



CITY OF OTHELLO PLANNING COMMISSION

**Regular Meeting
500 E. Main St.
December 20, 2021
6:00 PM**

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1. Call to Order - Roll Call
2. Approval of the November 15, 2021 Minutes p.3
3. Update Parks & Recreation Element of Comprehensive Plan – Discussion p.8
4. November Building & Planning Department Report – Informational p.46
5. Old Business
 - a. Subdivision Update – OMC Title 16 – This should be the next big project for the Commission
 - b. Housing Action Plan – When time allows, the Commission should discuss whether there are further recommendations the Commission wants to consider implementing
 - c. Residential Landscaping Installation Timing
 - d. Underground Utilities/existing pole policy – Discussed briefly with City Attorney October 25; he will work on it

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City of Othello
Planning Commission
November 15, 2021
Anne Henning

CALL TO ORDER

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this was a hybrid meeting with a remote component via GoToMeeting. Chair Chris Dorow called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Chair Chris Dorow, Alma Carmona, Brian Gentry, Daniela Voorhies, Kevin Gilbert

Absent: none

Staff: City Clerk Tania Morelos

Attendees: Bob Carlson (remote)

MINUTES APPROVAL

No changes made. October 18, 2021 minutes were approved as written. M/S Gentry/Gilbert

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU) UPDATE

Chair Dorow mentioned that City Council approved the ADU ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission with one change: Owner occupancy for the first year was added to all zones where ADUs are allowed (R-2, R-3, R-4), rather than just R-2 as the Commission had recommended.

UPDATE PARKS & RECREATION ELEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN-DISCUSSION

Chair Dorow emphasized the need to make good progress on the plan tonight. He summarized that the Commission has worked on goals, now need to set objectives. Need to look at the inventory to determine if there is enough room for what the community wants. The Needs Analysis looks at what is needed and balances public desires with the City's capacity to provide those facilities and programs, include initial capital investment and the on-going maintenance. The 6-year Capital Improvement Program/Capital Facilities Plan the City does each year sets funding priorities. The whole process of updating the Park Plan needs public involvement.

Goals & Objectives

Goal #1 Explore, identify, and invest in growth opportunities for parks and recreation.

The Commission discussed the pressing need for a soccer complex, and the need to also consider maintenance. They determined there isn't enough room in current parks for a soccer complex. Chair Dorow asked opinions of using baseball outfields for soccer. Commissioner Gentry stated he doesn't like it, except in a pinch. We need to have a dedicated soccer complex. Chair Dorow asked whether Kiwanis Park should be a soccer park. Commissioner Gentry felt Kiwanis is an open space park, not a soccer park. We need a new park for soccer. Commission agreed.

Chair Dorow mentioned that the City is looking at a possible ecology park, by buying and restoring a toxic waste site with wetlands. This project could invigorate the surrounding area and spur additional clean-up. The existing site needs about \$3 million in clean-up. Commissioner Carmona mentioned she would prefer something more advanced than a basic walking trail, with elevation changes, that would bring tourists. She visited one in the Spokane area. It had a constructed waterfall that attracted turtles and ducks. There was an overlook with a view, and a nearby restaurant. Chair Dorow mentioned that Ducks Unlimited

would be a partner in this project. Eco-tourism is a big deal. This would be a diamond of a wetland project. It would attract a lot of birds and critters, maybe even sandhill cranes. There is not a lot of recreation opportunity for age 50-70 in the plan so far, and this eco park could help meet that need. Commissioner Gentry suggested pickleball would be good for this age group. Question about whether there would be soccer at this eco park. Chair Dorow stated there is not enough space, and high groundwater creating wetlands. It would be better suited for trails. Commissioner Gentry felt it would show the beauty of the area. Commissioner Carmona mentioned that if it is visible from the highway, it would attract tourists.

Commissioner Gentry mentioned that the canal is kind of like our river, and he wondered about the possibility of trails along it, to get the benefit of proximity to running water. The Commissioners felt USBR probably wouldn't like it, but the City will have some good partners so we should keep this idea in mind.

Commissioner Gentry felt a soccer complex is the number one priority, almost an emergency.

The Commissioners added this Objective for Goal #1: Perform a feasibility study for adding new parks, including a soccer complex and an eco park/nature park.

Goal #2 Focus on unique amenities for all parks. Objective: Have at least one unique feature or amenity in every park. The Commission made no change to this proposed goal and objective.

Goal #3. Commission preferred the wording "Incorporate better distribution of amenities increasing neighborhood access to recreation activities." Discussed proposed Objective: All housing areas should have a general-use park within a half-mile distance. Discussion about how far reasonable to walk. While a quarter mile walk would be desirable, it would be too much to require a major park every half mile. Commissioner Gilbert noted that the distance from Lions to Kiwanis is probably around a half mile. Consensus that closer would be better, but half mile is reasonable.

Commissioner Gentry noted that his office is across the street and he sees people using Pioneer Park all day long. But Lions and Kiwanis are better for recreation.

Goal #4 Ensure general-use parks have sufficient open space for informal activities.

- a. Objective: Each general-use park should have no more than half its area developed with formal facilities.
- b. Objective: Informal space in general-use parks should be retained in pieces large enough to be usable, at least 100' by 100'.

Commissioners unanimously supported Goal #4 and both objectives. Commissioner Gentry noted that Lions Park is maxed out, he wouldn't want it to be any more crowded. Other Commissioners agreed.

Goal #5 Periodically identify and prioritize future needs and facilities.

- a. Objective: Future needs and facilities should be reviewed and prioritized annually as part of the budget and Capital Facility Plan process.

Chair Dorow mentioned this is a continuation of the existing process. Commissioner Gilbert felt there should be better evaluation of future needs. Some things are opportunistic in nature, like the eco park. Chair Dorow felt the Council Parks Committee is sufficient to address the opportunities that come up.

Goal #6 Develop partnerships to invest in recreational opportunities.

At least one supporting objective is needed. Chair Dorow mentioned there is a need to engage outside entities to partner/invest in future project. At one time, that's how the parks were developed, as shown by the names (Lions, Kiwanis). Rotary is always looking for ways to give back to community, but no one is reaching out to them. He estimated they have \$100,000 that no one has asked for. The men's soccer league is another potential partnership. Objective could be: For every project, explore opportunities for outside entities to invest in the project.

Goal #7 Maximize park safety.

- a. Objective: Install a security camera system at each park.
- b. Objective: Ensure there is adequate lighting of all facilities, and visibility from surrounding streets.

Chair Dorow mentioned that the 2022 budget is looking at camera systems at parks.

Chair Dorow has been asking his patients about park safety, and all agree that the least safe park is Kiwanis. People like it in the day but not at night. Commissioner Gentry mentioned some unsavory behavior he observed at night. Chair Dorow noted that graffiti makes people feel unsafe. Murals may help. Commission would like input from the Police Chief on safety measures. They would also like comments from the community around Kiwanis about why it doesn't feel safe.

Commissioners added 2 objectives:

- Solicit feedback from the public about safety concerns related to parks.
- Revisit safety needs every year.

Goal #8 Increase accessibility and usability of the parks for all community members and visitors.

- a. Objective: Provide at least 25% inclusive features at playgrounds.

Chair Dorow noted he knows a family where the child in a wheelchair can't get to the playgrounds because the paths are in such bad shape. So accessibility goes beyond just accessible features at the playgrounds themselves.

The Commission added another objective:

- b. Recreation needs to be available to all age groups and be inclusive of all abilities.

Inventory

The Commission found the inventory interesting but not necessarily accurate. They noted that the "grassy amphitheater" is just a hill, and the concrete that used to be there to set up on has been removed. At best, this feature is a sledding hill.

The Commission discussed Parks and Rec programs. They did not have anything to add for City programs, but thought the discussion should include private programs such as Grid Kids football and club activities like Barracuda Swim Team. It was mentioned that there used to be a summer parks & rec tennis program. Tennis can be life-long activity, they would like to see this program brought back, along with better maintenance of the tennis courts. Tri-Cities, Spokane, and Moses Lake all have adult tennis leagues. There was also discussion of a possible summer hockey program.

The Commission had nothing to add to the Resources section. They will expect to get this information from Public Works.

Planning Commission reviewed and discussed the facility inventory and tried to fill in gaps and make corrections to the draft:

- Baseball: Have heard comments about field use and reservation costs.
- Lions soccer field is only 2/3 regulation size. There is a lot of use of baseball outfields for soccer.
- Cornhole a good idea.
- Kiwanis tennis & basketball have no lights. 2 sets of hoops in tennis courts, 1 half-court elsewhere. None of these should be counted as a full basketball court.
- There is a volleyball court—just a concrete slab.
- Grassy amphitheater isn't used, except for sledding.
- Parks/Public Works should be able to update the condition & usage information.

Pioneer Park

- Commissioners were unsure why the T-33 jet was listed, other than that it is a unique feature.

Triangle Park

- Commissioner Carmona mentioned she believes the picnic table has been removed, because it was getting tagged and vandalized.

Future Needs Analysis

The Commission had the following comments:

- Soccer: Kiwanis has almost enough space for a regulation field but it is not painted. The one field at Lions is less than full size, and players need to bring their own goals. So the current inventory is basically zero.
- Tennis: The Commission had heard that there may have been thoughts about possibly redeveloping the tennis courts into another use. It was mentioned that the high school tennis program is large, and there are not enough courts at the high school even for the whole varsity team, so these courts are needed during tennis season, as well as tennis being an activity that even older adults can participate in. The Commission felt the City should not consider redeveloping the tennis courts, instead they should upgrade them.
- Basketball: The Commission felt the inventory was counting hoops, when it should count actual courts. So it should not count those in the tennis courts, because they can't be used at the same time as tennis, and the third area is only half court. They felt there should be a dedicated full-size basketball court at Kiwanis, which could maybe happen by expanding the half court to full size. The courts should have lights, especially for the time of year when it gets dark so early. They felt there is a definite need for more basketball courts.
- Playgrounds: They felt there are not really 3 playgrounds at Kiwanis, just some play equipment in a few places.
- Shelters: Agree that there is a need for more large shelters. Maybe some of the small shelters could be replaced with larger shelters.
- Handball: They agreed they have not seen the handball court in use. They felt this area could be used for pickleball instead.
- Splash pad: They felt this would be a good use inside the pool fence or at Kiwanis Park. They felt that if it is offered for free at Lions Park, it would affect pool use, since the neighborhood could use it to cool off without having to pay for pool entry.
- Street hockey rink is used for futsal every night.
- Amphitheater at Kiwanis shouldn't be counted. Not even any concrete (has been removed).
- Indoor sport court: Chair Dorow estimated the cost at about \$5M. Consensus of the Commission that it is more important to address other needs first.

Park survey

The Commission reviewed the draft survey questions proposed by staff, as well as some examples of actual surveys from other jurisdictions. Chair Dorow noted that parking should be added to the list of existing facilities. He has heard comments that there isn't enough, like during flag football.

In the New Facilities section, need to add soccer complex and eco park/nature park. Discussed whether to remove the indoor sports facility from list. The Commission felt that everyone will want it, but it will be too expensive to provide. Decided to leave it on, but change the question to "select top 3", to understand priorities rather than letting people say they want everything. They anticipate that a soccer complex is more of a need than an indoor sports facility.

The Commission liked the Collinsville survey better than the draft Othello survey for the public. They liked that it defined what is good in the parks and what is needed. They liked the questions "What is most valuable?", the priority ranking, and "What prevents you from using parks & programs?" They felt the survey should be send with the water bill. They felt the Collinsville survey is good because it's short. They noted we don't need to ask about the favorite park, they already know everyone loves Lions. Survey should be a hybrid of the Othello draft and parts of the Collinsville survey. They noted that the survey can be longer if done in-person, like with the Baseball Opening Day survey. A mailed survey needs to be really short. They anticipated getting more information on the survey at their next meeting or maybe even before.

OLD BUSINESS

Housing: On Nov 24, Chair Dorow will meet with Senator Judy Warnick, the Senate chair for housing, to talk about Othello housing needs. Possible topics: State level regulations, and facilitating the process for small investors who lack experience in managing projects. Angel Garza was mentioned as an example of a person whose first development project went slowly but now has learned the development process, so he is able to use that knowledge to develop in multiple cities.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm. M/S Gilbert/Carmona
Next regular meeting is Monday, December 20, 2021.

Chris Dorow, Chair

Anne Henning, Community Development Director

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Anne Henning, Community Development Director

MEETING: December 20, 2021

SUBJECT: Parks & Recreation Element of Comprehensive Plan—Update

Starting in July, the Planning Commission has been working on updating the Parks & Recreation Element of the Comprehensive Plan, which serves as the Park Plan that qualifies us for grant funding for projects such as the recent rebuilding of the Lions Park ballfields, and upcoming rebuilding of the Lions playground and basketball courts. To continue to qualify us for funding, a Park Plan must be updated every 6 years, with our next update due by March 1, 2022.

