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CITY OF CONNELL

INTRODUCTION

The City of Connell is a growing, centennial community with a diverse population. We value the variety and strengths of all cultures and enjoy many recreational interests, from child to adult. Continued development of recreational facilities is in the best interest of the community and the surrounding area.

The Park Board was originally created in 1957 with three members appointed by the Mayor. The Board's initial function was to control and supervise parks in Connell, develop rules and regulations, plan for adequate public parks and to advise the Planning Commission concerning park requirements. Over the years, the Park Board has seen certain changes in its size and responsibilities.

Membership was increased to five in 1972. Park Board was re-created in 1991 with duties redefined. The board advises the City Council of rules and regulations for operation of the City's programs, considers requests for conduct and sponsorship of activities, and makes recommendations. The City Council refers all major proposals for construction, reconstruction, and improvements to parks including land acquisition and new programs to the Park Board. For highly significant activities, Park Board makes recommendation to the Planning Commission.

Historically the City hired a Park and Recreation Coordinator and/or Pool Manager for three to four months to coordinate and promote sports and recreational activities. By enthusiasm and leadership, an active program with variety and continuity has developed. Notable improvements have been made, even with budgetary constraints. Appealing programs and facilities have been added to complement and enhance recreation. In this effort, as always, the work of volunteers is highly valued and appreciated.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The City of Connell Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Plan serves as a guide for the development of the City's Parks and Recreation programs. The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) requires that an update of the plan be prepared every 6 years. The plan is now in need of updating, both because of the RCO requirements and also because the original plan has been implemented and expanded.

Once adopted, this Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan:

“...will serve as a daily guide—one that will provide direction and justify the need for acquisition, development, and renovation. The local agency will constantly refer to the plan in decision-making to maximize benefits and optimize funds. Most importantly, the plan provides direction for orderly growth of the local park and recreation system, where each action can be traced to an overall comprehensive plan sensitive to the needs of a dynamic community.”

Furthermore, this plan is consistent with the 'Parks & Open Space Element' of the City of Connell Comprehensive Plan. The plan will be approved by the RCO as well and will provide the City of Connell with planning eligibility for future projects.

The purpose of the Comprehensive Park Plan is to identify the recreational needs of the community such as bike/walking trails, preservation of open spaces, additional parks, and the upgrade of current facilities and development of new facilities.

This six year Comprehensive Plan will identify the following:

- Inventory of current recreational facilities
- City park policies
- Future needs of the community
- Goals and Objectives
- Strategies to meet the needs and to achieve the goals and objectives of this Plan
- Implementation of this Comprehensive Plan

DESCRIPTION OF PLANNING AREA

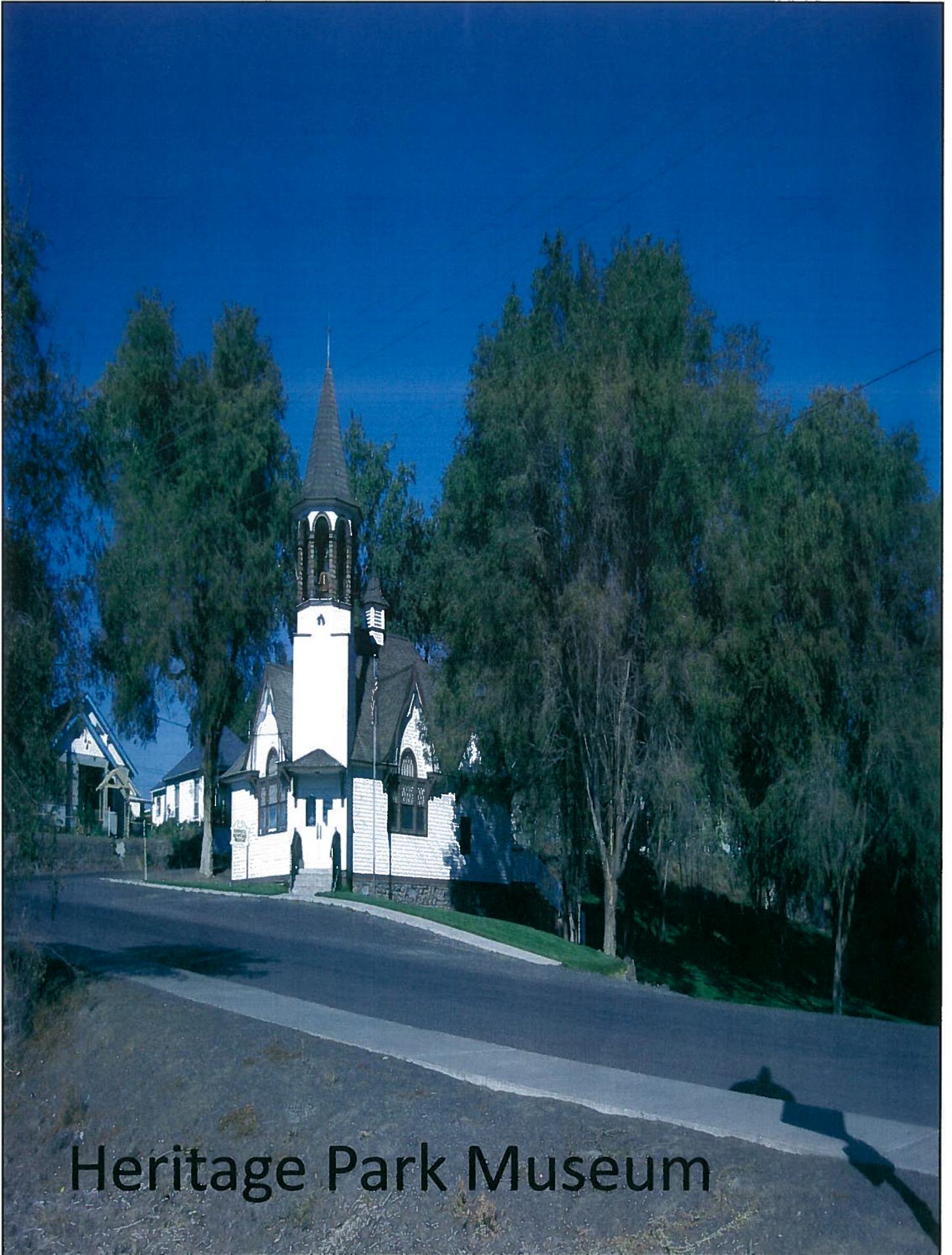
The City of Connell is located in the southeastern section of the State of Washington in the northern portion of Franklin County. The City is adjacent to US Route 395 and State Route (SR) 260. Connell is 37 miles north of the City of Pasco, 15 miles west of Kahlotus, and 10 miles northeast of Mesa.

