



Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting Agenda

June 17, 2026
4:30 PM

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Approval of the 5/20 PRAC minutes
3. **Community Forum**

To provide public testimony, please see instructions below.
4. **Workshop**
 - a. Budget Update
 - b. Clark County Sustainable Parks Funding Team Update
 - c. Playground Replacement Update: Bella Vista, Franklin, Jaggy Road
5. **Commission and Staff Reports**
 - a. Department Director
 - b. Commission Chair

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

Members

Angilo Fletcher, **Vice President**

Jeremy Robbins
Stephen Wille
James Luce
Valerie Striplin
AJ Panter, VPS
Cale Piland, EPS
Jenny Thompson, Parks
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- c. Evergreen School District
- d. Vancouver Public School
- e. Parks Foundation

6. Open Discussion & New Business

Adjournment

Community Forum Instructions

The public is invited to speak regarding any issue. Members of the public testifying are asked to limit testimony to three minutes. There are three ways to provide comments:

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 20, 2026
4:30 p.m.
Marshall Community Center
Oak Room

Commissioners Present:

Fletcher, Luce, Robbins, Striplin

Commissioners Absent:

Thompson, Wille, Piland and Panter

Item 1: Call to Order

Vice Chair Fletcher called the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) regular meeting to order at 4:45p.m. in the Oak Room at Marshall Community Center and online via Microsoft Teams. Commissioners Thompson, Wille, Piland and Panter were absent.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

PRAC approved April 15, 2026, meeting minutes by consensus with no changes.

Item 3: Public Comment

None Presented

Item 4: Workshops

a. Cavaness Acknowledgement

Perlick thanked former commissioner Jaynee Cavaness for her 9 years of service on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission.

Cavaness shared her background and passion for serving parks and libraries, and her legacy for leaving places better than we find them.

Members

Jenny Thompson

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Perlick announced the reappointment of Jenny Thompson (effective 7/30/26) and of James Luce (effective immediately), and the appointment of Terah Ebie (effective 7/30/26).

Ebie thanked Cavaness for her service, and shared about her love for the community and the value of showing up for each other. She has served on nonprofit boards and charter boards, and is a founder of the queer community network.

b. Officer Appointment

A vote was held to appoint a new Chair and for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission.

The following commissioners were nominated for Chair:

- Jenny Thompson (nominated by Angilo Fletcher and Valerie Striplin)
- Angilo Fletcher (nominated by Jeremy Robbins)

Action: Robbins held a motion to appoint Thompson as the new Chair for PRAC. The motion was seconded by Fletcher and unanimously approved.

c. Vancouver Bee Project Update

Kyle Roslund (Vancouver Bee Project) shared an overview of the latest Vancouver findings in the Washington Bee Atlas. Bee atlas sampling has taken place between 2023-2025, with 14 active volunteers in Clark County, and over 150 volunteers statewide. Efforts are active in 29 of 39 counties, involving over 4,000 volunteer hours per year and 75 events per year.

Bee Atlas Sampling:

- 30,000 specimens/year across the state
- Downs Neighborhood Park (100 specimens)
- Campus Community Garden (200 specimens)
- Greenways (200 specimens)
- Port of Vancouver/Clark College/Public Utilities

Volunteer Summary:

- 110 bee species total
 - 8 bumblebee species
 - 14 mining bee species
 - 30 sweat bee species
 - 14 leaf cutter bee species
 - 10 mason bee species
 - 15 parasitic bee species

More information can be found via the Melittoflora map and the Bee Plant Network. Last year, we saw new bee species in Washington for the first time.

The Pollinator Festival will be held on Saturday, June 20th.

d. June Proclamations

Jane Tesner Kleiner (Lower Columbia Nature Network) and Kyle Roslund (Vancouver Bee Project) announced City Council proclamations for June 1, 2026, in partnership with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Ridgefield Complex, and U.S. National Park Service Fort Vancouver National Historic Site.

- 2026 Pollinator Proclamation
- 2026 Great Outdoors Proclamation

We are running a documentary event on June 13th to educate the community about pollinators.

e. Summer Recreation Programming Updates

Brosius and Meade shared an overview of 2026 Recreation updates. Summer recreation is engaging our community through aquatics, water features, camps, playgrounds, fitness for adults and seniors, and community center use.

The community value of summer recreation includes free and fee-based programs with scholarships available. This provides critical childcare for working families when school is out. A variety of locations across the city are available with school partners. Our programs support public health and safety, prioritizing programs for vulnerable and underserved populations.

Day camps are full-day camp programs operated by PRCS staff. These are scholarship eligible, with payment plans available.

Summer Playground Camps are free, outdoor camps operated by PRCS staff. These are provided at no cost to people who live within specified school boundaries, with lunch provided by the USDA Summer Meal Program. Camps are open to ages 6-11. Camps are made possible through support from the McClaskey Family Foundation.

Community Centers are important resources in the community, including ongoing memberships, drop-in visits, Summer Youth Passes, family events, a climbing wall, senior clubs and hikes, and graduation parties and private rentals.

f. Summer Events & Recreational Programming Updates

Erik Miletich (Special Events Supervisor) shared an update on 2026 community events and festivals.

Vancouver Arts & Music Festival:

- Esther Short Park
- August 7-9, 2026
- 2025 Snapshot
 - 40+ performing artists
 - 160+ visual artists
 - 70+ volunteers
 - 40,000+ attendees

America 250

- July 3rd at Fort Vancouver Parade Grounds
- Live music, games, activities, tours, and movie in the park
- Visit Vancouver America250 event listings

Waterfront Concert Series

- July 9, 16, 23, 30
- Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm
- Attendance: 1,500-2,500

Sunday Sounds Concert Series

- July 12 – August 16
- 6 Concerts
- Sundays, 6:30-8:30pm
- Attendance: 3,500

Cultural Partner Events

- Juneteenth Freedom Celebration
 - Esther Short Park
 - June 20th 10am – 3pm
- Dia de Muertos
 - Esther Short Park
 - October 17

Vendors – 40 food vendors applied to participate in our summer events and festivals. 20 different food vendors were selected.

