

Pagosa Springs Community Parks and Recreation Survey Results

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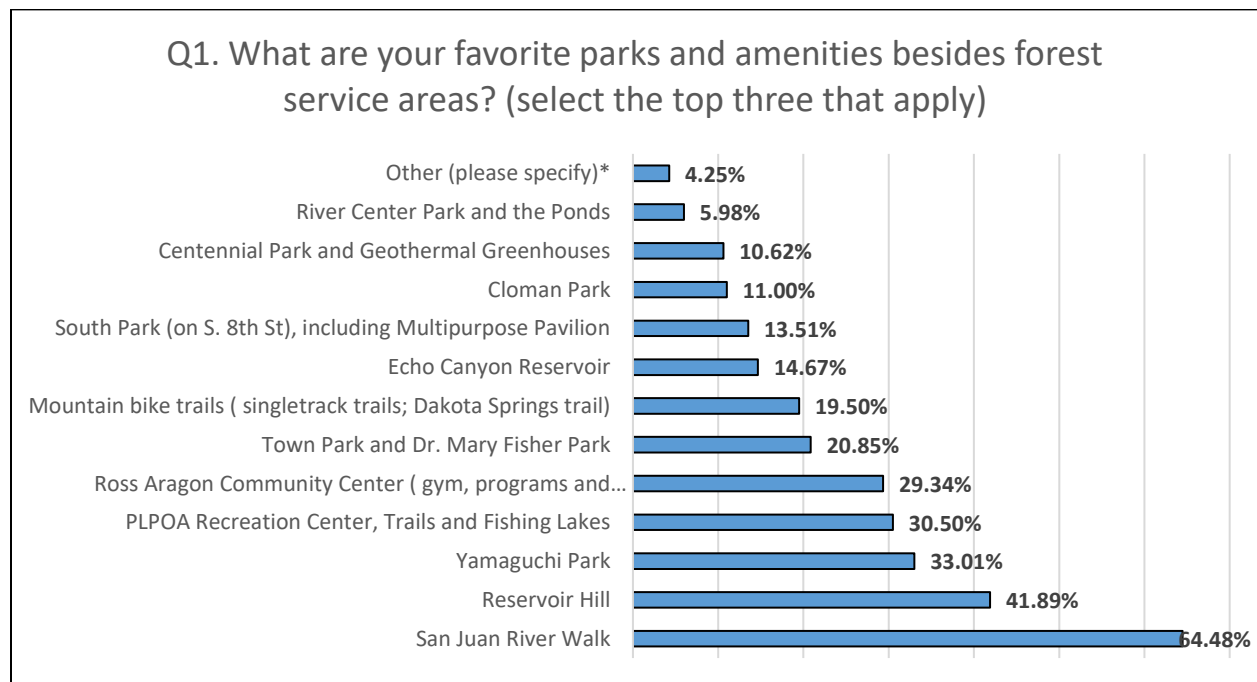
Introduction

The purpose of this survey was to gather community feedback on the current recreational and parks amenities in the Pagosa Springs area and to develop ideas for planning for future facilities. The survey contained ten questions and was made available online and on paper. It was open from May 15 to June 22. 518 surveys were returned (401 online through Survey Monkey and 117 paper surveys). Paper surveys were made available at the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center, Pagosa Springs Town Hall, Ruby Sisson Library, Archuleta County Administration Building and the Ross Aragon Community Center. The Archuleta School District #50 JT and Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association sent an electronic link to the survey and the Pagosa Sun wrote an article to encourage residents to complete the survey.

The survey was intentionally kept short to ten questions. Questions were developed in cooperation with representatives from Archuleta County, the Town of Pagosa Springs, PROST board members, PLPOA management and the Town Parks and Recreation Commission.

Of the 506 individuals who responded to Question #10 (demographic information) on the survey, 83.4% indicated that they are residents of Pagosa Springs. Average household size is 2.19 people. 38.3% of respondents have at least one person in the household who is over 65 years old. 28.5% of respondents have at least one child under age eighteen living in the home.

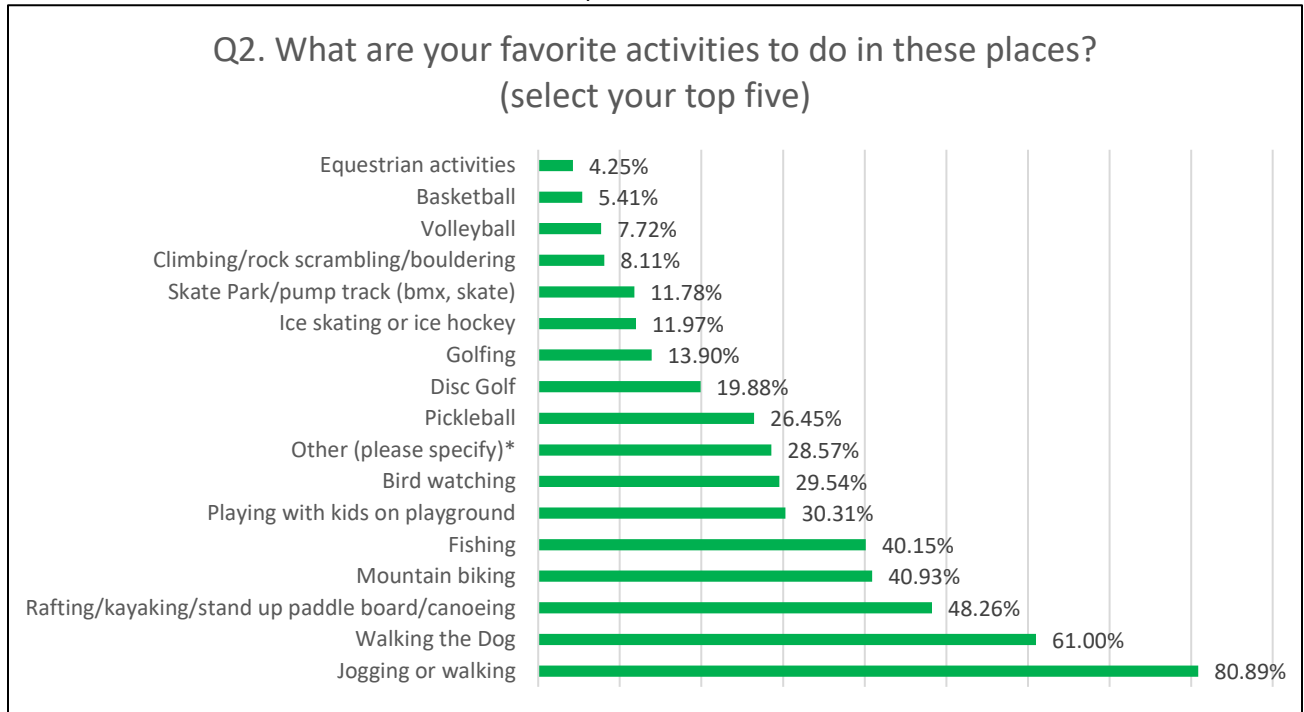
Survey Results



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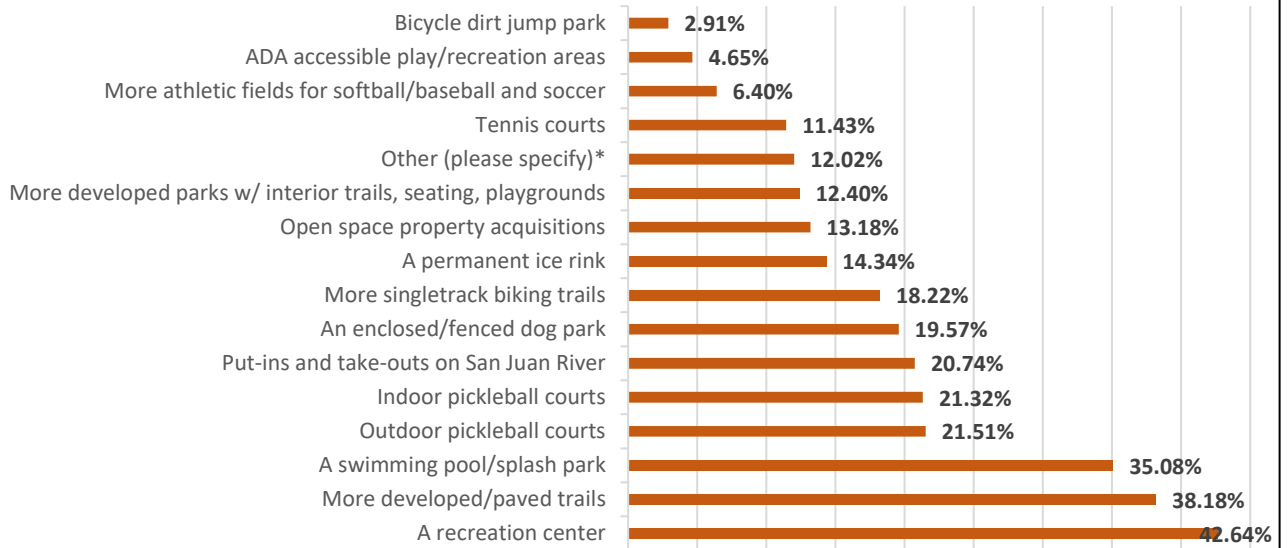
Tennis courts, Martinez Canyon, river features, pickleball, high school track, disc golf course, natural hiking trails, Town to Lakes Trail that has been constructed to date, skate park, movie theater



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*Other (please specify): Rowing, educational opportunity, cross-country skiing, picnicking, enjoying the river, Zumba, yoga, inline skating, hiking, road biking, camping, birthday parties and events, tennis, weight lifting, soccer, don't use them, trail hiking, gardening, tubing, sitting, daydreaming, watching sunset, curling, people watching, rollerblading, kayaking