The City of Connell is located in what is known as the Columbia River Basin. The surrounding terrain is mostly flat to gently rolling. The entire area is intersected by deep drainages called coulees. The City of Connell is situated in the bottom of the intersection of three coulees with high plateaus on all sides. By virtue of these unique features, Connell is now listed in marketing efforts as the first stop on the Coulee Corridor, which may serve to draw additional recreational opportunities. The elevation of Connell is 910 feet above sea level. Connell is primarily surrounded by irrigated and dry land farming.

The climate in this area is somewhat mild with definite seasons. Temperatures in the summer range in the 80's and 90's, winter temperatures average in the low 30's with periods in the 20's. The average rainfall is 8.5 inches per year and the Columbia Basin does experience a minor amount of snowfall.



Heritage Park



Heritage Park Museum

POPULATION TRENDS

In 1990, according to Census figures, there were 2,005 persons living in Connell in 625 households. Table 1 shows the breakdown by household, families and non-families as well as the average number of persons per household and family. In 2000, the population had grown to 2,956 persons. The most recent Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM) population numbers are 4,220 for April 2010. Population projection adopted in the 2007 Connell Comprehensive Plan for high, medium and low growth rates were projected out for the years 2010, 2015, 2020, 2025 and 2030.

Population projections begin to take into account the massive expansion of the Correctional facility (2,048 units added, total capacity nearly 2,648 inmates). Expanded employment (600 additional staff) and increased local resident population are now beginning to occur.

These numbers do not include secondary employment nor do they include the potential for retaining additional employees at the institution as a broader range of housing becomes available in the community and the prices of automobile fuel accelerates.

In 2000, according to Census figures, there were 2956 persons living in Connell in 766 Households compared to 1990 Census figures where there was 2,005 persons living in Connell with 625 Households.

Demographic data from 2010 Census will begin to become available in May 2011. For purpose of accuracy and comparison, official population count by Office of Financial Management (OFM) is shown.

In addition, data by American Community Survey (ACS) 2005-09 is given. An uptrend in population and household and family size is noted. However, many categories and specifics are not available, and inconsistencies are reported in income data.

For these reasons, it is difficult to make conclusive determination relating to park needs.

**Table 1
Population and family size**

	1990	2000	2010	Change
Persons	2005	2956	4220 (OFM)	+1264
Households	625	766	N/A	
Persons Per Household	3.21	3.17	3.67 (ACS)	+0.5
Persons Per Family	3.6	3.59	4.00 (ACS)	+0.41
Families	504	603	N/A	
Married Couples	411	468	N/A	
Female Head of Household	67	87	N/A	
Non-Families	121	163	N/A	
Single	95	133	N/A	
Elderly	33	58	N/A	
Source: 1990 and 2000 Census Data				
American Community Survey 2005-09				

The median age of residents was 31.7 in 2009, up from 28.7 in 2000. There were 3.67 persons per household, up from 3.17 in 2000. Average family size is 4.00, up from 3.59. Connell maintains a larger family and persons per household size than the state average. The numbers provide a picture of a significant impact for communities such as Connell as it relates to recreational requirements.

Table 2 shows the population of Connell broken down by age.

**Table 2
Population by Age Group**

Age	Population	Percent
Under 5 years	255	8.6
5 to 9 years	240	8.1
10 to 14 years	237	8
15 to 19 years	306	10.4
20 to 24 years	250	8.5
25 to 34 years	508	17.2
35 to 44 years	450	15.2
45 to 54 years	363	12.3
55 to 59 years	97	3.3
60 to 64 years	82	2.8
65 to 74 years	91	3.1
75 to 84 years	60	2
85 and over	17	0.6
Source: 2000 Census		

Table 3 shows current and projected enrollments for grade levels over a seven-year period.

**Table 3
Projected School Enrollment 2009 – 2015**

Grade Level	Actual 2009	Actual 2010	Projected 2011	Projected 2012	Projected 2013	Projected 2014	Projected 2015
K-6	1,044	1,095	1,112	1,129	1,145	1,163	1,180
7-8	281	298	303	307	312	317	321
9-12	517	527	534	543	551	559	567
Total	1,842	1,920	1,949	1,979	2,008	2,039	2,068
Source: North Franklin School District							

It should be noted that much of the increase experienced by the City of Connell is driven by the Department of Corrections expansion, completed in February 2009, which is a major impact on the community. Formerly, the experience that the community has had is that about 40% of the employees of the institution will maintain residences in Connell while the rest will reside in the surrounding communities. With anticipation of 600 new employees, approximately 200 new families would locate in Connell over time, which would result in increased usage of Connell’s recreation facilities and would also require added facilities. However, during the first year following prison expansion, substantial local residency by staff has been slow to materialize.

Another key population number that impacts the community is the large Hispanic population. According to the 2000 Census, 41.5 % of the City’s population is Hispanic.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Historically the Parks and Recreation commission has held hearings on various projects and plans, including development of the City’s new skate park and water slides. A number of public meetings were held including workshops where users worked jointly on design.

The City continues to use an intensive Public Participation and planning process. Coordination is sought among downtown property owners, merchants, school district officials, students and community interest groups. Public Participation activities:

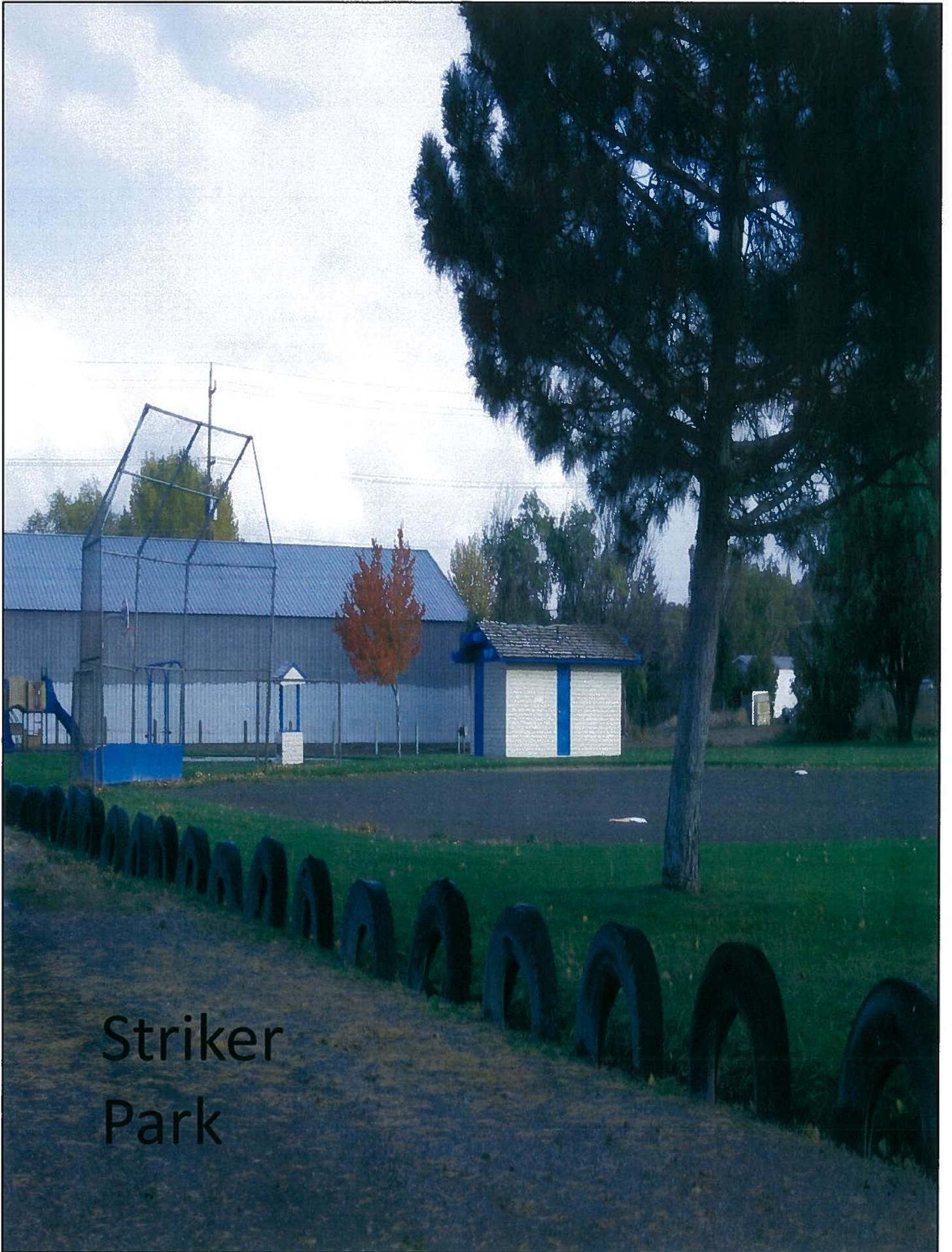
1. **Public Surveys:** The committee designed and distributed a public survey to determine public opinion in a number of areas including recreation, downtown development, customer characteristics and other community conditions.
2. **Public Workshops:** The Park and Recreation Advisory Board held several meetings to solicit input from community organizations and to provide the following:
 - Survey results were evaluated to target appropriate use
 - Visual presentation with photos of parks and amenities
 - Current inventory of parkland acreage and equipment
 - Management of park facilities and usage
 - Future acquisition and/or development of parkland

3. Social Network: Established open electronic communication with the public. Detailed park information was posted on City website and Facebook.
4. Public Hearing: The Parks and Recreation Commission took this information generated through the survey, public workshops and used it in development of the Parks and Recreation Plan. A Public Hearing was held by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Input from that hearing was considered and the Plan was revised by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. An advisory recommendation will be sent to the Connell City Council.
5. Public Hearing: The City Council will hold a Hearing on the Plan.
6. Plan Adoption: The Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan was officially adopted by the City Council on _____.

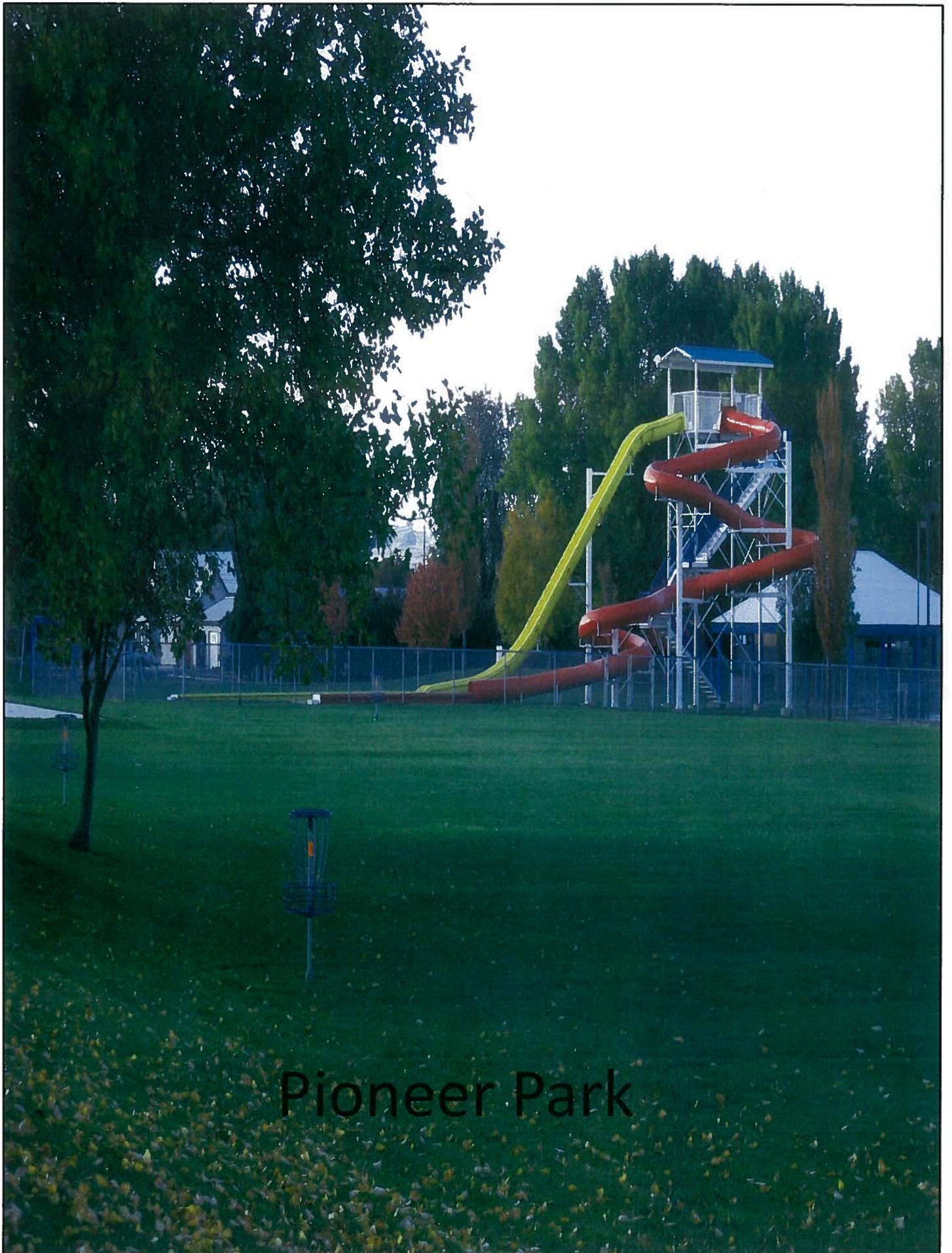
Copies of the survey and results are in Appendix A.



