

REGULAR MEETING
Board of Park Commissioners
May 7, 2025 - 6:30 PM
Community Room
933 Michigan Avenue, Stevens Point, WI

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AGENDA

Discussion and Possible Action on:

1. Roll Call.
2. Approval of April 2, 2025 meeting minutes
3. Awarding of the Don Friday Press Box Renovation Project at Goerke Park.
4. Inflatable dome depicted on the Goerke Park draft masterplan concept.
5. Including the Parker Building and Rec Center Building (armory) within the next draft of the Goerke Park masterplan.
6. Southern area of the proposed Goerke Park masterplan (e.g. proposed parking lot, existing hockey rink/ice rink, shotput, discus and green space/parking area.
7. Proposed bus lane, parking lot drop off and existing softball field area.
8. Location of the proposed outdoor aquatic center/pool location within the Goerke Park draft concept plan.
9. Proposed northern parking lot, prais street drive, playground, basketball court and tennis court areas depicted in the Goerke Park draft concept plan.
10. Any other items for Goerke Park to include in the next draft master plan concept.
11. Zenoff Park Master Plan Draft Concepts
12. To select a Chairperson for the Board of Park Commissioners
13. To select a Vice-Chairperson for the Board of Park Commissioners

14. Director's Report
 - Downtown Easter Egg Hunt Recap
 - Scavenger Hunt Recap
 - July Reminder - No Park Commission meeting due to Riverfront Rendezvous
15. Adjournment.

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Agenda Notes

3. Awarding of the Don Friday Press Box Renovation Project at Goerke Park.

The press box roof, siding, windows, HVAC and door project is currently out for bid with an opening date of Tuesday, May 6 at 2 pm. The bid tab will be provided to all park commissioners in advance of the meeting after the bid opening takes place on Tuesday.

4. Inflatable dome depicted on the Goerke Park draft masterplan concept.

Survey results show 51% resident support and 38% opposition to the dome. However, staff believe several factors make the dome unsuitable for the Goerke Park site:

- The proposed dome is too small to support tournament play, which appears a community priority.
- Its appearance is generally considered unattractive.
- It would displace Point Fastpitch's primary fields.
- It would require significant new parking, reducing available green space.
- Support for the dome was marginal, with only a slim majority in favor.
- Municipalities are rarely the owner of a facility like this. Most commonly a private entity, school district or university are the facility owners.

Staff believe the discussion was valuable and confirm community interest in a facility of this kind elsewhere in the city.

Recommendation: Remove the dome/climate-controlled facility from the next draft of the Goerke Park concept plan.

5. Including the Parker Building and Rec Center Building (armory) within the next draft of the Goerke Park masterplan.

The most frequent theme in survey comments was support for preserving historic buildings and community gym space. Many noted the importance of free daytime gym access and referenced the Parker Building's historical significance as a WPA project and frequent visits for winter activities.

Future renovations to the Parker Building could include partnerships with organizations such as Point Fastpitch, Boys and Girls Club, the university and/or school districts. These options could support uses like event rentals, tailgating, warming house, meeting space and restrooms. A contractor estimated \$650,000 to move the Parker Building—a cost staff considers prohibitive.

Recommendation: Retain both the Parker Building and Recreation Center (armory) in their current locations in the next master plan draft.

6. Southern area of the proposed Goerke Park masterplan (e.g. proposed parking lot, existing hockey rink/ice rink, shotput, discus and green space/parking area.

Survey support was less than majority of residents who completed it: 47% for relocating discus and shotput; 49% for the new southern parking lot. However, green space was frequently supported and ranked as the fourth most common survey comment theme. The third most common comment theme was support for retaining the hockey and ice-skating rinks.

Recommendation: Remove the southeast parking lot in the next draft. Retain green space, and leave the shotput, discus, hockey rink, and ice-skating rink in their current locations.

7. Proposed bus lane, parking lot drop-off and existing softball field area.

There was community support for the redesigned parking lot and a new bus lane adjacent to the middle school. To create the bus lane, the existing softball fields must be shifted to the east and there is adequate space to do so. Point Fastpitch is open to reorienting the softball diamonds if the Park Commission chooses to do so.

Recommendation:

- Include the reconfigured front parking lot with the drop-off and a single-lane bus lane east of the school.
- Include two reoriented softball diamonds (multi-use space) and a new parking lot on Main Street between the Parker Building and bus lane.
- The new, smaller lot along Main Street will serve school staff, Parker Building users, and Point Fastpitch, and act as overflow parking for stadium and KB Willett Arena events.

8. Location of the proposed outdoor aquatic center/pool location within Goerke Park draft concept plan.

Aquatics had strong support in both the CORP and recent surveys. Relocation to Main Street was initially considered to increase visibility and allow shared facilities should a dome facility move forward in the concept plan. Relocating the aquatic center would require removing the hockey rink, Parker Building, and overflow parking or impact on the existing ball diamonds and green space. Given public input, survey data and other agenda recommendations by staff, these removals are no longer advisable.

Recommendation: Place the aquatic center in the current Donald Copps Pool location. Expand the footprint to accommodate a 50,000+ sq. ft. facility and place the pool house/guard house on the north side to serve adjacent facilities (see item #9 below).

Agenda Notes

9. Proposed northern parking lot, Prais Street drive, playground, basketball court, tennis courts areas depicted in the Goerke Park draft concept plan.

Survey resident support: 56% for the northern parking lot, 46% for the Prais Street driveway, 64% for the playground, and 54% for the basketball court. To accommodate the larger aquatic center while retaining tennis courts in place, other features must shift. The survey also expressed strong interest in adding pickleball courts in Goerke Park.

Recommendation:

- Retain existing tennis courts in place.
- Downsize the northern parking lot to make room for aquatics, provide a buffer between Prais Street backyards, and the amenities in the next bulletin point.
- Add a new playground, basketball court, and a minimum of four pickleball courts adjacent to the aquatic center and new parking lot.
- Convert the proposed Prais Street driveway into a wide pedestrian and bicycle path for north park access from the Prais Street sidewalk.

This revised layout will allow for restroom access via the guard house and accessible parking for the pool, KB Willett, and stadium events.

10. Any other items for Goerke Park to include in the next draft master plan concept.

This item allows for discussion of any elements not yet addressed in the master plan review.

11. Zenoff Park Master Plan Draft Concepts.

Concept A (new field addition) received over 80% resident support on all options, and Concept B (field renovation) received over 70% resident support from respondents on all options.

Recommendation: No changes to either concept is recommended currently. Staff recommends holding adoption of both plans for consideration at the June 4 Park Commission meeting.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Board of Park Commissioners

April 2, 2025 - 6:30 PM

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933 Michigan Avenue, Stevens Point, WI

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Discussion and Possible Action on:

1. Roll Call.

Present: Alder Broderick, Alder Buse, Freckmann, Disher, Alder Keymer, McDonald, Okonek, Przybylski, Sorenson, Winn

Excused: Glodosky

Also Present: Paul Ziemann, Dan Kremer, Steven McKay, Erik, Bob, City Council President Mark Christianson

2. Approval of February 12, 2025 meeting minutes

Motion to approve by Przybylski, second by Disher, passed 10-0.

3. Award of downtown landscape maintenance contract to Plaski and Sons in the not-to-exceed amount of \$19,400 per year for 2025 and 2026.

Motion to award as proposed by Sorensen, second By Winn; passed 10-0.

4. Ordinance Amendment - to approve changes to Chapter 10, Subsection (2) of 10.01, designated parks; and Subsection (4) of Section 10.05, park closing hours.

Motion to approve by Keymer, second by Buse; passed 10-0.

5. Parks Division report presented by Parks Superintendent, Paul Ziemann.

No action.

6. Director's Report

- Update on stakeholder meetings and survey deadline for Goerke and Zenoff Parks.

- 44th year as a Tree City USA

- Growth Award from the National Arbor Day Association for the 20th year.

- Jacob Sutherland, City Arborist, successfully completed his probationary period

- Plover River Crossing project update.

No action.

7. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn by Disher, second by Sorenson; meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.



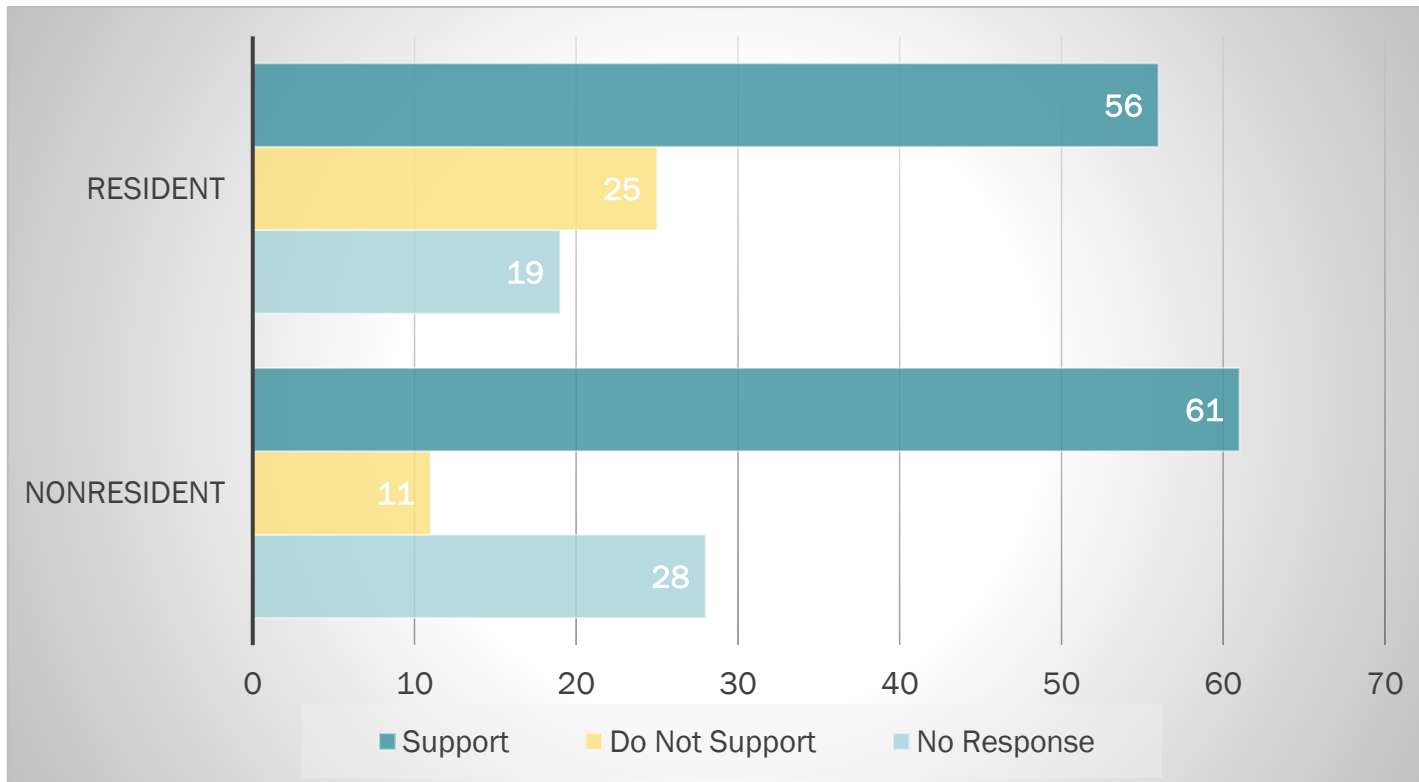
Survey Results Goerke Park Master Plan

Goerke Park Master Plan



- 563 residents completed surveys
- 358 non-residents completed surveys
- Individual letters and emails are included in packet

North Parking Lot – 100 spaces



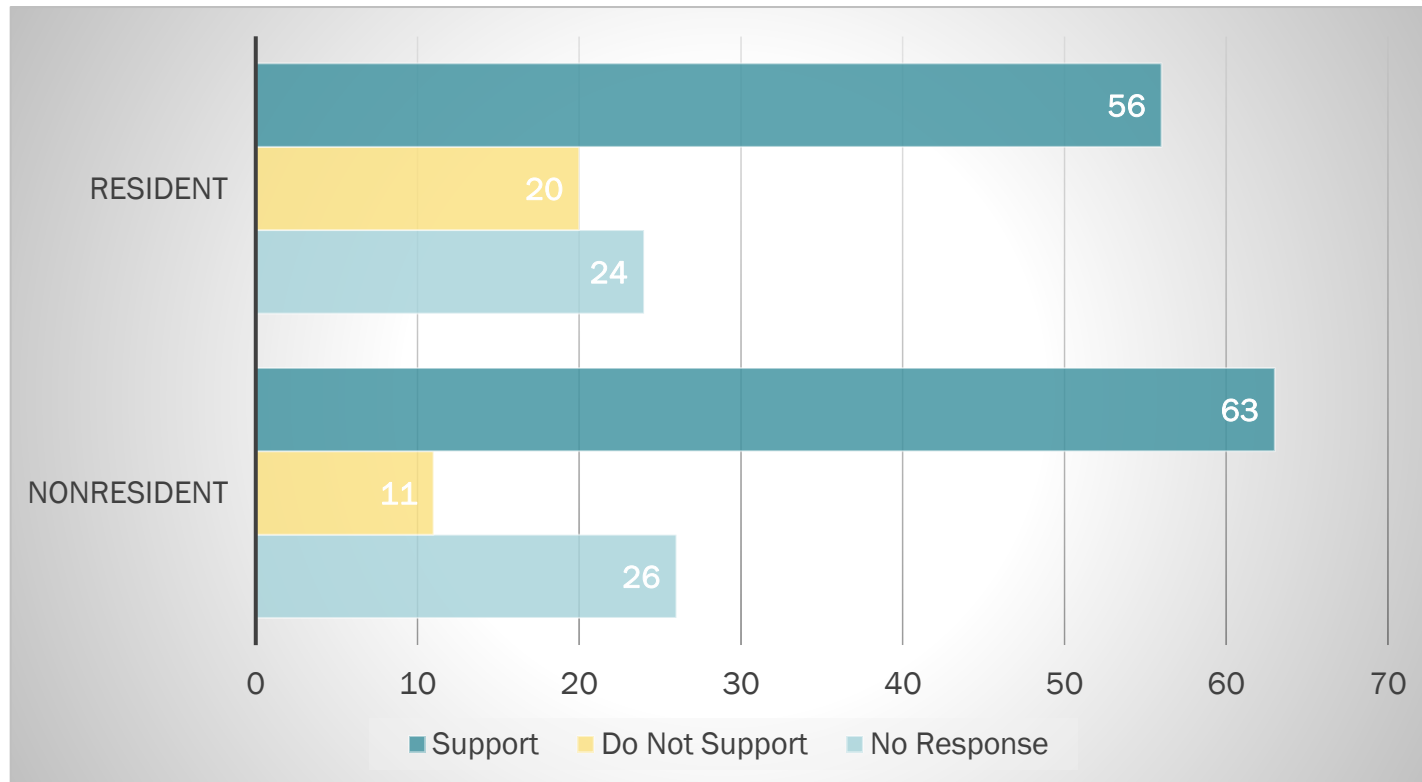
Resident

- 56% Support
- 25 % Do Not Support
- 19% No Response

Nonresident

- 61 % Support
- 11 % Do Not Support
- 28 % No Response

Six Relocated Tennis Courts



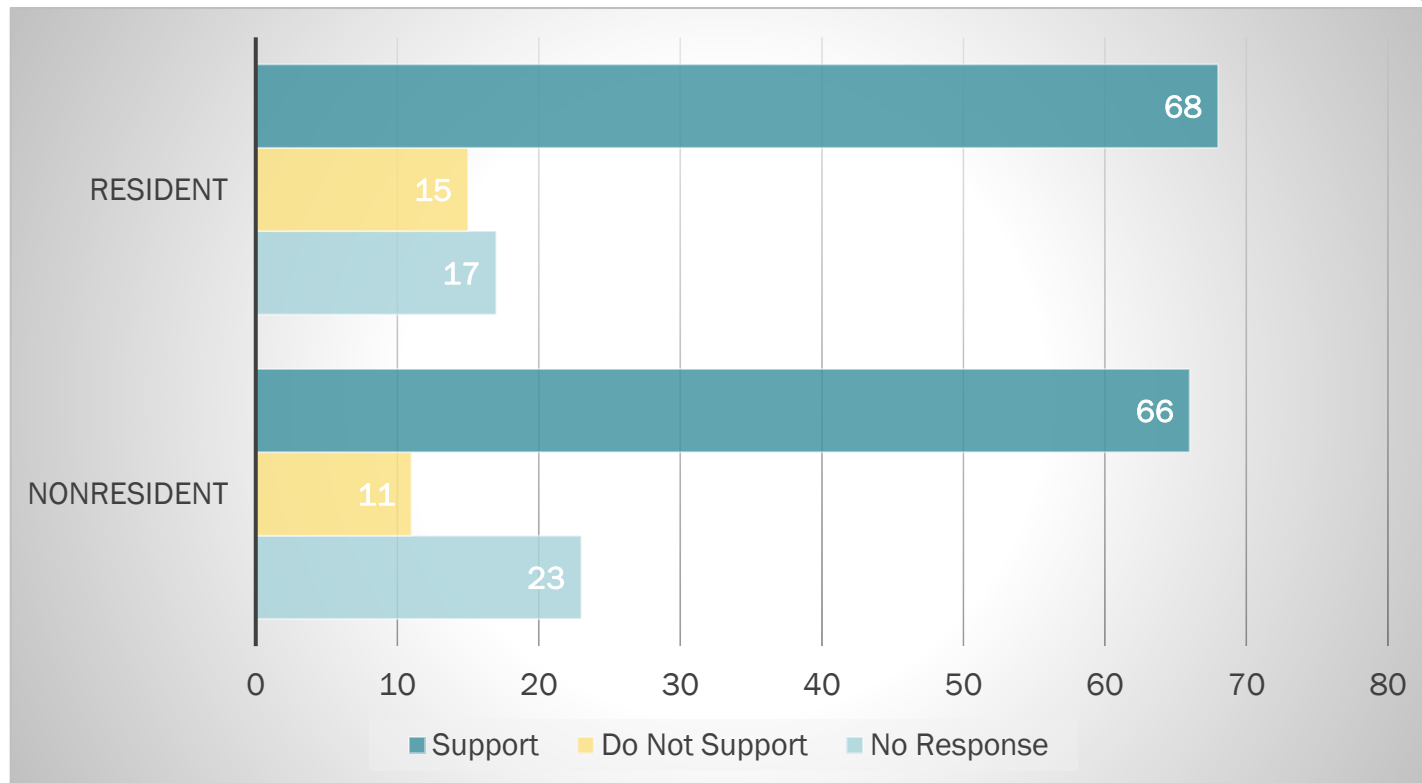
Resident

- 56% Support
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- 24% No Response

Nonresident

- 63% Support
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- 26 % No Response

New Restroom – North Side of Park



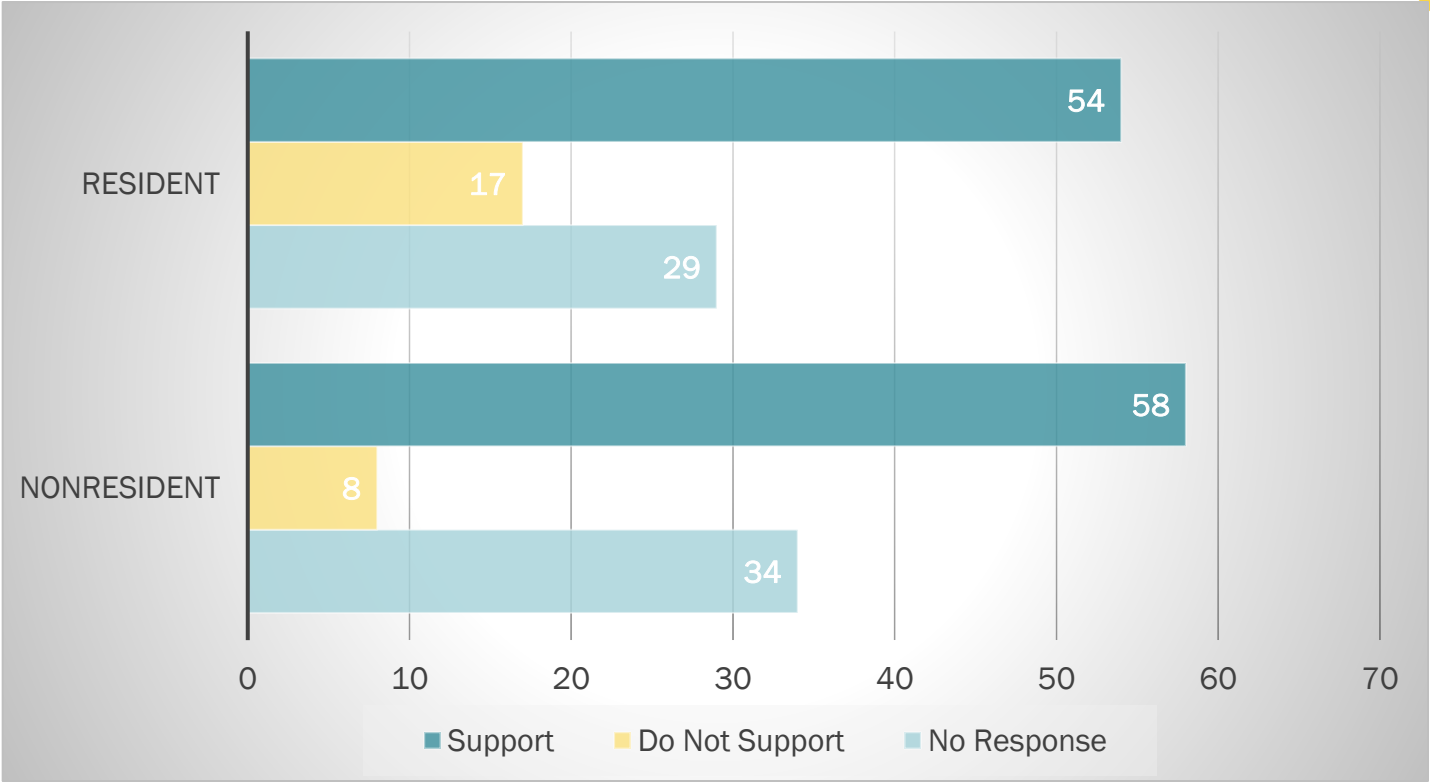
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- 17% No Response

Nonresident

- 66% support
- 11 % Do Not Support
- 23 % No Response

New Relocated Basketball Court



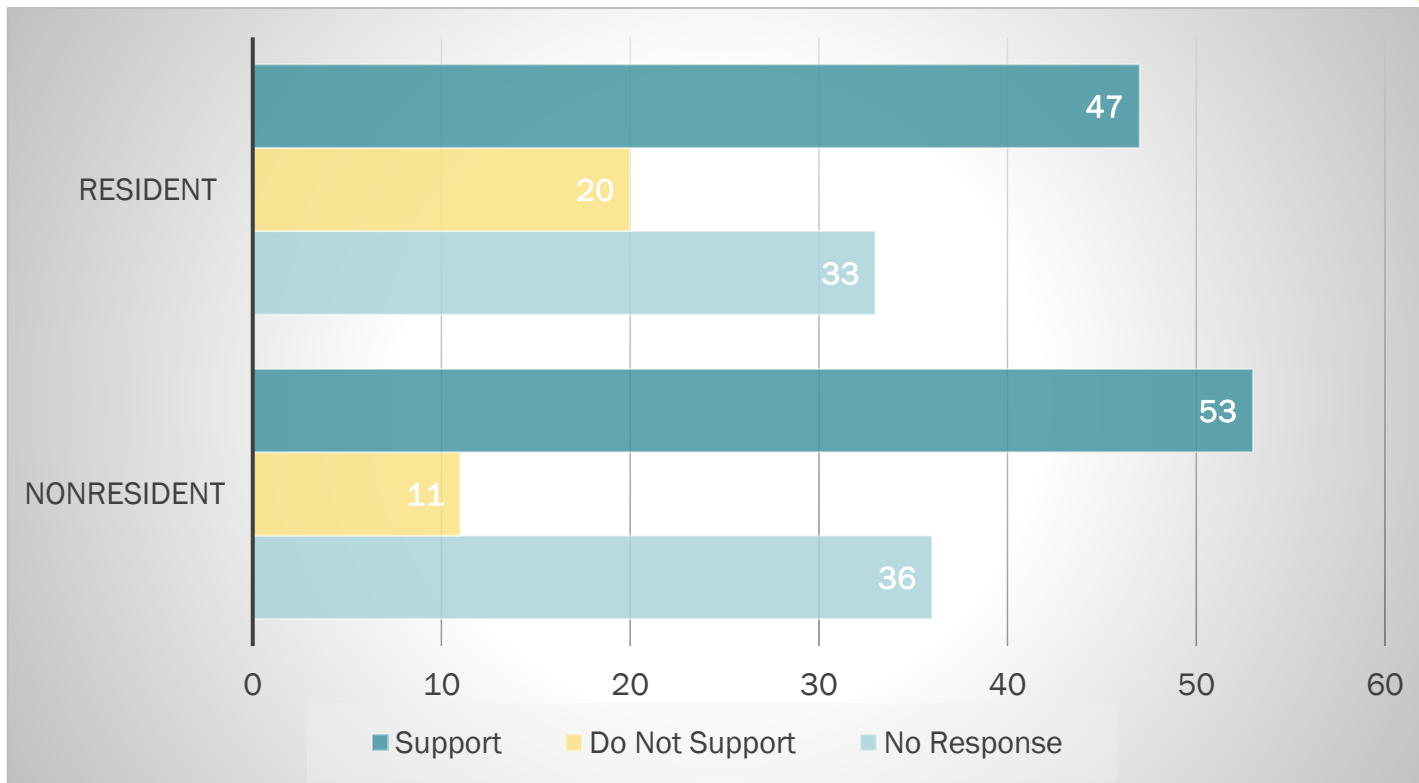
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- 54 % Support
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- 29 % No Response

Nonresident

- 58 % Support
- 8 % Do Not Support
- 34 % No Response

Relocated Shotput Area



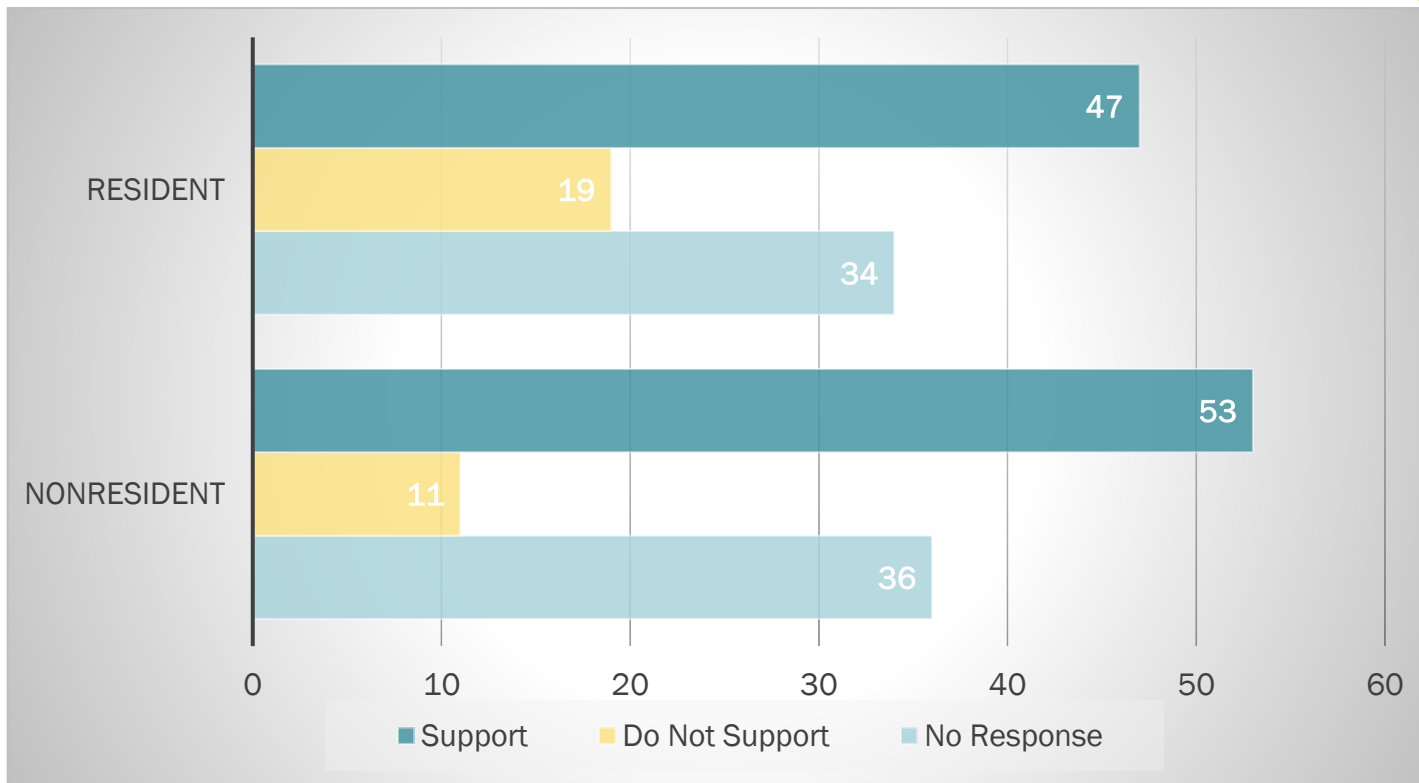
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- 33 % No Response

Nonresident

- 53 % Support
- 11 % Do Not Support
- 36 % No Response

Relocated Discus Area



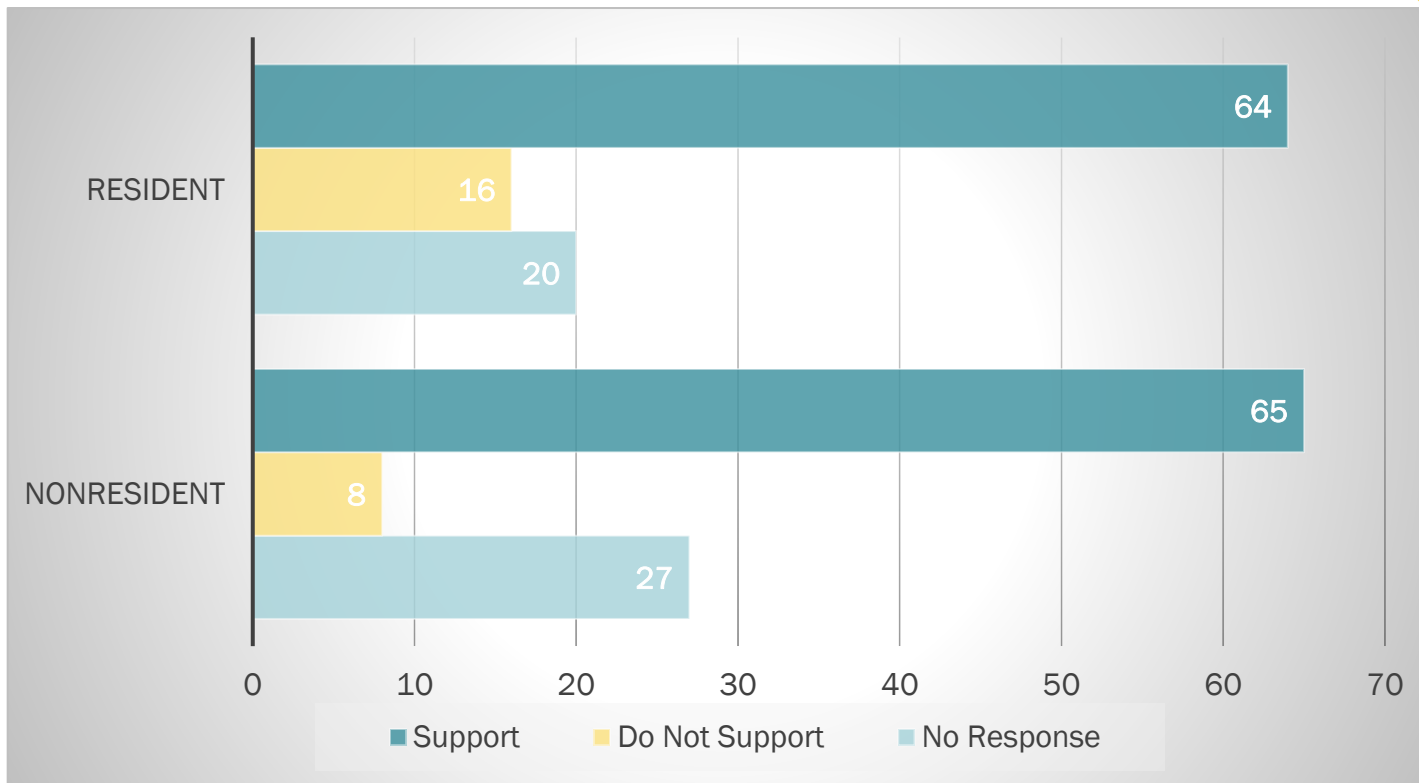
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Nonresident

- 53 % Support
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- 36 % No Response

New Playground



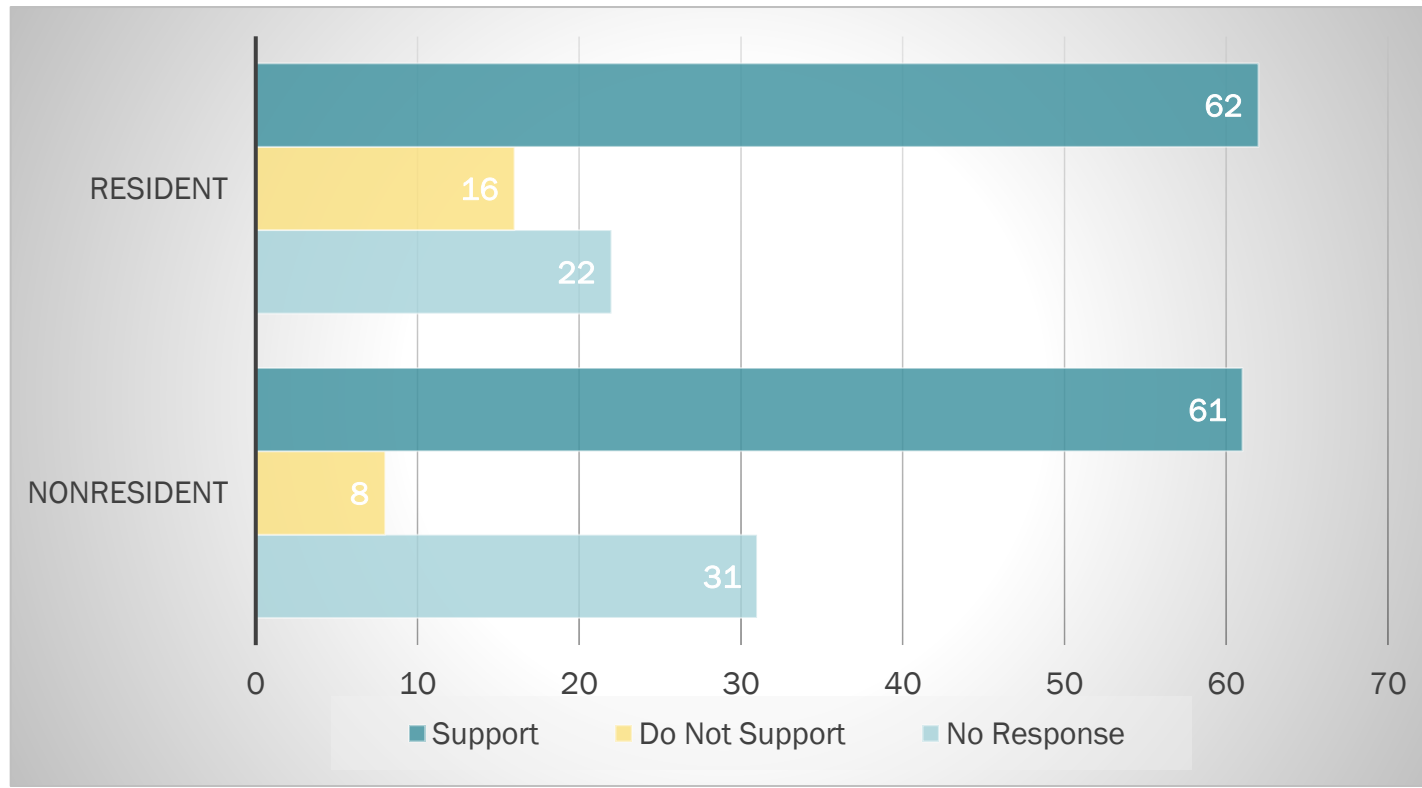
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- 64 % Support
- 16 % Do Not Support
- 20 % No Response