Sponsors – 10 business sponsors; sponsorship revenue has remained steady, currently covering core direct costs (talent, audio services, movie licenses)

g. Clark County Sustainable Parks Funding Team Update

Perlick shared an overview of the latest Countywide Parks Funding team updates. It was found that each Clark County agency that participated is under the national median of parks acres, budget, and FTEs per 1000 residents. Metro Park districts were discussed as a possible funding tool to explore for the countywide system.

A draft task team report on Regional Parks Funding was included in the agenda packet, outlining the task team's objectives and information discussed to meet the needs of our current funding challenges. More exploration is needed, and we will continue to provide more updates from the funding team.

Next steps recommended: hiring a firm to conduct early market research. We will give a presentation to City Council on June 1 and begin communicating with the community as we learn more. An open discussion was held regarding concerns about funding gaps.

Item 5: Commission and Staff Reports

a. Director's Report

Parks: We're getting ready to kick off community engagement for the new park next to VIC on June 1. The first engagement activity will be hosted online from June 1-15. Once the webpage is live, we'll ask you to help share the link and encourage people to go learn about the project, take a virtual tour of the site and respond to our initial survey questions. We'll be hosting our first in-person engagement activity at the site on July 25 so save the date!

Recreation: Our Youth Summer Pass is on sale now at Firstenburg and Marshall. This seasonal pass provides access to both community centers from June 1 through August 31 for one low fee. The cost is \$54 for Vancouver residents and \$68 for non-residents. The pass is open to ages 18 and under. There is more information on our website at cityofvancouver.us/summer-pass.

We are seeking nominations for our 2025-26 Dave Miletich Volunteer Coach of the Year Award. The award is named after a former Recreation Manager and Assistant Director who played a major role in shaping our recreation program as we know it. The award recognizes volunteer coaches who embody compassion, encouragement, selflessness and fun! We're accepting nominations through June 10. More information is available on our website.

Cultural Services: We would appreciate your help spreading the word about our Inspire Vancouver Info Sessions. These are great opportunities for people who are interested in the grant program to learn more and connect with other organizations and individuals who are doing this work. Each of the sessions we've had so far has raised interesting questions and led to great discussions. You can find information on the Inspire Vancouver website at inspirevancouver.org and share on social media through Inspire Vancouver Instagram or LinkedIn pages.

The Pollinator Festival will take place on June 20th at Marshall Park.

b. Chair Report

None presented.

c. Evergreen School District Report

None presented.

d. Vancouver Public School Report

None presented.

e. Parks Foundation Report

None presented.

Item 11: Open Discussion & New Business

No new business.

ADJOURNED

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13pm



PRCS 2027-2028 Biennial Budget Introduction

David Perlick

Katherine Stokke

June 17, 2026



Agenda

- Overview of Budget Process
- Forecast & structural deficit
- Values and approach for PRCS
- Role of PRAC
- Discussion



City Budget Introduction

High level overview of the process and expectations:

- The City budgets on a biennial/2-year basis; we are preparing the budget request for 2027 and 2028
- Operating and capital requests are included
- Capital includes a number of dedicated available revenues
- Operating is generally supported by the City's general fund
- There is a projected deficit in the biennium
- The current process does NOT include request for reduction packages



