



City of Brooklyn Park – Recreation and Parks
Community Activity Center Improvements Survey
April 1, 2022

BACKGROUND

As the city plans improvements to the Community Activity Center, we sought updated information from community members as to their ideas and preferences.

SURVEY METHODS

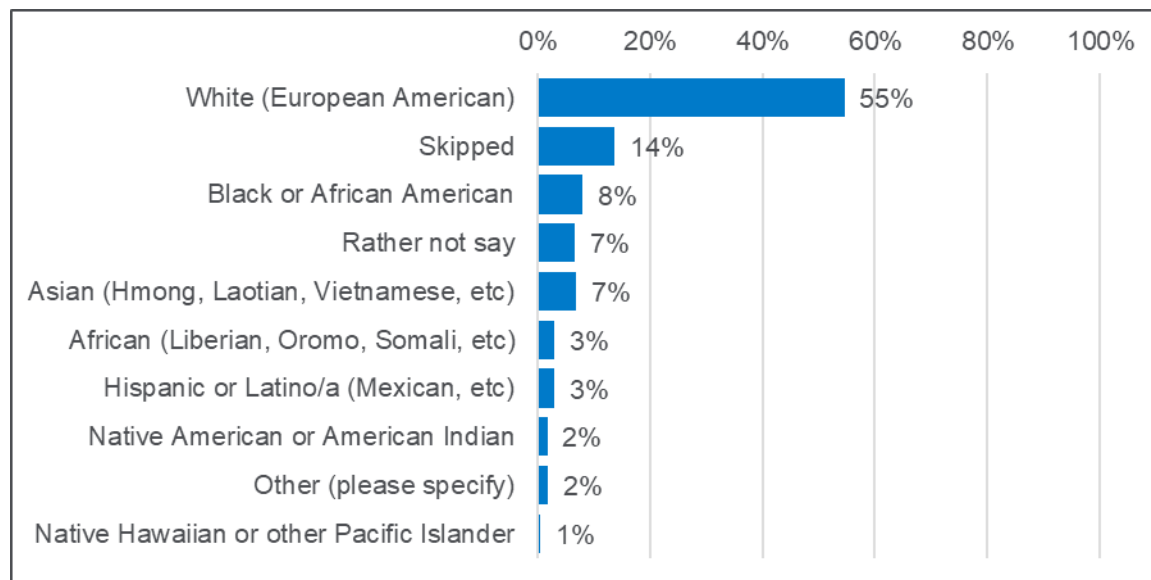
The online survey was open February 8, 2022 through March 4, 2022.

- **Internet** – The majority of respondents took the survey online, having received the link from an email, social media, or via the city’s website.
- **In-person** – Four residents completed the survey in person, having accessed a paper copy from staff at a city event.

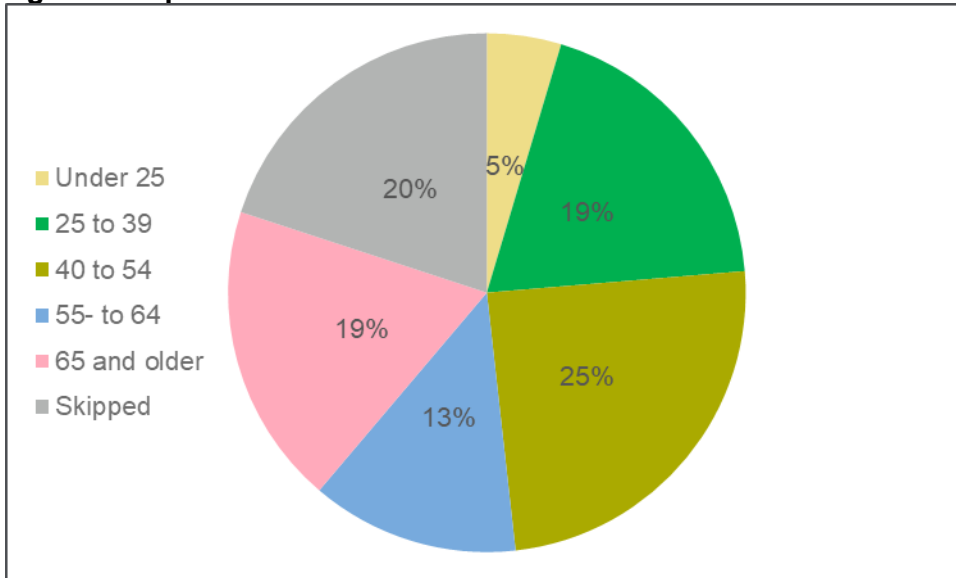
WHO TOOK THE SURVEY?

