

COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 4:30 p.m.  
Casper City Hall  
Council Meeting Room

AGENDA

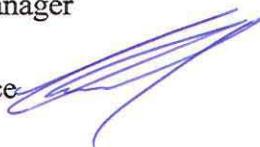
1. Governor's Impaired Driving Council Presentation
2. CAPS/Roosevelt High School Plan Presentation (MOA Architects)
3. Park Plan Presentation
4. Senior Citizen Center Funding
5. Executive Session

Move to Consent Agenda

Move to Regular Session

January 8, 2014

MEMO TO: John C. Patterson, City Manager

FROM: Chris Walsh, Chief of Police 

SUBJECT: Impact of Alcohol on the Casper Community.

Recommendation:

For information only.

Summary:

Mr. Ernie Johnson will present information on the impact of alcohol on the Casper community, and the success of initiatives taken over the last several years by the Casper Police Department, leading to Casper's recent award from the Governor's Council on Impaired Driving.

Ernie Johnson holds an M.A. in Public Administration and is a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He served as Director of the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy for 23 years, and was a police officer with the City of Casper for over 10-years. Mr. Johnson is the owner and founder of "janda consulting," and the consulting firm of Johnson and Associates, based in Douglas, Wyoming.



**Project to be presented:** Center for Advanced Professional Studies / Roosevelt High School

**Agenda Items to be presented:**

Mission and Vision for the Schools and Campus

Overall Exterior Design

Site Plan Review

Schedule and Look at What is to Come

# CAPS + RHS

Education is designed to prepare children for a distant and unpredictable future. Our strategy is to create learning environments that encourage creativity, engaging activities, and insightful dialogue. These spaces would allow for the advanced technology necessary to prepare children for success in a world we cannot yet imagine.

**To change. To morph. To innovate. To lead by design. To pioneer. To TRANSFORM.**



**From the NCSD Vision 2025:**

“Our current high school program was designed more than 100 years ago to suit the industrial age need for factory workers, and to assimilate immigrants as productive citizens. The model simply does not fit all of the technological, social and economic realities of our time, much less the future. It is the mission of Natrona County School District to conceptualize a fundamentally different learning experience for 21st Century high school students, one that engages and inspires every learner to become a champion.”

**NEW CAMPUS VISION**

Building on the work of NCSD’s Vision 2025 and in support of the District’s Mission, the New Campus will be designed to accommodate both the new Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS), which will serve students from all 3 existing high schools in the district, as well as a new facility for the school district’s alternative high school of choice, Roosevelt High School, currently located in a former elementary school scheduled for replacement.

The CAPS facility on the new campus will be designed to serve 500 students at any given time in half-day programs in one of four academies: the Academy of Architecture, Construction, Manufacturing, and Engineering (ACME), the Academy of Business, Agriculture & Natural Resources (BANR), the Academy of Creative Arts, Communication, and Design (CACD) and the Academy of Health Sciences and Human Services (HSHS). Roosevelt High School will be designed to serve 300 full-time students in a highly personalized, non-traditional project-based learning experience. The 2 facilities will share program elements which make sense to share in order to maximize efficiency of the overall project.

**BUILDING ON COMMON GROUND**

Four guiding principles were identified during the Community Based Design Charrette held the first week of May, and they are to guide the development of all 3 projects being planned for the Natrona County School District. The 4 guiding principles are as follows and represent the common ground of what the NCSD and the community expect:

**COLLABORATIVE LEARNING COMMUNITIES** which support professional work settings, relationship-based learning settings, global connections with other learning communities and transparent connections to the community.

**INVENTIVE LEARNING SETTINGS** with the flexibility to support differentiated learning and teaching, spark curiosity, variety of settings to serve diverse needs, furnishings that are adaptable and agile and technology which is ubiquitous and flexible. (More learning by doing)

**MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS** welcoming and appropriate space for mentorships, lifelong learning opportunities, stewardship of our planet and it’s resources and service to our community

**A CULTURE OF EMPOWERMENT** shared ownership of learning settings, personalized learning settings, services distributed to serve students, celebration of student achievement, safe and nurturing environments.