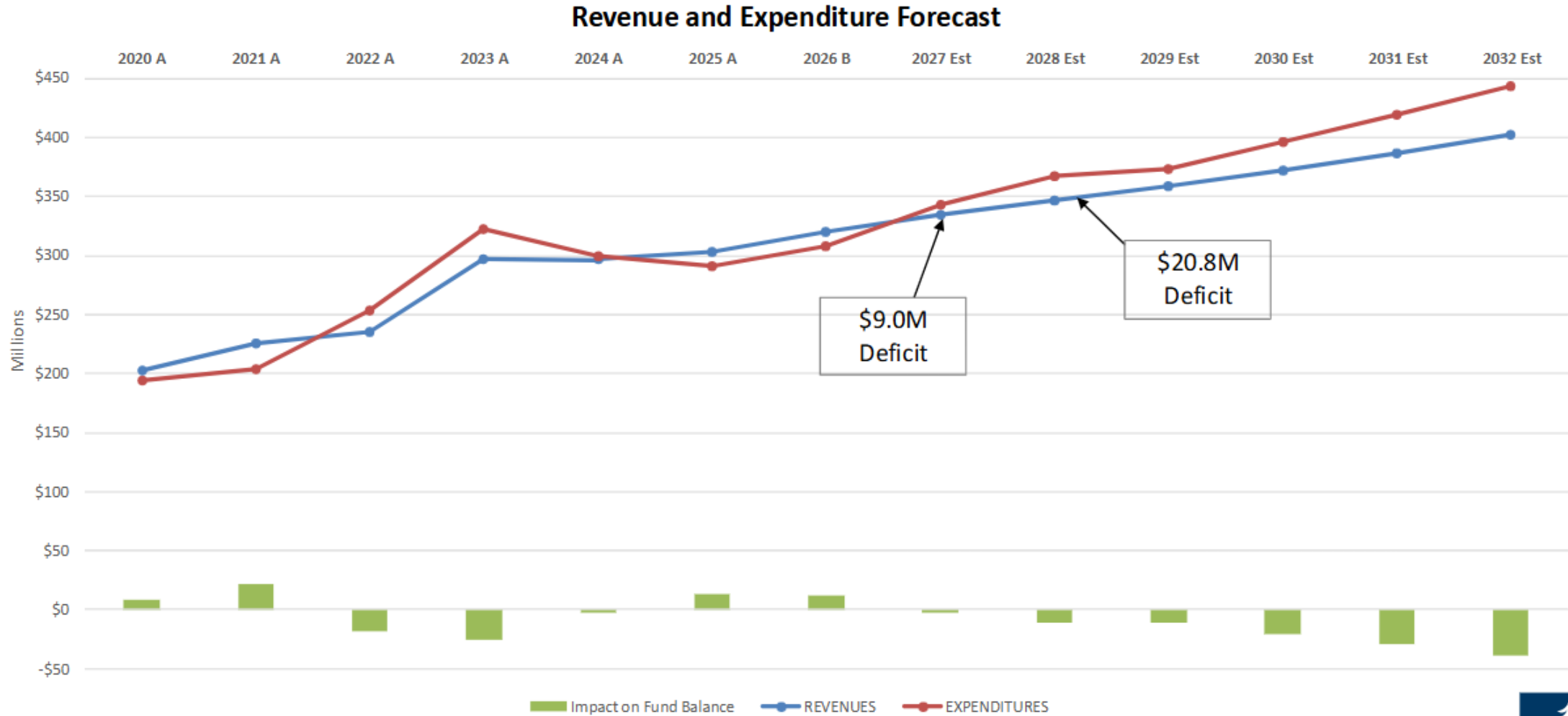
Budget Process Overview

Key process steps and presentation dates:

- Budget prioritization process NEW – Submitted in May
- Operating and capital budget submission – July 12
- Oct 1 – City Manager Recommended Budget Published
- Oct 12 – City Council Operating Budget Workshop
- Oct 26 – City Council Capital Budget Workshop
- Nov 2 – City Council 1st Reading – Biennium Budget
- Nov 16 – City Council Public Hearing and Adoption of Biennium Budget

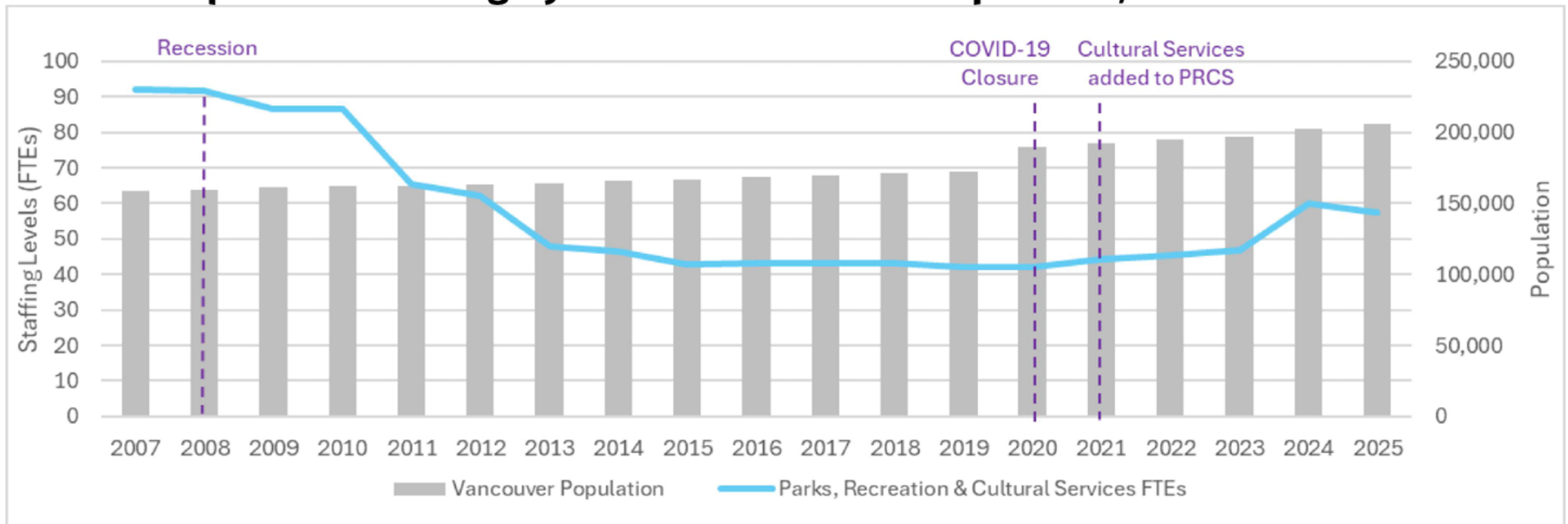


2027-2032 General, Street, & Fire Funds Forecast



The first set of measures focuses on full time equivalent positions in the department (FTE). These numbers are very consistently reported over time. The table below shows that department staffing has been reduced by 35.5 FTEs despite population growth of over 47,000 residents in that time period. This is a **reduction of 37.5% in department FTEs from 2007-2025**.

Full Time Equivalent Staffing by Year and Vancouver Population, 2007-2025



Budget Prioritization Process

- City Events
- Community Event Permitting
- Inspire Vancouver
- Arts hub
- Volunteer Program
- Major Park Development
- Playground Replacement Program
- Parks Capital Repair
- Parks Acquisition
- Parks Planning and Funding
- Parks Reservations and Parking
- Firstenburg Community Center
- Marshall Community Center
- Aquatics Programming
- Youth and Teen Programming
- Fitness and Adult Programming
- Free & Subsidized Programs
- Historic Reserve & Historic Trust Management



PRCS Values and Approach

Initial thoughts on development of the budget proposal:

- Optimize available general fund/"baseline" to cover existing core services
- Live within existing FTE count and adjust to meet emerging needs
- Holding some current vacancies
- Targeted requests aligned with City Council priorities
- Optimize capital revenues to deliver existing projects
- Request funds for significant capital maintenance and repair
- Be prepared for targeted service reductions to address deficit
- Consider capacity needed to plan for new funding opportunities and annexation