Clark Street Park



Striker
Park



Pioneer Park

PARK AND RECREATION POLICIES

The Park Board has established the following policies as a guide for current and future planning and development of parks, recreation, and open space in the City of Connell:

1. Parks and Recreation planning shall be to promote the health, safety, and well-being of residents in order to enhance the quality of life.
2. Recreational opportunities shall provide a wide range of activities so as to encompass all of the residents' interests and capabilities.
3. The environmental and aesthetic qualities of Connell are to be considered as new development occurs in the City and the City intends to comply with all Federal and State environmental laws.
4. The City shall consider utilizing its ability through the Growth Management Act to impose impact fees and/or mitigation of said fees on developers and new development.
5. The Park Board shall work closely with the Planning Commission, City Council, and staff to prepare a budget for maintenance/operation and capital outlay with funds set aside for park purposes.
6. Monies collected specifically for the Parks and Recreation Reserve Account will be used to upgrade and replace parks equipment, buildings, structures, and landscaping. Monies may also be used to develop recreation activities at the City parks.
7. The Park Board shall prepare regulations encompassing rules for parks, such as scheduling, fees, and signage – listing rules of each park and guidelines for development and care of facilities. The goal shall be to maintain and preserve parks and equipment and protect investment, and to seek cooperation among community groups via education, stewardship, and maintenance for care and keeping of parks.
8. The Park Board will encourage all citizens to participate in current and future park projects and activities and make their concerns known to the Board.
9. The Park Board will develop effective partnerships with community groups and institutions, including but not limited to NFSD, Boy Scouts, Little League, Swim Team, Eagle's Nest, Library, Downtown Development, Palouse Junction and others, including park maintenance by Coyote Ridge.
10. In consultation with City Council, Park Board shall seek, identify, recommend and promote a dedicated funding source and create a project list for operation and maintenance of parks.

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Even though the population of Connell is not large, the City's residents are able to enjoy parks with a number of activities available. Table 4 lists the parks within the City of Connell along with acreage, improvements and park type.

Table 4

Park Facility	Acreage	Improvement	Park Type
"Heritage Park"	1.42	Playground equip. Volleyball ½ court basketball Picnicking, Horse shoe pits restrooms, museum	Neighborhood Park
Dick Johnson Memorial Tennis Courts	.45	2 Tennis courts Picnicking	Special Use Park
Pioneer Park	12.5	Swimming Pool, Skate Park Softball & T-ball Fields, Playground equip. Pavilion, picnic area Water slides, Disc Golf Restrooms	Community Park
Striker Park	3.67	Softball Field Playground equip Restroom	Neighborhood Park
Tot Lot	.52	Swing set ½ court basketball	Neighborhood Park
Clark St. Park	1.67	Playground Equip Soccer field Picnicking, Rest Rooms	Neighborhood Park
Oasis Village	1.33	Yet to be developed	Neighborhood Park
Public Artwork Sculptures	2.24	Wildflower sculptures – Walking Path Wild Life bronze tables – Columbia	

TOTAL CITY-OWNED 23.8 acres

School Playground/Ball field 35.5 acres (approx)

New west baseball fields 14.0 acres (approx)

TOTAL PARKLAND 73.3 acres

DESCRIPTION OF FACILITIES

“Heritage Park”

This park is located in the original section of Connell and was in the original Town Plat in the early 1900's. This park has two sets of swings, a slide, monkey bar, ½ court basketball, sand box, “beach” volleyball court and two brick bar-be-ques. Additions include: the communities Heritage museum, caboose, old school house, and horseshoe pits. An expansion of the museum is envisioned, to be known as the Arnold Hudlow Annex. The park has a large grassy area and large trees to provide shade. This park was once the primary park of the City and is heavily used.

Dick Johnson Memorial Tennis Courts

These tennis courts were built in the 1970's and have survived pretty well the last 30 years. The courts are used by both the community and North Franklin School District.

Pioneer Park

Pioneer Park was built in the late 1960's. This park has a swimming pool, covered pavilion, three picnic areas, one major barbecue, restrooms, playground equipment, skate park, and baseball field. The Connell Fall Festival, an annual community function, is held the second week in September in Pioneer Park. This function celebrates the harvest. Other events include the annual 4th of July celebration and numerous reunions. Little League ball fields were added in 2008. Two giant water slides were added in 2008 and 9-hole Disc Golf was added in 2010.

Striker Park

The primary use of Striker Park is the baseball field. In addition, there is play ground equipment and restroom facilities. This Park is located in the neighborhood known as the Striker Addition.

Tot Lot

The “Tot Lot” is located at First and Fir Streets. There is a grassy area, ½ basketball court, and a swing set. Because of the existence of a basketball court the site has been changed to a vest pocket park to reflect the expanded opportunities for the area's residents.

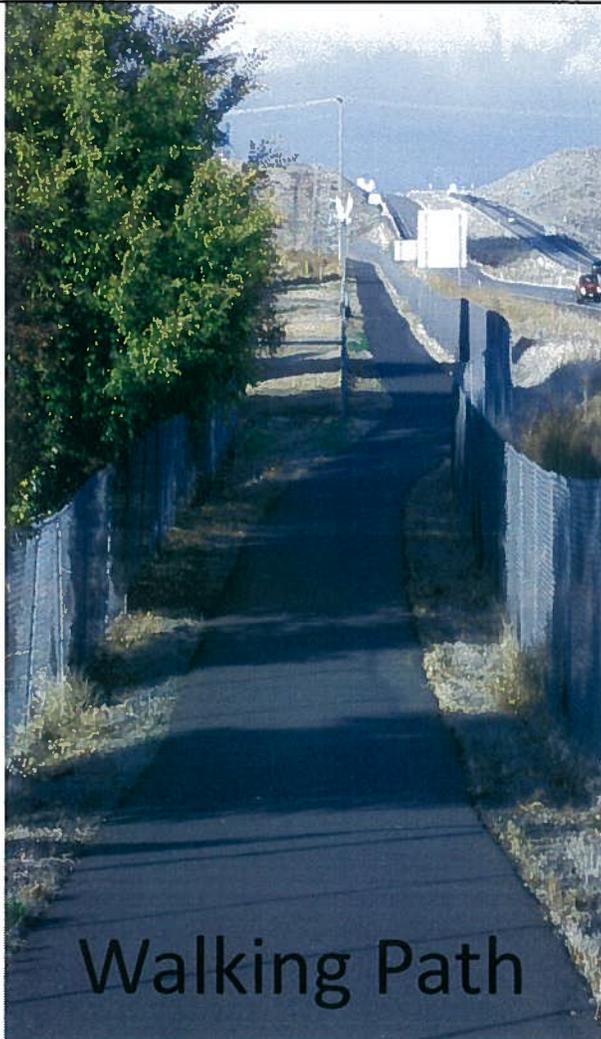
Clark Street Park

This park is located in the Brentwood area of the City. There is a soccer field, playground equipment, swing set, ½ basketball court, picnic table and restroom facilities.