Staff Comments

1. An RCO-compliant Park Plan has the following information:
 - a. Goals & Objectives of the plan. Goals are aspirational and describe desired outcomes. Objectives are specific and measurable, and help describe when a goal has been achieved.
 - b. Inventory of facilities, lands, and programs; their conditions; a report of annual maintenance and operational costs for each site; and how much of the capacity of the current inventory is being used.
 - c. Demand and Need Analysis to determine if existing inventory is sufficient with improvements or if expansion is needed, based on community desires. This is used to set priorities for acquisition, development, and enhancement.
 - d. 6-year Capital Improvement Program that lists acquisition, development, and renovation projects. Projects need to be ranked in order of preference, the expected year to implement each project, and the plan for paying for each project. (Note: We can use the Capital Facilities Plan adopted with the budget as the starting point, but will need to make some changes to reflect community priorities.)
 - e. Public Involvement, addressing who was included, how and when they were engaged, and how the public input was incorporated into the plan. The public involvement needs to be more comprehensive than just holding public hearings.

2. Tentative schedule:

Date	Action
Dec. 20	PC discussion, preliminary draft by end of meeting if possible
Dec. 27	Send 60-day notice to State Dept of Commerce with preliminary draft
Jan. 18	PC makes final changes before public hearing draft
Feb. 1	SEPA determination circulated
Feb. 22	PC public hearing on Park Plan, recommendation to Council
Feb. 28	Council public hearing on Park Plan, adoption of Plan
Mar. 1	Plan due at RCO to be eligible for grants this year

This timeline takes us right to the deadline, with no allowance for delays, and no time to incorporate any public testimony from the public hearings. Would the Commission be ready for the public hearing in January instead? What still needs to happen to the draft in order to make that work?

3. Public involvement is an important piece of the plan, to address the Demand and Need Analysis. As well as taking informal input throughout the process, we mailed a short survey with all 2000+ utility bills Nov. 30 and publicized the online survey link multiple times on the website, Facebook, and Instagram. In addition, paper copies (with survey link & QR code) were available at City Hall, Public Works, and Parks & Rec. Furthermore, staff attended the Miracle on Main Street event to take more survey input. We felt it was important that the survey be brief to encourage people to finish it, so the questions focused on the most important issues for the updated Parks Plan: Where is more investment needed in existing facilities and what new facilities does the community want to see? We received 74 paper responses and 165 online responses. The paper responses were added to the online responses to create the attached report showing 239 total responses.

Survey Summary:

Existing Facilities	Percent
What do people want more of?	Soccer fields 44%
	Walking trails 44%
	Picnic shelters 42%
What do people think needs better quality?	Park restrooms 62%
	Basketball courts 47%
	Playgrounds 45%
What existing facilities are not needed?	Horseshoe pits 47%
	Handball 38%
What existing facilities are great the way they are?	Skate park 66%
	Baseball/softball 63%
	Tennis courts 51%

For the facilities that need better quality, note that the City is already working toward these improvements: Lions Park playground and basketball courts will be completely rebuilt in Summer 2022, and a park restroom replacement is shown on the CFP for 2025. However, the top priorities for what people want more of will need some work as none of them are currently in the CFP.

For new facilities, each respondent was limited to their top 3 choices, in order to develop priorities. Here is what was preferred, from most popular to least:

Rank	Potential New Facilities	Percent	In CFP
1	Farmers Market/Food Truck Court/Event Center	42%	2024
2	Indoor Sports Facility/Gym Space (for basketball, volleyball, etc.)	39%	No
3 (tie)	Eco Park/Nature Park with wildlife and hiking trails	38%	No
3 (tie)	Indoor Sports Facilities/Artificial Turf (for baseball, football, soccer, etc.)	38%	No
5	Splash Pad	29%	2024
6	Outdoor Soccer Complex	27%	No
7	Workout Stations/Adult Outdoor Fitness Equipment	21%	*
8	Stage at Lions Park	19.3%	2024
9	Futsal/ Soccer Court	18.8%	2025

Rank	Potential New Facilities	Percent	In CFP
10	Pickleball	8%	No
11	Musical Playground	7%	*
<i>* These items may be included in the Lions Park Playground Project (Summer 2022).</i>			

There were also multiple write-in votes for Hockey/Street Hockey/Ice Rink (9), Indoor Pool (6), and Dog Park (5). For comparison, there were 15 votes for Musical Playground, so the write-in ideas definitely should be explored at some point.

4. Goals & Objectives: At the November meeting, the Commission worked through the Goals and Objectives. This section may be mostly done.
5. Inventory: Staff has updated the inventory information, based on the Commission's comments in November and additional input from Parks & Rec/Public Works.
6. Demand and Need Analysis: This section is intended to balance public demand with the City's capacity to provide and maintain facilities, and show the process used to make these decisions. The questions the Analysis should answer are: Is the existing inventory sufficient? Are significant additional facilities needed? Are there maintenance needs going unmet? If demands cannot be met with current resources, the plan needs to show a way to increase resources. The Demand & Need Analysis needs to show the City's priorities and discuss how the decisions were made about what to prioritize. The underlying questions are: What does the community want, and how do we know? RCO recommends determining need on multiple criteria, such as current levels of participation, anticipated change based on trends, capacity of current inventory, distance between residential areas and parks, public satisfaction, manager needs, maintenance levels, and access issues. This section has been rearranged by category (adequate, needs maintenance, and needs additional facilities) and updated with input from staff, the Commission, public comments, and the survey results.
7. 6-Year Capital Improvement Program: During the budget process every year, the Council adopts a Capital Facilities Plan, which can be used as the basis for the 6-year Capital Improvement Program required in the Parks Plan. The Council held a public hearing on the 2022 CFP Nov. 22; no comments were received. The CFP was adopted along with the rest of the budget documents on Dec. 13. Since the CFP adopted with the budget does not entirely match what is proposed with the Park Plan, the CFP may need to be amended for consistency with the Parks Plan. Items that were not included in the adopted CFP are the following staff recommendations:
 - a. Update Kiwanis North bathroom
 - b. Update Kiwanis play area
 - c. Kiwanis picnic shelter maintenance
 - d. Replace bleachers
 - e. Maintain/replace park paths

Also not included are the following Planning Commission priorities developed at the October meeting:

- f. Soccer complex (also a high priority on the survey)
- g. Musical playground (however, this may be incorporated into the upcoming Lions Park playground reconstruction)
- h. Pickleball

- i. Art/murals

Further, these community priorities are not included in the CFP:

- j. Eco park/nature park
- k. Indoor sports court (Hard court)
- l. Indoor sports facility (artificial turf)
- m. Additional large picnic shelters
- n. Additional walking trails

Since funds are not unlimited, part of the process of developing a Park Plan is to prioritize projects and decide what can reasonably be accomplished in the 6-year time frame of the Plan. Othello has been successful at competing for grant money, and we plan to continue to seek grant funding, so the CFP can include projects that would be beyond the local budget. However, some projects will necessarily have to be planned for beyond the next 6 years. The Planning Commission should work on modifying the draft CFP to reflect what the priorities should be for the next 6 years. The items in the top half of the year with dollar amounts assigned to years were included in the adopted CFP, and the 2022 items were included in the budget. The items in the bottom half of the page were not included in the CFP or the budget so need to be worked in or postponed to after 2027. The dollar figures for these new projects are very rough at this point.

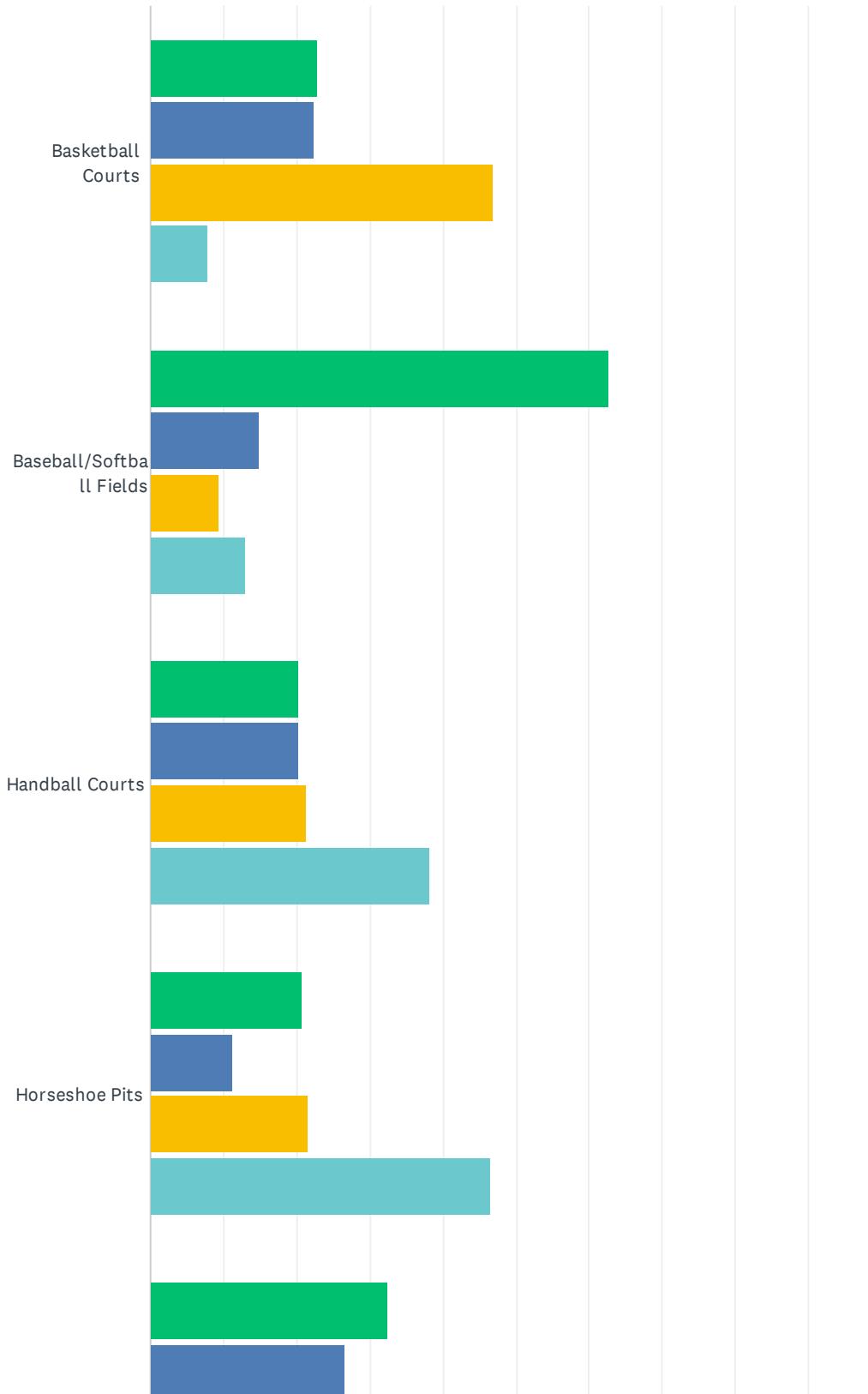
Attachments

1. Survey Results (packet p.12)
2. Draft Goals & Objectives (packet p.31)
3. Draft Inventory (packet p.32)
4. 2015 Park Radius Map (packet p.39)
5. Draft Demand and Need Analysis (packet p.40)
6. Draft Capital Facilities Plan (packet p.43)
7. Public Involvement (packet p.44)

Action: The Planning Commission should continue work on updating the Parks & Recreation element of the Comprehensive Plan, by reviewing the drafts of the components of the Plan and providing input.