A total of 1,918 people completed the survey.
24 respondents completed it in Spanish.

Racial demographics of respondents



Ages of respondents

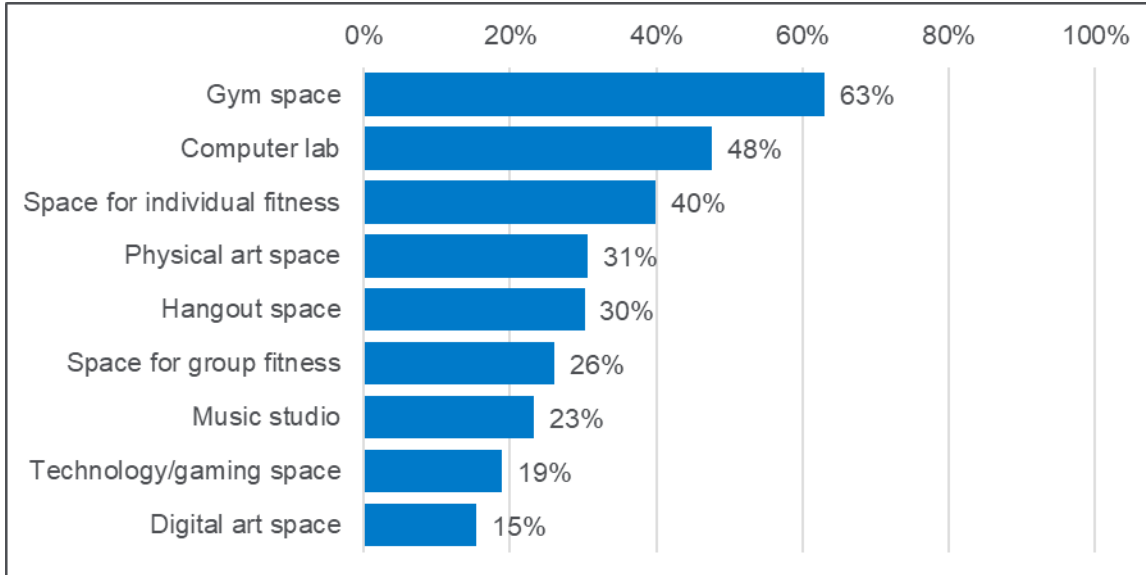


WHAT DID THE COMMUNITY SAY?

The survey questions and results are listed below.

What is important for TEENS in a Recreation Center? (Please choose 4 from the list)

Chart shows percent of respondents who selected each amenity.

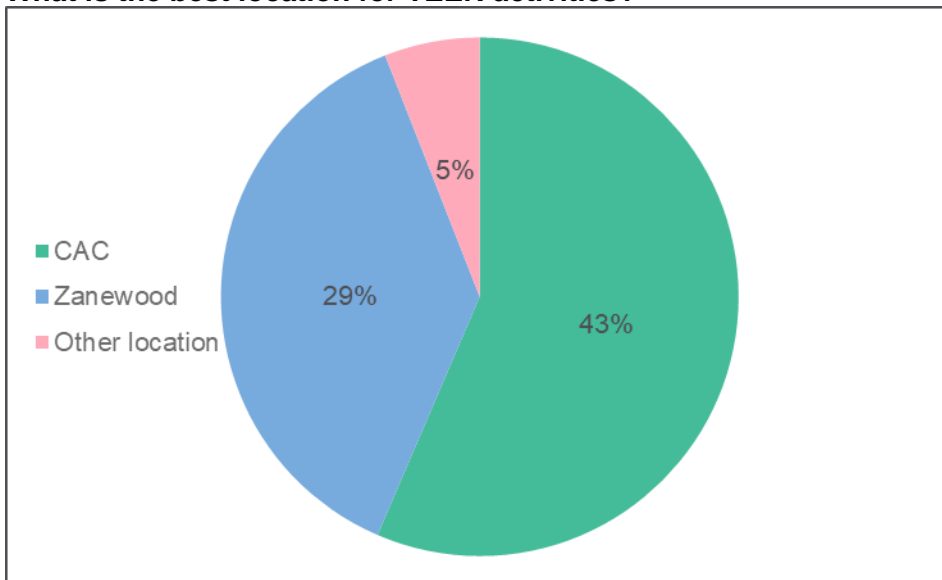


Please include other amenities not on the list (open-ended):