Public Artwork Sculptures

State funding associated with prison expansion (1/2 of 1% of sales tax) provided opportunity for artwork by world-renowned artists to be installed in the community:

- Wildflower steel sculptures by Nick Lyle & Jean Whitesavage on the walking path
- Wild Life bronze figures by Tom Otterness, placed on tables along Columbia Ave



Walking Path

Prairie Flowers, Potato and Wheat
Jean Whitesavage & Nick Lyle
2009
Hand forged steel

There are six large sculptures placed along this walking path. They represent some of the prairie flowers found in this compelling landscape: **Shooting Star**, **Fiddleneck**, **Yellow Bells**, and **Blazing Star**. The **Potato Flower** and **Wheat** sculptures are a tribute to the crops that exemplify Connell's continuing farming heritage.

As you encounter the sculptures along the path you will notice that each sculpture has a nameplate with both a botanical Latin and common name to identify the plant species.

Washington State Arts Commission in partnership with
Coyote Ridge Corrections Center- City of Connell

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Public Artwork Sculptures



Otterness
"Wild Life"
Artwork

CURRENT AND FUTURE COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL NEEDS

CURRENT RECREATIONAL INTERESTS OF CONNELL

Connell is the major city in North Franklin County. Because of this and because of the diverse recreation facilities available in the community, those facilities are extremely well used by residents not only of Connell, but also of Mesa, Kahlotus and Basin City. Many county residents utilize the City's recreation facilities especially the swimming pool, ball fields and the soccer field.

City activities include Swim Team, T-ball, Little League, basketball, track and field, tennis and soccer. These events attract participants from Connell and the surrounding area extending to Othello and Tri-Cities, and are coached and held by volunteers. The recent quality addition of Disc Golf is another welcome attraction.

As previously mentioned, Connell is the largest community north of Pasco and houses the North Franklin School District, which covers an area west to the Columbia River, east to the Snake River, south to Eltopia and north to the County including parts of Adams County. Connell is considered the primary meeting place for children and young adults who live in the County as well as in Connell, Basin City, Mesa and Kahlotus.

Though the median age has increased somewhat over the last few years, Connell still has a significantly lower median age than the State. Given the demographic it is incumbent upon the community to plan for the citizens of the community to participate in recreational activities.

As the needs are analyzed in regard to recreational needs in the community it is also important to look at the history and accomplishments since the last Park and Recreation Plan was approved. At that time there was a shortage in the number of basketball hoops present on City streets. In response the City built a number of half court basketball facilities at various parks. There was discussion about the need for additional tennis courts in the plan, since then, the school district has constructed eight lighted courts. Consequently the City constructed a skate park at the site of old tennis court in Pioneer Park. This change was approved by IAC. The City had consistent problems with maintaining the functionality of the tennis courts and with the increased interest in skate boarding decided to turn those courts into a skate park.

The City continues to support youth baseball and co-ed softball during spring and summer.

The Swim team is sponsored by the City but is operated by volunteers who provide their own coaches and management structure. The membership has grown significantly over the last few years. That can be traced to both an improved facility (IAC Grant) and significant interest by the community.

One area that has been identified as a need is the construction of additional soccer fields. Soccer has become a significant activity, not only for school age youth, but for adults as well. There are a number of leagues throughout the Basin that Connell participates in. The community is hoping to address some of that need by working with the school district and non-profit corporations made up of local citizens. In recent years, significant improvement has been achieved in promoting a variety of recreational programs, resulting in increased participation. For example, Zumba has added interest and variety.

TRAILS

The State Bike and Walking Path that was discussed in the 1994 Plan has been completed and receives a fair amount of use. The City has access to the strip of property that at one time was a railroad right-of-way. A portion of that has been donated to the community. The remainder still belongs to the railroad. The City has contacted the railroad to determine what the cost would be to purchase the remaining road bed. Purchase of that would provide the City with a path which would connect the State trails, Pioneer Park, Heritage Park and the downtown.

Expansive new artwork along the walking path by the highway has increased trail use, together with new artwork along Columbia Avenue, for increased pedestrian activity.

FACILITIES NEEDED IN THE FUTURE

Adequacy of Park Land to meet existing and future demand.

Parkland has increased substantially since the last Park Plan, based on the new inventory of existing facilities (Table 4). Currently the City of Connell has 23.8 acres of park land. For 2400 local residents (non-incarcerated), this is approximately 9.9 acres per thousand in the City. In addition, school facilities add another 49.5 acres. Consequently, because of expanded parkland made available, the focus will shift to enhancing quality parks.

The national standard for parks and open space in a city currently is ten acres per thousand persons. These ten acres may be divided between the various types of parks.

Table 5 lists the standards for each type of park in Connell.

**TABLE 5
PARK LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS**

PARK TYPE	RECOMMENDED LOS STANDARD
Tot Lot	Approximately 0.5 acres per 1,000 pop.
Neighborhood Park	3 acres per 1,000 pop.
Community Park	6 acres per 1,000 pop.
Special Use Parks (Tennis courts)	No applicable Standard

Connell is expected to continue to grow at a rate equal to or slightly above that of the County. Connell is in Franklin County which is part of the Tri-Cities Metropolitan area. This is currently the fastest growing area in the State. Expansion of Coyote Ridge Correction Center, and major school projects (new grade school and junior high expansion) are expected to create additional spin-off growth. The years 2011 through 2022 should see significant growth for the community. Because of this growth, Connell will need to explore ways to enhance quality and add to parks.

Table 6 lists the need by type of park based upon current population projections.

RECREATIONAL LAND NEEDS - CURRENT
(2400 non-incarcerated residents)

TABLE 6

PARK TYPE	TOTAL ACREAGE	ACRES PER 1,000	CURRENT PARKLAND SURPLUS (NEED) BASED ON SERVICE STANDARD
Tot Lot	0.52	0.2	(1.0)
Neighborhood	10.33	4.3	3.13
Community	12.5	5.2	(1.9)
Special Use	0.45	no standard	

RECREATIONAL LAND NEEDS – 2015

(Medium pop. projection 2015-6435 pop.
minus 2648 prison =
3787 local park user pop.)