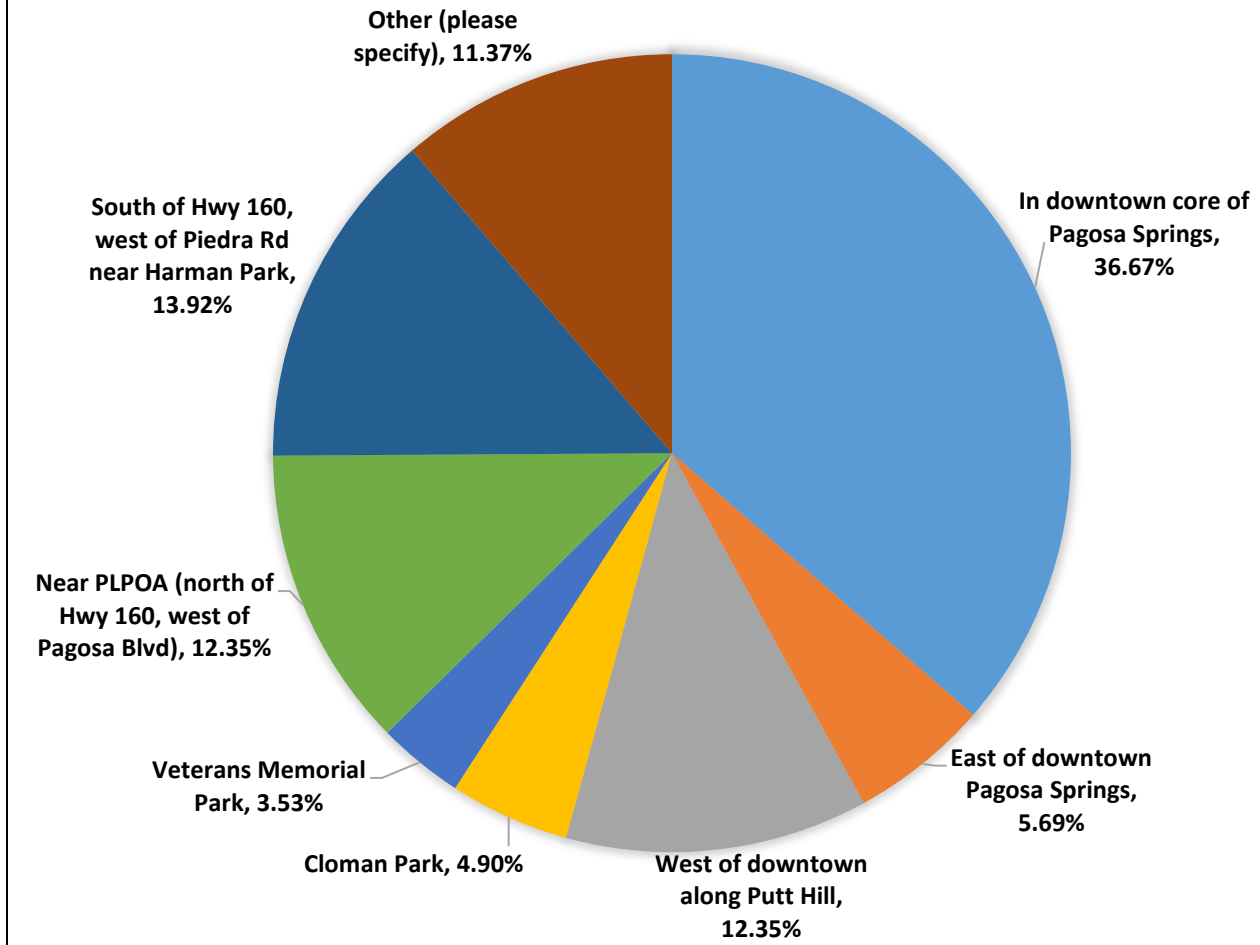
Q3. What new, additional facilities should the community build?
(select your top three)



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*Other (please specify): **(see comments attached)**

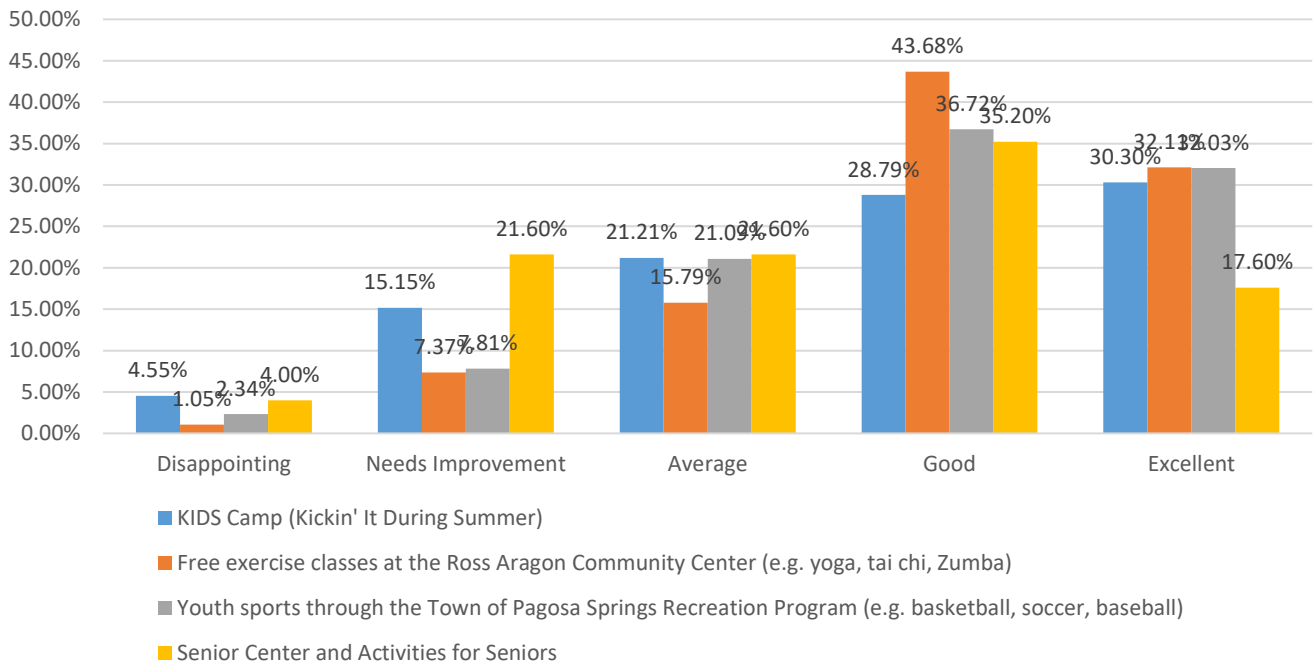
Q4. WHERE SHOULD ADDITIONAL FACILITIES BE BUILT?



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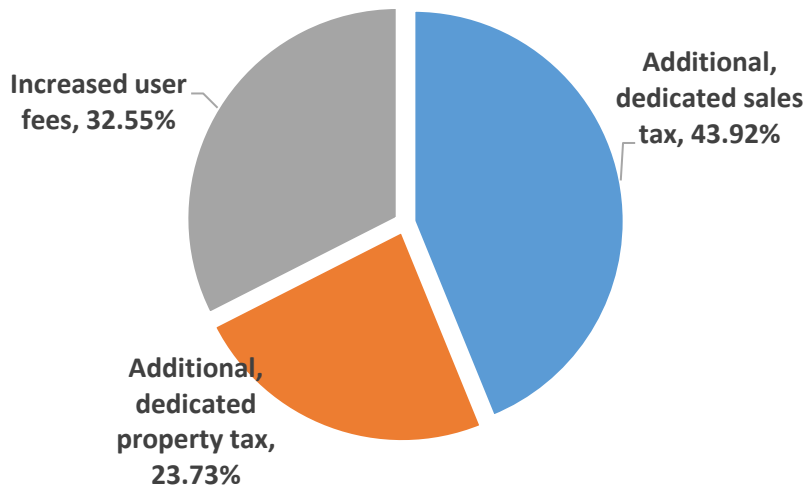
*Other (please specify): *(see comments attached)*

Q5. Please rate the following town-sponsored programs that you or your family participated in within the last two years (select all that apply). 1=Disappointing to 5=Excellent



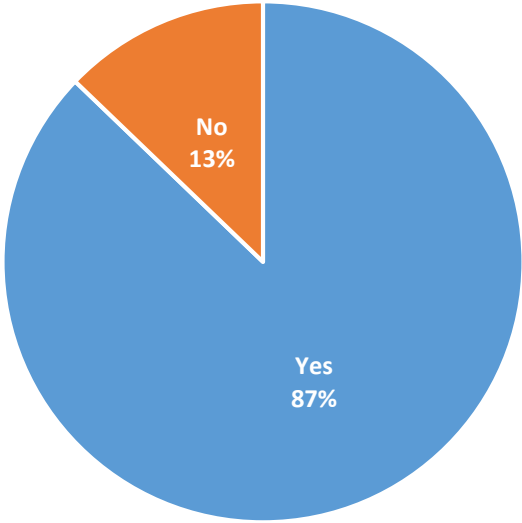
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Q6. Providing dedicated parks, trails, open spaces and recreational programs comes with a cost. What is the best avenue to secure funds to provide these amenities?
(#1 choice indicated below)



