

Appendix E

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARIES

PUBLIC INPUT EVENTS	
<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Stakeholder Interviews	June 28-29, 2006
Public Workshop #1	September 14, 2006
Public Workshop #2	November 16, 2006
City Council & Park Board Presentation	March 27, 2007

A major component of the planning and consensus building process was public involvement and input. In addition to a Public Opinion Survey, three different venues were utilized during the master planning process. These included Stakeholder Interviews, Public Workshop #1 and Public Workshop #2. The final Master Plan was also presented to a joint meeting of the Board of Alderman and Park and recreation Commission, which the public was invited to attend on March 27, 2007. PROS Consulting also completed a two day recreational programming and organization review

with staff and City representatives. This Appendix includes summaries from the first two events.

Comments received after Public Workshop #2, were reviewed and considered by the Working Committee and incorporated into the final plan where deemed appropriate.

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June 28, 2006
Ice Rink Groups

- 1 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are positive elements?**
Staff is very easy to work with.
Public skating hours are well balanced against group rental hours.
- 2 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are negative elements?**
Sometime staff didn't show up. This has not happened recently.
Zamboni is not very reliable, and breaks down often.
Parking and drop-off is a big problem, especially since metered parking spaces along Brentwood Blvd. have been removed.
Length of outdoor skating season seems to be getting shorter each year.
- 3 What are your top priorities for improving the Clayton Parks and Recreation System?**
Run the rink as a business.
- 4 Identify the top three parks within the Clayton Park system that you use and what improvements would you like to see made to them?**
Shaw Park
- 5 What could be done to better meet your recreation needs?**
Keep the rink the way it is. It's the last outdoor rink in the area.
- 6 Miscellaneous**
Good place for recreational skater, or beginner.
Rink only has basic changing facilities. It is what it is.
Rink is mostly utilized with some open time still available.
Rink is used by hockey organizations for practice only. Not suited for official games.
Rinks character is its strength. Many people have great memories of using the facility in the past.
Typical rink hours are 7 am-11 pm, mostly used from noon-11 pm.

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Clayton Shaw Park (CSP) Swim Team

1 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are positive elements?

Maintenance is good at both the indoor and outdoor facilities.

2 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are negative elements?

Parking is not a problem early in the morning, but it is a problem when meets are held in the early evening such as at 5:30 pm.
Not enough pool water, especially organized time.

3 What are your top priorities for improving the Clayton Parks and Recreation System?

Would like to see an appreciation for the diversity of interests people have, and an effort to work together and be supportive of each other.

4 Identify the top three parks within the Clayton Park system that you use and what improvements would you like to see made to them?

Shaw Park

5 What could be done to better meet your recreation needs?

Heater in Shaw Park Pool would expand season on both ends. May 1 till October 1.
Need lane lines on the bottom of the dive tank.

6 Miscellaneous

CSP has approximately 400 members, and includes 17 coaches.

Season is 12 months long, and occurs both indoors and outdoors.

Biggest conflict times are after school in the winter due to high school swim teams.

CSP utilizes the following facilities: Shaw Park Pool, Maplewood Pool, MICDS, Westminster Christian Academy, Ladue High School, and the Center of Clayton.

Water time for CSP is broken down in the following ways: Training, Competitions, and Summer League.

Summer League includes training and several small meets at both Maplewood Pool and Shaw Park Pool.

CSP sponsored competitive events include: December Meet (1 day @ the Center:5-12 yr olds) and June Meet (3 days @ Shaw Park:5 yr olds-College age).

5:30 am is prime time for swim training.

Program was a program part of the Clayton Parks and Rec Department until it became a club in 1980.

CSP includes 4 yr olds through adult masters programs.

Cost of program pays for 75% of coaches time plus rental for water time.

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Tennis Clubs

1 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are positive elements?

Staff is very cooperative and supportive.

Staff attitude is a shining light in the Clayton Park System.

Courts kept open all year whenever possible.