**CAPS / ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL**  
CASPER WYOMING

**NORTHWEST PERSPECTIVE**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

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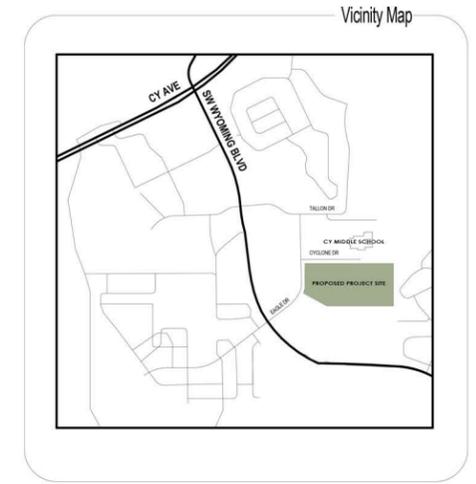
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OVERALL SITE PLAN

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## SCHEDULE

### CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

- 95% Complete CD Phase January 10, 2014
- 100% Complete CD Phase February 7, 2014

### BIDDING & CONTRACT NEGOTIATION

- Start Bidding February 7, 2014
- Bid Date March 6, 2014
- Submit for permit February 7, 2014
- Permit Issued March 21, 2014

### CONSTRUCTION

- Construction Start April 7, 2014
- Substantial Completion October 30, 2015



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January 8, 2014

MEMO TO: John C. Patterson, City Manager

FROM: Liz Becher, Community Development Director  
Rick Harrah, Public Services Director  
Doug Follick, Leisure Services Director  
David Hough, Planning Projects Analyst

SUBJECT: Casper Parks and Open Space Plan Survey Results

Recommendation:

No recommendation, information only.

Summary:

In April of last year, Council was provided with an update on the Park and Open Space Plan effort that was underway. The work that had been done creating a comprehensive inventory of the park properties and amenities, as well as a condition assessment of the improvements, was presented. A review of the systematic observations made in the field on how the parks were being used in addition to a review of the portions of the community that were well served by neighborhood parks as well as those areas that were not, was also offered. Council was advised that there had not been any effort put forth to gather the views, comments or suggestions on the park system from the general public. Staff asked for authorization from Council to launch such an effort, and that was authorized.

A plan oversight committee was formed in June with representation from Council, the Planning and Zoning Commission, Leisure Services Advisory Board, a resident at-large, and staff members from the Community Development, Public Services, and Leisure Services departments. The Committee met 4 times since June. They discussed the principles that should guide a park planning effort, goals and objectives, and the public engagement process. They favored the execution of an online public survey and a number of open house listening sessions. Attached is an overview of the public engagement process that took place, a copy of the survey used and a summary of the results. All ages were represented by the survey respondents, however, the response rate for seniors was quite low. To compensate for that, a focus group survey effort took place at the Senior Center resulting in a meaningful assessment of seniors concerns and suggestions. The findings from the senior focus group survey are attached as well.

The surveys suggest that our parks and park management programs are viewed favorably by Casper's citizens. While it seems that all too often individuals with concerns or complaints are the most likely to fill out a survey, it is significant that positive comments about the parks were more common than any criticisms or suggestions. From the responses to the questions that involved the ranking of park system needs, we learned that both the general public and seniors value shelters,

paths and trees. These were ranked in the top 5 on both surveys. The general public ranked maintenance as number 1 while tables & benches were of the greatest importance for seniors. Playgrounds were the other top concern for the general public while seniors mentioned dog parks as their other top concern. The open ended questions where respondents can write anything they wish are often quite informative. While positive comments about the parks were the most common, restrooms, facilities for dog owners, and water recreation were mentioned by numerous respondents. Water recreation was not mentioned by seniors but lighting, benches/tables, and parking was listed.