Suggested Role of PRAC

Opportunities to impact the process:

- Discuss feedback on overall approach today
- Update at July meeting to review initial budget submission
- Monitor City Council budget presentations
- Community forums
- Testify to Council
- PRAC position or letter
- Work on dedicated funding options



Discussion



Parks: Regional Funding Task Team

Clark County Public Works - Parks and Nature Division

June 1, 2026



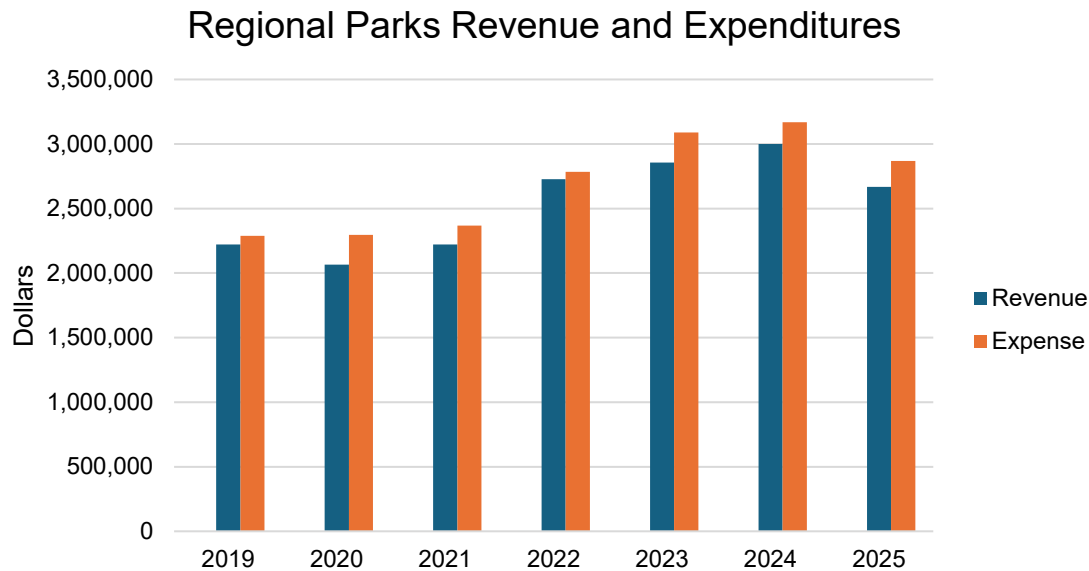
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- Summary of Needs
- National Benchmarking
- Funding Models Comparison
- Recommended Next Steps



Summary of Needs – Clark County

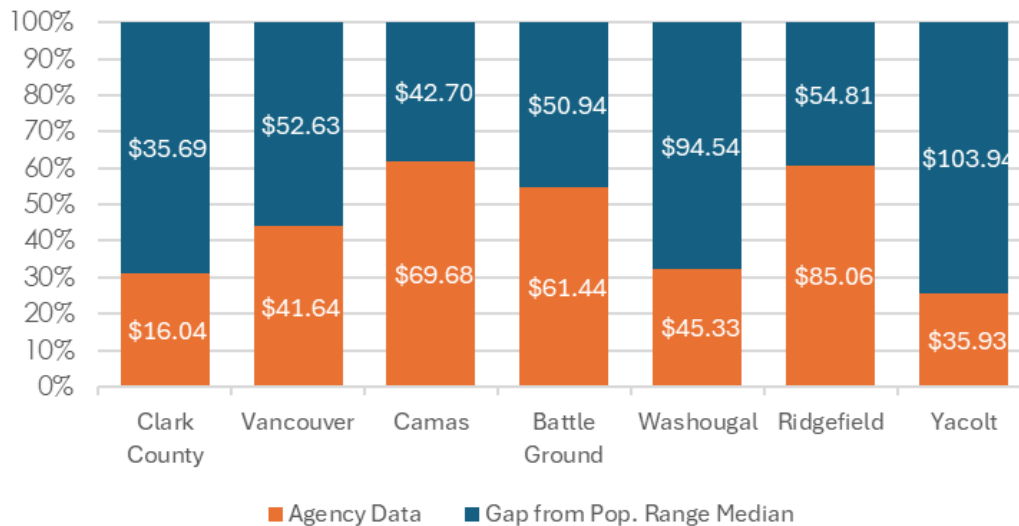
- Clark County parks system is not meeting its existing needs due to a lack of available funding, rising costs, and rapid population growth.
- For the past 5 years, the County has had to use reserve funds just to cover the basic services at our Regional Parks.



National Benchmarking – Regional Expenditures

Parks Operating Expenditures Per Capita

Median values: \$51.73 \$94.27 \$112.38 \$112.38 \$139.87 \$139.87 \$139.87



All park systems are below the national median for operating expenditures of similar populations.