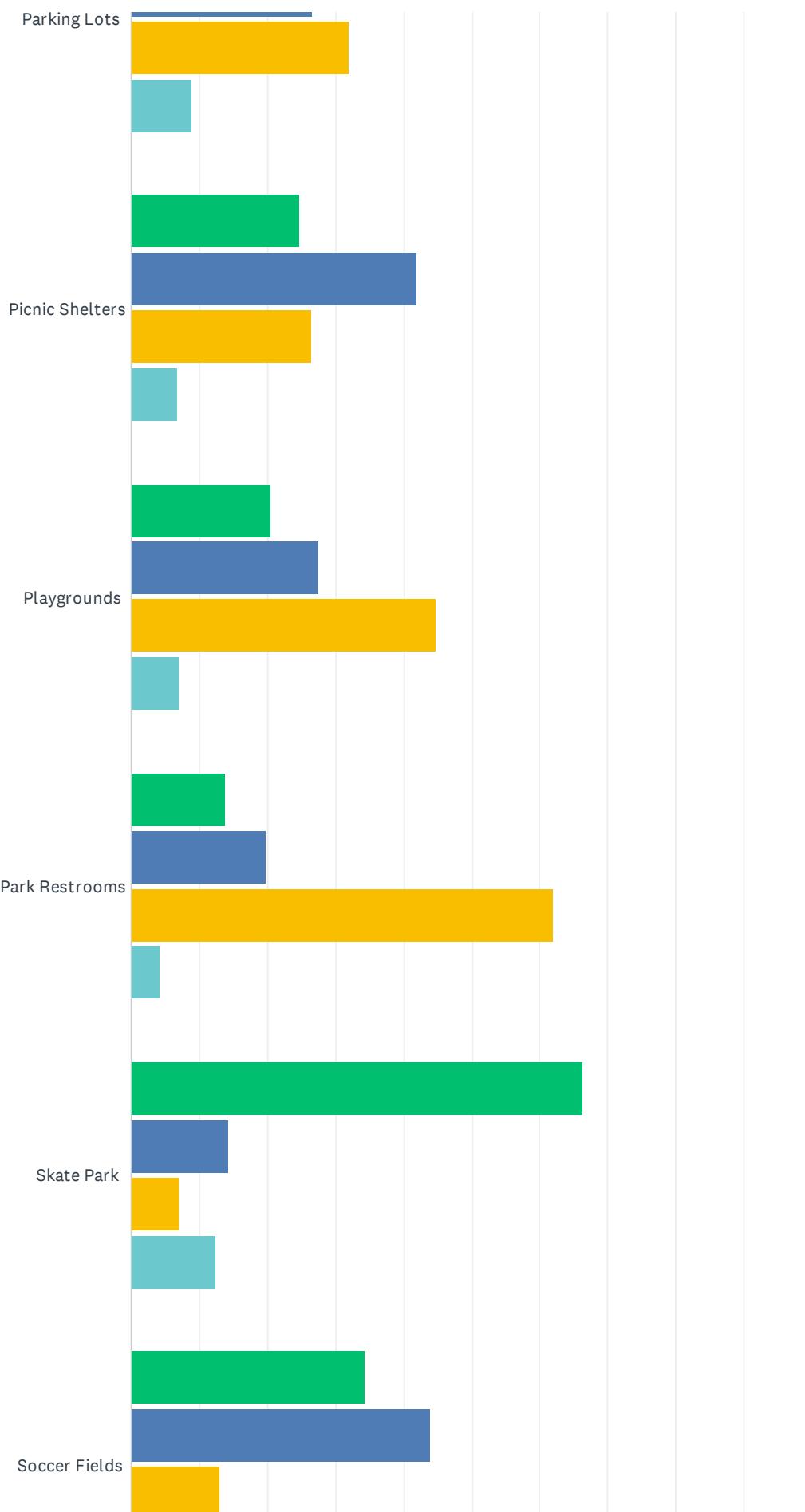
Q1 How are Othello's existing park and athletic facilities? (City facilities only, do not include School District facilities)

Answered: 231 Skipped: 8



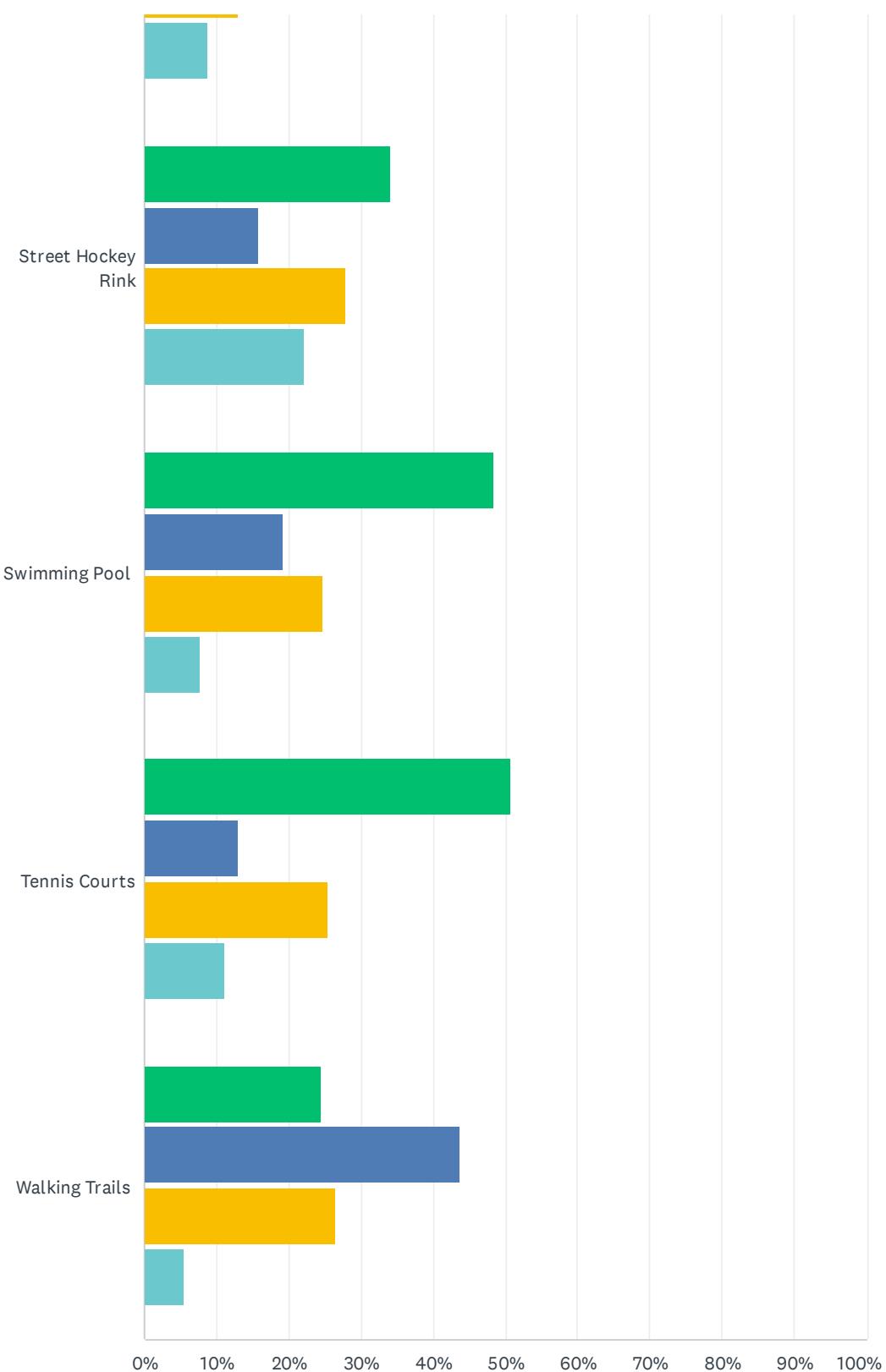
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	GREAT	NEED MORE FIELDS, FACILITIES, ETC.	NEED BETTER QUALITY	NOT NEEDED	TOTAL
Basketball Courts	22.79% 49	22.33% 48	46.98% 101	7.91% 17	215
Baseball/Softball Fields	62.79% 135	14.88% 32	9.30% 20	13.02% 28	215
Handball Courts	20.30% 41	20.30% 41	21.29% 43	38.12% 77	202
Horseshoe Pits	20.59% 42	11.27% 23	21.57% 44	46.57% 95	204
Parking Lots	32.38% 68	26.67% 56	31.90% 67	9.05% 19	210
Picnic Shelters	24.66% 54	42.01% 92	26.48% 58	6.85% 15	219
Playgrounds	20.56% 44	27.57% 59	44.86% 96	7.01% 15	214
Park Restrooms	13.89% 30	19.91% 43	62.04% 134	4.17% 9	216
Skate Park	66.35% 140	14.22% 30	7.11% 15	12.32% 26	211
Soccer Fields	34.26% 74	43.98% 95	12.96% 28	8.80% 19	216
Street Hockey Rink	34.13% 71	15.87% 33	27.88% 58	22.12% 46	208
Swimming Pool	48.40% 106	19.18% 42	24.66% 54	7.76% 17	219
Tennis Courts	50.72% 106	12.92% 27	25.36% 53	11.00% 23	209
Walking Trails	24.55% 54	43.64% 96	26.36% 58	5.45% 12	220

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	More bicycle lanes and paths please/improve lighting of parks and paths	12/14/2021 11:22 AM
2	Public baseball fields should not be locked, its owned by taxpayers	12/14/2021 11:20 AM
3	There needs to be a place for rehabilitation	12/14/2021 11:13 AM
4	Most beautifully maintained parks around!	12/14/2021 11:10 AM
5	We need a youth center (YMCA, YWCA)	12/14/2021 11:02 AM
6	Indoor swimming pool	12/14/2021 10:59 AM
7	Swimming pool needs upgrade	12/14/2021 10:56 AM
8	Purchase old drive in theatre and put in a park there.	12/14/2021 10:53 AM
9	Pickleball courts would be nice to have.	12/14/2021 9:12 AM
10	Need a skate park at Kiwanis. Need more picnic shelters at Kiwanis. Expand Kiwanis parking lots. New playgrounds in new housing additions. Cover amphitheater and expand it in Kiwanis - state pad concrete? More trees in all parks.	12/14/2021 9:02 AM
11	Bathrooms at Lions Park are horrible!	12/14/2021 8:58 AM

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12	Swimming pool sides look so faded. We need more parks and soccer is a big deal in Othello for years.	12/14/2021 8:55 AM
13	Lion's park was great for little kid soccer, the parking is fine there, but the playground needs updates. Kiawanis' needs more parking and could use some basketball courts.	12/10/2021 4:40 PM
14	We need an outdoor soccer complex or fields to play soccer.	12/9/2021 8:06 PM
15	The playground at Lions Park is hot and gross. Shade trees and something other than sand would be great.	12/7/2021 5:07 PM
16	Would like to see an indoor pool!	12/7/2021 3:33 PM
17	Consider pickleball courts	12/7/2021 3:24 PM
18	Kids can't use Lions playground - it's too hot!	12/7/2021 3:19 PM
19	Parking lots are adequate, need updating.	12/7/2021 3:17 PM
20	Thank you for putting out a survey. Great idea!!	12/7/2021 3:14 PM
21	Most of the areas I included as "need more" are usually full in the summer.	12/7/2021 3:10 PM
22	Lions Park north parking lot is full of holes. Park restrooms need to be open more. Swimming pool was closed way too much last Summer.	12/7/2021 3:06 PM
23	Swimming pool needs to be open longer.	12/7/2021 2:39 PM
24	We need indoor soccer and outdoor soccer facilities. Thanks in advance! Bless up!	12/4/2021 6:13 PM
25	A covered basketball court would be great for when weather isn't ideal.	12/4/2021 2:45 PM
26	Invest in creating a bigger pool center!!!	12/4/2021 2:02 PM
27	The hockey rink desperately needs an overhaul. I believe it was last done in the mid 2000's, with the popularity it would be wise to put some actual boards up instead of the fence. It makes the city look low-budget in my opinion.	12/4/2021 12:17 PM
28	The hockey rink could use some surface patching and the fence is on the wrong side. On the inside it would hold up better. Boards or even a plywood liner across the bottom would really help.	12/4/2021 9:12 AM
29	There are a couple areas around the park that need better sidewalks(broken/cracked) and an area where the sidewalk is raised and is a tripping hazard by the soccer field.	12/3/2021 10:31 PM
30	City needs to get out of the business of running the sporting programs. The quality has gone steadily down	12/3/2021 5:55 PM
31	New hockey rink	12/3/2021 9:53 AM
32	Taggares park needs to be kept up. The families in the area deserve a better facility.	12/3/2021 9:13 AM
33	The city needs a new street hockey rink. One that is an actual size that people can use.	12/3/2021 5:53 AM
34	The hockey rink needs big upgrades the fencing is brutal to play with especially when you get hit into the fencing instead of boards	12/3/2021 1:27 AM
35	Could use a new hockey rink with actual boards and nets along with sufficient lighting as well as overhead coverage . Separate from an "indoor soccer" area.	12/2/2021 11:29 PM
36	Street hockey rink is uneven and has excessive cracks in the concrete floor. Rink fence is bent in large areas and is almost unusable gate to get in and out.	12/2/2021 5:16 PM
37	PLEASE bring a Splash pad to Town!!! This can be a work of art that all ages could enjoy walking around being nearby. We really need a gorgeous park area with water to de-stress. One city used a splash pad/garden area as part of a park feature with a walking trail through it. It was enjoyable for all ages. It would be fabulous to have a walking //Nature trail. Families that cannot afford to go swimming should also have a place to take their children and have water play. Baseball field bathrooms are sooooo gross please update and make a few more stalls! We need more benches around the parks for mothers to sit and visit. Tables or benches closer to playground (especially at Lions)	12/2/2021 3:15 PM