Few park specific suggestions were received other than parks in need of restrooms. A committee has been looking at options for one or more dog parks in Casper and the plans for the Mike Sedar pool include water recreation features that will be new to Casper. Council may wish to direct staff to look into ways to better address the public concerns with restrooms. The surveys will provide staff with some insights on what to consider as they proceed with future park improvements. The general level of approval indicated by the surveys suggests that the park managers and crews should continue the practice of replacing or upgrading popular amenities, phasing out those that are antiquated or underutilized, and increasing the publicity about our local parks.

# *Casper Park & Open Space Plan*



# Why Prepare a Plan

- Find out what we have and what condition it is in
- Find out how they are being used
- Find out why people use the most popular parks
- Find out what would make people want to use a park more often, or use a park.....period
- Determine how to improve our parks
- Determine where to direct our resources
- Find out where we need parks now and where they will be needed in the future

# Advisory Committee

- Members: Council member, Planning and Zoning Commission, Leisure Services Advisory Board, staff, resident
- Direct outreach effort
  - Listening sessions
  - Website/Facebook
  - Surveys
- Develop goals and objectives
- Determine how to increase park use
- Identify future park locations
- Develop infrastructure replacement plan

# Approach to the Study

- Observed who was using the parks and what they were doing
- Conducted an online park needs survey
- Held two outdoor listening sessions, received additional comments via phone and email
- Conducted surveys/interviews at Senior Center

# Types of Parks

- Mini - 8
  - Interstate, Zonta, Yesness.....
- Neighborhood - 30
  - City, Fun Valley, Paradise Valley, Riverview.....
- Community - 5
  - Amoco, Centennial, Highland, Mike Sedar, Washington
- Sports Complex - 3
  - Crossroads, North Casper, Hometown
- Regional -1
  - North Platte River Park
- Interpretative - 4
  - Ft. Caspar, Nancy English, Beech Street Transit Plaza, Veterans
- Open Space - 11
  - Morad, Yesness, Garden Creek.....

# Typical Neighborhood Park in Casper

- 1 shelter
- 2 tables
- 2 benches
- 1 playstructure
- 2 swings
- 1 open play area
- 1 barbeque grill



# Information Collected in the Field

- Name of park or location
- Date, time, day of the week
- Weather conditions
- Number of users
- Age and gender of users
- Principle activities
- Facilities used



# Observed Park Use

- Parks and paths in use 49% of the time during stops
- Seven parks always in use
  - Washington, S. Mike Sedar, Morad, Highland, Conwell, Amoco, and the Crossroads Adventure Playground
- Six parks in use at least 75% of the time
  - Yesness Pond, Verda James, Suzie McMurry, Sage, Paradise Valley, and Matt Campfield
- Three parks in use less than 25% of the time
  - Yesness Park, N. Mike Sedar Park, and Southridge

# Users

- 3,433 total park/path users observed
- 53.5% male
- 43% children (under 11)
- 29% adults (30-69)
- 14% teens (11-19)
- 11% young adults (20-29)
- 4% seniors (over 69)



# Relative Age of Park Users and Survey Respondents

Age Bracket	Park Users	Survey Households	General Population
Child (<11)	43%	31%	14.2%
Youth (11-19)	14%	12%	13.7%
Young Adult (20-29)	11%	13%	14.0%
Adult (30-69)	29%	42%	46.1%
Senior (>69)	4%	2%	10.7%
	100%	100%	100%

# Survey Results

- 128 online responses
  - 92% visit park at least 2x per month
  - 62% walk or ride a bike to the park
- 78 surveys picked up at Senior Center
  - 34% visit park at least 2x per month
  - 30% use a path at least 2x per month

# Survey Respondents' Favorite Parks

- Washington - 34
- Castle - 23
- Mike Sedar - 17
- Nancy English - 15
- Highland - 14
- Adams - 12
- Morad - 12
- Suzie McMurry - 9
- North Casper - 6
- Paradise Valley - 6