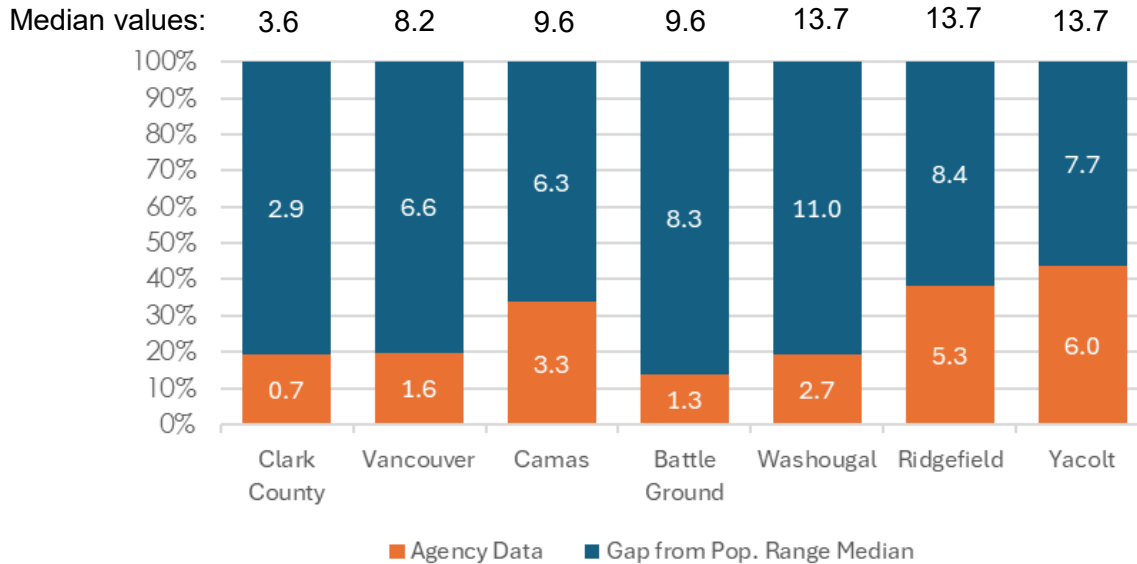


Each park system compared their metrics to the national median for communities of their size. Park system data are plotted in orange and the gap to meet the national median is plotted in navy blue.



National Benchmarking – Regional FTEs

Full Time Employees per 10,000 residents



All park systems are below the national median for full time employees (FTE) per 10,000.

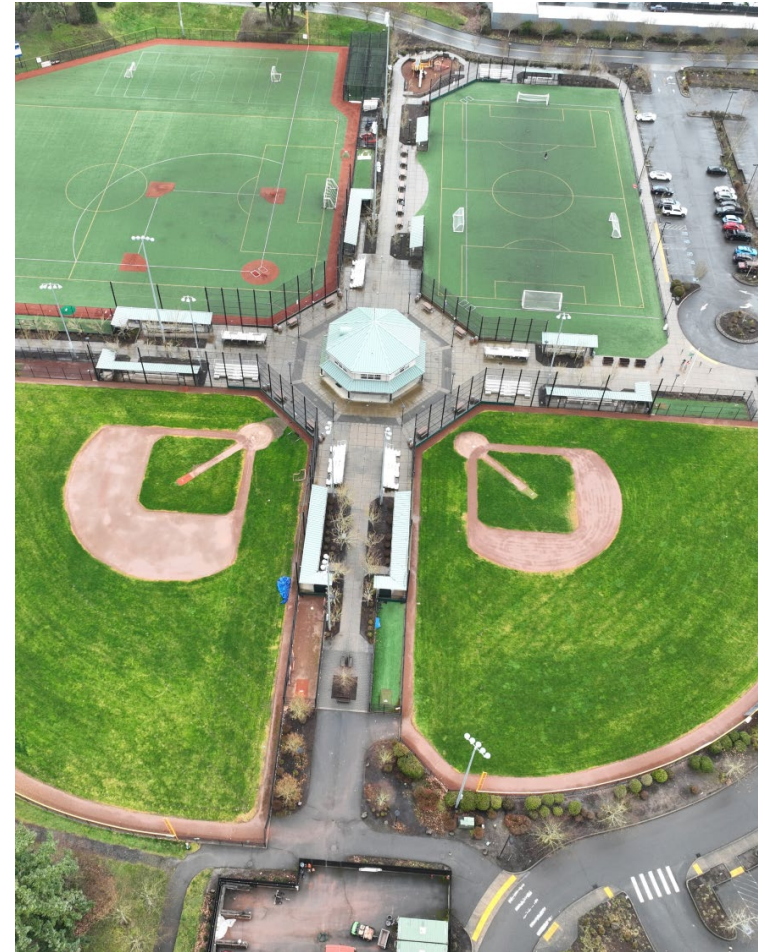


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Future Needs

- County expected to grow 34% over the next 20 years
- Parks systems need to grow to match these needs