Attendants nice, but sometimes seem passive.

2 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are negative elements?

Courts were poorly rehabbed. Should have been done better. Already showing cracks.

No convenient backboard without disrupting play.

Lighting is too low. Lighting is blinding when playing lob shots.

Parking and access is difficult at night. Often users have to walk through the park at night to get to courts.

3 What are your top priorities for improving the Clayton Parks and Recreation System?

Add shade around courts. Trees which provided shade have been removed.

4 Identify the top three parks within the Clayton Park system that you use and what improvements would you like to see made to them?

Shaw Park

5 What could be done to better meet your recreation needs?

Continue to serve senior tennis clubs, and not eliminate them or force them out.

Add additional facilities which support the social aspects of tennis such as areas for food, or other activities. See what 5 Seasons Development has done at other courts.

6 Miscellaneous

2-3 pros are associated with the tennis center for lessons.

Gateway tennis contracts and pays for court time at the Clayton Tennis Center.

No benefit to being a resident. Courts need to be reserved.

Cost is \$50 per season.

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Administrative Staff

1 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are positive elements?

- Level of community involvement.
 - Family oriented.
 - Safe environment.
 - Wide range of activities and programs.
 - Member (Center of Clayton) communication has greatly improved.
 - Web presence much improved.
- 2 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are negative elements?**
- High expectations.
 - Some outdoor facilities need updating such as tennis center and rink.
 - Rink should be enclosed to promote year round use.
 - All facilities should have the same infrastructure including computer network access, and card scanning ability, and money input.
 - Web site lacks information for outdoor facilities.
 - Can't sign up for lessons/programs at remote sites.
 - Many policies are mainstreamed and not consistent, including rate disparities. (i.e. corporate memberships at Center vs. Pool).
 - Access points are a problem at all facilities.
 - Joint use of center causes some conflicts.

3 What are your top priorities for improving the Clayton Parks and Recreation System?

- Control of the Center as a whole. People entering under false pretenses.
- Link doors are a big problem for controlling access.

4 Identify the top three parks within the Clayton Park system that you use and what improvements would you like to see made to them?

- All parks lack parking, especially for special events.

5 What could be done to better meet your recreation needs?

- Time clock for part time employees. Timesheets currently require more effort than necessary.

6 Miscellaneous

- Cash input points:

- Shaw Park Pool (Admission-On Network) (Concession-Off Network)
- Rink Cashier (On Network)
- Tennis Center (Off Network)
- Center (On Network)

Parking problems:

- Bad during school year, especially if program in early in the morning.
- Events like Taste of Clayton cause the Center to physically demarcate parking spaces.

Other issues (Related to the Center):

- Student supervision.
- Scheduling of facilities and rooms.
- Disruption of users.
- Need to respect users of all areas.

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June 28, 2006
Parks Crew

1 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are positive elements?

Parks are very heavily used.
Athletic Fields are hardest used within the parks.

2 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are negative elements?

Old plumbing at Oak Knoll restrooms.
Mechanical equipment is more dependable and easier to maintain than automatic.
No place to park in Shaw Park.
Things are hard to find in Shaw Park.

3 What are your top priorities for improving the Clayton Parks and Recreation System?

Take more precautions to protect athletic fields.
Provide recovery time between special events.
Be proactive and less reactive with regard to maintenance practices and operations.

4 Identify the top three parks within the Clayton Park system that you use and what improvements would you like to see made to them?

Top Improvements:
-Corporate tent should be a permanent structure.
-Corporate tent should have it's own Comfort Station.
Restroom improvements:
-Heaters in Comfort Stations need replacement.
-Oak Knoll Comfort Station needs a heater.
Hanley House needs new water heater.

5 What could be done to better meet your recreation needs?

Lacking necessary equipment to perform work.
- Manlift (for painting).
-Leaf vac.
-Dump trucks.
-Bucket trucks.
-Pickup trucks (All should be 4x4).
Provide place for walkers instead of service roads.