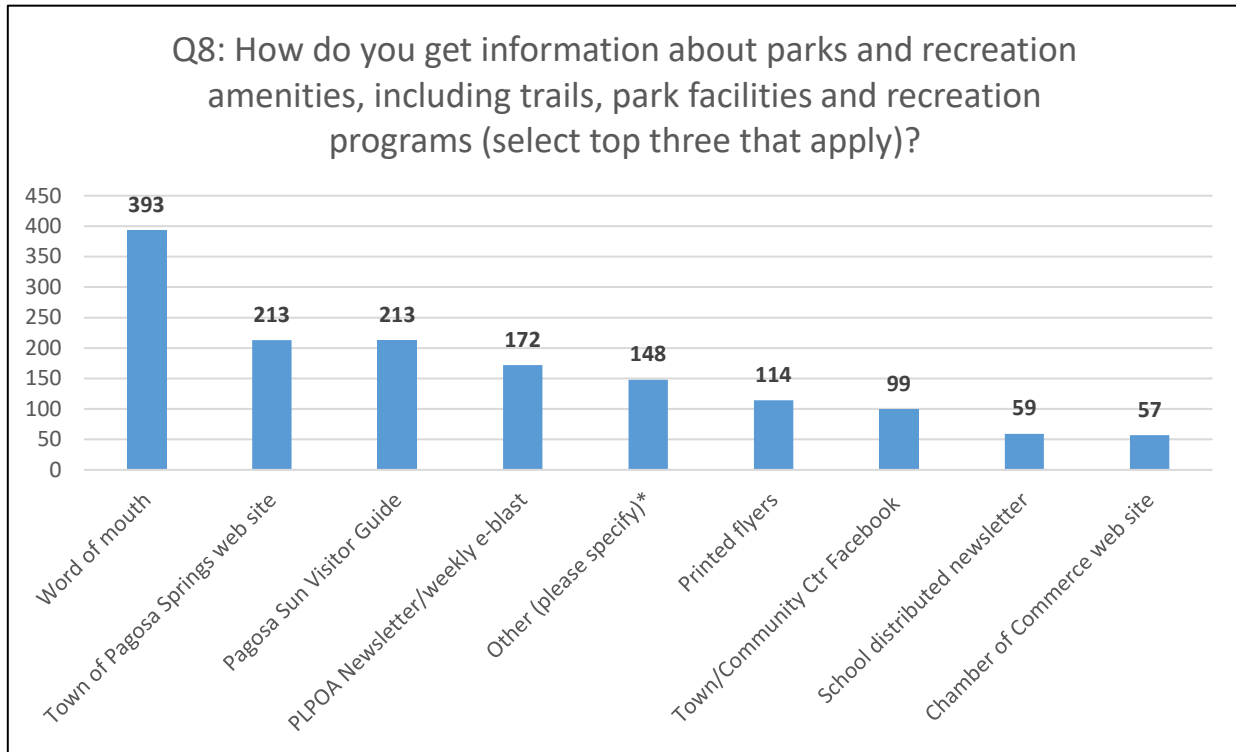
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Q7. Would you support a joint effort between the Town of Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County, and PLPOA to form a parks and recreation metro district or similar type of authority? This would allow for joint funding, planning, and management of these amenities



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Question 7 comments: -see attached



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*Other (please specify):

Pagosa Sun Newspaper, KWUF, Preview, Social Media, Google maps, internet, online searches, Town of Pagosa Springs emails, Pagosa Daily Post, local shops (Pagosa Mountain Sports, Pagosa Outside, etc.), US Forest Service, Nordic and Bike club emails, Chamber Facebook site, pagosatrails.org, Town Council meeting minutes, Ruby Sisson Library, banner on Hot Springs Blvd, cartoon maps, San Juan Outdoor Club emails, and "being out and about" and exploring

Question 9: Comments-see attached

Question 10: Demographic information (see first page)

Comments

Q3. What new, additional facilities should the community build? (select your top three)-Other

- Audubon bird trail and pavilion
- Infrastructure for event venues such as outdoor music etc.
- A designated area for bird observation and education (Sanitation Pond area should be used for this capacity!)
- There are already enough
- Splash park only
- Riverwalk from town to West-side
- Enlarge Seeds of Learning
- Upgrade disc courses with concrete tee boxes and more signage. A pickleball complex.
- Obstacle course that is "ninja warrior" type obstacles for kids and adults
- Complete the downtown to uptown bike path.
- Rock Climbing Facility - Boulders are subpar. In town cross country trails - shorter daylight means I don't have time to drive to Coyote after work and Yamaguchi loop gets boring. (Don't care as much about Put-ins and Take-outs but I had 2 "others" and the system made me select 3. Please take that vote away and include Rock Climbing + In town XC)
- Outside dedicated Pickleball courts should be the priority
- Large park uptown
- long running/biking/multi use dirt trails such as around the base of Reservoir hill (Light plant to 84 to 160) as an example
- Outdoor performance amphitheater for all the local youth and other performing artists
- complete the bicycle trail all the way to the east of town
- Outdoor movie park with concessions
- Park at lake at hatchery
- Connect uptown and downtown with a trail that is a safe distance from HWY 160.
- Path connecting uptown and downtown
- Parking in Downtown area
- Ways to cross 160 above or below grade
- We have a growing tennis community and courts at Wyndham are in disrepair.
- Please pave the pump track next to the skate park so everyone can enjoy it. Also, we could really use a shade down at the skate park. Every other facility around us has shade so it only makes sense to provide us with that as well.
- Zip line attraction
- Affordable programs for kids
- Properly developed disc golf tee boxes
- Dog park!
- Please don't do any of these things at the expense of the wonderful things we already have. Don't take away open parks that have so many uses and convert them into single use areas/ sports/ etc.
- Natural hiking and walking areas
- Indoor track
- Disk golf

- I think the outdoor activities are vast. Nothing needs to be built to enjoy it. You want another answer and I don't want to give another answer so I'm answering more bicycle trails even though I don't believe that.
- Disc Golf Courses
- Roller rink/bowling alley
- Gardening
- Bowling Alley
- Bowling alley
- No other
- More baskets at the disc golf course
- More disc golf courses
- An indoor event venue
- We need a rec center. Best thing Durango ever did, and it turns a profit.
- A rec center all residents can use and Pagosa Lakes property should not be included
- Connect the downtown to North Pagosa. Dirt/crushed gravel is fine. Get rid of the awful banners on the lamp posts. We have beautiful scenery and do NOT need big adverts on our walks or rides. They are an eyesore and cheesy at best.
- More shaded seating areas at the playground at Yamaguchi
- extend San Juan River walk both easterly and southerly (if property rights can be secured inexpensively)
- Shade trees
- I want to see the Town To Lakes Trail be completed before another 5 years go by
- Tennis courts/Basketball
- Indoor rodeo area
- Re: Permanent ice rink-we are the only significant ski area in Colorado without one
- link the ToPS Parks (re: Recreation Center--with a pool)
- None-town parks are fine, they just need watering-money should be spent on the Town shop and streets
- There is enough already
- Indoor riding arena
- More fish in river with catch-keep restrictions
- More horseshoe pits
- Re: put-ins and take outs on San Juan River-no way! Too much trash left all along road-clean up county landfill on San Juan River!
- XC ski trails
- Always more connections to/between parks and amenities
- Entire community w/ salt pool; more trees in parks
- Another swing-someone always using it when I want to
- Jogging trail with drinking fountains and a dog park

Q4. Where should additional facilities be built? -Other

- Focus on excellent maintenance for now
- Down 84
- Lagoon property
- Anywhere along the River

- Anywhere
- In the best location for the specific facility
- Lagoon Pond (former Sanitation District) Property
- based on study with public input
- Yamaguchi Park area
- I think they should be built where they are needed
- I don't really care where. I just know that we need more pickleball facilities!
- Old sewage treatment ponds
- Lagoon property
- Lagoon property for Pickleball
- Across from city market plaza
- Yamaguchi Park
- Would love to see a sidewalk all the way along Piedra, too many people walk it and it's dangerous.
- Hatcher lake
- In open space near Walmart
- Anywhere there's is adequate space.
- 6 tennis courts....maybe near Rec Center
- Not sure since I am here during summer months
- Where land is available that doesn't mean taking away existing features or losing the charm and beauty of our town.
- Least costly
- Yamaguchi Park
- No big developed areas - leave as natural
- A bike path town to aspen springs
- We don't need additional facilities.
- NA We would go anywhere
- Where it is the most feasible
- Do not need additional facilities
- Anywhere! I'd prefer uptown somewhere, but it's needed anywhere
- No preference
- No preference
- How about near the Community Center and Town Hall
- Improve our roads. Widen them with bike lanes. No new facilities until our pothole infested roads are improved.
- Fairfield to Town connecting trail
- I think tying together downtown and uptown with a trail would do a lot for the community. This could be a gravel trail - doesn't need to be such a expensive paved trail, at least to start. A block or two at a time has been painful to watch.
- trail connecting up and down town
- Ponds South of Yamaguchi park
- Wherever there is adequate space
- Area south of Yamaguchi park
- Take out for boating on CR 500 (Trujillo) or a put in for boating east of downtown
- Next to Yamaguchi
- Lagoon property

- Yamaguchi Park
- Yamaguchi ponds
- Difficult to answer as it depends on which facilities
- East of Yamaguchi Park
- Paved trail connecting uptown to downtown
- Retired sewage treatment or Cloman Park
- Town Shop and streets
- Lagoon pond property
- Yamaguchi Park
- Reservoir Hill
- Hatcher Lake area-walking paths
- Sanitation lagoons
- No preference
- Connect all the lakes, including Hatcher via paved trails that connect to uptown, downtown
- Old sewage lagoons
- Eaton drive-more open space needed

Q7. Would you support a joint effort between the Town of Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County, and Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) to form a parks and recreation metro district or similar type of authority? This would allow for joint funding, planning and management of these amenities.

- Best outcome through combining funds.
- We need more recreation for young families, tourists at a reasonable price
- The area is small and should be shared through income and output
- PLPOA is evil
- Only if all are allowed access to their rec center. They need to give to be able to receive.
- Collaborative planning and funding sharing can do more
- Small community, makes sense to combine resources
- Town is doing a great job, why confuse the issue
- Leave out the PLPOA this is a town/county effort not private
- But would like to hear the details first
- Seems like it would be the most efficient use of staff
- It would make the area more of a community
- The county has land but lack a Parks & Rec Program. The Town has a P&R program but lacks land. Also, a district would allow public use of new PLPOA facilities.
- Too much focus on west side of town with PLPOA involved
- The PLPOA is a member focused organization and not a public entity
- Metro Districts get money--but MUST be run w/transparency and citizen participation
- This is a one town county. All resources, facilities and govt agencies should be combined. We could save a lot of money and get things done instead of fighting over limited resources
- It would make more efficient use of staff, funding, and facilities within the community. It would also better fit the structure and functioning of the Town, County, and PLPOA as a community, not three separate entities trying to accomplish the same goals.
- integrated multi agency approach makes sense
- Joint efforts usually work better.