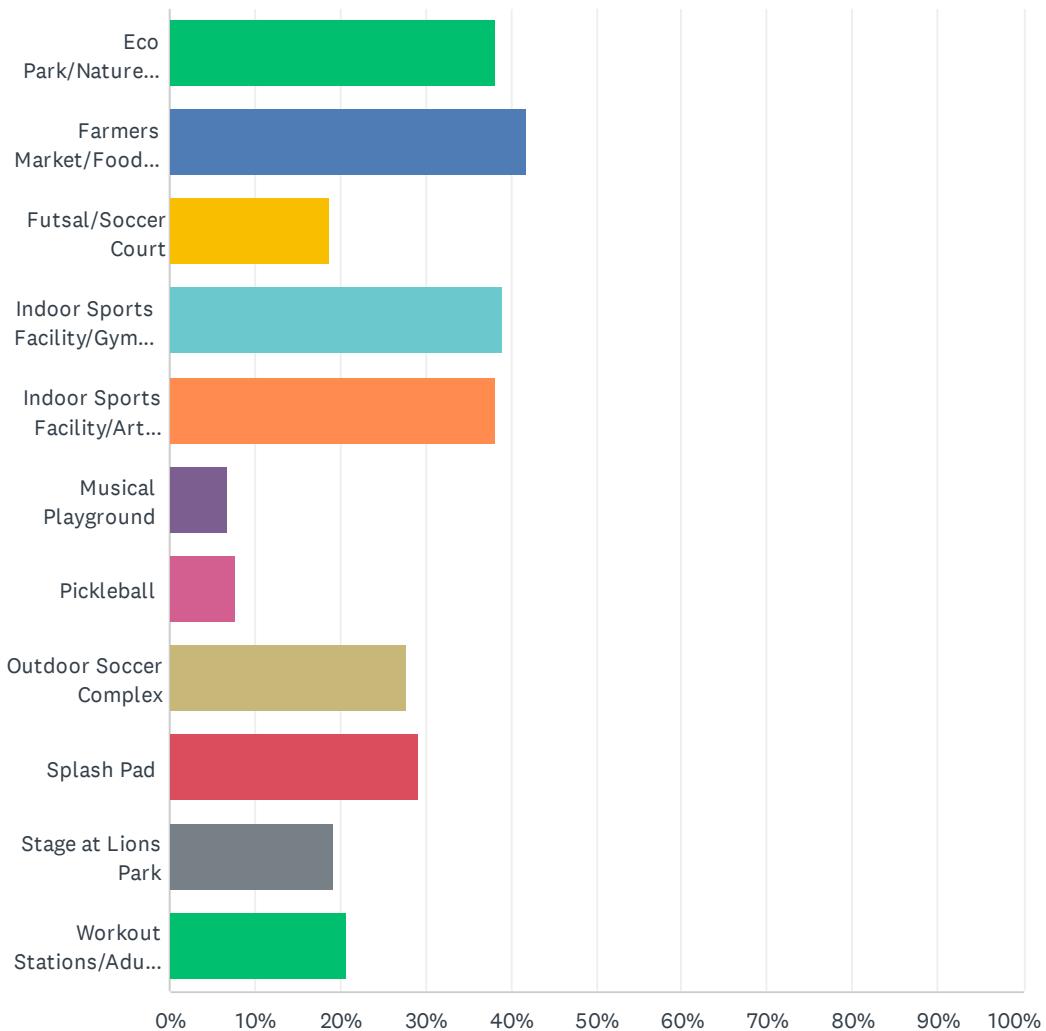
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38	To call the currents hockey rink an actual hockey rink is an embarrassment to hockey. The chain link fence is dangerous, the pavement is overwhelmed with gravel and cracks. This rink should have only been placed as a temporary rink.	12/2/2021 1:35 PM
39	A new or improved hockey rink would be ideal	12/2/2021 1:20 PM
40	More for special needs people.	12/2/2021 1:08 PM
41	Tennis courts please	12/2/2021 10:32 AM
42	I'm not sure what Handball courts are.	12/2/2021 10:09 AM
43	Bike trails.	11/30/2021 6:08 PM
44	Would love to a place qith soccer fields that the leagues could use.	11/29/2021 10:32 PM
45	Everything need more quality, it seems that it's not taking care of and old.	11/29/2021 10:36 AM
46	I think that the facilities we do have are great but they're not always accessible to the public. If new facilities do go in, I hope that are easily accessible to the community and not gated.	11/29/2021 8:49 AM
47	Helping get Taggares football fields and restrooms up in quality	11/29/2021 8:49 AM
48	A pickle ball court would be nice.	11/29/2021 8:28 AM
49	This City needs Some life man, we walk around and see the same thing everyday makes It not even want to be looked at anymore. Yeah	11/29/2021 7:56 AM
50	Need more soccer fields or indoor facilities	11/29/2021 7:49 AM
51	The baseball fields deserve better dugouts and bathrooms. Could truly be a great facility if we kept up with the times.	11/29/2021 7:10 AM

Q2 What new facilities are needed in Othello? (Please choose your top 3)

Answered: 223 Skipped: 16



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Eco Park/Nature Park with Wildlife and Hiking Trails	38.12% 85
Farmers Market/Food Truck Court/Event Center	41.70% 93
Futsal/Soccer Court	18.83% 42
Indoor Sports Facility/Gym Space (for basketball, volleyball, etc.)	39.01% 87
Indoor Sports Facility/Artificial Turf (for baseball, football soccer, etc.)	38.12% 85
Musical Playground	6.73% 15
Pickleball	7.62% 17
Outdoor Soccer Complex	27.80% 62
Splash Pad	29.15% 65
Stage at Lions Park	19.28% 43
Workout Stations/Adult Outdoor Fitness Equipment	20.63% 46
Total Respondents: 223	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY):	DATE
1	Indoor courts	12/14/2021 11:30 AM
2	Dog parks	12/14/2021 11:25 AM
3	Cameras for surveillance	12/14/2021 11:20 AM
4	Indoor Pool	12/14/2021 11:05 AM
5	Not needed	12/14/2021 10:59 AM
6	Event Center!	12/14/2021 10:58 AM
7	Tennis	12/14/2021 10:55 AM
8	Raquetball Wall (New)	12/14/2021 8:58 AM
9	Playgrounds accessible to those with disabilities	12/10/2021 6:42 PM
10	More shade, better seating area in play ground, update play ground area	12/9/2021 8:47 PM
11	An indoor center would be great for playing sports in the winter and could also be used for some events.	12/9/2021 8:35 PM
12	did not specify.	12/7/2021 3:19 PM
13	Didn't specify.	12/7/2021 3:10 PM
14	Indoor Pool	12/7/2021 3:06 PM
15	Indoor swimming pool. Year round lap swimming and swim team training.	12/6/2021 6:13 PM
16	Sand volleyball courts	12/5/2021 7:45 PM
17	Dog park	12/5/2021 1:36 PM
18	Improved Street Hockey	12/4/2021 8:46 PM
19	Covered courts or indoor	12/4/2021 2:45 PM
20	Out side workout equipment would be awesome	12/4/2021 2:19 PM
21	Please invest in bigger pools!!!	12/4/2021 2:02 PM

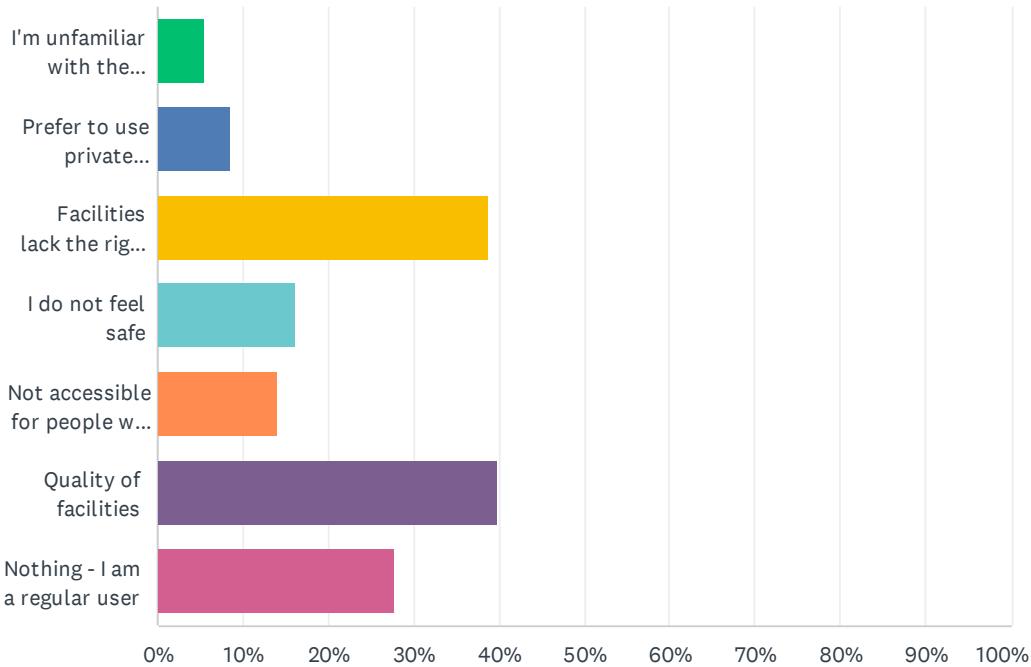
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22	Indoor swimming pool is a great idea	12/4/2021 1:46 PM
23	If they were free some of the others might be attractive but pretty sure that isn't the case. I'd like a free zone and aquarium too but not counting on it.	12/4/2021 9:12 AM
24	Hockey rink	12/3/2021 9:53 AM
25	Indoor hockey rink	12/2/2021 11:29 PM
26	Ice Rink	12/2/2021 7:17 PM
27	Stage at lions... this is an interesting idea. Could it be an amphitheatre? Maybe we could do something similar to the one at Howard Amon Park? It would be awesome to have Music in the Park during the summer... certain nights of the week when different music artist could give a free - casual performance. I think Ellensburg used to have something like that on Monday or Thursday evening for about an hour. The park was nearby and it attracted a small crowd.	12/2/2021 3:15 PM
28	Hockey Rink	12/2/2021 1:55 PM
29	An actual hockey rink, with boards and hockey nets.	12/2/2021 1:35 PM
30	Roller hockey rink	12/2/2021 1:33 PM
31	Better hockey facility with two official size goals	12/2/2021 1:23 PM
32	Would like to see a better street hockey setup with two official size goals in it that are able to stand up against street pucks, balls etc..	12/2/2021 1:20 PM
33	More for special needs people.	12/2/2021 1:08 PM
34	A designated large sled/tubing area in the winter	12/2/2021 12:43 PM
35	Futsal courts would make the park a lot better	12/2/2021 10:32 AM
36	Maybe add a dog park so people can interact with other people because these past two years have been hard for us	11/30/2021 8:48 PM
37	Fenced dog park so we can take our pups to play and socialize off leash	11/30/2021 11:17 AM
38	Indoor facility for pool fitness, dance and gymnastics	11/29/2021 5:20 PM
39	Indoor year round pool. There is a great one in Missoula MT you could check out for ideas.	11/29/2021 8:28 AM
40	Dog parks	11/29/2021 8:01 AM
41	Nicer dugouts and concessions at Lions park fields.	11/29/2021 7:57 AM
42	Would be neat to have an indoor facility that can be multiuse, with turf and hardwood fields.	11/24/2021 7:12 AM

Q3 Please check any items that prevent you and your family from using Othello Parks & Recreation facilities.

Answered: 198 Skipped: 41



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
I'm unfamiliar with the facilities available		5.56%
Prefer to use private facilities or facilities in other cities		8.59%
Facilities lack the right equipment/amenities		38.89%
I do not feel safe		16.16%
Not accessible for people with disabilities		14.14%
Quality of facilities		39.90%
Nothing - I am a regular user		27.78%
Total Respondents: 198		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY):	DATE
1	Sometimes too much smoking	12/14/2021 11:31 AM
2	Equipment/activities for teens and shade for the little ones. Playground gets too hot for kids/parents to enjoy!	12/14/2021 11:07 AM
3	Not needed	12/14/2021 10:59 AM
4	Not friendly enough for older generation. Not enough benches to sit on.	12/14/2021 10:53 AM
5	No parking. Space at Kiwanis - recommend expanding the south parking lot to east and west behind current houses.	12/14/2021 9:02 AM

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6	Soccer field - baseball conflicts! Needed = more soccer fields only!	12/14/2021 8:55 AM
7	Little amenities, overcrowded	12/9/2021 8:04 PM
8	Lions park is too hot in the summertime. Play structures need shade.	12/9/2021 7:40 PM
9	Paths need to be fixed in areas to make it better to walk on.	12/5/2021 7:45 PM
10	We frequent the park but need more covered seating and facilities	12/4/2021 2:45 PM
11	Morning running tracks around the city. Swimming pool needs to be open for public use in early morning	12/4/2021 1:46 PM
12	Sadly the parks aren't equal in amenities and safety. That needs to change.	12/4/2021 9:12 AM
13	I would like to see more lights especially with it getting darker earlier. Would be able to walk more safely with more visibility. Possibly having lighting behind the water tower at the Lions park walking trail. Up keeping maintenance in the winter to keep walking trails clean.	12/3/2021 10:31 PM
14	Need a bigger street hockey rink.	12/3/2021 5:53 AM
15	We use the hockey rink. No nets, so we have to bring our own which are heavy & needs a truck to transfer. Also the cracks make it hard on skates.	12/2/2021 1:55 PM
16	Every time I step foot in that "rink" I have Final Destination vibes where the chain link is going to cause massive casualties.	12/2/2021 1:35 PM
17	Add security cameras	12/2/2021 12:05 PM
18	The amount and quality of the restrooms is unsatisfactory	12/1/2021 8:46 AM
19	The bathrooms are disgusting so no I do not use the parks.	11/30/2021 6:08 PM
20	They lock them to the public. We would like to use the softball and baseball fields but can't	11/29/2021 5:20 PM

Q4 What would you like to keep the same regarding Othello Parks & Recreation facilities?

Answered: 90 Skipped: 149

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More indoor courts to practice	12/14/2021 11:30 AM
2	The park crew is doing a phenomenal job on keeping our parks clean and pristine.	12/14/2021 11:29 AM
3	All sport availability	12/14/2021 11:27 AM
4	Maintenance, accessibility	12/14/2021 11:25 AM
5	Farmers market at pioneer park	12/14/2021 11:23 AM
6	The city does a good job of keep the parks lawns nice and green in the summer	12/14/2021 11:21 AM
7	Hiking trails, no wildlife, walking trails	12/14/2021 11:16 AM
8	Need a place for youth to go to after school where they can learn something positive and fun	12/14/2021 11:13 AM
9	There are 4-6 semis parked off of main street most of the time. They should use the designated truck routes.	12/14/2021 11:11 AM
10	Get rid of the semi trucking company that is just off main street so the heavy trucks won't destroy main street. It is not repaired for heavy traffic, just cars and pickups!	12/14/2021 11:10 AM
11	Othello has great parks now. Please do nothing that is going to raise our taxes much.	12/14/2021 11:09 AM
12	Keep organized sports out of Kiwanis Park! Sports are for Lions Park!	12/14/2021 11:08 AM
13	Certainly not those administrating programs.	12/14/2021 11:07 AM
14	no changes needed currently	12/14/2021 11:02 AM
15	Open space and green grass	12/14/2021 10:55 AM
16	Maintenance/they are always kept clean.	12/14/2021 9:12 AM
17	The maintenance that is given to all installations.	12/14/2021 9:06 AM
18	Keep the trees at Kiwanis! The shade on the toys is nice during the Summer.	12/14/2021 9:04 AM
19	Open area in Lions park. Keep trees in Kiwanis and Lions.	12/14/2021 9:02 AM
20	Baseball fields and shelters are nice. Need bathrooms updated tho.	12/14/2021 8:58 AM
21	Baseball fields are great!	12/14/2021 8:57 AM
22	If we get a soccer complex you can use soccer fields for football too but buy soccer goals that can be used for both sports.	12/14/2021 8:55 AM
23	Yearly festivals and celebrations	12/11/2021 4:45 PM
24	The yard	12/11/2021 3:44 AM
25	I would keep the picnic houses	12/10/2021 5:20 PM
26	Fields for soccer and good playground equipment.	12/10/2021 4:40 PM
27	Trees at Kiwanis The amount of gazebos	12/10/2021 11:16 AM
28	The grass and fields are maintained well, which we really appreciate! Grounds crew is doing a great job.	12/10/2021 9:00 AM
29	I love the shade at Kiwanis park	12/10/2021 8:29 AM

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30	I think everything othello currently has is amazing. Maybe repaint basketball court.	12/10/2021 12:25 AM
31	Nothing, it needs a big update.	12/9/2021 10:55 PM
32	Nothing	12/9/2021 10:20 PM
33	Park hours	12/9/2021 10:16 PM
34	Basketball courts	12/9/2021 8:47 PM
35	The amount of parks available, we have the right amount from big to smaller parks.	12/9/2021 8:35 PM
36	Skate park is awesome! The swimming pool is fun too.	12/7/2021 5:07 PM
37	The trees	12/7/2021 3:29 PM
38	Baseball fields	12/7/2021 3:28 PM
39	All the activities. Bring back softball!	12/7/2021 3:26 PM
40	I would like to keep the Soccer fields away from the Lions Park playground	12/7/2021 3:25 PM
41	The grounds are well taken care of.	12/7/2021 3:13 PM
42	Baseball fields.	12/7/2021 3:10 PM
43	I use the pool every summer. Lap swim 7am instead of 6 would be so much better. Othello does a great job with parks especially for a small town.	12/7/2021 3:06 PM
44	Taxes	12/7/2021 2:39 PM
45	The cleanliness	12/7/2021 12:08 PM
46	Wahitis Park is perfect.	12/6/2021 5:04 PM
47	Open grassy areas!	12/5/2021 7:45 PM
48	Naturesque size and location	12/4/2021 5:44 PM
49	Ample space and gazebos	12/4/2021 5:00 PM
50	Don't over crowd the parks with amenities. Parks should have plenty of space to play in and not be crowded with things that won't be used	12/4/2021 3:04 PM
51	The restroom by the pool is very nice and clean	12/4/2021 2:45 PM
52	Cameras and lights	12/4/2021 2:02 PM
53	The pool is amazing, such a bright spot in town all summer long.	12/4/2021 11:08 AM
54	The ability to do current large events (Sunfair) and maybe some more	12/4/2021 9:12 AM
55	Honestly not much, it needs to look better, and have better quality of equipment for kids/everyone else to be attracted to that instead of turning to drugs and a life of crime.	12/3/2021 12:33 PM
56	Lions Park is really pretty with its space and trees.	12/3/2021 7:25 AM
57	The availability of open grass area.	12/3/2021 6:45 AM
58	Keep some of the wildlife refuge	12/3/2021 5:53 AM
59	Skate park and basketball courts	12/3/2021 1:27 AM
60	Na	12/2/2021 11:29 PM
61	All the open space and grass	12/2/2021 9:23 PM
62	The grass is always nice, never ugly or dry	12/2/2021 7:17 PM
63	Baseball/ softball fields	12/2/2021 5:08 PM
64	Kiwanis is a lovely park. 😊. Just needs a few more benches by playground areas	12/2/2021 3:15 PM
65	I do like the open space.	12/2/2021 1:55 PM
66	N/A	12/2/2021 1:33 PM

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67	Everything that's there is good	12/2/2021 1:20 PM
68	Swings.	12/2/2021 1:08 PM
69	The swimming pool's location	12/2/2021 12:43 PM
70	Baseball Fields	12/2/2021 12:06 PM
71	The tennis court and skating rink	12/2/2021 11:16 AM
72	The skate park	12/2/2021 10:32 AM
73	Location, use for all of community	12/2/2021 10:09 AM
74	The tennis court.	12/1/2021 6:27 PM
75	The cleanliness and family friendly environment	12/1/2021 8:46 AM
76	Nothing everything needs a little better quality except the picnic shelters	11/30/2021 8:52 PM
77	Honestly I wouldn't want to keep anything the same cuz it need to improve	11/30/2021 8:48 PM
78	I like hiw nice the baseball fields look.	11/29/2021 10:32 PM
79	They're maintained well and welcoming for events	11/29/2021 5:20 PM
80	Pool	11/29/2021 2:17 PM
81	The baseball fields are good but could use more shade.	11/29/2021 12:37 PM
82	Skate park.	11/29/2021 12:22 PM
83	The way the parks function in terms of cleaning and etc	11/29/2021 11:31 AM
84	I would like to keep the pool but It needs to be more of them and bigger because during summer it gets supper full and there's not space to relax	11/29/2021 10:36 AM
85	Public access!	11/29/2021 10:13 AM
86	Free softball usage	11/29/2021 10:07 AM
87	The openness of the parks.	11/29/2021 8:28 AM
88	The green areas and their spacious openness.	11/29/2021 7:57 AM
89	Our green and grassy areas.	11/29/2021 7:10 AM
90	The grassy/green areas. Our parks are nice because we have access to so many open areas and facilities to host events.	11/24/2021 7:12 AM

Q5 What would you like to improve regarding Othello Parks & Recreation facilities?

Answered: 130 Skipped: 109

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Indoor for winter basketball!	12/14/2021 11:30 AM
2	The yearly pool pass is too expensive.	12/14/2021 11:29 AM
3	Landscaping - trees	12/14/2021 11:27 AM
4	Add amphitheater and indoor pool	12/14/2021 11:26 AM
5	The kids area, outdoor activities and bring a dog park (off leashes)	12/14/2021 11:25 AM
6	Update all parks	12/14/2021 11:24 AM
7	Lighting in the parks and more access to evening use after dark - extend evening hours	12/14/2021 11:22 AM
8	More picnic shelters, volleyball courts and park space	12/14/2021 11:21 AM
9	The walking trails need work, they are falling apart	12/14/2021 11:16 AM
10	We need a place where we can go talk to our friends and have arcade games like Chucky Cheese	12/14/2021 11:13 AM
11	Rezone to keep heavy semi's from down town - from destroying the roads.	12/14/2021 11:11 AM
12	Keep the loud noise out of Kiwanis Park!	12/14/2021 11:08 AM
13	Fees eliminated for kids activities!! To stop gangs and have kids feel supported, taught morals, community, love, team spirit!!!	12/14/2021 11:07 AM
14	supervision of children at parks especially the skate park area	12/14/2021 11:02 AM
15	Please put toys for handicapped children	12/14/2021 11:00 AM
16	I'm sad that the Taggares Park levy failed. That park needs funding.	12/14/2021 10:58 AM
17	Indoor and outdoor paths where people with disabilities can walk safely	12/14/2021 10:57 AM
18	Improve the restrooms.	12/14/2021 9:12 AM
19	When you have baseball playing, especially the little ones you have kids riding their bikes, scooters, whatever has wheels in or out around peoples. I feel unsafe walking, especially when I go and watch the great grandkids. They need to stop that and control it better then they do. I have kids just about run over me with their bike or scooter. You have a sign at the concession stand. Should obey that sign.	12/14/2021 9:11 AM
20	Bathrooms need more stalls.	12/14/2021 9:07 AM
21	Paper dispenser that is secure to dry hands, hand soap that is liquid, more trash cans, and bicycle parking stands.	12/14/2021 9:06 AM
22	Improve playgrounds for the kids and families. More walking/biking trails, more shade trees at Lions Park.	12/14/2021 9:04 AM
23	Kiwanis Playground - Install playground at south end and north end of town. Indoor sports facility along 1st ave near soda.	12/14/2021 9:02 AM
24	Cleaner, more restrooms, newer equipment (on playgrounds)	12/14/2021 8:57 AM
25	Need more parks, its a state rule! We have no soccer fields. Hello!!	12/14/2021 8:55 AM
26	bike/walk paths/nature trails, more trees	12/14/2021 8:52 AM

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27	More playgrounds for kids with disabled	12/11/2021 4:45 PM
28	To see a permanent soccer field at least 1 we have no soccer fields.	12/11/2021 10:04 AM
29	Pools	12/11/2021 3:44 AM
30	More options for the special need people of our community	12/10/2021 6:31 PM
31	I would like to improve the playground by adding more games. Also the basketball court and the net. Also the restrooms.	12/10/2021 5:20 PM
32	I would love to have more places for a basketball league to start and thrive! Also having a stage would perhaps help schools with performing arts!!	12/10/2021 4:40 PM
33	Lions park needs more shade better ground around the toys the gravel is horrible . Remodel the restroom at kiwanis (the old one) . The cost of the pool is getting pretty high makes it hard for larger families to attend also should allow outside food atleast sandwiches and water especially since the concession stand didn't have much this year.	12/10/2021 11:16 AM
34	The bathrooms at every park are filthy and don't seem to be regularly maintained. The pool is great, but often overcrowded so that small kids have a hard time swimming safely with teenagers playing roughly. A splash pad would be an excellent second option to the pool that would be better for smaller kids. We love Kiwanis park, but there is often gang activity, drugs, and other illegal activities happening there. I'm not sure the solution to this, but we don't go there as often because it doesn't feel safe. Permanent soccer fields somewhere would be awesome. The spray painted lines at Lions Park were really hard to see by the end of this fall's soccer season and made it difficult for the kids and refs.	12/10/2021 9:00 AM
35	More benches around the playgrounds Would love a splash pad in summer Would love a musical element	12/10/2021 8:29 AM
36	Basketball court quality and lights	12/10/2021 1:34 AM
37	Adding something new every 2-5 years. Indoor city rec gym would be awesome for volleyball n basketball in the winter. You want citizens of othello to stay active all year round.	12/10/2021 12:25 AM
38	Indoor soccer complex	12/9/2021 11:27 PM
39	Playground	12/9/2021 10:20 PM
40	Water fountains	12/9/2021 10:16 PM
41	The play ground	12/9/2021 8:47 PM
42	The restrooms and kids playground	12/9/2021 8:35 PM
43	Add indoor soccer facilities. My family and a lot here in Othello love soccer and adding that would be GREAT!!!	12/9/2021 8:35 PM
44	Soccer field	12/9/2021 8:06 PM
45	Soccer area	12/9/2021 8:04 PM
46	Open and accessible baseball fields	12/9/2021 8:03 PM
47	An indoor facility, something like a Boys and Girls club. Also the play area at Lions park	12/7/2021 5:07 PM
48	More areas for Soccer fields Longer times	12/7/2021 3:32 PM
49	More benches throughout the park	12/7/2021 3:29 PM
50	More facilities for year round sports	12/7/2021 3:28 PM
51	Updated equipment.	12/7/2021 3:26 PM
52	Maybe safety and the rocks	12/7/2021 3:25 PM
53	Play equipment.	12/7/2021 3:23 PM
54	Free swim time for kids.	12/7/2021 3:21 PM
55	Walking paths with shade for Summer. Indoor walking for aged in winter.	12/7/2021 3:19 PM