# Reasons for Selecting a Park

1. Playground
2. Close by
3. Shady
4. Popular
5. Dog friendly
6. Restroom present



# Observed Playground Use

- In use over 50% of the time
  - Washington, Crossroads, Conwell, Highland, Sage, Alta Vista, Riverview, Harden, Suzie McMurry, S. Mike Sedar
- In use less than 15% of the time
  - Meadowlark, N. Mike Sedar, Green Meadow, Westwood, Meadow, Nancy English, Garden Creek, Marion Kriener, Freedom, Long, Wolf Creek, Dallason

# Other Parks/Locations Mentioned

- Wolf Creek, Buckboard, Goodstein, Adams Greenway, Whiskey Gap, Fun Valley



# Parks Never Mentioned

- Zonta, Interstate, Tip Top, Alta Vista, Dallason, Eastdale, Fairdale, Harden, Marion Kreiner, Meadowlark, Platte View Bluffs, Southridge, Centennial, Ft. Caspar



# Most Frequent Survey Comments

1. Appreciate the Parks
2. Restroom Availability
3. Dog Friendly Areas
4. More Water Recreation Options



# How Park Dollars Should be Spent

1. Maintenance
2. Playgrounds, swings, etc.
3. Plant trees
4. Build paths
5. Add shelters
6. Add tables and benches
7. Build new parks
8. Build one or more dog parks
9. Add athletic fields



# Funding Priorities for Seniors

1. Tables and benches
2. Shelters
3. Dog park
4. Trees
5. Paths
6. Playgrounds, swings, etc.
7. Maintenance



# Observed Shelter Use

- In use over 50% of time
  - Conwell, Paradise Valley, Matt Campfield, Riverview, Mike Sedar, Highland, Washington, and Crossroads
- In use less than 15% of time
  - Huber, Alta Vista, Dallason, Southridge, Green Meadows, Meadowlark, Westwood, Meadow, Garden Creek, Marion Kreiner, and Zonta



## **THE PARK PLAN PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS**

Through field observations one can determine who is using the parks and trails and what they are doing while they are there. Gaining an understanding of why they are using a park or feature and how they would rate the facilities can only be gained through some form of survey method. Surveys can target individuals who are using parks or facilities and the general public. Users are able to provide feedback on the quality and adequacy of facilities and how they make their recreational choices. Drawing information from the general public through a survey can be valuable in reaching those who use parks and paths infrequently or not at all. Surveys can be conducted by telephone, used as a mailer in a water bill, or offered online. Understanding what the general public wants in a recreational experience can help a community provide the facilities needed to get more people out and moving.

The Park Plan Advisory Committee decided to conduct an online survey and hold open house listening session to find out what our residents thought of the parks. A brief, ten question survey developed by the Committee was made available on the City of Casper website. The public was directed to the survey through website banners, Facebook postings, press releases, television and the printed media, and flyers posted at locations active residents would frequent. The survey touched on household demographics, park visitation, an assessment of two key community parks, and where the City should direct dollars or manpower to improve our parks. A total of 128 individuals filled out the online survey. In brief the survey revealed the following:

- Families with children filled out the survey most often. Fewer seniors than you would expect filled out the survey based on their percent of the overall population
- 60% of the respondents visited a park at least once a week and a significant number walked or rode a bicycle
- The respondents felt the City should direct ( in rank order) resources to the following:
  1. Maintenance
  2. Equipment such as playgrounds and swings
  3. The planting of trees
  4. Building paths
  5. Installing more shelters
  6. Installing more tables and benches
  7. Building new parks
  8. Building one or more dog parks
  9. Building more athletic fields

The survey respondents were asked to identify which parks they visit most often and why. The 10 top or most popular parks were:

1. Washington
2. Castle (Crossroads Adventure Playground)
3. Mike Sedar
4. Nancy English
5. Highland
6. Adams
7. Morad
8. Suzie McMurry
9. North Casper
10. Paradise Valley