- More accountability and less deflecting of community desires/needs.
- Joint funding and resources would be nice but I'd be concerned with user fees being too expensive
- A unified coordinated effort should be more efficient and yield a balanced outcome between downtown and uptown residents.
- There is more power and more accountability built in to a multi-governmental coalition.
- it is utterly ridiculous that PLPOA rec center won't allow any town folks to utilize the facility
- On the fence, could be good but PLPOA also tends toward the authoritarian side...
- It only makes sense!
- All of the facilities are used by all three entities, incl. visitors and part timers, all should have a say in expenditures
- If not PLPOA then just town and county
- County and Town should have a rec department together
- Coordinating efforts and finances just makes sense. Residents and visitors will get more for less money - more amenities, higher quality equipment, trails, etc. for less money than trying to duplicate efforts and spend more money for fewer products.
- let's work together to make this town supportive for everyone
- I'm for it if it makes the process more efficient and cost effective and if PLPOA members don't get the short end of the stick
- As long as PLPOA didn't try to focus on everything being up there.
- It can have more if we all work together
- The Town and County support essentially the same user base in terms of parks and rec. PLPOA is also a major player since many residents live within PLPOA boundaries. It makes sense to treat the whole area as a single entity to fund parks and rec.
- The city and county should work together on everything. There should be one government.
- Need more things uptown
- Strength in numbers
- A "we're in this together" approach would be a nice change.
- There could be better efficiency if the 3 entities teamed up instead of duplicating services.
- The county and PLPOA need guidance
- By having a joint effort, you spread out the cost and have more opportunity for grants
- PLPOA too restrictive
- Nothing would ever get started or finished, and to the tax hike above question, up the tourist tax so we do not pay for it at all! All other areas have a much higher tourist tax than we do.
- Collaboration and county-wide focus. Stop doing projects independently.
- Our citizens are mostly part of all 3 organizations (or at least 2) and yet they rarely work together for parks and rec.
- PLPOA restricts use of facilities to residents of PLPOA. Why should Town and county contribute to improving PLPOA.
- Absolutely. I see Pagosa Springs as a WHOLE beautiful town, not separated by uptown and downtown boundaries.
- To avoid necessary duplication of services and offer the best opportunities for the entire community.
- Most of the population lives in PLPOA in Archuleta County.
- We're a small community. It makes sense to avoid duplication and maximize use of available resources.
- The more governing entities can work together, for the better of the community, the better

- For better communication between the programs
- PLPOA fees would increase
- All I have ever experienced about PLPOA is that it brings an elitist and overbearing controlism to anything they touch. There is no way I'd want the welcoming "town" policies to be corrupted by the PLPOA aesthetic of inflexibility and superiority.
- PLPOA has fees but limited use, joining forces for metro parks would benefit all
- Look into Wyndham as a partner too.
- The partnership is long overdue. Often it feels as an "us v them" approach to recreation around here. We need to work together.
- would need more info on partnership
- Why limit & police use of activities? Everyone should be able to enjoy the great outdoors, regardless of who paid for the upgrades.
- These are for the whole community not just the town, all should be involved.
- NO! PLPOA is ridiculous, rude, and why most people HATE Pagosa
- It's about time these entities joined forces and got joint projects together with more funding and management power. That said, I'm in favor IF PLPOA becomes more welcoming to downtown residents, especially in use of public recreation areas (like Gate 5, for example, what's up with those signs?). If downtown tax dollars go to develop areas that aren't publicly accessible, that is unreasonable.
- Just the town and the county
- We are one big team! Coming together would open up opportunities for more funding and more ideas and hands working on the projects!
- I would like to see that option pursued, but would like to know the pros and cons before deciding.
- We are all of the same community and benefit from each other.
- Funding with multiple sources could allow more facilities
- Our other home is in south suburban prd and it's wonderful: <https://www.ssprd.org/>
- Yes, someone/persons need to manage such facilities. We desperately need tennis courts and have gotten nowhere with talking with Wyndham to even repair/patch existing courts, they are just about unplayable, very sad for tennis community.....
- If all involved felt this was a way to make more available for all, I would support this alliance! It might reduce overlap and allow for better coordination of efforts and economies of scale. My only hesitation would be if this led to negative politics!
- The town of Pagosa and PLPOA feel like one entity already to me.
- Reduction of redundancy and overlap
- PLPOA area should remain for the Owners in that association
- If done properly, combining resources, including existing land, could be amazing for this community.
- I think it would be a good thing
- Brings us all together as a community
- It would benefit the whole community
- It benefits the entire town so the entire town should be involved.
- Mostly because I don't know what that means. Does this mean creating a separate district in town? Authority to do what? Why does this suddenly mean more money? Why is there not already collaboration between these groups? More info needs to be provided to clarify this question.
- More partnering would help for funding and getting projects completed!

- Concerned that PLPOA with large number of second home owners will dominate downtown interests, so want the structure of the authority to give priority to the town as the county seat and reestablish public use of such areas as Martinez Canyon parking.
- However, I do have a concern that activity/amenities would shift to uptown at the expense of downtown...
- PLPOA has closed off access to Martinez Canyon, their lakes, and rec center. The PLPOA should be disbanded and be incorporated into the Town as the PLPOA provides little/no value to homeowners.
- Combining allows for the most effective application of resources and eliminates redundant waste.
- Most economical choice.
- would be less piece-meal and more of an organized effort
- The configuration of our town demands cooperation between the entities.
- I think a concept like this should be carried out, I am worried about the efficacy of this group based on the low production of other town programs and agencies within the town govt.
- I do not believe PLPOA should be involved
- Otherwise PLPOA residents effectively control the votes
- There would be increased ability/funding to get things done. All users share the amenities anyway including tourists.
- Everyone should pay equally, whether you live in town, county or PLPOA
- It already should be this way!
- For sure, so tired of the old guard, 2nd homeowners and empty nesters preventing quality recreation amenities from being funded; been that way for 25 years.
- Pulling money and resources together can only help
- This might create more funds. A recreation center is needed but is not a priority for our county commissioners
- The bulk of the population is not in the Town of Pagosa Springs, so we have little voice on the choices when it is only town people deciding. Needs to include everyone in the area to choose and to support programs.
- We need this for the core of our town.
- This would allow for better facilities/amenities pooling funds together, go for it!
- Pagosa lakes does not take the town into consideration. People who live downtown are not allowed in their rec center or lakes so they don't need a say in anything new built. I don't feel they manage what they already have well and should be left out of all planning and management of any town facilities. I feel very strongly on this issue
- PLPOA already runs everything else and you guys do a way better job than them
- PLPOA should be separate
- Let's just work with the bureaucracy we got. More structures for humans communicating like humans not necessary.
- I feel town & county are too redundant and should be consolidated as much as possible.
- In our community there seems to be a fine distinguishing line between the three entities. Folks cross over between all three although PLPOA has recently made it more difficult for non-property owners to use their facilities. A joint effort would be good for the entire community/county.
- PLPOA provides little value.....need to combine with city and county with access to everyone.
- Together more amenities can be built and it will bring the community together.
- I live downtown and want nothing to do with PLPOA
- The divisions between our town, county, and POA divisions are political. That means they don't necessarily line up together to most efficiently serve the recreational needs of our residents and

visitors. That is not an academic concern since most of us live here because of recreational interests... and why tourism is the major income producer. My opinion is that is a no-brainer that a comprehensive plan at all levels of local government makes bombproof sense.

- I feel that PLPOA has very different interests in mind than those that support our community, this has been proven time and time again. Would be strongly opposed to this.
- We are a community and should act like one with our long term visioning and planning for the greater good.
- I would support everyone paying a fee along the lines of the HOA if everyone gets to use the facilities.
- Depends who's in charge
- Pagosa Springs should pool resources to optimize results. It also shows a common front for our tourism base.
- PLPOA treats downtown residents like scum, I want nothing to do with them.
- Yes because pooling resources, coordinated effort, improved communications
- Undecided. Would need to know more of the details.
- I wouldn't support any kind of partnership with the Town/County and PLPOA. PLPOA wants our tax dollars, but they don't like to share. Been a problem going back to the days of Eaton.
- Seems the most logical thing to do.
- They have used and abused the outlining community already. It sounds as if PLPOA would benefit more than the public would. Why would I want to support them unless they drop all access issues to all areas.
- Because it would make everyone feel more included in decisions
- Not sure what type of impact that would have on the existing system of being independent of each other.
- I believe this would just complicate getting things done.
- Increased funding to get projects done
- PLPOA should not have anything to do with this. They have their own recreation center and their own rules to everyday living....and they suck
- It just makes sense to pool funds and work together. More would get done and the reality is we are all in the same town, so we should all work together
- A parks district would provide the much needed stability, oversight, driving force and sustainability that Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County have lacked since I moved here. This is a no brainer.
- Our town is small and the zoning of town/county is silly, just work together as Pagosa Springs!
- No current interaction between them, it would create an entity that could manage incoming funding
- The more agencies which get involved in a project needs more talking and less actual carrying out of the tasks necessary to achieve it.
- Coordinate various activities across multiple lines
- As long as a town to lakes trail actually gets built and it doesn't take away too much funding from town. Also if town residents would be allowed to part at trailheads like Gate 5.
- It is dumb that we aren't working together already
- It's ridiculous to have facilities and they not be available to all. Think how much better things would be if we all pulled together to make things better.
- more users are involved
- We are one community!
- Spread out the cost
- Keep PLPOA out of it

- A joint effort would more efficiently provide for the community's recreational needs, by pooling funding and staffing.
- (No) Not unless PLPOA facilities and lakes are open to all citizens
- Communication makes things happen.
- Maximize resources
- Any way to make our town better
- distribution of costs
- Things would really happen.
- Collaboration always a good thing!
- I live in PLPOA and am hoping for more rec opportunities in town-I'm willing to provide/approve whatever help necessary.
- Smart!
- (No) too much money
- (No) Are you serious? PLPOA would never allow that! They have already excluded members who have gone there for years!
- ToPS has great parks and a professional active efficient Parks Department and Parks Commission, County residents and tourists benefit, but don't contribute to the significant costs. It's time the County show their appreciation for ToPS parks by acknowledging the expenses and participating in the upkeep and improvements.
- Don't make it a separate entity-but a joint planning and management
- The parks are already over funded. Re: sales tax-I would pay extra money for better streets not an extra dime for parks/recreational things.
- Makes sense
- Let's starting working together for the good of the whole.
- (no) less accountability
- A combined Parks and Rec "district" would assist in providing a unified effort to provide recreational activities to the residents of the County in a more cost effective and less bureaucratic/political manner.
- (no) PLPOA is an incompetent and power hungry organization of untrained and inept individuals.
- (yes) to stop duplicating efforts
- (yes) It's only common sense, we are all part of one community.
- (no) would be way too crowded
- (yes) spread it out
- (yes) more power, more money, more accountability
- (yes) more effectively provide and manage services
- (yes) It would distribute expenses.
- (yes) Coordination is key. We're all in this together. We need to be one big team working together in the county. USFS needs to be part of this team.
- (yes) Above entities by themselves seem to pass the buck on the economic impact pickleball could have on our community.
- (yes) Our community should always work together across all issues.
- (yes) but watch out for PLPOA
- (no) Do not agree with the way PLPOA operates
- (yes) makes economic sense