Nonresident

- 65 % Support
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- 27 % No Response

Centralized Green Space/Ice Rink/Practice Field



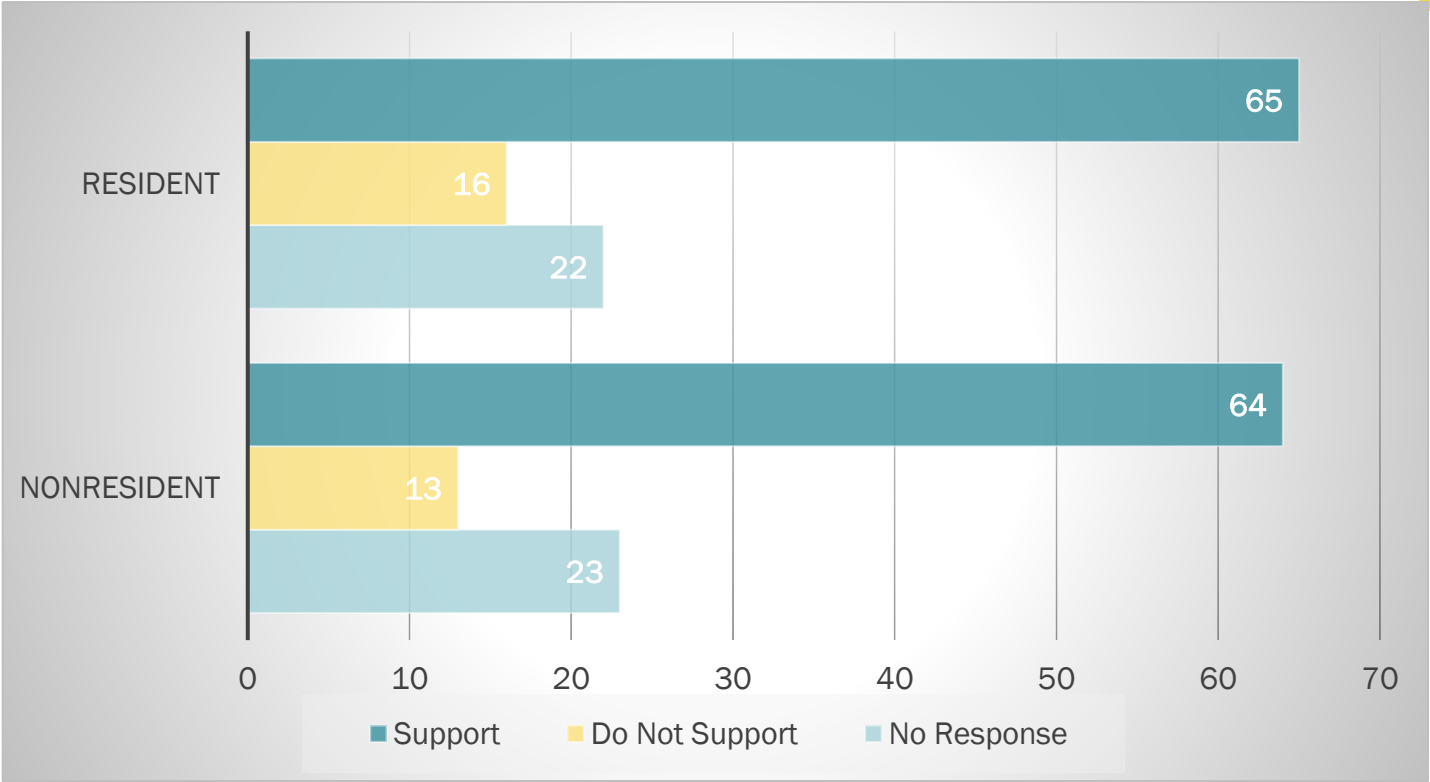
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- 22 % No Response

Nonresident

- 61 % Support
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- 31 % No Response

Connecting Walks



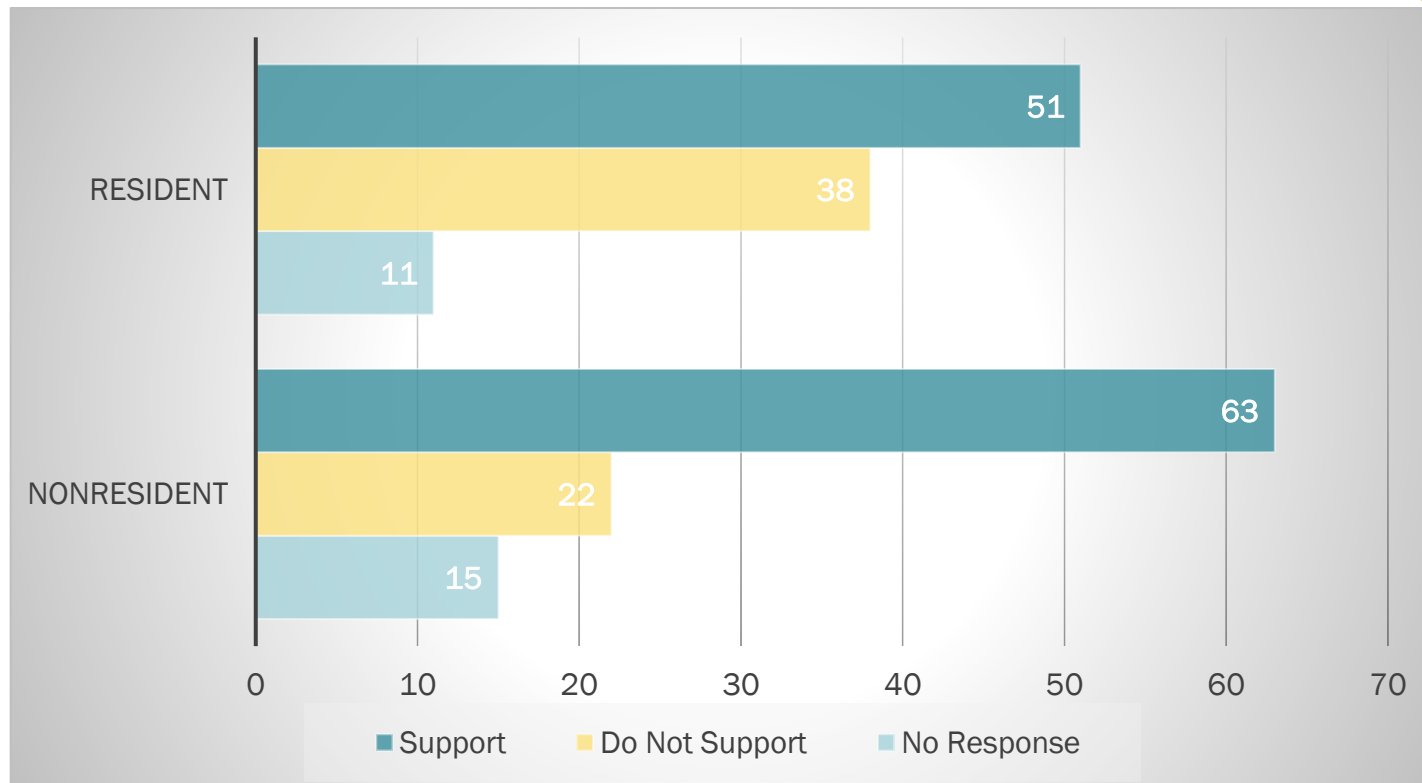
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Nonresident

- 64 % Support
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- 23 % No Response

Dome/Climate Controlled Synthetic Turf Fields



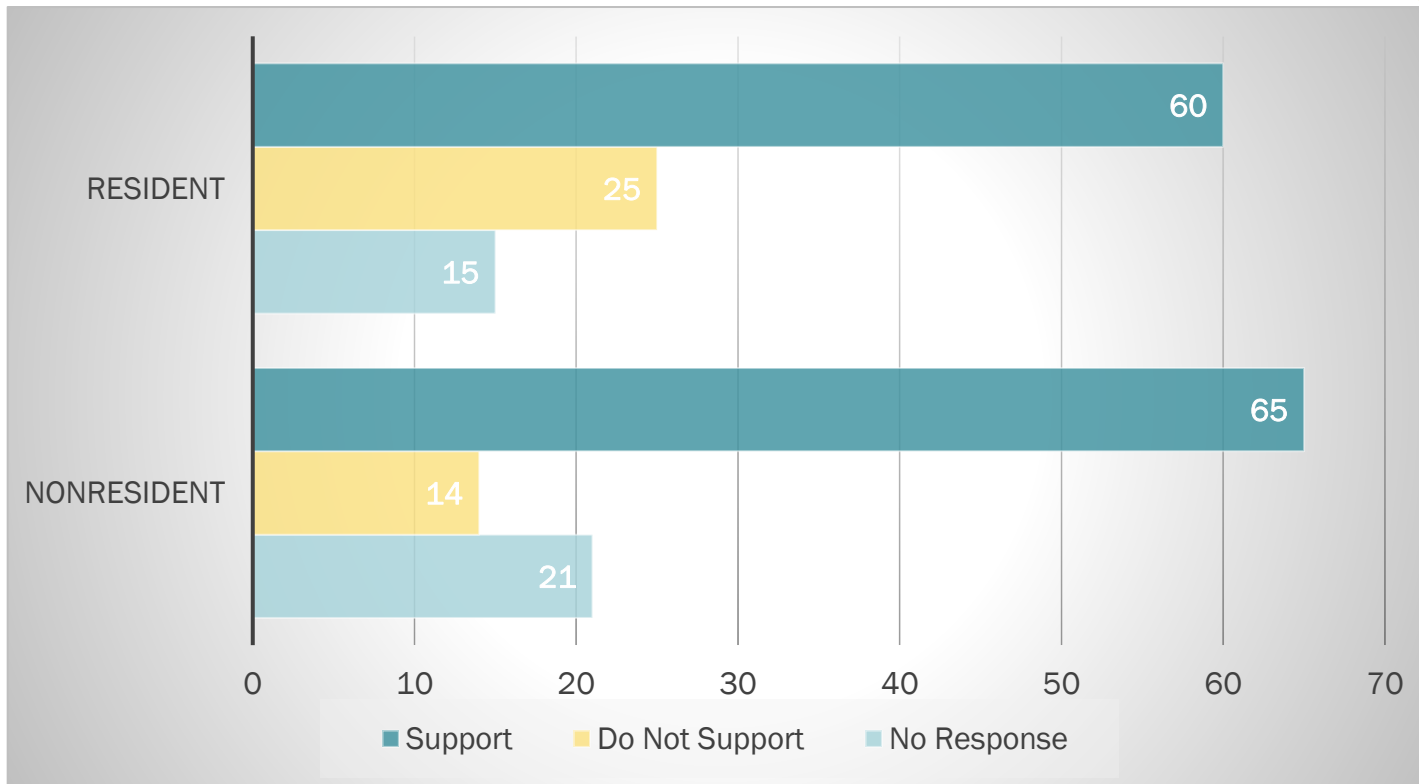
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- 51 % Support
- 38 % Do Not Support
- 11 % No Response

Nonresident

- 63 % Support
- 22 % Do Not Support
- 15 % No Response

Relocated, New Aquatic Center – 50,000 square feet



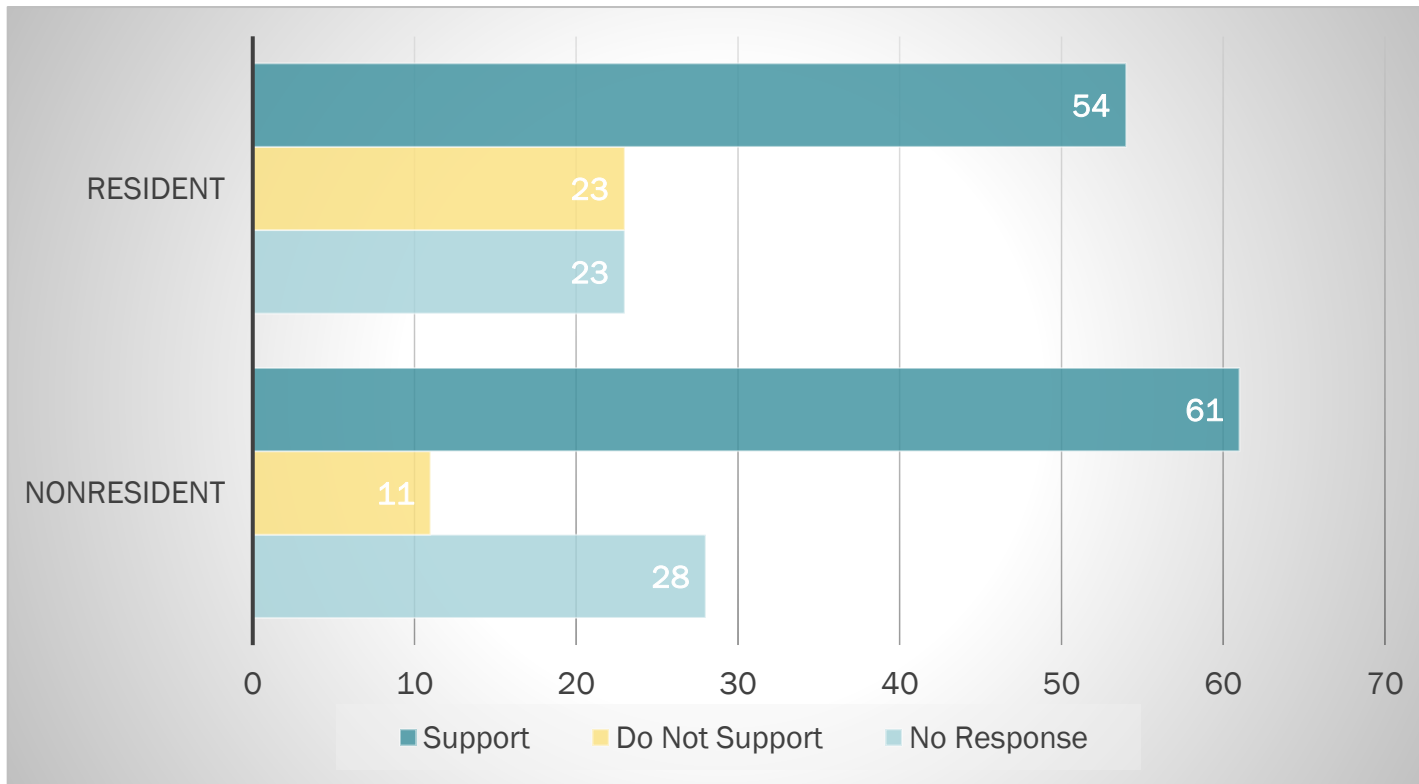
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- 60 % Support
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- 15 % No Response

Nonresident

- 65 % Support
- 14 % Do Not Support
- 21 % No Response

Shared Locker Room/Shower/concession building (Aquatics/Dome)



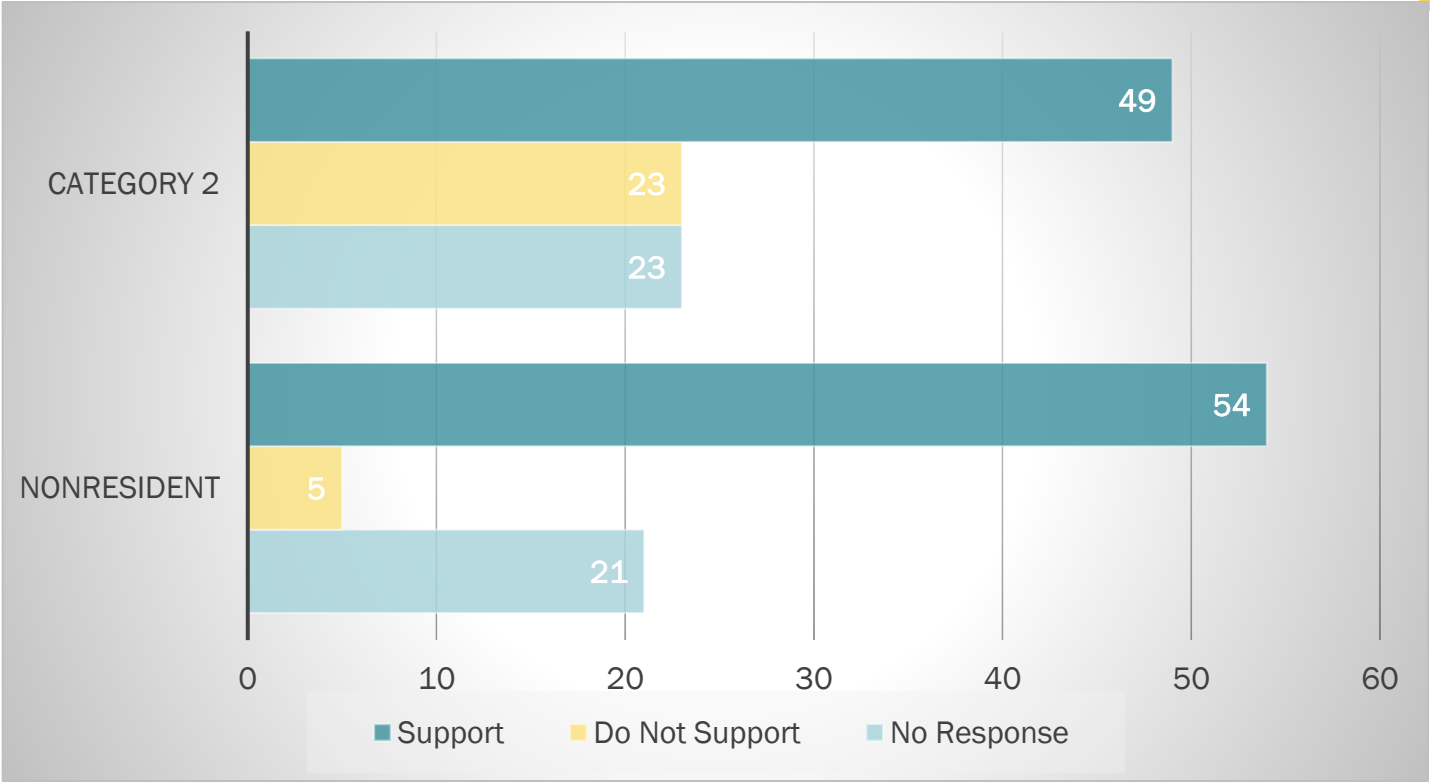
Resident

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- 23 % No Response

Nonresident

- 61 % Support
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- 28 % No Response

New South & Southeast Parking Lot (225 spaces)



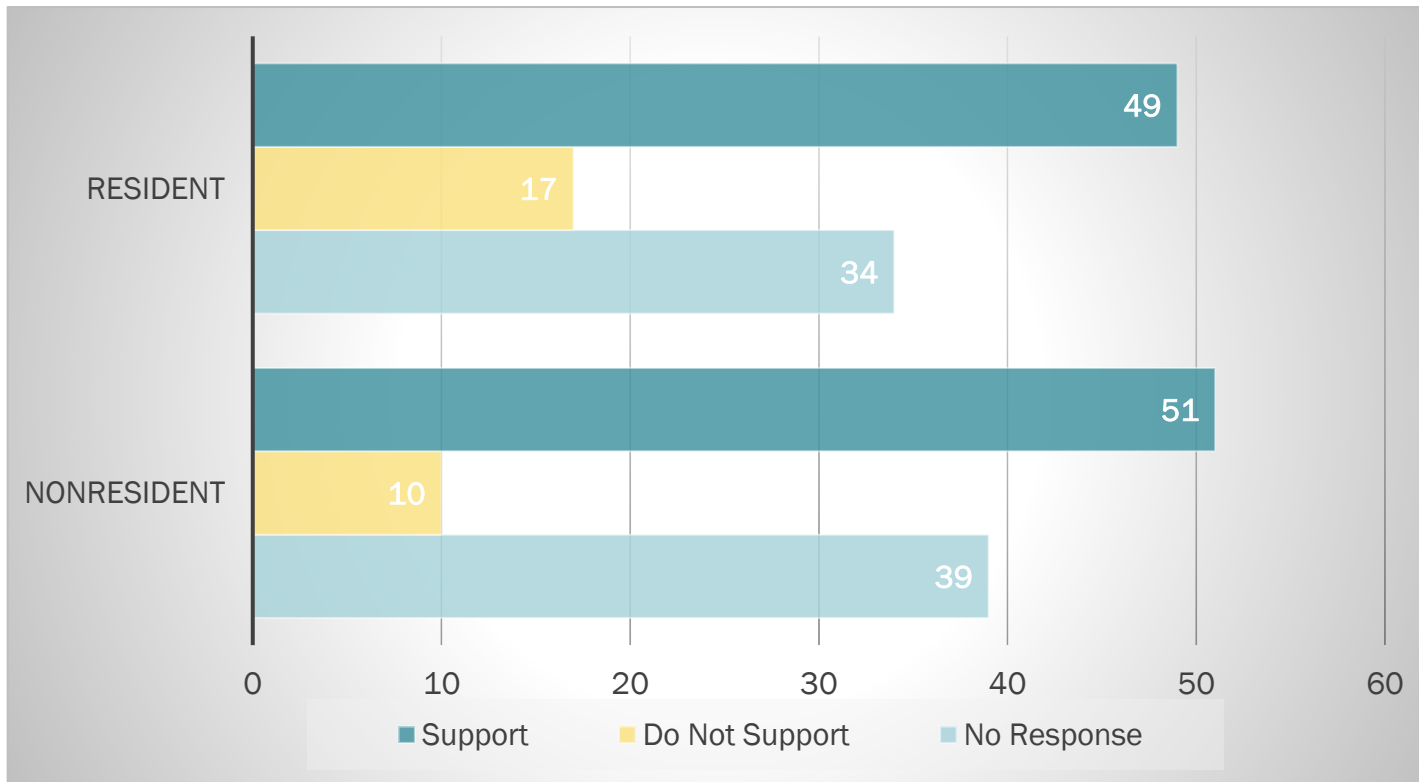
Resident

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- 23 % No Response

Nonresident

- 54 % Support
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- 21 % No Response

Improved Sims Avenue Driveway



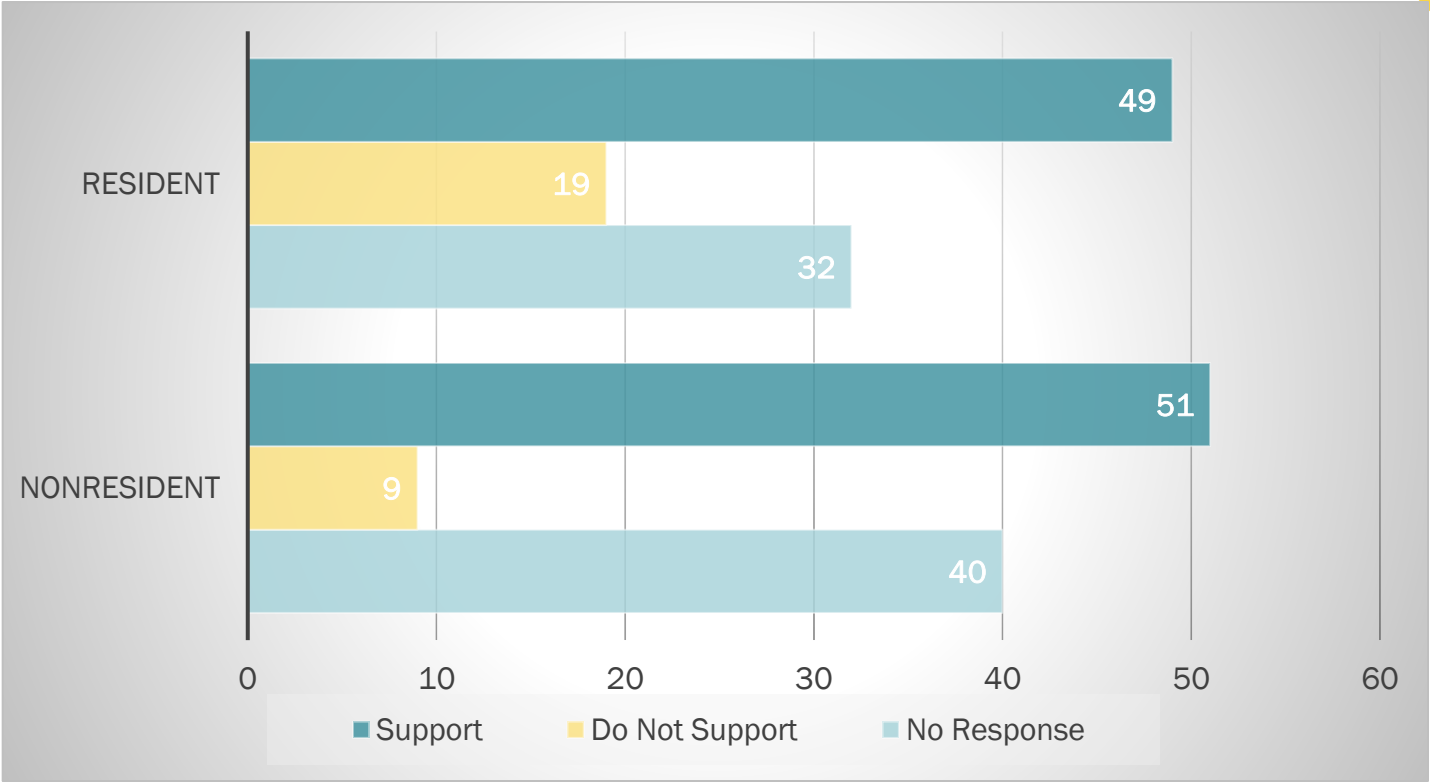
Resident

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- 34 % No Response

Nonresident

- 51 % Support
- 10 % Do Not Support
- 39 % No Response

Park Access/Service Drive



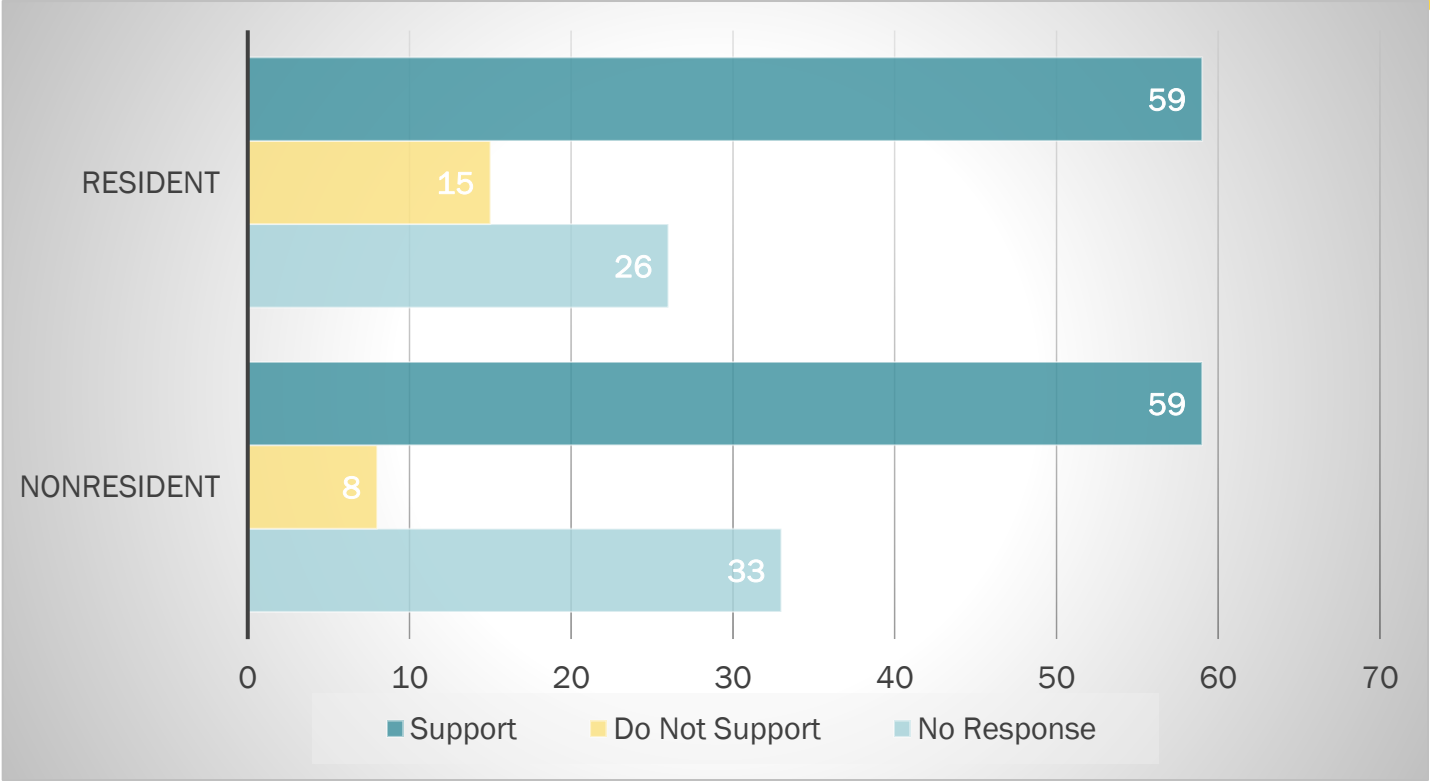
Resident

- 49 % Support
- 19 % Do Not Support
- 32 % No Response

Nonresident

- 51 % Support
- 9 % Do Not Support
- 40 % No Response

Bus Lane for Student Drop Off



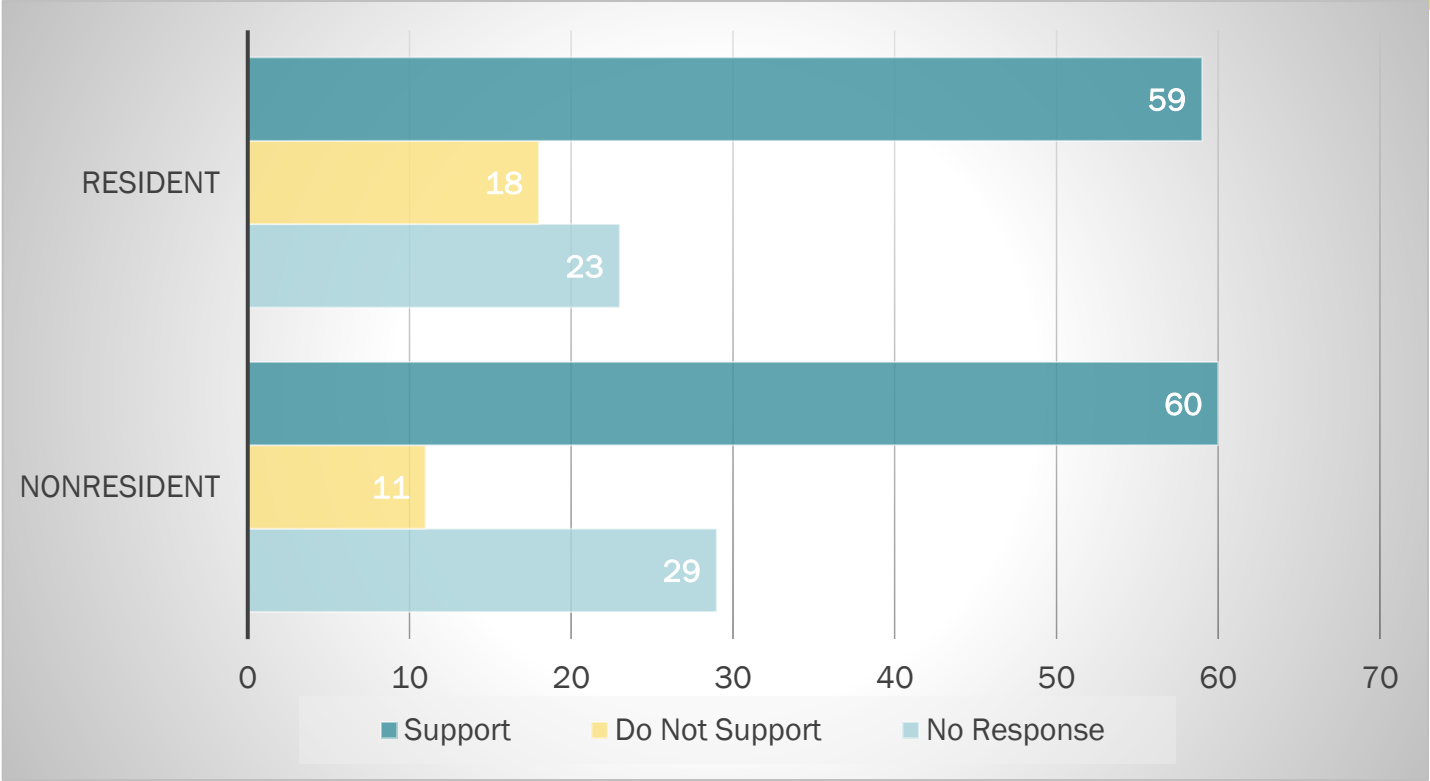
Resident

- 59 % Support
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- 26 % No Response

