

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

CITY OF PALM DESERT

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

8:30 a.m.

Administrative Conference Room, City Hall

73-510 Fred Waring Drive

Palm Desert, CA 92260

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 2449, this meeting will be conducted as a hybrid meeting and there will be in-person access to this location.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS

This time has been set aside for the public to address the Parks and Recreation Committee on issues that are not on the agenda for up to three minutes. Because the Brown Act does not allow the Committee to act on items not listed on the agenda, members may briefly respond or refer the matter to staff for a report and recommendation at a future meeting.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and may be approved by one motion. The public may comment on any items on the Consent Agenda within the three minute time limit. Individual items may be removed by the Committee for a separate discussion.

RECOMMENDATION:
To approve the consent calendar as presented.

4.a APPROVAL OF MINUTES 5

RECOMMENDATION:
Approve the Minutes of April 1, 2025.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

Items listed in this section are presented for the Committee's review and action. Public comment is allowed on each item, with a three minute time limit per speaker. The Committee may provide direction, request additional information, or take action as appropriate.

5.a DRAFT CONCEPT AND LANDSCAPE PLANS FOR CIVIC CENTER PARK 9

RECOMMENDATION:
Review and provide comments and feedback on draft concept plans for Civic Center Park Playground Improvements.

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

6.a UPDATES FROM PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS
Partner organizations may provide updates on activities relevant to the committee. These are informational items with no formal action.

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6.b CITY COUNCIL LIAISON
The liaison provides updates to facilitate communication between the City Council and the committee. This is an informational item with no formal action.

6.c CITY STAFF
City staff will provide updates on relevant projects, activities, and other matters within the committee's scope. These updates are informational items and require no formal action.

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| 6.c.1 | ATTENDANCE REPORT | |
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7. REQUESTS FOR ACTION

Committee members may propose future agenda items within the committee's scope. Items that receive support from at least one other member may be placed on a future agenda for discussion and possible action. No formal action will be taken at this time.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting will be held on June 3, 2025.

9. PUBLIC NOTICES

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/s/ Monique M. Lomeli, CMC
Senior Deputy Clerk

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
CITY OF PALM DESERT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

April 1, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

Present: Committee Member Randy Guyer, Committee Member Rob Langford, Chair John Maldonado, Committee Member Paul Murphy, Committee Member David O'Donnell, Vice-Chair Ralph Perry, Committee Member Tim Skogen

Staff Present: Assistant City Manager Chris Escobedo, Community Services Manager Shawn Muir, Project Manager Kevin Swartz, City Clerk Anthony Mejia, Recording Secretary Michelle Nance

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was called to order by Chair Maldonado on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., in the Administrative Conference Room, City Hall, located at 73-510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California.

2. ROLL CALL

3. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by: Committee Member Guyer

Seconded by: Committee Member O'Donnell

To approve the consent calendar as presented.

Motion Carried (7 to 0)

4.a APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by: Committee Member Guyer

Seconded by: Committee Member O'Donnell

Approve the Minutes of March 4, 2025.

Motion Carried

5. CONSENT ITEMS HELD OVER

None.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.a DISCUSS THE PALM DESERT AQUATIC CENTER YEAR 2 FEE INCREASE

Community Services Manager Muir and Liberty Urban of Urban Consulting narrated a PowerPoint presentation and responded to member inquiries.

Motion by: Committee Member O'Donnell

Seconded by: Committee Member Murphy

Recommend that the City Council approve the Year 2 increase in admission fees to the proposed rates for the Palm Desert Aquatic Center.

NOES (1): Committee Member Guyer

Motion Carried (6 to 1)

6.b UPDATE ON AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND PARK DESIGNER INTERWEST

Community Services Manager Muir narrated a PowerPoint presentation; no formal action taken on this item.

6.c CONSIDER THE KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR (KPI) SCORING SYSTEM FOR EACH PARK

Motion by: Chair Maldonado

Seconded by: Committee Member O'Donnell

1. Approve the KPI scoring system for each park.
2. Approve the six-month parks reporting structure.

Motion Carried (7 to 0)

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

7.a UPDATES FROM PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

7.a.1 Palm Desert Aquatic Center

Palm Desert Aquatic Center Manager, David Keyes, provided a report and responded to member inquiries.

7.a.2 First Tee - Coachella Valley

General Manager of Desert Recreation District, Kevin Kalman, provided a report and responded to member inquiries.

7.a.3 Friends of the Desert Mountains

Executive Director of Friends of the Desert Mountains, Tammy Martin, provided a report and responded to member inquiries.

7.a.4 Family YMCA of the Desert

Report provided; no action taken on this item.

7.a.5 Desert Recreation District

General Manager of Desert Recreation District, Kevin Kalman, provided a report and responded to member inquiries.

7.b CITY STAFF

7.b.1 Palm Desert Skate Park Update

This item was continued to a date uncertain.

7.b.2 City Clerk Update

City Clerk Mejia narrated a PowerPoint presentation and responded to member inquiries.

7.c CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

Mayor Pro Tem Trubee expressed appreciation to the Committee for great discussions during today's meeting.

8. REQUESTS FOR ACTION

Committee Member O'Donnell, with support of the Chair Maldonado, requested a report on comparable maintenance costs for Palm Desert Aquatic Center, parks, and other city services.

9. ATTENDANCE REPORT

Report provided; no action taken on this item.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Committee adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Nance, Deputy Clerk II
Recording Secretary

Kevin Swartz, Project Manager
Secretary

DATE APPROVED BY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
CITY OF PALM DESERT
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: May 6, 2025

PREPARED BY: Shawn Muir, Community Services Manager

SUBJECT: DRAFT CONCEPT AND LANDSCAPE PLANS FOR CIVIC CENTER PARK

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and provide comments and feedback on draft concept plan for Civic Center Park Playground Improvements

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

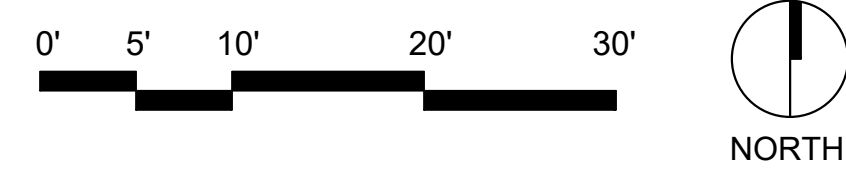
For Fiscal Year 2024/25, the City included funding for a project to renovate and improve accessibility at Civic Center Park playground. The focus of this project is to replace the concrete around the playground that has become uneven. This project will eliminate trip hazards and provide a new, flat surface. In addition, the playground had grown outdated, lacked sufficient accessible play equipment, and had pieces removed due to being broken. Staff contracted with Michael Baker International, Inc. to plan for the removal and replacement of the park concrete, as well as install new play structures and surface at the playground. Landscaping improvements will also be incorporated, led by the City Landscape Division. Staff are requesting review and input from the Parks & Recreation Committee prior to finalizing project designs and bidding for construction.

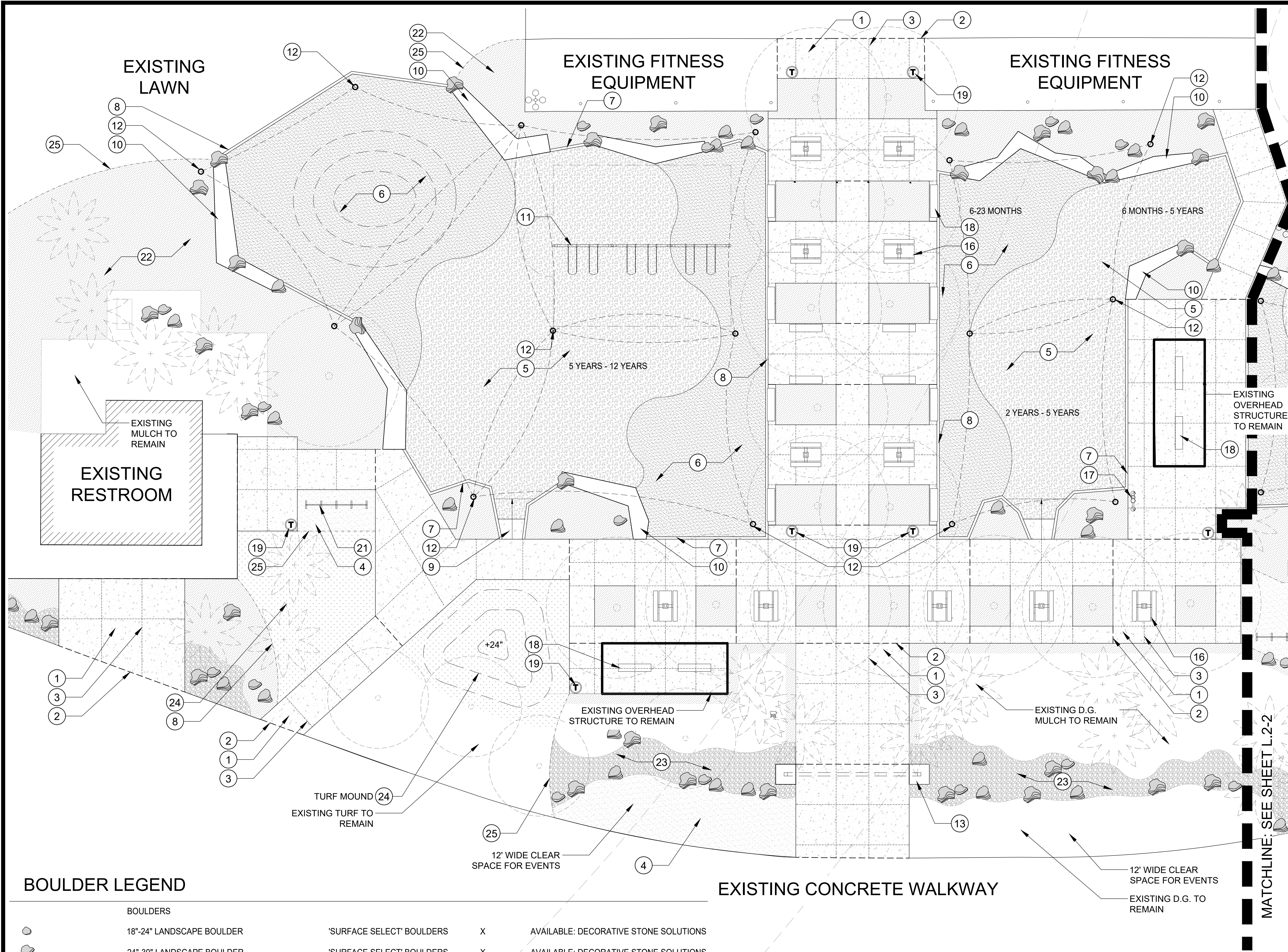
FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Civic Center Conceptual Landscape Plan
2. Civic Center Conceptual Construction Plan
3. Civic Center Survey Report





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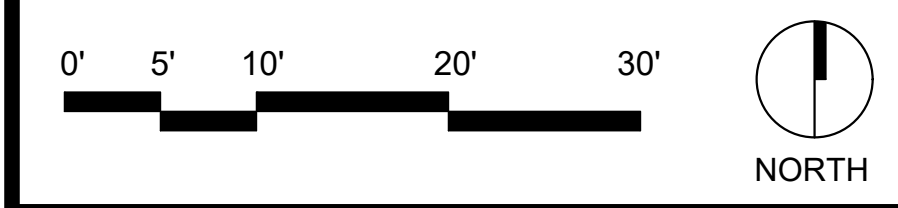
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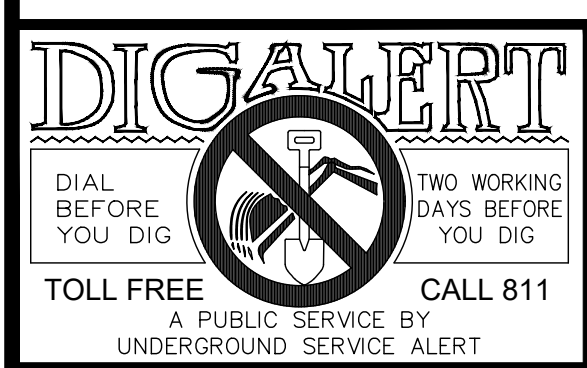
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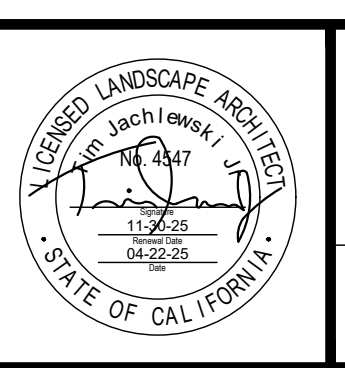
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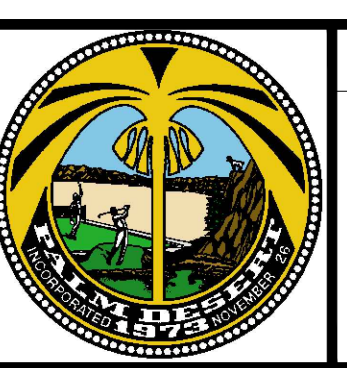
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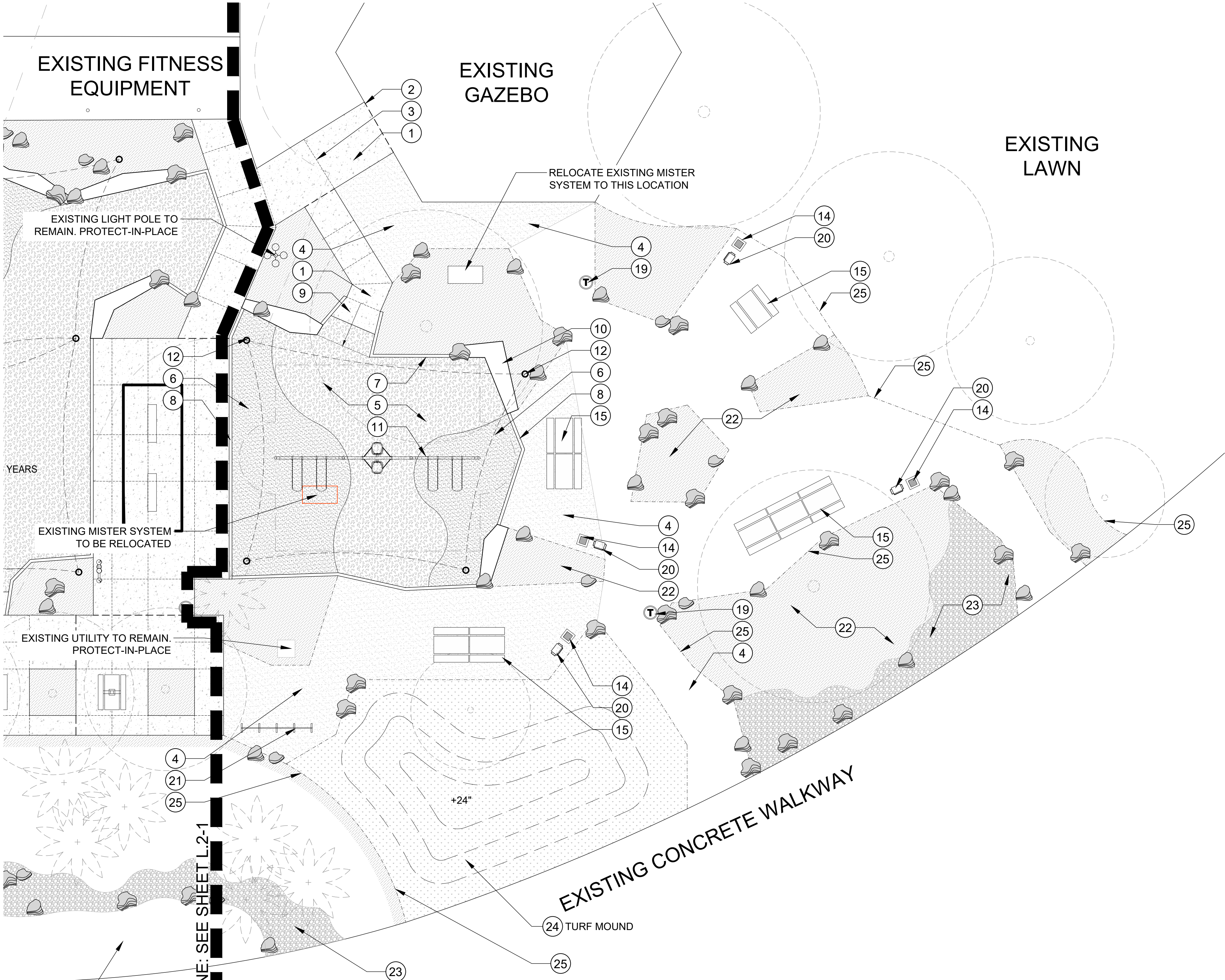
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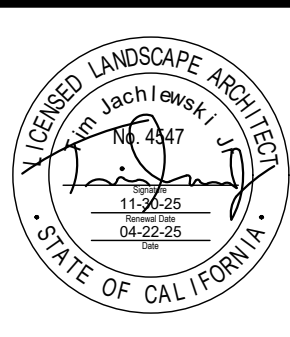
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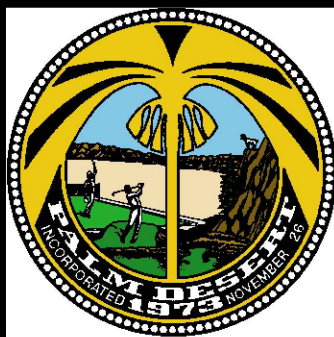