TABLE 7

PARK TYPE	TOTAL ACREAGE	ACRES PER 1,000	2010 PARKLAND SURPLUS (NEED) BASED ON SERVICE STANDARD
Tot Lot	0.52	0.14	(1.37)
Neighborhood	10.33	2.7	(1.0)
Community	12.5	3.3	10.2
Special Use	0.45	no standard	

RECREATIONAL LAND NEEDS – 2025

Medium pop. projection 2025 –7,785
minus 2648 prison =
5137 local park user pop.)

TABLE 8

PARK TYPE	TOTAL ACREAGE	ACRES PER 1,000	2010 PARKLAND SURPLUS (NEED) BASED ON SERVICE STANDARD
Tot Lot	0.52	0.10	(2.05)
Neighborhood	10.33	2.01	(5.08)
Community	12.5	2.43	(18.32)
Special Use	0.45	no standard	

Indications are that the City will need additional developed park land if it is to achieve its adopted level of service standards. As explained, the balance is shifting more toward enhancement of existing parks rather than merely adding new parkland.

GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND STRATEGIES

(Capital Improvement Plan)

The primary goals and objectives of the Park Board are improvements to the established park facilities to meet current codes, safety standards, laws, and needs of the community. Once these goals and objectives are met, there are goals and objectives for additional recreational activities to be considered.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Goals

1. Preservation and replacement of existing facilities.
2. Acquisition or enhancement of parkland.
3. Create partnerships with North Franklin School District, community organizations and Franklin County on sports and general recreation activities.
4. The City will seek to fund the Park & Recreation Capital Improvement Plan through grant opportunities, impact fees, local taxes and donations.

Objectives

1. To maintain or replace the following equipment:
 - Playground equipment – Add additional equipment to enhance play areas and maintain equipment already in place.
 - Sports equipment – Upgrade and maintain basketball courts, ball fields and soccer fields
 - Pool equipment
 - General maintenance equipment
2. Plan for Facility Renovations:
 - Pool House –
 - Roof replacement
 - Complete rebuild
 - Kiddy pool improvements – Create shaded area
 - Restrooms at all City parks – Upgrade restroom fixtures and structures
 - Picnic shelters at all City parks – Replace shelters and add cement pads
 - Walk-bike path – Asphalt overlay
 - Basketball Court in Pioneer Park – East of restrooms at the site of previous basketball court
 - Skate Park – Purchase additional equipment
 - Amphitheatre/Pavilion upgrades

3. To build picnic shelters in the following City parks:
 - Pioneer Park
 - Striker Park
 - Clark Park
 - Old Town Park
4. Determine feasibility and funding options for a water spray facility in Pioneer Park
5. Determine feasibility and funding options for replacement of the swimming pool
6. To complete the following projects at the Community Center:
 - Parking lot replacement
 - Interior renovations
 - Exterior renovations
 - Roof replacement
7. To install a chain link homerun fence on the north-side of field at Pioneer Park. This would provide a barrier between homes and the park as well as upgrade baseball fields.
8. To develop or enhance parkland and facilities at the following park sites:
 - Oasis Neighborhood Park
 - Johnson Memorial Tennis Court
9. Acquire new parkland as community growth warrants for optimal service to citizens.

Pioneer Park Pool



City of Connell Public Parks



Park & Recreation Comp Plan Update
Capital Improvement Plan

updated 2/28/2011

	<u>Est. Cost</u>	0 to 6 Years						7 - 20 years
		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 - 2031
Equipment								
Playground Equipment	15,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	210,000
Sports Equipment	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	30,000
Pool Equipment	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	15,000
Machinery & Equipment	10,300	10,300	10,300	7,000	7,000	7,000		137,000
Structures								
<i>Pool House</i>								
Roof Replacement	25,000		25,000					0
Bath House Replacement	300,000							300,000
Kiddie Pool Improvements	5,000	5,000						0
Pool Replacement	1,200,000							1,200,000
Blue Slide Replacement	15,000							15,000
Mega Pool Slides Replacement	350,000							350,000
Spray Park	100,000							100,000
<i>Park Restrooms</i>								
Striker	15,000		15,000					0
Old Town	15,000				15,000			0
Clark	15,000							15,000
Pioneer	20,000							20,000
<i>Picnic Shelters</i>								
Pioneer	5,000	5,000						0
Pioneer	5,000			5,000				0
Pioneer	5,000					5,000		0
Striker	5,000							5,000
Clark	5,000							5,000
Old Town	5,000							5,000
Johnson Tennis Courts	5,000							5,000
<i>Community Center</i>								
Parking Lot Replacement	200,000							200,000
Interior/Exterior Renovation	150,000					150,000		0
Roof Replacement	25,000	25,000						0
Recreation Facilities								
Walk-Bike Path - Asphalt Overlay	200,000							200,000
Basketball Court - Pioneer Park	12,000	12,000						0
Skate Park Additional Equipment	10,000			10,000				0
Amphitheatre/Pavilion Upgrades	10,000			10,000				0
Pioneer Baseball Homerun fence	10,000							10,000
New Park Development								
Oasis Neighborhood Park	100,000							100,000
Parkland Acquisition	150,000							150,000
Johnson Memorial (Tennis Ct)	30,000							30,000
O & W Trail Junction	200,000							200,000
Annual Total		27,300	74,300	67,300	49,000	39,000	179,000	3,302,000
Projected Revenues		45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	675,000
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$17,700	(\$29,300)	(\$22,300)	(\$4,000)	\$6,000	(\$134,000)	(\$2,627,000)

0 to 6 Year CIP	\$ 435,900
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$165,900)

7 to 20 Year CIP	\$ 3,302,000
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$2,627,000)

APPENDIX A

Parks & Recreation Survey



City of Connell, Washington

Please take a few moments to complete the City's online Parks & Recreation Survey (the link is also posted at www.cityofconnell.com).

Parks and Rec User Survey
www.surveymonkey.com

📅 July 14, 2010 at 12:27pm · Like · Comment

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Dale Jones Even though I live in Eltopia I took the survey because I do use facilities in Connell. I am disabled so athletic facilities don't help me. However I do wish more had been asked about the Connell Heritage Museum. I think this is one of Connell's best assets, and deserves a priority concerning funding. Please folks, support the museum any way you can! Dale Jones

July 15, 2010 at 3:28pm



City of Connell, Washington Editor's Note: Thank you for the feedback Dale, we'll be sure to include your comments.