Nonresident

- 59 % Support
- 8 % Do Not Support
- 33 % No Response

Community Gym/BGC Expansion



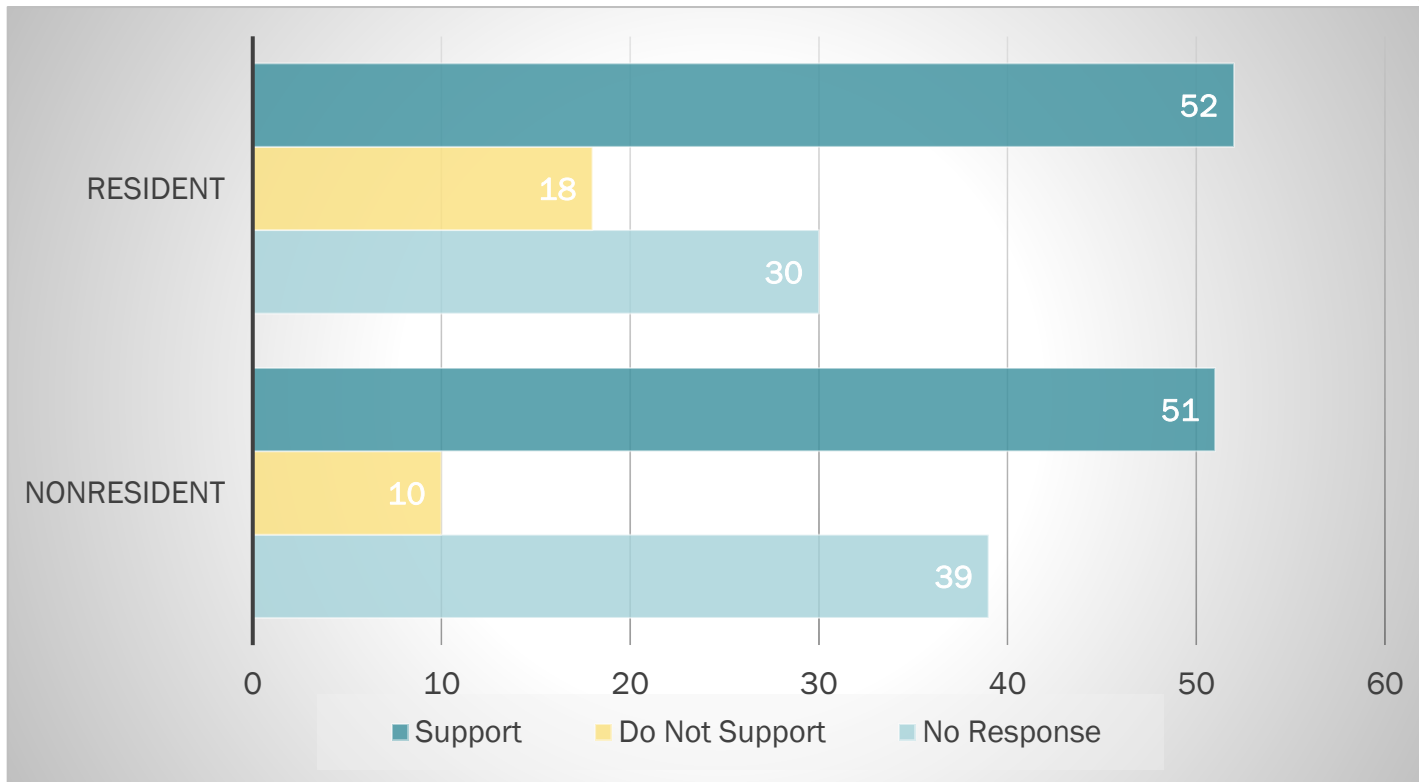
Resident

- 59 % Support
- 18 % Do Not Support
- 23 % No Response

Nonresident

- 60 % Support
- 11 % Do Not Support
- 29 % No Response

PD/Forestry Garage



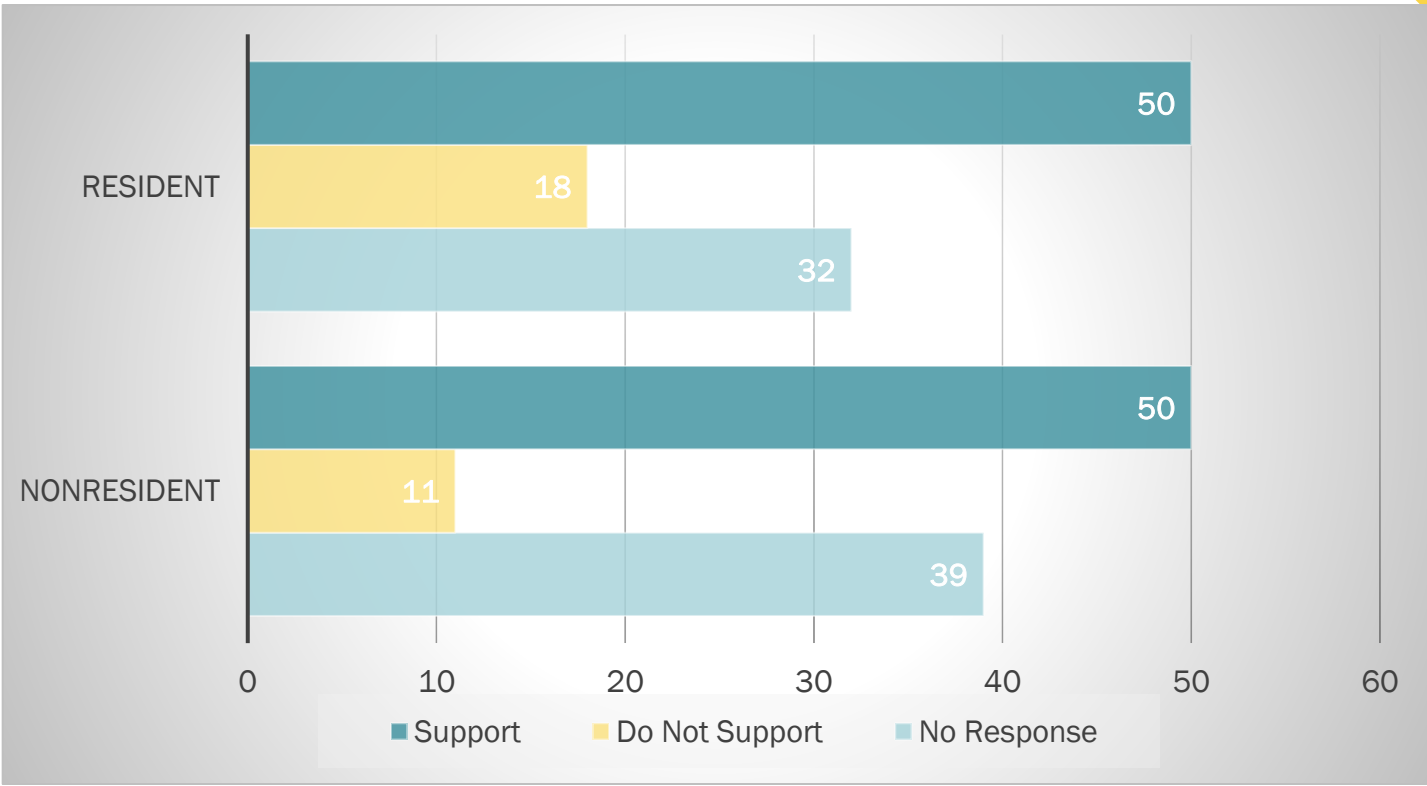
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- 30 % No Response

Nonresident

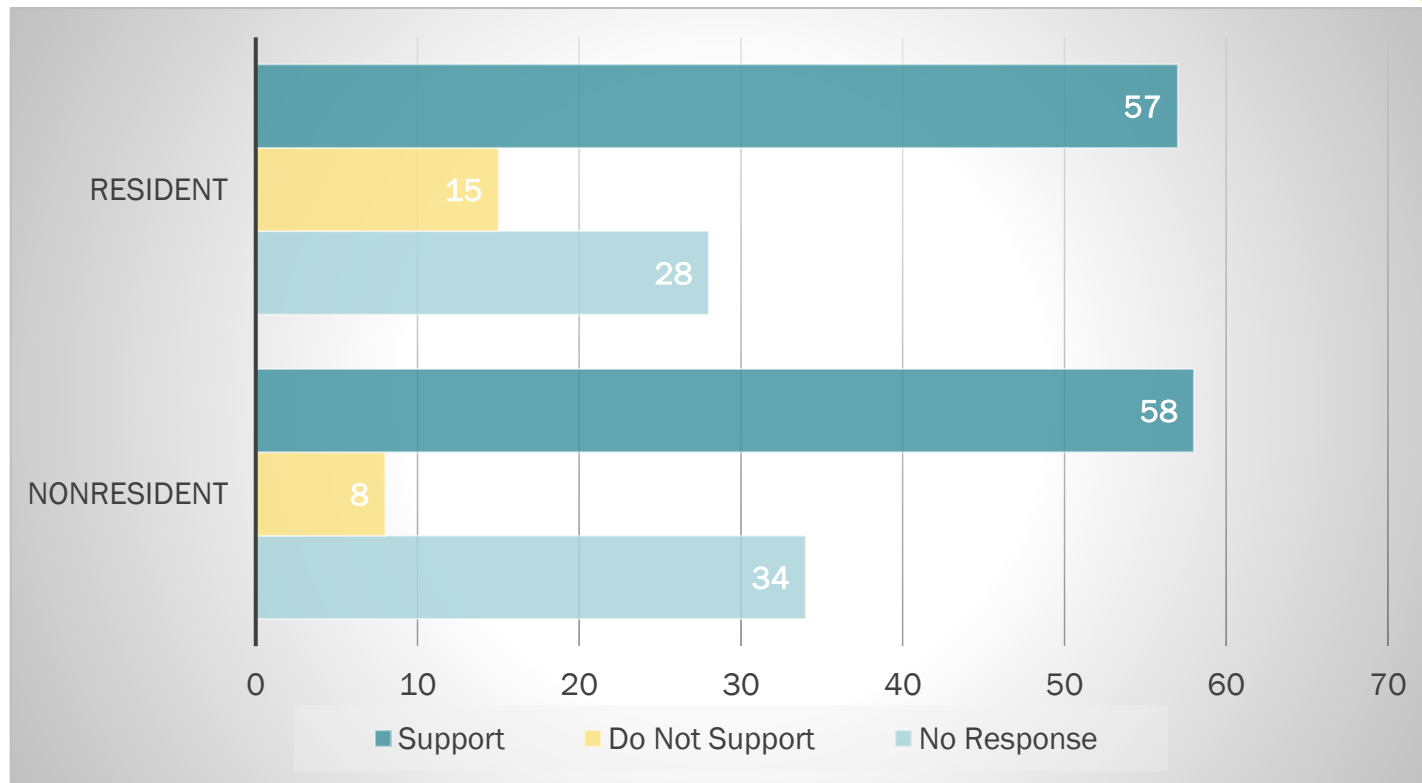
- 51 % Support
- 10 % Do Not Support
- 39 % No Response

Relocated Parks, Recreation and Forestry Office



- Resident**
- 50 % Support
 - 18 % Do Not Support
 - 32 % No Response
- Nonresident**
- 50 % Support
 - 11 % Do Not Support
 - 39 % No Response

Redesigned Parking Lot with Drop-off Lane



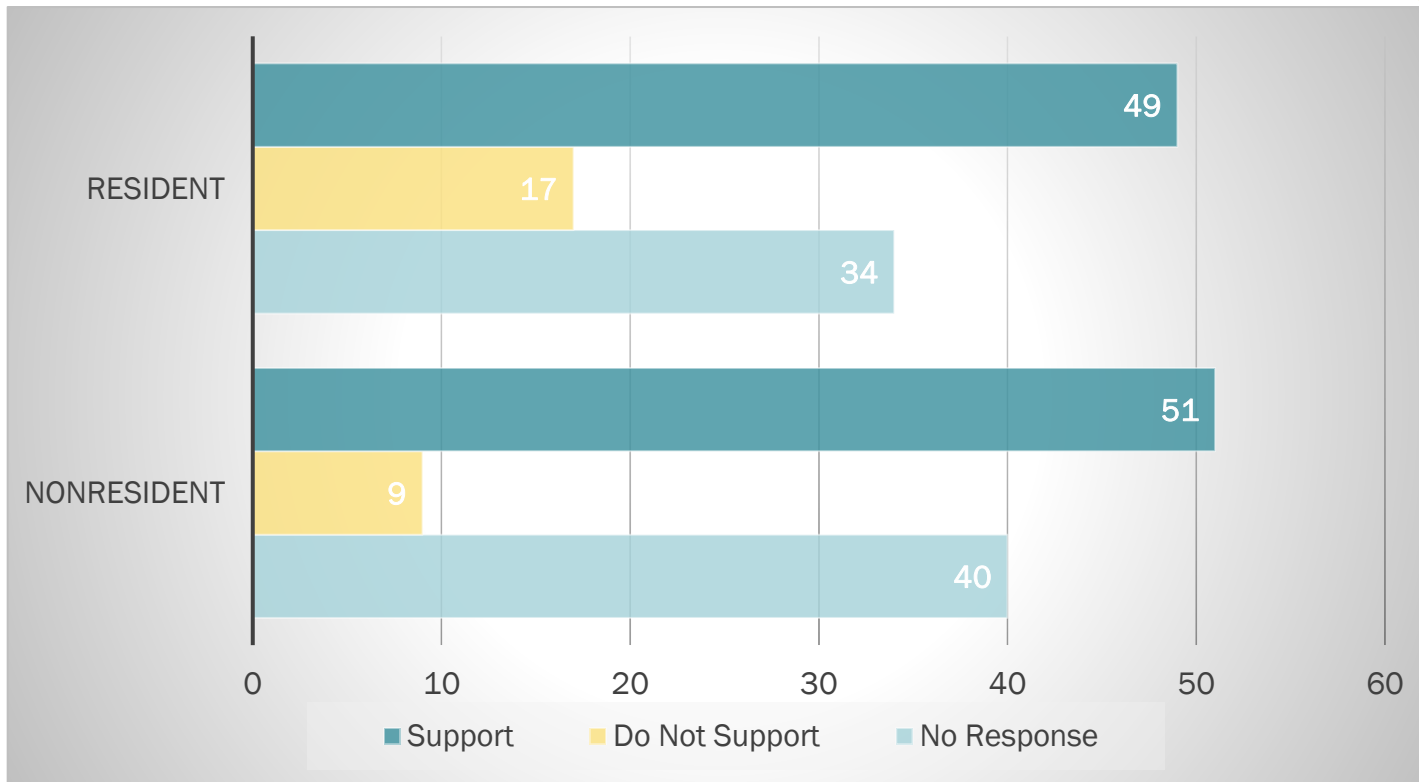
Resident

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Nonresident

- 58 % Support
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- 34 % No Response

Team Room/Flexible Storage



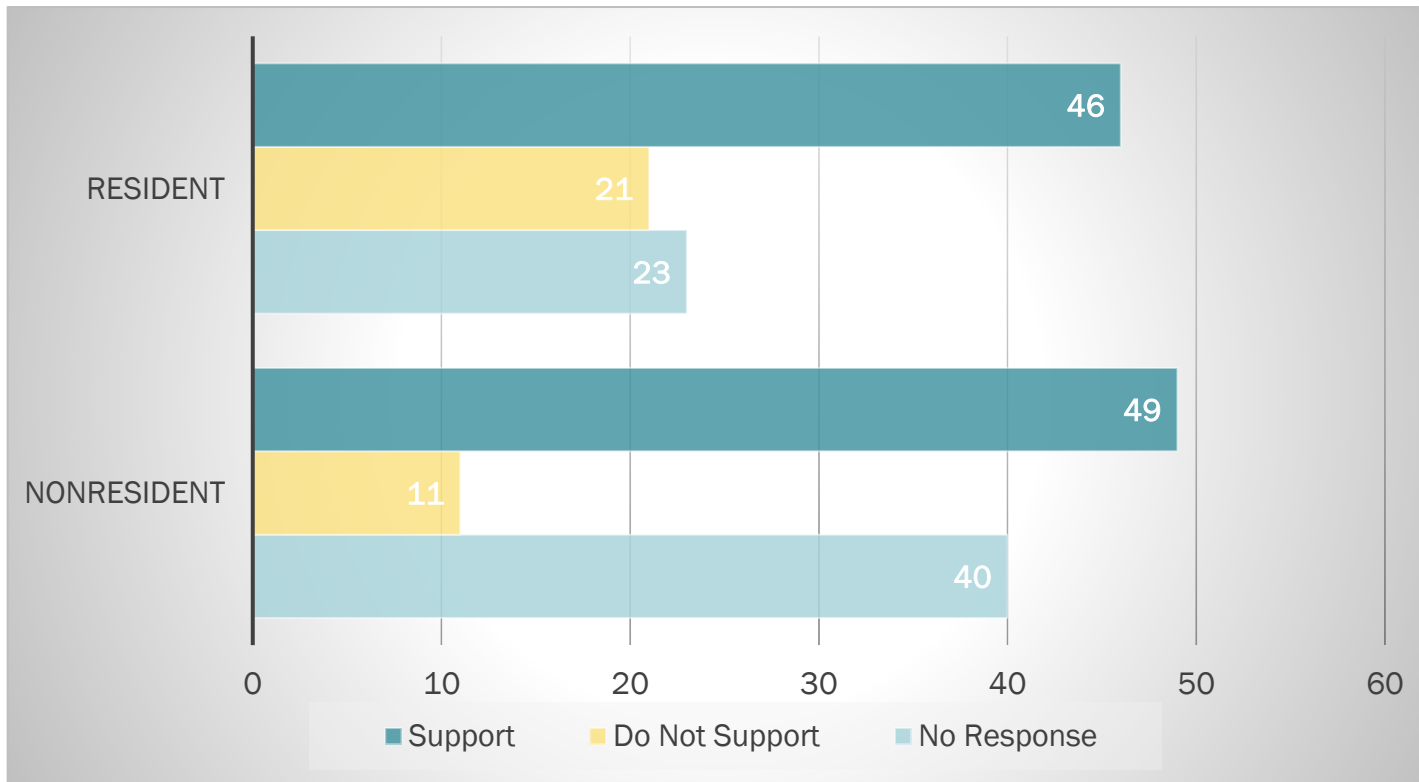
Resident

- 49 % Support
- 17 % Do Not Support
- 34 % No Response

Nonresident

- 51 % Support
- 9 % Do Not Support
- 40 % No Response

Prais Street Driveway Access



Resident

- 46 % Support
- 21 % Do Not Support
- 23 % No Response

Nonresident

- 49 % Support
- 11 % Do Not Support
- 40 % No Response

Comment Questions



- 362 residents provided written comments
- 173 non-residents provided written comments
- #1 theme in surveys– Preserve/keep the warming house and the armory (Rec Center)
- #2 theme in surveys – Remove the dome/climate controlled facility in Goerke Park
 - Primary reasons provided “build bigger in another area of the city, too much traffic congestion would be created, unpleasant appearance, too small for what community actually needs for proper tournaments, too much impact on Point Fastpitch fields/hockey rink/Parker Building”
- #3 theme in surveys– Keep hockey and ice rink
- #4 theme in survey – More green space/less parking
- #5 theme in surveys– Overall support of new pool/aquatic center
 - (comments were split on existing location or a new location within the park.)

All comments are included in the PDF within the packet for review

Resident Comment Questions - Goerke Park

Plans are great - hope aquatic center will be big enough

Live in neighborhood with 6 children, improvements are fantastic, not sure about the dome but not necessarily against it.

It would be great if a map showing what everything currently looks like was on the same page. I don't feel like I can support very many things because I can't see the changes. Using a likert scale could possibly be a better tool than this survey. It uses a set of answer options to measure attitudes, opinion or behaviors. This survey is odd. I've never just had just for and then against right after it. You can't really determine if people are neutral or very for or against items.

I'd like to know how this is going to be funded. Stop buying and removing homes. We have a shortage. Removing the warming house won't happen. The historical review board will pitch a fit. 28 bad traffic concerns. 16 - I'd have major concerns with the traffic impact this will have. I think a lot of people will then fly through lot 13 to get out as traffic is bottlenecked at Main Street. Speedbumps would be needed in 13 and 16. 10 - do we know the demand for a dome? Partner with the Y, shared cost

ADA detail is missing; consider all populations for enhancements; please think progressively and enhance our aquatic facility. Send additional survey asking how many families leave town to other pools.

You should not tear down the historic warming house. I don't know which projects impacted the warming house but I would like the plan redone to preserve it. Please do not destroy another historic building in Stevens Point. We have done so much damage to our history.

If you want an aquatic center, build off the swimming pool that is already there. We don't need an indoor ball field

Different location with space for city to do the proposed plan. No more neighborhood disruptions like noise, lights, traffic, parking issues or loss of homes. This is a neighborhood. The city needs to look at another location on one of their properties. Not a Goerke Park. This area is already saturated, with hospitals, clinic, UWSP, PJ's High, B&G Club, 5 businesses across from Goerke on Main Street. Please consider another location

This design is far too centered on cars. A "park" is not a parking lot

I am worried this plan is not thinking enough about environmental impact. I think it is important to utilize city planning that is more mindful of integrating green space and meshing more comfortably with the wild life we are/have encroached in. Stevens Point can be and is capable in green urbanism. I don't think we need to pave over more things and make a dome. I'm not opposed to improving upon some of the existing spaces. However, I do not think a new aquatic center and dome are wise choices. We have other places in our city that are rotting and falling into disrepair that would benefit from those items, as it would bring folks into the area. And again - there is a lot of currently existing green space. Why not consult with the Natural

Include an indoor walking space for the winter. Will we still have a pool included with the aquatic center?

The plan does not specify how the project will be funded. Please get the money from Bezos, Musk, and the Waltons since we already subsidize them anyway. Regular people cannot afford to pay more in property taxes for these projects.

Don't ruin a space that so many people get to ice skate together, one of the only places people can do so together and do so quite frequently. It's a place I've met many good friends and made many good memories since coming to point.

Regarding some objections concerning the Goerke ice rink, there is another ice rink in a nearby park and I doubt its capacity will ever be filled either. I'm confident that anyone who visits Rhinelander's facility will come away with a severe case of dome-envy, and rightfully so. My own enthusiasm depends greatly upon this being a facility FOR PUBLIC USE whenever possible, to include a constantly updated app for easy public access to open hours/scheduling of its various facilities.

There has been much consideration over the years for a new law enforcement center. I think having the SP Police in this park is not the greatest location and that a new law enforcement center should house both SP Police and Portage Cty Sheriff Dept.

Keep the warming house and ice rinks

Put privacy fencing along the back of Prais Street houses that will have the parking lot behind due to the increase of people and vehicle traffic and looking at a parking lot instead of a nice green space. Feel the #1 parking lot will cause gathering of kids/teenagers which may lead to issues. We already have had this on the north side of KB Willett.

Lighting for Tennis Courts

Please do this ASAP

Would like details on aquatic center

If you hope for the Dome to be a facility to be used for tournaments, there needs to be a spot for concessions and general seating. I am thinking of the one in the Dells, and you walk into a general area with seating, concessions, bathrooms, etc. and then you go thru the doors to enter the dome itself. I absolutely love all of this! I think it is long overdue, and for a city that has a D1 high school, who should want to stay competitive (not sure that is the right word, but I am going with it) for hosting tournaments, we need this. Plus, we need better parking for the football field too. We also need the Aquatic Center for families and think it will get far more use than the ice rinks that are there currently there. I know the rink will be relocated to area #8 though.

save the parker warming house- hockey rink and skating rink- these areas are used by our family daily during the winter and when the snow is gone we use these green areas just as much for baseball, football, and golfing. get rid of the dome and move it to area that is not near here, yes I'm not opposed to aquatic center in the current location, we are trying to shove to many things into a area that just won't fit everything. As a neighbor that lives near this area is all ready busy with traffic due to football, hockey, skating, and ball tournaments year round. We purchased our home to be near things but also because its a quite neighborhood in the middle of the city. You add these things it will no longer be

Maintenace obligations and the embedded salt, GHG & Carbon Contributions implications of this plan are concerning. Please consider further the "urban heat island effect" as well as taking a more climate conscious approach to parking design. Alternative parking surface treatments like permeable grass grids and solarized parking. ~12 EV Charging Stations equipped to accept payments. Hybridizing our fleets is much easier to implement if the energy infrastructure exists. Food forest trees. #23#24#25#26#27 weren't options. That's troubling. Why deny the public "essential" input on those? I oppose most #27 in principle and design. Goerke holds a kin community pride of place and entries are a reflection our values. May Iverson's Hillcrest gate offer inspiration and precedent to greater entry ambition. I feel, #27 as presented projects a sense of a restricted access. My humble suggestion is to elevate their design similar #24. Please consider #27 further? This is our legacy, go big.

I think changing the dynamic of the neighborhood would be a real shame. The historic warming shelter is part of history that need not be changed. We've already lost our Carnegie Library and beautiful post office to redoing the downtown area, why lose more of our history?

Keep softball diamonds for neighborhood access. Although Zenoff is available, it is not a bike-able distance for most young families that live around Georke. Thanks for brainstorming how to make this space serve our community. We have this beautiful green space that is underutilized. I love the many ideas to enhance how people could use the space, but really disappointed to see the amount of green space lost to parking. I would urge the planning team to consider half the parking spaces and leave more grass that can be used in multiple ways. It's also disappointing to see the softball area go.

Renewable energy generation ... parking lot canopies. Electric vehicle charging for municipal and visitor vehicles. We'll have one chance to make dome/climate controlled synthetic turf fields. Make it as big as possible.

A pool.

Lets get it done asap! Awesome plan

I think our community needs something like this for families with all age kids and seniors of the community alike. Let's do it and do it right so we have something that will be the center of our community to bring people together to be active.

I am torn on the dome at that location - I feel it is a great idea and needed to expand sport year around. The need for athletic options in that space is much needed - totally support that. Great plan all around - well thought out.

Green space. This is a commercialization of a park into a sports complex area and parking lot for events. I dont see how Goerke can remain a "park" with this concept. go back to the drawing board

Beach Volleyball, Disc golf area

Goerke park is a beautiful Stevens Point landmark. It has everything a small community would want, it's charming and full of great green space. It's perfect for football ,baseball, ice skating, basketball,tennis, and swimming. Nothing needs to be changed in Stevens Points most admired and cherished neighborhood. This beautiful area is why I purchased my house near Goerke park. It would be so sad to see any major changes to this park or neighborhood

EV chargers, both a couple for cars in every car parking lot, and ideally also a bus charger for when schools with electric buses want to drive them to away games but need a spot to charge before they can drive back. I am concerned about the health impacts of synthetic turf fields. Given the volume of hard surfaces being proposed, I'm concerned there might not be enough area prepared to deal with stormwater runoff, particularly if all of those parking lots get slathered with salt every winter.

There needs to be a hockey rink with boards for hockey players in Stevens Point. Open skate at Willett doesn't not allow full gear, and rarely sticks and pucks. To my knowledge, Goerke is the only rink in town with boards where hockey kids and adults can play real hockey. The downtown and Iverson rinks are too small, and the large rink at Goerke has too many families and little kids out there for pickup hockey to be played. I don't have a problem with anything being proposed in this plan, but Stevens Point Parks need to support ALL SPORTS, including hockey (not just skating).

maintaining the sensitivity to the neighborhood and the historic uses of the outdoor hockey and ice rinks that are important to many citizens. Do not support a dome at this location. Would like to see the outdoor hockey rink and current ice rink preserved. Parking lot 13 is overkill. Parking for football in it's current location of green space is sufficient, cooler and more environmentally friendly, Also allows use for discuss and shot put, as well as the outdoor ice rink and a green space when not used for those reasons.
responding as resident rather than as Park Board Member

Tennis and pickleball need separate spaces. Adding pickleball lines on tennis courts are not good and pickleball players change the net height for pickleball so it is always a struggle playing one or the other.

I know the east side of the Willet got a nice facelift with the recent remodel. Being that the west side is where people generally enter the building for hockey games, can we get a facelift or maybe new signage over there as well? It will be really nice to have additional/closer parking on the west side of the rink! I'm happy to see that there is still space for the outdoor ice rink. Would the outdoor boards still be set up? The past few winters have been so weird. I understand that it would be a difficult decision to continue to set up/maintain the outdoor boards for the limited duration of time that the ice has been able to be used the last few years. Obviously no one has a crystal ball to know what our winters will look like in the future.

community gym space with day time gym use for the community. This could coincide with a dome for winter for winter use if it was heated.

Any sense of placement, history, aesthetics. To replace a beautiful, unique, old building and open space/ice rink with an atrocious looking inflatable dome and parking lot along the literal Main Street of our small town is just a terrible idea. One of the best things about Point is how it is not overdeveloped and suburbanized. You are trying to cram too much into too small a space. The word "park" indicates some amount of open space with grass and trees, visible to all, not hidden away.
Don't make Goerke Park into an amusement park.

The appearance for number one, the fact that vandalism and graffiti is extremely common with domes. We thought the idea was to make things look better, not worse. I think tearing down the historical building is wrong. Repurpose repurpose repurpose.

Keeping the historic structures and the ice rink area. There's way too much parking in the plan. There's not enough emphasis on green space and areas where storm water can soak into the ground. Today, when there are major events, people park on the grass. That should be the case in the future as well.

Retention of the existing "warming house" building. I would like to see less of the space used for roads, parking and relocated city garages/offices. Let's make this space central to the CITY of Stevens Point a place for residents to use for recreation rather than city administration and/or parking for out-of-towners. I also think the existing "warming house" building should be retained.

Nothing. Do NONE of this. Our community relies on this green space (especially these rinks) and our exact area has congestion issues with parking and traffic already. This would be a NIGHTMARE. The light and sound pollution alone would be terrible for this exact location in town. I live very close by on Lindbergh. I cannot imagine stuffing in something of this magnitude in this space. I love the idea of all of this in a different location in town--absolutely NOT in the Goerke Park location. As I mentioned, let's do this somewhere else! We, as residents of district two, had no idea this was happening until a random neighbor told us about it last night. How were we not notified? This is a TERRIBLE idea in this exact location. As I said above, the noise and light pollution alone would be so horrific. Add in the fact that we already have a huge congestion/parking issue in our area, this would be a terrible addition with traffic accidents and incidents. A dome there!? Absolutely not!!

It has been reported that the city intends to buy all homes on the south side of Prais Street from Minnesota to Michigan. Those homes are reported to be torn down for the parking lot in question. If this is true, I DO NOT support this. My biggest question is where are the funds coming from to do all this? Not more property taxes I hope. Stevens Point is a very small town. Do we really need all of this?

Keep the historic warming building and rink, and repurpose the building in the summer to allow activities or group rentals for reunions, etc. It is nice to have the outdoor skating area as the open skate ice times don't always work with schedule, and nice to skate in evenings outdoors. The field behind KB could be better stretched into the aquatic center expansion or the dome area. Please look at a plan that preserves the historic buildings and allows for an outdoor rink to still happen by the warming house. There may be other better fields for an athletic dome or work with UWSP to place one on their fields. I would love to see an expanded aquatic center, but the current pool is closed so much that cleaning up our beaches may be a better investment for the city.

Protect community, multi-use gym space. Painted lines for Pickleball courts, Gym flooring conducive for pickleball, to reduce injuries, Options to separate courts: drop down curtains, netting between courts, etc.

Keep the warming house building. Find Another location for the dome, keep green spaces and plant more trees

Splash pad. Show map/list of what is already in this area.

I think it is a great plan. My most important aspect for me as a Pickleballer, is the free (7am - 3pm) community gym space (#17) with lined courts in the floor. I would also like to stress, the lining of tennis courts (#2) with pickleball lines. With six courts you can line on each side of the net to create the potential for 12 pb courts.

I'm loving the redesign, I believe it sets things up nicely for the future 100% support

Pickleball has grown significantly in recent years, with participation increasing 223.5% over the past three years. For the first time, more people are playing pickleball in a single month than tennis. As a result, many communities are replacing tennis courts with dedicated pickleball courts to meet demand. I would really like to see dedicated pickleball courts not tennis courts with pickelball lines. Also indoor "open play" hours are essential for our active community.

Not included in the plan is the idea of putting it somewhere else. Relocate the Parks and Rec office as well as the police station somewhere else in the city. You are paving over all the green space. There is no outdoor ice rink for people in winter. That is a wonderful thing for the children in the neighborhood. Why can't this be put on the East side near the business park land that was purchased. A huge baseball complex could also be built out there which would draw much tournament play and tourist dollars all summer for the city. Leave our quiet neighborhood alone!

I would love to see free open-play recreation hours for the community from 7 AM to 3 PM, with a particular emphasis on pickleball. Pickleball has been a fantastic addition to the community, consistently drawing a great turnout at the current rec center. It provides an excellent recreational opportunity, especially for retired individuals and college students.

A new aquatics center is long overdue, and I'm very excited to see one coming. Pickleball is a rapidly growing sport, and there is a strong interest in it within our community. I would love to see continued free open-play hours at the rec center to support this demand.

Keeping/saving the large outdoor rink, hockey rink, warming house/Parker building, and green space. As well as keeping John Copps Municipal Pool

Please do not close down Georke. As I have grown up my best memories are going to Georke and skating on the ice rinks during the winter time, it is the best part of the winter. Please do not get rid of the skating rinks

Why couldn't the warming house be used as an entry building for the splash pad? I do think that our community needs a dome, but I do not feel this is the place for it. Domes are really ugly.

I think this is a huge improvement for the city and would make an incredible hub for families and individuals to access many opportunities for recreation

I think the plans for the bus route/drop off should be highly considered as there is a lot of congestion on both Main and on Michigan during school drop off times and that could help alleviate that

I don't like that the old warming house would get torn down. History is very important and I feel the investment in keeping the building is worth it!

Who is paying for all these improvements? Who is paying for the running costs and upkeep? I believe too many activities are being stuffed into an area that is too small. The dome would be nice in a much larger area (on the outskirts of town. The pool definitely needs updating and should stay in the Goerke area. Pick up/drop off for PJ Jacobs needs addressing. I don't like taking away the green space used for ice skating, shot put, discus and PJ's gym classes and the green area on the north side and making them into parking lots.

Inform residents about the trees and houses that will be sacrificed. Also inform them on who is paying for this project (Schierl).

Replacing GREEN space with parking lots is never good. The current GREEN space is vital for our areas youth sports. Replacing the Copps pool for a splash pad is lame! Eliminating the outdoor hockey rink (that is used extensively by our youth) is even lamer! The park is just fine the way it is now and I will vote against using my tax dollars for this project. If anything put a roof over the outdoor rink to extend the life of the ice and it can be used as a shelter for softball and football

Nice concept but do it somewhere else. There are surely many other places that this could be done and not in such a densely populated, high traffic area. Stevens Point also needs to start preserving these historical buildings instead of tearing them down. It is just unbelievable to me the number of beautiful old buildings that get torn down in this town.
Pickleball courts separate from tennis courts
Great project
accessible ramps for the blind. Assorted seating throughout the park area.
We need DEDICATED Pickleball courts. Pickleball participation is growing rapidly and our community should support this sport
Area 6 and 8 could be outdoor dedicated pickleball courts. Area 11 could be indoor/outdoor pool/aquatic center. This area should also be closer to park and rec center. Area 10 could be practice field in summer and ice rink in winter. Area 17 Boys and Girls should expand into the Police Department area and spaces shared with Park and Rec Area 18 and 19 Park and rec with indoor multi-sport facility and community center. Police Department should move to a new building located in the heart of the city. The growing sport of pickleball should be considered in this complex to provide a min. Of 9 indoor and 9 outdoor courts. If pickleball is integrated in this complex, the Mead park courts could become parking lot as that park lacks parking
These plans for Goerke Park will take my parent's house from them. They have lived next to George park since the 1980s and are in their mid 70s. I fear these plans will ruin their golden years and cause stress and heart break.
Same as before it looks unbelievable!
Awesome plan
Build it ASAP!
I was an athlete for Ben Franklin and St. Ash growing up....great memories of Goerke !! On court during Homecoming my Senior year..any thing that can be done to improve the facilities will be used/ enjoyed by the entire community for many, many years to come!!
My husband and I raised 6 kids in Stevens Point..we all used Goerke all the time...I frequently used the pool with our kids in the summer..We need a water park
As an employer we need great facilities!!
Need great facilities for the residences of the area!!
Our community needs facilities for our youth and families
Families need updated facilities
An update to Goerke is far over due!
Please upgrade Goerke
As an employer we need competitive facilities for our area youth and families
Concessions for Goerke Field. When is this going to be done by?
Love this vision for Goerke!