Their decision on which park to visit was based on (in rank order) :

1. Close to home
2. Quality of the playground
3. Amount of shade
4. Open Area for play
5. Dog Friendly
6. Popular
7. Restroom

The importance of a park being close to home is significant and addresses the role of neighborhood parks. Observing more people in larger community parks raises a question as to the need for neighborhood parks. If there are limited dollars available to improve or maintain parks should more effort be put into the popular community parks rather than neighborhood parks. The fact that proximity was the most important factor suggests that neighborhood parks are important and need to be maintained. This finding can be extrapolated to suggest that as the community grows neighborhood parks are needed and valued.

Some parks with a full array of amenities such as Matt Campfield and Centennial Park were not mentioned at all by survey respondents. This can mean that either these parks get little use or those who use the parks didn't fill out a survey. It does raise a question about how knowledgeable our park users are about the overall park system, and what individual parks have to offer. Before funds are spent upgrading more popular parks, the City may wish to find ways to better educate the public about parks that may already have what they are looking for.

Finally, the respondents were given the opportunity to provide any comments that they wished. The most common comments were:

1. Expressions of appreciation for the quality of the parks
2. The need for quality restrooms
3. Adequate facilities for dogs
4. The need for a range of water recreation options

### Survey of Senior Citizens

Due to the relatively low number of seniors who responded to the online survey, the advisory committee decided to make a direct effort to assess their feelings about the City's parks and paths. Members of the committee passed out an abbreviated survey during lunch at the Central Wyoming Senior Center and got 78 surveys back. Based on the survey we learned that only 20% of the seniors who responded visited a park or path weekly compared to 80% of the online survey respondents.

Regarding park needs, the seniors felt the City should direct resources to:

1. More tables and benches
2. More shelters
3. One or more dog parks
4. More trees
5. More paths
6. Playgrounds and swings
7. Better maintenance

Finally, the seniors were given the opportunity to share any comments about the parks. The most common comments were:

1. Expressions of appreciation for the quality of the parks
2. The need for more lighting
3. Adequate facilities for dogs
4. The need for clean restrooms
5. More places to rest (benches, tables)

The results from the focus group discussion with the seniors were not surprising. It was interesting that like the general respondents, the quality of the parks or effectiveness of the City's maintenance efforts was appreciated by the seniors. In that this was the number one comment

made by both groups suggests that the parks are in good condition and offer what our residents are looking for.

### Listening Sessions

Recognizing that there is a segment of the population that will not respond to an online survey, opportunities were provided for individuals to submit comments or questions via telephone, e-mail or through open house sessions. All of the notices that went out regarding the survey included a telephone number and e-mail address that could be used to reach a City staff member. Also, two listening sessions were held, one in a tent in front of the senior center and the other at the Downtown Farmers Market. All told, less than ten telephone calls and e-mails were received. Fewer than 5 individuals visited the tent at the Senior Center, but over 30 individuals stopped at the Farmers Market booth. More of the direct comments received reflected a specific concern rather than a general observation as was the case with the survey. A significant number of the comments related to facilities for dogs. Other frequent comments dealt with specific features needed such as zip lines, botanical garden, and pickleball courts. Restrooms were again an issue for the listening session attendees.

Relatively few comments were made about specific parks by survey respondents, seniors or those who made a direct contact. There was an expectation that detailed comments would be received about what was needed on a park by park basis. In actuality, only 20 parks were mentioned by name by those calling for improvements. Again, this can be taken as an indication that the City is doing a good job meeting individual's park recreation needs and has not overlooked key problems or shortcomings.

# City of Casper Parks Survey

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## 1. In which city or town do you reside?

- In which city or town do you reside? Casper
- Evansville
- Mills
- Bar Nunn
- Out of town

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## 2. What are the ages of the individuals who live in your household and how many individuals are in each age group?