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CIVIC CENTER PARK PLAYGROUND

PUBLIC OUTREACH SURVEY REPORT

Survey Start Date: 3/31/25
Survey End Date: 4/21/25 Total Survey Responses: 147
Date of Report: 4/22/25

Executive Summary:

The majority of people visit the playground for children's play weekly or monthly with 2/3 visiting in the morning or evening and 1/3 in the afternoon. The age groups are mostly balanced from 0-3 years, 3-5 years, and 5-10 years with about half as many over 10 years old. More than half the people are satisfied with the current facilities and the other half are neutral or dissatisfied. Most people feel the playground is safe. About half the people feel there is enough shade for children, parents, and caregivers and about half the people feel there is adequate seating. About half the people feel the playground is accessible for children with disabilities. About 3/4 of the people would like to see more nature-based elements at the playground (rocks, native plantings, birds, butterflies). People were mixed on the preferred design style. The highest ranked amenities desired to be added or improved are restrooms, drinking fountains, lighting, and picnic tables. About 3/4 of the people would like to see community events hosted at the playground.

Summary of what people like most about the current playground:

Separate Areas by Age Group (toddlers vs older kids), Shade / Shaded Areas / Trees, Variety / Diversity of Equipment & Activities, Cleanliness / Well-Maintained, Swings, Slides, Monkey bars, Climbing structures, Seating / Benches for Parents, adjacent Exercise Equipment / Workout Stations.

Summary of what people dislike or think could be improved about the current playground and what should be added:

Dislike Wood Chips, Needs More or Better Variety of Play Structures, Needs Updated / Upgraded / Better Maintained Equipment, Needs More Shade / Better Shade Placement, Desire for Water Features / Splash Pad, Climbing structures, Nature / Themed / Sensory Play, Not Accessible / Needs Disability-Friendly Features, Slides, Restrooms Are Dirty / Poorly Maintained / Inconveniently Located, Needs Visual or physical barriers for kids to not stray, Better Lighting / Lights Don't Work, Mistifiers / cooling areas, Zipline, Pretend play, ASL alphabet / Sign Language Poster, Parent Comfort / Seating.

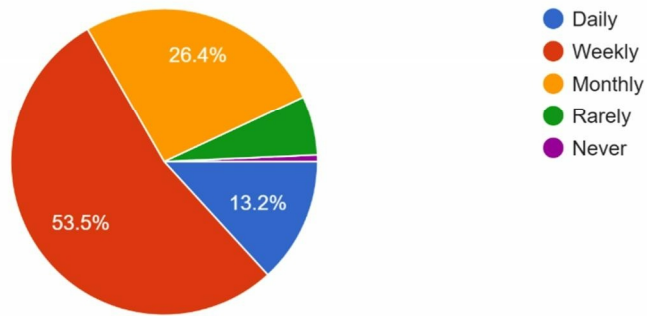
Summary of what equipment most people would like more of:

- Swings
- Slides
- Climbing Structures
- Monkey Bars
- Sensory Play

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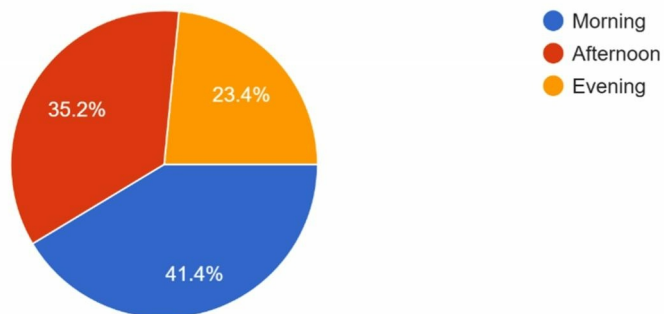
How often do you visit the playground?

144 responses



What time of day do you usually use the park?

145 responses



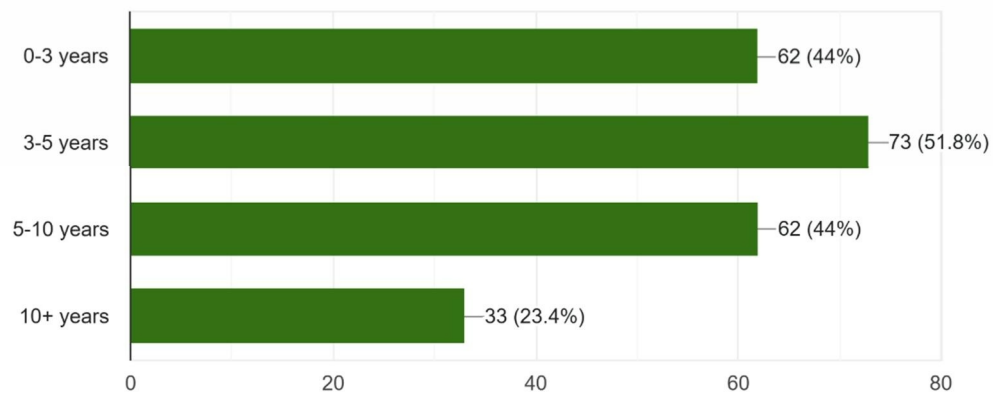
What is the primary reason you visit the playground?

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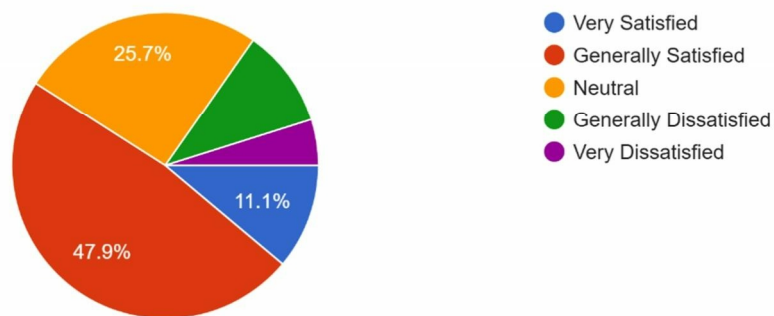
What age group(s) are your children? (select all that apply)

141 responses



How satisfied are you with the current playground facilities?

144 responses



What do you like most about the current playground? (*short answer response*) **126 responses**

Summary of Short Answer Responses:

- Separate Areas by Age Group (toddlers vs older kids) - 26 mentions
- Shade / Shaded Areas / Trees - 25 mentions
- Variety / Diversity of Equipment & Activities - 13 mentions
- Cleanliness / Well-Maintained - 10 mentions
- Specific Equipment:
 - Swings – 7 mentions
 - Slides – 5 mentions
 - Monkey bars – 4 mentions
 - Climbing structures – 4 mentions
- Seating / Benches for Parents - 6 mentions
- Wood Chips – 5 mentions
- Exercise Equipment / Workout Stations - 4 mentions

Total Short Answer Responses:

The surrounding landscape

Age group segregation between two sizes of pg, have students all ages

Different areas for different age kids

Very clean

Variety of equipment for different ages

Shade trees

Toddler area

Simplicity

Serves wide age range

There is a smaller playground and a larger one. Both are in separate locations and are pretty decent in size.

Climbing structures, shade, natural ground material (no offgassing)

The variation of equipment to choose from

It's proximity to the pond and large grass areas

Dual playgrounds for different ages

Climing structure

Separate kids and toddlers area

Variety of equipment and installations

The kids love the zip line and bars

Playground

Usually clean and little to no graffiti jungle gym

There is consistent shade for my daughter to run around under

Lots of playground equipment

Events

Cleanliness, facilities, community

New and clean

Clean and safe

Cleanliness and safety

Monkey bars and challenging climbing apparatus

climbing apparatus; mulch surface; exercise equipment; shade; bathrooms

Playstructure and the duck pond

The space

Lots of seating and playground activities z many different sports available

The workout stations

Diversity of equipment; section for little kids

Water playground

Variety of activity

Shade and variety of equipment

Shade, variety of equipment, proximity to restrooms and picnic tables

The separate play areas by age

The options for play

The trees and shade structure

Nothing

Swings

Older and younger kids play area

Location

There could be a better selection. More motor skill development play.

It has kids

The shade and exercise equipment

The play area

Variety of things to do all able to be in view of supervising adult

There is a section for younger and older kids

Variety, shadiness, opportunities for multiple ages

Wood chip surfaces

Wide open spaces

Swings and the rocking cars/motorcycles.

Swings

Grassy areas

Shade

Swings

The size, the wood chips on the ground (not rubber which is toxic), the shade, the location

Play structures

It has lots of trees for shade and fresh air

Ease of use

Area

Currently the size and the green area

Shade structures

It is shaded. It has natural wood chip surface. It has some trees that shade the seating and help keep the space cooler. There are a diversity of activities for children including basketball, grass, paths, and volleyball.

The slide & swing

Clean

Slides

The shade and safe of the playground

Shade cover

shade! close to restrooms. Plenty of seating.

The two spaces

Divided for age appropriate playing

You can see your kids from most benches.

space

The misters on gazebos

The two separate areas for ages

For big and small kids, shade, trees

The upgrades

Kids like the monkey bars

Clean

It's big and clean

Nothing

The shaded structure

its shaded

Kids love the slides and swings

Shade trees, lots of benches

Location

Shade and wood chips, trees

small child area

Separate sides and places to sit

It's conveniently located

I like how big it is

It's a big playground

All the trees around the playground

The variety of structures

its the SAME one as when i was a kid with a few upgrades lol its in the shade on the larger side and they respond immediately if something is wrong

The color of the playground

Two age playgrounds

The area for the younger children.

the swings

Shade for both children playing and parents

The small slides

The play area

Slides are great on the tot lot

The size is nice.

Large play area with plenty of shade! Benches for families to observe

That there are separate playgrounds for different ages

I love that they have a playground for toddlers and one separate for the bigger kids.

I like the added benches around the basketball courts and it's neat that the exercise equipment is right next to playground if parents wanted to keep watch on their kid and workout.

Safe

The nice walking trails and different size playgrounds

Shaded seating areas

Monkey bars

Good play areas for multiple age kids

Shaded

The separate areas for big and little kids

Good options for younger children

My child loves it. I like that there are separate playgrounds for older children and for babies/toddlers

Shade, size

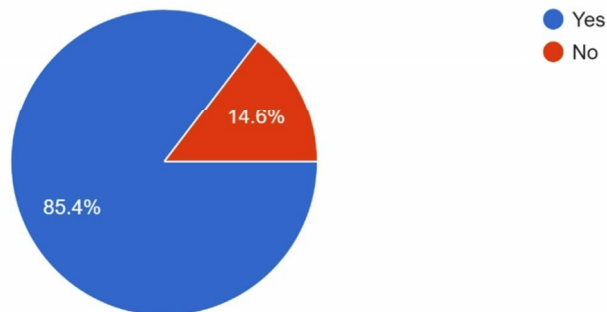
I like that its shaded a lot, probably more than all the other cities

Different ages can play

The open space and amenities

Do you feel the playground is safe for children?

144 responses



What do you dislike or think could be improved about the current playground? (short answer response) **119 responses**

Summary of Short Answer Responses:

- Wood Chips / Ground Covering Issues - 24 mentions
- Needs Updated / Upgraded / Better Maintained Equipment - 18 mentions
- Needs More Shade / Better Shade Placement - 10 mentions
- Restrooms Are Dirty / Poorly Maintained / Inconveniently Located - 4 mentions
- Desire for Water Features / Splash Pad - 15 mentions

- Not Accessible / Needs Disability-Friendly Features - 7 mentions
- Needs Fence or Enclosure - 4 mentions
- Needs More or Better Variety of Play Structures - 20 mentions
- Better Lighting / Lights Don't Work - 4 mentions

Total Short Answer Responses:

All of the play materials are outdated

It is good so far but certainly wouldn't mind an upgrade

Bathrooms have been a big mess lately, more shaded areas

compared to the one in la Quinta the palm desert kids playground need an upgrade

The 2-5-year-old playground is pretty dirty. Bouncy terrain would be better than wood chips but maybe that's a heat issue.

Everyone knows the toys on the springs bust your mouth

The ground / no sticks !

I don't like the mulch. I prefer the soft padding

Worn out rubber tops. New flooring,

Adding another large slide

The dirt wood chips are messy, kids use them for playing pretend eating and they seem unsanitary.

The equipment could be cleaned more often - you can see the grime buildup from dirty hands, yuck!

It would be great if playground could be expanded and include more climbing and balancing areas

Needs More creative play opportunities

Uneven floor, wood chips, no shade, broken slide, old

Newer equipment is usually safer and more engaging. The current equipment is worn down and not maintained.

Cleaner bathrooms would be nice

More slides,

I think the boat ride in toy should have a soft pad around there handle so kids stop hurting their face/heads. Also, The wood chips are fun for the kids, but if they had to be redone the solid soft rubber top would be really nice

Shade over the baby swings and bigger kid swings (both swing sets)

The slide broke and was never repaired and the swings need maintenance and greasing the park has great groundskeeping but the play structures maintenance leaves a lot to be desired

Twisty slide removed instead of replaced. Daughter really misses it.