6 Miscellaneous

Oak Knoll Park is the home base of park maintenance operations.
Many times staff needs to borrow equipment from Public Works staff are left without transportation when vehicles are needed by Public Works.
Biggest misuse is special events.
No time after events for parks to recover.
Trucks cause compaction when they leave designated roads.
No control of park users, need rangers.

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June 28, 2006
Chamber of Commerce

1 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are positive elements?

Parks always clean.
Parks are safe, and user friendly.
Lots of things to do in parks and programs to participate in.
Special Events.

2 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are negative elements?

No dog park.
No nice walking trail in Shaw Park.
Consider additional events.

3 What are your top priorities for improving the Clayton Parks and Recreation System?

Designated park for dogs.
Walking trail through Clayton connecting parks.
Additional water features.
More electrical pedestals in Shaw Park.

4 Identify the top three parks within the Clayton Park system that you use and what improvements would you like to see made to them?

Top events: Taste of Clayton, and JazzFest.

5 What could be done to better meet your recreation needs?

Improve accessibility for events.
The Center of Clayton needs to keep up with current trends.
Would like events like Parties in the Park to be more visible from the road.

6 Miscellaneous

Clayton is judged on the special events it hosts and the caliber of them.

Special events:

-Parties in the Park.

-K-9 Classic.

-Corporate Challenge.

-Taste of Clayton.

-JazzFest.

Goal of special events=Keep people in Clayton longer.

The Chamber has donated things in the past such as a room in The Center, art, and playgrounds.

Not many complaints are heard about the Park System.

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Water Polo and Diving

1 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are positive elements?

Well maintained.
Facilities are made available.
Great diving venue. Lots of events have been sponsored in the past.

2 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are negative elements?

No decent locker rooms, inadequate ventilation-always wet.
Locker rooms in the Center are too small.
Passive ventilation to control temperature.
Thermal blankets to control temperature, extend season, and keep pool clean.
No 3-meter boards at indoor pool. Pool could not accommodate these diving boards in the future.
Associated diving equipment is not accommodated on the pool deck at Shaw Park Pool as it was in the past.

3 What are your top priorities for improving the Clayton Parks and Recreation System?

Would like to host a premier diving event, maybe back to back with Senior Nationals.
Clayton needs a skateboard park.

4 Identify the top three parks within the Clayton Park system that you use and what improvements would you like to see made to them?

5 What could be done to better meet your recreation needs?

Don't increase the fees. If they increase, Water Polo Club and Diving Club will be forced to move Lindbergh High School.

6 Miscellaneous

Shaw Park Pool is unusable for water polo games due to depth. Dive tank is used for Polo games.
Both the Water Polo Club and Diving Club operate all year, at different pools.
Water Polo Club practices at Lindbergh H.S, Washington University, Marquette H.S., and St. Peters Rec Plex, which is also were the Diving Club practices.
Water Polo Club hosts the longest running tournament at Shaw Park Pool, the 3rd week in July.
The Diving Club includes the following teams: Summer Team (15-30 people) Beginner/Intermediate (15-30 people), and the Municipal Team (16 people)

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Teens

- 1 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are positive elements?**
Shaw Park Pool
 - 2 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are negative elements?**
Very hard to program for teens, they want to be spontaneous, and lose interest in structured activities.
 - 3 What are your top priorities for improving the Clayton Parks and Recreation System?**
Outdoor adventure program supply equipment and go on trip.
 - 4 Identify the top three parks within the Clayton Park system that you use and what improvements would you like to see made to them?**
 - 5 What could be done to better meet your recreation needs?**
Flowrider.
Teen directory that includes family and teens.
 - 6 Miscellaneous**
Teens sometimes suggest activities, but never attend.
Loose interest in programs very fast.
Clayton has a Youth Advisory Council to address teens needs, but seldom attended.
Typical teen activities which have been sponsored in the past: Skating night, movie night.
- NOTE: Stakeholder interview included only teen advisor.

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Adult Sport Captains

- 1 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are positive elements?**
The staff who run leagues do a terrific job. They are all about the participants.
Hotline works very well.
Facilities are in good shape.
- 2 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are negative elements?**
Lots of small rocks in the infield (#6 is the worst) are dangerous.
Umpires don't have a sense of community, run games based tournament rules. Would like more consistent umpires.
- 3 What are your top priorities for improving the Clayton Parks and Recreation System?**
Would like to play "fall ball", but fields are needed for soccer. "Fall ball" is typically from August to mid October.
Could move season back into April.
A website to better update players of scores and standings in a timely manner.
- 4 Identify the top three parks within the Clayton Park system that you use and what improvements would you like to see made to them?**
Start games at 6:15 instead of 6:00 pm.
- 5 What could be done to better meet your recreation needs?**
Field 1 and 2 sometimes tight on space. More consistent rules are needed for these fields.
Website is not user friendly. It is cumbersome and takes a long time to load.
- 6 Miscellaneous**
All leagues are doubleheaders except for Co-Ed leagues.
Fields 1,2,5 and 6 are used for softball play.
Field 5 is especially popular because of "reachable" fence. Would like a "reachable" fence for Field #6.
Season is 22 games long (11 double headers)
Players would like "round robin" tournament at the end of the season.
Fields dry moderately well.
Many times park maintenance crew does not work on the fields, Rec staff does.
No softball is scheduled on the High School Field.

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June 29, 2006
High School Coaches

1 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are positive elements?

Programs which brings kids together.
Center of Clayton is able to be used for indoor practices (except tennis).

2 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are negative elements?

Not enough facilities.
Sharing w/ High School causes conflicts.
Conflicts especially with tennis due to fact that some courts must remain open for public use.
Ice rink is a waste. Why do we have it? It is only used for a very short time in the winter. Facility should be used year round for something.
Parking is inadequate. Sometimes parking is unavailable.
Difficult to drop equipment/balls at tennis center.
Drop off/turn around for kids is needed.
JazzFest damages fields during the summer, and fields never recover for fall season. By mid fall, fields are always wet and muddy. Field #7 often has standing water.

3 What are your top priorities for improving the Clayton Parks and Recreation System?

Need to determine who has priority on certain facilities at specific times.
Tennis courts need to be resurfaced. They do not drain, and will not dry. Forest Park courts should be the standard for court renovations in Clayton.
Remove trees which overhang the courts.
Circulation does not work around the Tennis Center. No way to bring ball carts directly out to courts without going over steps.

4 Identify the top three parks within the Clayton Park system that you use and what improvements would you like to see made to them?

Shaw Park.

5 What could be done to better meet your recreation needs?

Gate at Shaw Park Drive has been locked which makes unloading at the Tennis Center difficult.
Add concessions at Tennis Center Building.
Add parking at Tennis Center Building.

6 Miscellaneous

Why redo fields and allow JazzFest to use it and damage it?
High School teams have a high rate of participation due to no cut policy, all courts and fields need to be dedicated at certain times to accommodate school age users.
No long-term plan for the fields.
Soccer: 3 boys teams use fields in Shaw Park, 4 girls teams use fields at Gay. Need 1/2 a field per team.
Want to make sure improvements to fields will last longer.
When planning improvements, don't do it "on the cheap", do it right the first time.
Sometimes coaches and parents have had to make repairs on the fields themselves.

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June 29, 2006
Youth Sport Captains

1 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are positive elements?

Shaw Park is great, still the same after all these years.
Upgrades to playgrounds and Ice Rink are good.
Youth sports are very inclusive.
Activities at The Center.
Fees are reasonable.
Coaches and assistant coaches children are free.

2 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are negative elements?

Tennis Courts are not good for competitive play.
Fields are a mixed bag from a competition point of view.
Competitive Pool not so good. Would have preferred a leisure pool.
Space is tight in The Center.