<p>Another exit/entrance access is definitely needed with all the traffic from the boys and girls club, PJ Jacobs and all the events the park hosts. I also believe that the design of traffic flow for parent drop off and buses having different access points and exit points is necessary for the safety of all.</p>
<p>Will there still be an entrance on Michigan Ave to get into the stadium? Since, that was just recently redone. Will tailgating still be allowed in the surface parking lots that are proposed? Or was it only allowed because it was happening on the grass now. Is the VIP parking section also for ADA parking use? Because those seem to be the closest to the field. Regarding the proposed parking lot (#13) and driveway (#14) I have concerns about what would happen to the current trees that surround the stadium football field currently. Those trees were part of the vision of Goerke Sports Complex by Co-Chairs Chuck Nason and Bill Nuck. The trees were a huge part of the whole plan for them and the committee.</p>
<p>The plan is too vague. How much does this cost? How will it be paid for? Does it have to go to referendum? I would like in writing that Eminent Domain will not be used. Under current master plan what houses on Prais Street are needed?</p>
<p>Leave it as is.</p>
<p>It's a beautiful plan, but I'm not sure what the inflatable dome area is for.</p>
<p>Make sure the aquatic area have water slide, lazy river something more than just a pond. Relocate the existing warming house, do not destroy.</p>
<p>why is city spending money on this? is because schofield built their dome area? will there be fees for these things to recoup some money? if there are fees then i am against it. the people have free areas now.</p>
<p>"team room/flexible storage" to include space for privacy for changing with easy access/close proximity to Goerke field. Dance and cheer teams often change for performances and have no designated space to do so with privacy from other male teams and guests. Previously this was done under the stands in the "storage" area where the turf maintenance and machinery is stored (ick).</p>
<p>Saving the historic warming shelter. Stop tearing down historic buildings, work them into the plans or build a building off of it in the same style. The city is loosing its charm and history every year. We have needed a new pool for years, this will be the biggest win for parents in Point! Thank you! And a drop off lane for PJs that does not stop traffic at several stop lights improves safety!!</p>
<p>I am AGAINST the demolition of the Parker Building...Move all or half of the Tennis Courts to McGlactin Park...</p>
<p>The dome should be moved to a more rural location. The softball fields could be turf with paving underneath so that the skating rinks can be located there during the winter. Skating rinks over grass kills the grass and renders the field unusable for athletic use. A toilet building with concessions could be more centrally located maybe as part of the pool. The current plan is trying to fit 10 pounds of stuff in a 5 pound bag. It is important to focus on SUCCESSFUL year round use. Also, what can go in other parks? Some tennis courts can. What can't? Scattered parking is good but maybe consider limiting it. The current location of the aquatic center is way too small.</p>
<p>Leave it alone! PJ Jacobs uses these fields all spring and fall. Girls softball games all summer, where would they go? And the ice rink, everyone would have to pay to skate at Willet. Sure, there is Iverson, but that's kind of a long walk for the kids. This space is for the community, used by all. This new complex would be another money grubbing disaster. Kids and families will have to pay to use these places. That alone will turn people away. If it ain't broke, don't fix it!!</p>
<p>Save the beautiful green spaces! No more concrete! Must be other available areas for this proposal. Don't want MORE traffic in this beautiful area.</p>
<p>Please be transparent with tax increases as the project starts to take form so residents of Stevens Point are not lured in by the glitz and glam of NEW and can make decisions they can afford</p>
<p>It would be great for the community to have an awesome facility to use for many different things!</p>

Saving the Parker building (which isn't even mentioned). Preserving the existing hockey rink and large skating rink/green space. Working with the existing footprints and renovating things like the pool, basketball court, garage, office, etc. instead of completely demolishing, relocating and building from scratch. Also, what should be included is moving ALL of it to a different location that wouldn't negatively impact an established residential community. We've lived in our home here for over 10 years. I'm confused as to how we've heard nothing about this plan until now (only having been alerted by a neighbor). The Goerke Park neighborhood is a special place—arguably the most sought-after in-city location—rich in city history and tradition. This whole plan completely disregards that, disrespects the history and tradition and also lacks basic logic and common sense. I'm not opposed to "progress," but this isn't that. Especially the dome.

Dedicated pickleball courts. In area for proposed tennis courts, 6 dedicated pickleball courts and 3 tennis courts could be provided.

These plans contain much needed improvements to benefit the community and promote healthy activities. Thank you for your work on this.

Would a solid structure be better compared to the inflatable dome option? Just concerned with the winter weather (snow/ice, etc.) we have, if that would cause issues down the road. Otherwise, I think this is amazing! I love the new aquatics area, will the aquatics area have an updated slide area?

~~This street is a residential street. To turn it into a parking lot would be bad for the neighborhood. There would be too much traffic coming and going.~~

I am opposed to any plan that allows removal of the warming house and the hockey rink, and any change or moving of the other rink. This is an iconic and beautiful FREE space in Stevens Point that is in use year-round. I would be in favor of some of the other ideas, but not at the expense of the existing rinks and warming house

How much is this going to cost the city/tax payers? How much money is in the Parks Department account? Who in the community is donating significant funds towards this project?

This is a great idea for our kids and the future attraction of our community.

Why not leave goerke park as it is you guys are ruining are community with all this bs

Although I am an advocate for creating a multi-sport dome or hard surface facility, I am against putting the dome in Goerke Park. Not only will it lead to added congestion but it will also change the whole nature of the area. I also feel that if we are going to create a multi-sport facility, we should build one of adequate size to accommodate many sports including pickleball and tennis, not being constrained in size by space available in Goerke.

Better bleachers. We need a dome for better sport practices

I am on the high school girls soccer team and I know I am not alone when I say that a dome for the field would be awesome. This would allow us to practice even when there is snow on the ground, or when the weather is not good

Our clinic is located across the street at 2501 Main St and I'm concerned that park users/patrons will try to park there when we need the space for our patients and employees. If there can be barriers, signage, communication and keep the parking free so people aren't trying to avoid paying a fee, I think our parking lot should remain largely unaffected. Additionally, we are supposed to have a bus stop by the clinic and we would like to be sure the bus stop location is not moved due to bus path.

I feel strongly that the current Goerke park is sufficient for the amount of volume it receives. As a resident who lives directly across the street and certain that these changes will have an impact on my residence, I stand against this plan.

We live right across from Willett on Lindbergh and are very excited for the improvements to Goerke! It's been a long time coming. I would prefer that we do not build a new north parking lot but a Prais St walkway (not driveway) for better access to the space sounds like a much better solution. Another compromise for the Prais St North residents could be a stone fence that would provide sound and visual separation while improving the value of those homes. Overall we are very supportive, thanks!

~~please help me understand the rationale behind the extensive commitment to parking. It seems as though this creates both a traffic burden for the neighborhood as well as an ongoing maintenance and water management problem for the area. please help me understand why 20, 23-27 are not included in the support. I have heard that it is the intent of the project to raise the homes on Prais abutting the back of the project. Please be clear about intentions on removal of those homes and impact of that removal on the neighborhood. Please address impacts to traffic flow on Minnesota.~~

Are there any details about how this would be paid for?

The plan as presented seems well thought out and addresses many needs in the community. Many of the items in the plan add amenities that exist in other vibrant communities like Stevens Point. The item I am most supportive of is the proposed dome with turf fields. As a parent of a soccer athlete, I have seen many of these facilities across the state and how heavily utilized they are. This would never be completed in time to personally benefit my child, but is sorely needed in this community.

Would the parks and forestry department be plowing the new "drives" that run in between all the new additions, or would the city plows take care of snow. Also, just wondering how much work it would be to convert the ice rink area to green space area every year, if having a long term ice rink would deteriorate the grass area.

In the last two years my property taxes have gone up 17%. Last November, a referendum was held and gained approval to raise \$900,000 to fund needs for the fire department which will result in just one more increase in my property taxes. In my opinion, fire protection is a basic, required service of municipal city government and if this city can not afford to fund that service within the additional tax revenue obtained by that 17% increase in JUST MY ONE property, bigger parks are not affordable!

14 and 15). Where are the BIKE LANES? FYI, this town is loaded with BIKERS. I live on Prais St. and I can tell you, that there are actually MORE bikers than drivers most days. Even in winter! How do kids and adults get to all these new facilities on their bikes? On the service lanes? Number 15 opens up right into the PARKING LOT? Please make specific considerations for those on bikes. You won't regret it! And also, where are the bike racks for parking? Please do not tear down the cedar trees! 1). A lot of football and hockey fans park in the surrounding neighborhoods with limited options, so this additional parking could be really helpful for them. 5 and 6). How much use would these actually get? Isn't there a sport that more kids would find fun? 12). IS THIS THE ORIGINAL HISTORIC BRICK BUILDING? PLEASE DO NOT TEAR THAT DOWN!!

This is silly to use this space. It's already way too congested and will only be worse when adding more to it. Pjs and youth football use those fields. Where will they play? 5/6 grade elementary use this space. Where will the track meet go? Find a diff area to build these things and I would totally support it.

If pickleball lines are included on the tennis courts, I would like to see the lines set up so that pickleball players would not be using the tennis nets and instead use portable nets. I play both tennis and pickleball and I have seen pickleball players put strain on tennis nets at Goerke by pulling them down to make them shorter for pickleball. I think having these amenities would bring Stevens Point in line with the majority of communities around the state and I support making a plan to . A few concerns I have:

Is there really enough space to have all of these things in the space proposed, plus enough parking for all of the people who would be using the amenities? Is there a plan to move the police department somewhere else? I thought the move to Mid-State was a temporary solution.

New restroom building on west side of stadium

My wife and I cannot afford even one penny more in property taxes. We are against this plan. There are lots of other playgrounds in the parks. We don't need turfgrass or a dome. i have lived in this beautiful neighborhood for 70 years. I do not want to see it ruined by tearing down the houses on Prais Street for a parking lot.

Consideration of a more permanent structure instead of an inflatable dome. The Greenheck Turner Center at DC Everest or Sonnentag Center at UW Eau Claire would be examples. While a significantly more expensive option, the lifespan and upkeep over the long-term may be beneficial. Feedback I've received from institutions with inflatable options is that they plan to have a permanent structure in the future. This entire plan is overdue a game changer for Stevens Point

I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback. I have lived in the William and Jean Zenoff house for 20+ years. It is one block from Goerke Park. So much of Stevens Point's early and mid-century history is connected to this part of town. The Carnegie Library and the original post office were lost to modernization and attempts at improvement. Let's not continue to make these mistakes. Goerke Park is a landmark area and has served the city well. Lets take care of and protect the history!

I strongly oppose removing the ice rink and warming house. These are wonderful features of the park, and the warming house is a gorgeous historical building that should be incorporated into any new design, and absolutely not demolished. That is completely unnecessary. The domed in field also seems like a completely unnecessary addition, an eyesore, and expensive to build and maintain. An improved aquatic center, either here or elsewhere in Stevens Point would be excellent, Rapids' is much nicer

Keep the existing Warming House Building. Don't tear if down.

I love everything in the plan.

Do not tear down the warming house

Relocating/ inclusion of the warming house in these plans. I am a strong proponent of development of this space! However, I would hate to see the warming house go. I love using Goerke park to play tennis, ice skate, and go for runs. The warming house's art deco style is unique to the Midwest rust belt and would be so sad to be lost. It is one of the buildings in our community to inspire me to become an avid historical preservationist. Reutilizing the warming house to modern needs would really show the creativity and strength of our community!

Use of existing structures located in the area. Please consider keeping the "warming house" incorporate it into the plan in some way. It would be a shame to have this are covered over in pavement. I would like to see green space remain in the area to the south of Goerke Field, it is nice to have green space as visitors drive into town

I'd like more community input, especially regarding the removal of the warming house, current rinks, and relocating the pool/aquatic area. No one I spoke to in the surrounding neighborhood supports the plan as it's written, and that concerns me. Improved parks are an asset to our community, but are meaningless if the park's neighbors are unhappy and negatively affected by the "improvements." Parking/dome would be an eyesore on our beautiful one way Main Street, too

Consideration to the neighborhood residents. When I'm driving down our beautiful Main Street, I have no desire to be driving past massive domes and parking lots. I think it is heinous that the city of Stevens Point would plan on demolishing residential property without so much as consulting the homeowners, as well as our ice rinks, which are frequently used, and is in a historic building. Our parks are there for people to enjoy, but this proposal is a detriment to the neighborhood, and more consideration needs to be taken going forward.

I very much dislike the idea of demolishing the "Warming House." If we have the money to do the rest of your plan then something can be cut and the funds could be used to renovate the warming house. WPA buildings are historic and beautiful and add so much personality to our city. Compared to other communities we have very few historic buildings left. Why are we so intent on destroying anything old in this town? Pretty soon Stevens Point will probably want to get rid of the the changing houses at Iverson and Bukolt parks. It's just a shame the the city allows these structures to deteriorate and then says they will cost too my to restore. I am not in favor of having #13. I don't think a big parking lot running along Clark Street looks very attractive when coming into town

I am not opposed to any of this, but I do not think the historic warming house or ice rink should be sacrificed in the process. If something else on the proposal can be eliminated instead, then I would be in favor of the development. How this would work to integrate the old with the new would be a question for the developers. Too many historic buildings have been lost in our city and repurposing is much smarter and lighter on the Earth. Repurpose. Take a look at how Baraboo breathed new life into the Carnegie library. It can be done.

I am hesitant to modify to this space as PJ Jacobs already has such limited green space on school property(I'm an alumni). They deserve to keep the field across from the warming shelter AND the historic warming shelter for storage. I think it would be a disservice to students, faculty, and families that use that space just to cut up the property into parking spaces and some kind of unspecified water attraction. I think we should refurbish the existing public pool if possible and not move it.

Goerke park is super nice as it is. No need for such a big project

Save the ice rinks

if you can preserve the warming house/ forestry office that would be fantastic. it is not only beautiful but a historic land mark in time for Stevens point

Maybe consider 8 Pickleball courts. It's a very popular sport now.

Michael Moran keep the old History!

I would like to see the warming shelter building preserved or worked into the plans. Could it be utilized for the concessions building #12? This is an iconic historic building. The proposals are beautiful, and needed, but it would be more uniquely Stevens Point by incorporating the historic building. Please find a way to incorporate the historic warming shelter into the final plans. If it couldn't be repurposed into the multi-use locker room/concessions, could it be moved to the green space and given a new purpose? I also appreciate the potentially improved traffic flow around PJs. If there is no way for the city to reuse or repurpose the warming center, please allow an opportunity for the community to find a solution for it before you tear it down.

Save rinks and historic warming house

I wish there could be 2 basketball courts. The new court at Seramur Park is a real magnet for people of all ages. I see the need for a parking lot near the stadium, but it's an ugly aesthetic along Main Street. You could ditch the dome and put the parking lot in that spot, then front the park with green space along Main Street.

An outdoor pool. Keep the historic warming house

This would be amazing for the city!!!

I think any renovation to Goerke Park and will be great for the community as a whole!

100% support this and want this!

More updated field and stadium. This would be a great improvement for the community

I fully support the addition of a synthetic field

Awesome for the youth. Fully support the bubble

Steeple pits so college can host track meets
I believe that this would benefit the community
These plans for renovation would be a great and exciting thing for the city of Stevens Point moving forward. It would be great for children, university students, and everyday residents of the city.
I think this would be great for the uwsp sports teams, as well as the community.
Nothing everything included. Nothing everything's great
this would be great for the community and kids
I fully support
As a student athlete at UWSP, I believe this would be a great benefit for not only the students, but the overall community.
I fully support this
This would be awesome for this community
This is a great add for the community!
University parking. I believe this would be extremely beneficial to the community
I think the community would benefit largely from a dome with turf inside or it because of weather conditions making it difficult for a public indoor area
I support this plan and it would be great for the community
This would be great for community.
I fully support this project and I think it will be hugely beneficial to the community of Steven's Point
I think all these additions would be a great thing to add to the community that would benefit a lot of people.
I am a student at UWSP and I believe that would be great for the community and for the city of Stevens point
I really think that these changes would be good for the community.
Nothing. I really support the football field
Looks good, I think all the option would be great for the city. I fully support this proposal, I think it'd be amazing for the community and would give Stevens Point a good look. It'd also be great for the kids in the community as well.
I fully support this plan.
Would be a great thing for the community, great for people off all ages and opens up a lot of good opportunities and new possibilities
This will be great for the community and the students of UWSP. It will bring in more students and make the community stronger.
Perfect for the community. Great for athletics of all ages
I think that improving Goerke Park could help bring the community together even more than we already are.
This model looks good
This would be a great addition to the community

Everything is included. I think this is good for the community

I think this proposal is great for the community

I am not a big user of the sports area and consequently do not have a lot of input on what should or should not be included. One thing I see missing is the effort to preserve the historic warming house. Is the idea to simply knock down any historic elements and replace it with pretty black pavement? I really don't think this plan presents a good visual impact to people entering the heart of the city. It looks like the view from the street on half or more of this plan is parking lot. It is just unattractive. Since this is on a main artery into the city, I think more planning needs to be done to consider the appearance of the facility as well as the functionality of it. Might there not be a better location and is it essential to have all of the activities in one area?

I don't want to lose the warming house.

Preserve the old warming house and ice skating rinks

I attended the meeting on 3/27 and found it very informative. Thank you. I'd support many of these updates, but would like to see the space achieve a better balance between organized "facility" type activity and organic/recreational activity/green space. As proposed, we will lose much of the natural "park" appeal. With the proposed parking lots and dome facility, it takes on a complex vibe at the sacrifice of the general use community park. I do not/will not support the dome.

Nothing I can add. Nothing at this time

This is not needed

I worry that adding the driveway and parking lot on the north end will ruin the quaintness of the Prais Street homes and community. It may potentially also affect the market value of those homes.

What a waste of taxpayer money.

I don't support tearing down all those nice homes along Prais St. Those are nice middle class homes and we have a shortage of affordable housing in Stevens Point. While I support the need for an enclosed multipurpose facility, I don't like the aesthetics of an inflatable dome, especially in the middle of town. I would support a more traditionally constructed facility.

This should be left where it is and restored to its original form. Many generations of skaters have benefited from this Park and continue to do so. Surely you can find another area for your plans and stop destroying what few buildings are of our town history!

Keep the hockey and ice skating spaces. There is too much planned in such a small space.

Would be nice to save warming house and I would prefer the city leave the rest of the houses on Prais if they're in good condition. Trevor's idea for a police pull out lane was brilliant

Nothing. None

should end at the area of the warming house. The outdoor skating rink could be relocated west of the warming house (where there is a softball diamond and outfield. This is where the skating rink was located when I was a kid. That area (all the way up to the northern softball/baseball diamond is currently used for multiple purposes ...PJ Jacobs practice fields. There is not enough space for a dome and new aquatic center on this block (it's attempting to pound a square peg into a round hole) They need to be located in an area where there is much better access and parking. The current congestion is overwhelming with the junior high, boys and girls club, and when the pool is open. The football stadium and KB Willet are located in a neighborhood (similar to other communities like Madison and Camp Randall) where street parking works.

I am not in favor of any additional changes to this area. Taxes in Stevens Point are already excessive.

Great idea. The historic warming house and rec center should be preserved however. There is too much parking. The historic warming house and rec center should be preserved.

The Emma Parker field house kept and repurposed as item 12 on the master plan. I would support extending the back side of the building if the style and brickwork were matched. I feel it is important to keep visible reminders of the CWA and CCC in our community as we are home to a university with a strong focus on the training of future public servants in public works and the outdoors. As such, I believe it to be of great benefit to preserve examples of achievements in such fields.

A steeple chase pit in the track so that UWSP can host collegiate track meets there

Aquatics, when designing can you build diving blocks and diving boards. There are no local platform or spring board diving facilities. Also, if there is potential for the aquatics center to have a long course 50 meter pool... it would open opportunities to host outdoor - long course- summer meets. Outdoor refrigerated ice - which then can be a multi use spot for a skate park or track area. Roseville Oval in Minnesota has one of the areas only speed skate tracks and/or look at maple grove central. Park ice skating loop. They're major attractions and concessions and park programming, boosts economy.

I think this is a great idea, having a community recreation area with more facilities available will benefit everyone, and the domed field will create great practice opportunities year round for sports teams.

There should be dedicated Pickleball courts not just lined tennis courts with tennis nets. The demand for Pickleball in this area is huge and growing yearly. Far more people are playing Pickleball than tennis. Also creating netting or barriers between the Pickleball courts

*Updated ticket booths by stadium. *DEDICATED Pickleball Courts (not lined tennis courts with temporary nets). *Community gym space for Pickleball (maintain free play at the Rec Center *Create separate court spaces with drop-down curtains or netting. *Flooring that works best for Pickleball (no sport court, hard court is ideal), to reduce injuries and optimize play. As a ticket seller for SPASH football games over the past 35+ years, I wasn't sure that I saw ticket booths in the proposed plan. Just wanted to make sure they were not overlooked. If you would like feedback regarding the design of a ticket booth, feel free to contact me. Thank you.

What will be the additional cost of employees for employment? How will this impact taxes, we should understand that these things would be great for our community, but sustainability of more employees and managers is not ok

I could support the dome if Point Fastpitch continued to have first rights to 2 outdoor fields May - August, an ability to provide concessions (for revenue), and access to a storage area. Thank you.

I love the idea. Would give this community a spot in the winter for our athletes (youth through college) to practice or compete for 12 months out of the year. It would allow more parking for events at Goerke Park. The updates to everything that is already there would put a refreshing touch on a worn looking part of town. This is the place in the town where most people who are not from Stevens Point come to visit for events. Updating would show that this community is dedicated to developing.

I worry about PJS school. The gym classes used to use those fields a ton. My worry is they wouldn't have outdoor space/access for their students.

Seperate & dedicated tennis & pickleball courts are desperately needed due to the growing community needs for pickleball. I do not support the enclosed dome but may need a better understanding of the proposed use and benefit to the overall community & athletics.

A play area for individuals with special needs that is geared for improved accessibility

Pickle ball and tennis courts should not be shared. They should have their own courts. I'm in favor of improving our park systems as long as my taxes do not increase. Our property taxes in this city are too high as it is. City needs to function within its budget.

A pool with ability to have lane lines and host outdoor meets to improve the competition swimming community of Stevens Point and the surrounding community and offer ability for outdoor swimming/swim lessons

Change the turf field something else, no more turf. It causes more injuries than good. Other than the turf field I have no complaints

The current state of Goerke Park is very piecemealed. This proposed plan makes Goerke Park a cohesive, inclusive gem of the city with ample opportunities for families and athletes of all ages to get active and stay active all year-round. Not to mention the amount of revenue a facility like this would bring to the community!

I think that more green space should be included in the proposal. I think there is far too much parking space allocated here for an already quite walkable or bikeable town. This instead could be used for more natural green spaces.

Adding plenty of seating and outdoor spaces/benches/picnic tables. Also including an environmental aspect like putting trees back into the area to provide shade in areas. The VIP parking doesn't really make sense.

If possible, I'd LOVE the potential Boys & Girls Club expansion/community gymnasiums to include a concrete, wood, or synthetic floor suitable for roller skating. We make ice rinks in winter, but there is nowhere to skate in Point indoors. While an actual rink isn't a possibility, even a large, flexible room with a simple durable floor available for open skate would be my favorite place in town and keep me active all winter (and snowy spring...) long. In my experience, mixed-use spaces are attractive on paper but in practice staff placed in these areas will resent fielding MANY interruptions and inquiries from people seeking assistance using that space and looking for in-person help regardless of who is most appropriate for the task. Office & storage use also inevitably take up more and more space over time. I'd prefer developing more space for community use, and reconsider allocating space for offices and storage to less central areas

The aquatic center is heavily used during summer, but it'll be unused 9 months of the year, so is it worth the investment? The climate controlled dome with synthetic turf would permit residents to remain active (and comfortable) during the winter months, but I worry it will be underused, much like the proposed playground. There are fewer kids, and many stay home playing video games. Even if we can coax them outside, let them play outside, not in a dome.

Accessible playground. Love it

Bioswales or infiltrative material for flood mitigation if there is new parking lot spaces. Is there safe Bike access and navigation through this space for students of the school, Boys and Girls Club, and park spaces?

Outdoor park area including dog park.

This all looks AWESOME!!! I love the inclusion of bathrooms, benches, and drinking water! Is there a way to keep the sandstone building next to the field? Or perhaps that's the dome bathroom. I do hope that the sandstone elements of Goerke are kept. I feel they are important parts of local cultural and natural history. I am very interested in the idea of a dome. I support it IF it will be accessible to residents for free or low cost. It is important that the spaces have availability to families beyond 9-5 M-F.

I believe that this is a much better use of the space than it is being used right now. In addition, it may create traffic issues while being built I think in the long term it will be a good resource for the community and recreation for everyone.

more green space. I would say less parking lots for the final plan. Maybe reduce the size of TS. Prioritize the bus routes to this park and being able to walk and bike to it. Then, the space designated for parking lots could be used for more open community spaces.

Consideration of the noise levels at stadium and the surrounding park area.

I don't understand enough about the situation on Prais Street to know whether I support the potential driveway (28). What is currently in that position, for example?

As there is a lot of construction everywhere this should wait until other projects are finished

The inflatable domes are an eye sore and cause a lot of problems should the weather not be conducive to their needs. Why put this in the middle of the city?

I support improving and updating the park. However, I do not support the razing of historical structures. I think the historical structures located in the park could be integrated into future improvements. In recent times, the city has been a steward for many historical structures. It would be a mistake to demolish important parts of our past for this project. The downtown was razed to make room for a mall and everyone regrets it now. A dome would work better elsewhere.

Making a portion of the playground or all of the playground accessible for all children of all abilities/methods of movement (i.e. wheelchair accessible equipment means it will be accessible for ALL abilities not just children who can walk). Consideration of a restroom with a changing table for older children/adolescents/adults with disabilities.

I do not support the dome in this location. I think it is the complete wrong location in town for this and would be a huge eye sore as you enter town. I don't feel like the entry way on Prais Street is needed. Why interrupt a residential area when there are several other entry points.

Possible use or reuse of the current warming house, but not opposed to raising it if it cannot be repurposed. These spaces should be more accessible for public use, if we are going to have a giant sports complex in the middle of the city, it shouldn't be restricted to private use.

I think the proposed Goerke Park plan looks absolutely amazing! It would be a great addition to our community, and I'm really excited about it. As a mom of three kids, I can't emphasize enough how essential it would be to have these kinds of amenities so close by. Right now, we have to go to other communities to enjoy things like this, and having something local would make such a huge difference. I believe it will truly enhance our neighborhood and provide a safe, fun space for families like mine to enjoy. Thank you for considering this important addition!

I do like all the new options. Especially more parking space and access, the playground and the new and improved pool area. However, I don't live in that neighborhood. I wonder if the residents of the surrounding streets would welcome more traffic and parking lots close to their homes.

kids need more things to do

If relocation of the Parks Department Garage is best located within this park or a different city park.

My daughter currently plays softball on the Goerke fields, I would hope that another adequate location for girls softball to continue would be addressed by the city. I love the proposal and think this is a better use of available space, improving the layout and adding some new features.

mechanic expertise/time efficient if these city functions were housed under one roof? I worked for Kewaunee County Highway Depart in college. Both the Highway & Parks Dept's maintenance were housed in the same building. The technicians worked on all the equipment - just billed time to correct entity...no duplication of manpower, tools, buildings and the expenses that go with them. I would happily support anything that would improve the traffic around PJ Jacobs - especially eliminating the student drop off zone on Michigan Avenue. Take it from a SPASD employee that uses Michigan Avenue on a daily basis to get to SPASH that it simply is a TERRIBLE, TRAGIC accident just waiting to happen. PLEASE MAKE THIS A TOP PRIORITY over improvements to the playing fields, pool, etc are even considered.

I think the Goerke Park plan is a much needed idea, but NOT in the proposed space. Please choose another space that will have better/easier access. The current "park is land locked, crowded, in a residential area. If a large, unused area isn't available in the city, please work with Plover and build it there. Both Plover and Point would benefit greatly from this family friendly venue, regardless of it's location.

I'm not completely against the parting in the south(#13). I would like to see an effort to keep the warming shelter and find a usage for the building through out the year. Possibly allowing some of the south lot to be used as a skating rink in the winter. I think the plan has large benefit to the community, but I would also hate to lose history building as well.

Absolutely love this! Bringing an updated location is great for a variety of sports, families, activities. Now that Rhinelander and Everest have indoor sports facilities, the dome would provide a (smaller) version of this in our community.

None, this is an excellent plan. The relocation of the water park is an excellent idea. The reimagining of the space uses every part to its best ability, and the new parking and driving lanes make essential updates for safety of students and park-goers. Very well done.

The ice rink and green space offers great opportunity for people to come and skate in the winter, getting rid of that would take away people's ability to learn new skills and stay active.

Restrooms and parking seem to be the biggest issues when it comes to the complaints of the community. I like the idea of having drop-off and pick-up zones. That should increase safety measures. This might seem like a bad idea, or an idea jammed into a nice plan, but a space for competitive disc golf putting would be nice. It doesn't need to be fancy at all...just two to 4 decent, durable, and sturdy disc golf baskets with circles that measure the distance around each basket. This would be fun. I feel the full plan is great and there isn't anything I would absolutely take away or be grumpy about adding or taking away from the plan.

I love this plan!

This will be fantastic upgrades to our city and outdoor spaces!!

~~Clarification on what is happening to the historic warming house. If it is to be remodeled, repurposed, or relocated as part of #12, I support it. If not, I oppose #12. I support renovations and upgrades that benefit the majority of the public, young and old, at little or no cost for daily use. I oppose renovations that only benefit specialized sports with costly barriers to entry.~~

The dome should be moved to parking lot 13 area(Minnesota part) and rotated 90 degrees to provide a block to the stadium sound and provide some much needed sound deflection to restore neighborhood peace. This could easily done, shift the aquatic area where dome is currently shown. Move the dome — rotate it 90 degrees and place in across south end of stadium. It would serve as a block to stadium sound and restore peace to neighborhood that have been impacted by stadium noise.

#1.The parking lot would be utilized primarily for "game day" parking (roughly 30 evenings per year), the rest of the year it will be an eye sore. Not worth the money. The current design of the parking lot will have limited entry/exit which will cause traffic back ups after the games. If more handicap parking is desired, open the East entrance of Willett for ADA compliance. #28. Prais St already gets too much traffic from people avoiding the lights on Michigan Ave and school drop offs.

I am hoping the hours for the Aquatic Center will be better than what has been done for years at the city pool. One entry fee for all day--not separate sessions, and an earlier start time as well. The current hours were terrible for parents of preschool aged children.

~~we could use an indoor pool with a waterslide. kids in Stevens point don't have many things to do during the winter time to burn off energy.~~

My primary concern is the removal of the outdoor boarded hockey rink. Kids need a place to play and look forward to outdoor rink season (ODR). Willett does not offer free open skating, especially allowing pucks and sticks. The Goerke outdoor skating areas are full day and night, on both rinks. If the rink is moved, there needs to be a boarded space moved over as well. Losing this will greatly impact the kids and adults who use this space and hockey / skating is not safe to have on just one rink.

Year-round bathroom access and parking that is closer to the playground. Not a fan of the dome.

I think that both the police and Parks & Rec Departments should be moved to alternate locations that provide more space, more easily accessible and operational indoor garage space, and safer compared to the Goerke Park location (e.g., City Garage, by Transit Dept.). Having those Departments located next to two youth facilities is bonkers. I also think that the Water Park should be in a large, separate space so that it can be easily accessed and potentially be a tourist draw. Overall, for the current Master Plan, my opinion is that there is too much going on in this relatively small space that has high youth/family traffic daily, year-around. It is extremely confusing why the police and Parks Depts would want to increase congestion by building a huge garage in the middle of this high use public space. Move the water park to the empty green space across from Dunkin' on Division.

Stevens points NEED updated pool area..the fact plover has. New splash pad/park even Wisconsin rapids has a splash pad..our public pools is over due for update!!

~~we truly need things like this in point for children. I know my children would love it and attend DCC so the addition would be beneficial~~

I think the proposed additions would bring in great revenue to Stevens Point.

It's important to me that the space continues to be accessible for tear round activity, especially the ice rink

Dedicated pickleball courts. Keep the rec center open for free pickleball play

I live right by this park with a toddler, and a playground would be wonderful.

I think tearing down the pool and relocating an aquatic center to a different location is a great idea just not this location. I am all for tearing down the pool and updating that space while leaving our existing Green Space and warming house.

I would support a new aquatic center, but would not support it being moved to tear down the warming house. Honestly, the dome is really a terrible idea. Imagine it's a beautiful fall afternoon. The ivy on the sides of PJs is in full bloom and changing color. The maples in the yards of the 100 year old homes in the neighborhood are all changing color. And now's there's a huge white blob in the middle of all of it. Put that on the east side by the ice hawks arena where it belongs. Seriously. Building that dome right there will ruin the aesthetic of that part of town

I like the plan and don't see that anything is missing. Great plan! Please proceed!

I would like to see accessible sidewalks, plenty of trash cans and trees. Also I think it would be beneficial to angle the discus ring more west so pedestrians do not get his with flying discus. I have seen it too many times

Historic buildings should be incorporated into the park plan. Don't understand why it hasn't been maintained through the years. Typically the city seems to let things run down and then complain that it's too expensive to restore them. I think like pollution could be an issue and efforts to reduce light pollution for community should be addressed.

Without knowing the costs and payback timeline I'm wondering if some of the buildings could have like a green roof or something to make up for the displaced ground by additional parking. This plan looks really nice and I know a lot of families would be excited about an aquatic center. However, I am unaware if there are existing problems with the current swimming pool, and also it would be interesting to know how much this plan would cost and how it would be funded. Would the new aquatic center admission be much more expensive than the current swimming pool? I was glad to see the outdoor ice skating rink could potentially still exist with the new plan, too.

Replacing the current Home Grand stands. Making a 10 lane track. Build a Dome Rhilander & DCE did and look how profitable it is for their communities

I support the entire proposed Goerke Plan. An aquatic center overhaul is long overdue when you look at surrounding towns and what improvements they have made to their water parks. In complete support of a dome. Look at the Rhinelander and Everest dome usage and it's not just out of town events, it can be used for SPASH athletic teams which desperately need more practice space or community walking space in the winter. The central location of Stevens Point would be a huge draw.

If we are going to get a dome, Stevens Point should be sure to make sure SPYBA and Point Fastpitch have access to NICE outdoor fields and are not pushed aside. Plover takes really good care of the youth baseball and softball program and it seems as Stevens Point pushes them aside and does nothing to help them. We do not need bike lanes or LBGTQ paint in the city. We need groups with activities for children.

A playground similar to the 10-11 playground. If you're investing in renewing the old pool, then there should be an Inclusion playground like KASH.

and the Parker building.

I do not approve of tearing down the older buildings.

Start over. This plan has no respect for historical buildings, green space with mature trees, neighborhood homeowners, the appearance of the Main Street (no green buffer areas), the need for open space for neighborhood children and adults to just enjoy themselves in a green area which is not parcelled and allocated for organized sporting events. This kind of development would be more appropriate and probably less expensive to build on unused or underutilized property elsewhere.