Fix sliding

Cooling areas for summertime

Upgrades would be appreciated- better climbing equipment is great for any age

More variety of structures, add misters.

Stationary rocking boats

Bark chips

The flooring (wooden pieces)

A bathroom near the baseball and tennis side would be wonderful

Add a few small gazebos 10'x10'.

More swings; bigger playground for big kids

More lights by benches

The layout makes it difficult to keep track of multiple children. Other local parks are better designed.

Mulch ground covering

The mulch ground covering

I like playgrounds with fencing around them so children can't run off

We don't like the wood chips. All of the playground equipment has a lot of wear and tear. I think the small kid area is all too hard and in too much direct sunlight. it would be nice to see some new equipment that was a little more hands-on and stimulating for the kids

Useless structures

Yes

Be safer

Hate the woodchipd would love more climbing aeeS

It would be nice to see a splash pad and more diverse play structures.

Very squeaky swingset

Water features, splash park, more seating

It would be great to have a splash pad

Get rid of wood chips

Disrepair, graffiti, trash and waste everywhere.

Not enough play and swings for younger kids

More swings or maybe other options like tire swings. Maybe some of those spinning bucket seat.

Needs more interactive structures/ sitting zip line

It could be bigger and have more challenging equipment

We hate the wood chips, bathrooms are horrible no light and always dirty kids are scared to use.

Even better shade, more engaging activities for the kids, larger playground because the park is very popular

Please please please get rid of the wood chips and opt for a rubber ground. Small children like to put them in their mouths and I have also witnessed kids throwing them at others.

Not a fan of the wood chips in the playground

Swings , bigger play area for babies side could improve

The wood chips, the swings are old and make a squeaky sound. All the playground equipment is old and outdated.

Wood chips and slides get very hot from no shade

A longer obstacle course with natural play equipment would be amazing (Eg log balance beams, ropes, tunnels, longer covered metal slides that shade themselves. A concrete, asphalt or modular pump track for children to scoot, skate, bike would be amazing too, as would shaded futsal courts.

Kids throw the sticks from the ground, something else to replace the sticks, that's gentle and safe

More Swings

Add more interactive spinning equipment , misters

More light at night

More interactive obstacles (spider webs, climber logs etc) , less ladders, more slides

swings for babies. A baby safe area, not just for toddlers.

An update to it

The rainbow water feature was essential in the summer

More shade and upgraded equipment

install a splash pad

More water play

The wood chips floor is dangerous, more diverse play equipment

More swings.

A lot of the children's playground equipment is run down

More events for children's and community

Hard to see kids from different locations especially if big and little kids play on the different aides

More shade!

The civic center could improve by adding a wheelchair accessible playground! Have ramps and areas I could push my daughter within the play space. As well as a need for a wheelchair access swing! She has never experienced things like this because places are never accessible

Splash pad,

I think the wood chip could be replaced. There usually some wrappers kids leave behind that little ones try to eat. Kids sometimes like to grab the woodchip bedding and like to throw it around and it has hit my kids face before. Its mostly an issue that we can't control, just hope kids remember manners and respect

needs a splash pad. restroom lights didn't work

Put a fence around it. Splash pad, regular maintenance on equipment

More fun tactile play structures. The slides are almost too steep and bang kids heads a lot

Swingset

Boring, could use more interesting play structures. Children would maybe interact more

not enough swings for small children or handicap accessible

Fenced in area so kids don't run off

Add a lot more play structure - add splash pad - get rid of wood chips

Lights do not turn on when sun is setting

Water features, like a splash pad. And more shade

The park needs a splash pad and updated playground.

I wish there was more shade, specifically over the swings

more shade and a combined space for all sizes for single parents. those swivel chair things like at freedom park. it is not disability accessible

It would be nice to have the ASL alphabet on the playground like the park in La Quinta. Makes Deaf children feel included and hearing children could learn how to communicate with them.

No splash pad

It is not accessible for disabled children.

I think that they need more lights surrounding the picnic tables and the playground. I always feel unsafe being there when it gets dark. I also think that they should add an ASL abcs thingy to the playground to teach kids.

It would be nice to add a splash pad

More inclusive for disabled children

There could be more shade area or water equipment for kids living in the desert.

the swings are always squeaky

Needs More shade and a splash pad.

The afternoon shading is great, the morning shading on the little playground is sparse. I would love different play structures! We love playgrounds done by Kompan

Not enough for younger mobile kids to do (1-3), they don't have much to interact with

The last time i was at the playground two of the slides were under construction so i just felt that it was a bit dangerous for kids to be playing around.

Please, remove the wood chips. Add the foam that other parks use. It's so irritating seeing other kids throw wood chips, or that it gets in your shoes.

Shade above splash pads especially in summer, heat and sun are strong in this valley.

To add a covered water park maybe especially in summer

Would love a fence around the playground so children can't run off

More swings - a few of each style (baby, regular, assistive)

Fix the squeaking kids swing. It's been squeaking for two years!

Fence with gate

Would like more toddler friendly options

Add a splash pad

The playground is always filthy. There is garbage everywhere on the ground. The equipment is dirty, I've seen ice cream stains, etc.

Some sort of barrier/ enclosure - it's easy for children to run off

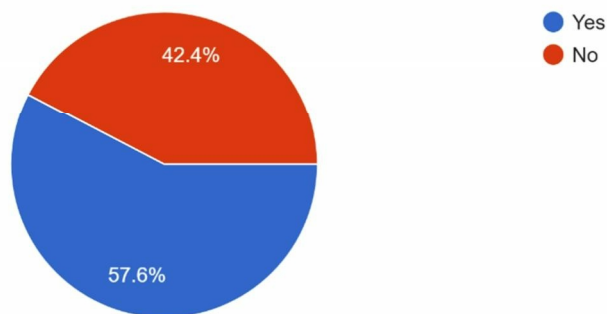
Updated /sensory focused playground

Water feature for summer time

*CREATE A MINI GOLF COURSE, PLEASE!
PEOPLE BEING THEIR OWN CLUB AND BALL*

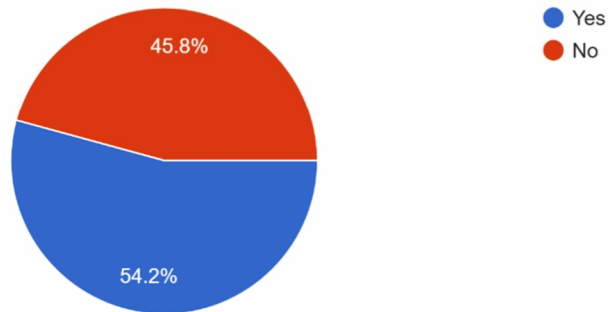
Does the existing playground provide enough shade for children?

144 responses



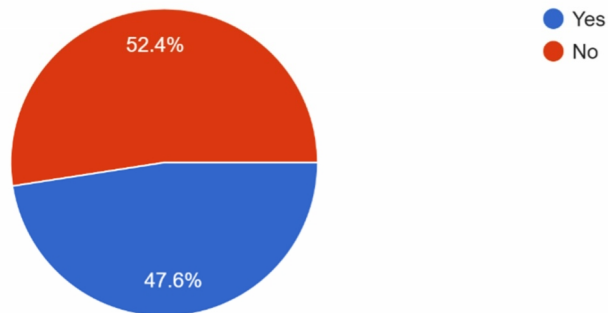
Does the existing playground provide enough shade for parents/caregivers?

142 responses



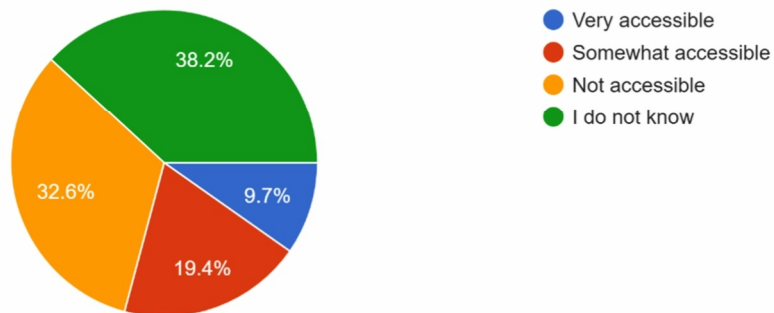
Does the existing playground provide enough seating?

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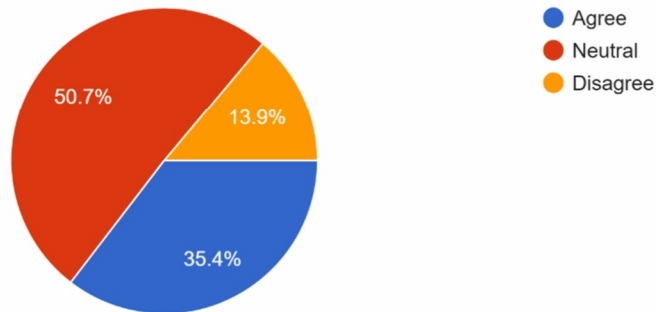
How accessible is the playground for children with disabilities?

144 responses



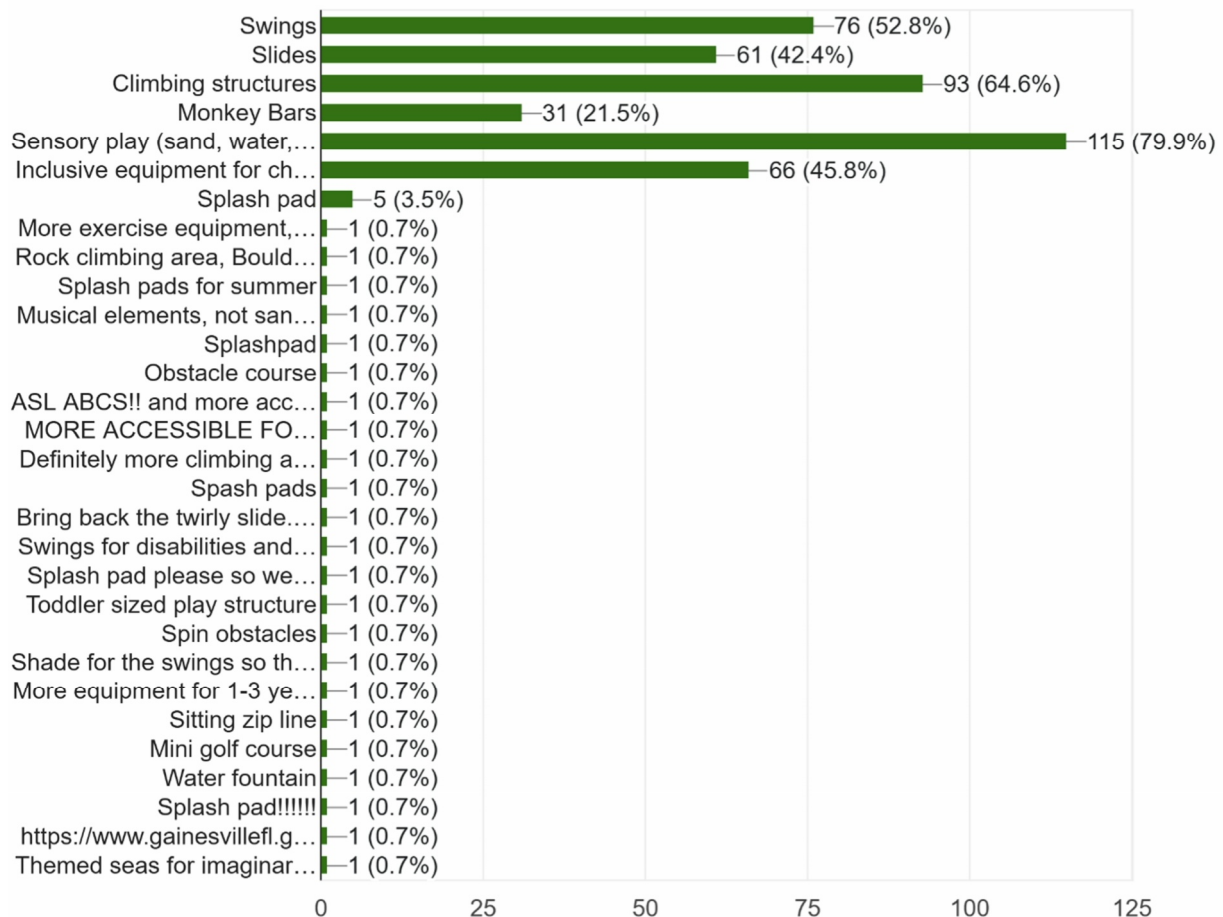
Do you feel the lighting at the playground is adequate?

144 responses



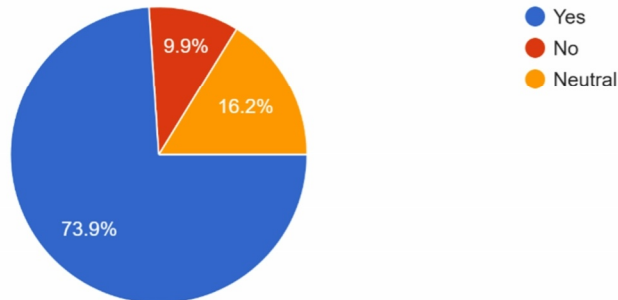
What types of equipment would you like to see more of? (select all that apply)

144 responses



Would you like to see more nature-based elements at the playground (e.g. rocks, native plantings, birds, butterflies)?

142 responses



What other features or equipment would you like to see at the playground? (*short answer response*)

86 responses

Summary of Short Answer Responses:

Most Requested Features:

- Splash pad / water feature – 37 mentions
- Climbing structures – 7 mentions
- Improved ground covering (e.g., no wood chips, rubber surface) – 5 mentions
- More shade – 6 mentions
- Slides – 4 mentions

Additional Requests:

- Misters / cooling areas – 3 mentions
- Inclusive / accessible equipment – 3 mentions
- Zipline – 2 mentions
- Pretend play – 2 mentions
- Natural materials / nature-focused play – 2 mentions
- Fencing / enclosures for safety – 2 mentions
- ASL alphabet / Sign Language Poster for inclusion and learning – 2 mentions

Total Short Answer Responses:

Drinking fountains on other sides in case of high demand

Something other than tree bark for ground covering

Something that kids can get wet and enjoy in the summer

More pretend play elements like little houses or lemonade stands or community helper buildings.

Mark out a spot for people to race a 40 yard dash. High school kids would love it.

Climbing structure to large slide

Dynamic elements that lend themselves to movement and imaginary play

Anything sensory or Montessori based, maybe musical elements or some type of splash pad

Suspended bridges, climbing and balance equipment, a splash pad area would be a huge bonus

Splash pad, even pavement, no wood chips, climbing structures, more slides, more shade

Spinning. Fitness equipment. Soccer area.

Slides

A splash pad. Desert inspired play equipment

Shade for the swing

Replace twisty slide

Stuff for the summer

Areas for cooling, like misters or fans for parents.

Splash pad or water feature

Rope climbing (doesn't get hot)

Splash pad

Indoor play

Natural materials. Climbing areas. Merry go rounds.

Theme with learning such as native wildlife

Perhaps a theme, such as native wildlife or dinosaurs, with accompanying informational elements (San Diego zoo has a good example.), and gender, neutral restrooms.

Safe equipment for toddlers

Shade

More natural and modern equipment.

