

March 13 & 18, Open Houses Public Input Summary



What is the PROS Plan and How to stay involved ~ 80 Members of the public

Straw poll – Most important Goals for the next 20 years

Favorite Places Input Board

Activity #1, Favorite Place **to connect**:

Cordata Park, Cornwall Park, (2) bike trails, Whatcom Falls-park and hiking, Boulevard park-Waterfront-hang out, pump track, Belling fair and (3) Cornwall-disc golf, 100 acre wood, Fairhaven park, Boulevard and Waypoint, Zuanich parks-to watch the kids

Favorite place **to be active**:

(4) Arne Hanna, disc golf, Bell's baseball, Non-square dog park, Little squalicum dog walking, Whatcom falls dog walking

Favorite place **for beauty**:

Cornwall Park, bridge at Whatcom Falls, Acid ball at Waypoint Park, Teddy Bear Cove, wild spaces at Cordata Park and Whatcom Falls, Open space-woods and water, over water walkway, Hoags pond and birdwatching

Favorite places generally:

Cornwall disc golf course, dog off leash trails, Civic field indoor rec and soccer, skateparks – social interaction, community hub, creative outlet, interurban trails, padden creek and lake padden, upper padden trails to arboretum and off leash dog park

Activity #2, How to improve:

(2) public restrooms, pocket parks, (3) off leash area in Cordata Park, (5) 18 hole disc golf, improved access to Lake Whatcom, water access, ping pong, open space hikes, connect coastal trails, water access for dogs, (2) facilities for youth sports, Interurban bike trails, indoor pickleball, new roof on sportsplex, signage and trail connectivity, lighting at parks for night sledding.

Activity #2, March 18 Meeting:

Identify “user developed” trails for upgrades.

More pump tracks.

More plumbing and bathrooms.

Upgrade or expansion for disc golf facilities.

Improve support from the city for existing facilities (Padden and Cornwall)

Better define trails, keep from widening.

Fix poor drainage, mud spots.

More neighborhood involvement.

Provide street styled covered skate park.

Create tree canopy focused corridors between all parks.

Surprised we don't have a good rec center and pools for a city our size. (3-4)

More Community Gardens.

Bus access to the trails.

Give funding priority for civic center project. Much more needed.

City could build a FREE play, dedicated 18 hole disc golf course.

Goals and Policies Straw Poll

Mark the most important goals that you feel are important for the City's Parks & Recreation Department to aspire to over the next 20 years.

COUNT	POTENTIAL GOAL
24	Support health, wellness, and play with recreational facilities and programs
23	Interconnect the City's parks and open spaces with trails, greenways, and multimodal street facilities
15	Provide high-quality facilities and services that are accessible and inclusive
15	Ensure that parks and trails are equitably distributed across the City
14	Connect and unify the community with a sense of place and social connections
12	Preserve diverse habitats and steward natural systems
11	Support and expand local collaboration and partnerships
10	Manage Bellingham's parkland, facilities, and programs effectively, efficiently, and sustainably
7	Foster a sense of safety within the park system
6	Contribute to a vibrant recreation-based economy
4	Reduce emissions and mitigate climate impacts
	Other: all one vote except where noted
	Alternate school routes for kids
	Youth Programs
	PR Facilities
	Dog Park
	(4) 18 holes for disc golf
	Lake Whatcom Access
	Wheelchair accessibility
	(3) Community gardens
	Team Sports