July 15, 2010 at 6:07pm



Parks and Recreation User Survey
(Please return to City Hall following completion)

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1. Do you currently live in Connell? **Yes** **No**

2. How long have you been a resident of Connell? _____ years

3. What is your age? **10-18** **19-30** **31-45** **46-65** **66+**

4. What is your ethnicity?

(a) White/Caucasian	(d) Asian/Pacific Islander
(b) Black/African-American	(e) Native American
(c) Hispanic/Latino	

5. How do you receive information about the City of Connell?

(a) Franklin County Graphic	(d) Community Newsletter	(g) Friends/Neighbors
(b) Tri-City Herald	(e) City Website	(h) Clubs/Associations
(c) City Hall/Community Center	(f) Local news television	(i) School District

6. How do you receive information about Connell's Park facilities and Recreation programs?

(a) Franklin County Graphic	(d) Community Newsletter	(g) Friends/Neighbors
(b) Tri-City Herald	(e) City Website	(h) Clubs/Associations
(c) City Hall/Community Center	(f) Local news television	(i) School District

7. How often do you or members of your household visit or use the Parks and Recreation facilities listed below?

(A) Daily	(B) Several times per week	(C) Once per week	(D) Several times per month
(E) Once per month	(F) Once or twice per year	(G) Rarely or never	

Please fill blanks with the letter corresponding to the choices listed above:

- | | |
|--|---|
| (a) Connell Pool & Water Park _____ | (g) Dick Johnson Memorial Tennis Court _____ |
| (b) Community Center _____ | (h) Well #4 Park _____ |
| (c) Pioneer Park _____ | (i) Walking/Bike Path _____ |
| (d) Clark Street Park _____ | (j) Connell Heritage Museum _____ |
| (e) Striker Park _____ | (k) Centennial Disc Golf Course _____ |
| (f) Old Town Park _____ | |

8. How would you rate the number of Connell's Park facilities?

- (a) Too many facilities (b) Not enough parks (c) About the right amount (d) No opinion

9. How accessible are Connell's Park and Recreation facilities?

- (a) Very accessible (b) Difficult to access (c) Somewhat accessible (d) No opinion

10. How would you rate the quality and maintenance of the City's park facilities?

- (a) Very well maintained
(b) Somewhat well maintained
(c) Not very well maintained
(d) Park facilities need major improvements
(e) No opinion

11. How would you rate your satisfaction with Connell's Recreation programs?

- (a) Very satisfied
(b) Somewhat satisfied
(c) Neutral
(d) Somewhat dissatisfied
(e) Very dissatisfied

12. Of the following, circle your top three priorities for Connell Parks & Recreation facilities and programs:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (a) Pool Improvements | (f) Basketball Courts |
| (b) Walking/Bike Trails | (g) Spray/Fountain Water Park |
| (c) Soccer Fields | (h) Community Center Improvements |
| (d) Gardens/Arboretum | (i) Golf Facilities |
| (e) Sculptures/Art | (j) Replace playground equipment |

Other _____

13. Circle the recreation programs you would be most likely to participate in:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (a) Swim Lessons | (f) Concerts in the Park |
| (b) Water Aerobics | (g) Outdoor cinema |
| (c) Baseball/Softball | (h) After school games/activities |
| (d) Aerobics/Zumba | (i) Music/Dance Classes |
| (e) Indoor Basketball/Volleyball | (j) Ceramics/Arts & Crafts |

Other _____

14. Would you be willing to pay higher pool admission fees to fund water park improvements? Yes No

15. Would you be willing to pay higher taxes for park improvements? Yes No

16. If so, how much more would you be willing to pay per year? \$50 \$100 \$150 \$200 \$300



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1. Usted vive en Connell? **Sí** **No**

2. Cuantos años ha vivido en Connell? _____ años

3. Cuantos años tiene? **10-18** **19-30** **31-45** **46-65** **66+**

- 4.Cuál es su origen étnico?
 - (a) Caucásico (d) Asiático/ de islas del Pacifico
 - (b) Afroamericano (e) Nativos Americanos
 - (c) Hispano/Latino

5. Como recibe información sobre de la ciudad de Connell?
 - (a) Franklin County Graphic (d) Boletín de la comunidad (g) Amigos/Vecinos
 - (b) Periódico Tri-City Herald (e) Pagina de web (h) Clubs/Asociaciones
 - (c) City Hall/Community Center (f) Noticias locales en la tele (i) Distrito Escolar

6. Como recibe información sobre los programas de parques y recreación de Connell?
 - (a) Franklin County Graphic (d) Boletín de la comunidad (g) Amigos/Vecinos
 - (b) Tri-City Herald (e) Pagina de web (h) Clubs/Asociaciones
 - (c) City Hall/Community Center (f) Noticias locales en la tele (i) Distrito Escolar

7. Con que frecuencia visitan los lugares anotados abajo usted o miembros de su hogar?

	Diario	Varias veces por semana	Una vez por semana	Varias veces por mes	Una vez por mes	Una o dos veces por año	Rara vez o nunca
Alberca							
Community Center							
Pista de Tenis							
Well Park #4							
Pioneer Park							
Clark Park							
Striker Park							
Old Town Park							
Museo de Connell							
Sendero de bicicletas							
Campo de golf de disco							

8. Cómo calificará la cantidad de parques de Connell?

- (a) Demasiados parques (b) No hay suficientes parques
(c) La cantidad correcta de parques (d) Sin opinión

9. Son accesibles los parques?

- (a) Muy accesible (b) Difícil para acceder (c) Poco accesible (d) Sin opinión

10. Cómo calificará la cantidad y el mantenimiento de los parques de Connell?

- (a) Muy bien mantenidos
(b) Poco mantenidos
(c) No muy mantenidos
(d) Ocupan graves mejoramientos
(e) Sin opinión

11. Cómo calificará su satisfacción con los programas de recreación de Connell?

- (a) Muy satisfecho
(b) Poco satisfecho
(c) Neutral
(d) Poco descontento
(e) Muy descontento

12. Seleccionar tres prioridades para los programas de parques y recreaciones de Connell:

- (a) Mejoramientos de Alberca (f) Cancha de Baloncesto
(b) Senderos de Caminar y Bicicletas (g) Parque de Fuente de Agua
(c) Campo de fútbol (h) Mejoramientos al Community Center
(d) Jardines/Arboreto (i) Cancha de Golf
(e) Esculturas/Arte (j) Reemplazar equipo del patio de recreo

Otro _____

13. Seleccionar los programas de recreación más probables en que usted participará:

- (a) Lecciones de nadar (f) Conciertos en el parque
(b) Aerobics de agua (g) Cine en el parque
(c) Béisbol/Softball (h) Juegos/Actividades después de la escuela
(d) Aerobics/Zumba (i) Clases de música/baile
(e) Baloncesto/Volleyball (j) Cerámica/Artes & Artesanía