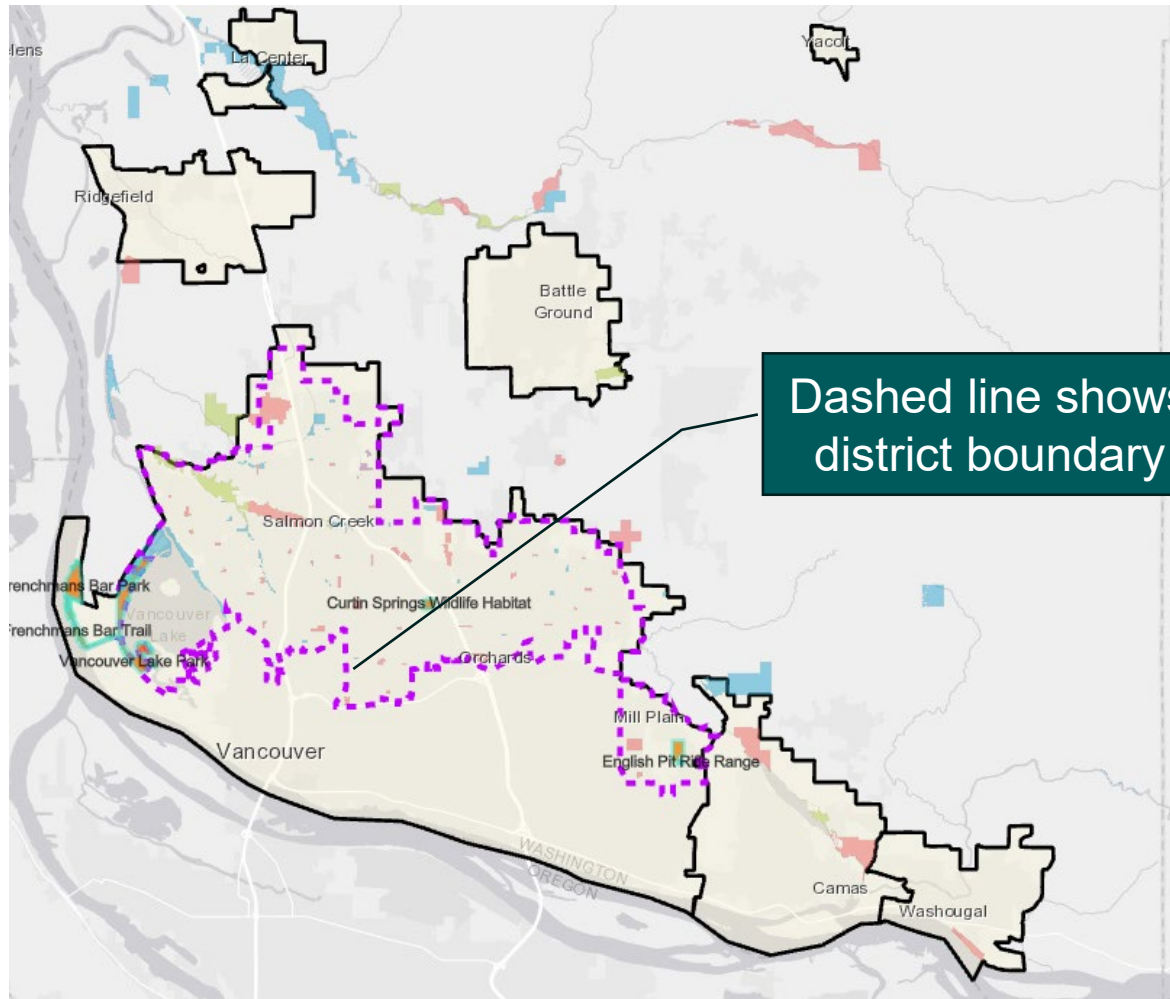


Funding Models Comparison

	Metropolitan Parks District - funding structure	Regional Levy (county-wide)
Requires voter-designated boundary	●	
Funds cannot leave district	●	
Permanent levy	●	Voter renewal required
Board/Council oversight	●	●
Potential for shared revenue	●	●
Potential for shared resources	●	●
Funds can be used for operations (both parks and recreational services) and capital	●	●



Existing MPD: Greater Clark Park District



Dashed line shows district boundary



RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. **Conducting market research** to provide the data, feasibility evaluations, and **conducting public education** and other preparatory work needed for County Council to make a decision on a potential future ballot measure.
2. **Determining viability and process** for adopting either funding mechanism by conducting formal legal reviews.
3. **Developing a framework for revenue sharing** by directing county staff to continue to work with city representatives so that city park providers can also benefit from a potential revenue source dedicated to parks.



Next Steps

- Do you feel the process will provide the appropriate information for further Council consideration?
- What specific information will be helpful for your decision-making?





Franklin & Bella Vista Play Equipment Replacement Update

Terry Snyder, Park Development Manager

June 17, 2026

Franklin Park Play Equipment Replacement

- 12-acre park serves the Fruit Valley and Northwest neighborhoods.
- Play Equipment Installed in 2007.
- Poor condition. It does not meet current ADA standards and will become a safety concern if it is not replaced.
- Budget: \$500,000 is focused on replacing the play equipment and may included adding a few other amenities and improving accessibility.





Franklin Park Play Equipment– Survey Questions

- What are the ages of the children in your household who use the play equipment?
 - If the children in your household don't use the play equipment at Franklin Park, please tell us why.
 - What other park or playground have you visited that you particularly like? Please describe what you like about it.
- What type of equipment is your favorite?
 - What other items would you like us to consider adding to the park to make it more comfortable?
 - Which playground theme would you like to see at Franklin Park.