Catapult

Misters and spray park

Water splash pad area

Rock climbing. New flooring

Rope climb space

Spider web rope climbing

Equipment that includes tunnels, stepping stones,

Sitting zipline

Splash pad

Lots of shade and rubber ground instead of wood chips. Maybe some fun patterns in the rubber like hop scotch and numbers and letters

Sand box

More activity's for the play area

Splash pad, get rid of wood chips

Splash pad

Replacing some of the palms around the playground with native trees that better shade the play areas would be wonderful. A misting zone to help children cool off would be cool, too.

Misters

Splash pad

Water play

Splash pad

splash pad

More nature, affordable vendors

Splash pad

More shade

All things accessible!!! Also splash pad with accessibility for the hot days!

Splashpad, zip line

Pretend play, like castles, pirate ships, fire trucks, airplanes and police cars. A tower like

play structure is much fun. There's a large play structure in Mount Juliet, Tennessee, the Charlie Daniels park, great inspiration.

Slash pad summers are really hot

splash pad

Splash pad!

More climbing structures

Water feature

Water fountain that works

water play area

Soft mat like flooring, fenced in area to keep kids in and dogs out

See - saw/ splash pad

Splash pad

Splash pad

Splash pad, updated playground and a variety of themed and traditional playgrounds

A splash pad would extend use into summer

nature education aspects to help cultivate play imagination and conservation

ASL alphabet on the playground

Splash pad

Fence with childproof gate

BETTER BATHROOM STALLS!!

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Water equipment

Splash pad

The "roller coaster swing" at Lions Park in Costa Mesa is such an amazing feature! My girls would love to have one close by!

Splash pad

I would like to see proper signage that prohibits smoking around the playground or any grounds of the civic center for that matter. Hand sanitizer stations. Perhaps signs that prohibit mini street bikes/dirtbikes off the grass so riders aren't using the mounds as BMX - nearly striking other people or cutting through sports practice leagues. Clean/safe water fountains or refill stations.

A sign language poster, splash pad, and inclusive playset

Ropes course

Wheelchair accessible

Water feature- splash pads

Splash pad

Musical elements not sand or water

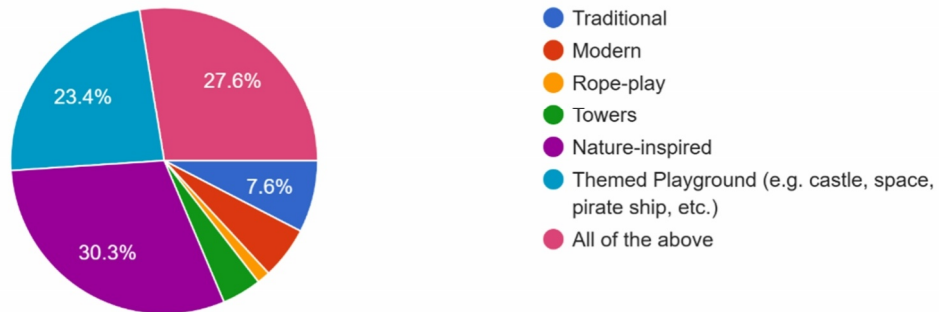
Special needs swings

Water features and for disabled children

Mini golf course

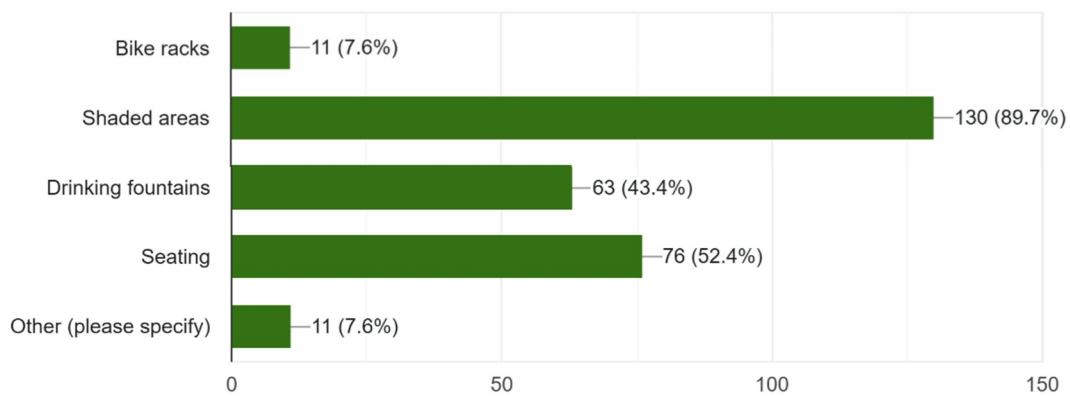
What design style do you prefer for the new playground?

145 responses



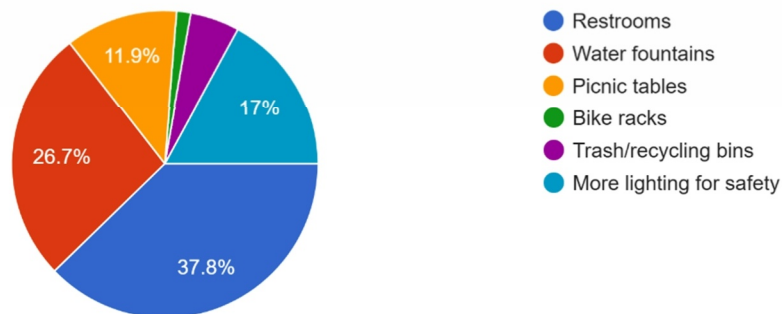
What playground accessory features are a priority for you? (Select top 2)

145 responses



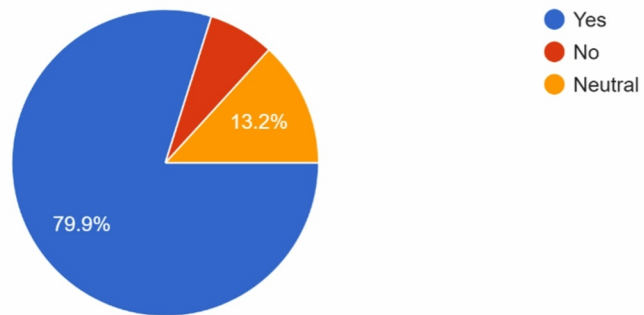
What amenities would you like to see added or improved?

135 responses



Would you be interested in community events at the playground (e.g., storytime, fitness classes, workshops)?

144 responses



Do you have any additional suggestions or concerns about the playground redesign? (Open-ended Response) **69 Responses**

Summary of Short Answer Responses:

- Nature / Themed / Sensory Play - 9 mentions
- No Wood Chips / Better Ground Cover – 8 mentions
- Water Features / Splash Pad - 7 mentions
- Shade / Heat Protection - 5 mentions
- Accessibility / Inclusion – 6 mentions
- Cleanliness / Sanitation - 8 mentions
- Parent Comfort / Seating - 6 mentions
- Fencing / Safety - 6 mentions
- Imaginative / Pretend Play - 5 mentions
- Toddler-Specific Features - 4 mentions
- Misters - 4 mentions
- Water Bottle Stations / Drinking Fountains - 3 mentions
- Maintenance / Repairs 4 mentions
- Exercise Equipment / Boot Camps - 3 mentions
- Diversity of Equipment for Age Ranges - 3 mentions
- Zipline -2 mentions

Total Short Answer Responses:

Thank you!

Zipline would be awesome. Themed park with nature elements would be ideal. If possible, a bouncy rubber floor if it wouldn't get too hot. Thank you for trying to make the park awesome!

Fenced area for children under 5 & age limitations

Not at this time

Nature themed towers

Please avoid the rubber ground surfacing as it smells terrible at toddler height and can't be good for their health to breathe that in the heat. Wood chips or other natural ground surfacing is highly preferable.

Additional playground features especially climbing and hands on equipment for little kids and big kids alike. It would be great to

incorporate some nature themed features and playground features inspired by some of those in San Diego last park and Olympus park

Look at parks in Austin Texas they're awesome

Splash pad, it's too hot in summer, shade, even floor, less concrete

Bottle refill station. Water filtration. Lighting with sports area

Get rid of wood chips

Drinking fountains where you can also fill your water bottle

"The nature inspired would be amazing but I believe the towers might provide more fun for the children but the 2 current parks leave a disparity for the age groups where the 3 or 4 year old kids still need to play on the smaller structure and the 2 year old and toddlers are

left uncomfortable and unable to access their structure

If you could design the area with more different small structures maybe 4 of varying skill then it would enable the children to play more spread out also if there could be seating for the parents closer to the structures where it is easier to watch your child without needing to be 50 feet or more away or following them around thank you for your time "

Clean the bathrooms! They are always disgusting. Don't waste money on trendy equipment— just add to the already excellent equipment you have.

Better exercise equipment next to playground

Having a splash pad or some water play would be an amazing upgrade for the community.

Current design is great, but more climbing structures are always appreciated.

we hope the new design will retain or even upgrade challenging elements like monkey bars, rock walls and tricky ladders

The city has phenomenal parks!!! Thank you.

Engaging for children

Other than making the playground more accessible to children with disabilities, which is very important, the playground equipment does not appear to require other upgrades.

No

Hydration stations and water play activities would be nice. The wood chips are not safe. The close proximity to adult or older kid use attractions allows for people to smoke, cuss or play loud inappropriate music where the kids are exposed to it. We've often found broken glass in and around the park area. Maybe more security?

Make sitting closest to kids playground for parents

No wood chips!

Outdoor boot camp classes for parents

Please consider getting rid of the wood chips

Our family visits this park multiple times a week for recreational activities like team sports and ballet, however while we love the ducks and the turtles and the grounds, the playground area is lacking dramatically compared to other towns (La Quinta, Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage). There is far too much emphasis on the older community (over 65) and less on who will be the future of this town. Cater to the new generation of Palm Desert please and let the Boomers recreate somewhere else.

More seating for parents, play area for little ones that's not too high and keeps them on the ground like pretend play and sensory, nature inspired play to encourage exploring and movement (like stepping stones, balancing beam on tree trunks, etc..)

No more wood chips and lots of shade!!

Thank you for investing in playground upgrades!! We cherish this space as so many do!

sanitized more often /everyday

Misters would be great

Na

The rainbow water feature was so fun for all kids. Kids what wouldn't normally play together did when that was there. In the summer time it gives an opportunity to enjoy the park longer because you stay cooler. Like the park in La Quinta. It's nice but not always convenient to travel to

It is very hot here- water feature would be good

Spread it out add a bike track

No

Please add ADA compliant equipment for children with disabilities! It is not present now and in the state of California if the city is revamping the playground that is required!!! I was frustrated and going to go to the board when I learned Lincoln elementary did not comply with the state and redid there playground for the school recently and didn't even add any ADA equipment for children in wheelchairs!!

None

More signs to keep dogs on leashes

Remember when you where a child? We played pretend so often, races, running jumping, and climbing was so much fun. Even a little creek got out imagination going. To be a kid again

please keep those spring bouncy fire engine and motorcycle. they are unique and popular. Please look into SD Zoo's playground in the Base camp- they have a lot of soft ground, rock and rope climbing that is extremely popular.

Splash pad for hot summer evenings

Safety. Sometimes there's lots of kids, and they push and shove. So relatively safe but fun playground would be lovely. Kids adore twisty slides haha

More play structures for imaginative play. We love this park. It's so beautiful and well kept

No wood chips

Excited for it!

We wish it was bigger with different themes and traditional features. And a splash pad. With clean seating for parents to watch there kids. We need to make sure there is shade and maybe mister for our hot summer days for adults.

More inclusion for children with disabilities

Please add a splash pad for summer time

Accessibility for disability including swings and climbing structures and fenced in for safety

The bathroom stall walls are way too short and small, and they are are never clean enough. More accessibility everywhere and more lighting!! And if you can, somehow add safety features to the park for night time.

Make it fenced in to keep it separate from the park and safer for the children. This park is very accessible and inclusive and has cool features for all children.

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The new style of swing that some parks have now (with the pull down harness like a roller coaster) SUCKS. Please don't change all the small kiddo swings to that style

The workout equipment on the north side of the playground is a tinge addition, but the kids swarm it and use it incorrectly. I think moving it further away from the playground might be helpful!

Excited to see the changes!

I just really hope they have a toddler playground as well. There's a lot of the younger kids that could benefit from this, including my son.

I would like to see cold and filtered water fountains to refill bottles. A splash pad would be essential for summer play.

Lightning is not so good esp at night

The wood chips could use a cleaning almost everyday.

N/A

Fences around playground area, wheelchair accessible playground. Shaded, water sprayers

Add features that take the hot summer into consideration

Safer restrooms, splash pad

I think the lighting at night is great and shade during day is also great. Maybe the equipment should be power washed regularly. Not sure how to clean up all the garbage from the chips on the ground but kids play with the chips so it is a sanitary problem.

YES PLEASE PLEASE ADD MISTERS

As previously mention

Create a mini golf course

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
CITY OF PALM DESERT
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: May 6, 2025

PREPARED BY: Kevin Swartz, Project Manager

SUBJECT: PALM DESERT AQUATIC CENTER MONTHLY UPDATE

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

This report is submitted by the Palm Desert Aquatic Center to the Parks and Recreation Committee for their monthly update. There is no action required from the Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