Otro _____

14. Estaría dispuesto a pagar más en la entrada de la alberca para financiar mejoramientos? **Sí No**

15. Estaría dispuesto a pagar impuestos para los mejoramientos de los parques? **Sí No**

16. Si es así, cuánto más estaría dispuesto a pagar por año? **\$50 \$100 \$150 \$200 \$300**

Park and Recreation Survey Results 2010

- (1) 87% live in Connell, 13% Outside of Connell
- (2) Average years lived in Connell: 25.6
- (3) Age of those responding to the survey:
- 34% 45-65
 - 28% 31-45
 - 21% 19-30
- (4) Ethnicity: 83% Caucasian, 13% Hispanic
- (5) How do you get information about Connell?
- a. 27% Franklin County Graphic
 - b. 22% Friends/Neighbors
 - c. 12% Community Newsletter
 - d. 10% School District
- (6) How do you get park and recreation information?
- a. 38% Franklin County Graphic
 - b. 32% Friends/Neighbors
 - c. 9% City Hall/Community Center
 - d. 8% Community Newsletter
 - e. 5% City Website
- (7) Frequency of use:
- a. Walking/Bike Path 56% At least once/month
 - b. Pool 52% At least once/month
 - c. Pioneer Park 51% At least once/month
 - d. Community Center 37% At least once/month
 - e. Clark Street Park 30% At least once/month
 - f. Old Town Park 16% At least once/month
 - g. Striker Park 16% At least once/month
 - h. Heritage Museum 13% At least once/month
 - i. Centennial Disk Golf 7% At least once/month
 - j. Tennis Court 7% At least once/month
 - k. Well #4 Park 5% At least once/month
- (8) How would you rate the number of Connell parks?
74% About the right amount of parks
- (9) How accessible are Connell's Park and Recreation facilities? 83% Very accessible
- (10) Park Maintenance
- 47% Somewhat well maintained
 - 36% Very well maintained
- (11) Recreation program satisfaction:
- 37% Neutral
 - 31% Very Satisfied
 - 20% Somewhat Satisfied
- (12) Top 3 Improvement priorities:
- a. Pool Improvements 21%
 - b. Walk/Bike Trails 17%
 - c. Spray Fountain/Water Park 14%
 - d. Replace playground equipment 12%
 - e. Gardens/ Arboretum 9%
 - f. Soccer Fields 8%
 - g. Basketball Courts 7%
 - h. Golf Facilities 6%
 - i. Sculpture/Art 4%
 - j. Community Center 2%
- (13) Recreation Programs most likely to participate in:
- a. Concerts in the Park 21%
 - b. Outdoor Cinema 14%
 - c. Music/Dance Lessons 10%
 - d. Water Aerobics 9%
 - e. Baseball/Softball 8%
 - f. Aerobics/Zumba 8%
 - g. Indoor Basketball/Volleyball 8%
 - h. After School Games/Activities 7%
 - i. Ceramics/Arts & Crafts 7%
 - j. Swim Lessons 7%
 - k. Tennis 2%
- (14) Would you be willing to pay higher pool admission fees to fund water park improvements?
- 65% Yes
 - 29% No
 - 6% Depends
- (15) Would you be willing to pay higher taxes for park improvements?
- 58% Yes
 - 40% No
 - 2% Depends
- (16) If so, how much more would you be willing to pay per year?
- 39% \$50
 - 39% \$100
 - 16% \$150
 - 7% \$200

City of Connell
2011 PARKS & RECREATION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

<u>Record of Process & Documents:</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Date</u>
1. MEMO	Parks Plan	Oct 1 2010
2. MEETING – Oct 5, 2010	Park Board	Oct 5 2010
A. AGENDA	Park Board	Oct 5 2010
B. MINUTES	Park Board	Oct 5 2010
3. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES	City Council	Oct 6 2010
4. TOUR	Park Board	Oct 21 2010
5. NEWS ARTICLE	Franklin Co Graphic	Oct 28 2010
6. OFFICIAL NOTICE	Park Plan Update	Oct 25 2010
7. MEETING – Nov 4, 2010	Park Board	Nov 4 2010
A. AGENDA	Park Board	Nov 4 2010
B. PRESENTATION	Park Photos	Nov 4 2010
C. SURVEY	Results	Nov 4 2010
D. SURVEY	Presentation	Nov 4 2010
E. MINUTES	Park Board	Nov 4 2010
8. DATA	School Enrollment	Nov 23 2010
9. DRAFT COMP PLAN	Version #1	Nov 23 2010
10. MEETING – Nov 30, 2010	Parks Board	Nov 30 2010
A. MEMO	Parks Plan	Nov 29 2010
B. DRAFT COMP PLAN	Version #2	Nov 29 2010
C. AGENDA	Park Board	Nov 30 2010
D. PRESENTATION	Park Board	
Park Location, Acreage & Amenities		Nov 30 2010
E. MINUTES	Park Board	Nov 30 2010
11. DATA	Census & ACS	Dec 27 2010
12. MEETING – Jan 25, 2011	Park Board	Jan 25 2011
OPEN RECORD HEARING		
A. DRAFT COMP PLAN	Version #3	Jan 21 2011
B. AGENDA	Park Board	Jan 25 2011
C. MINUTES	Park Board	Jan 25 2011
13. DRAFT COMP PLAN	Version #4	Jan 26 2011
14. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES	City Council	Feb 2 2011
15. DRAFT COMP PLAN	Version #5	Feb 17 2011
16. DRAFT COMP PLAN	Version #6	Feb 24 2011
17. DRAFT COMP PLAN	Version #7	Feb 24 2011
18. DRAFT COMP PLAN	Version #8	Feb 24 2011
19. MEETING – Feb 24, 2011	Parks Board	Feb 24 2011
A. AGENDA	Park Board	Feb 24 2011
B. MINUTES	Park Board	Feb 24 2011
20. A. DRAFT COMP PLAN	Version #9	Feb 28 2011
B. CAPITAL IMPROV PLAN	Parks & Recreation	Feb 28 2011
21. MEETING – Mar 15, 2011	Parks Board	Mar 15 2011
A. MEMO	Parks Plan Update	Mar 9 2011
B. DRAFT COMP PLAN	Version #10	Mar 15 2011
C. AGENDA	Parks Board	Mar 15 2011
D. MINUTES	Parks Board	Mar 15 2011
22. FINAL DRAFT COMP PLAN	Version #11	Mar 23 2011
23. <u>SENT TO RCO FOR REVIEW</u>	P & R Comp Plan	Mar 29 2011
24. MEETING – Apr 19, 2011	Parks Board	Apr 19 2011
25. CITY COUNCIL HEARING	City of Connell	May 4 2011