Play Equipment Theming

Views and Vistas – Tall Towers, Platforms and Rope Climbers



Sky's the Limit – Planes, Hot Air Ballons, Gliders and Motion

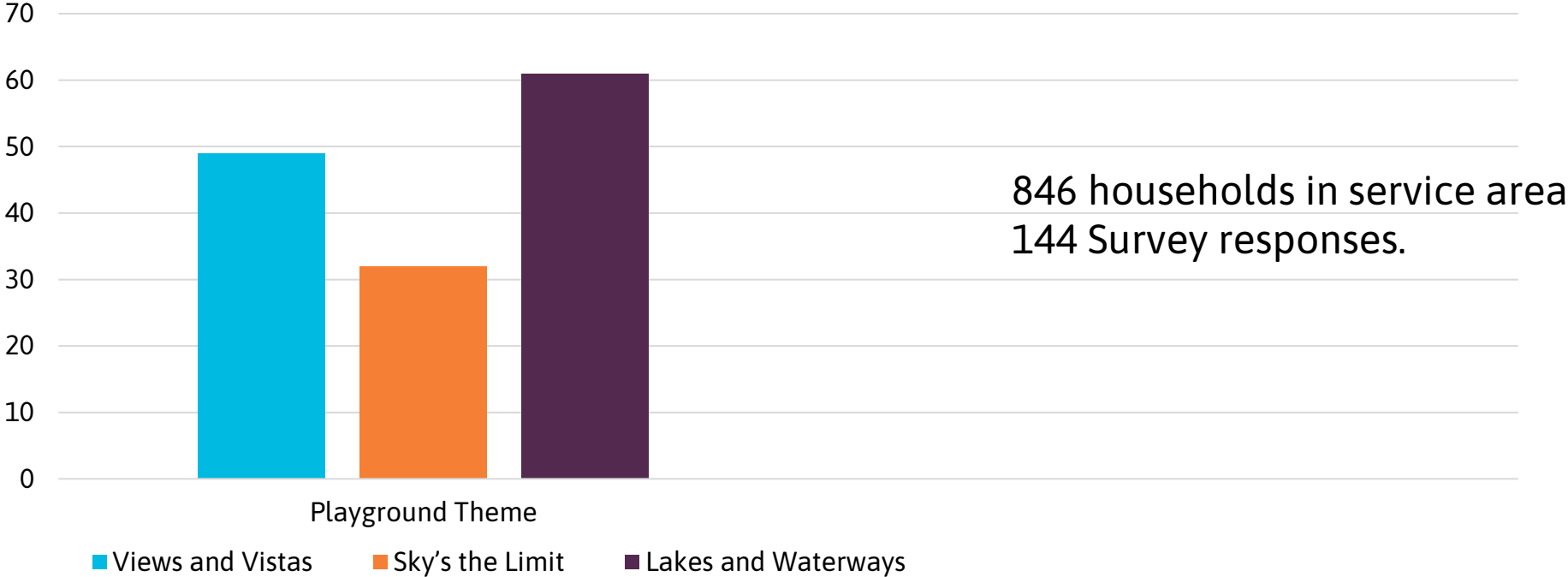


Lakes and Waterways –
Frogs, Fish and Slides

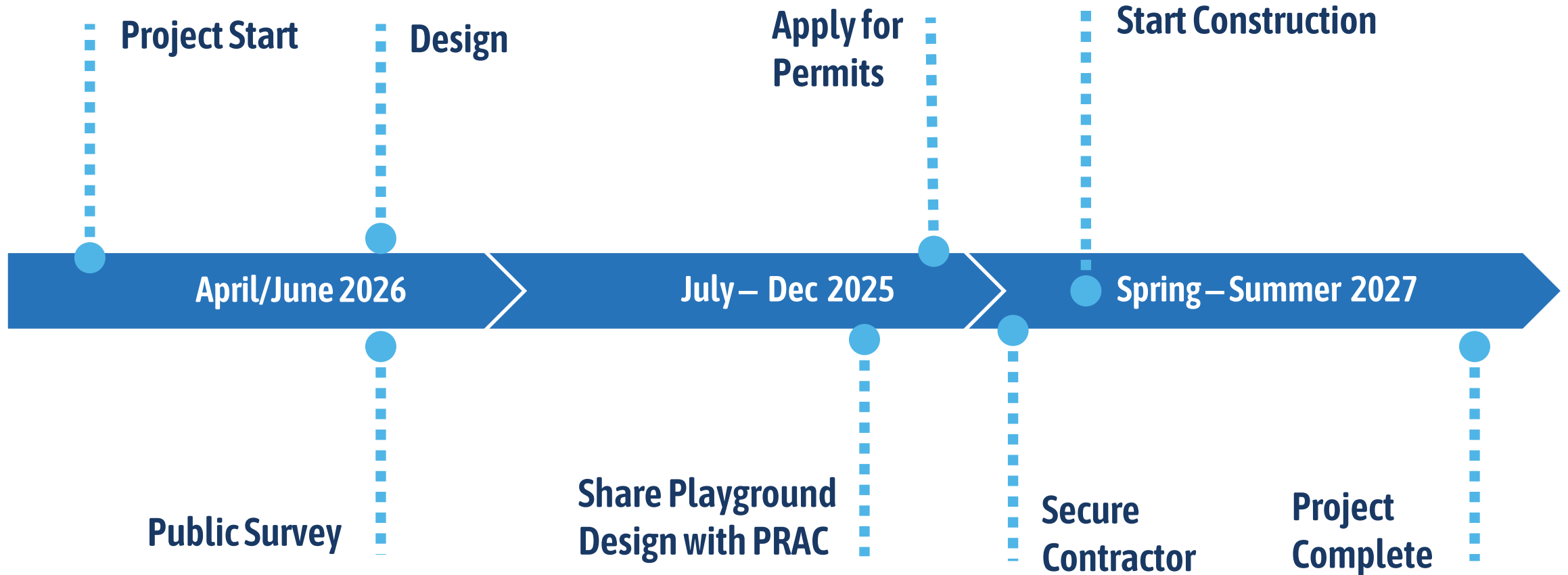


Franklin Park Play Equipment Survey Results

Playground theme votes



Franklin Park Play Equipment Replacement Timeline



ARPA Improvements Timeline



Questions & Discussion



Bella Vista Park Play Equipment Replacement

- 5.3-acre park serves the serves the Bella Vista neighborhood in east Vancouver.
- Play Equipment Installed in 1999.
- Poor condition. It does not meet current ADA standards and will become a safety concern if it is not replaced.
- Budget: \$500,000 is focused on replacing the play equipment and may included adding a few other amenities and improving accessibility.



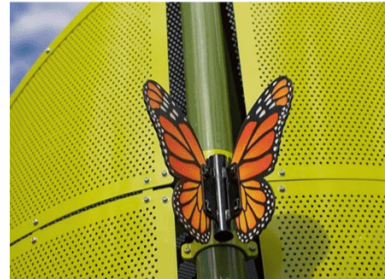
Bella Vista Park Play Equipment – Survey Questions

- What are the ages of the children in your household who use the play equipment?
 - If the children in your household don't use the play equipment at Bella Vista Park, please tell us why.
 - What other park or playground have you visited that you particularly like? Please describe what you like about it.
- What type of equipment is your favorite?
 - What other items would you like us to consider adding to the park to make it more comfortable?
 - Which playground theme would you like to see at Bella Vista Park.