3 What are your top priorities for improving the Clayton Parks and Recreation System?

Play more games, and have more practice time.
Add lights to fields at Wydown Middle School.
Field conditions should be a high priority.

4 Identify the top three parks within the Clayton Park system that you use and what improvements would you like to see made to them?

Shaw Park

5 What could be done to better meet your recreation needs?

Better referees, and more teaching referees.
Improve lighting control at the Tennis Courts-Strobe flashes when light go off. Would prefer them on till 11:00 PM than on a timer.
Ice Rink seems to be getting used less, maybe cover with a bubble, or use as a basketball court, but it does need to remain.
Wydown Middle School fields need to be improved.
Team picture should be taken earlier, and returned quicker, especially during summer.
Uniforms should include a shirt and shorts.
Eliminate trophies.
Run sports programs like a business, update the hotline.
Need "go to" person at the front desk in afternoons for sports related issues.
Need direct contact from Front Desk to Eric.
Like the seeing staff at the fields on the weekends.
Eric needs an administrative assistant.
Use mulch pile area as a separate field.

6 Miscellaneous

Basketball games for 1st and 2nd graders should be learning games, and the score should not be kept.
Residents should have preference for facilities first, then revenue sources.
Why don't high school teams get first preference for facilities?

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June 29, 2006
Recreation Staff

1 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are positive elements?

The Center
Shaw Park
Sports Programs

2 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are negative elements?

Parks are over utilized, such as using sports fields for special events.
No parking at Shaw Park and Oak Knoll Park.
Concession stand is closed and not used.

3 What are your top priorities for improving the Clayton Parks and Recreation System?

Convert corporate tent to permanent structure and add a Restroom.
Shift music venues to NW corner of Shaw Park.
Use other parks to relieve stress on Shaw Park.
Create a new special event venue.
Expand Fitness Center:
-Lobby/children's area.
-Turnstile scanning system.
-Add punch cards which tell what activities people are allowed to use. (Better control and monitoring)
-More storage and office area.
More fields, separate soccer and baseball fields.
Improve field conditions.
Bigger tennis facility including showers, and ability to control access onto courts.
Computer access at Tennis Center.
Add gates on Brentwood Blvd. side of Tennis Courts to retrieve balls.
Lighting Fields #1 & #2.
Hand sinks at outdoor pool.
Larger locker facilities.
Wet party room at The Center.
Fountain at front entrance of The Center.
Change orientation of Sand Volleyball Courts in Shaw Park.
Convert game room to youth activity center.
General programming room. All of the rooms at The Center are booked 3 months in advance. No space for spontaneous programming.
Fleet of golf carts.
More interpretive gardens.
More bike paths.
New sidewalks in parks. Must be able to accommodate a golf carts.

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June 29, 2006
Recreation Staff

4 Identify the top three parks within the Clayton Park system that you use and what improvements would you like to see made to them?

Shaw Park

5 What could be done to better meet your recreation needs?

Add drop off at Shaw Park.

6 Miscellaneous

Clayton on the Park mirror effect melts portion of ice at Outdoor Rink.

Special Events:

- Taste of Clayton.
- JazzFest.
- Parties in the Park.
- Musical Evenings in the Park (Oak Knoll).
- Egg Hunt.
- Let's Play (every other year).
- K-9 Classic.
- Wydown Fall Festival.
- Corporate Challenge.

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June 29, 2006
Kevin Gates-Adult Sport Captain & Corporate User

1 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are positive elements?

Participate because of proximity.
The Center.

2 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are negative elements?

Fields conditions are bad because of rocks & holes.
Minimal problems with referees.

3 What are your top priorities for improving the Clayton Parks and Recreation System?

Not enough basketballs.
Improve participant safety at Corporate Challenge during running event. This has been corrected now that the running event is in Shaw Park.

4 Identify the top three parks within the Clayton Park system that you use and what improvements would you like to see made to them?

Maybe add irrigation.

5 What could be done to better meet your recreation needs?

Solve problem of balls hitting cars at Coinco parking lot (Taller fence).