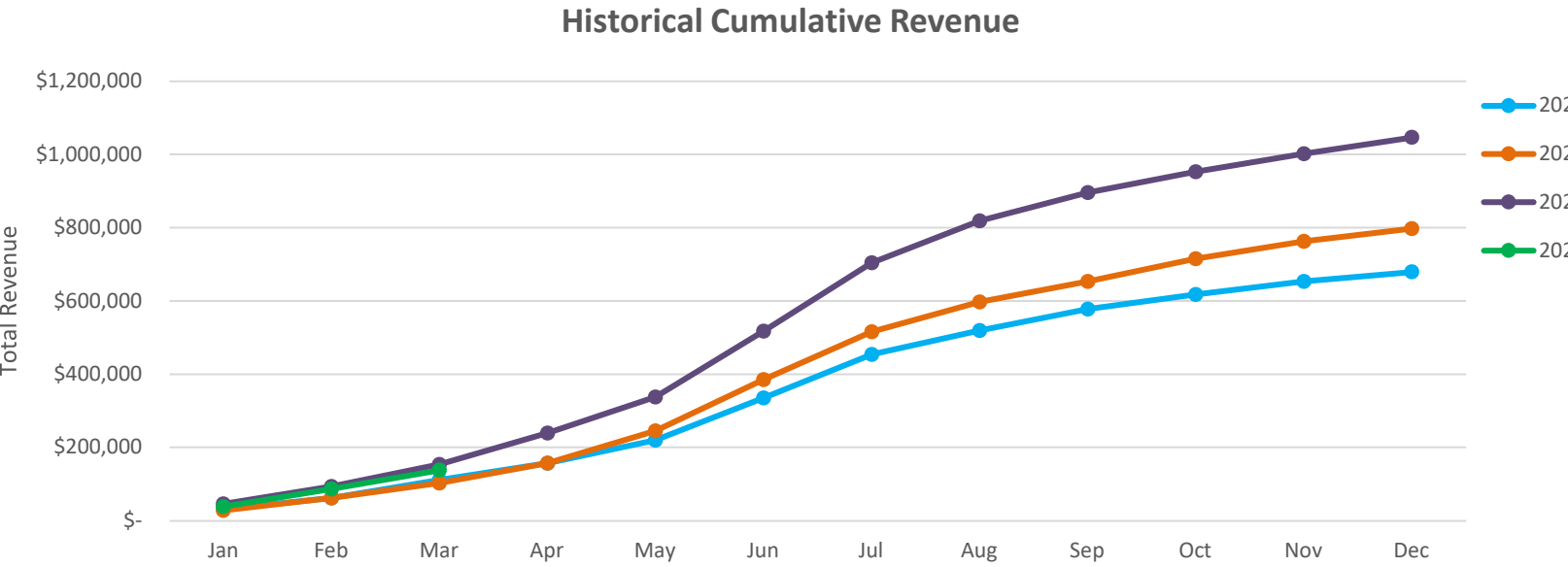
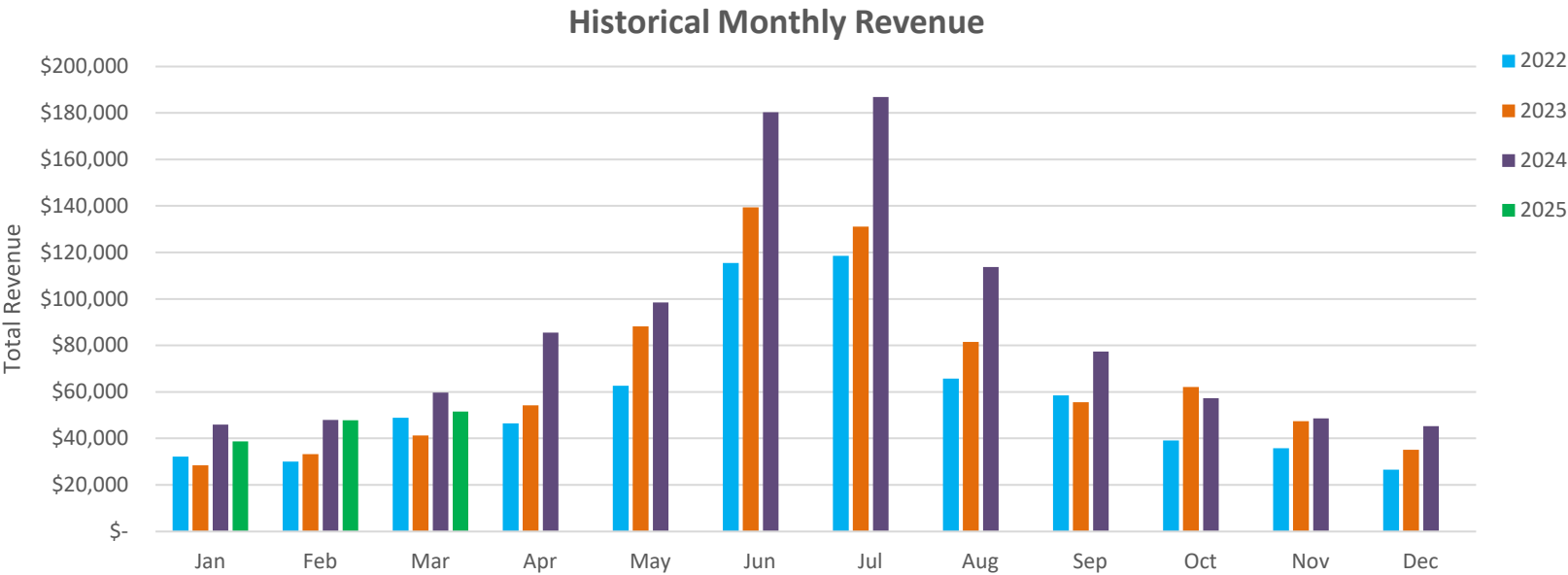
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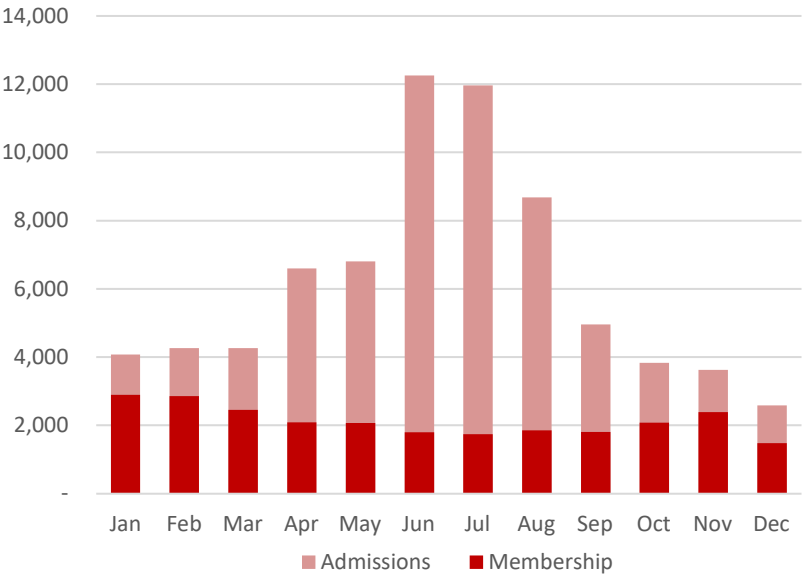
Key Performance Indicators

Palm Desert Aquatics Center

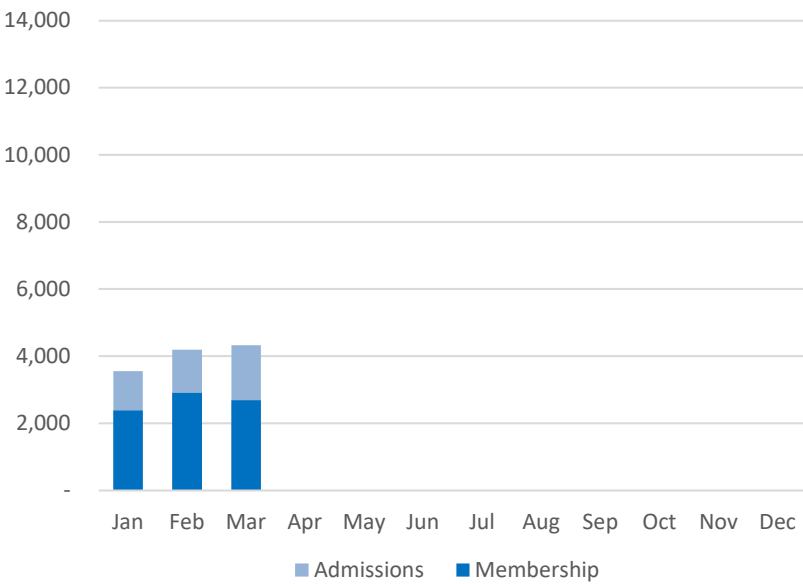
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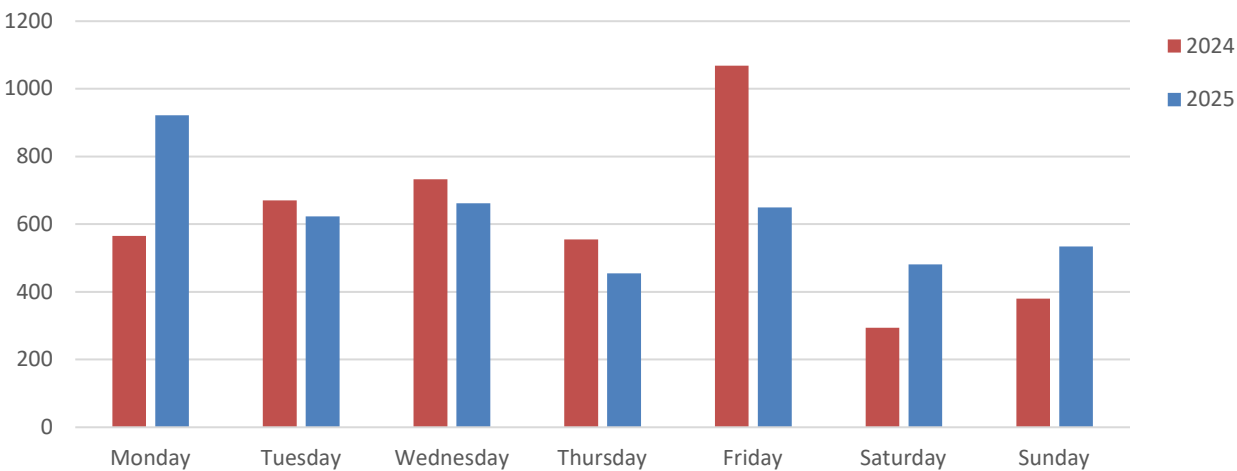
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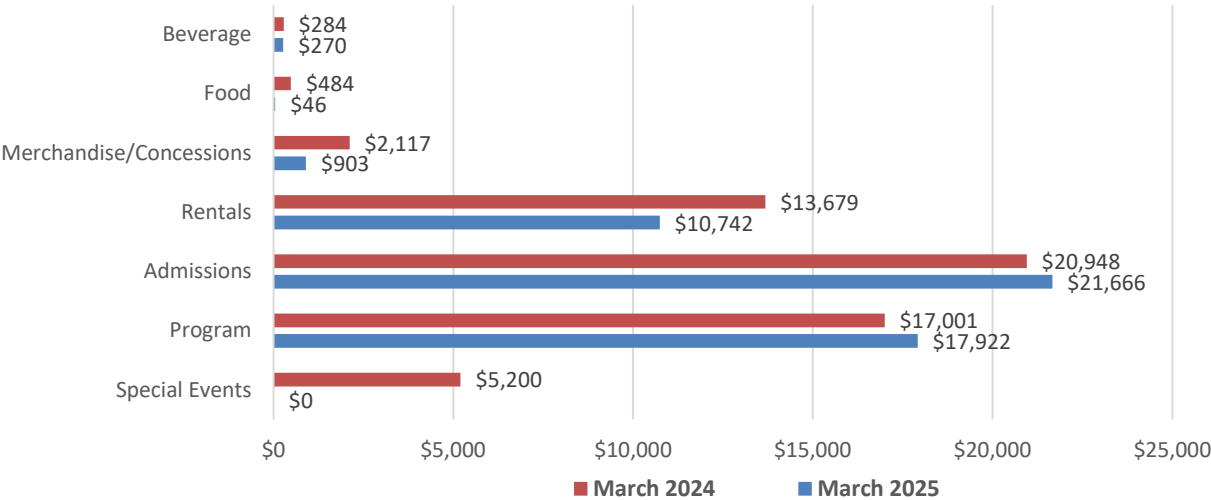
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March Visits by Day



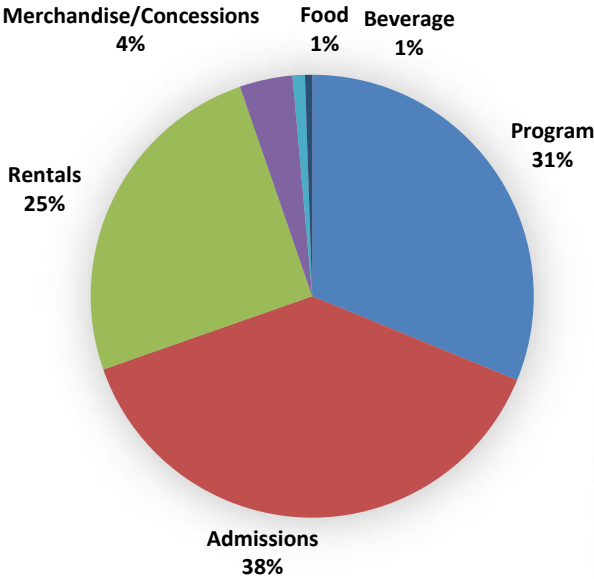
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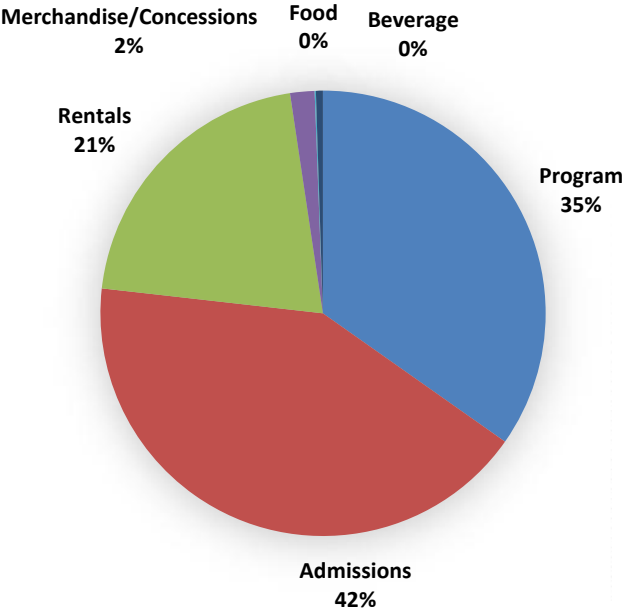
March 2025 Revenue Per Capita		
Category	# of Transactions	\$ per Transaction
Merchandise/Concessions	194	\$6.29
Admissions	616	\$35.17
Program	416	\$25.82
Rentals	56	\$16.13
Special Events		

Total Facility Visits	4,325
Total Revenue	\$51,549
Total Revenue per Capita	\$11.92