- (Maybe) a metro district would most likely have to raise funds through a property tax. Given all the property tax proposals for purposes that have a greater priority, I doubt this is feasible.
- (no) prefer local community feel
- (no) PLPOA should already be doing this
- (yes) Why-because a combined effort results in a stronger, more accountable result.
- (No) Town people would not utilize this as much as uptown people, yet we would have to pay for it.
- (Yes) Only if we were allowed to use it without having to own property in PLPOA! We need a municipal pool and/or recreation center that EVERYONE can use, even if we have to pay a small fee.
- (yes) spread it out
- (yes) Let's quit passing the buck between these three entities
- (yes) to better centralize P and R activities
- (yes) dumb that only PLPOA people get to use PLPOA rec center
- (yes) to avoid duplication, promote cooperation
- (Yes) Would love that all paved trails connect to make a real walkable community. Since many live in the lakes area would be nice to connect to downtown. Each should enhance the other one.
- (yes) because it could make funding the improvement easier. Hope all paved trails are connected.
- (yes) joint funding, planning and management are much more desirable than disjointed and will better serve the entire community
- (yes) users include both town and county residents
- (yes) people from all of these areas would participate, governance should come from all these areas
- (yes) whatever makes it more cohesive and easier to move forward
- (yes) Partnerships allow more options (strength in numbers and more funding when resources are pooled together).
- (yes) It only makes sense for this community! Also, the countywide referendum in 2014 already said the community wants the town and county to collaborate.
- (yes) We are in reality one large community. Combining efforts and financial resources, as well as physical resources makes the most sense.
- (Maybe) Input from public, surveys, priority use, etc.
- (yes) Reason in #6 (while I'm not opposed/proponent of new facilities, dedicated sales tax is best way to fund so county pays part too)! No need for boundaries-we all benefit from recreation opportunity. Need critical mass of users and so need County/PLPOA residents and taxpayers to contribute. AC and PLPOA have limited ability to bring adequate scaled recreation choices.
- (yes) Many people won't support a tax increase. Joint=greater likelihood of success, funding, implementation
- (yes) I believe it's a shame that the PLPOA Community Board took away rights to those who were paying for membership though not living in the community. Just plain selfish.
- (yes) makes sense
- (yes) PLPOA people use town parks and in general have more money
- (yes) hopefully have better and more inclusive programs
- (yes) If and only if that is money and supplies to all
- (maybe) I'd want to know more-isn't PLPOA paid for by PLPOA people?
- (yes) makes sense to work together as a community and raises chances of receiving grants
- (yes) What's not to support with this combined authority? It makes for a stronger partnership with enriched resources to enhance our community and its citizens' wellbeing.

Q9. Use the space below to provide any additional thoughts about existing parks and recreation amenities in our community as well as those you would like to see in the future.

- We need recreational leadership that is forward thinking, professionally/university, trained that does not always do what has always been done.
- I cannot understand why the town believes that cutting down live trees in the numbers that occurred on Rez Hill was wise. It is now hot and dry up there, where it used to be cool and shady. Then, to add insult to injury, they burned the slash wood in a big fire box at the bottom of the hill polluting the air. Please stop cutting down the trees on Rez Hill. Also, the shooting event right in Town Park is terrible for residents. Please move the event to a non-residential area. It is nerve racking to hear guns being shot over and over for a week, and should be in another location. We live here and do not appreciate it.
- I would love to see a waterpark like Durango has and a permanent ice skating and pickle ball courts
- Pickleball is a growing sport and needs to be addressed
- Pickle ball needs to be a focus of recreation funds. It is the fastest growing sport in the country. Many people plan vacations around Pickleball facilities and Pagosa should not miss this tourism growth opportunity.
- DEDICATED OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL COURTS AND ADDITIONAL PICKLEBALL PLAY TIME AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER (EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS)
- More funds for the GGP to hire a Growing Dome Manager
- I think the focus needs to be on local and tourism use. How do we make things attractive for everyone that is part of our community?
- Great work on all the parks!
- To offset development alongside the San Juan River Trail, habitat should be dedicated and restored (Sanitation Ponds area) to provide "housing" for all the critters that will no doubt be displaced by further development in town. Let's build a first rate area for education and observation and in doing so, be a model of what conservation looks like in this corner of the state.
- I'd love for the town to have a pool with a splash park, but since we have three pools already, I'm not sure it makes sense. Perhaps one of the existing pool owners could add a splash park to theirs.
- Please keep expanding trails and outdoor activities of all kinds. Pagosa Springs needs to adopt an attitude of providing all kinds of opportunities for recreational activities. It will be the best thing to help secure a growing and healthy future here. I have been very disappointed in this town and am planning on leaving it for other spots in Colorado where the communities have an attitude towards improving quality of life for those who live there. I wish you the best and hope you succeed in this as well.
- I love the greenhouses! They are so forward-thinking and relevant. May we have more?
- Kudos to GGP for the grow domes, educational services and film festival. Would love to see the walking/bike path combine the downtown with uptown
- Parks should be paid for by people who use them not property owners. Do not raise property taxes
- Need improved pickleball courts; indoors and outdoors
- Provide more and better river access for rafts, etc.

- The river is the best amenity town has.
- continued support/development of the GGP park, shade structure for the GGP amphitheater, so more bands can play in all weather, the acoustics and seating are great, and a roof covering would provide even more concert/event opportunity!
- Durango has done such a great job of putting things on the river and it is so nice. We just don't take enough advantage of what nature has provided us.
- Develop the area where the sewer ponds were past Yamaguchi Park
- I would like to see more flowers and better looking grass.
- Seems like a lot of emphasis on bike trails, yet don't see many bikes in town and on the new trails!!
- The existing facility used for pickleball at South Park is heavily used but poorly suited for play. The ice rink boards interfere with play and the cracks and flaws in the concrete surface result in irregular behavior of the ball. Also, there is frequently more demand for courts than there are courts. Lots of out of town visitors come to South Park to play pickleball in the summer but are often disappointed in the quality of the courts as compared to the places they are used to playing. An outdoor facility dedicated to pickleball play would not only satisfy more of the local demand for such play but would also attract more out of town visitors who stay and spend money in the community in the summer. Many of Pagosa's neighboring southern Colorado communities have already constructed new, dedicated pickleball facilities and are drawing visitors and sponsoring tournaments.
- A recreation center and more pickleball courts would be an Items I would also pay memberships to.
- Please make walking bridges smooth surface instead of boards, easier on wheels.
- More access and support of area hiking trails better know and maintained. Maps, directions and physical maintenance need to be increased.
- The river, Riverwalk and parks-(with Res Hill as the crown jewel) are the most used and loved by tourists and locals alike--they should be protected and Riverwalk extended
- Current ok but would like more for active seniors
- Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country. Many people select vacation destinations based on availability of Pickleball play. Pagosa should use funds to develop a superior and dedicated Pickleball program that would encourage more tourism. This in turn brings more rental, buyers, restaurant dollars and general tax revenue for the area. You should not let this growth opportunity pass by and should welcome growth and interest in our wonderful community.
- Pickle ball is the fastest growing sport in America. Pagosa Springs is "missing the boat" if they do not invest in outdoor facilities.
- The amenities provide for a good variety of opportunities of different activities- thanks. Positive improvements are constantly being made within existing budgets. Continue efforts to keep pace with trends in recreational demands such as pickleball, disc golf, and trails.
- More development along the river! We have such a great river front, but don't utilize it... for stores, coffee shops, etc.
- Developing town options will increase desire to visit and or live in Pagosa Springs. Both would have a positive economic impact.
- Pickleball facility! Pagosa is way behind in this area. It's embarrassing to take out of towners to play here. They all state that their community has much better facilities.
- Need permanent, quality pickleball courts. Good for health and brings visitors to area for longer time.