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56	Upgrade system of trails clearly marked throughout town. Picnic shelters lack amenities. Add sinks, outlets and counterspace.	12/7/2021 3:17 PM
57	More playground equipment for children.	12/7/2021 3:16 PM
58	Continue to update and upgrade the facilities in Othello. We are a growing community and the local parks and rec need to continue to grow as well. More facilities for winter time.	12/7/2021 3:14 PM
59	More picnic tables. Bigger swimming pool.	12/7/2021 3:13 PM
60	Basketball courts.	12/7/2021 3:10 PM
61	Restrooms! Outlets at picnic shelters. Safety especially evening hours. Update playground equipment.	12/7/2021 3:07 PM
62	Open pool longer	12/7/2021 2:39 PM
63	More areas for soccer instead of using the grass with in the softball/baseball fields.	12/7/2021 12:08 PM
64	More shade at lions park and updated equipment please.	12/6/2021 5:04 PM
65	Better hockey arena	12/6/2021 7:35 AM
66	A splash zone would be pretty cool!	12/5/2021 7:45 PM
67	Some of the asphalt walkways at lion's Park are horrendous and need to be replaced. Definitely not ada or stroller accessible.	12/5/2021 1:36 PM
68	Better access for small children/toddlers	12/4/2021 5:44 PM
69	Bathrooms, playground structures	12/4/2021 5:00 PM
70	Restroom distance from playground Larger pool and slides More lights	12/4/2021 2:45 PM
71	We need an outside workout park that would be great	12/4/2021 2:19 PM
72	Safety and more police enforcement.	12/4/2021 2:02 PM
73	The hockey rink for sure. It is an eye sore. Redo it and make it look like a real rink like Kennewick has.	12/4/2021 12:17 PM
74	Soccer facilities Indoor pool	12/4/2021 11:08 AM
75	Soccer Complex Safety	12/4/2021 9:12 AM
76	Parking area, lighting, walking trail. More activities for the winter months(indoor facility).	12/3/2021 10:31 PM
77	The quality of equipment.	12/3/2021 12:33 PM
78	Indoor, all year pool facility. Something that should have been done when upgrading before.	12/3/2021 9:13 AM
79	Get another park built with walking trails and better playgrounds. One that isn't in a sketchy area, or covered in graffiti and containing drugs, like the ones outside of Othello or next to the Mayor's house.	12/3/2021 7:25 AM
80	I do feel there should be restrooms available in the eastern side of Lion's Park.	12/3/2021 6:45 AM
81	Having an indoor ice-skating rink	12/3/2021 5:53 AM
82	The hockey rink needs big upgrades	12/3/2021 1:27 AM
83	Everything, there is a lot of gang activity as well as violence and graffiti at our parks. Bathrooms are gross, (when they are actually unlocked) and the skate park is grounds for "meet and fight". The hockey court is completely cracked and the fence is literally falling over from being roughly 15 years old.	12/2/2021 11:29 PM
84	More and Improved play equipment for kids	12/2/2021 9:49 PM
85	Improve bathrooms at all parks and create more soccer fields.	12/2/2021 9:23 PM
86	Better parking lots	12/2/2021 7:17 PM
87	The walking paths and add a bike trail	12/2/2021 6:03 PM

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88	The bathrooms at the lion's park could use an update and better lighting	12/2/2021 5:16 PM
89	More outdoor soccer fields AND an indoor sports complex for soccer and other sports	12/2/2021 5:08 PM
90	We need to have more events with the parks or have an actual place where we can have a market where we can all go and enjoy all our local items. Make it a indoor/outdoor type of building where we can enjoy it in the summer but as well in the winter. With things for all ages to go do. Like live music, fun things for kids, adult activities, etc.	12/2/2021 4:08 PM
91	See above.	12/2/2021 3:15 PM
92	We mainly use the hockey rink.	12/2/2021 1:55 PM
93	Roller hockey rink	12/2/2021 1:33 PM
94	A better street hockey facility	12/2/2021 1:23 PM
95	We need an outdoor or indoor facility for hockey that can double as a potential soccer rink it would be great for the community	12/2/2021 1:20 PM
96	Street hockey facility upgraded	12/2/2021 1:20 PM
97	More special needs toys.	12/2/2021 1:08 PM
98	Lighting and cameras on walking trail	12/2/2021 12:43 PM
99	The skate park (improve or add to the existing layout). Many kids go here and practice for hours a day, keeping them involved and focused in something that is good for them.	12/2/2021 12:33 PM
100	Futsal courts. Soccer community is huge here and would love to see it thrive. Can only happen if the city helps us.	12/2/2021 12:32 PM
101	Picnic shelters and the restrooms.	12/2/2021 12:06 PM
102	More access to the facilities. Ball parks always seem to be closed.	12/2/2021 12:05 PM
103	Nothing. City's job	12/2/2021 11:16 AM
104	The tennis courts and put in a futsal court	12/2/2021 10:32 AM
105	Quality of facilities mainly the bathrooms. Parking safer near the baseball fields.	12/2/2021 10:09 AM
106	The bathroom because usually they are not clean or people doing drugs.	12/1/2021 6:27 PM
107	The amount and quality of the restrooms	12/1/2021 8:46 AM
108	I would like to improve the overall quality of the things we have.	11/30/2021 8:52 PM
109	Just improve the parks cuz younger kids would want to play and make it safe for them. Maybe instead of having bark on the ground of the playground add sand so when they fall they don't get hurt that bad.	11/30/2021 8:48 PM
110	I would like to see more effort in the current soccer fields. Also, possibly building a soccer designated facility.	11/30/2021 8:33 PM
111	Cleaning and resupplying of facilities like restrooms. Adding space for more indoor activities. Expanding walking trails and fixing existing sidewalks for bikes, scooters.	11/30/2021 3:47 PM
112	Lights	11/30/2021 2:53 PM
113	The old bathrooms at Kiwanis Park are absolutely disgusting and constantly being vandalized.	11/30/2021 11:17 AM
114	The playground at Lions park needs improvement badly. It definitely needs new toys and something softer to walk on underneath. The gravel is terrible.	11/30/2021 7:22 AM
115	Cleaner restrooms and more of a variety of playground equipment.	11/29/2021 10:32 PM
116	Fence and security at skate park. Skate park area reservations to public/groups. Splash areas for hot days.	11/29/2021 8:24 PM
117	Improve all bathrooms	11/29/2021 2:17 PM
118	More access to bathrooms.	11/29/2021 12:37 PM

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119	Walk paths and concrete benches.	11/29/2021 12:22 PM
120	The quality of everything, for example replace anything with rust	11/29/2021 11:31 AM
121	It need better quality and more taking care of so we can be known as a town that really have nice things and take really good care of our facilities.	11/29/2021 10:36 AM
122	Larger variety of activities possible	11/29/2021 10:13 AM
123	Not have it ran by the head if maintenance. Have a separate dept run it that is more people friendly.	11/29/2021 10:07 AM
124	More shade and better safety around where children are playing.	11/29/2021 8:28 AM
125	Dog parks	11/29/2021 8:01 AM
126	Keeping up to times or even up to par with surrounding areas.	11/29/2021 7:57 AM
127	The walking trails.	11/29/2021 7:57 AM
128	More facilities so city can put up more events in the park.	11/29/2021 7:49 AM
129	More and better facilities to attract tourism and the sports heart this town used to have.	11/29/2021 7:10 AM
130	Upgrading facilities to exceed our needs and to keep up with newer facilities in the towns around us. Sometimes when Othello updates facilities, we tend to forget what's going on around us and cater to the wants not the needs.	11/24/2021 7:12 AM

Draft Parks & Recreation Goals & Objectives

1. Explore, identify, and invest in growth opportunities for parks and recreation.
 - a. Objective: Perform a feasibility study for adding new parks, including a soccer complex and an eco park/nature park.
2. Focus on unique amenities for all parks.
 - a. Objective: Have at least one unique feature or amenity in every park.
3. Incorporate better distribution of amenities increasing neighborhood access to recreation activities.
 - a. Objective: All housing areas should have a general-use park within a half-mile distance.
4. Ensure general-use parks have sufficient open space for informal activities.
 - a. Objective: Each general-use park should have no more than half its area developed with formal facilities.
 - b. Objective: Informal space in general-use parks should be retained in pieces large enough to be usable, at least 100' by 100'.
5. Periodically identify and prioritize future needs and facilities.
 - a. Objective: Future needs and facilities should be reviewed and prioritized annually as part of the budget and Capital Facility Plan process.
6. Develop partnerships to invest in recreational opportunities.
 - a. Objective: For every project, explore opportunities for outside entities to invest in the project.
7. Maximize park safety.
 - a. Objective: Install a security camera system at each(?) park.
 - b. Objective: Ensure there is adequate lighting of all facilities, and visibility from surrounding streets.
 - c. Solicit feedback from the public about safety concerns related to parks.
 - d. Revisit safety needs every year.
8. Increase accessibility and usability of the parks for all community members and visitors.
 - a. Objective: Provide at least 25% inclusive features at playgrounds.
 - b. Objective: Recreation needs to be available to all age groups and be inclusive of all abilities.

Inventory

Introduction

Othello is the largest city in Adams County and make up 42% of the countywide population of 20,800. The estimated population as of 2021 (OFM) was 8715. The City has been growing about 2% per year over the last 20 years. In sparsely-settled rural Eastern Washington, Othello is a regional center, as the largest city between Moses Lake and Tri-Cities going north-south, and Yakima and Pullman going east-west. Agriculture is the backbone of the economy, with surrounding farmlands and several major food processing plants located in and around the city. Twenty percent of jobs held by Othello residents are directly in agriculture, with another 16% in manufacturing (mostly food processing). Median household income (2019) was \$47,243, compared to the state's \$73,775 (US Census Quick Facts). Total land area is just under 4 square miles.

Othello's population is substantially younger than that of the state as whole, with 36% of the population under age 18, compared to 22% statewide, and only 9% over age 65 compared to 16% for the state. Median age in Othello is 25.9, while the median age in Washington is 37.6 years. 80% of Othello residents identify as Hispanic.

Facility Overview

Othello Public Works Parks and Recreation Division operates 4 City Parks and owns a 5th undeveloped site:

Lions Park is the largest park at almost 27 acres, with a 4-field baseball/softball complex including bleachers and concession stand; community pool with wading pool, lap pool, lazy river, slide, and concession stand; basketball courts being upgraded and expanded in 2022, 4 tennis courts, playground being replaced in 2022, skate park, soccer field, 4 reservable picnic shelters with BBQs, walking trails, street hockey rink, handball court, arboretum, and restrooms. This park is used for community-wide celebrations such as 4th of July, as well as softball and baseball tournaments. The upcoming basketball complex is expected to host tournaments as well.

Kiwanis Park is the other large community park. Its 15 acres include walking trails, 5 picnic shelters with BBQs, play areas, tennis courts (with basketball hoops for multi-use), half-court basketball, and restrooms, along with large grassy areas which can be used for informal recreation. This park hosts the annual Classic Car Show.

Pioneer Park is the oldest park, dating back to 1912, and is located in the middle of town on Main Street just a block from City Hall. The 1-acre site has hosted the Othello Farmers Market. Amenities include a gazebo with 3 picnic tables, a water fountain, 6 benches, and a restroom. This park features a T-33 jet to honor the City's relationship with a former nearby airbase.

Triangle Park is a 0.33-acre site donated to the City in the late 1960's. It provides shaded open space for local enjoyment. Irrigation was added to the park in 2001. The park has no off-street parking area and no amenities beyond the lawn area and trees.

The Sagestone development donated a 100'-wide strip between the residential area and Highway 26. This area is intended to eventually be developed as a trail/linear park. There are several sidewalk connections so it can be accessed from the neighborhood.

Program Overview

The City currently organizes youth sports leagues for baseball, softball, soccer, and flag football.

The Othello School District Community Schools program hosts various recreational classes.

There are private youth sports activities such as Grid Kids football, and club teams such as Barracudas Swim Team and Bombers Baseball.

Resources

The Parks and Recreation Program is part of the Othello Public Works Department, overseen by a Parks & Recreation Coordinator and Assistant. The Parks and Recreation program has recently moved into a newly-purchased building across the street from the Public Works complex. Renovations of the building will continue into 2022. Parks are maintained by Public Works permanent and seasonal employees, who divide their time among streets, water, and sewer, in addition to parks.

Park Land Inventory

Developed Parks	Size
Lions Park	26.9 ac
Kiwanis Park	15.2 ac
Pioneer Park	1.0 ac
Triangle Park	0.33 ac
Total developed	43.43 ac
Undeveloped park land	
Sagestone Linear Park	2.17 ac
Total of all parks	45.6 ac
45.6 acres/8715 population	
= 5.23 acres/1000 population	

Annual Maintenance and Operational Costs for Each Site	
Pool Maintenance & Operation	\$549,558
Lions Park	\$209,420
Kiwanis Park	\$118,334
Pioneer Park	\$7,785
Triangle Park	\$2,569
Total Parks & Rec Maintenance & Operational Budget	\$887,666

See the Park Radius Map for park locations and distances.