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
<b>Under 11</b>							
<b>11-19</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
<b>20-29</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
<b>30-69</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
<b>Over 69</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>						

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## 3. How often does someone in your household visit a park?

- How often does someone in your household visit a park? Often (1 or more visits per month)
- Occasionally (2 or more visits per month)
- Seldom (a few visits per year)
- Never

## 4. Casper, Mills, Evansville and Bar Nunn have a total of 55 parks. Which park(s) do you or someone in your household visit most often and why? (Name or Location)

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**5. How often does someone in your household walk or ride a bicycle to your neighborhood park?**

- Often (1 or more visits per week)
- Occasionally (2 or more visits per month)
- Seldom (a few visits per year)
- Never

**6. Washington Park is the most well used park in the area. Why do you think it is so popular? Please be specific.**

**7. Highland Park is the large park behind the Casper Recreation Center. It receives limited use. What should be done to make this park more appealing?**

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**8. There are more than 200 acres of formal turf in Casper's parks (excluding athletic fields). It is costly to water, mow and treat formal turf. Would you agree with a policy to replace a significant amount of formal turf with lower maintenance native vegetation?**

Yes

No

Why?

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**9. If you had \$100 to contribute to the parks system please rate where you would like to see your funds allocated with 1 being the most important and 9 being the least important.**

Maintenance

Building new parks

Adding recreational equipment like playgrounds, swings, etc.

- 4 Planting trees
- 5 Installing more shelters
- 6 Installing more tables and benches
- 7 Building more trails
- 8 Building more athletic fields
- 9 Building one or more dog parks

**10. Thank you for completing our Parks Survey! What other comments or suggestions do you have regarding the park systems in the Casper area?**

Done

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## **Park Survey Results**

### **Question #4: What park do you use and why? (Summary)**

#### **Washington – 34**

playgrounds (6), shade (6), close by (6), large (3), concerts (3), popular (2), grass, toilet, tennis courts, enjoyable, good for parties, variety, events, pool

#### **Crossroads, Adventure Playground, Castle Park – 23**

good playground (3), popular (3), safe (2), shady, low traffic, toilet, shelters, close to trail, enjoyable

#### **Mike Sedar – 17**

close by (2), clean, un-crowded, good for dog walking, team practices, playground, safe

#### **Nancy English – 15**

attractive (2), close by (2), low traffic

#### **Highland – 14**

tennis (2), toilet (2), path (2), close by, play on hill

#### **Adams – 12**

close by (2), kids can play in water, paths

#### **Morad – 12**

dog friendly (4), numerous paths

#### **Suzie McMurry – 9**

playgrounds (5), close by (3), nice, looped walk

#### **North Casper – 6**

walk the dog

#### **Paradise Valley – 6**

close by

#### **Platte River Trails – 5**

walk dog

#### **Fun Valley – 5**

playground (4), grass (2), close by, shelter, low traffic

#### **Verda James – 5**

playground (2), close by (2), clean, grass, toilet

#### **Conwell – 4**

close by

Buckboard – 4

close by (2), kids like

Sage – 3

close by (2), grass

Wolf Creek – 3

playgrounds (2), quiet, safe

City – 3

toilet (2), playground (2), less crowded, tables, shade

Cresthill – 3

close by (3), big playground (2)

Fountain (NIC) – 2

Farmers Market, Wednesday Nite Live

Garden Creek – 2

BBQ, volleyball

Huber - 1

tennis courts near playground

Long - 1

close by

Sagewood - 1

close by, nice playground

## Park Survey Results

### Question #10: Other Comments (Summary)

#### Like Parks – 19

Thanks for all you do  
Parks are: treasure, awesome, great,  
fantastic  
Enjoy, love, appreciate - parks  
Glad they are used  
Well maintained  
Well designed  
Love the trails

#### Restrooms - 17

More  
Open more of the year  
Need formal bathrooms  
Restroom at Wolf Creek  
Restroom at Buckboard

#### Dogs - 14

Build dog parks  
Clean-up after dogs  
Allow dogs on athletic fields  
Outlaw certain dog breeds