- Would like to see a small playground for smaller children to play at Town Park. I like the idea of a splash pad. The skate park needs to be expanded and maybe an area for new learners/smaller kids. Love the pump track.
- More places to access some of the lakes
- So impressed by what's been done in the last few years. Thanks for the opportunity to weigh in. Been a full time resident for 25 years.
- pickleball would be a draw to the town as visitors look online to see if we have facilities for it
- Would like to see state of the art facilities for pickleball in PS. Studies and models prove that this form of recreation has the ability to attract players from outside areas and bring needed revenue to our community in ways other city endeavors have not.
- Dedicated Pickleball courts would be a boon for our community. As the sport continues to grow in popularity, towns that offer these facilities will have an advantage in drawing in tourism dollars.
- Please incorporate the end users more into the design process. For instance, the boulder was a great idea but any climber will tell you poorly designed. Telluride has phenomenal boulders in their town park. Why is the town spending thousands of dollars on another boulder when the first was nominally adequate? Pagosa doesn't have to recreate the wheel, let's learn from other successful CO mountain towns and utilize the expertise of our residents by involving them in the process when they are subject matter experts.
- I think there should be more pickleball courts, paid for by increased sales tax, property tax and a higher user tax paid by non-county participants. I really like the trails and look forward to more multi use trails, especially one connecting uptown to downtown. People live here and visit here for recreational activities so it behooves this community to stay current and competitive with activities. I like the idea of attracting younger people with skating rink, indoor climbing gym, and exercise and dance studios.
- Definitely in need of more and better tennis courts.
- Trail system that connects towns/ county
- Pickleball facilities are my husband's and my top wish
- Need facilities for senior sports activities
- Pickleball is really growing and attracts many visitors.
- We need additional pickleball courts, both indoor and outdoor. Seniors are the largest demographic in Archuleta County. Healthy seniors with active lifestyles are moving to the area. More and more folks are joining our pickleball club creating long lines and long waits for playing time. We also need more court time to accommodate separate playing times for beginner, intermediate, and advanced players.
- As a community with a significant number of retirees we should embrace those sports and activities that keep that age group active, healthy and happy. Most communities are embracing pickleball because of that. Pagosa Springs, not so much. There are tournaments to be had and revenue to be made for locals if we had the facilities to conduct them.
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- Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America. It includes all ages. Dedicated outdoor pickleball courts would fill the recreational needs of the community but will also attract potential home buyers and out of town visitors. The courts will make our community to live in and visit.
- We need more indoor recreation for yearlong use
- I really enjoy hiking, mountain biking, and tennis.
- Would like to join an over 40 softball league if they exist.
- I'm 56 but still in good athletic shape so more sports opportunities (volleyball, tennis, softball) for older folks.
- Thank you for you have done and I hope we can continue to expand these facilities. A rec center I believe is very important!
- Please continue extending bike paths.
- Be careful about too much development. Cottonshole for example, was a local hangout and nice place to be. Now it will be overrun with tourists after that area is developed into a park.
- I think an indoor, competition-ready pool is most needed. It would be ideal to have some kind of rec center that also has an indoor walking track.
- Would love to see the paved trail connect uptown with downtown
- I would like to see more pickleball courts.
- A park uptown where chamber can hold functions instead of downtown where there is little parking
- Parking is always an issue, so that should always be addressed in any project
- I think our parks are beautiful. Expanded walkways and trails are wonderful. Thank you!
- Connectivity for the segments of the river walk and completion of the town to lakes trail.
- I really like the recent increase in efforts to interconnect up and down town with a bike path. That is long overdue. More long trails like that which interconnect parks and open space should be a high priority.
- "Would love a bicycle trail from the junction of 160/84 south, at least 5 to 10 miles.
- Skate rink was the most fun in this past low snow winter. Hope the town will continue/increase sponsorship."
- Dance program for kids at community center
- The PLPOA is a joke, try not to involve them with any future projects, too many chefs in the kitchen, if you know what I mean. A true multipurpose pavilion would be great, but don't hide it back in the middle of nowhere. Across from town park is the best spot! That land does not belong to the school, we should be showcasing it for events.
- We NEED a rec center and a dog park.
- River trail
- Senior tees at the disc golf course and perhaps cement tees.
- Pagosa springs is such a beautiful community. I would love to see more ongoing activities and spaces dedicated to providing activities for families and visitors. I feel Yamaguchi Park has a LOT of potential for additional recreational spaces and outdoor events.
- A continuous paved bicycle path, separate from the road, between Downtown and Uptown would be a great start. Eventually, there should be paths everywhere!
- Love the multipurpose use and space of rez hill, very pleased to see new white water features being developed in town river stretch. Would love to see; dog park, climbing facility (possibly part of rec

center), rec center for area youth. Would prefer to see more offering NOT associated with Pagosa Lakes!!!!

- Yamaguchi Park has been designed with all ages in mind. An excellent park however could be even larger. There should be a similar park west of town. A good soccer complex would be great, with children playground and additional amenities. The best small town park I am acquainted with is in Silverthorne (Rainbow Park) next to the rec center. It is always busy, well used, which is what is a small town needs. Locals and visitors alike enjoy a good park.
- Keep adding low cost amenities. More trails, mountain biking and think about a ropes course.
- DOG PARK!!!!
- The humane society's dog park is pitiful. A fenced dog park with access to the river or body of water would be fabulous.
- Additional multi-use trails to our community is essential for both the residence and visitors. Not only are they popular (recreational) but practical for traveling from one place to another safely. Also any outdoor amenities for families would be huge. We need to give our youth things to do. (rec center, splash park, biking trails, climbing boulders, pump track, etc) We have a community that has low socioeconomics with children at risk. These amenities would appeal to both locals and visitors. Capitalizing on our geothermal and river resources to build recreational infrastructure would be awesome. (using either sales tax or a fee structure- perhaps a special deeply discounted "locals rate") Anything we can do to secure land for open space and play parks would be great- no matter the location.
- Investing in recreational resources will bring additional outside revenue to the town.
- A rec center similar to Durango's would be a hit for all ages. I also strongly believe we need more sidewalks to get people off the main roads and highways. It's only a matter of time before someone gets killed.
- We need a dog park in the downtown area!!
- I feel like Hatcher is an afterthought, even though there are lots of new houses going in.
- The new walking path is only usable in the summer. Other areas have a paved path and the one at Hatcher cannot be shoveled, even though residents have volunteered to shovel it. It is covered in snow in the winter and muddy all spring. It's difficult to push a stroller on or for young kids to ride bikes. We also don't have a park which is very inconvenient especially for how many families there are.
- The other issue is roads not being maintained especially Pines Dr.
- Would prefer to see more restaurants open and fully staffed
- Widen the River Walk -- to allow for bikers --- to keep it safe. The more use it gets the less safe it is. It's going to get more and more use.
- A Durango-style rec center is needed. It's kinda like the Durango Walmart - people from Pagosa traveled there to use it - why not build one here to meet the demand.
- Seasonal is good but not just directed at visitor use, growing community use is best
- "I would like to see Pagosa Springs NOT be too expensive for locals and/or young families.
- I really would like to see a campground downtown walking distance to all the amenities. "
- There are enough alternatives. The town should not spend more of my tax money on this.

- I am very interested in getting more spaces for sports like soccer, baseball, t-ball and hockey in the parks, either downtown or uptown. What we have works but is not enough for the growing community.
- We absolutely need a put-in and take-out for river usage/ our river is more popular than ever for rafters and fishermen. The take-out situation with the Ute Tribe has gotten very difficult.
- The KIDS camp is amazing and well-run. I am so grateful for that program.
- I would LOVE if the PLPOA rec center opened earlier or was 24 hours. For people who have to work early it's very difficult to get a good workout in when the open at 6
- Make PLPOA open Gate5 to everyone.
- more play opportunities
- Parking is an issue in some park areas. We would like to use the parks, but sometimes find the lots full.
- Rec Center would be stellar
- WE NEED A REC CENTER SO BAD!!!!
- An indoor walking track
- We desperately need to secure a legal San Juan River takeout down Mesa Canyon. Boating brings a large amount of revenue to our community and that stretch of river is beautiful to enjoy for families and recreational boaters. Next priority should be a downtown dog park! Think about all of the "off leash" dog issues that could be avoided on the river walk and in parks with a designated location, not to mention all the dog fun to be had! We also NEED a connecting path between uptown and downtown, biking on the highway is strait up dangerous. Public access to recreational areas is also very important in the PLPOA area.
- WOULD LOVE MORE TENNIS COURTS
- I believe a public swimming pool is the top priority, as there is no place to swim laps in the town of Pagosa.
- I believe a community recreation center would be a terrific boon for our town and its residents.
- I'm at a loss as to why the town/county haven't made great efforts to provide pickleball courts. This is a new up and coming sport that should be promoted in our community.
- As new downtown homeowners, my wife and I love the walkability of the town. The main thing we dislike is crossing 160 at grade.
- The team that has been put together to work on our parks and recreational activities has done an AMAZING job the last few years! With improvements to the parks and activities for all ages to join in on. Thank you to you all!! We can't wait to see what you all will accomplish next!
- (Dog parents would greatly appreciate a dog park for our fur babies :)
- Tennis courts please, the courts at the Wyndham are in disrepair and no sign or promise of improvement from the facility.
- The tennis courts at Wyndham are open to the public. Since the passing of Dale the tennis pro, the courts are very poorly maintained. This should be a valuable resource for the Pagosa community and visitors as well.
- I would love to see well maintained tennis courts!

- Please pave the pump track next to the skate park so everyone can enjoy it. Also, we could really use a shade down at the skate park. Every other facility around us has shade so it only makes sense to provide us with that as well.
- Community swimming pool and lessons
- Cross country ski tracks-excellent for winter rec.
- Pickle ball courts-great for kids to retirees
- Access to parks and recreation amenities keeps the community healthy, active and vibrant. To a new full-timer, the recreation activities I have participated in (line dancing class and pickleball) have been a great way to meet people and be involved in our community.
- We are lucky to enjoy what we already have and should be thankful (I am). Our community offerings for a town this size is more than enough.
- We would love to have public tennis courts in Pagosa.
- As mentioned earlier, we desperately need tennis courts, all that I have spoken to would gladly pay an annual fee to play as most clubs charge. Please help us!
- I would love to hear about how coordination of efforts could increase the information and provision of services efficiencies!
- Tennis courts would great because the only tennis facility is the Wyndham courts which are not maintained. Would love to have a safe trail for biking that connects town to the West end so you wouldn't need to use US Hwy 160.
- Ice rink and dedicated tennis courts would provide years of excellent recreation and activities for visitors too.
- We need tennis courts - please! Wyndham is letting their courts fall apart. Many full-time and part-time residents play tennis. Most of us agree that we would be willing to pay a fee - daily, weekly, monthly, etc. Please!
- I would like to see an indoor place that allows for more adult recreation, such as basketball league
- The more parks the better, with different amenities at each location
- We have no city/county tennis courts yet have a large tennis community. Wyndham courts are not maintained. Now dangerous to use. We need city courts.
- This survey should allow less than the required # of answers. Not a very good survey!
- More open space, a rec center with a year round pool (geothermally heated or sourced perhaps?), and new and improved parks and trails would be great additions. Excited to see all the possibilities for improvement, but let's think about some alternative funding sources first to lessen the burden on local residents. Ideas include: community fundraisers, short term rental tax, or a small visitor tax.
- Lastly, I think the numbering system for the preferred tax method question is reversed from the way most people would think. Hopefully this does not cause errors. Thanks for the opportunity to participate!
- A dedicated place for swimming would be awesome, especially outside to enjoy our beautiful weather and scenery!
- Lots of people have dogs so something to incorporate that would be beneficial. Also soothing for the teenagers.
- In my opinion the river trail is one of our biggest assets for the community and visitors. I sincerely appreciate all the beautiful projects to local parks and trails but it would be nice to see a few things completed and enhanced rather than so many incomplete projects.

- "I would honestly like to see additional features or better upkeep of current facilities before the creation of new things. There should be more public restrooms in Town Park or changing rooms and showers. Additional features of spaces, like the put ins/ pull outs at the river. Work smarter to maximize what we already have, rather than just create more spaces that are expensive or have less usability.
- Thanks for asking for feedback to keep Pagosa a beautiful place.
- In the opposite complexes there needs to be more beautification projects. Flowers ponds, nice landscaping.
- Hiking and bike trails are coming along really good. Need a public swimming pool.
- I would like to see more open space access. So many private land owners in the area that it would be great to try to work with them for connectivity to our already established parks and trails.
- More parks and recreation means more value to be in that area. Simple.
- Dirt path from north Pagosa/Piedra corner under powerlines to the trailheads. It's treacherous to walk/bike in the side and cars are driving too fast and not paying attention.
- Use Durango as the benchmark for Parks and Recreation. They have an incredible river trail which actually leads to a destination and which many residents use to commute to work, or to the downtown area. They have a top-notch public-accessible recreation center, and plenty of parks equally distributed throughout town. There are NO parks in the PLPOA and yet that is where the majority of Archuleta County's resident live, and the PLPOA recreation center is only available to Pagosa Lakes homeowners. Those are the kinds of amenities which help draw people to a town to live, and recreate and ultimately spend their money in.
- Strongly desire off leash dog running on Resi Hill. Requiring dogs to be under voice control seems adequate. Free public soaking pools by river (like hippie dip), sledding slope, outdoor showers near river.
- Town has done a very good job of providing parks and public bathrooms for visitors and residents. More changing rooms for tourists might be nice, outdoor showers along the river and public hot spring pools along the river (e.g. remove the boulders from the middle of some pools).
- Careful to provide parking areas to service new areas
- Need easier access to walking trails. There is no easy way to use your expensive walking trails from Golf Course homes. The trails are too far to safely walk to and no parking if we use our cars to get to them.
- The addition of dedicated outdoor pickleball courts would capitalize on a rapidly growing trend across the country that would bring additional tourist revenue to the area as well as provide an excellent vehicle for the expansion of low cost, healthy recreational alternatives for residents of all ages.
- Please offer hiking/walking options rather than biking, and encourage snowshoeing rather than snow-mobiling -- let's keep our countryside fresh, serene and peaceful.
- As a TX transplant, I know that people come to Pagosa for the small town feel, nature & its associated activities. I would like to see focus on maintaining & development of additional trail systems.
- A splash park is not a good idea. It's too cold to enjoy for much time.
- As a small tax base we should pool the money between the city, the county and PLPOA to optimize investments for all. It would be a win/win.

- More Cross country Skiing grooming
- The attraction here is natural beauty. Whatever amenities are added should work with that, not against it i.e. mechanized attractions, etc.
- We need a quality rafting put in and take out.
- Fishing access
- A swimming pool would be nice. We live in the PLPOA and we can't stand the pool or people ru Ming that one
- Multipurpose pavilion/ice rink (with ice plant to make ice) would be a huge boon to the town and county, esp. with tourism being so much of our economy.
- Pave road to Cloman, winter access sucks. Pedestrian and bike bridges or underpasses, downtown and uptown. Bike lane Piedra Rd. Outdoor lap pool, geothermal.
- We need to get a town to lakes trail done. Other like communities have and found great benefit to locals and tourists. 160 is dangerous to walk/ride. It would also tie the areas together.
- You have done a lovely job with the bathrooms, etc. on Res Hill. I don't remember if there is one at Cloman, but would be nice.
- More trails (walking, jogging) both developed, like Town to Lakes, and primitive, as Reservoir Hill or Coyote Hill
- Pickleball attracts visitors and travelers familiar with the sport, we always search out pickleball active towns and plan our trips around those towns
- Happy camper !!
- More public bathrooms at trailheads
- Better put in take out on river
- Recreation maps
- I would love to see more bike paths from uptown to downtown so that we would be able to ride from our home all the way to the downtown area and back.
- Need more options for housing. Not saying affordable, but how about embracing smaller housing.
- Walkways in core area, get pedestrians off the roadways in PLPOA and around Wyndham
- Developing joint use of the Wyndam tennis cts is important as there are no actual public courts. ADA accessibility should be a given with any new amenities. Appreciate the fence added and the upkeep of the South Park Sand Volleyball Courts- Lighting then for night use would be awesome.
- I think town leaders and residents could use a lesson on the benefits of parks and recreation to non-users; ie the majority... Maybe that would lead to meaningful change b/c they would learn how improved quality of life helps everyone.
- Rec center with pool and walking track for yucky days.... and open to everyone... like Durango
- A recreation center has been needed for years, but will require a countywide vote.
- We need a recreation center that is open to the public. It needs a lap lane pool, a kids area, and therapy pool. It also needs an area for gymnastics.
- N/A
- Glad to see South Park getting some new equipment. Yamaguchi is getting better and better.
- The former bowling alley was well utilized by all age groups, great exercise, great family outing for visitors and locals...would love to see one back. The play grounds here are wonderful, however there

are not enough benches near the playground to keep an eye on the children especially at Yamaguchi Park.

- I believe the greatest asset to our community would be a water park/splash pad similar to Durango, even if not as large. You are all doing a great job with the parks and rec thank you for everything you do. Please leave PLPOA out of this.
- You guys are amazing. Thank you so very much.
- Finish the Putt Hill bike trail
- prefer open space and parks with minimal development
- More baskets at res hill for a second disc golf course
- Thanks for the great work and for asking.
- Improvements to the disc golf tee boxes at Cloman disc golf course
- Picnic areas and more paved paths
- Please don't underestimate what the Disc Golf courses bring to our community and their use by visitors.
- The Gate 5 issue should be solved. It is criminal that PLPOA wants to block access to the rim trail, the best loop in the area to take newer riders or weaker hikers. National Forest belongs to everyone and should be accessible.
- The Town of Pagosa Springs should not fund P&R facilities for the entire county. There should be some type of revenue facility expense sharing between all three entities.
- A true recreation center downtown would be a great asset.
- We need a public rec center
- Pickleball has become a huge activity for adults and more recently kids. It is and will be an attraction that will bring folks to Pagosa. Dedicated courts are needed. It will be a great addition to Pagosa.
- Our existing river walk is not patrolled enough to keep the dog at large problem down. Or make anyone adhere to the poop scoop law. No presences of police has created this and a homeless, and bum problem.
- There are also grants out there that could help fund more parks/sports fields.
- More of a question. I helped develop a major bike trail in a metropolitan area before moving to Pagosa a couple of years ago. What is the proposed route for the uptown-downtown trail east of Walmart? I live in the Alpha subdivision... there are some wonderful old railroad grades that would be great paths... though I don't know if they are 'politically' feasible.
- Upgrade in baseball facilities. Playgrounds in uptown with a park area.
- I feel that the mountain bike potential in our community is tremendous (i.e. Chris mountain, Jackson Mountain) and could significantly add to the diversity of what our town can offer as well as provide our kids w/ a really amazing option for recreating.
- Pagosa Springs has done an exceptional job of increasing its recreation amenities in a thoughtful manner with the exception of the excessive monies given to the DUST2 product that don't seem to be cost effective. It would be most beneficial for there to be a master plan and to aspire and to rally community-wide support.
- We have loved the updates to the existing parks. Would really love it if we didn't have to go to Durango for a rec center with a fun pool and activities for the kids.
- None

- Complete the town to lakes trail. Build a multipurpose pavilion for a rink and summer activities.
- Something fun for kids to do would be nice. A public pool would be ideal. Our river gets flooded every summer with visitors, if there is somewhere else to swim that's cheaper than the hot springs it might reduce much of the traffic on the river and downtown in general.
- I love all the effort put into the single track. We live in Colorado. I really want there to be a safe way to jog or ride bikes from the Meadows Area all the way downtown safely (off the highway.) I think this should be a high initiative to connect downtown to other places safely. I love our Rec Center but I wish everyone in Pagosa could have access to a swimming pool. We often go to Durango Rec for climbing wall and for friends to swim in a kid play environment.
- Pickleball is rapidly growing across the nation and is a source for encouraging fitness for all age groups. It is a source of tourism and needs to be supported in PS. We have a huge group of players throughout the year but very heavy in the summer.
- Please finish the bike trails downtown, and build one connecting to uptown.
- I would like to see a venue for outdoor entertainment, such as, theater or live music.
- We could use more amenities that would allow toddler play, additional parking at these areas and additional shaded sea sting areas. A splash park would be a fun idea for the town.
- A swimming pool downtown would be amazing! And some more shade at Yamaguchi for those who are watching their kids play on the play equipment!
- Paved and unpaved biking trails. We love going to communities that have developed these, like Moab, Durango, Crested Butte, Telluride.
- n/a
- I think the idea of the city, PLPOA and County working together is fantastic and could pay great dividends for our beautiful city and surrounding area.
- More parking areas. It is unsafe now when there are large groups of people.
- Please build a recreation center and pool (NOT another hot water pool) that us downtown residents can use!! My children almost pass out swimming in the hot springs pools during summer.
- Am really pleased with efforts from Town Counsel to support local community groups and improve our parks system.
- In the future, I would like to see an effort to provide more safe, non-motorized trails in and around Pagosa.
- This is important for the Realtors in the area to know to help attract more business and buyers with families to our beautiful area.
- I would like a dedicated publication of trail maps.
- I so appreciate your proactive efforts and I take advantage of all!
- We need more dedicated walkways throughout the lakes area. We also desperately need ADA accessible recreation/playgrounds
- I DO not support much of anything that involves a partnership with PLPOA. They want our tax dollars, but don't really want to share with the rest of the County. Been that way since the beginning with Eaton International.
- A community, child friendly, rec center would be a huge improvement to our community. Swimming, gym, and indoor active options are incredibly limited in our community, especially for children in the winter.

- I would like to see a rec center with a pool and I don't think we need a 21million dollar center but a good core to build on and expand with in the future. The more rec opportunities there are the more visitors we will get, look at how well the river restoration project turned out with the amount of people and business opportunities. I think the increase of people visiting will increase taxes collected witch could help with funding also fees for rec center will add to the income of the town. I do not want to pay more for property taxes until there are a number of changes, I already for services I don't use.
- The town needs a dog park!!
- We should stay know for our great out door opportunities all year around. We do not need to spend money on indoor facilities. Plenty of other towns to move to that offer that.
- We definitely need more things provided for the children to participate in all year round
- A paved trail connecting town to Fairfield. Riding bikes for fun is great, but wouldn't it be handy if people had the choice of actually commuting for work or to run errands (safely) by bicycle?
- No senior center or senior exercises programs???
- We might not have moved here if PLPOA quit allowing nonmembers to use facility. A rec Center was important to us. There are NO tennis courts except privately owned (Wyndham). There are many PBall users and not enough courts.
- Would love to see San Juan River walk extended in both directions. Existing walk is so enjoyable that if it could be extended along the San Juan River (especially the southern end) it would be used by even more locals and tourists alike.
- The take-out for river near Yamaguchi Park needs improvement.
- Trail connective between up town and downtown. And for the town to acquire more property for its citizens to enjoy.
- Shade trees along river walk especially by town hall and Yamaguchi Park. Parkour like equipment so adults can participate as well. Thank you!
- I would like to see a sports complex with lighting that would be open to the public to use. I would also like to see a recreation center. There needs to be more for the kids in our community.
- It would be great to see some connectivity between uptown and downtown including a paved path and a path that would connect to Cloman Park. A rec center that is open to all in the community would be great as well.
- B/C Pagosa is divided by a dangerous and increasingly busy highway, until the town to lakes trail is completed, all parks and rec efforts in Pagosa will be a struggle. Give people an opportunity to walk and ride bikes safely away from the highway and you will see an explosion of support and use of and for existing parks and rec programs.
- More Riverwalk and paved path please
- Pickleball in Pagosa has become very well attended not only by residents but also by visitors, and Current facilities are not adequate. 8th street Park has been taken over by the skate rink and have become an eyesore to the participants and visitors.
- Keep the amenities natural. We don't need amusement park type build up.
- Rec center
- Pickle ball Courts!
- PickleBall is the fastest growing activity in the USA - dedicated courts would be used extensively by the community

- I think there are two huge priorities right now - a dog park and taking care of river access. The put in and take out situation for the river is currently very unclear and potentially problematic for several businesses and many private users. As for the dog park, the fact that so many people used to use the Yamaguchi softball fields that locks and signs had to be put in place speaks to the desire and need for one.
- River access please
- Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America. Adults pay the taxes...we need more activities and places to hold them. Pickleball is also a source of revenue to the tow/county, as it brings in visitors for tournaments. Retail, hotels, restaurants benefit. It's a win/win.
- Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in America and is great exercise for all ages. It is very popular with ages 50 plus.
- Bike trails, pickleball are very popular. We need a bowling alley or skating rink for kids to have things to do.
- Continue to improve Rez Hill
- I would love to see the old water treatment facility converted to sports fields and park space
- I've thought for a while that the old youth center could be transformed into a roller rink. I feel like that would appeal to many kinds and teenagers in the town.
- shooting range
- rifle range-but a county project
- safe improved shooting area
- shooting range
- shooting range
- Full shooting range for all types: bow, rifle, handgun, etc.
- A rec center would be wonderful for everyone-with a real swimming pool.
- It would be nice to have an archery range, rifle range and skeet/trap facilities.
- preference for connecting off-road bike trails all over town
- Closer community feel between PLPOA and downtown. Bike trail connecting the two.
- Town pool for everyone
- splash park for the kids; several pickleball courts
- I appreciate the desire and need to provide for our kids but Pagosa seems to neglect a large and rapidly growing segment of your full and part time residents. All forward looking communities are embracing pickleball and tennis as recreational activities for all ages and especially seniors. If you want Pagosa to continue to enjoy the revenue seniors continually bring to this community you will rethink that and examine what most other communities are currently doing.
- Consideration for ski access/snow shoe access in winter; lap pool
- I've noticed that Pagosa expands parks and adds new parks, the old (ones) are neglected-not mowed or watered. Also too many homeless using the park facilities as home. I continue to pay taxes and do not want them to go higher for something the town has plenty of. Re: Reservoir Hill-I actually do not use it much because of trees cut down and left in brush piles and not much wildlife left.
- Use Yamaguchi Park area
- Senior Center staff need to be more friendly to senior citizens.

- The parks are not looked after as good as they should be. Better training should be provided. Money for a town shop and better streets or geothermal systems should be spent.
- I would like to see proper pickleball courts. Inside and outside. Existing courts are awful and reflect badly on us when visitors come to stay, play and spend money here.
- Let's paint the pickleball lines in our community center. How about pickleball courts (outdoors) that at least look like the rest of the world.
- New, well designed inside and outside pickleball courts
- Some of the trees in the current parks are dying because they aren't being watered. More parks will create more to maintain-a cost that is ongoing over and above the cost of the park itself. No property tax increase. User fees would make sense because the people using the parks will pay.
- If only there was unlimited uses and options for pickleball!
- shooting area
- A place to sight in your hunting rifles.
- There should be one P and R director for the city/county. We are overdue for the little league program we have. Keep expenses down.
- Painted lines in Community Center for pickleball. Outdoor pickleball courts that are comparable to the hundreds that exist around the Western states.
- I am not sure why these amenities are more important than constructing our own jail. So be it. When we pay so much to transport people and house inmates. La Plata County shouldn't be responsible. It's going to cost us.
- Full service shooting range for bows, pistols, long guns, skeet and trap
- The Town and County should jointly prioritize the acquisition of lands adjacent to Cloman Park to create a large mountain/forest park near to the urban area and develop a multi-use park encompassing trails for hiking, biking, with well-maintained picnic and playground areas. Re: property tax-no because Town can't levy property tax outside town limits and County residents use and should pay for this, too.
- I feel that there should be more walking paths (instead of the road) in the Hatcher Lake area.
- Existing pickleball courts, both indoors and outside, are sad and trying to play on them is trying. Staff at community center is not helpful to the pickleball players. In fact, it's as if they'd prefer we not be there. Outdoor courts are beyond sad. Would like to see proper, dedicated indoor and outdoor pickleball courts.
- More pickleball
- We would like to see: more festivals (music-anything but folk and bluegrass; food/beer/wine, arts and crafts, maybe an Oktoberfest for Pagosa); an outdoor, better utilized band shell; town to town paved bike path; a nice pocket park where they mural is by Goodman's-position the mural toward the back of it and have nice benches, plants and maybe a fountain; dog park like Breckenridge has, somewhere downtown; a chairlift on Reservoir Hill (because not everyone can walk up to the top) with the addition of an alpine slide and zip line or something (more fun activities for people to do downtown); a park where the old sears building used to be that is now an empty lot; more informative signage about the local area; an actual beach (larger, w/ sand along the river would be nice; workout stations along the Riverwalk maybe, some hydration stations as well; uptown needs to have a nice park somewhere convenient to give people on their lunch break somewhere to go outside as well as giving everyone else around there a nice place to hang out.

- I really like the way that Yamaguchi Park has evolved-something for everyone! I really wish we could have a municipal pool for everyone that doesn't cost an arm and a leg to go to!
- need more pickleball courts
- It seems that Pagosa is a retirement community and attracts tourists because of skiing, hiking, etc. However, pickleball for young and old is the fastest growing sport in America today. It has the potential to bring in tourists-tournaments and money to our little community. Because we do not have adequate facilities, many of the residents leave Pagosa in the winter to continue playing in areas like Arizona and Florida. It's time to pay attention to the changing activities our community residents.
- If regulation pickleball courts aren't coming at least paint lines in the community center.
- More benches at Yamaguchi playground-a lot of parents sit on the ground when watching kids. I really like the climbing net equipment; the current one at Yamaguchi Park is too small. Contact the Nampa, Idaho Parks Department. The one they have at Lions Park in Nampa, ID is awesome.
- Love the Pagosa parks. Could really use a small doggy park!
- All the suggestions would help make the community more attractive to residents as well as visitors. Thank you!
- If joint authority is developed, PLPOA rec enter could be expanded to serve the entire community. Wyndham green space needs to be mitigated for fire.
- I really enjoy pickleball during fall/winter/spring. We need more indoor and outdoor courts dedicated to this activity. Also-unique wildlife habitat along river walk needs to be protected.
- The Parks Department is doing a great job. All the new projects are awesome. Keep up the good work!
- The increased shade and tables has been great! Thank you for all your hard work.
- Parks and rec efforts and funding need to be combined. Parks and Rec Commission and PROST also need to be combined. Follow the Tourism Board model until there's a vote for an authority/district. In fact, that initial step will help sell the vote (in my opinion).
- I began playing pickleball this year. It is fun, fun, fun. Also, it is part of our "health insurance plan." It has everything-sharpens the mind, it's the best aerobic exercise, and the best overall physical training. It is no wonder pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the USA. Anyone of any age can play. Therefore, dedicating resources for PB would only help many, many people in our community, now and planning for the future.
- More accessible trails
- I would love to see/have all the lakes and PLPOA area connected via paved trails that also connect to uptown and downtown (much like Summit Co).
- A nice town. Way too pricey.
- Pagosa lakes activities, events and recreational facilities for seniors. Pickleball courts would be a great and low cost start to rectify this very sad situation.
- It would be great to have more pickleball courts. It has become so popular that there are not enough courts or times to play. We especially need indoor courts because during the winter, we only have three courts and it gets really crowded.
- Money needed and supplies needed like drinking fountains. Extra fresh tree space during the summer season!
- Please-we need a community pool/rec center

- Developed (and obvious') trail heads in both town and PLPOA
- Many existing parks and rec amenities are woeful and shameful. To call the courts at S. 8th St. park as pickleball courts is a joke. Awkwardly sited, on naked concrete, expansion joints on courts with awful patches makes a mockery of America's fastest-growing sport. To say nothing of forcing us to play inside the hot box-i.e. the ice rink (which is a mess, btw) you are missing a huge opportunity to bring new visitors and money to our beloved Pagosa. Do Your Research! Bring proper, dedicated PBall courts and money-spending adults to Pagosa now. Be proactive.