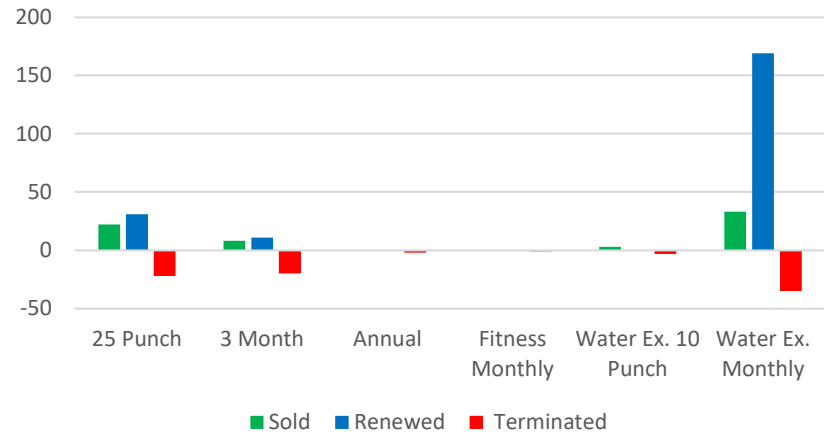
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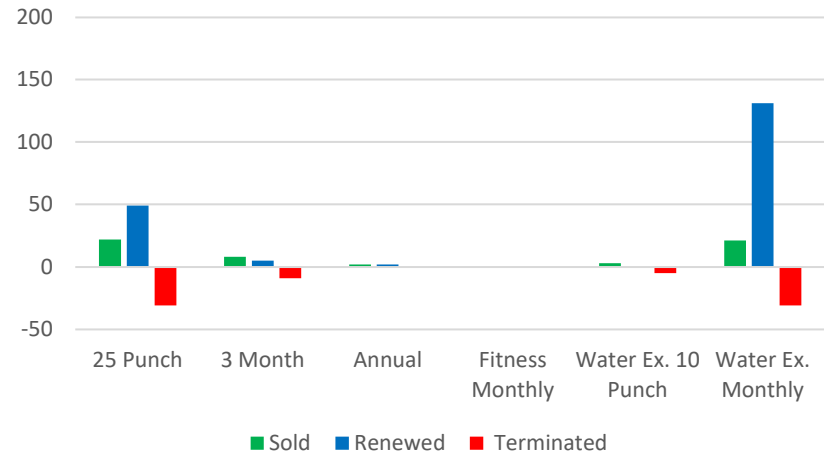
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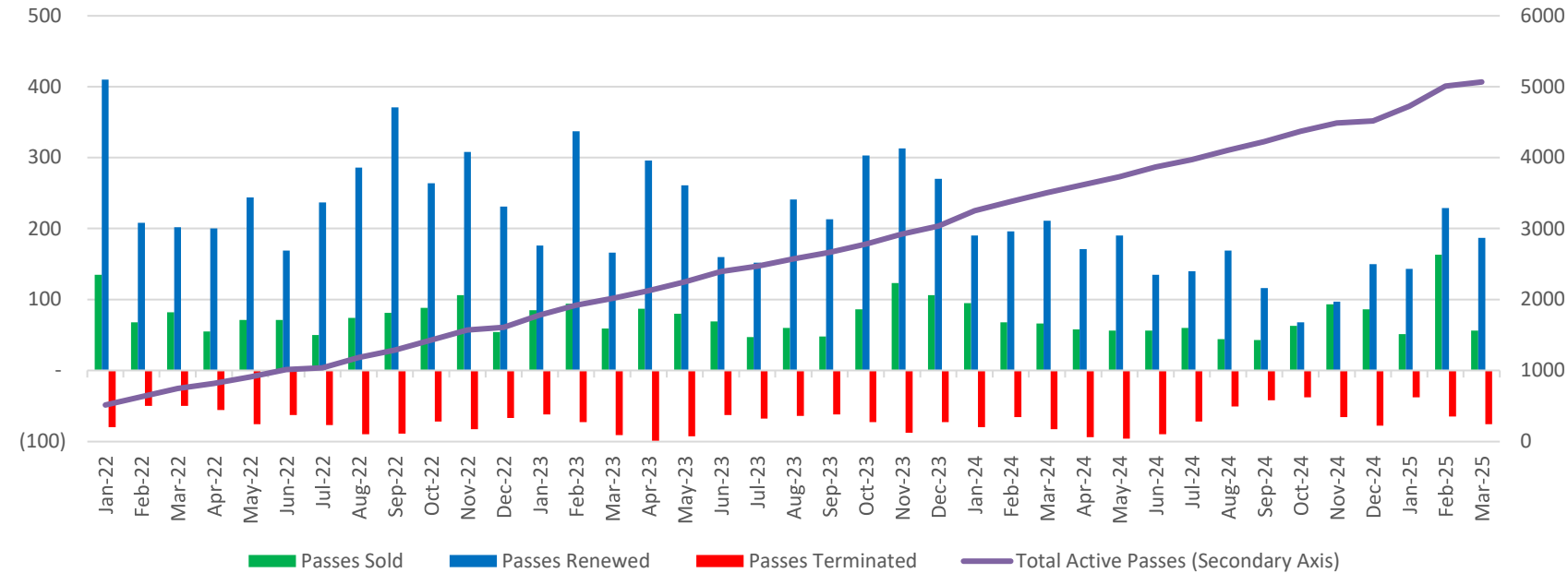
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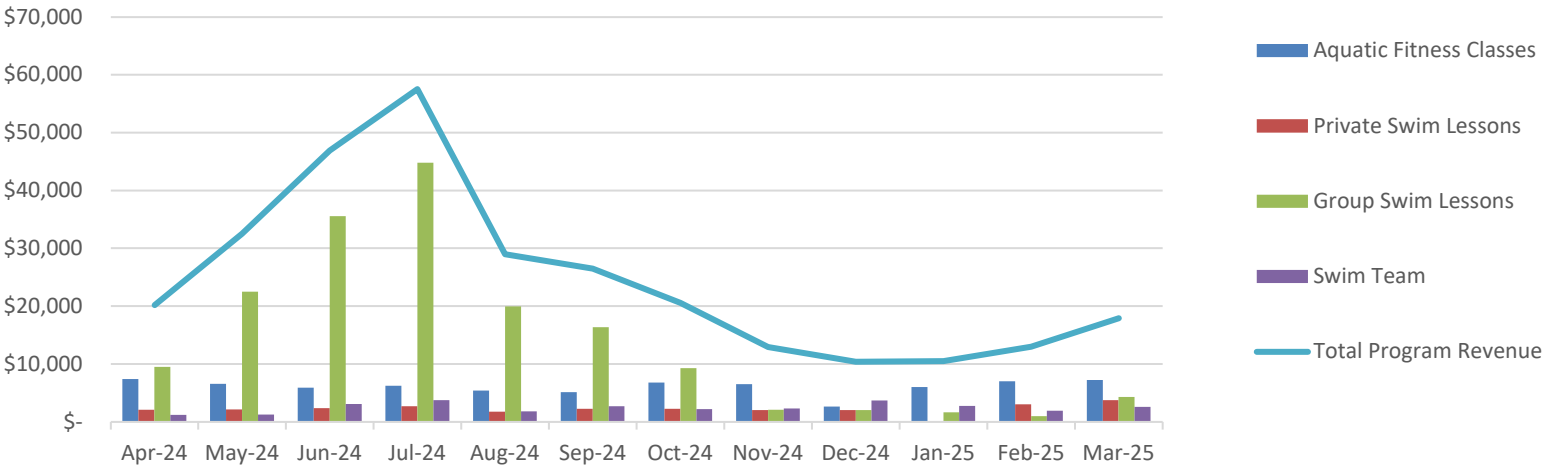
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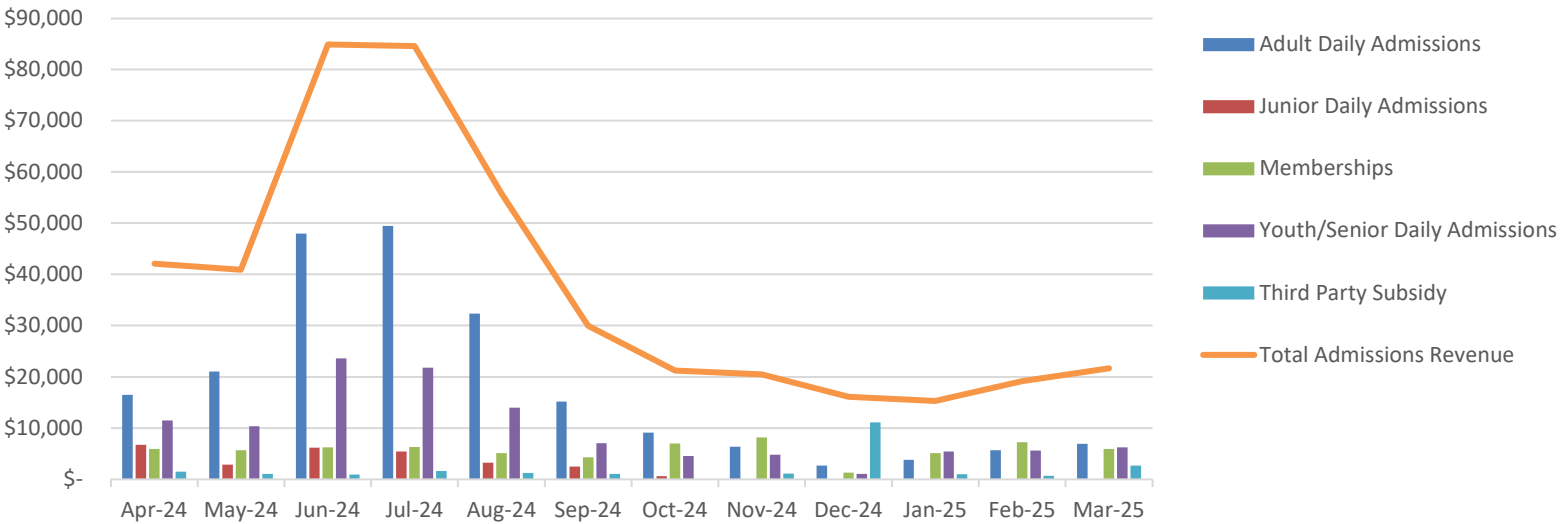
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Program Revenue Detail - Trailing 12 months



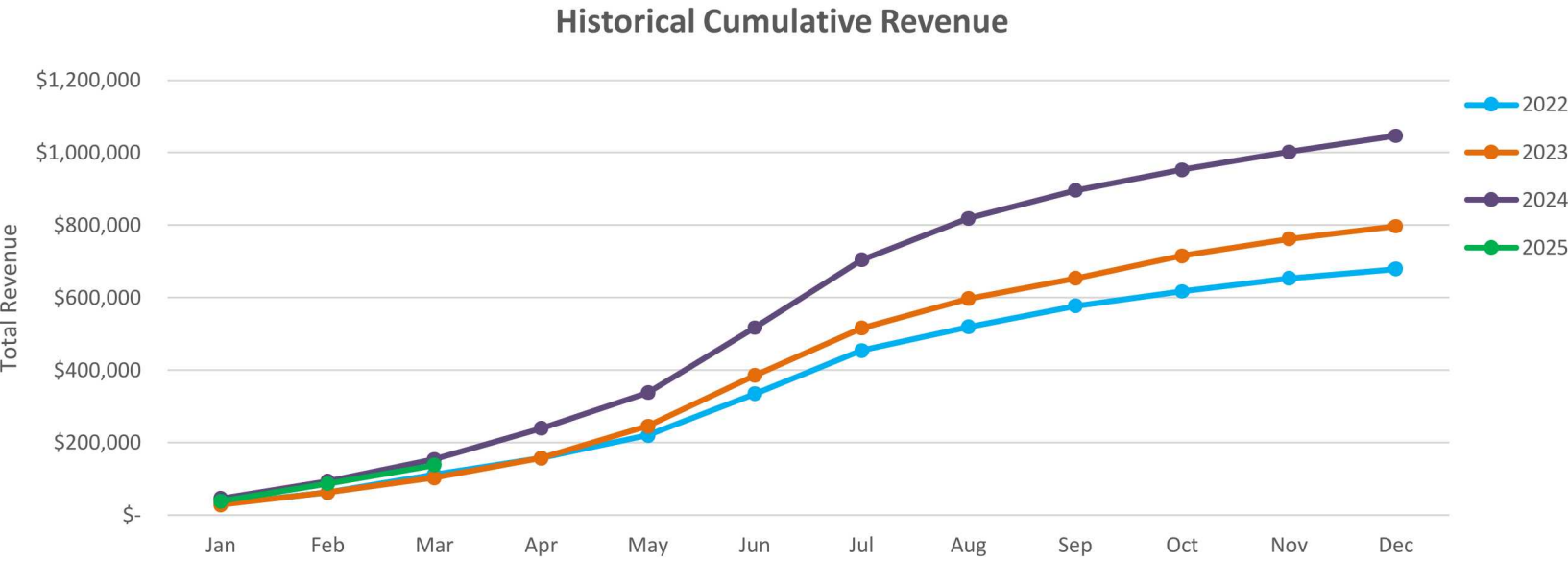
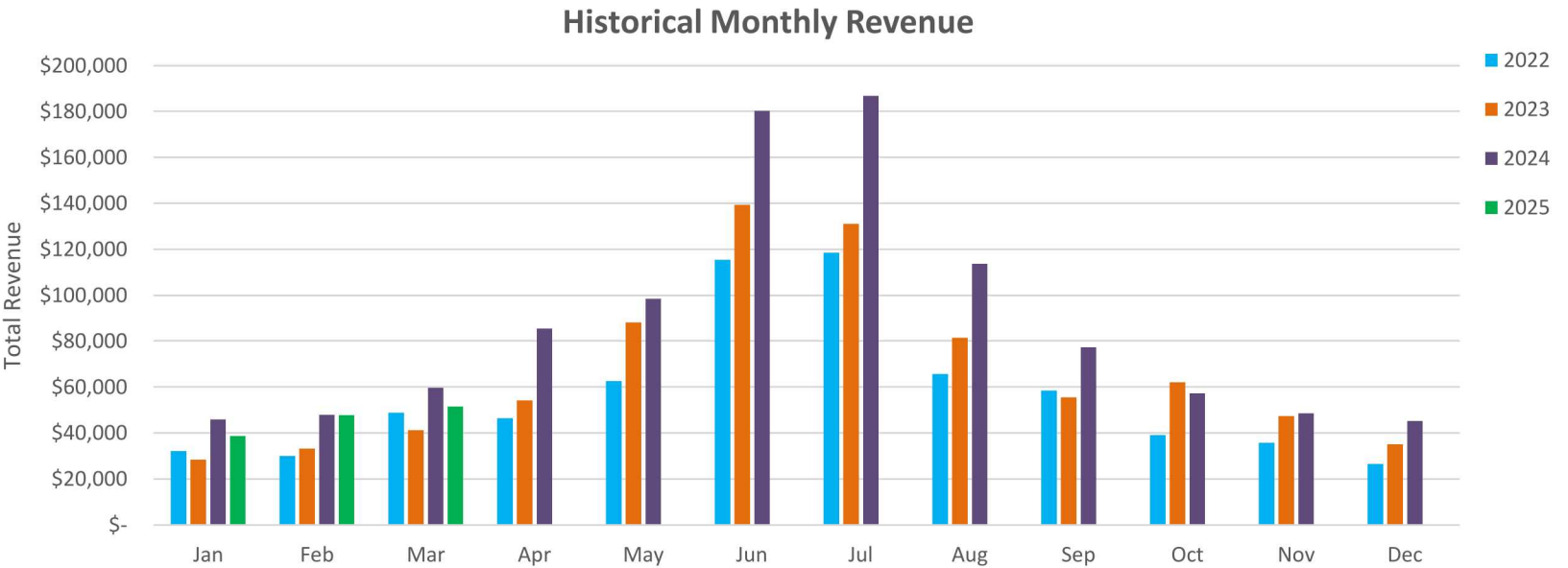
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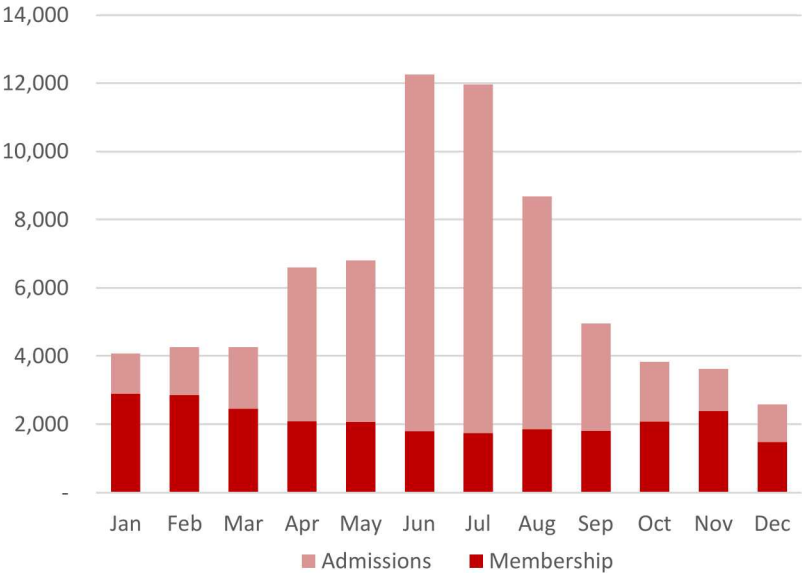
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Palm Desert Aquatics Center