Please do not destroy the historic former Stevens Point Armory and the Parker Building.

Moving the current scoreboard. Of all the corners that it could have been erected, it was located so that it faces the neighborhood. I get that it is facing the home team but refurbish the current visitor seating to home seating making it more comfortable and reposition the scoreboard. This way you don't have loud music and lights blaring into people's homes, bad planning. Create a parking garage for the whole area, then you don't have to have all these smaller parking areas. It can be done very creatively and asthetically pleasing. Keep the warming house and incorporate it in the design. I hope the inflatable dome performs better than Rhinelander's!!

I am generally in favor of the proposed plan. I understand space is limited, so I am pleased to see one green field that can be multi-purpose. While I see there are trees, etc. incorporated into planning, PLEASE, PLEASE ensure esthetics are throughout. If we are going to invest in these new facilities, we NEED to ensure that it is not a cement-filled area. In fact, it should be pleasing to the eye, especially as people heading west on hwy 10 will see this as a representation of our community. Mature trees, native plants and grasses can be used. Please consider consulting with experts to consider ways to incorporate sustainable flora.

Looks like we are trying to cram this project into an area that isn't large enough to handle it or the traffic that will result. Traffic seen during a hockey game, football game or other event at the willet will only be worse when we have more going on inside the the dome or aquatic center, even with the addition parking spaces. Have we thought about using the giant area of old shopko building for some of this. How great it would be to bring that traffic to down town businesses.

First of all it's no secret that the school drop off and pick up is a hot mess. Fixing it IMMEDIATELY should be the FIRST priority. This plan is obnoxious! The city needs to find a different location for the. It's an eyesore to this beautiful neighborhood and takes away from the quality of life of the residents who have enough of the school traffic already. I believe each of them knew what they were getting into when they purchased property in the vicinity of the school but Dome pushes it over the edge. SAVE THE HISTORIC BUILDINGS!

The former Stevens Point Armory must be kept and preserved. The Parker Building must be kept and preserved and included in the Goerke Park plan. Consider moving the Parker Building as needed to provide space for any of the proposed plan.

I do not support any of this project at all until city streets are fully repaired or replaced. The streets are just terrible a disaster and left to just decay. The new project needs to be scrapped.

I think this a great idea for the city and great way to bring revenue to surrounding businesses!

City of Stevens Point intend to fund these renovations and the purchase of the homes that would need to be removed? I assume taxpayer dollars will be used for this project, but I've also heard that the budget cannot support additional police officers or firefighters, which I believe are more urgent needs than a renovated park I may not personally use. What are the plans for the homes that would be displaced by this project? The city is already facing an affordable housing crisis, and now there's a proposal to remove approximately 20 homes. I'm also concerned about the potential destruction of historic buildings for this renovation. Additionally, the impact on traffic, particularly for residents of Prais Street, is worrisome. While I understand the plan will be carried out in phases, I believe more careful consideration is needed.

without having to go through parking lots. This could be especially dangerous in summer when people are using the pool or green spaces and young children are using BGC. Green space along Main street. I really like the idea of having a dome that would be open to the public as well as available to community organizations like Stevens Point Baseball (having a 7 year old practice baseball above Skips is not ideal). However, I'd like to see the warming shelter maintained as well as increased green space next to PJs (I see midschoolers using this area regularly). I'd also like to see an increased focus on biker/walker safety. Many BGC attendees, PJ students, and community members travel through he

I am concerned about tear down of historical buildings, and waste. Finding ways to stretch hard earned money is important, and a closed in dome seems wasteful as well.

Do not demolish the current AND unique gymnasium! It's a historical building with many basketball teams that have played over the years, aerobics classes, and Halloween haunted houses. Please leave it alone!

Preservation of historic buildings and outdoor rink. I would like to see a nice aquatic center

I overall am very displeased with project proposal, as a young person in the community I don't understand the need for most of these elements, especially a dome in that location. I also dislike the destruction of a historical community building for a huge parking lot that will be empty at most hours of any given day.

Why not an enclosed, actual building for the enclosed needs instead of a dome? I understand that there's been a lot of hubbub about this proposed plan. Overall, I agree with the city that this land is underutilized (and difficult to utilize well) and that there are groups that need expanded parking, sports access, and that the city needs new office space as well. Is there any way to use some of the historic structures in the plan so that people stop freaking out, but also still allow you to make the majority of the plan happen?

I grew up in Stevens Point and have/had kids in the school system, and have always enjoyed Goerke Park for school events, ice skating, swimming, tennis or running at the track. It's always had everything this area has needed. I'm concerned about the Rec Center and Warming House buildings being removed; I can't imagine Goerke without them. These buildings have been enjoyed for many years and have been the center of many great memories spanning generations. Please preserve our towns history!

I strongly oppose the demolition of the two historic buildings proposed in the plan. These should remain and be integrated into the plan.

We find it difficult to respond to this survey. An April 11 deadline is a little bit unfair. It was only a week or so ago we heard some mention of an update. We believe you need to schedule a couple of community meetings. We certainly oppose the destruction of the old armory and the skating rink warming house.

The current historic buildings, the Armory and the Parker buildings, are not included in the proposals. In fact, it looks like they're removed. As someone who grew up in Stevens Point, those 2 building, especially the Armory, have been notable buildings in the area since before I was born. Both are still usable, include unique historic architecture and tell stories of Stevens Point's history. Seeing proposals that plan to demolish them is heartbreaking. First, I wish to see the historic buildings mentioned above included in any future plans to Goerke Park. It would also be nice to see more plans centered around pedestrians and cyclists, especially being within the same block as the Jr High school. Finally, this new plan could be an opportunity to promote walking, cycling, and other modes of transportation (less parking and roads) and could reuse existing courts and diamonds rather than destroying them for unnecessary parking space.

I think it would be difficult to lose two outdoor baseball/softball fields without having similar replacement facilities made available to the organizations who currently use the Goerke diamonds. Otherwise, it has many exciting updates to the current space that will help it be more usable to a wide range of people in the area.

Delete the plan. Please do not demolish the historic buildings or the outdoor ice rink. These areas are the heart and soul of Stevens Point and it makes me sick that the "leaders" of our community would even consider this.

This is an ill-conceived plan to "draw" in people to Stevens Point and provide an "improvement" to those in the city & surrounding communities. There are ways to address the traffic congestion near P.J. Jacobs that is not so intrusive to structures that are still very serviceable and continue to keep Stevens Point as a unique locale. There are other grounds within the city that could be utilized for these "improvements", most notably on the eastern side of town. Go back to the drawing board.

The old skating warming house is iconic and needs to be saved. Keep the ice rink where it is. Relocate the inflatable dome and put the aquatic center where the city pool is already located. Regardless, the skating warming house needs to be preserved. Haven't we learned that from the former City Library? Such a terrible decision made, in which the stately, beautiful library was torn down with remnants still visible along the river. Terrible!

Funding for this should mean that funding for other city programs and initiatives should be decreased. The idea of raising taxes or using a referendum is deplorable. While a Dome would be new and novel, it should not come at the expense of the tax payers, without a balanced budget to accommodate the financial burden. Since Goerke is currently available to UWSP, SPASD, Pacelli, the YMCA, and private youth football, they should have greater access to use the facility.

Preservation of historic buildings. Where is the outdoor Physical Education space for PJ's? I think the aquatic center and dome are a need for our community but this is the wrong place to concentrate all these activities. Consider putting the aquatic center where the existing pool is and the dome at a different location.

Take away history and you take the future with it. If you travel in the southern states you can see their history is still intact with their past. Change is not always the answer, just look at our fabulous downtown mall.

The dome: dumb, ugly, and expensive. Wasn't there one destroyed in a storm in Rhinelander not too long ago? Please don't knock down the warming house. Make it nicer!

I am concerned about the demolition of the two historic WPA buildings which may be impacted by renovations. I hope that we will continue to preserve these historic buildings for future generations. We have lost too much history in our area and don't want to continue in that vein.

I am in full support of the community gymnasium/Boys and Girls expansion project. There is huge need for safe spaces for teens/kids to spend time and BGC does an amazing job at this. The location is a no brainer considering it is near a junior high, adjacent to the BGC and on a bus line. Please make this happen for the teens/kids in Portage County!

Preservation of historic buildings. I would like to see consideration towards preserving historic buildings in Stevens Point.

~~Could a separation of bus lane and car pick up be created by using a cut out on main instead of creating the through-road? If so, I would be interested in improving safety in that manner. I would prefer to see city staff offices relocated away from this block, perhaps to a new city hall, so that the park can expand it's footprint in a less squished manner than the current drawing shows. I think a dome should be within the heart of the city, but I don't know if we have enough space in Goerke for it to be successful. Vacant land near SPASH and other bikeable spaces come to mind for a new, large, indoor complex. While I am currently the alder for this district, I filled out the survey as a community member, imagining what I would want in the future when I am no longer the alder. Please don't give any additional weight or consideration to my remarks.~~

In the summer, we travel frequently to Wisconsin Rapids to visit the Wisconsin Rapids Recreation Complex. The water park is incredible for our young children. Something of that caliber in Stevens Point would be appreciated.

Let's not remove the existing historical structures. I suggest incorporating the past and reducing the scope of this project. The inflatable dome...besides being ugly, I feel not needed. Too many parking spaces - this will create a larger congestion nightmare at games as now the parking is spread out around city streets - many people walk and bike. I support leaving the space more open and green rather than asphalt and more buildings. It's a great space that gets used as people need it - let's not make it a theme park with more "commercial/private" names attached to every aspect.

I didn't grow up in Stevens Point but as a young woman I loved the ice rink and the charming warming house to put my skates on etc. I even liked seeing the sharp skate marks from years of other skaters. It was even warm in there! I also loved driving down main street and seeing the skaters and the city preparing the ice for future skating. If I interpreted the design of the improvements, it looks like the only thing visible will be parked cars. Yikes!

gated fence around playground (at least 3 gates)

Please give thought to keeping the historically significant parts of Goerke Park. Please, Please, Please, No Dome. Please do not destroy more green space.

I hope that wheelchair accessibility or any other mobile device needed by a person is taken into consideration. Especially when it comes to a playground, all kids deserve the ability to play and feel included. I care the most about The Boys and Girls Club having the ability to safely and securely support their youth. For example, the drop off/pickup/car flow is incredibly important. It would be nice to have signage and proper stop signs in parking lots.

I think this plan is very extensive and well thought out and want to thank the Parks, Rec & Forestry team for their work on this. The expansion and improvement of these spaces in our community is incredibly important both in promoting the health and wellbeing of our residents (ESPECIALLY OUR YOUTH!) but also, on improving the overall quality of life for Stevens Point residents, helping to keep Stevens Point a great community to live in and raise a family

I would like the aquatic center to work for all age children, including teens and young adults.

I would support number 11 provided you rehabilitate/update/expand the existing historic building instead of destroy the historic building and build a new one.

Could the #10 dome somehow cover some pickle ball / tennis courts like the Rhinelander dome? With the popularity of pickleball / tennis, I'm confident they would used extensively. Question: should the #18 & 19 space used more for park amenities instead of garage and office space? For item #2, the tennis courts / pickleball courts; it would be helpful to add a 7th & 8th courts for when we host tennis tournaments because a team has 7 flights playing simultaneously and usually 1 exhibition match. The 7th and/or 8th court could go into parking lot #1 to the north or the parking lot to the west or the NW corner of #8 green space. #10 dome would be great!

1st: current public pool was recently built, there is no need for a new one. Also, there is already a shortage of life guards in the community. 2nd, the dome proposed is not ideal for the Wisconsin weather, cities in Wisconsin with similar designs are now having to repair them due to hail, ice storms, and winter snow. These repairs are going to cost the city more in the long run. 3rd, the new s/southeast parking lot is on the Main gives a bad first impressions to visitors in Point.

I support the expansion of the Boys & Girls Club 100%.

none to add

Leave Goerke as it is.

We love the outdoor rinks and green space and would hate to see it all get built up
if the city wants a dome, don't put it in the middle of a residential neighborhood. It is an eyesore. There is way too much in the plan at Goerke.

more green space

lap swimming if possible. I like the fact that you are expanding this whole area to keep the activity area in the city center as much as possible. I would rather have this than build something new on the outskirts of town. The biggest complaint I have heard is the loss of the existing warming house. Integrating that into aquatics/dome support building (even if it means losing some parking spaces) would be a good compromise with those that are against this plan.

I would only support the dome/climate controlled synthetic turf field if the 2 existing ball diamonds are relocated, preferably to Zenoff Park. It would be a big loss for Point Fastpitch if they lose their two fields.

Green space!!! We really appreciate the green space of the park. Please don't put infrastructure on every square foot. You are trying to cram too much in this park. The dome is unsightly and not necessary in this area! Sure, the park could use some improvements, but you can't put everything in this space. Please do not get rid of the historic building and the ice rinks. They are used, and if we could have a capital campaign, this could be a lovely event space that the city could rent out with some building investments.

Building this project on a portion of the approximately 87 acres of city-owned land near Badger Avenue would preserve Goerke Park's Armory and the Parker Building.

Preservation of Armory/Rec Center and WPA-era warming house. This plan needs to started from scratch to take into account it's historic context. I do not support use of my tax dollars for bigger and better sports facilities. Enough is enough.

I just want to clarify that my answers might be different if it affects current resident lots. However, from the attached map, I am under the impression that it will not affect neighboring lots. Thanks for your work on improving the resources and facilities

Safety. Put aquatic center out by soccer fields, Expanding Goerke is safety hazard.

Park-wide Public WiFi, Generator for Dome. Park-wide Public WiFi would be beneficial for sporting events spectators and also for coaches/teams to allow for high speed network access. Seeing what happened in Rhinelander, I would hope that the dome would have a properly sized generator to ensure it stays running in a power outage event.

Keep the park footprint at is it and maintain and update where it is needed. Update the pool in it's current location. Leave the hockey and ice skating rink and green spaces where they are. If these updated assets to the community are recommended (dome, larger aquatics center, etc), research other location options in the city where parking wouldn't be an issue. This is a historic park. Packing too many ideas into a small space is not wise. Find a way to maintain the warming house vs rush destroy

elements, like the elimination of the warming house and ice rink are of concern to people. While I understand their feelings, I do feel that any and all opportunities to expand on the enrichment, wellness and mental health of kids and adults alike should be priority number 1. Is there any way to re-locate the warming house or use it in a different way? I do like the nostalgia of it, but nostalgia doesn't help improve on the needs of our community members.

I play on the fields through SPUFA and would love to have a dome!

Where will you have the school district Track Meet events held if you eliminate the tug field/ice rink area to allow for blacktop and parking? I also do not see any winter sports included in this new plan. Seeing as we have several winter months, it appears as though those options we currently have will be eliminated from this park. Is there a plan to put the public skating rinks into this area in the winter months? This plan seems very commercialized. Please see my comments in #6

As a very near resident of Goerke Field, I'm strongly opposed to any changes without consultation with residents of the surrounding neighborhoods. I had no idea about this plan until I saw it on social media. Already the excessive brightness of the stadium lights and the incredibly loud+disruptive speaker system reduce quality of life for everyone in the neighborhood. I think an inflatable dome is a terrible idea — unslightly+unneded. I am 100% opposed to the removal of any historic structures. I did not have the space to write all my issues in #7 — I want to reiterate that I think nearby residents should have been consulted about this plan before now and should be part of the planning process going forward. We live right here and what happens at Goerke impacts us on a very regular

Not included is options. Why such a dramatic change and why wasn't public included prior to this?

Love the new ideas, the potential for usable space and structures that can draw families, athletes, students and elderly. Love the options for change! I live a block away from this area and there extremely few residents that interact with the current historical structures. It would be wonderful to build something new that can bring so much enjoyment for residents.

Replace half the tennis court with pickleball court. Also, some sort of baseball field or batting area would be crucial for the youth in the area. Ensuring lights are put in place would be extremely important.

to see other options for a pool update or expansion and kept near BGC. I think a playground is a nice idea somewhere in that area, especially with BGC being right over there if they would utilize it. I like the safety of the drop off lane and bus lane for the junior high without addtnl parking lot #13. I do not like the packed feel of the current proposal, there is not enough space for all that activity. I also do not like the amount of parking, it takes away from the family friendly neighborhood feel to bring in more traffic and ugly asphalt. I think the current proposal takes away from the junior high space as well.

Do not support any of it. Too much stuff in a small area. Stevens point does not have the money for this. Noise pollution in the area

Open space and safety. I would like to see the plan include a purposeful prioritization of green space near the landlocked school; it really needs the open space surrounding it! I value the line of sight across the goerke area to see the beautiful historic architecture of PJ Jacobs. I value the space more than i value parking lots. Having seen the school bus pick up and drop off at PJ Jacobs, the proposal doesn't include enough space just east of the school to make it a safe or feasible plan. The Goerke block is a frequent family destination for low traffic walks, kicking a ball around, etc. I would especially hate to see the foot path (15) turned into another parking (1) lot or driveway that my kids can't safely walk in. without watching for cars. I don't want to lose the fields as they are for a few reasons: 1) PJ Jacobs students use daily for phy ed and recreation 2) Summer softball leagues and SPUFA have a central location in the city 3) Blocks site line for PJ architecture!

I think there is too much included. I'd like to see more outdoor green space maintained and fewer paved surfaces. I like the plan overall but I do think this plan crams too much into the footprint. I also have concerns about light pollution and lack of green space. The dome is ugly and costly. North parking lot: I don't see why people who need accessible access can't park in the existing parking lot, which is right next to the building. Also, people who live on Prais will have headlights shining in their windows as people leave events, which I think is more disruptive than people parking on the street.

*move both ice rinks to Iverson Park. All winter activity should be located in the same park. * consider a permanent solid structure instead of a dome. Consider recent event at Rhinelander. Also, what are the operating cost of a dome vs a permanent structure. * relocate the tennis/pickleball courts to a different location

baseball or softball diamonds missing?? Saving the armory should be important.

I would miss the green space where the current shot/discus and ice rink reside. My boys often use the space for playing sports and games, such as baseball, football, frisbee, and hockey. Also, it is so wonderful to see the students utilizing the green space during school hours for phys ed or whatever the needs of the school are.

people. Keep the hockey rink in the park. No to all the paved roads, parking and walkways. Keep the pavement on the West side where it is. No on the school drop off rerouting the way it is on plan. No buses across the whole park; no Sims Ave extending to Minnesota Ave. Ok to relocate shot put and discuss if it doesn't interfere with pool & tennis courts where they are . If you want dome, aquatic center or any facility requiring paved parking & such massive increased traffic, put them somewhere else, not Goerke. The PD should have their 2 requests, uninhibited exits & some sort of covered parking, however, in a location more suitable; it could also benefit the B&G Club, to expand North if allowable; perhaps bus route could go that way. No to #s 23-27. Update, add trees, reshape West side. Use some of \$ saved to gut, remodel & mutli purpose Parker Bldg. & bthrm.

Have dedicated pickleball courts please

Parking lots will make the area hotter and less beautiful for people who live in the neighborhood. Covered arenas also are not very welcoming and can't be used for as much as an uncovered green space. Much of Goerke seems fine as it is. The bathrooms and walking trails would make it easier to spend more time in the outdoor section. Please don't tear down the old buildings, repurpose them instead. Inhabitable? - keeps sun out - no thank you. I hope we can leave area 10/11 outdoors. I'm guessing the idea is to have more for families to do in Winter, but let's instead use other dead space in the city that has no purpose and do it properly with an actual building. Climate will get rougher, so we must question, how long will this expensive inflatable thing even last?

trees. Add patches of native flower gardens (beautifies and reduces mowing). Move #28 to Michigan Ave. (as a pullout drive parallel to the street) for faster PD response. Instead of #14, 16, & 9, create contiguous multi-use path. It will reduce noise, increase safety, increase comfort, & increase access for those that walk, bike, and/or use mobility devices (wheelchair, etc.). Please don't turn Goerke into a shopping mall. I.E. don't build/improve the service/bus roads and the parking lots. This large increase in parking supply (and roads) induces demand for driving. It will greatly increase traffic, increase stormwater volumes, & increase the heat island effect. Increased parking supply and roadways will not increase safety for park users, PJs, & PD. This is a fallacy. Add Main St. pullout lane to separate buses from cars for PJ's drop off/pickup.

More safe walkways for kids. A lot of kids walk through this area to go to PJ Jacob's, BGC, and the pool. There need to be more safe walkways. I could get behind this plan IF we still have a free ice rink during winter, baseball fields, safe walkways, and don't tear down the current historic building on the south end.

for PJs gym, area sports (tennis, pb, softball, basketball, spufa, skating, vb), and general recreating (walkers, bicyclers, kids playground), but I am very opposed to a dome at this site. It wouldn't be large enough to accommodate tennis/pb & track like hodag and would be too big for the site, obscuring one of the few beautiful remaining historic bldgs in town. We NEED indoor facility for cmty&youth sports. Could we investigate other locations or permanent structure? Plz don't put driveway onto Prais. There are so many kids walking/biking on Prais. Solve police traffic another way plz. Stop traffic from their side of lot or something. I'm for pool reno but keep where it is. I love my neighborhood & love sharing it w/cmty. I love the vibe when people park in front of my house on game day. I love the music, lights, energy, people. But dome is too much.TY

Leaving Goerke Park mostly intact, perhaps a bicycle pump track could be added in the south east corner of that block – depending on how the ice rink would be shaped or impacted by such a construction. Currently, there's no bicycle pump track in this area and that would be a great location! Personally, Goerke Park seems to be to be functioning well. I've mentioned the possibility of adding a pump track. Perhaps some landscaping would be appropriate for the existing green space. Gathering space for socializing that includes picnic tables or benches would add to the charm of Goerke Park. Losing that block's current historical buildings and the possible addition of a climate controlled dome will create significant aesthetic shock. Off-street parking maintains current green spa...

Nothing. This is ambitious (maybe too so) as it is. In general, I support the overall vision with some reservation. 1) The dome sounds rather ambitious. If we cannot swing that, what is to be done in that area instead? 2) I'd rather not have more ugly parking, especially along Main Street. Two story parking garage on north side instead? 3) I'm against knocking down and building new when we have a historic structure like the warming house. I'd retrofit, even if it means more cost.

Dedicated pickleball courts.It would be nice to have dedicated pickleball courts. Perhaps we could consider converting three of the tennis courts to dedicated pickleball? It is a very fast growing sport across the nation, and here in Stevens Point. Beyond that, I think we should improve the police department's access to Prais Street, as well as improving the vehicle areas around PJ Jacobs. Thank you.

Would love an aquatic center for kids, families, tourists more & have our community around. It seems like people in Point leave to go elsewhere in the summer & that money could be spent on fun in our own city. It would also create jobs. We want to promote health/being active,& swimming/play. While shot put and discus is important, it's more exclusive & I think we should focus on inclusive activities, like a park, aquatics center, parking to support those things & the ice arena/football stadium

I want to make sure that the aquatic center would still be featuring a swimming pool. That's the only safe swimming spot within the city limits. I don't agree w/using part of this park for a dome & large parking lot. I realize it would give more sports options for winter, but this is not the correct area for placement. It needs to be in a less residential area. I love that you are considering adding the aquatic center, I don't feel like placing near a busy street is appropriate & would prefer it set back from the road. I don't agree with potentially removing homes from Prais Street when the city is in need of more single family homes.

No dome keep green space. Put dome on the Maria drive property. Move the outdoor ice/hockey rinks into that existing green space.

I understand these are very preliminary plans and at this point there is much to be decided, added or removed. I'm supportive and will look for more info to better understand what this will all entail including the finances. at this point my interest is wether or not there is a plan for lap swimming in the aquatic center for adults and seniors. Who is this designed for?

QUIT spending more \$\$\$\$. There are so many great playgrounds around town along with numerous pickleball courts in the city limits, Sentry and new ones(24!!!) to come in Plover Most of us agree that we do NOT need more pickleball courts because there are MANY available around the city of Stevens Point and the additional new 24 court in Plover...especially on our tax dollars. I recently heard Mayor Mike Wiza on a radio show saying we just don't have the money to spend on another position to share 1/2 with him. Well tell us then why our property taxes went up \$1000 last year and another \$1000 this year. It is often the case of \$150-200 a year. NOT acceptable!!!!!!

Would be nice to have a separate pool without basketball nets etc for swimming and keep it all or mostly separated from a lazy rive or other slides etc. Maybe consider solid structure instead of dome but in another location. Maybe by the ice rink on highway 10. I think the dome is probable to big for residential area: perhaps it outdoor be out always by the new hockey building . No all cities have as much green space and it would be good to keep as much as possible: the green space behind the hockey rink is enjoyed by so many in the summer. It is good to see different groups of kids playing informal football and other games. The historic buildings should be looked into further but that can be decided after more information. Thank you .

overflow parking that becomes the community ice rink in the winter along Main St.) A scenic view of the community values showcased for residents and visitors drive along Main Street: outdoor recreation opportunities year-round, green space, and community history. Multiple versatile outdoor green spaces for both unorganized and organized outdoor public recreational activities. The ideas reflected in the proposed plan are good ones, but not at the expense of losing the unique recreational character of Goerke Park as it exists today. I support to replace the existing pool area with the new aquatics center in phases to maintain existing park setting in reconfigured interior of Goerke rather than adjacent to Main St. I would support the dome/climate controlled synthetic turf fields if located in another area of town. I don't mind overflow parking on Sims Ave

Non-resident Comment Questions - Goerke Park

Improving the existing warming house, improving the existing outdoor hockey rink. Adding coolers under the ground so the community can play hockey for longer. This proposal is both wasteful and ill-conceived. Wisconsin communities should be fostering opportunities for families to engage in outdoor winter activities, particularly hockey, given the state's strong hockey tradition. The decision to allocate taxpayers funds towards the demolition of two beautiful public hockey rinks is deeply concerning and unfortunate. This is a misstep that does not reflect the values or needs of the community.

Community rec center built within the dome. Relocate part of the aquatic center within it so it may be used year round. A rock climbing area would be fantastic. Community needs more cold weather places for kids and adults. My daughter and I spend a lot of time traveling to other cities to find things to do during the winter months. YMCA doesn't offer much especially when you consider the monthly cost.

I love the idea of an indoor facility with turf in Stevens Point. However, I don't like the location. I think that it's too much in this location. Removing 2 ball diamonds and only adding 1 to Zenoff is a terrible idea. SPYBA and Point fast pitch has limited fields as it is, and travel teams trying to find field time is impossible for practices. The city can't afford to lose a field. They need more fields that are maintained. Maybe add fields or indoor facility by former convent would be better.

Not sure this is the space but I'd love to see a nature playground. Very excited about a new aquatic center and the some! I hope there will be more options for the community to use the community gym

The turf field with a dome is a great idea and very much needed in our community! We often drive out of town to Greenheck Community Center, UW Oshkosh, Rhinelander and other facilities to play soccer. Our competitive teams often practice in indoor gyms that are not large enough for proper practice. (We are currently driving out to Amherst to use their middle school gym once a week). Although a facility like Greenheck is ideal, this option seems great.

Great plan to bring the community together in a central location as well as being visible and easily accessible to people visiting our community.

An outdoor softball/baseball field, possibly could be put in section 8. This is what Stevens Point is missing, look at all of our reasonably sized communities around us, they all have excellent indoor facilities for sports year-round, Stevens Point has nothing which is ridiculous.

Good ideas but too much stuff for this space. Congestion is the main concern. Build an aquatic center with indoor field house like Greenheck in Weston but move it to a bigger location that would allow for appropriate parking. Please include a walking track, there is no where to walk when weather is bad. University has a great track but hours are not good for the general public and it's closed during breaks, which is kind of a waste.

Performing upkeep of the ice skating warming house, maintaining the hockey rink, and maintaining the large open field/ice skating rink on the Southeast corner of the park. You would eliminate virtually all of the existing green space. By building a very unattractive inflatable dome right in the main gateway to the city, you are taking away space from the park. Perhaps put the dome on the 23 acres by the convent. Easy and efficient access for SPASH and Pacelli, and, plenty of parking capacity. Leave the rinks and warming house. Rebuild the pool on its current foot print, or expand that spot as necessary.

While it believe it should not be in Goerke Park, could the city consider a roller hockey rink for playing hockey during the warmer months? I disagree with the removal of the current rink, and I elaborate below, but I think the sport of hockey should be expanded in our city. The current plan for Goerke is too crowded, hence my request to add a Roller Hockey Rink to another park. Sorry that this is in the wrong form, but I have not had a good place to put my request so it would be heard. I highly disagree with the removal of both the Parker Building, and the Outdoor Hockey Rink. These have been in the community for decades, and should be a part of the city's history. People travel to this Hockey Rink because it is the only Outdoor Hockey Rink in this city. With the plan, we are removing facilities that many people use. Yet, we are left with an overcrowded park. I don't want that. A park should be open and green, not pavement.

I will be emailing a letter to the department.

Goerke Park is an athletic complex. I am in favor of the plan, as drawn, as it would bring amenities up to date, give year-round access to students and the community, and improve the user experience. It's past time Stevens Point invests in upgrading Goerke Park as the complex it is already being used for by hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. Keeping all the amenities located in the center of the City provides great access for students, while bringing visitors to the heart of our City.

I live in Waupaca but drive to Stevens Point to use the free gym space with a homeschool group. This gym is so per

Please keep the community indoor gym space. Our homeschool co-op loves being able to reserve and use this space during the daytime for "free." (I.e. paid for by our tax dollars)

I'm part of a homeschool community that uses the gym weekly. It's wonderful to have this space available for us to u

A community gym weekday access

We come to Stevens Point on a weekly basis September-May to utilize this gym to meet with our homeschool community. We need a community gym space as well as DAY TIME gym use! Thank you for this consideration.

I do not support any of these new plans. We use this area all the time. LEAVE THE SPACE AS IT IS.

You need to leave the harming house. I grew up in the country and played hockey there. When I was young all the way to when I was a senior in high school, my dad helped coach there. This building needs to stay.

I would love to see a nature playground!

People are fighting this simply because of an old building and the memories they have of it. I'm not against keeping old buildings but this new stuff will bring in more business and help local businesses. Maybe someone can come up with a creative way to keep the old building and integrate it in the new plan

Really wanted to say more but I guess we are limited to so many words in no. 7 for feedback. Not in favor of anything that takes away historical buildings in our beautiful community. I've lived in the city since 1963, grew up on Clark St. two blocks from the warming house. Went ice skating with friends everyday in the winter and also used the teen center that was also in the warming house. Why is that Stevens Point is always trying to get rid of history by ripping down buildings?? The Post Office is a good example of what we used to have and look what we got in return.

As an avid pickleball player, I am eager to see the sport grow in our town. In larger cities, pickleball has become a key feature of many recreational centers and outdoor parks, with some places even replacing tennis courts to accommodate its rising popularity. I'm also very excited about the new aquatics center

A lot more green space is needed; this plan is kind of a nightmare with regard to being aesthetically pleasing.. where is the park in Georke Park? Way too tight an area to accommodate everything you're trying to do in it. You can't please everyone. Find a different place for that Aquatics Center and the parking lot that it requires. It seems like the most logical big thing to remove. Nix the Aquatics Center. 8 pickleball, 2 Basketball courts, green in between. 1/2 of So. strip of Lot 13 off of Main St. with a green strip in it's place along the road. Upgrade existing warming house to service the dome and an ice rink in winter. Northeast Area 26 would be the most logic place for a concession building to service the field and the dome in the summer. Add parking lot along the side(s) of dome. Portions of Areas 11 and 13 for a lighted oval ice rink with smaller park lot to East.

lighted tennis and pickleball courts unless i missed it. pickle ball is the fastest growing sport in America for the young and the old Tennis is dying and many tennis players are now considering and converting to Pickle Ball Less space than tennis and cheaper Please give this your utmost consideration and consider playing the sport your selves

Gymnasium space that is day use for Stevens Points growing homeschool community. Changing and restroom spaces that are family friendly,handicap accessible, and unisex. Spaces where a female caregiver would be able to take a male family member to change that needs assistance.

I strongly support having a free community gym from 7 am - 3 pm. That has indoor lined pickleball courts. We have a large group of pickleball players that use the gym daily when available and we currently must set up temporary line markers for each court every time we play. Having lined pickleball courts would be a wonderful addition to this community gym. I also encourage the idea of lining the outdoor tennis courts on each side of the net to make 12 pickleball courts. Thank you!

Do NOT raze fieldhouse.

Considering the explosive growth of pickleball, I believe a number of dedicated pickleball courts would be justified.

I would like to see more indoor pickleball courts to use free of charge like we have at the rec center now

Dedicated Pickleball courts with regulation height nets

The most pressing need is for a free community gymnasium where the floor allows pickleball to be played. We also need 5 or more lined volleyball courts with drop in poles or net systems that drop down from the ceiling. That type of system solves any storage problems and results in zero injuries when setting up and taking down. Having volleyball courts will allow the adults to return to an adult volleyball league. An upper level indoor walking track would meet the needs of any winter walkers.

Pickleball is getting HUGE in this area, much bigger than tennis. Dedicated pickleball courts with proper net height and pickleball dimensions is what is needed at gorke. Thank you!

I am strongly in favour of the free community gym from 7 to 3 P.M. with lined pickleball courts and the lining of the outdoor tennis courts on each side for pickleball (makes 12 pickleball courts).

Future amenities for summer/annual festivals/fairs/community gatherings = food truck parking spaces, garbage/recycling receptacles etc.Focusing on the aquatics area as a younger elementary/middle school-aged area would follow other communities (Plover/WI Rapids) in a very well-used summer hangout compared to the existing outdoor pool facility.

maintain free play at Rec Center. Should separate tennis courts and pickleball courts. Two tennis courts and 4 pickle

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America. Dedicated pickleball playing spaces will draw and retain residents and also bring tourist dollars.

You are dramatically underestimating the need for pickleball courts. This sport has grown 45% in the past year. It is life changing and can positively impact the obesity problem. Shot put and discus fields would RARELY be used . This area would be used daily if it was pickleball courts

dedicated pickleball courts. Please also consider bicycle parking throughout the plan. Tennis courts that are lined for pickleball are not the same as pickleball courts. Dedicated courts are needed and necessary for our community

Create separate court spaces with drop down netting. Flooring like hard court to reduce injuries. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the US for both young and old- many players in the area. Now's the time to make sure our parks reflect what the public wants and can grow with the increased interest

Item 2 - outdoor tennis courts; the overall size and lines should support 12 pickleball courts (one on each half of the tennis courts). This needs very little extra room, if any, and doubles the number of courts for an extremely popular (and growing) outdoor activity. Keeping the free/open gym time at the community center, lined with pickleball courts, is very useful and valuable to me.

I grew up as multi sport athlete in Stevens Point...Goerke was always a great place!! Make it better!

Grew up as a multi sport athlete in Stevens Point...my friend and I used Goerke all the time..football, baseball, track, soccer, the pool, ..we need to improve the entire park to be competitive with our neighbor communities

Additional pickleball courts - this is the fastest growing sport in the US. There are 6 courts at Mead that regularly have 40-60 people who want to play (there is space for 24). I think you are trying to plan too much in one place. I think the impact to traffic, the neighborhood, and the parking will be a challenge. I think a dome should go elsewhere.

I would rather have the money spent on the very minimal park improvements, a pool, and use the rest to help homeless people in Stevens Point get into apartments/tiny homes/ day and night shelter- something besides freezing on the street! The shelters need more paid staff. There isn't enough capacity and there is nothing to help people who are addicts. Housing first, then get them help w/drugs. DO not tear down existing homes to make more park land in the city! We need all the homes.