Facility Inventory

Lions Park

Facility/amenity	Number/size	Condition	Usage
Baseball/softball complex			
Baseball/softball fields with lights	4	Completely rebuilt 2020	Sometimes used for soccer. April-June Little League. 4 Men's softball tournaments hosted 2021. 11 rentals June-Sept. Parks staff evaluation is they are sufficient for current demand.
	900 SF	Restrooms remodeled 2020	Concession stand used during tournaments and Little League.
	28	Need to be replaced. Bleachers are bent, have been welded, and are constantly being moved due to events.	Used frequently, for park events, swim meets, and City functions.
Soccer field w/lights	1	Field is smaller than regulation size. 2 goals provided, but players must bring own nets. Shares space with baseball outfields.	46 rentals Apr-Oct. 2021. Rented most weekends in summer. Oct. 2021 rented every Tues-Fri. Many requests for more soccer facilities, indoor and outdoor.
Tennis courts w/lights	4	Lights were upgraded to LEDs in 2019. Courts are in adequate condition.	Used by High School during tennis season.
Basketball courts	4 (2022)	2 existing courts will be replaced with 4 new courts in 2022	Existing courts used frequently, despite current poor condition.
Playground	1 (30,000 SF)	All equipment and playground surface will be replaced in 2022	Used frequently in spring & summer, mostly by families & children.
Walking trails	~2000 lineal feet.	In need of renovation (public complaints that trails are uneven, difficult for pushing a stroller, riding bikes and scooters.)	Would be used more if in better condition.

Facility/amenity	Number/size	Condition	Usage
		New north-south trail through middle of park is being added 2022 (~700 lineal feet).	
Restrooms	3	Restroom outside ballfield fence scheduled for renovation in 2025	Used frequently during park operating hours, especially during youth sports and tournaments.
Horseshoe pits	4 sets	The wood around the pits has deteriorated and should be replaced.	1 set shows signs of use. Requests from the community to convert to cornhole.
Picnic shelters	4	Shelter #1, 2, & 3 scheduled for renovation 2024	Shelters 1-3 reserved 8%-35% of summer Saturdays in 2021, and 2%-22% of summer weekend days in 2019. Shelter #4 (large) reserved 62% of summer Saturdays 2021 and 33% of summer weekend days in 2019. Requests from community for another large shelter.
Handball court	1	No complaints from the public about condition.	Rarely used (observation of Park staff and neighbors). Frequent target of graffiti.
Othello Community Pool	23,000 SF total outdoor area of pool complex. 7275 Sf water recreation; 178,392 gallons	Constructed 2007. Maintained as needed	Has never been over 50% capacity. About 30 after-hours reservations in 2021.
	Lap pool	3000 SF surface area. 155,600 gallons	
	Zero-depth wading pool	2600 SF surface area	
	Lazy river	1100 SF surface area.	

Facility/amenity	Number/size	Condition	Usage
	22,792 gallons		
Slide	155'		
Spray toys	2		
Concession stand open to pool and general public	1		
Covered shelter areas	3		
Picnic tables	6		
BBQ	1	Unused.	BBQ has never been rented out or used since installation. Could be removed.
Dan Dever Memorial Skate Park	6000 SF	Constructed 2015. Frequent target for graffiti but structures are in good condition.	Used frequently
Arboretum		Good condition, provides shade for families during BBQs.	Rarely used. Used mostly for shade/picnicking during 4 th of July event.
Street hockey rink	9000 SF	Scheduled for renovation 2024.	Used for court soccer on a daily basis. Some hockey use.
Shuffleboard concrete pad	1	Concrete is sound, but has not been painted for shuffleboard in years. Should be removed for new walk path.	Occasional use as dance floor for events and tournaments, and as practice space for large group dances.

Kiwanis Park

Kiwanis Park was given to Othello under a grant condition that it would differ considerably in character from Lions Park. The emphasis on Kiwanis Park is family and individual recreation. It states in the deed for Kiwanis Park that, "No organized team sports will be encouraged within the park. The park uses will emphasize impromptu recreational activities associated with family or small group picnicking. The tennis courts will be the only city-owned courts in this part of the city. Jogging and bicycling will be encouraged on almost one mile of trail within the park, and a children's play area and multi-use court will serve the recreational need of a wide range of age groups."

Facility/amenity	Number/size	Condition	Usage
Picnic shelters	5	All in need of renovation	Shelters 1 & 2 reserved about 70% of summer Saturdays in 2021. Shelter 1 reserved 61%

Facility/amenity	Number/size	Condition	Usage
			of summer weekends in 2019, and Shelter 2 reserved 31%. Shelters 3-5 reserved 12-38% of summer Saturdays in 2021 and 7-28% of summer weekend days in 2019.
Tennis courts	2	No lights. The court was completely renovated in 2016, with new concrete, new nets, and a new chain link fence.	Used mostly as a futsal court. Parks staff has not observed any use for tennis, but it may be used by the High School during tennis season.
Basketball courts	2 sets of hoops in the tennis courts. 1 half-court slab 0 dedicated full courts.	No lights. One court shares space with tennis, other court is only half size.	Parks staff has not observed either court used for basketball.
Playground areas	3 areas with play equipment	North playground area in need of renovation	Often used by families in the area.
Walking trails	~1300 lineal feet	Badly cracked. In need of renovation (public complaints that trails are uneven, difficult for pushing a stroller, riding bikes and scooters.)	Would be used more if in better condition.
Restrooms	2	North restroom in need of lights and renovation	Used often during park open hours. The newer restroom locks automatically after closing time.

Pioneer Park

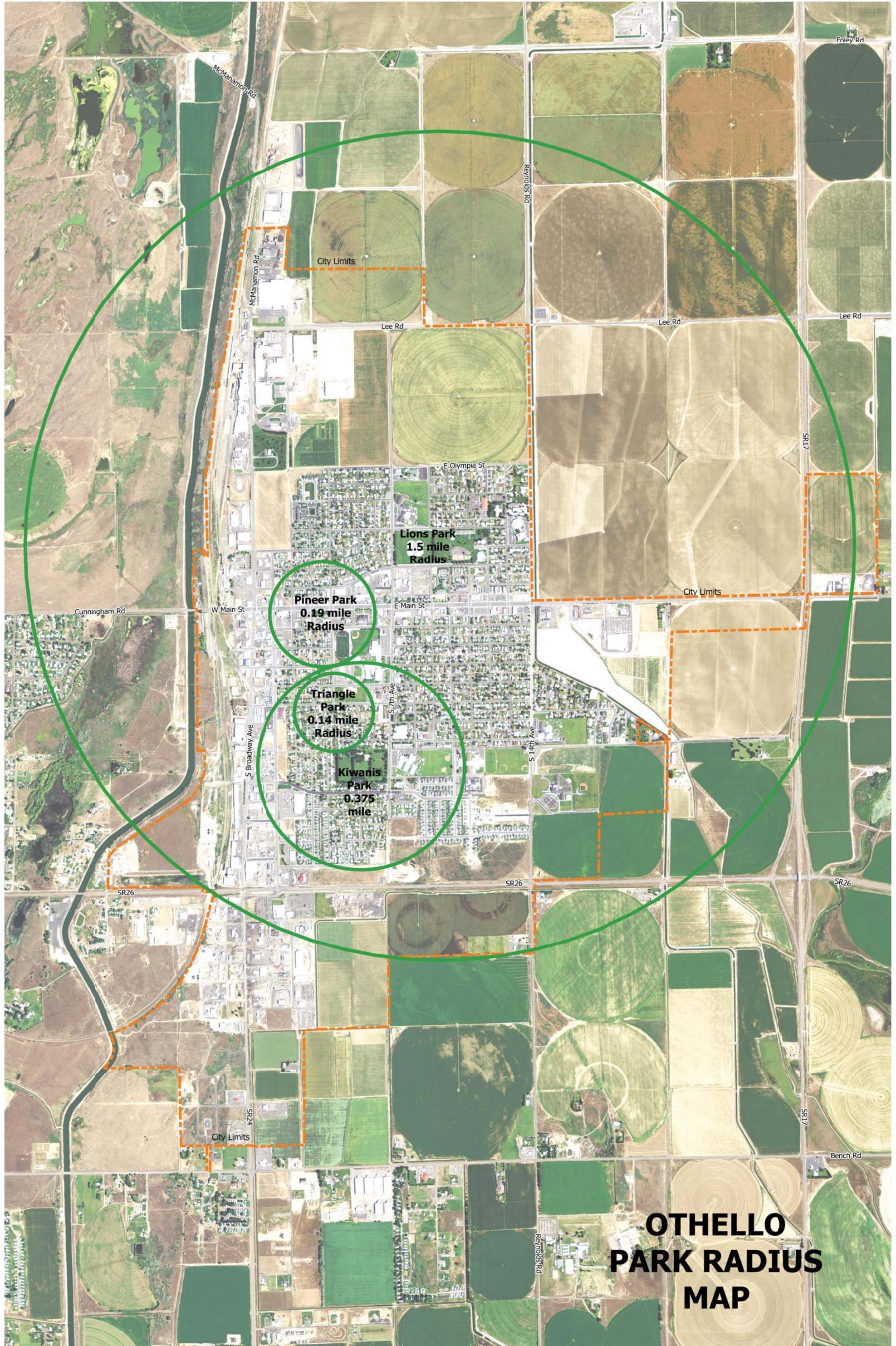
Facility/amenity	Number/size	Condition	Usage
Gazebo/picnic shelter	1	Adequate	No reservations in 2021. Sometimes used as a sleeping shelter by people who are homeless.
T-33 Jet	1	Maintained by the US Air Force	

Facility/amenity	Number/size	Condition	Usage
Restroom	1	In excellent condition.	Does not show any sign of being inadequate for needs.

Triangle Park

Facility/amenity	Number/size	Condition	Usage
Irrigated lawn and trees	0.33 acres	Adequate. The site used to have picnic tables, but the chains were cut and the tables stolen.	No usage observed by Parks staff.

School District facilities are not included because they are for a limited age range and they are not available to the community during school hours.



Future Needs Analysis

Facility/amenity	Current Number or Size	Additional needed to Meet Current Demand	Notes
Adequate			
Arboretum		0	
Baseball/softball fields	4	0	Existing fields rebuilt in 2020
Basketball courts	2 Lions 2 Lions 2022. Kiwanis courts are in tennis court + 1 half-court = 4 total dedicated (when Lions finished)	At least 1 dedicated full-size lighted court needed at Kiwanis??? But is this even allowed? (deed restriction)	Lions Park 2 existing courts will be replaced with 4 new courts Summer 2022.
Concession stands	1 Lions Ballfields (900 SF) 1 Pool = 2 total	0	More may be needed in future to serve new development, such as a soccer complex.
Handball court	1	0	Community interest in handball is low.
Horseshoe pits	4 sets	0 Maintenance needed if these facilities are retained.	Community interest in horseshoes is low. Some of the horseshoe pits could be replaced with a different feature, such as cornhole.
Skate Park	6000 SF	0	
Swimming Pool	7275 Sf water recreation; 178,392 gallons	0	Some community interest in adding an indoor pool.
Zero-depth wading pool	1	0	
Spray toys	2	0	
Lazy river	1100 SF; 22,792 gallons	0	
Slide	155'	0	
Lap pool	155,600 gallons	0	
Tennis courts	4 Lions 2 Kiwanis =6 total	0 additional needed.	

Facility/amenity	Current Number or Size	Additional needed to Meet Current Demand	Notes
Maintenance/Replacement Needed			
Bleachers	28	Existing need to be replaced.	
Picnic shelters	4 Lions 5 Kiwanis 1 Pioneer = 10 total	Maintenance needed.	
Playground	1 Lions 1 Kiwanis = 2 total	More inclusive play equipment needed, such as a sensory/musical playground. Kiwanis Playground in need of update. Pathways to existing playgrounds need to be improved to be accessible.	Inclusive features will be included in Lions Park Playground 2022. Musical features may be included.
Restrooms	3 Lions 2 Kiwanis 1 Pioneer = 6 total	Maintenance and upgrades needed.	1 scheduled for replacement 2025.
Street hockey rink	1	Renovation needed for hockey.	Renovations on CFP for 2024. Alternate facilities for futsal needed so rink can be freed up for hockey.
Walking trails		Maintenance/reconstruction of existing trails needed.	
New Facilities Needed			
Eco park/nature park with wildlife and hiking trails	0	1	Strong community interest. Will require land acquisition.
Farmers Market/ Food Truck Court/ Event Center	0	1	Top choice of community for new facilities. CFP 2024
Futsal	0	3-5	CFP 2025 (1 court)
Indoor sports court (especially for activities during the winter)	0	1 hard court for basketball, volleyball, gym space (~5000 SF) 1 turf area for baseball, soccer, football field (~30,000 SF)	
Pickleball	0	1	This sport is gaining a lot of interest in other cities; some

Facility/amenity	Current Number or Size	Additional needed to Meet Current Demand	Notes
			community interest here.
Picnic shelters	4 Lions 5 Kiwanis 1 Pioneer = 10 total	2? (1 each Lions & Kiwanis)	Public requests for additional large shelters. Survey: More shelters was one of the top 3 facilities that people wanted more of.
Soccer field	1 Lions (small, no nets, overlaps with baseball fields) = 0 total full-size fields	6-10 additional fields needed, including a complex for tournaments.	Strong community interest in soccer. Soccer was top choice on survey of what people wanted more of. Land would need to be acquired for this.
Splash pad	0	1 (PC recommendation: Should be at Kiwanis Park, or inside pool fence at Lions)	Strong community interest. CFP 2024
Stage	1 portable stage in need of repair	Permanent stage needed at Lions for events such as 4 th of July celebration.	CFP 2024
Walking trails	~3300 lineal feet in parks	??	Strong community desire for more trails, second only to soccer. Lions Park Connectivity Trail will be added Summer 2022. Additional trails will be needed to meet demand. Could be at least addressed in the eco park/nature park with hiking trails.