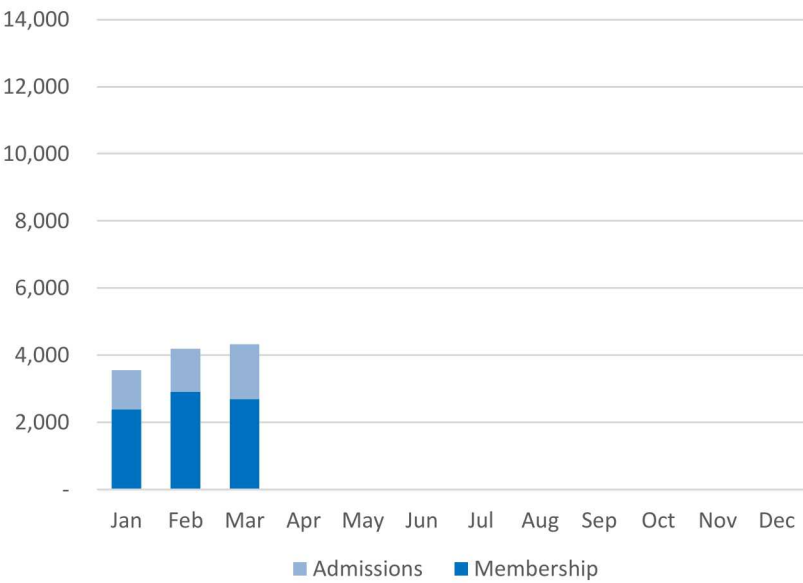
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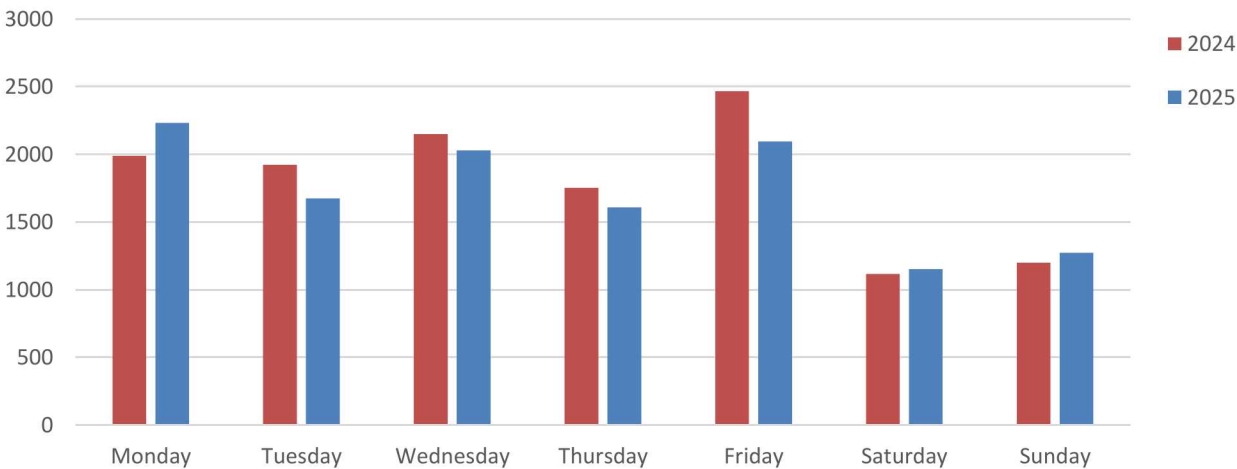
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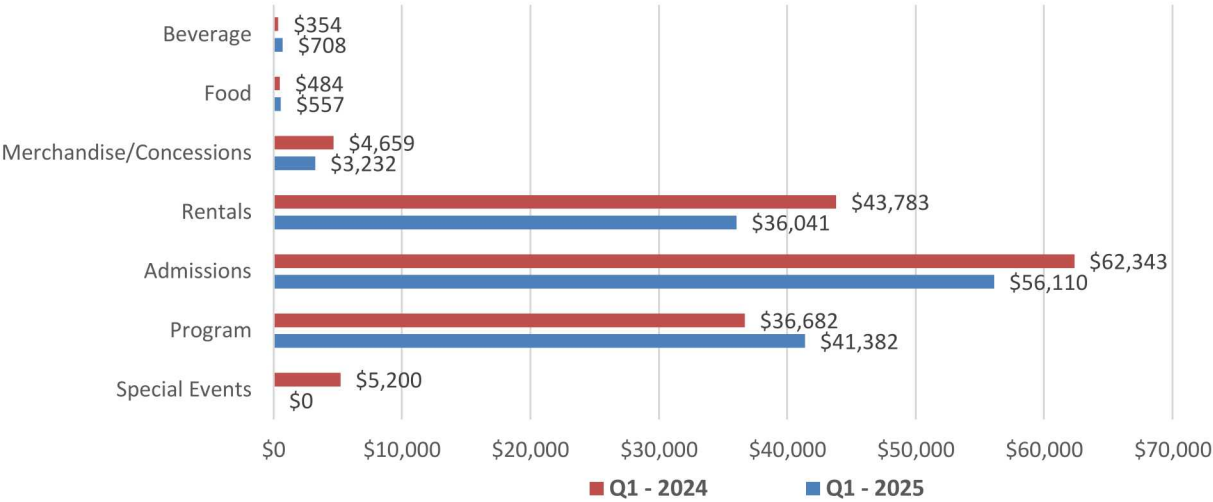
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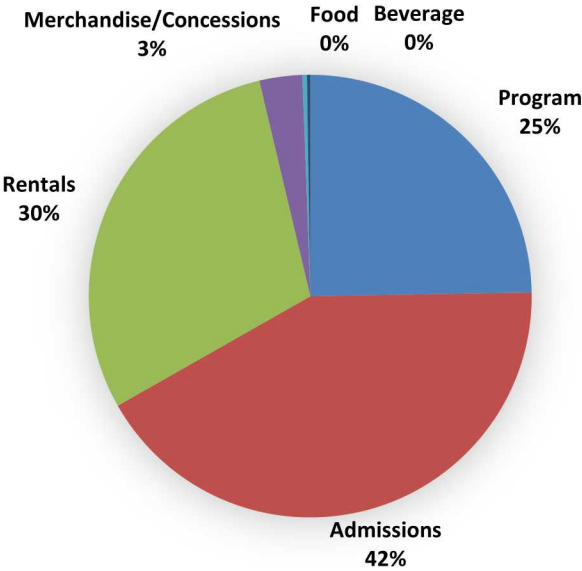
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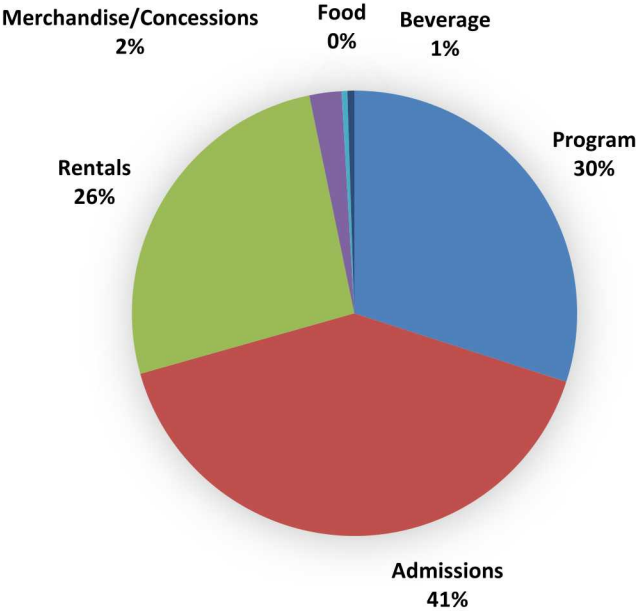
Q1 - 2025 Revenue Per Capita		
Category	# of Transactions	\$ per Transaction
Merchandise/Concessions	601	\$7.48
Admissions	1861	\$30.15
Program	730	\$49.37
Rentals	108	\$29.93
Special Events		

Total Facility Visits	12,070
Total Revenue	\$138,030
Total Revenue per Capita	\$11.44

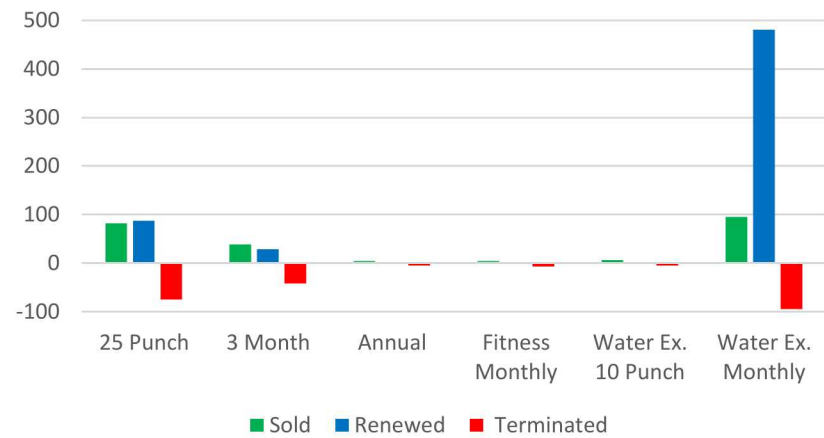
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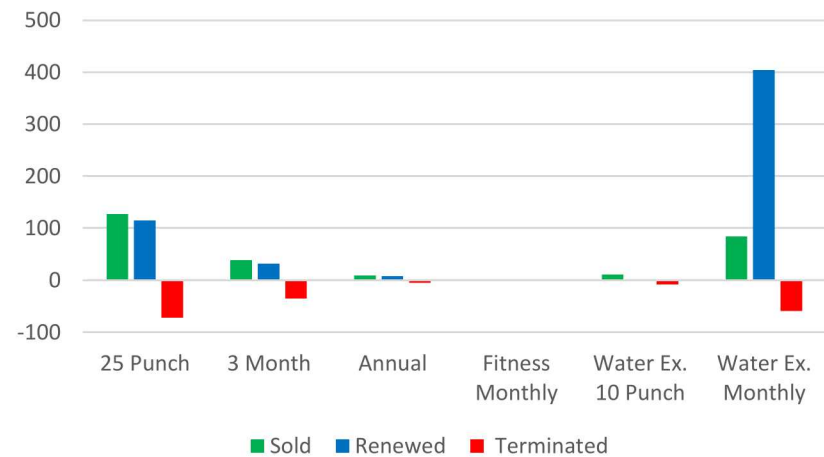
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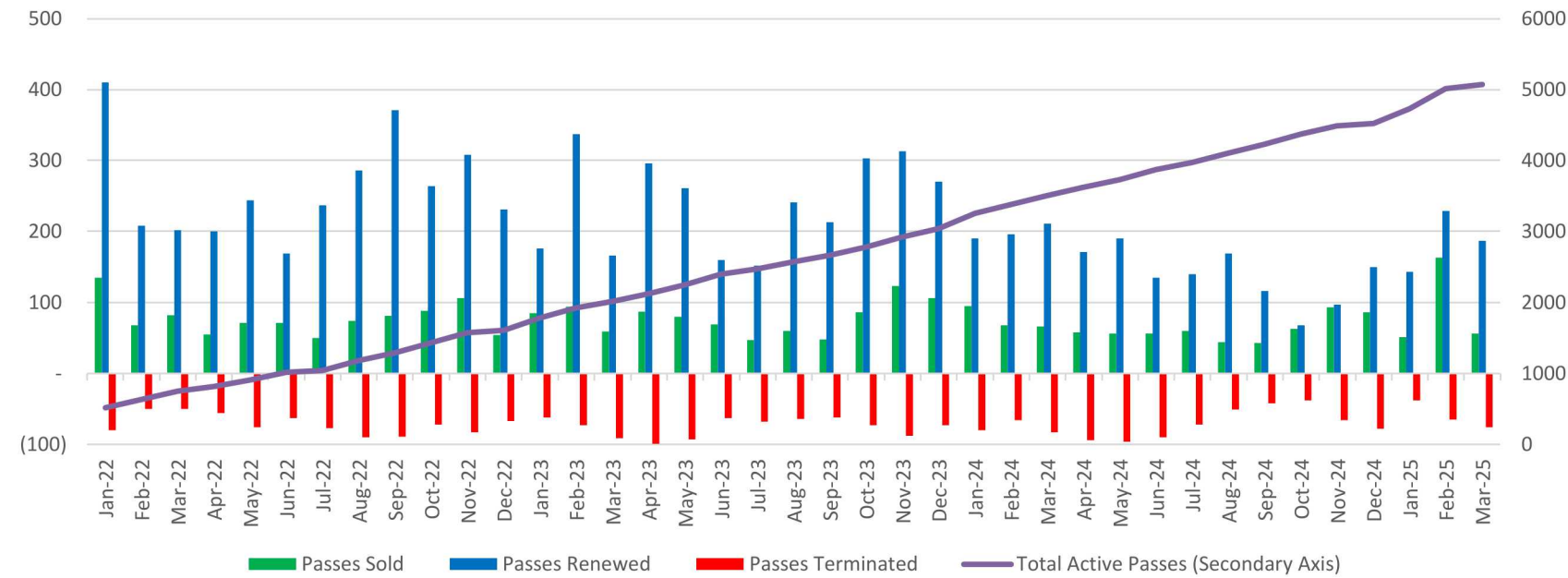
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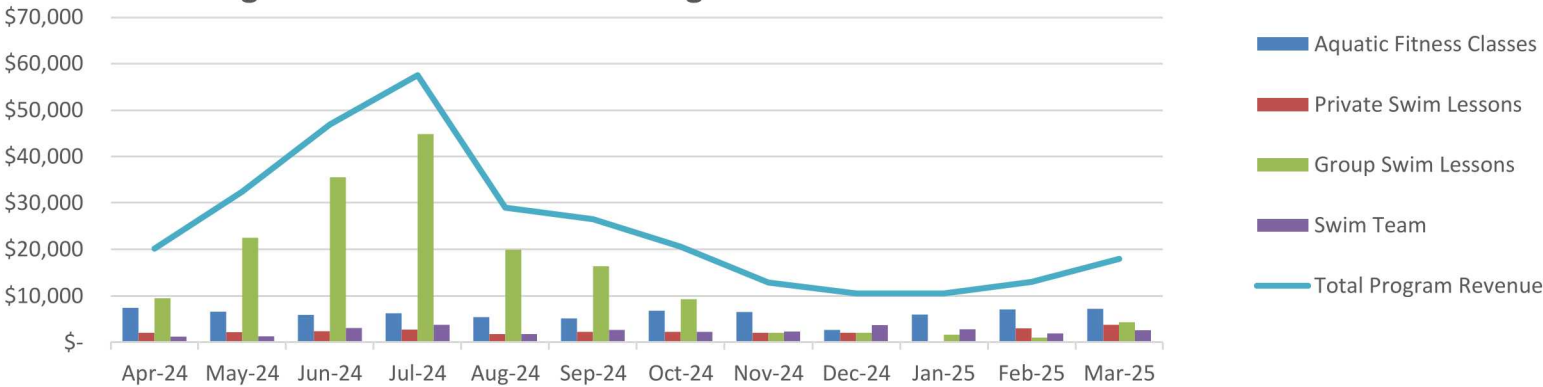
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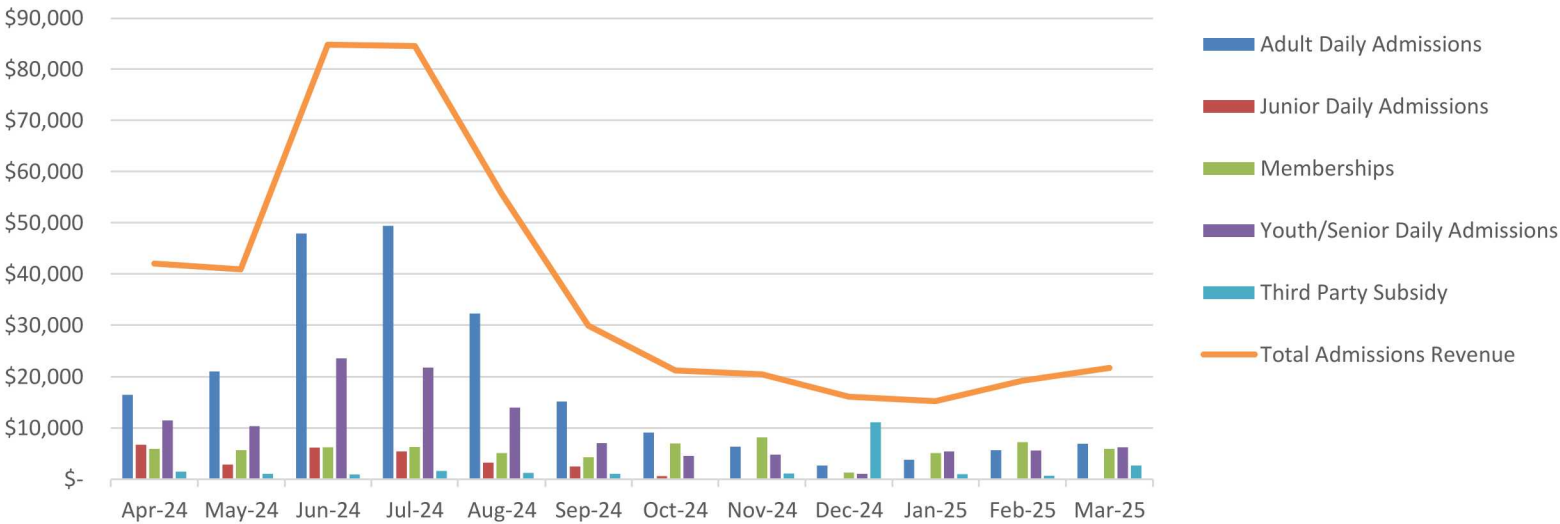
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Admissions Revenue Detail - Trailing 12 months