Other (scattered)	37
Pool/Aquatics	31
Flexible space for programs/meetings	12
Café/kitchen/food	8
Fitness facilities	6
Ice rink improvements	5
Quiet space	4
Theater/auditorium	3

Additional ideas given included: Being inclusive of kids/teens with developmental and physical disabilities, basketball courts, space to do art, pool tables, foosball and arcade-style games.

What is the best location for TEEN activities?

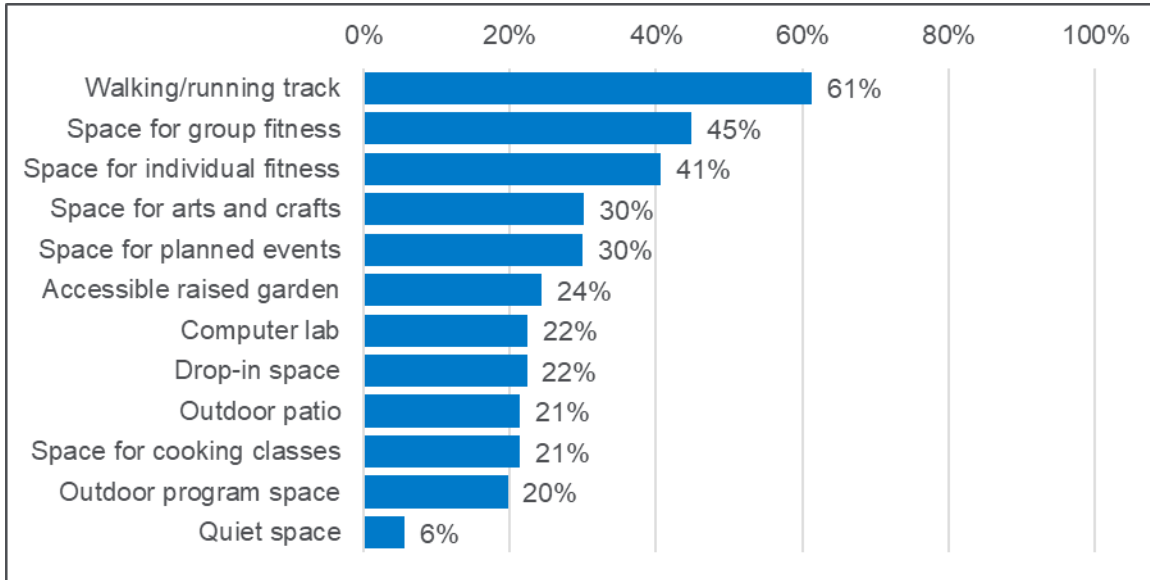


“Other” comments: Best location for teen activities

Both Zanewood and the CAC	25
Not sure	13
Either Zanewood or the CAC	7
Former library	7
North of 610	6
Southern BP	5
Centrally located	3

What is important for SENIORS at the Community Activity Center?

Chart shows percent of respondents who selected each amenity.