#### Pools, spray parks - 9

More variety  
Splash pads  
Waterpark  
Competition pool

#### Drinking fountains - 5

#### More shade - 4

#### More walks in parks – 4

#### Build Goodstein Park – 3

#### Use rubber/foam fall material – 3

#### More shelters – 2

#### No smoking in parks -2

#### Maintain what we have – 2

#### Fences around some parks - 2

#### Accommodate young kids at Hogadon – 2

#### More benches - 2

#### Fix Adams Greenway Trail

#### Forestry program, tree farm

#### Update play equipment

#### Pickleball courts

#### Create park maps

#### Upgrade website

#### Fix equipment promptly

#### Regular park clean-up days

#### Build Whiskey Gap Park

#### Parks in new neighborhoods

#### Buckboard Park too limiting

#### Clean trash out of playgrounds

#### Install power outlets

#### More courts (horseshoe, bocce ball)

#### Create botanical gardens

#### Don't need more parks

#### Spending too much on landscaping

#### Open Rotary Park year round

#### Replace PV playstructures

#### More native vegetation

#### Need a park plan

#### Basketball Courts

#### Volleyball courts

#### Build park at Nine Irons

#### Park Plan won't change things

#### Skating, sledding at golf course

#### Summer trails at Hogadon

#### Toddler swing at Fun Valley

#### Dedicate more 1% funds to parks

#### Better care of ballfields

#### Indoor skate park

#### Promote parks more

#### More neighborhood parks

#### Multiple picnic areas in parks

#### Another park in Bar Nunn

#### More flower beds

#### Thin bushes at NIC

#### Mike Sedar parking lot off Poplar

#### Wash concrete tables

#### Promote responsible park use

#### Have landscape architect design parks

#### Create downtown plaza

**Abbreviated Park Survey**  
**Frequent Senior Citizen Comments**  
**11/13/2013**

**Question #3. What could be done to our parks or trails to make you want to use them more often?**

1. Enjoy Parks and Trails (7)
2. Install more lighting (6)
3. Make people with dogs keep them on leashes and clean-up after them (4)
4. Clean, portable toilets (4)
5. More shade / resting areas (4)
6. Keep parks cleaner (3)
7. My problem is finding the time to go (2)
8. Make senior friendly (2)
9. I don't know. I used to use the parks when I had small children but do not know now
10. Wish I could. Can't walk very well. Keep them clean and attractive is my thought
11. Maybe bleachers at the Bandshell and better parking
12. User friendly and they all seem to be now that the bridle trail is accessible
13. We can't walk very well so it is difficult for us to use the park but I think they are important to have
14. Activities, birthday parties, etc. should be allowed
15. Take down all the "don't" signs
16. Clean-off snow and branches. Not having special interest groups for charity almost every weekend
17. Picnic tables for families
18. Kill the animals digging holes by the graves
19. We would like Garden Creek from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> cleaned up and a better trail
20. Music recorded while we run, walk, jog, dog-walk, dance in the park!
21. Handicap accessible to get on trails
22. More places to get on trail with parking
23. Shade covers up handicap parking. Volleyball, horseshoes or Frisbee areas
24. Have more walking trails near the area of 21<sup>st</sup> and Fairdale
25. Add more walking trails in areas where there are none
26. More dog parks
27. More railings
28. Put up more roofs over food area & put games in play areas for all to join in
29. Be 20 years younger
30. Improve pedestrian crossings and educate motorists. Try something "new" yield to pedestrians, don't try to run them over
31. Make trail for motorized carts and walkers
32. We live out of town

**Question #4. Highland Park is the large park behind the Senior Center. What could be done to make you want to use this park more often?**