Water Fountain. Nice landscaping (flowers and trees)

This is a fantastic and much needed plan that will address the current and future needs of our community.

Ensure all facilities are handicap accessible including playgrounds,etc

These changes are desperately needed, especially as you look to neighboring communities (Greenheck in Schofield for example). Thank you for your work on this!

Indoor basketball courts

As a parent of children that utilize the domes for multiple sporting events, this is something that would be 100% used and beneficial not only to the citizens itself but the economy. With having the dome we'd be able to host multiple sporting events YEAR ROUND! Making the Goerke area more eye appealing is also something that would draw people to wanting to come to events there. Having more parking is SO needed, due to having to park on the city roads and walk long distances

Possible electric hook ups in the parking lots for the food trucks to join for pregame festivities or other events.

A kiosk map near major entrance and/or parking areas would be helpful (not sure if that is this phase of planning or later on). My biggest concern is the Main/Michigan student drop off. I drive through it daily and it is so incredibly dangerous for pedestrians and drivers. I'm shocked there haven't been more wrecks or pedestrians being hit. I'm not jazzed about the proposed location for the Parks Office purely because I like how calm and quiet our current office is. Being located next to the PD I assume it will become more busy and noisy. I also understand the issues with our current facilities though.

The aquatic center should be put behind the Willet and current Copps pool area. The dome shouldn't be put in Georke at all. Why would you eliminate green space for the school and other facilities that you will need to recreate somewhere else. Makes no sense budget wise. Put the dome by SPASH. There should be a city wide plan being developed with all facilities in mind instead of peace mealing projects that cost more for less.

Looks like there has been a lot of thought and time put into the proposed plan. I really hope that this will be in the city of Stevens Point's future. Thank you to everyone who is involved in the planning of this project. :)

All I can say is make sure the traffic flows look at this HARD and there is enough parking. Make sure concession stand is big to raise A LOT of money including beer and beverage sales

As a tennis coach for SPASH and having children of my own I believe this is a great addition to the community. I would urge to continue to have tennis courts with lights that players could use as it is the only place currently that have lights to play tennis after dark. I love the idea of an newer and updated aquatic center and playground, I think it is always a good idea to invest in youth. I think updating and giving options of a dome for sports year round is great!

I am back and forth on the dome part of the plan. Year round use would be tremendous, aesthetics I'm not too sure of. If it was located further from the road it might be better received.

Full space 0,0,0 for multiple sports. Full space 0 to allow sports to play and practice more months of the year. Even with the addition of the bubble we still struggle for space for all community members. Overall amazing project that needs to be done!!

I think a temperature controlled dome and turf field would be a very beneficial addition due to weather conditions that prevent all kinds of out door activities

Restoration and inclusion of the Goerke warming house

Upgrading existing city parks with maintained baseball/softball fields to be utilized for practices. Alternative option for Point Fastpitch to run concessions like they have for 20+ years. I think this is a smart use of the space and a forward-thinking solution to modern-day life and beyond.

Saving the warming house, skating rink, and parks department building. I wish the they would keep the warming house and skating rink and parks department building even repurpose the warming house and parks department building if needed.

I do not think it is necessary to have a dome and artificial turf field. This seems like it will be a huge expense to build and maintain with limited benefit to the community overall. For the aquatic center, I'd like to see a more modern version of what we have - a lap pool, diving board, a slide, and small child area. I enjoy that the current pool is more low-key than other area aquatic centers. I am also sad to see that the warming house is not included in the plans.

Ice rink with boards that is outdoors.

Not included in the plans is consideration for visual impact & loss of current resources caused by dome (ugly) & parking lot. Why replace a Norman Rockwell, small-town park scene w/ with pavement & a plastic bubble - greeting residents & visitors as enter the heart of town? Most of the plans are simply shuffling existing resources w/out real need. Waste of \$. Discus? Shotput? Who will use? If a dome is needed, build it elsewhere/out of sight. This deserves more thoughtful city planning. I grew up in SP & care deeply about its beauty & history. The SE corner plans for the dome & its infrastructure eliminate vital green space that's free / accessible to all & replace it with a limited use eyesore. The historic building may be vacant, but it's an irreplaceable part of SP's history/soul. Removing it would be a tragic loss. There's no need for #1-there's plenty of street parking. If access to is a concern build a path on city-owned land. The plans erode what makes SP a special place

The Warming House is a valuable space for our community. Tearing it down is an immeasurable loss.

This plan would be great for the community in all aspects!

I would like to see the Warming house incorporated into the plans, and not raised. And have concerns that adding parking behind the Prais st homes will decrease the quality of life of those residents.

What isn't included in the proposed plan is a way to keep and repurpose the warming house which is a piece of local history to many residents. I am strongly against tearing down the warming house and eliminating the ice rinks. At the VERY LEAST, the warming house should be repurposed and used in your larger plan. We need to preserve our historic buildings. It sickens me how easy it is for some to just bulldoze a local landmark in the name of "progress." Why not use a piece of ground on the edge of town where there is room to grow? Didn't the city purchase some vacant property over by the ice hawk arena? Was that property considered?

Great for the community fully support this!

New turf football field

I am a pacelli high school grad and I now attend UWSP, and I think this is a very good idea. The city of Stevens point would thrive with something like this happening.

Community pool. None

Save the historic warming shelter and ice rink

I think the plan looks great and you all are doing a wonderful job of planning, informing, and sharing out the information. Although I do not live in Point, we come up to the Point area for almost an our recreational needs and having an aquatic center and a possible indoor area for my daughter to play in the winter with the dome sounds like a great addition for the community. Please keep up the hard work and know that sometimes the most supportive voices are quieter than the few unsupportive. Thank you for all the hard work you've put into this project so far!

I support the full plan, but as a mom of two young boys from Plover, the checked boxes for what I support are of the most significance to our household. I was so excited to hear about the possibility of an inflatable dome in this area since the winters with young kids get very long! As for the parks, we are extremely frequent visitors of all of the Plover and Stevens Point parks during the summer months and very much look forward to the opportunity for more!

I do not think there is enough parking for events that will be held in the dome. The location for the dome should not be in the middle of town. I do believe there should be a plan for a dome facility in the area. Just not a great location. Just an example: if a volleyball tournament held in the winter in the dome. There could be max 16 teams playing at one time. There could be another 16 teams waiting to play after them. Where will these teams park? Where are the current softball fields going?

Including the warming house in plans. It would also be nice to have a wall for tennis balls.

Please consider saving the warming house. Could it be moved? Could it be moved to the Plover Heritage Park? I love the idea of a playground and new aquatic center. Please check out the ones @ Weston and Schofield. However, for a community like Stevens Point the ice rink is also very important. I am sure that city leaders will do what is best for this community. Thank You.

Area for an outdoor ice rink in the winter

I love the plan of an indoor dome but wondering why not on the east side of town? Have coached my 11 year old son in the Hodag Dome and Greenheck both great facilities then generate a lot of money to the area. Is there a way to talk to the people that constructed Greenheck I really like the overall design of it.

It would be nice if the indoor facility was more like the new Green Hec facility & not a dome as domes have had collapsing issues. Being able to host indoor tournaments reliably will bring a lot of money in for the facility and surrounding restaurants & shops. If the dome is what is affordable to start, it would be worth considering upgrading to a building in the future. I hope someone talks with places like Rhinelander, Mosinee, & the Dells to see what pros and cons they can share about domes. So happy to see these updates proposed. I'm tired of driving to other communities such as Wisconsin Rapids and the Wausau or Mosinee area for my family to enjoy water parks and year round athletics. I spend a lot of money at these other facilities that I would much rather see going to the Stevens Point/Plover area. I know many families in the same boat. Also, I hope that Plover resident feedback really counts as our kids attend the school district & are very involved in Point/county activities.

Steeple pit for track, this way you can make money for NCAA meets as well. I think new parking lots and an NCAA track would possibly bring in more money unless a new track is built for the university

The proposed Goerke Park plan could benefit from including bike paths or dedicated biking areas to promote eco-friendly transportation and recreational opportunities for cyclists. Additionally, features such as picnic areas with benches and tables, water fountains, outdoor fitness equipment, or even a splash pad could enhance the community's usability and enjoyment of the park. Finally, considering sustainability initiatives like rain gardens or native plant landscaping could improve the. Engaging the community in an ongoing feedback process as the design is finalized could help address any concerns or desires from residents, ensuring the park truly meets the needs of all users.

I have 4 kids involved in the youth community sports and a facility is much needed for this town. I am well aware of the drop off line traffic jam even though my kids don't go to PJs. a place for the community to gather and improvements to the place i've called home the last 20 years are important to me.

I am in favor of adding dome but would prefer it located it a different location. Possibly on East side of town.

I like the dome idea but not at Goerke park because it would not look like it belongs or blends into the area.

Hoping that PJ Jacobs (where I work) does not loose too many parking spaces as it is tight for employess of PJ and Boys and Girls Club and Parks Dept who all share this space.

Use of spaces for physical education classes

The city should keep in min how much the field next to PJ Jacobs is currently used by our students during physical education class and during lunch recess. Allowing the students to get outside and being able to move is crucial to helping some of them focus throughout the day. If the covered dome field is put in place I hope the city still allows the school to use that space regularly.

PE space for PJ Jacobs students? I am the instructional leader for the PE department at PJ Jacobs and am wondering if our PE classes would be allowed to use the dome and other facilities for our PE classes. Many of our units are specifically for outdoors, so we rely a lot on the current grass fields for our students' learning.

preserve this historic site!! Any development should take place on newly aquired property on East edge of City of Stevens Point near that hockey facility!

~~I just want to say, I love this plan. Improving Goerke park would be such an asset to our community, would bring people here including tourism, would give our children more options for recreation. I sincerely hope this all goes through.~~

A new synthetic field with a dome would be so impactful to all of the athletes who have to do through such long winters with no access to a field.

Benches and Tables. More Entrances. How would parking work during Football and Hockey Games?

Baseball/softball fields

It would be nice to make use of the space we have and continue to grow for UWSP students and the community

Please consult with people with disabilities and older adults throughout the process to ensure the park is fully accessible and accommodate all people. This include enough benches for those who can't walk far and other amenities. More information is needed about the aquatic center. The loss of the municipal pool is huge as there is no other pool in the area you can go without a membership. Will the aquatic center be affordable to all? Will it be indoor/outdoor? Have a pool? Safety for the school should take priority.

Milage markers on the walking path, warming house for Ice rink. Please remember that this is the space that hosts the annual Elementary School track meet. There is not another space in the district that could host this event in the current format. This is a 54 year tradition for the district and many families look forward to it. The Elementary PE crew would be happy to off direct feedback to help make sure this event can continue.

I don't see anything not included. It's a good plan. I think this is a great idea for the community. Stevens Point is way behind other larger communities when it comes to sporting complexes and areas for everyone to enjoy.

As a high school track throws coach, it is always great to be connected to the track area. So spectators are able to view the throwing area. I like the new location but if that could also be considered in the development it would be a huge impact when teams are here, also might allow us to maybe consider hosting the state meet which is always at lacrosse. Great revenue for the Stevens Point area:) Looks like you have done some great planning and it will be an excellent improvement to the Stevens Point area. Thank you for sharing and keep up the good work:) Has anyone thought about an addition of a small dog park? I know this is also popular in other areas I have been too? just a thought. Also for the shot and discus area the more concrete for kids to drill or warm up will help (pads and rings)

Consider Adding a 100' of right turn lane to the Main Street (#27) south entrance to prevent traffic accidents & backup during high volume park usage. Installing a new fence for the residents that border the north side of the park to reduce traffic/parking noise and ensure a unified look to the area. Phenomenal plan for Stevens Point!

What it was used for in the past and present. So many sports teams practice and play here and we are not proud to have away teams see our current field/this area.

indoor facilities. Running tournaments out of the facility will bring in hundreds of families and that small parking lot is not nearly big enough.

I see Area 23 is labeled "VIP Parking," but it doesn't indicate where handicapped parking or access would be. I think it looks great, but I am concerned that it seems to be expanding the use of the PJ Jacobs and Boys & Girls Club parking areas without increasing the number of parking spots. Those two lots already do not have enough spaces.

We don't need a inflatable dome, we NEED a full indoor sports facility. Possibly indoor /outdoor. Similar to Greenheck in Weston, NOT THE DOME.

By being a parent with 2 children in travel baseball I have had a chance to visit many facilities. The domes are by far lesser facilities. The large metal frame structures are much better for fans and players. The windows in the Greenheck facility make it a more realistic and welcoming feel. The dome facilities are hard to get in and out often waiting in long lines. The domes are also hard to control temps and there arched walls make for a lot of wasted area. (balls hitting the arch)

I think it looks beautiful. Lots of oportunites for kids and families to get out and enjoy Stevens Point in a safe way.

I am in favor of anything to make our community more focused on affordable family recreation space. My only feedback is to please "go big or go home". If you are going to put in a new aquatic center, please make it equivalent or better to what Wisconsin Rapids has done. If it is not, our point residents will have no problem still driving the 20 minutes to get there instead of using what we have here. Thank you for planning updates to our community!!!

Green Space is lacking. Prais Street driveway access and north parking lot will destroy home values in that area.

Unless you can find a way to incorporate the historical structures (warming house) and/or enhance those structures modify those structures to those areas I do not think this is the best location for this to be located.

Indoor soccer field (unless the dome turf can be included. We need better soccer facilities which can be used for indoor training, lessons, winter seasons

I'm not sure how I feel about the aquatic area sharing a locker room with the Dome area. I would prefer the aquatic bath house be only for aquatic guests to limit access of "strangers" to children. Or would they not be in use at the same time? Why VIP Parking?

skate park

Steven's point needs to get something done we always seem to be the last community to do such projects

Excited to see aquatic center on the list, we often travel to other centers in different counties. This project will help keep funds local, provide more opportunities for community engagement/wellness, and an area to support our youth.

Please consider gardening/landscaping with native plants. This will be such a high-profile and high-traffic area, it would be a great opportunity to showcase plants native to our area.

These proposed changes are needed to support the growth of this community and be a competitive attraction compared to surrounding communities.

I would like us to be able to keep the warming house and ice rink where it is. Parking lot next to residential home would be an eye sore for homeowners and highly against that.

The playground should be handicap accessible like KASH is. I live in Plover but work at PJ's. My concern with the dome is access for our physical education students and outdoor recess. If this dome happens we would need a handicap entrance for our students to use as well (one the same side as PJ's). Also something else to consider is parking in the north lot on days that the community is voting or other community activities during the week. I'm not sure if 100 spots is enough when PJ's staff take up about 60 spots Monday through Friday.

I think this looks incredible! I am a town of Hull resident, but I use that park and pool regularly. Thank you for planning to improve this park and sports area. We utilize the aquatic center in Wisconsin Rapids A LOT during the summer, so the update to the pool would be amazing.

Nothing. I believe these upgrades are a must for our community

I love that it will be a multi use are. A new swimming pool and indoor dome are great things for the community. Is the dome something that can be used for indoor (winter) baseball practice perhaps? I know our city is in need of something like that as we have nothing local for this.

Just be sure to think of ways to make everything handicap accessible. I would be excited to see something new to the area for kids to do.

Expansion to the north towards the walkway of the Willett to allow for more locker rooms as there is no space left in

This plan is very well thought out and exciting! I hope this passes with flying colors!

Please keep the hockey rink large ice skating rink were they currently are! And save the warming house were it is! Please listen to the neighborhood and those who use these rinks!

Please keep the warming house!! You need another restroom

Concerns of student/staff safety with crosswalks, parking, dropoffs. PJ's should have a dedicated field/lawn space next to the school for easy access for gym classes and recess, instead of walking down to a new field. This would save educational time and energy, and the classes would be closer to the building if there was a medical emergency in a gym class/recess, so PJ's medical staff can more easily assist. Concerns with the dome-logistics, costs for upkeep vs. an actual built building.

This looks like a very nice plan that the community could really be proud of going forward. It definitely has a lot to offer! My main concern is having access to an indoor basketball court- during daytime, weekday hours. I have been using the current gym regularly-a couple days a week- for nearly 40 years. The group of guys that currently play at 11:30 twice a week are very appreciative of the fact that we have a place to play, and that we have an age limitation, which allows us to play with players that share close to the same skills- and same goal- a physical, competitive activity.

We hope to continue to have the opportunity to play for years to come.

I will be so sad if you destroy the old CCC building by the outdoor hockey rink.

WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO SOMEDAY ADD A DOME OVER THE AQUATIC CENTER? 50,000 SQUARE FEET IS A LOT OF SPACE TO WASTE FOR 9 MONTHS OUT OF THE YEAR WHEN THE OUTDOOR POOL(S) ARE NOT IN USE. THIS IS A VERY WELL-CONCEIVED PLAN THAT WOULD ENHANCE THE MULTI-USE CAPACITY OF GOERKE PARK. I ESPECIALLY LIKE THE IDEA OF THE DOME WITH TURF FIELDS. MANY COMMUNITIES AROUND US NOW HAVE THESE KINDS OF FACILITIES. THEY GET HEAVY YEAR-ROUND USE!

The current entrance to Stevens Point is timeless. The proposed changes would destroy the park-like atmosphere and turn it into a parking lot!

I think an indoor facility would be an amazing addition to the Stevens Point area!

Keeping the Armory & warming house historic buildings. Please stop tearing down our historic buildings. Think of ways to include them in the new designs! We have lost way too many buildings in this City.

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ice skating rink

All of the amenities are very important to the user groups. The dome is critical for our youth to be able to compete with the teams in cities that already have a dome. Spring youth lacrosse practices were supposed to start last week but Mother Nature made that impossible.

Please include the historic buildings. The pool is a community resource for many people. Removing the pool eliminates the ability for kids to be outside in the summer swimming. We no longer have beaches or access to beaches with life guards. We already have many areas with water splash parks. No area for outdoor swimming. Also, leaving the out door hockey arena out is a miss for a lot of families as well as ice skating.

where is the armory and field house in the plan.

I 100% do not support the location of Goerke Park as the home of a sports dome in Stevens Point. Dropping this monstrosity in the center of town is a slap in the face to residents who live in the area. The rise in traffic and noise, and the eyesore alone are more than anyone should be asking of these homeowners. I understand the need and desire for a dome venue, and in fact spoke with people about building one where the Sentry building is located. Just find somewhere else for it.

We need to incorporate the historic structures that are in existence. This area is perfect for the entire community to enjoy as a recreational area. The idea of a dome does not interact with our current historic aesthetics. I believe our city wants to preserve its history. I also believe our city wants to provide excellent recreational facilities for our families in the area. We need to re-create this area to celebrate our Stevens point history.

Having lived in communities across the US, immersing oneself in the history and stories about the people who made a difference is educational and inspirational. Over the years, however it has been tragic to see one after another piece of Portage County's history deemed unimportant, maligned, and demolished. Progress is not about tearing down history. Rather, progress is invigorating and keeping what is old for future generations to cherish so they too can say Goerke is their history.

I think instead of a dome a building similar to the Greenneck Turner Center in Wausau with the turf fields inside would be amazing! I am 100% in support of this plan. As a young adult in the Stevens point community who has played softball my whole life I am absolutely thrilled that we are considering an indoor practice space. In fact, many members of the community that I have talked to are extremely disappointed that we do not have a space like this yet. In addition, I believe the waterpark addition would be amazing as I have spent lots of money at aquatic centers in nearby cities. We need to get these updates.

I grew up in Stevens Point. I skated and used the warming house often. That entire block should be preserved as is. It is the Historic Center of the community.

I believe any updating of the park should impact the residences on Prais street as little as possible. With other parking options on the South side and by PJ Jacobs, I don't believe a north parking lot is needed or entrance from Prais. There is a great green space for activities there currently.

I think it's a great plan, if cost ends up being a factor, I would take the dome out first. I do think the aquatic center is a must and if anything needs to be redone, that should get redone, also, a dedicated Parks Dept. Garage I think is really important versus having them in two or more different places as the current situation is.

I think it is a great project for all residents of Portage County and strongly support it.

please don't

I am behind this expansion 100%. This whole area is a place where kids, families and the community come to enjoy the area. The Boys and Girls Club on Michigan Ave has a large number of kids and families who attend daily and enjoy the outings to the pool and the park. If the expansion were to happen the City of Stevens Point could offer a place for kids to go that is safe and fun. The Boys and Girls Club would be able to offer more families a membership to make a difference in a child's life.

I understand there are some historical buildings in this area. They have served their purposes and need to make way for change. Our community is changing. Sports can be a large revenue stream for Stevens Point. Can the building by the ice rink be relocated?

I think adding onto BGC to help the kids in the future is a better use of the property. The use of a new gym will benefit the kids and the community greatly. I would understand if the Armory was used more by the community, but it's not. I think a new gym would be used more by the community young and old.

Preserving and incorporating the historical buildings in the proposal

I feel like the Boys & Girls Club is a valuable asset to our community. An expansion of their program would allow more youth to be served and have a positive welcoming place to go in our community.

While I am a resident of Roshto most of my and my families free time and extra curriculars are here in Stevens point. My child attends the Stevens Point Area School district. What an amazing community addition for families of all ages!

Please consider separate pickleball courts. Too many conflicts with lines and people utilizing the courts at the same time. Pickleball people get irritated with tennis balls flying into their court while they are playing. If having visiting teams come to play tennis matches, it would be better to have no pickleball lines and have USTA 10 and under lines that you can get a grant for. You could then run tournaments for all age and ability levels. The parking looks more efficient, a dome and aquatic center would be beneficial to the community.

I wonder what sports/fields would be included in the dome? I would love to see indoor tennis courts like the one in Rhinelander has. Sentryworld Courts are not always available as they use them for banquet and event space as well. I live near Lake DuBay, with a Mosinee address. I am originally from Stevens Point and have used the tennis courts at Goerke since I was little. I still use these courts often because there is only 1 court in Mosinee. I definitely see the need for all the updates as illustrated in the plan. Other communities have beautiful water facilities with a lot of options for families, I think Stevens Point needs these upgrades.

I understand the community upset about the Warming House at Goerke. It is a historic building that many have fond memories of. Is there any way to restore this structure to incorporate it into the plans as a functional site? It is currently an under utilized facility. If it needs to be removed, could aspects of it be restored for new construction? Although I support an inflatable dome with turf, could this simply be an open turf field like Zenoff has? I think this plan would support our community needs.

Fast Pitch Softball utilizes the two baseball fields that are existing and this plan does not include that. I think the re-shuffling of the BGC and parks is fine but we need to have softball fields!

As a PJ's employee, I believe the drop off lanes will be very beneficial for the safety of our students. As a parent of children who use the Willett ice arena, additional parking is essential as parking on side streets can be very difficult. I also frequently use the city pool in the summer time and it is great to see the new aquatic area. I understand that people are upset about losing the outdoor rinks, but I feel that parking and the aquatic center would get more use from the general public.

Don't do a dome = The one in Rhinelander fell, the WIN vikings dome collapsed, it's wisconsin with heavy snow and ice. Get rid of 27 (Gates) it's another thing to forget about being opened = upsetting public/taxpayers, visitors to Stevens Point. You add parking spots but then lock them up? Or they gates will just always be left open. Does Iverson Park have gates?

This is long overdue. We are a growing community and need to invest in spaces that promote positive activities for our youth. Also, childcare is a problem and the Boys and Girls Club do an amazing job in our community and help provide a safe environment for kids and they could use additional space.

Places for wheelchair access and seating

I definitely don't support any removal of old or historic buildings, unless they are completely deteriorating.

A large splash pad near the playground. Although we are not residents of Stevens Point, we use this park on a regular basis and we drive past it daily as our work and schools are in Stevens Point. I do not support the removal of the current historic buildings at this site. This includes the warming house and the armory buildings. I would love to see a plan that incorporates adaptive reuse of these buildings. It would also be nice to have more green space along the road hwy 10 instead of the proposed new parking areas.

Lets invest in our youth and our community. it will pay dividends in the future, making our community a beautiful place raise a family and make it the envy of other communities that surround us. This would be a great addition to our community.

I know a lot of people are concerned with the destruction of certain historic buildings. However, they are in such disrepair I doubt they are worth saving. Too many years of these places not being adequately maintained. Please whatever you do, construct a dome!!! Our community is in dire need of an indoor athletic facility that can accommodate sports/athletics for our youth during the winter months. It would also provide a space for elderly to engage in physical activity during cold months as well. Hosting sports tournaments here would also be a huge economic boost for the community. For every youth athlete they bring with them 2-4 other people (parents/grandparents) that come and spend money at local places.

Nothing I love the plan, the community really needs something like this. Nothing this plan is perfect

Nothing, its great.

At a minimum we need an indoor sports facility in this community.

I am not in favor of moving the Parks, Recreation, & Forestry office due to the historical significance of the building particularly since the city has stated it wanted to pursue historical preservation. Also along those lines I am not in favor of the relocated Aquatic center along with the building associated with it as well as the south and southeast parking if it involves destroying the historic Parker Building, which by the time I was a kid served as a warming house while ice skating.

I don't support this for Goerke. In another area, I might.

This plan would benefit so many in the Stevens Point community! As faculty at UWSP with children that attend the Boys and Girls Club at the Berard Center, I know that this plan would greatly benefit so many children, families, and UWSP students. I love everything about it!



Zenoff Park Master Plan Survey Results

Summary Data

- 140 residents completed survey
- 79 non-residents completed survey
- Surveys were structured to gain feedback on two concepts (A and B)

Concept A – New youth/high school/college diamond construction

Resident

85% Support

12% Do Not Support

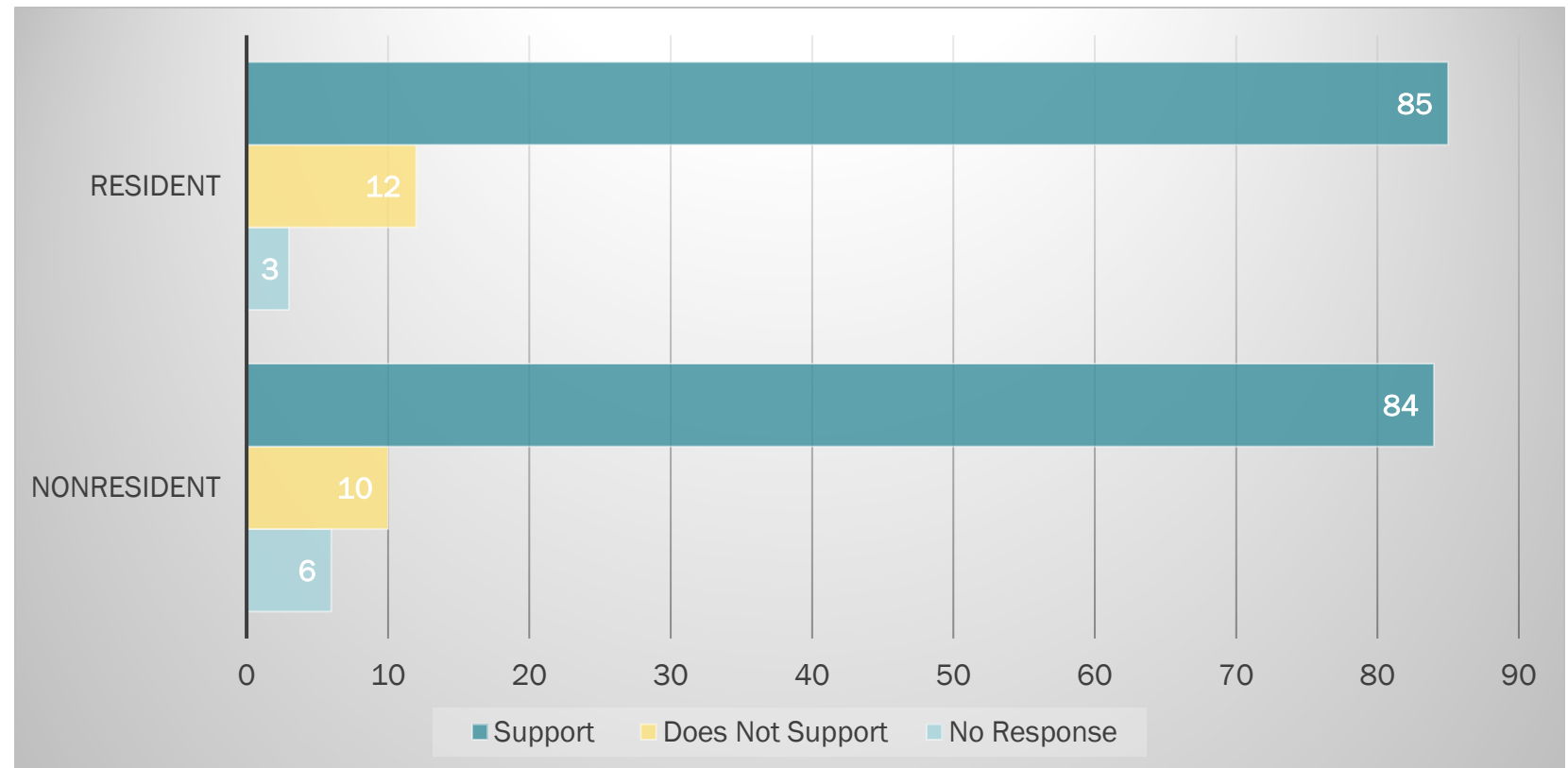
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Non-resident

84% Support

10% Do Not Support

6% No Response



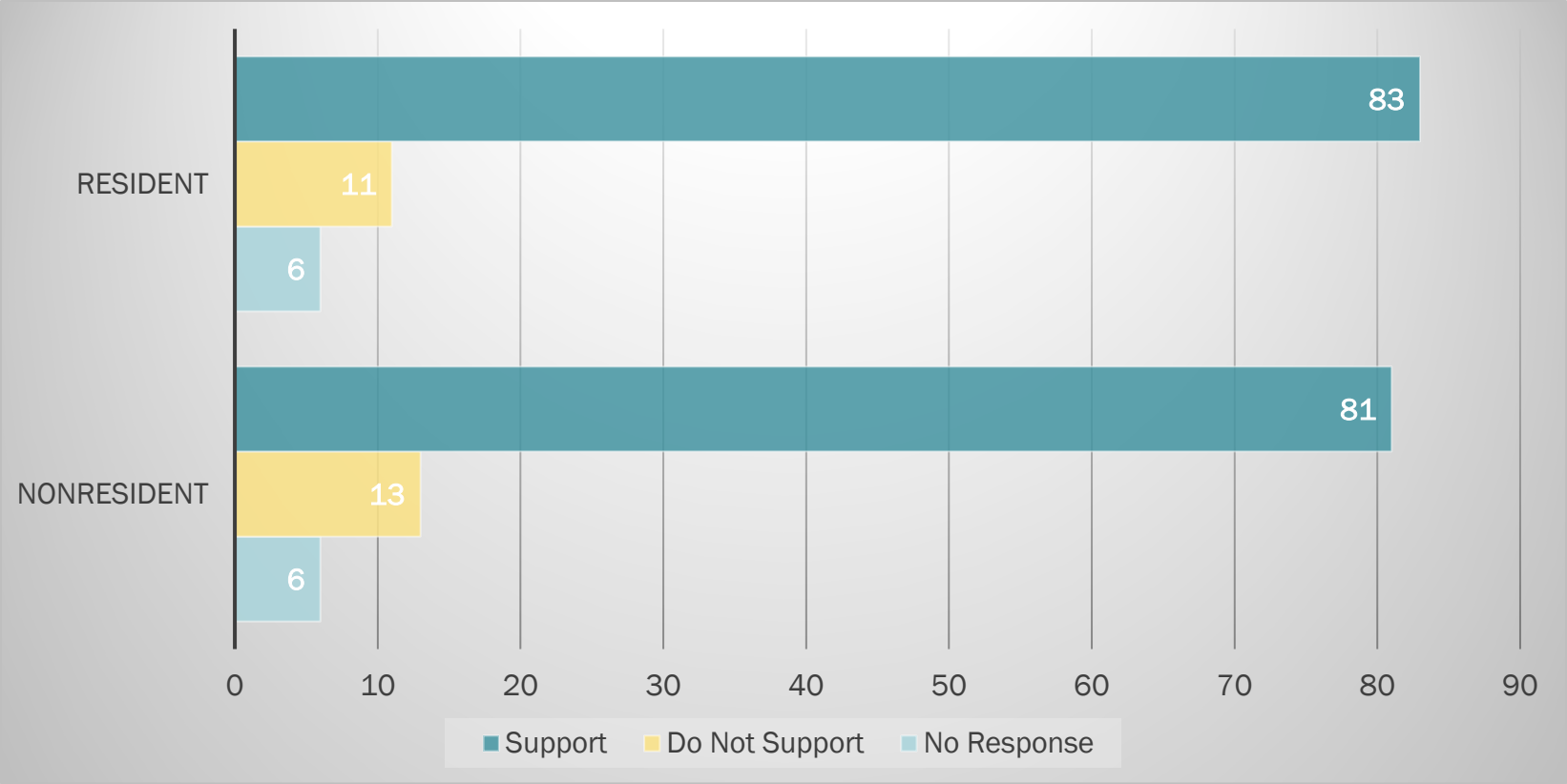
New Bleachers for new ball diamond

Resident

85% Support
12% Do Not Support
3% No Response

Non-resident

84% Support
10% Do Not Support
6% No Response



New Shared Use Parking Lot

Resident

81% Support

14% Do Not Support

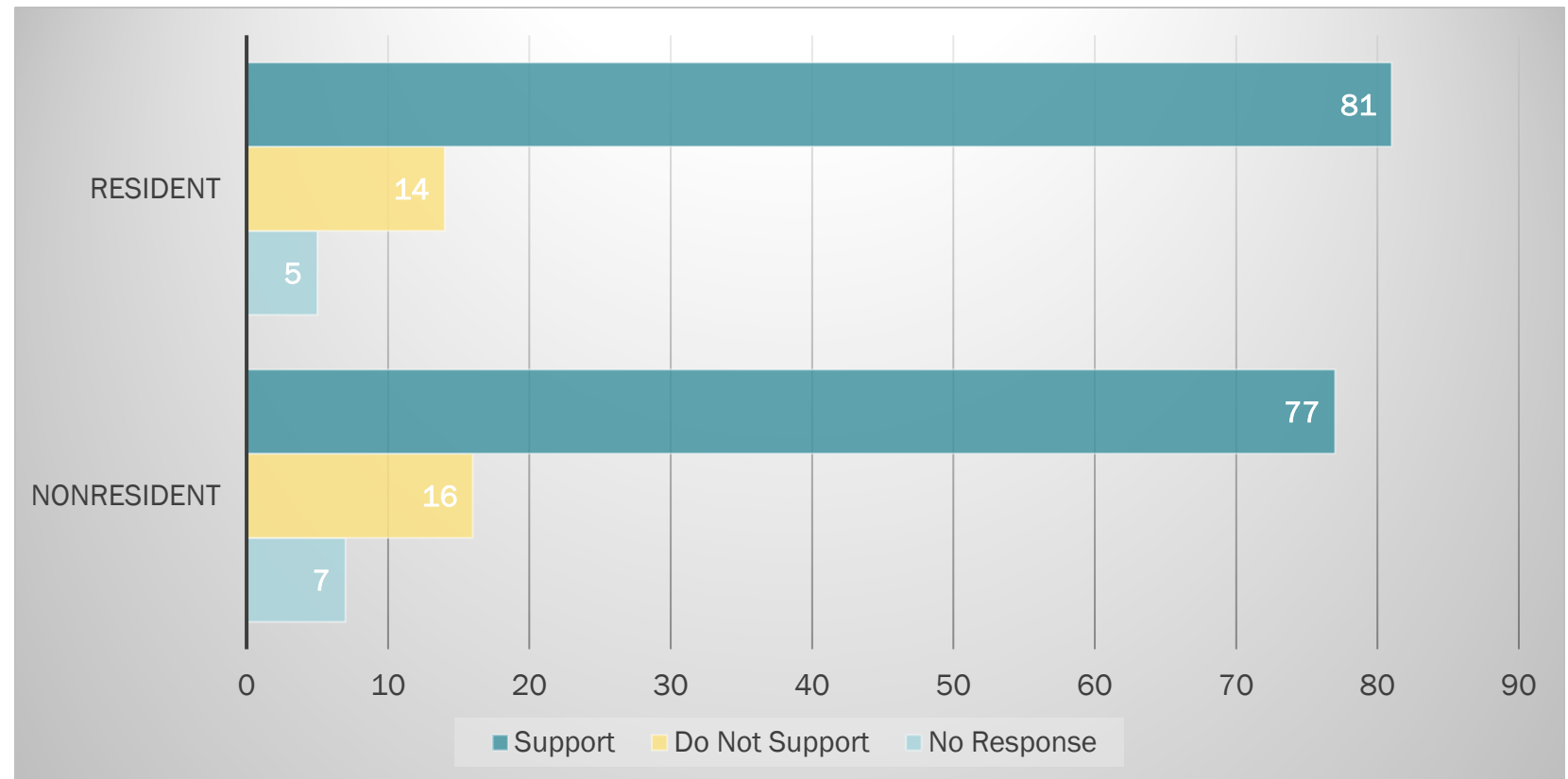
5% No Response

Non-resident

77% Support

16% Do Not Support

7% No Response



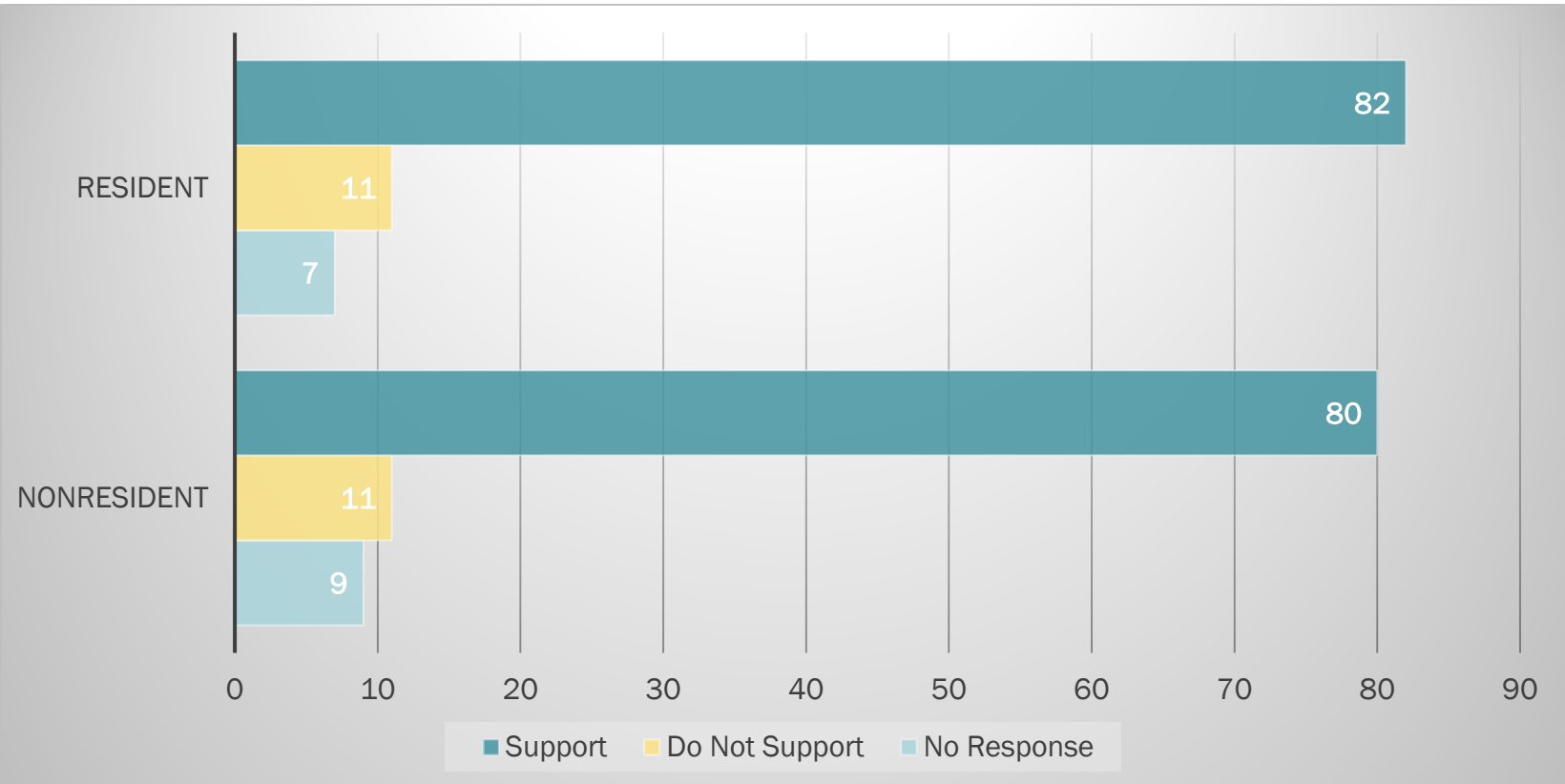
New dugouts with storage on new diamond

Resident

82% Support
11% Do Not Support
7% No Response

Non-resident

80% Support
11% Do Not Support
9% No Response



New bullpens/batting cages

Resident

84% Support

11% Do Not Support

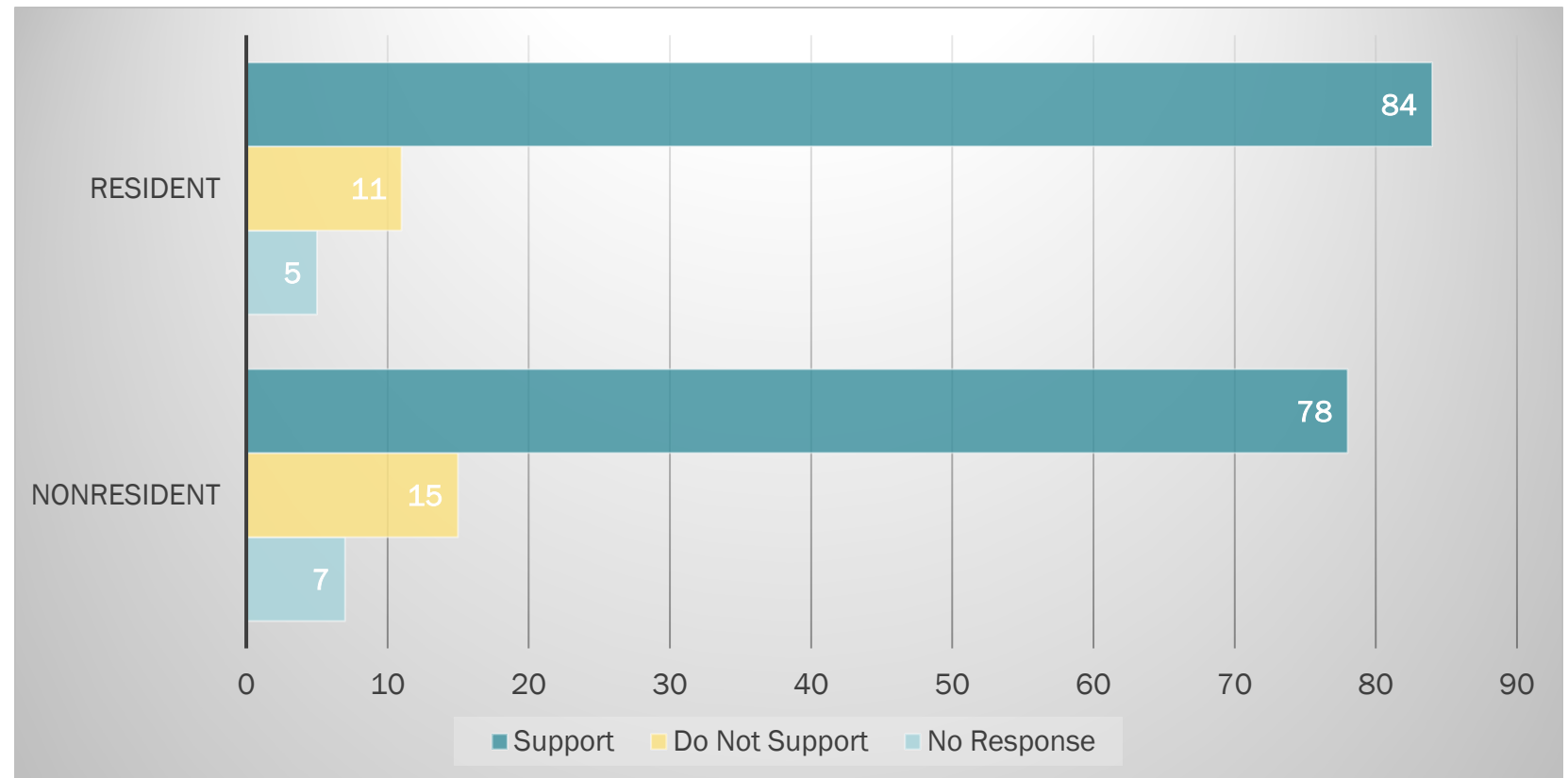
5% No Response

Non-resident

78% Support

15% Do Not Support

7% No Response



New Scorer's Booth

Resident

82% Support

13% Do Not Support

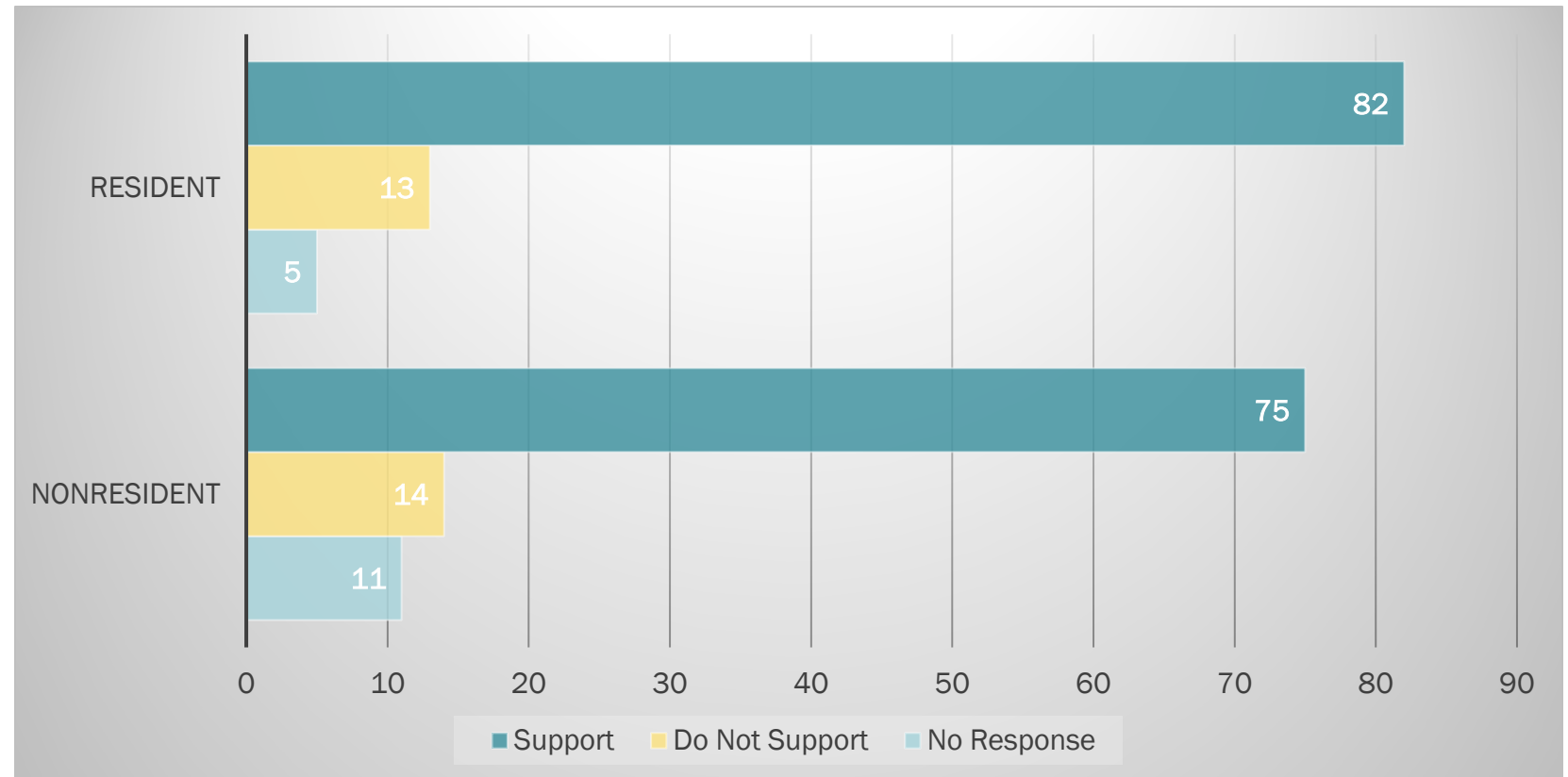
5% No Response

Non-resident

75% Support

14% Do Not Support

11% No Response



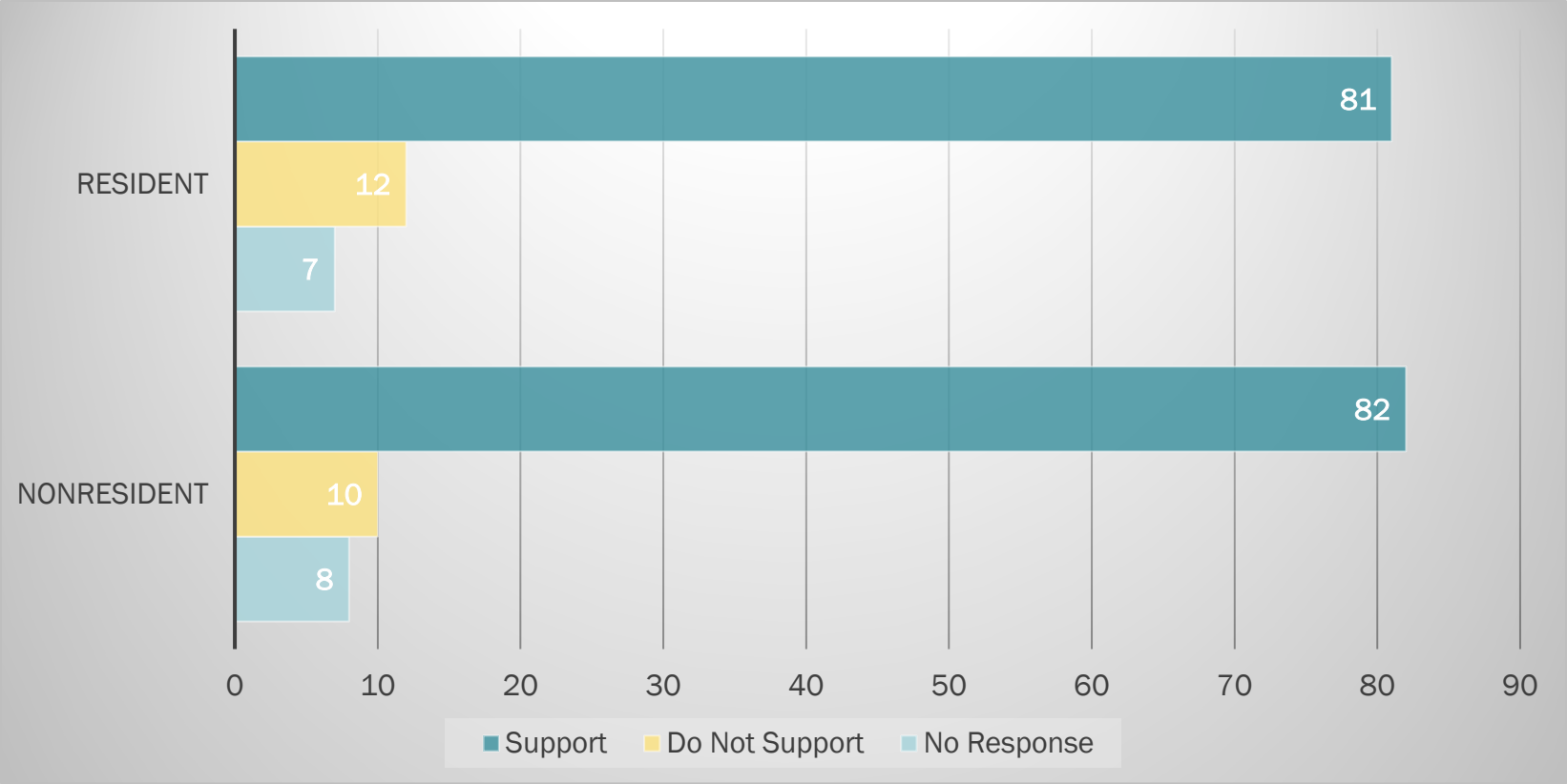
New Spectator Access Path

Resident

81% Support
12% Do Not Support
7% No Response

Non-resident

82% Support
10% Do Not Support
8% No Response



New maintenance/pedestrian access

Resident

81% Support

11% Do Not Support

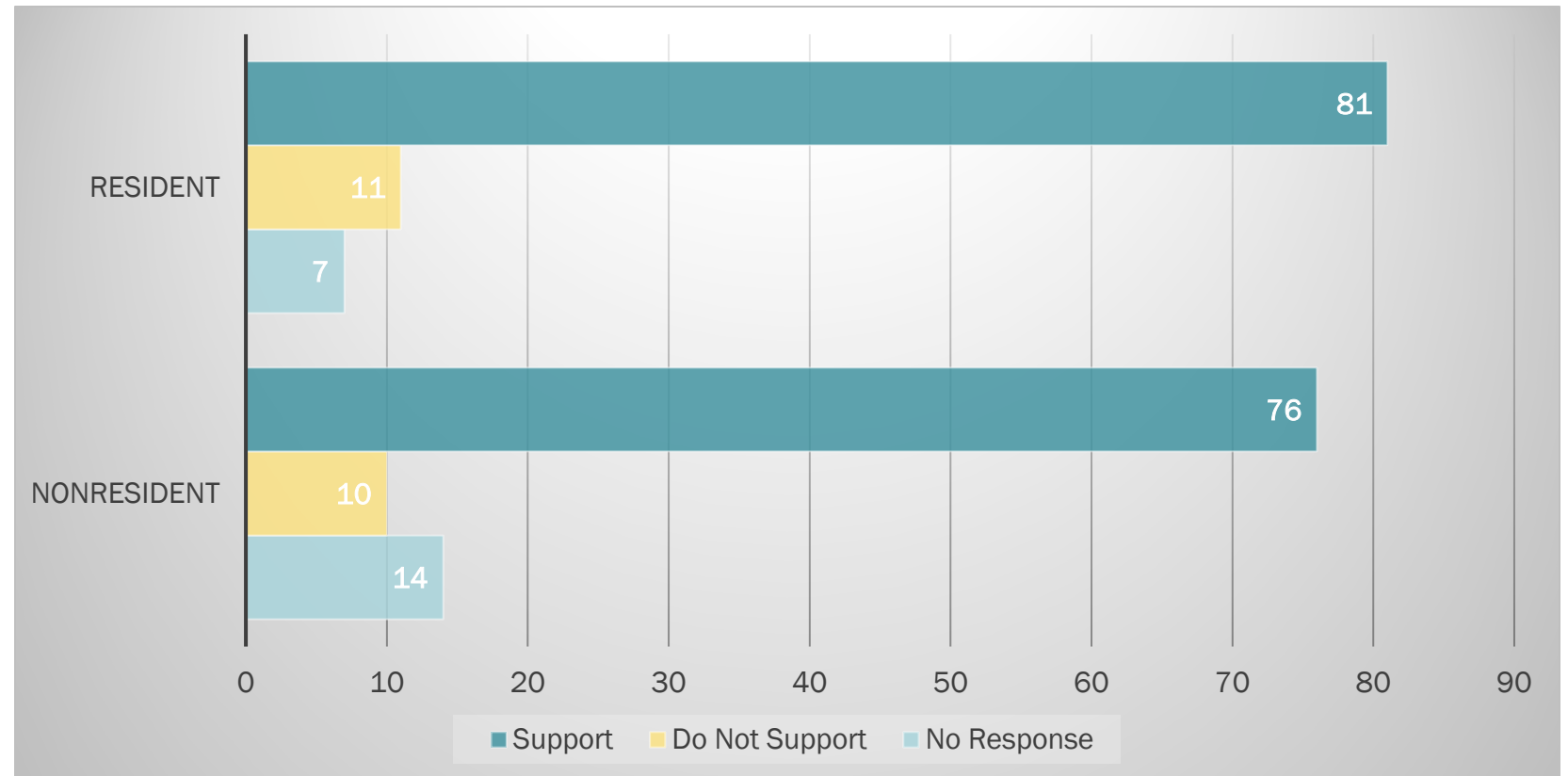
7% No Response

Non-resident

76% Support

10% Do Not Support

14% No Response



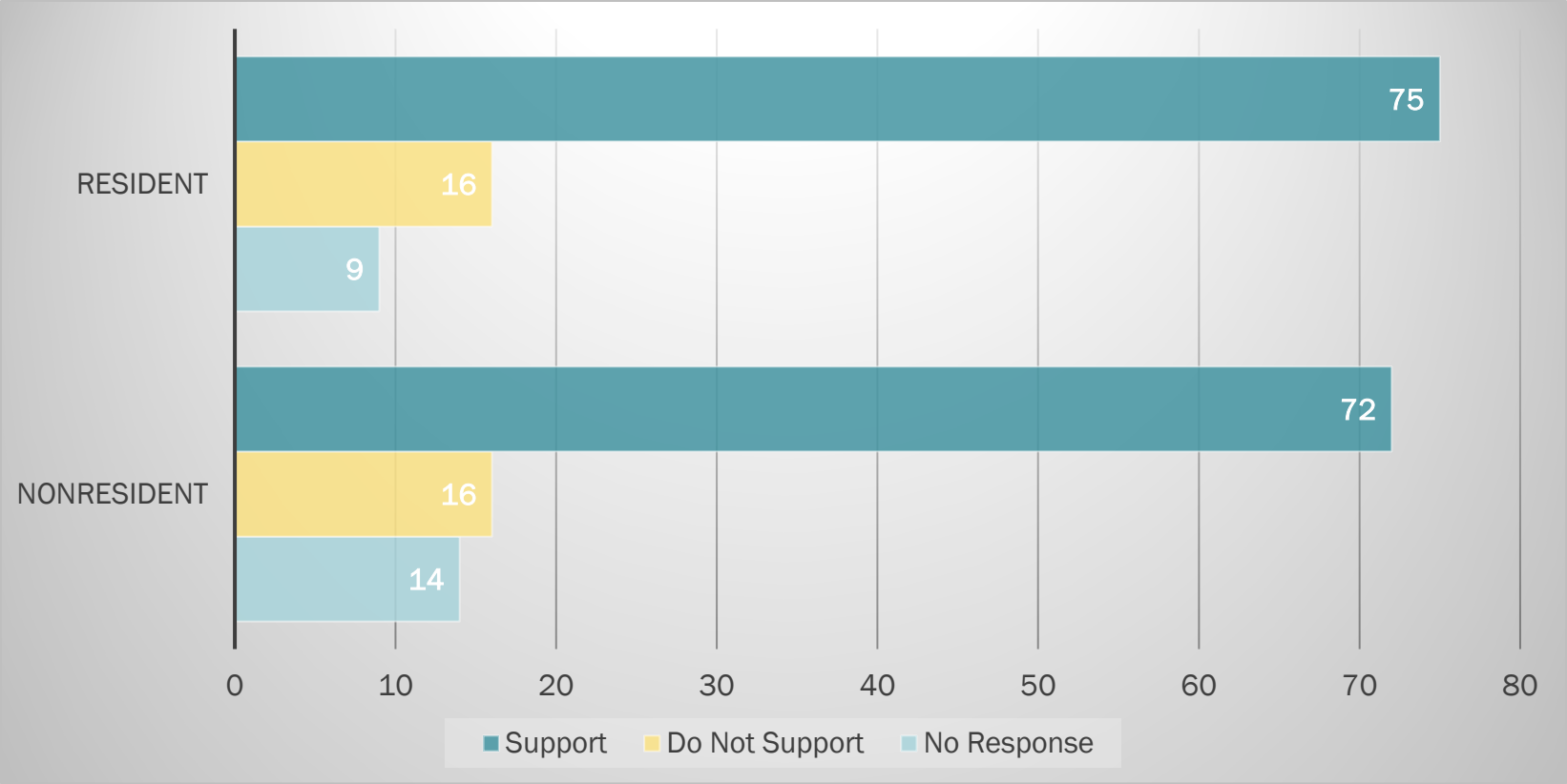
Potential Additional Parking

Resident

75% Support
16% Do Not Support
9% No Response

Non-resident

72% Support
16% Do Not Support
12% No Response



Concept B Results



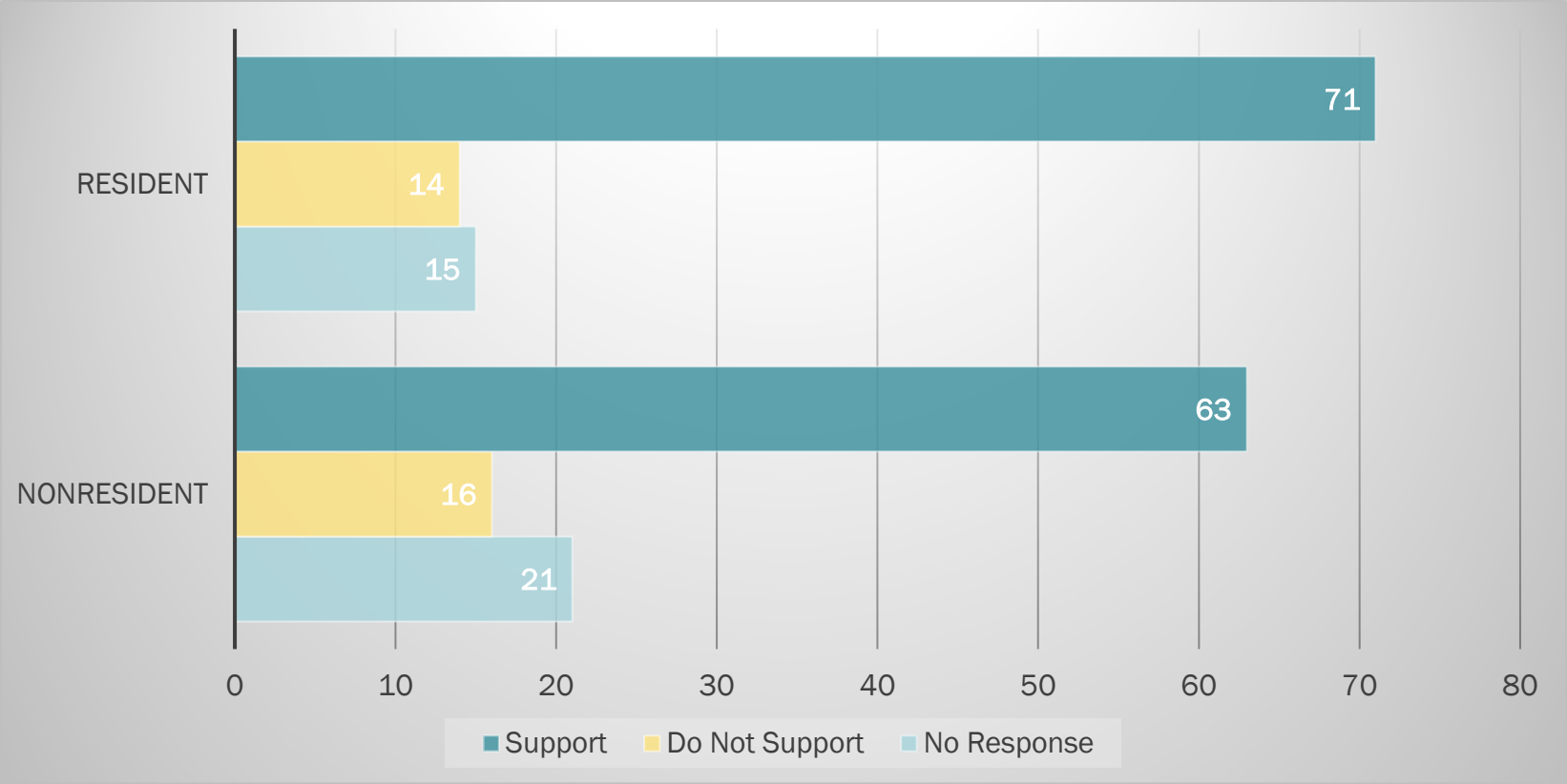
Renovated 300' softball field (all turf)