6 Miscellaneous

Would hate to see Clayton loose any special events.
Problems with access from The Center(Shaw Park) and Hunter Ave.

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Cultural Festivals

- 1 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are positive elements?**
Shaw Park-good parking, good layout.
- 2 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are negative elements?**
Using ballfields for special events.
- 3 What are your top priorities for improving the Clayton Parks and Recreation System?**
JazzFest is looking to relocate to new venue. City is concerned that it taxes it resources.
- 4 Identify the top three parks within the Clayton Park system that you use and what improvements would you like to see made to them:**
Shaw Park
Oak Knoll Park
- 5 What could be done to better meet your recreation needs?**
- 6 Miscellaneous**
Cultural Events brings two events to Clayton: St. Louis Art Fair, and JazzFest.
JazzFest included 2 main stages, and 1 smaller stage.
JazzFest was attended by approximately 15,000 this year.
St. Louis Art Fair is typical attended by approximately 150,000.

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Hanley House

1 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are positive elements?

Park system includes the element of a historic house, and a tie to local history.
Hanley House also functions as a small park for the local community.

2 What existing features within the Clayton Park System are negative elements?

Hanley House's lack of prominence.

3 What are your top priorities for improving the Clayton Parks and Recreation System?

Make users more aware of Hanley House.
Work toward a program for improvement of the Hanley House.

4 Identify the top three parks within the Clayton Park system that you use and what improvements would you like to see made to them?

5 What could be done to better meet your recreation needs?

Would like to see more support from The Center as it is the other major building in the park system.
Hanley House needs to become an asset which reaches out to the community.

6 Miscellaneous

Hanley House needs to be more self sustaining and less reliant on the Parks and Recreation Department.

Main Goals for the Hanley House:

-Construct an adjacent structure to house a classroom and/or special event space max. size 125 people).
-Invite people to Hanley House to experience it.

-Add interactive exhibits.

-Interpretive stories.

Other needs:

-Curator and docents provided by the City.

-Continuous management.

-Find a co sponsor, but do not want to grant naming rights.

**Public Workshop #1
Most Important Idea Summary**

Hits	Topic
11	Hanley House
9	Connecting path/safe passage to parks
8	Improve utilization of Hanley House/Ice Rink; reduce financial drain.
6	More ballfields in Shaw Park w/ lights.
5	Establish financial endowment to maintain infrastructure.
4	Improve Shaw Park Pool locker rooms.
4	Running/bike paths.
4	More land/space.
3	Trail at Shaw Park.
3	Lack of restrooms.
3	Lack of parking.
3	More urban wildlife.
3	Cover for rink.
2	Pocket parks-more sensory activities.
2	Community programs in parks:schools
2	Update/improve accessibility of playgrounds and shelters in Shaw Park.
2	Fishing (Oak Knoll).
2	Fully accessible children's park.
2	Wydown Blvd. linear park.
1	Toddler sized amenities.
1	Touchable sculpture.
1	Pocket park habitats-nature garden.
1	Rollerball/skate park in summer rink.
1	Seasonal outdoor programs.
1	Lawn games.
1	Permanent corporate picnic site in Shaw Park.
1	Updated facilities.
1	Main ballfields better.
1	Increased partnering between city and school district.
1	More citizens involved.
1	More amenities to attract daily users in Shaw Park.
1	Addition of fountains.