1. Add picnic tables (8)
2. More benches (7)

3. Highland is a nice park (6)
4. Add Shelter (4)
5. More playsets, games, play areas (3)
6. Put horseshoe pits back (3)
7. Lighting to improve walking in the evening (3)
8. Can't walk so don't use the park (3)
9. More trails for handicapped folks (2)
10. More trees (2)
11. Stricter pooper enforcement (2)
12. Area for volleyball or Frisbee (2)
13. Have picnics, sports events and walks around park
14. We use to bring our grandchildren to the play area and also the trail to ride their bikes. Our Mended Hearts group has used the gazebo for picnics in the summer
15. Better parking nearer to the space
16. Need to check grass over graves
17. Parking for handicaps! porta-pots
18. Cleaner
19. Recorded or live music as we dance, jog, dog-walk along the trail
20. and barbeques for the seniors
21. Make a dog park
22. Be 20 years younger
23. Make wind stop blowing

**Question #6. What other comments of suggestions do you have regarding the parks and trails in the Casper area?**

1. The parks look beautiful. Your crews do a good job. (20)
2. Dog Park (5)
3. Lighting (4)
4. The portable restrooms need emptied way more often than they are!! Need toilet paper on days like parade day, etc. (2)
5. Many of the parks and trails need more parking (2)
6. I enjoy the non-grass areas where dogs can go freely. (2)
7. Enforce dog leash and feces laws! (2)
8. Need things for handicap people (2)
9. Use is dependent on weather which you can't control
10. Police them when parties get out of hand (drugs and drinking)
11. Get the workers off their cell phones and computers, and get them back to manual labor. This is not only for the parks department but all businesses
12. More playground equipment like Rotary Park
13. My neighbor goes to Arizona in the winter but she walks the river trail every day when she is here. She feels they do a terrific job in supplying this but feels the walk at Beverly and near Yellowstone was over spent and that should not have been built.
14. Too many dogs running loose
15. Have enough ball and soccer fields already, do not need any more.
16. We need more doggy clean up areas and garbage barrels.
17. Operate Hogadon on snow not on a time schedule
18. More places to put trash from your picnic

19. Areas that you can play volleyball, Frisbee/Frisbee golf/Pollock Frisbee and horseshoes
20. Making sure that handicap people has plenty of access to the parks. Wheelchair friendly. More trails on eastside
21. Love Washington Park concerts. Anxious for new pool at Mike Sedar. Need more swings at Mike Sedar
22. In response to the first inquiry, this time of year the parks are not used nearly as much, especially with little kids. Summer or warmer weather they use the parks a lot
23. Nancy English Park should have play areas and covered areas.
24. Handicap accessible fishing spots next to river
25. At North Beverly go east (on rail/trail) no bench on trail by University Park
26. I use Washington Park for snowshoeing

December 20, 2013

MEMO

TO: John Patterson, City Manager

FROM: Linda L. Witko, Assistant City Manager 

SUBJECT: Senior Citizen Center Funding

As a follow-up to Mayor Schlager's discussion about the funding issues faced by the Senior Citizen Center in Casper, I was able to talk to Wayne Clements, Executive Director of the Center, about the most pressing concerns facing his organization. Although the most recent shortfall was a result of a reduction in the funding provided through the Community Action Partnership Grant Program, the Senior Center has also been dealing with cuts in funding at the State and Federal level. These cuts have impacted the ability of the Center to provide meals at no charge for eligible seniors. Instead of providing a suggested donation option to the seniors, the Center has been forced to impose a daily charge to the seniors who come to the Center for their hot lunch program. Because many of their clients are on fixed incomes and have very little discretionary income, they have found that the fee has resulted in a reduction in the number of people who are coming to the Center for lunch. There is a concern that these dropouts may be in a situation where they are not eating a balanced diet and are therefore more susceptible to illness and depression due to a lack of socialization.

Mr. Clements was very reserved in his request for assistance and noted that any amount of support would be appreciated but that he would ask for consideration in the amount of \$12,000 for this fiscal year to fund the senior lunch program. Staff recommends that Council allocate \$12,000 from Council Goals to fund this request on behalf of the Senior Center.