Resident

71% Support
14% Do Not Support
15% No Response

Non-resident

63% Support
16% Do Not Support
21% No Response



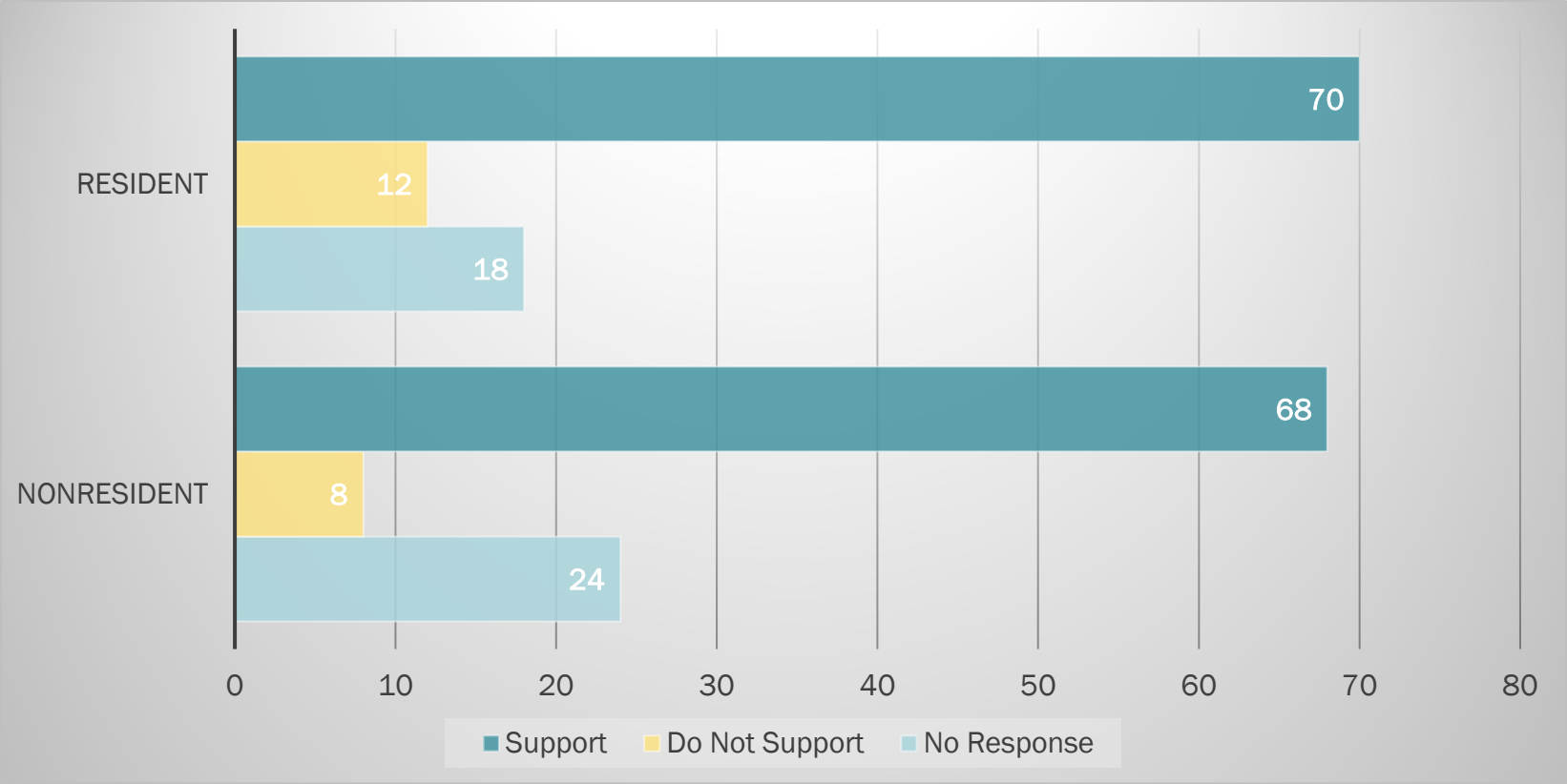
New Bleachers

Resident

70% Support
12% Do Not Support
18% No Response

Non-resident

68% Support
8% Do Not Support
24% No Response



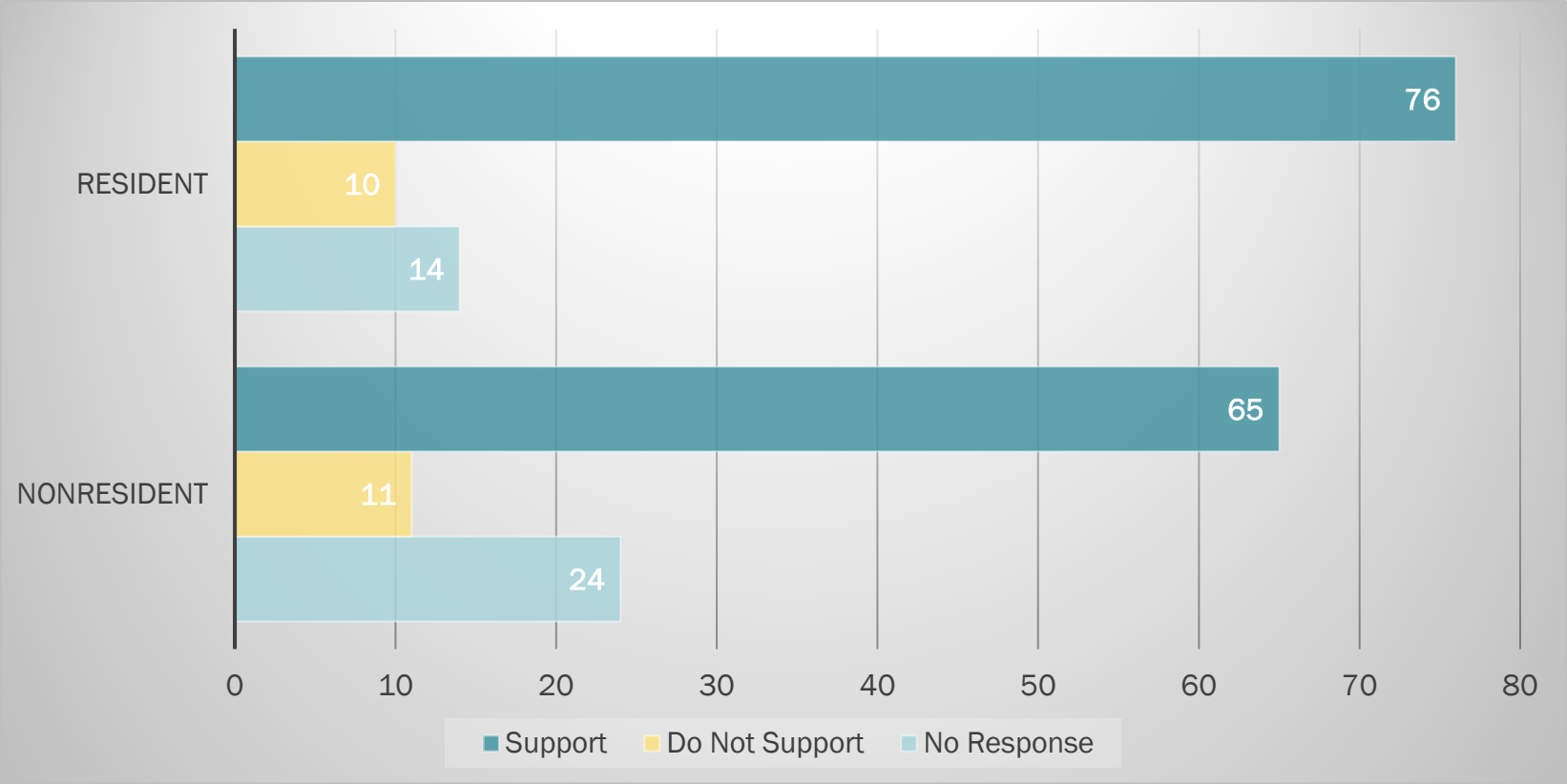
Replace Field Lighting with LEDs

Resident

76% Support
10% Do Not Support
14% No Response

Non-resident

65% Support
11% Do Not Support
24% No Response



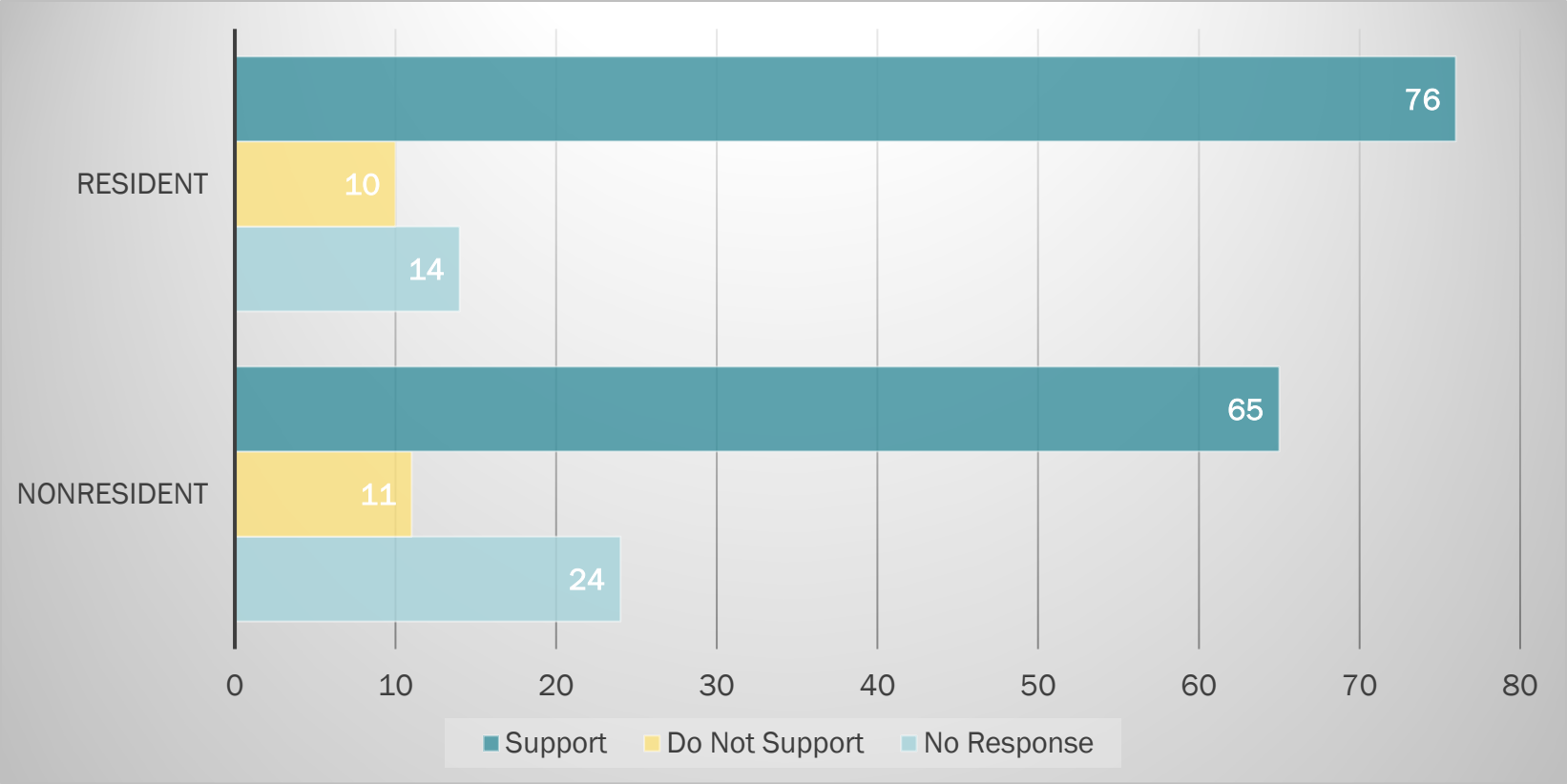
New dugouts with storage on new diamond

Resident

69% Support
12% Do Not Support
19% No Response

Non-resident

71% Support
8 % Do Not Support
21% No Response



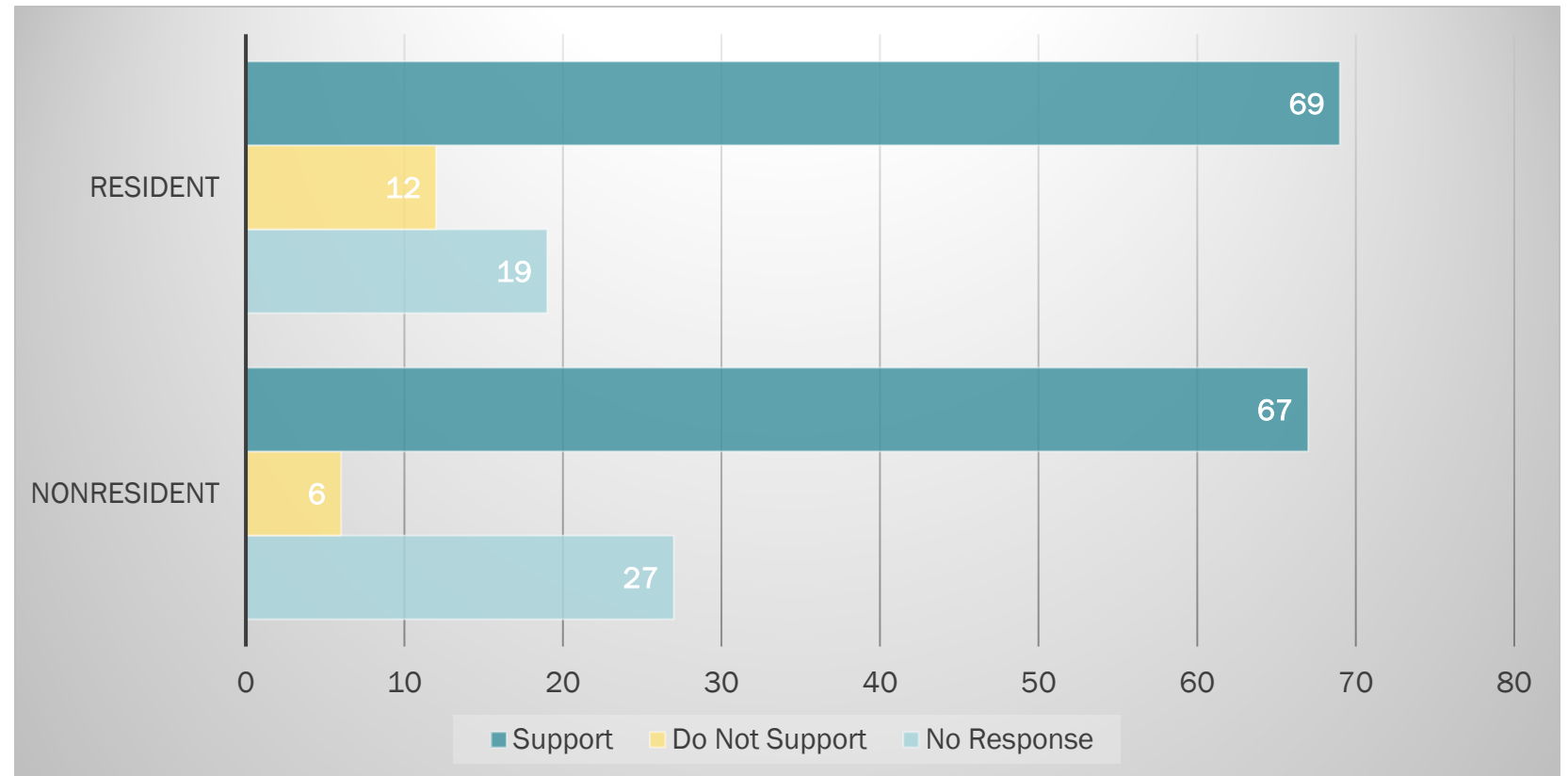
New bullpens/batting cages

Resident

69% Support
12% Do Not Support
19% No Response

Non-resident

67% Support
6% Do Not Support
27% No Response



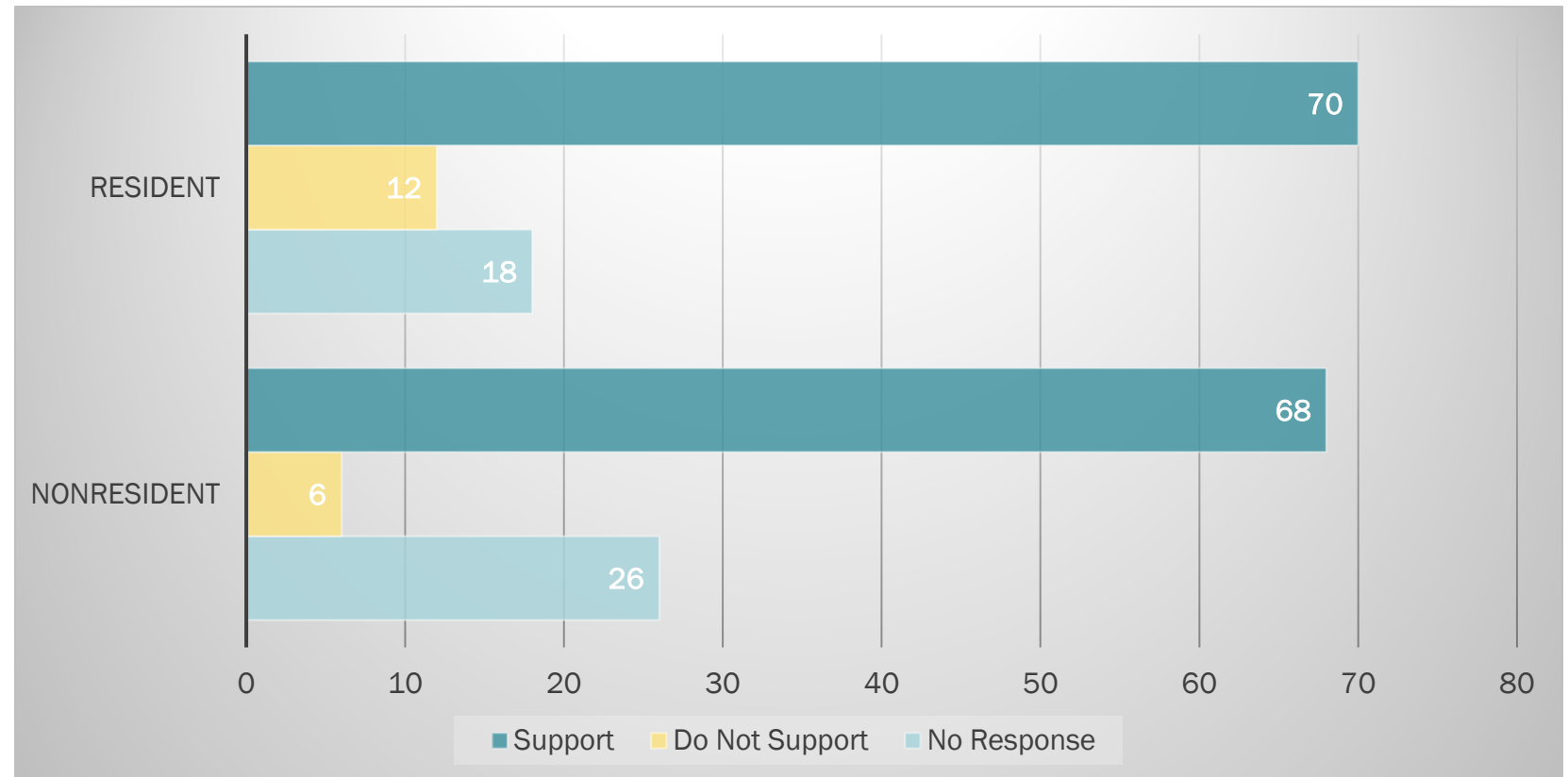
Moveable metal fencing for youth field size

Resident

70% Support
12% Do Not Support
18% No Response

Non-resident

68% Support
6% Do Not Support
26% No Response



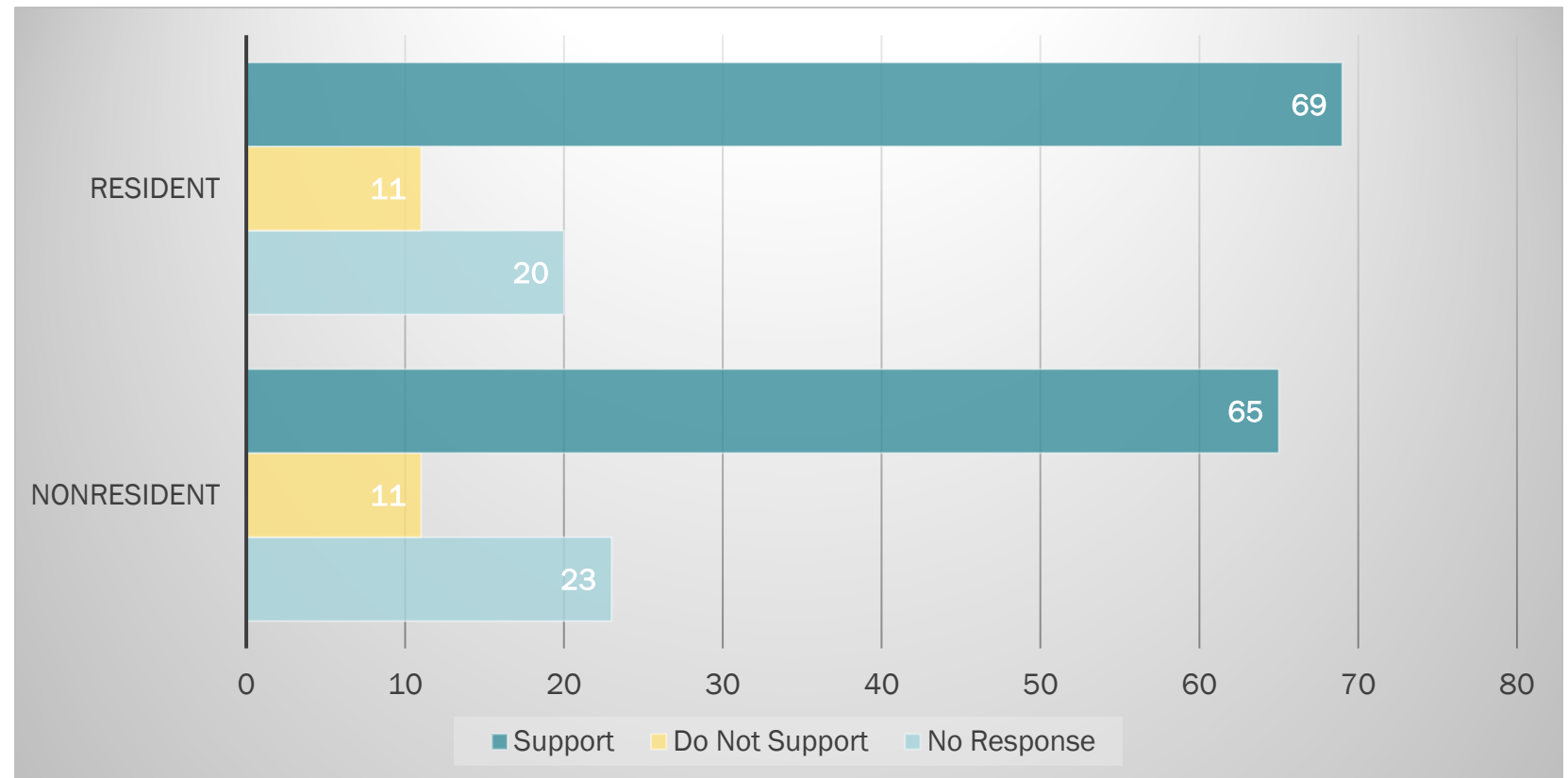
Concourse Improvements (concrete finish)

Resident

69% Support
11% Do Not Support
20% No Response

Non-resident

65% Support
11% Do Not Support
23% No Response



Resurface Existing Parking Lot

Resident

71% Support

9% Do Not Support

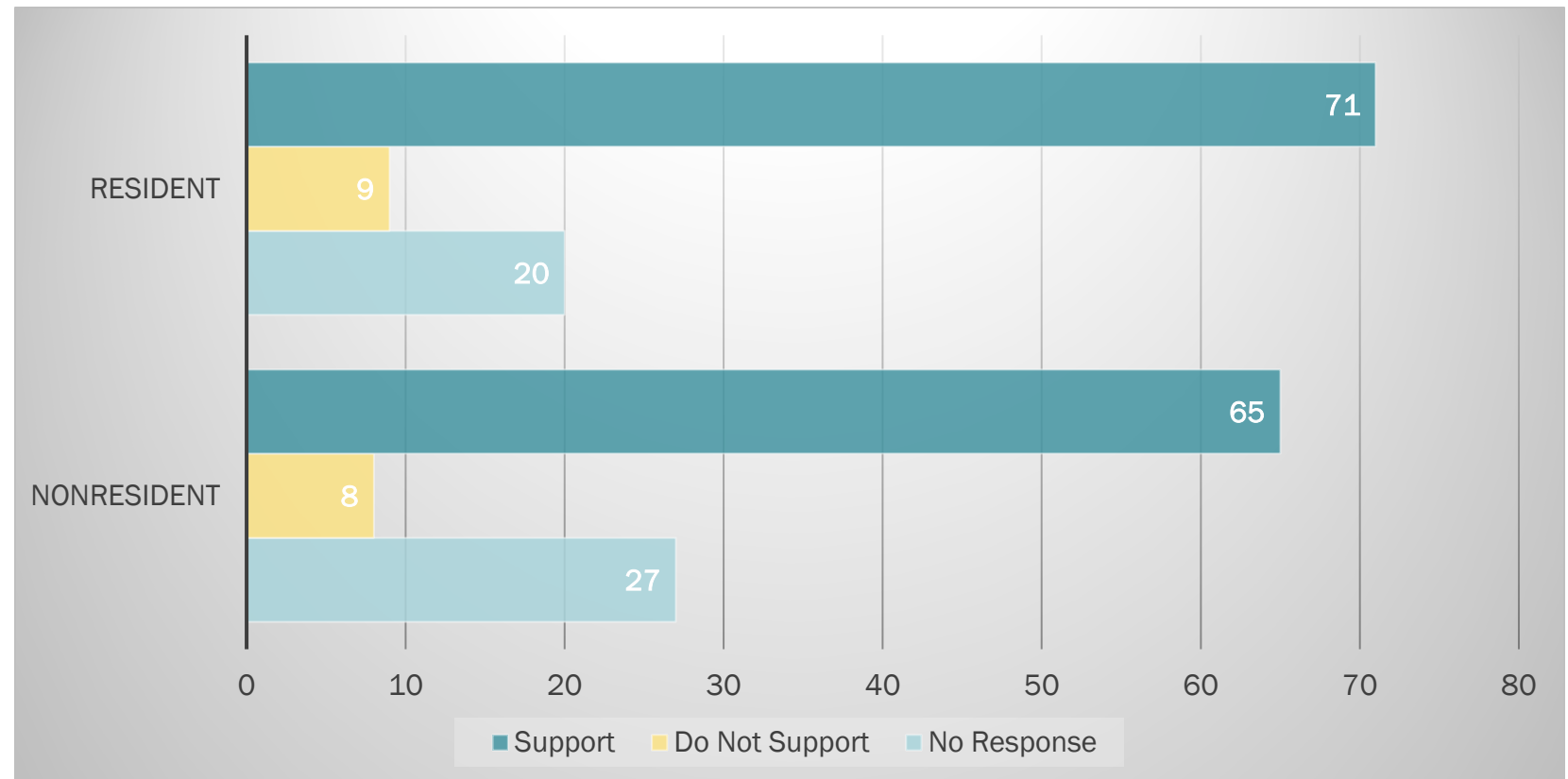
20% No Response

Non-resident

65% Support

8% Do Not Support

27% No Response



Zenoff Park Comments Questions

- 68 resident comments provided
- 29 nonresident comments provided
- **#1 theme** – overall support of improvements at Zenoff Park
- **#2 theme** – Concept A favored over B
 - Primary reason stated was the addition of a field

Resident Comments - Zenoff Park Concepts

I'd like to see the current layout next to the proposed one. What does the park currently have? What is going to be removed or relocated? Label everything too. It is really hard to be for or against something when I rarely use the park. I could be for changes, sports needs areas, but without a good comparison it is difficult to determine things. Have A, B and current design all on ONE SCREEN/Page

Stop putting more and more parking everywhere - the city should be discouraging driving and encouraging walking and cycling. Not a fan of synthetic turf at all. Field lighting should be controlled to minimize light pollution. No problem with LEDs themselves they are usually far too bright, brighter than the lights they are replacing. Don't pave over everything

Would want to maintain current forest area and access to it (walking trails). No cutting into forest area. Access to walking trails. Maintain current walking trails and access. No cutting into forest.

I am assuming the current 3 fields remain, adding a 4th, so yes it would be nice to see all of this done. I haven't been there in years since my boys no longer play youth baseball, but to see the parking redone and expanded would be nice. I like the idea of having the high school play there too, it looks like a better layout and again more accommodating for everyone attending, visitors included. This would also give the space for Stevens Point to host baseball tournaments as well.

Renewable energy generation and electric vehicle charging for municipal and visitor vehicles. Improved access to the Green Circle trailhead. Year round bathrooms for trail users. I have a hard time telling how A and B are different. Plan A seems more favorable to youth sports which makes sense to me. I have a hard time telling how A and B are different. Plan A seems more favorable to youth sports which makes sense to me.

Please put a drinking fountain or bottle filler. I often run on the green circle trail and often stop at zenoff for water, but there is none. Seems obvious to have one at a sports park.

Awesome plan

If we are going to re-envision Zenoff Park, let's make it more of a "youth" baseball/softball complex. Let's put 4-6 youth diamonds in and bring in youth tournaments. These visitors can then go over to the new aquatics center at the Goerke Complex and support that as well while they are in town for their games/tournaments.

I have significant reservations about the health risks of synthetic turf fields. I do appreciate the attention to stormwater management in the area. EV chargers in the parking lot. I have significant reservations about the health risks of synthetic turf fields. I do appreciate the attention to stormwater management in the area. I also like the plan to replace lighting with LEDs - I recommend that be done regardless of whether Plan A or Plan B is chosen.

Looks great to me, huge fan of improving our aged infrastructure _ I prefer the more compact footprint. I think it is still a good plan however I do like plan A a bit more I think just due to footprint

I am so happy that this facility will be used for youth sports again! This should have always been the priority instead of bar league softball. I actually still play in the bar leagues at Zenoff and have for many years but have always felt a city park should prioritize youth sports. When my children were young and played for point fastpitch and spyba if we were allowed to host a tournament at zenoff we couldn't even use the concession stand because Dishers ran it. So we had to set up tents et Youth sports should be a priority and this will finally allow point to compete with plover for facilities etc!

Would need to hear more about the proposal and the need for the new ball field and also the differences between draft A & B. How will the Goerke Park and Zenoff Park proposals affect our property taxes. We are retired and our property taxes are nearing \$8,000 per year.

I like draft B better

Looks Great! I love it! Both Look Awesome! Looks Great

Awesome Plan

Great Plan!

I play softball as a youth in Stevens Point!! Please enhance the facilities!
All of our kids played baseball and softball in Stevens Point for many years..we need great facilities to be competitive with all the surrounding communities!!
We need great facilities to attract talented people to Stevens Point
Please build great facilities for our community
Local families need great facilities..Please approve and build them
Build great facilities for our community
Updates to Goerke are over due!!
We support upgrading our communities facilities
We need better ball diamonds in this area
this area brings in a lot of teams from outside area, they spend money locally and help business in Stevens Point area. any improvements should be good
How big or the dimensions of the proposed playing surface? From the drawings, it appears that the new diamond at the center space would be undersized compared with the existing ones. If this is not the case, some dimensions included in the drawing to clarify what the measurements of all diamonds are such as Depths or distance from home plate of each outfield at a minimum, would be helpful. VS Plan B: 300' . Solarized parking space and EV charging stations. So much of this feels like this proposal was an afterthought given a fraction of the consideration of draft A. It appears to be a less serious proposal than draft A.
This would be great for our community and very much needed!
It looks great! This is long overdue. We are so far behind other communities especially in the Wisconsin Valley Conference. I Like Plan A. I would be in favor of everything in plan B but not at the expense of plan A.
This is a great idea for our kids and the future attraction of our community.
I would prefer that we utilize Bukolt instead of Zenoff. It's a beautiful location near the water and in a neighborhood. Zenoff is in the swamps and while it was fun for catching frogs as a kid, it's full of mosquitos in the summer
The new field needs to be big enough the 14-15 year olds (and older) can play on it. The current base set ups do not have base pegs for 90 foot bases. If you made the infield slightly bigger and included the holes for high school and above sized players you could host more tournament events in the city. If you're wondering if making the entire field turf so players would enjoy it more then you're wrong. Most baseball players do not enjoy playing on a turf outfield. If the idea is to make the entire field turf for drainage reasons, then that makes more sense because that field does get a little soggy when heavy rains come down. That being said when there is a little bit of moisture on the turf, it does make the turf incredibly more slippery and does often lead to more injuries.
AMAZING! I have no kids playing either sport, but I am in full support of this project.
Consideration for a seating pavilion to replace the one that would be removed. Any seating with a roof is used heavily during tournaments to get out of the sun or rain and provides a place to sit between games. As a personal opinion, either plan is an upgrade; however, Plan A is preferable
The plan looks great. Great progress!
Very good for the community and kids
I fully support this proposal for the community. I support this plan
This would be a great addition to the community and help bring people and our wonderful community together. I think this would also be such a beneficial addition to our community as well.
Fully support all additions. Needed renovations and additions
Do this asap

Indoor bubble for football. IDK
This would benefit the community and the children of the community
Good
This is needed. This would benefit the community
Please stop with projects that raise our taxes. They are already too high for a community this size.
Wheel chair access
Dog park, please. There are already baseball diamonds there. I would like more amenities for pet owners. I would like this park space to be more inclusive to the wider community, not just baseball and softball families.
How might this affect the biker/pedestrian access to the sculpture park? more shaded, natural sitting areas with a full canopy of shade trees and a few picnic tables for enjoying the park if you're not playing baseball or softball. Natural playground. More asphalt and parking is not what I'm looking for at city parks. It's expensive and not a nice place to spend time. I want natural areas I can enjoy with my kids. Natural playground
More parking. The additional parking shouldn't be potential, there needs to be additional parking there.
Looks Great. This appears to be an improvement for Zenoff and compensating for using the Goerke softball diamonds from the other plan. It looks good to me and makes sense, would be an overall improvement for our city. Since this doesn't add an additional field, I do think it's inferior to Draft A, but would still be needed improvements at Zenoff. If the diamonds at Goerke were used for other purposes, I'd hope that an additional field was added (Draft A), but would still support renovations at Zenoff if that wasn't possible.
I am happy to see any improvements that are put in place as long as no historical buildings are torn down in the process. It looks like #3 has the parking lot overlapping with a historic building. Maybe I am incorrect. Yet, if a historic building is coming down due to a parking lot, maybe we can shave off a portion of the parking lot to save the building? I prefer this plan to Plan A.
Price is not listed and would make a big difference.
I think adding another field is a great idea as long as it will be utilized enough to justify the expense. I also don't think that the expense should fall on the players that utilize the park. When turf was installed, recreational softball league participants were paying a good chunk of money to compensate additional costs incurred. Ultimately I support updating and adding to this facility as long as the costs don't fall down onto the players that utilize these fields. As long as the fields will be utilized enough to justify the cost I think it's time for an update.
I do not have a strong feeling either way on Draft B. A lot in Draft B seems to be more nice to have items than must have listed in Draft A. However, The bullpen/batting cages are in need of an upgrade.
There should be easier access to use Zenoff. If the dome is approved, Point Fastpitch and SPYBA should have access to Zenoff or other upgraded fields.
Does the traffic and usage at Zenoff really warrant this kind of expense? With this time of tight budgets is this really a necessity or a want?
I'm confused. Is it either-or? Either Plan A or Plan B? If that's the case, I would choose Plan A, a new field for youth.
Thoughts about how to protect vehicles in the parking lot from stray balls.
Any room for a couple pickle ball courts?
Park-Wide Public WiFi. Concourse improvements (concrete finish) & Replace field lighting with LEDs

I think it is a better use of time, materials and space to improve the areas already existing here. With cost of labor and materials skyrocketing, it is more appropriate to use time and resources to focus on improving the existing diamonds and structures. Is there any need for any handicapped access that is not already existing or in the plan? I think it is more fiscally responsible for the city to improve the existing structures. The plan looks sustainable, attainable and hopefully will not disturb the space around more than is needed.

I love the plan, Stevens point needs this. Nothing the plan is perfect. i think it would be the perfect addition to stevens

The proposed Zenoff plan is a great idea. This plan will be good for our community.

Nothing the plan looks great.

I think that more area for warm ups would be a great thing to have, especially for tournaments and large gatherings of teams. I don't have anymore feedback, this seems like a good plan.

Add yet another ball diamond. As a parent of a daughter who plays softball, I agree with everything in this proposal. I especially like the idea of the addition of another field. There is a real lack of quality softball/baseball fields in the city. I support everything in this proposal as well although I like Proposal A with the addition of the new field much better.

s point.

Nonresident Zenoff Park Concept Comments

I like plan A. best because it adds another field. This upgrade will bring Zenoff back to what it used to be. One of the premiere parks for sporting events

More parking, is the Moose lodge getting removed? If so, make that whole area be parking. Bigger parking instead of keeping the space currently there, use some of the gravel around Moose

Great Plan

I played softball in Stevens Point for 8 years growing up..Please make the Complex better for all of the athletes that play !!

I played youth baseball in Stevens Point growing up..I played many games at Zenoff..Still remember the All Star game there!! Please enhance the facilities for all of the area!!

If concrete is added, it needs to be drainable or easy on the soil both for longevity of the new concrete and the drainage for the surrounding fields in order to prevent puddling in the fields.

The kids in the community would benefit greatly from this plan!! Both plans would be a great asset to the community.

You need a place that competes with Woyak Park and a place for little league games and tournaments. The whole facility should be as nice as possible

What will you do with the above the Concessions stand area? That deck needs to be redone but would be great for viewing of the fields. I like Draft A better than B. Bigger girls fastpitch and baseball tournaments another field means more games teams. I have umpired at Zenoff for 25 years.

Security Camera System - I've had parents of my players with their vehicles broken into and there is nothing to identify things that happen in the parking lot. I think this great park is very underutilized. I have played at Zenoff and coached my children at Zenoff - this park needs more attraction and I'm all for improvements here.

Install higher fence/netting behind home plate/infield of all fields for safety of spectators.

I feel like Plan B would be better due to the way the fields face away from the parking lot. Both plans look awesome overall!

Additional ball diamond, especially if ball diamonds are removed from Goerke.

I feel the extra planned parking should be added right away. I think both plans should be approved, but if a choice needs to be made, then I support plan A.

Concrete improvements on the main traffic areas. Parking is already tight and inconvenient to move around.

None. I think Draft B is the best option. I think Draft B is the best option and these upgrades are a must for our community.

Draft A is preferable than Draft B. The proposed additions for baseball related features listed such as dugouts, scorers booth are necessary and fine. I am opposed to adding more parking. There is sufficient parking now.

Let's go!!

ALTHOUGH THIS PLAN (plan a) ADDS ONE MORE SMALLER SIZE BALL DIAMOND TO THE COMPLEX, I'M NOT SURE IT'S NECESSARY OR WORTH THE EXPENSE TO HAVE A 4TH DIAMOND. ALSO, IT APPEARS THIS PLAN WOULD REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION OF ALL OF PART OF THE ELKS LODGE PROPERTY, WHICH WOULD LIKELY ADD SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE PROJECT EXPENSE. (Plan B) HOW ABOUT HAVING THE GREEN CIRCLE TRAIL PASS THROUGH THE PARK, GO PAST THE RESTROOM/CONCESSION AREA, AND EXIT THE PARK JUST NORTH OF THE ELKS LODGE PROPERTY? THIS WOULD ELIMINATE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC THROUGH THE PARKING LOT. I REALLY LIKE THE IDEA OF HAVING A TURF FIELD AND THE VERSATILITY OF THE MOVEABLE OUTFIELD FENCE... GREAT IDEA! I ALSO LIKE THE FACT THAT THIS PLAN MAXIMIZES THE POTENTIAL OF THE EXISTING FOOTPRINT, WITHOUT INCURRING THE EXPENSE OF ACQUIRING ADDITIONAL PROPERTY.

I don't think at this point in time we should be looking at a field renovation when our roads are awful. Maybe in the future

The eating area needs a freshening up.

I think the parking is lacking. The lot already fills up quick on tourney weekends. That diamond was just re-done not that long ago....better to leave that one and make another one. Plan A is by far the better plan.

Plan looks great I would love this. This would definitely benefit Stevens Point.

I love the plan it looks great, the community needs something like this. Nothing I love the plan.

I like Draft A, Stevens Point needs this new draft for the community! Draft A looks perfect, the Stevens Point community needs to have this draft plan approved to help out our local school district and university.

I like the plan it looks great, the Stevens Point community needs something like this for the kids.Nothing, I like the plan.

Make the concession menu items and profits benefit all associations involved. Any improvements at zenoff would be appreciated.

water fountain in dugout. I think that this plan will end up really nice. making it a high school field. It seems like a very nice plan