Public Workshop #1
Compiled Responses:

1. What existing features within the Clayton Park System are positive elements?
Swimming facilities.
Art.
Wydown as a linear park.
Ice Rink.
Playground equipment (including schools).
Number of tennis courts available.
Picnic areas.
Spread out; many locations.
Well maintained-flora diversity especially at Wydown Park.
Landscaping.
Amount of land and acreage.
Number of people using parks.
Variety of programs in parks.
Playgrounds & shelters w/ restrooms.
Cooperation w/ Clayton School District.
Infrastructure; sidewalks, equipment, fences in good shape.
Variety of park sizes, including pocket parks close to neighborhoods where green space is needed.
Clean, attractive, well landscaped.
Great staff.
Affordable programs & facilities (to residents).
Special events & ongoing programming; something for everyone.
The fact that people use them (parks) extensively.
Passive parks add value (greenspace).
Place to sit & visit (hangout).
Social gathering place – beautiful landscaping (visually pleasing).
Focus on recreation (training coaches).
2. What existing features within the Clayton Park System are negative elements?
Inadequate safe passage to parks (traffic).
Inconvenient Shaw Park Pool drop-off & parking.
Demand exceeds supply for many facilities.
Limited room for expansion.
No toddler potties or drinking fountains.
Parking.
Age of some facilities.
Overall number of restrooms.
Not enough lighting.
Activity based & facilities are all on west side of city.
Need connecting path (bike) among parks.

	Pool & ice rink are not regulation size, no meets or games.
	Parking at smaller parks.
	Maintain Wydown Blvd. running path (Shaw Park too).
	Locker rooms (Shaw Park Pool, Center of Clayton) not user friendly.
	Center-demand exceeds capacity.
	Parking.
	Irrigation.
	General Maintenance of Center/Tennis court lights.
	Hanley House & Skating Rink; financial drain, w/ minimal utilization.
3.	What are your top priorities for improving the Clayton Parks and Recreation System?
	More citizens involved.
	Better utilization of facilities.
	Shaw Park-more amenities to attract the daily users.
	Fully accessible children's park.
	Establish a financial endowment to maintain infrastructure and to help fund replacement as needed.
	Proper venue for special events-not ballfields (Jazzfest)
	Maintain ballfields better.
	Increased partnering between City & School District to maintain fields & facilities better.
	Additional space (purchase Maryland School).
	Increase ratio of park land to residents.
	Additional lighting.
	Upgrade Ice Rink (Enclosure).
	Toddler size amenities (benches, fountains, toilets, sinks).
	More ballfields.
	More urban wildlife (butterfly garden).
	Touchable sculptures, art (like Turtle Park).
	Community art projects – (permanent installation).
	Increase activity in pocket parks.
4.	Identify the top parks within the Clayton Parks and Recreation System that you use and what improvements would you like to see made to them?
	Shaw Park-more ballfields w/ lights.
	DeMun Park-more toddler friendly stuff (all parks).
	Pocket Park habitats-nature garden.
	Pocket Parks-more sensory activities.
	Fountains.
	Bike path/walk trails to connect parks.
	Shaw Aquatic Center-Flowrider surfing machine.
	Ski chalet cover for rink-(twinkle lights).
	Shaw Park-more fields; lights on Fields #1 & #3.
	Taylor Park-restrooms.

Shaw Park-Corporate Tent to become a permanent structure.
Revamp ice rink for greater usage by teams=longer season, size.
Shaw Park playgrounds (especially S. shelter) update, accessibility?
Rent Oak Knoll Park for events.
Shaw Park Pool-Improvement of locker rooms.
Wydown Blvd.-Linear Park.
DeMun Park-Keep neat & keep investing.
Wydown Area-Improve parking lot on corner of Wydown/Hanley.
Shaw Park-Create a skate park at the ice rink.
5. What could be done to better meet your recreation needs?
Trail at Shaw Park.
Longer season at Shaw Park Pool.
Addition of fountains.
More small "pocket" parks where you can "toss a ball".
Driving Range (golf).
Exercise stations.
Fishing (Oak Knoll).
Tennis on the east side of the City.
More land.
Enhanced programs.
Updated facilities.
Community program in parks:school.
More indoor neighborhood playgrounds
3 ball courts
Rollerball/skatepark in summer rink.
Hayrides; seasonal outdoor programs, sleigh-riding.
Running/bike paths.
Bocce/horseshoes in small parks (lawn games).

Notes or Comments:

Hanley House!
Maintenance.