

Workshop Meeting Notes

May 12, 2016

On May 12, 2016, the Turlock Community participated in a workshop facilitated by Lauren Livingston and Julie Spier with The Sports Management Group. The purpose of the workshop was to engage residents in a collaborative process to assess facility needs and recommend criteria for prioritizing development of new facilities and/or improvements to existing facilities. There were 13 attendees from the community and City staff. The workshop began with a PowerPoint presentation that summarized the study objectives, reported findings, and provided examples community facility projects. The presentation was followed by the purpose of the meeting, listening and learning from the community. Breakout sessions were used to facilitate the discussions.

Standards

The community members were provided the table below that identifies and quantifies the existing facilities and provides a baseline:

Facility Inventory	Existing Number of City Facilities in 2016				
Indoor					
Arts Center	1				
Multi-purpose Room	1				
Neighborhood Center	1				
Senior Center	1				
Youth Center	1				
Outdoor					
Amphitheater	1				
Baseball Field-Adult	1				
Baseball Field-Little League	3				
Softball Field-Adult	6				
Softball Field - Youth	6				
Basketball-Full Court	3				
Basketball-Half Court	12				
BMX/Dirt Bike Course	1				
Dog Park	2				
Handball	1				
Horseshoes	12				
Multi-use Sports Complex	1				
Pool with Wading Pool	1				
Waterspray Feature	2				
Skate Park	1				
Soccer Fields – Youth*	12				
Soccer Fields – Adult*	9				
Tennis Courts	2				
Theater, Black Box	1				
Volleyball – Sand Pit	2				
Volleyball	8				
	* Revised 5/27/16				



Breakout Session

The participants were asked to move to three tables for group discussion. The session began with:

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Select a recorder
- 3. Select a reporter

Each table was provided a question sheet for discussion, consensus, and to share responses with the room. There were four questions that were posed. Reporter from each group reported to the room and responses were noted on conference room pads for all to view.

Question 1:

Turlock prides itself as being a great community for families and a wonderful place to live. What are the qualities that make Turlock a special place? Responses are provided in categories with a notation of the number of times mentioned.

Mentions

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- SafeSmall Town atmosphere
- Progressive Attitude
- Agriculture a part of the community
- Variety of things to do—especially on school campuses
- · Higher Education Facilities with opportunities for plays, sport events, music
- Climate
- No parking meters
- Nice downtown outdoor seating, restaurants
- Location close to Bay area, mountains, beach
- Good local shopping

Facilities and Programs

- Well maintained parks
- Sport Complexes and inventory of facilities/fields
- Great school community
- Great afterschool program
- Walking Paths
- Small neighborhood park playground areas



Question 2:

Discuss among your group the facilities you believe are needed to better serve your interests and/or community needs and interests. The responses are in order of reported frequency not priority order; however respondents noted that some of the facilities may be combined to address a multitude of needs at one location.

•	Indoor/outdoor pools	ххх	
•	Pickleball: indoor and outdoor	хх	dual use: tennis
•	Lighted courts and fields	xx	
•	Multi-purpose Fields	хх	
•	Multi-purpose community center	хх	
•	Bowling Alley	хх	private enterprise
٠	Interconnected Bike Paths	хх	
٠	Combination Multi-purpose center with pool	х	
•	Social Hall/meeting room with kitchen		

- Gym for basketball, volleyball, pickleball
- ADA Accessible facilities
- Skateboard park on west side
- Soccer & softball fields
- Track—workouts along track

Question 3:

With so many important community needs, it is necessary to prioritize the order in which projects will be undertaken. List the criteria your group recommends for prioritizing projects. The first bulleted item was mentioned twice, others are in reporting order not priority.

• Funding: grants, private, bond

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- National (NRPA) Guidelines
- Demographics
- Business plan to sustain operations
- Multi-purpose mission
- Scale of project—large and encompassing several elements
- Revenue producing
- Partners available
- Needs
- Facilities inventory in other (local) communities



Question 4:

As a group, prioritize the group's top three projects, and then a second tier of the next four projects. Responses are in frequency order and not priority based on group table reporting.

Top Tier

- Community Center with social hall and kitchen
- Multi-purpose center with gym, rooms, lighted courts, indoor aquatics xx
- Pool
- Pickleball courts
- Multipurpose turf fields-- outdoors
- Bike and running path
- Lighted soccer fields
- Parking

Second Tier

- Bowling Alley
- Turf fields
- Soccer fields
- Bicycle and walking paths
- Gym for pickleball, basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer
- Skateboard -West Side
- Maker Lab—(school district may have plans)
- Par course-crossfit
- Multi-purpose grass fields

Community Awareness

Final group discussion was on increasing community awareness of the study. The project team will be taking the following actions:

- Sending City eblast with meeting and survey information
- Providing outreach through the Citizen Advisory Team
- Conducting an online survey

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