk/jog track	5,856			Elevated walk/jog track	5,900
Outdoor spray ground	2,806			Outdoor spray ground	2,800
Child watch/babysitting/ indoor play	1,879			Child watch/babysitting/ indoor play	1,900
Dance Studio	2,379			Dance Studio	2,379
Inter-generation game room	1,220			Inter-generation game room	1,200
Building support services	13,566	Building support services	13,600		
Facility admin. space	2,328	Facility admin. space	2,300		
CC PRG admin. space	4,187	CC PRG admin. space	4,200		
Total Sq Ft	96,982	Total Sq Ft	71,400	Total Sq Ft	14,179
Total Cost	\$ 39,964,251	Total Cost	\$ 32,749,273		



New Center

Examples of Focused Centers

Amenity	sq. ft.	Amenity	Approx. Sq. Ft.	Amenity	Approx. Sq. Ft.
Ideal		Fitness		Community	
Leisure pool	19,012	Leisure pool	19,012	Leisure pool	19,012
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Total Sq Ft	96,982	Total Sq Ft	84,782	Total Sq Ft	77,047
Total Cost	\$ 39,964,251	Total Cost	\$ 37,470,866	Total Cost	\$ 34,270,866

Critical Success Factors

- Community Engagement
- Transparency
- Timeliness
- Budget
- Equity
- Flexibility
- Forward Thinking
- Sustainability

Advisory Committee Input

- Can we meet the critical success factors within the original budget?
- Would you focus or phase to meet the budget?
- What elements could be removed or phased?
- How should the two recreation centers compare to each other?



Thank You!

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