CITY OF OTHELLO
2022 - 2027 CAPITAL FACILITY PLAN

Department/Project	Source	Year 2022	Year 2023	Year 2024	Year 2025	Year 2026	Year 2027
GENERAL FUND							
General Administration							
Camera System (various locations, including City Hall & parks)	GF Reserves / REET/A	238,000				60,000	
	SUBTOTAL GENERAL ADMIN.	238,000	0	0	0	60,000	0
Parks & Recreation		Year 2022	Year 2023	Year 2024	Year 2025	Year 2026	Year 2027
Food Makers Incubator Project Study	Grant/25% Match	47,000					
RCO - Dream Courts Basketball Zone (YAF)	Grant/Reserves	467,000					
RCO - Pride Rock Playground (WWRP-LWCF)	Grant/Reserves	1,000,000					
Lions Park connectivity Trail	Grant/Reserves	40,500					
Conduit and Jboxes for Lions Park trail lighting	REET	40,000					
Lit reader board (by new PW bldg)	GF Reserves	25,000					
Building upgrades for Park & Rec	GF Reserves	50,000					
Bike and Pedestrian Plan	Grant	30,000					
Farmers Market/Event Center	Grant			3,780,000			
Performance Stage (Lions Park)	Grant/Reserves			250,000			
Splash Pad	Grant/Reserves			400,000			
In-Line Skate Rink Renovation	Grant/Reserves			150,000			
Shelter Renovation (Lions 1, 2, & 3)	Grant/Reserves			80,000			
Replace Lions Restroom (outside ballfield fence)	Grant				240,000		
Futsal Court	Grant/Reserves				125,000		
Renovation to Storage Room - Lions Park	Grant/Reserves				65,000		
Heat Exchange - Pool (10 yr cycle) (for 2029)	Reserves					54,000	
Backwash tanks sand replacement - Pool (10 yr cycle) (for 2029)	Reserves					26,000	
Bleacher replacement - \$60,000	Reserves						
Picnic Shelter Maintenance (Kiwanis) - \$20,000	Reserves						
Kiwanis Playground Upgrade - \$300,000	Grant/Reserves						
Restroom Maintenance - \$100,000	Reserves						
Path Maintenance - \$100,000	Reserves						
Art/Murals - \$75,000	Reserves/Donations						
Eco park/nature park with hiking trails - \$3,000,000	Grant/Partnerships						
Futsal - \$150,000 each	Grant/Reserves						
Indoor sports court (hard court) - \$750,000	Grant/Reserves						
Indoor sports facility (artificial turf) - \$5,000,000	Grant/Reserves						
Pickleball - \$50,000 each	Grant/Reserves						
Picnic shelters (additional large shelters) - \$200,000 each	Grant/Reserves						
Soccer fields - \$200,000 for 3-4	Reserves						
Walking trails (new) - \$2,500,000	Grant/Reserves						
SUBTOTAL PARK DEPT.		1,699,500	0	4,660,000	430,000	0	80,000

Public Involvement

Required components:

- *Identify who will be affected by the decisions*
- *How and when to engage them*
- *How to incorporate public input into the final product*
- *Describe how the planning process gave the public ample opportunity to be involved in the plan development and adoption.*
- *Use multiple methods to involve the public*

Parks and recreation are important to all segments of the community, so the City has used a variety of methods to reach out to the community:

1. Staff that works on parks and recreation provided a lot of input they have gathered over the years, as well as specifically asking questions of parks & rec users.
2. The Planning Commission has been very involved in the process and has engaged individual community members on various aspects of the plan.
3. The Park Plan update has been on the Planning Commission agenda every month from July 2021 to Feb. 2022 (8 meetings).
4. The City convened a stakeholder meeting Dec. 3, which included the Council Parks & Rec Committee, Othello Planning Commissioners, Adams County Planning Commissioners, the Othello Housing Authority, the Port of Othello, the Othello Chamber of Commerce, Adams County Parks & Recreation District #1, staff, landowners, and residents. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss community priorities.
5. Public hearings will be held by the Planning Commission Feb. 22 and City Council Feb. 28.
6. As well as taking informal input throughout the process, the City mailed a short survey with all 2000+ utility bills Nov. 30 and publicized the online survey link multiple times on the City website, Facebook, and Instagram. In addition, paper copies (with survey link & QR code) were available at City Hall, Public Works, and Parks & Rec. Furthermore, staff attended the Miracle on Main Street/Holiday Parade and Festival to engage the community on parks and take more survey input. We felt it was important that the survey be brief to encourage people to finish it, so the questions focused on the most important issues for the updated Parks Plan: Where is more investment needed in existing facilities, and what new facilities does the community want to see? We received 74 paper responses and 165 online responses, for a total of 239 responses, with 8 of those in Spanish.

Survey Summary:

Existing Facilities	Percent
Soccer fields	44%
Walking trails	44%
Picnic shelters	42%
What do people want more of?	

Existing Facilities		Percent
What do people think needs better quality?	Park restrooms	62%
	Basketball courts	47%
	Playgrounds	45%
What existing facilities are not needed?	Horseshoe pits	47%
	Handball	38%
What existing facilities are great the way they are?	Skate park	66%
	Baseball/softball	63%
	Tennis courts	51%

In regard to the facilities that need better quality, the City is already working toward these improvements: Lions Park playground and basketball courts will be completely rebuilt in Summer 2022, and a park restroom replacement is scheduled for 2025.

For new facilities, each respondent was limited to their top 3 choices, in order to develop priorities. Here is what was preferred, from most popular to least:

Rank	Potential New Facilities	Percent	In CFP
1	Farmers Market/Food Truck Court/Event Center	42%	2024
2	Indoor Sports Facility/Gym Space (for basketball, volleyball, etc.)	39%	No
3 (tie)	Eco Park/Nature Park with wildlife and hiking trails	38%	No
3 (tie)	Indoor Sports Facilities/Artificial Turf (for baseball, football, soccer, etc.)	38%	No
5	Splash Pad	29%	2024
6	Outdoor Soccer Complex	27%	No
7	Workout Stations/Adult Outdoor Fitness Equipment	21%	*
8	Stage at Lions Park	19.3%	2024
9	Futsal/ Soccer Court	18.8%	2025
10	Pickleball	8%	No
11	Musical Playground	7%	*

** These items may be included in the Lions Park Playground Project (Summer 2022).*

There were also multiple write-in votes for Hockey/Street Hockey/Ice Rink (9), Indoor Pool (6), and Dog Park (5). For comparison, there were 15 votes for Musical Playground, so the write-in ideas will need to be explored at some point.

Based on this input, the CFP adopted Dec. 13 will need to be amended to incorporate the community priorities that weren't addressed.

City of Othello
Building and Planning Department
November 2021

Building Permits			
	Applied	Issued	Final
Residential	14 ¹	19 ⁴	16 ⁷
Commercial	2 ²	3 ⁵	17 ⁸
Industrial	0	0	2 ⁹
Total	16	22	35

¹ 5 new residences, 2 residential foundation-only permits, 2 reroof, 1 residing/stucco, 1 HVAC, 2 remodel (incl 1 fire repair), 1 shop addition
² Replace gas line at Commercial Tire, replace furnace at Tee-Pee Septic
⁴ 6 new residences, 9 residential foundation-only permits, 2 reroof, 1 re-siding/stucco, 1 remodel
⁵ HVAC change out at McDonald's, replace gas line at Commercial Tire, replace furnace at Tee-Pee Septic
⁷ 1 new residence, 11 residential foundation-only permits, 4 reroof
⁸ 2 portables at High School, 5 HVAC, 2 reroof, 1 plumbing, 3 signs, 2 gas lines, 1 storage building
⁹ 1 mechanical, 1 reroof

Note: Many of the commercial permits that were finaled this month were old permits we had to follow up on because they never called for final inspection.

Inspections

- The Inspector completed 134 inspections in November, including 12 rental inspections.

Land Use Permits & Development Projects		
Project	Actions in November	Status as of November 30
McCain Foods Short Plat	Council approved abandonment of easements.	Need to send abandonment for recording.
Ochoa Short Plat	No change (Deferrals heard at Aug. 16 Planning Commission meeting.)	Waiting for proposed covenant language from applicant's attorney, as specified in PC recommendation.
Sand Hill Estates #3	Final plat reviewed by staff and agencies. Council accepted street & utility improvements and approved final plat. Staff reviewed pre-mylar corrections to drawing. Notice of Decision issued.	Waiting for mylars.
Story Rentals Short Plat (Ace Hardware)	No change (Preliminary plat approved in Oct.)	Next steps are sidewalk improvements and then final plat.
Wahitis Short Plat	No change (Plat approved May 2019. Scootney street/utility improvement plans approved by City Dec. 2019. 5/26/20 USBR notified School District	No change: Street improvements must be completed or bonded before accepting mylars for recording.

Land Use Permits & Development Projects		
Project	Actions in November	Status as of November 30
	that it will be about a year before they have time to review it.)	USBR issues must be resolved before street improvements can proceed.
Water Hole 17 substantial building expansion	No real change. Proponent stopped by in Nov. to see if we had received submittal from surveyor, but we hadn't. (Notice of Incomplete sent in Feb: Site is not platted; have discussed with proponent multiple times. In April, representative asked for refresher on platting process.)	Waiting for plat submittal.

Municipal Code Updates/Long Range Planning

- The Accessory Dwelling Unit chapter of the Municipal Code has been posted by Code Publishing: [OMC 17.63](#).

Rental Licensing & Inspection Program

- Received 4 rental applications in November, for 9 rental units.
- 12 sites with a total of 23 units were inspected in November.
- 8 sites with a total of 15 units were approved in November.
- 20 locations with a total of 32 units have been fully approved so far. Multiple others just need a few simple fixes such as smoke alarms in order to be approved.
- There are currently 39 active applications for a total of 105 units in various stages of inspection and correction.

Parks/Recreation

- Planning Commission is continuing the process to update the Parks Element of the Comp Plan, which we use as our Parks Plan to qualify for RCO grants. In November, the Commission finished drafting goals and objectives, discussed the current inventory and conditions of various park facilities as drafted by staff, and provided input into a public survey of priorities.
- Worked with Grant Administrator Thalia Lemus to create a survey about park needs. Survey was sent out with utility bills Nov. 30, in English and Spanish. Thalia also created an online version and has a media campaign to post the link multiple times. Survey link created Nov. 24 (day before Thanksgiving) and as of the morning of Tues. Nov. 30 already had 39 responses, even with very limited distribution at that point.
- Participated in interviews and evaluation of playground consultants for Lions Park Playground.

Staffing/Technology

- Fourth month of maternity leave for Permit Tech. We will be very happy to have her back soon, which should help us get caught up.
- Through identifying and closing out older completed permits where the proponent never called for a final inspection, we have reduced the number of active permits down from 165 to 147 (while

adding 22 new permits this month). It is a slow process, but we will continue to work through the list of older permits to figure out which ones are actually completed and can be closed out.

Training

- Planning Association of Washington conference. Sessions included “Housing Amid a Pandemic”, “Project Management for Planners”, “Countdown to Net Zero 2050: What WA State’s New Climate Laws Mean for Urban Planning”, “Pandemic Parklets & Streateries: How Leavenworth, Redmond, and Seattle Activated Public Spaces During the Pandemic”, “The Social Benefit of Urban Forests”, “Civic Engagement in an Online World: Covid-era Experiences and Inspirations”, “Planning Through the Lens of Arts and Culture”, and “What the Pandemic Taught Us”.
- Webinars: “Five Coaching Skills Every Leader Should Master”, “Plagiarism and Ethics: Where to Draw the Line” (about the ethics of other cities’ code language as models).

Other

- Reviewed and provided pre-application comments on a proposed residential subdivision.
- Working with a local developer to get all of their sub-contractors current on their contractor license and city business license.
- Othello Housing Authority has requested our assistance on some required forms to qualify them for grants. Have not had time to work on this yet.
- Participated in Zoom meeting about housing, arranged by Senator Judy Warnick and Planning Commission Chair Chris Dorow.

Website

- Updated the [Housing Action Plan](#) page to reflect adoption of the Plan.
- Updated [Long Range Planning](#) page to address current status of Accessory Dwelling Units, Housing Action Plan, reduced lot size/increased lot coverage, Public Works Design Standards, Rental Licensing & Inspection Program, Parks Element, Subdivision code, and landscaping.
- Started a page to explain Accessory Dwelling Unit regulations, but have not finished and published it yet.
- Created new page for [Park Plan Update](#).