**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
CITY OF PALM DESERT
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: May 6, 2025

PREPARED BY: Kevin Swartz, Project Manager

SUBJECT: FIRST TEE AND THE GOLF CENTER AT PALM DESERT MONTHLY
REPORT

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

This report is submitted by the First Tee and the Golf Center at Palm Desert to the Parks and Recreation Committee for their monthly update. There is no action required from the Committee

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. First Tee Monthly Report
2. The Golf Center at PD Monthly Report



A program of the Desert Recreation District

Programming Update:

- 546 participants are registered for the Spring 2 session currently in its 3rd week. This is a combination of after-school/weekend classes, ELOP classes for 3 elementary schools, and the Sunnylands Wednesday class.
- Summer Camps & Summer Session registration is underway. FTCV will be holding 7 weeks of summer camps, 7 weeks of 9 Hole Playing Camps, and a Saturday Morning Development Tour Class. Weekday afternoon Summer Session Classes will be back at The PGA Tour Superstore in Palm Desert.

Competitive Activities Update:

- US Kids Coachella Valley Tour has hosted two events thus far, with 6 remaining. Desert Princess CC, Trilogy GC, Mission Lakes CC, Bermuda Dunes CC, Heritage Palms CC, and the championship will be at Avondale Golf Club.
- Development Tour has 20 participants tackling 9 Holes at The Golf Center trying to advance to the Development Tour Plus.
- Development Tour Plus has 7 participants tackling 9 Holes at The Lights at Indio in hopes to qualify for the 9-hole playing class.
- 9 Hole Playing Class has 16 participants traveling to various clubs throughout the valley that helps them work on their competitive golf skills.

Upcoming Fundraising Events:

- June 5th – June 8th DYDC 2025 Event at Whistling Straits (Wisconsin)
- Wine down Wednesday via Marker Broadcasting (Summer, Date: TBD)
- FTCV Annual Golf A Thon September 20th & 21st
- 2nd Annual Pros for a Purpose September 22nd



The Golf Center at Palm Desert

April 2025

February / March	2025	2024
Range/Rental/Lesson	\$132,909	\$113,105
Golf Course	\$ 84,860	\$ 76,758
Merchandise/F&B	\$ 11,319	\$ 11,376
Total	\$229,088	\$201,239

Golf Course Update:

This season has been highly productive, which is encouraging to see. Although we faced some unique weather challenges, our performance has consistently exceeded last year's results. As we look ahead to May, we can anticipate a smooth transition from winter rye to Bermuda grass, which will further enhance our growth.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
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MEETING DATE: May 6, 2025

PREPARED BY: Kevin Swartz, Project Manager

SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF THE DESERT MOUNTAINS MONTHLY REPORT

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

This report is submitted by the Friends of the Desert Mountains to the Parks and Recreation Committee for their monthly update. There is no action required from the Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Friends of the Desert Mountains Monthly Report



March Events

Date	Event	Category	# of Part.	City
3/16/25	Randall Henderson Trail	Guided Hikes	17	Palm Desert
3/16/25	Outreach, RHT parking	Outreach	13	Palm Desert
3/18/25	Birding Walk, DWGC	Guided Hikes	12	Palm Desert
3/21/25	Birding Walk, DWGC	Guided Hikes	15	Palm Desert
3/21/25	Ed Haste Garden Walk	Guided Hikes	7	Palm Desert
3/22/25	Star Party, VC	Event	46	Palm Desert
3/22/25	Tortoise Walk & Talk	Guided Hikes	35	Palm Desert
3/22/25	Tortoise Chat	Outreach	110	Palm Desert
3/23/25	Randall Henderson Trail	Guided Hikes	9	Palm Desert
3/23/25	Outreach, RHT parking	Outreach	39	Palm Desert
3/24/25	Birding Walk, VC	Guided Hikes	18	Palm Desert
3/28/25	Ed Haste Garden Walk	Guided Hikes	4	Palm Desert
3/29/25	Tortoise Chat	Outreach	38	Palm Desert
3/30/25	Randall Henderson Trail	Guided Hikes	6	Palm Desert
3/30/25	Outreach, RHT parking	Outreach	50	Palm Desert
4/1/25	Birding Walk, DWGC	Guided Hikes	9	Palm Desert
4/4/25	Birding Walk, DWGC	Guided Hikes	11	Palm Desert
4/4/25	Ed Haste Garden Walk	Guided Hikes	2	Palm Desert
4/5/25	Art Faire	BLM Event	100	Palm Desert
4/5/25	Star Party, VC	Event	39	Palm Desert
4/5/25	Tortoise Chat	Outreach	42	Palm Desert
4/6/25	Tortoise Chat	Outreach	26	Palm Desert
4/10/25	Yoga With the Ranger	BLM Event	11	Palm Desert
4/11/25	Ed Haste Garden Walk	Guided Hikes	0	Palm Desert
4/11/25	Tortoise Chat	Outreach	8	Palm Desert
4/12/25	Volunteer Orientation	BLM Event	19	Palm Desert
4/12/25	Tortoise Chat	Outreach	33	Palm Desert
4/13/25	Tortoise Chat	Outreach	10	Palm Desert
4/14/25	Birding Walk, DWGC	Guided Hikes	11	Palm Desert
4/15/25	Birding Walk, DWGC	Guided Hikes	6	Palm Desert

Upcoming Events

4/17/25	Yoga With the Ranger	BLM Event		Palm Desert
4/18/25	Birding Walk, DWGC	Guided Hikes		Palm Desert
4/18/25	Bus Tour - Birding	Event		Palm Desert
4/18/25	Ed Haste Garden Walk	Guided Hikes		Palm Desert
4/18/25	Earth Day Clean-up at VC	Event		Palm Desert



4/19/25	Lecture: Mission Desert Wildlife Ctr	BLM Event		Palm Desert
4/19/25	Tortoise Chat	Outreach		Palm Desert
4/20/25	Tortoise Chat	Outreach		Palm Desert
4/26/25	Ed Haste Garden Walk	Guided Hikes		Palm Desert
4/27/25	Tortoise Chat	Outreach		Palm Desert
4/28/25	Birding Walk, VC	Guided Hikes		Palm Desert
4/29/25	Birding Walk, DWGC	Guided Hikes		Palm Desert
5/1/25	Yoga With the Ranger	BLM Event		Palm Desert
5/3/25	Star Party, VC	Event		Palm Desert
5/3/25	Tortoise Chat	Outreach		Palm Desert
5/4/25	Tortoise Chat	Outreach		Palm Desert
5/8/25	Yoga With the Ranger	BLM Event		Palm Desert
5/10/25	Tortoise Chat	Outreach		Palm Desert
5/11/25	Tortoise Chat	Outreach		Palm Desert

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
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MEETING DATE: May 6, 2025

PREPARED BY: Kevin Swartz, Project Manager

SUBJECT: YMCA MONTHLY UPDATE

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

This report is submitted by the YMCA to the Parks and Recreation Committee for their monthly update. There is no action required from the Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. YMCA Monthly Report



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

April 14, 2025

Family YMCA of the Desert: May 6, 2025 | City of Palm Desert Committee Report

FROM: Paula Simonds, CEO

Jean Benson Child Development Center:

Current enrollment: 52

Waitlist:

Toddlers (Ages 2 yrs-3 yrs) 18

Preschool (Ages 3 yrs-4yrs) 5

2025-2026 Enrollment open

Preschool Graduation: Please email Paula Simonds at paulasimonds@desertymca.org if you'd like to attend. Palm Desert City Council members have been extended invitation as well.

Date: Friday June 6th **Time:** 1:00pm **Location:** San Pablo Y Gymnasium
43930 San Pablo Avenue

Licensed School Age Childcare: Carter Elementary School

Current enrollment: 59

2025-2026 Summer and School Year Enrollment open

Y-USA Child Abuse Prevention Month:

Five Days of Action®

April 21-25, 2025

Five Days of Action is a week-long campaign designed to raise awareness and inspire adults to take action to protect children from sexual abuse. See below for resources and how you can get involved.

At the Y, child protection is our number one priority year-round. During April—Child Abuse Prevention Month—we participated in a week-long campaign called Five Days of Action to increase awareness of child sexual abuse and empower and equip our communities to prevent it. By taking part in this important campaign and through implementing abuse prevention practices year-round, we can all commit to the safety of all children in our care.

State Y Alliance Information:

David Keyes, Palm Desert Aquatic Center Manager, has been recognized as a key contributor for **Water Safety Month in May**, the California State Alliance of YMCAs has created an optional California-specific campaign on water safety.

Special thanks to David Keyes (Family YMCA of the Desert), Harry Van (YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles), Jessie Massey (YMCA of San Joaquin County), and Kat Corona-Pilgrim (YMCA of the Foothills) for their contributions to this toolkit!

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
CITY OF PALM DESERT
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MEETING DATE: May 6, 2025

PREPARED BY: Kevin Swartz, Project Manager

SUBJECT: DESERT RECREATION DISTRICT MONTHLY REPORT

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

This report is submitted by the Desert Recreation District to the Parks and Recreation Committee for their monthly update. There is no action required from the Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. DRD Monthly Report



Date: April 25, 2025

To: City of Palm Desert Parks and Recreation Commission

From: Brenda Nutter, Community Services Coordinator 2

Subject: Numbers reflective April 1 through April 24, 2025

Palm Desert April:

Memberships Sold	
Fitness Pass	116
Desert Willow	162
Skate Park	18
Adaptive	8
Activity Totals	
Afterschool	228
Basketball Training Zone	15
Ballroom Dance	4
Belly Dancing	7
Beginning Ballet	9
Beginning Guitar	6
Chair Yoga	4
Dance, Play & Pretend	17
Drums	1
K9 Nose Work Advanced	2
Line Dance	4
Moo Kwan Do	3
Multi – Sports Camp	9
Parent & Me Soccer	7
Pickleball Clinics	25
Pickleball Private Lessons	2
Second Level Guitar	4
Shape Up with Sharon	11

Soccer Clinic	4
Tai Chi for your Health	19
Volleyball	12
Youth Tennis Advanced	11
Youth Tennis Beginner	16
Drop-In Class Participation	
Ballroom Dance	9
Belly Dance	7
K9 Scents	4
Line Dance	9
Pickleball	15
Volleyball	1
Shape Up with Sharon	11
Tai Chi	1
Yoga	5
Daily Drop Ins for Center	425
Facility Rentals	
Amphitheater	6
Football Field	23
Multi-Purpose room	9
Pavilion/Outdoor Area	37
Tennis/Pickleball Courts	55
Softball Field	182
Soccer Field	158

Adaptive April

April Program Participation	
Adaptive Basketball	32
Adaptive Pickleball	20
Adaptive Powerhouse	3
Adaptive Tennis	16
Adaptive Walk, Roll and Run	13
Adaptive Zumba	25

Outdoor Adventure

April Program Participation	
Kayaking and Wellness Retreat	18

Hike the PTC	20
Take a Hike Saturdays	9
Youth Outdoor Rock Climbing Adventure	8

Palm Desert Updates

The Eggstravaganza was held on April 19, 2025, at the amphitheater. It was a very fun event. Approximately 1100 guests attended. We had face painting, arts and crafts, pictures with the bunny as well the egg hunt with four age different divisions. We gave out 10,000 candy and novelty filled eggs. We had 8 golden tickets, and those lucky winners went home with large baskets filled with balls, toys and candy.

We have some new tournaments and camps coming for summer.

- We will have a Round Robin Indoor Pickleball Tournaments planned on Sundays in May, June and August.
- We are having a Four Person Golf Scramble at Desert Falls Country Club on June 8, 2025
- We are planning a multi- sports camp, with tennis, golf, basketball, martial arts and soccer August 4 through August.
- Summer Camp will run from June 9 through August 8, 2025. We have, three-week sessions, weekly sessions as well a daily drop in available.

Skate Park

- We sold 15 memberships in March and 18 in April
- Participation for February was 119 and 31 spectators.
- Participation for March was 101 and 40 spectators.
- Participation for April was 96 and 22 spectators.

We are listening to the ideas to increase participation. I have a job posted on our website looking for Skate instructors. Hopefully we will get some good candidates and start to offer classes again.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
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MEETING DATE: May 6, 2025

PREPARED BY: Kevin Swartz, Project Manager

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE SKATE PARK AT CIVIC CENTER PARK

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and File

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

At the regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on March 4, 2025, members requested information from staff regarding the skate park regarding usage, enforcement rules, and operations. Staff will provide a presentation to summarize their findings and provide future options and strategies.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact