

REIMAGINING CANTON RECREATION

Meeting #2

Thursday, January 7, 2021

First meeting focused on what exists and what is valued in recreation facilities, resources, and programming.

Second meeting focused on **gaps**: What don't we have that we'd like to have? What more/different could be offered? What groups are underserved?

Facilities/Infrastructure

- Pavilion
 - Deferred maintenance
 - Year-round use
 - Accessibility
 - Outdoor rink rehab, roof?
- Taylor Park
 - Baseball, etc., fields available
 - Accessibility
- Remington Trail
 - Connect trails and parks (see Canton's [Master Trail Plan](#))
- Priest Field
 - Multiple possible uses
 - Widely used historically
 - Convenient/accessible
- Playgrounds (Buck Street, Taylor Park)
 - Equipment requires update/replacement
- Rensselaer Falls – Indian Creek Nature Center, basketball court, park
- Maintenance – buildings and parks
- Transportation – coordination with public transport, e.g., to Taylor Park, BIRP
- Large multi-purpose facility, year round
- Wide-open outdoor space

Programming

- Arts
 - Theater – Missoula Children's Theater
- Outdoor activities
 - Fitness
 - Outdoor survival skills
 - Gardening/composting
 - Basic skills camps – tennis, golf, etc.

- Self defense/martial arts
- Cycling
 - Training and education (rodeos with school)
- Summer day program
 - Transportation
 - Accessible programming
- Communication
 - Facebook, website
 - Not just social media, not all have access
 - Flyers to school

Additional thoughts

- Check out other rec facilities, e.g., Gouverneur
- Need community involvement
 - Financial
 - “Adopt” an area/facility, responsible for upkeep
- Facilities with multiple, flexible use
- Opportunities for people on west side of town – e.g., Law Lane, Martin Tract
- Importance of accessibility, e.g., for Wounded Warriors’ participation (among others)
- Ensure access to programs for people with limited resources