

Guiding Principles

I think recreation can be indoor and defined as affordable, accessible meeting places for quilting groups, knitting groups, photography clubs plus meeting places for AA or “mommy and me” groups.

Restructuring, remodeling what we already have and making parks more sustainable. There are a lot of areas in town that are not used to the fullest extent and could be rethought or replanned.

Save money with better management and less environmental impact.

Define accessibility as how easily folks can physically get to individual parks and also how usable park features are for folks once they get there.

Differentiate between “sustainable” park features with regard to cost and upkeep compared to climate change concerns.

Strategies

Strategies should be built around what is easiest fast and economically feasible. Also, what is most important highest impact on the community most diverse need should be met first.

Try to combine features and use goals for more than one “need.” Example: expand greenbelts and include less “developed” areas and exercise equipment.

Project Prioritization

1. Dog Parks – 1st priority
 - Two egresses from each park
 - Well-lit
 - Restrooms
 - Fenced
2. Community Places – Meeting rooms
 - Sewing groups
 - Senior meeting
 - Girls & Boy Scouts, etc.
3. Community Gardens
4. Skate Park
5. Undeveloped Spaces

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1. Community Meeting Spaces
 2. Dog Park
 3. Develop natural features
 4. Neighborhood park upgrades
 5. Expand greenbelts

Other

Because “open space” is important to people in Davis, and “open space” areas can be used for recreation activities, it may be a good idea to include language in the plan that describes how the Open Space (Commission, Plan, Staff) will work with the Parks (Commission, Plan, Staff).

Actually the plan should say how Parks will work with Open Space.