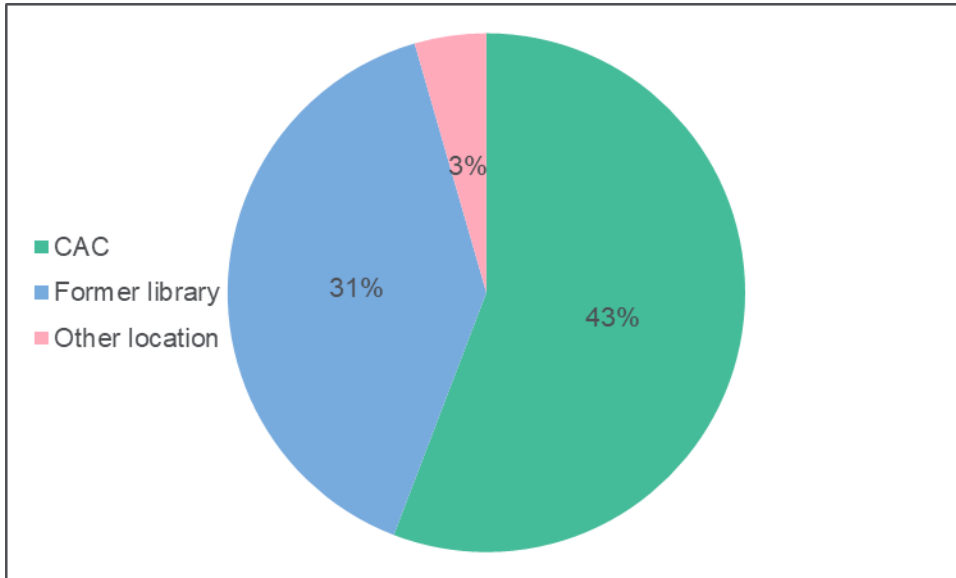


Please include other amenities not on the list (open-ended):

Other (scattered)	20
Pickleball courts	18
Pool/aquatics	16
Program/gathering/classroom space	14
Improved walking track	9
Theater/auditorium	5
Meals	2

Additional ideas mentioned included: Transportation to and from the CAC, more garden plots, exercise group, free wifi access, outdoor benches, Silver Sneakers program and an indoor playground.

What is the best location for SENIOR activities?



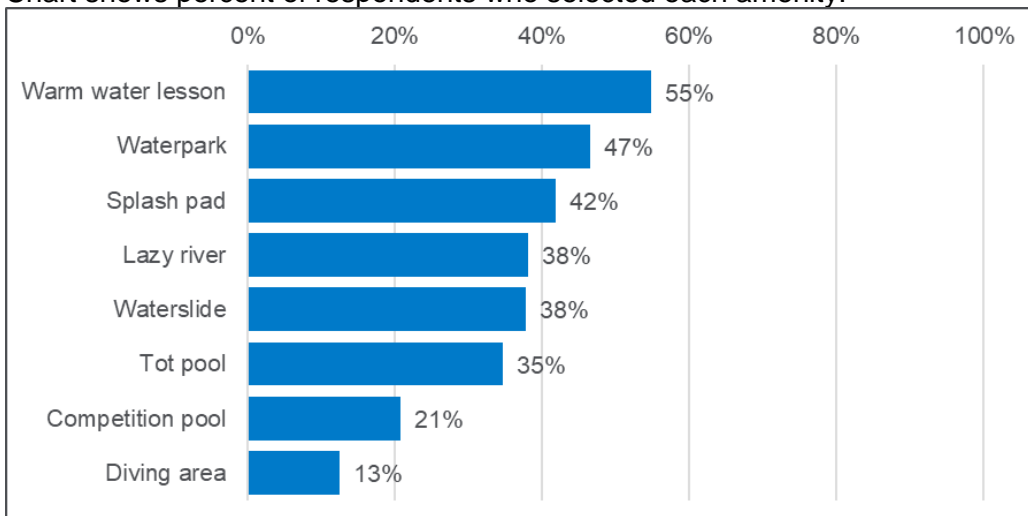
“Other” comments: Best location for senior activities

Either CAC or former library	16
Other (scattered)	15
Both CAC and former library	15
North of 610	7
Not sure	7
Library	6
CAC	2

Some of the other ideas mentioned included: Norwood Park, updating the tennis courts to pickleball courts at Norwood Park, make use of already available spaces, on a bus line, River Park, and decide after determining space and activities.

If an AQUATICS FACILITY were added to the Community Activity Center, what elements would you like to see included? (Please choose 4 from the list)

Chart shows percent of respondents who selected each amenity.



“Other” comments: Aquatics facility

Not needed/concerns on cost	42
Other	35
Swim lessons	9
Hot tubs/saunas	9
Lap pools	6
Indoor/outdoor pools	5
Zero depth entry	5
Warm water pool	3

Some of the other ideas included: a 25 meter pool, being inclusive for kids/teens with disabilities, interview lifeguards and pool managers to see which is better, lazy river would be a bad idea, competition pool but with free swim option, showers and hair dryers, mini golf, pool just to swim in, indoor beach, senior/adult area separate from the kids, accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

Additional data on aquatics

Community Engagement staff brought large poster-sized picture surveys out to three events – Black History Month (2/25) and Excell Academy parent/teacher conferences (2/17 and 2/18). Families (mostly residents of color) put stickers on the poster to indicate their preferences around aquatics.

