

Evansville West Side Park and Leonard-Leota Park Improvements

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Preliminary Concepts

MSA Presented the Preliminary Concepts at a Public Open House on October 28, 2021 and Attended the Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree held on November 6, 2021 at J.C. McKenna Middle School.

Public comments were collected on the City's website as well as via hard copy during the events as well as City Hall. Comments were accepted through November 14, 2021. A total of 182 comments were received – via the Survey Form or direct emails.

Themes:

- Preferred Concepts:
 - West Side Park – Option “A” –
 - Aquatic Center – Option “3”
 - Leonard-Leota Splash Pad – no clear choice
- Comments (159) –
 - 81 related to Soccer
 - 21 Ballfields
 - 21 Aquatics
- Review of comments appears to show preference for West Side Park Option “A” to be related to arrangement of athletic fields and ballfields and location of aquatic center.
- There was no clear preference for the alignment of the road through from 7th to Wyler or Windmill Ridge.
- Loss of 2-3 Soccer Fields is detrimental to soccer program in Evansville.
- Design of roads and parking got mostly positive reviews when mentioned in comments, some concerns expressed by neighbors of the park regarding traffic and lighting, during events.
- Future project communication should discuss accessibility, general character of park(s), landscaping.
- Trails and Open Space should be key to West Side Park Plan.
- Concerns expressed about budget and maintenance of an aquatic center and splash pad.

Summary of Comments for West Side Park “A”:

- Prefer soccer fields behind houses.
- No overlap of Athletic Fields and ballfields (at least 10 mentions).
- Grouping of Ballfield backstops.
- Number of ballfields - (although a null comment since all three concepts had three).
- Connection through to Wyler/Windmill.
- (11 of 81 with Comments for Soccer Liked Concept A).

Summary of Comments for Aquatic Center Option “3”:

- Inclusion of landscaping and green-space to break up space.
- Small lazy river, lots of green space for youth to play.
- The zero entrance and the slides are easily visible simultaneously for parents with kids using each section.
- Some concern about traffic from aquatic center.

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Summary of Comments for Leonard-Leota Park Splash Pad:

- Splash pad designs seem similar.
- Like the extra green space on the Splash pad and playground area.
- Nice sized splash pad (I loved Palmer Park when the kids were little and this is what I envision)
- Option C - The splash pad is closer to the rest of the park & integrates it into the park better. 2.) The tiered design of the splash pad in C takes advantage of the sloped site, could look more "natural" to blend with the beauty of the rest of the park.
- I think that the current plan could be scaled back tremendously and save quite a bit of money.

What do you like "LEAST"?

What do you like "MOST"?

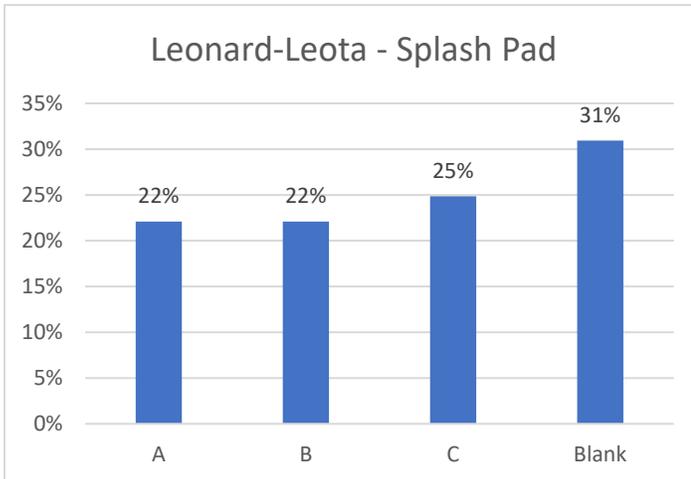
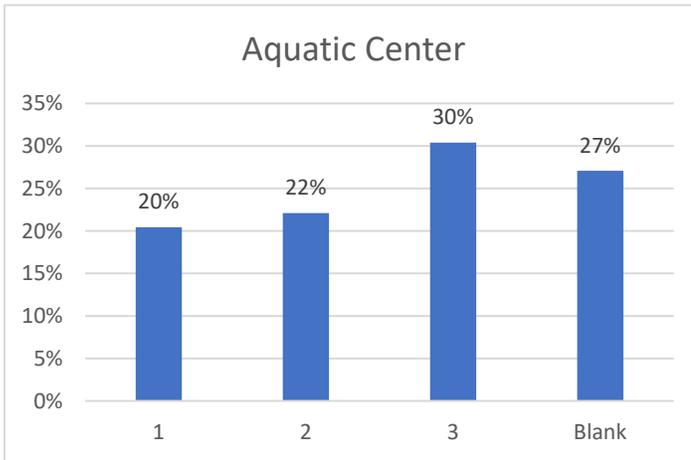
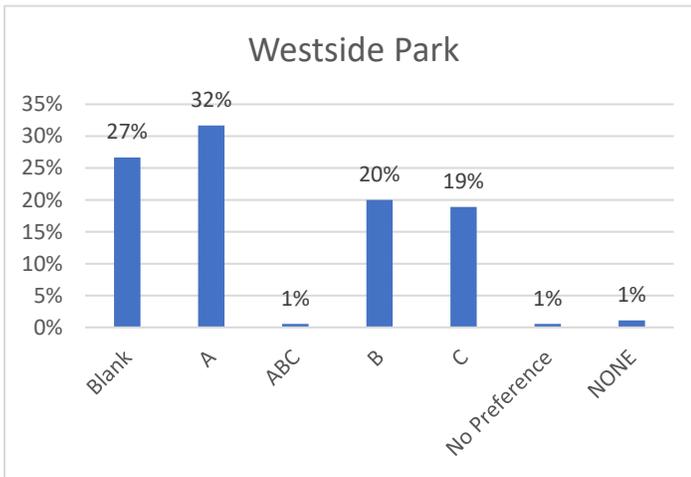


General Comments....



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* Full survey response are available upon request.

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