Play Equipment Theming

Insects and Bugs– Flying Insects, Crawling Bugs, Spiderwebs, Leaves



Fantasy Forest– Mushrooms, Whimsical, Fantastical Creatures

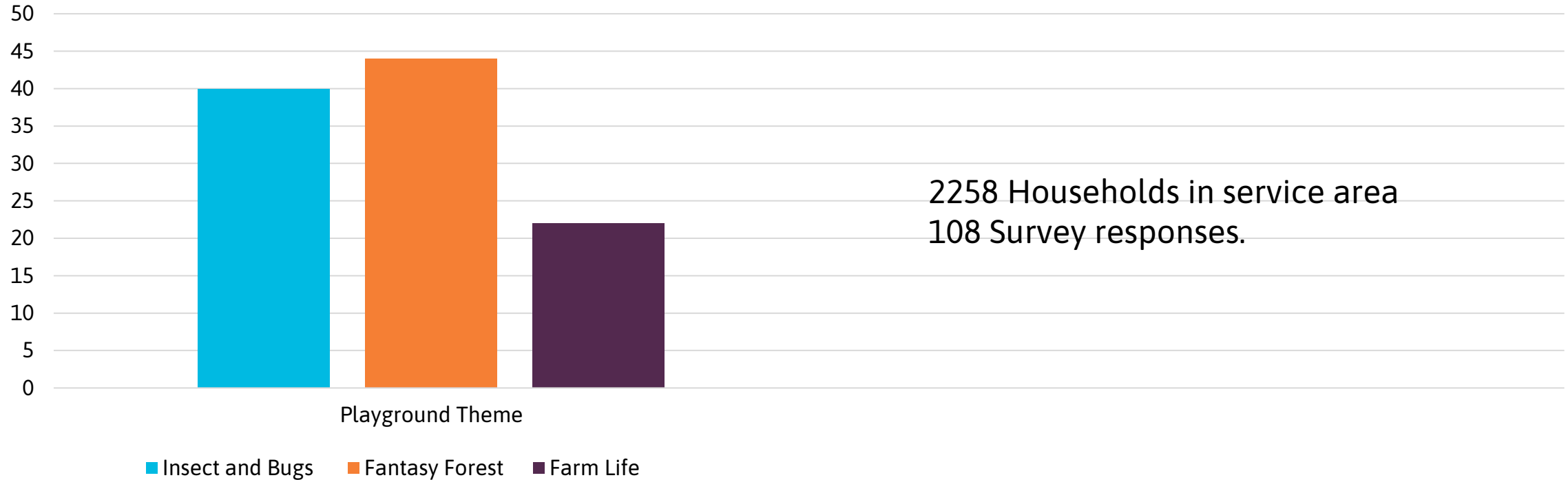


Farm Life →

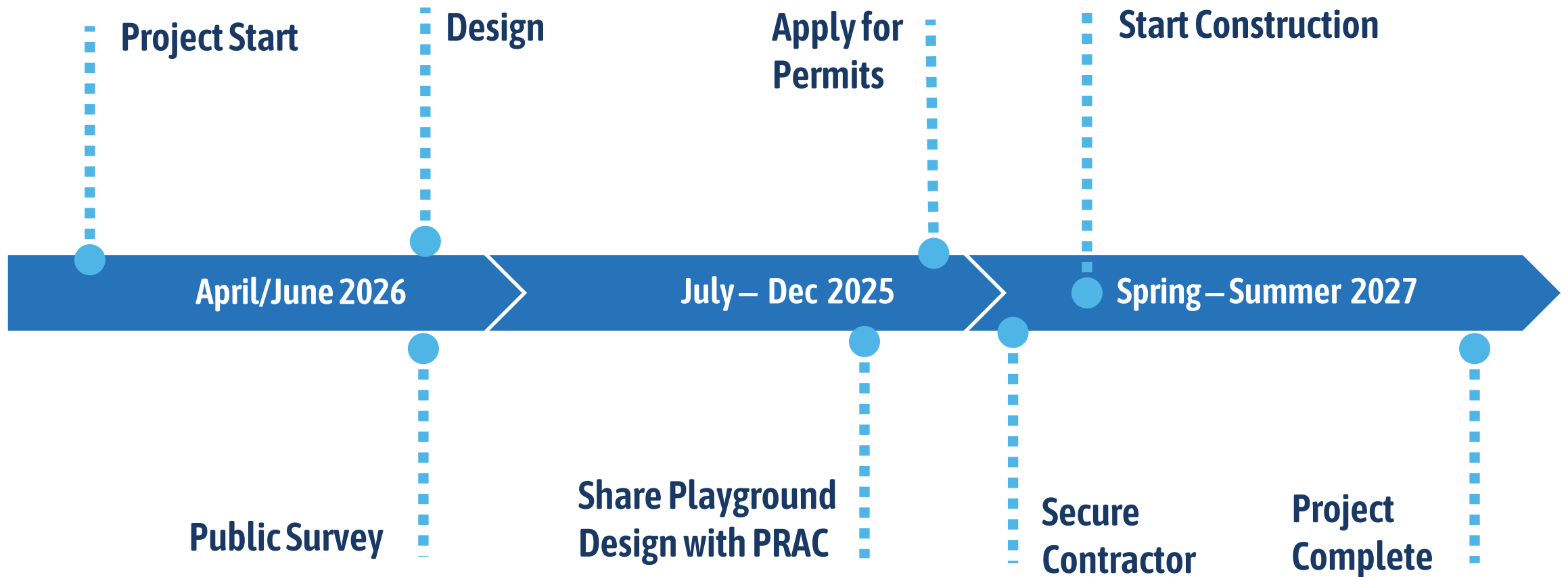


Bella Vista Park Play Equipment Survey Results

Playground theme votes



Bella Vista Park Playground Replacement Timeline



ARPA Improvements Timeline



Questions & Discussion

