



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

August 05, 2024

7:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Avenue N.E.

Agenda

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- [1.](#) March 4, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes
- [2.](#) May 6, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes
- [3.](#) June 3, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Open Forum

The open forum allows the public to address the Commission on subjects that are not on the Regular Agenda. The Commission will accept feedback or questions from the public and asks that comments are limited to five minutes or less.

New Business

- [4.](#) Parks and Recreation Commission 2024 Goals and Workplan Review
- [5.](#) Commons Park Recreation Building Discussion
- [6.](#) 2024 Resident Survey Result Summary for Parks and Recreation
- [7.](#) Proposed 2025 Meeting Dates of the Parks and Recreation Commission

Old Business

Staff Reports

- [8.](#) Springbrook Nature Center Report
- [9.](#) Fridley Parks and Recreation Division Report
- [10.](#) Park Maintenance and Construction Report

Adjournment

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AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: August 5, 2024

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Title

March 4, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Background

Attached are the meeting minutes of the March 4, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission. They had previously been missed for approval by the commission.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the March 4, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes.

Attachments and Other Resources

- March 4, 2024 Parks and Recreation Minutes.

Vision Statement

We believe Fridley will be a safe, vibrant, friendly and stable home for families and businesses.



Park Commission Meeting

March 4, 2024

7:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

Minutes

Call to Order

Chair Borman called the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present

Luke Cardona
Peter Borman
Tim Kirk
Suad Maow (arrived at 7:07 p.m.)
Ken Schultz
Don Whalen

Absent

EB Graham

Also Present

Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Approve Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda for March 4, 2024

Motion by Commissioner Cardona to approve the March 4, 2024 meeting agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Schultz. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes for February 5, 2024

Motion by Commissioner Schultz to approve the February 5, 2024 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Whalen. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Election of Vice Chair

Chair Borman commented that he has spoken with Commissioner Graham, and she is willing to continue to serve as Vice Chair.

Motion by Commissioner Cardona to elect EB Graham as Vice Chair of the Park Commission for 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Schultz. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Fridley Parks and Recreation Mission Statement

Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director, commented that this was discussed at the last meeting and after additional work by staff, he wanted to bring a final draft back to the Commission for review.

Motion by Commissioner Whalen to approve the updated Parks and Recreation Mission and Vision Statement. Seconded by Commissioner Kirk. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Updated Neighborhood Park Playground Design for Sylvan Hills Park

Mr. Maher presented the 2024 neighborhood park playground concept design for Sylvan Hills which incorporates the input from the community and the theme.

Commissioner Maow arrived during the staff presentation.

Commissioner Maow asked for details on whether there would be any improvements to the areas outside the playground, such as the basketball court and tennis court areas. Mr. Maher replied that there is an updated site design for Sylvan Hills, but that is still being worked out with the stormwater management details.

Commissioner Cardona asked and received confirmation that the plans fit within the proposed budget.

Motion by Commissioner Schultz to endorse the playground design for Sylvan Hills Park. Seconded by Commissioner Maow. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Parks and Recreation Commission 2024 Goals and Workplan Review

Mr. Maher presented the draft 2024 goals and workplan. He confirmed that this is a working document.

Old Business

Chair Borman referenced Innsbruck Nature Center, which was previously discussed and asked if there has been any progress on a potential name change. Mr. Maher replied that the discussion ended with a desire for community input, which staff has not had time to complete as of yet. He stated that the park is scheduled for park improvements in 2028 or 2029, therefore that process will occur before that time.

Staff Reports

5. Springbrook Nature Center Report

Mr. Maher provided an overview on the written report noting that the Nature Center staff has been busy working with the local public schools, holding the nature preschool club, as well as holding birthday parties. He stated that the lantern light hike attracted over 100 participants. He noted that the summer day camps have been opened for registration.

6. Fridley Parks and Recreation Division Report

Mr. Maher provided an update on recently held activities and programs including the Valentine's Day part, afterschool programming, lantern light hike, and north metro athletic leagues. He reported that the Summer Rocks programming registration begins later this week. He noted that with the warmer temperatures staff has begun to install nets for tennis and pickleball.

7. Park Maintenance and Construction Report

Mr. Maher provided an overview of the written report and recent activities of park maintenance staff.

Commissioner Cardona commented that while there may not be grand opening/ribbon cutting ceremonies for all the neighborhood parks, perhaps there could be something in the newsletter listing the updates playgrounds and parks.

Unfinished Business

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Kirk made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Whalen. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Staple
Recording Secretary



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: August 5, 2024

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Title

May 6, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Background

Attached are the meeting minutes of the May 6, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the May 6, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes.

Attachments and Other Resources

- May 6, 2024 Parks and Recreation Minutes.

Vision Statement

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Park Commission Meeting

May 6, 2024

7:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

Minutes

Call to Order

Chair Borman called the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present

EB Graham
Peter Borman
Suad Maow
Tim Kirk
Ken Schultz
Don Whalen

Absent

Luke Cardona

Also Present

Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director
Karen Blaska, Anoka County Parks Planner

Approve Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda for May 6, 2024

Motion by Commissioner Kirk to approve the May 6, 2024 meeting agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Graham. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes for April 1, 2024

Motion by Commissioner Graham to approve the April 1, 2024 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Schultz. The motion passed unanimously.

Open Forum

No comments.

New Business

1. Rice Creek West Regional Trail Corridor Master Plan Update

Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director, introduced Karen Blaska from Anoka County Parks who is present to share the final draft of the Rice Creek West Regional Trail Corridor Master Plan.

Karen Blaska, Anoka County Parks Planner, identified the 4.5-mile Rice Creek West trail corridor within Fridley as well as the connections it has which make it a 41-mile trail. She stated that the trail has been broken into segments, reviewing each segment within Fridley and identifying the long-range plans for the segment and adjacent amenities. She reviewed the estimated total development cost, highlighting some elements that are planned in the near future and noting that the remainder of the improvements would be about 10 to 20 years out. She confirmed that this would be a phased project over the next 20 years.

Commissioner Schultz noted a portion of the trail that ices over in the winter. He asked and received confirmation that would be addressed when that trail segment is improved. Commissioner Kirk noted that the State will be doing some safety improvements at two locations on University and asked if that would be helpful. Ms. Blaska commented that she did share the tunnel plans and it was stated that project could be included with the pedestrian improvements. She noted that she would follow up again to ensure that would still be included.

Commissioner Graham asked and received confirmation that through the project the entire trail would be resurfaced, although it would be completed in segments.

Chair Borman asked for details on timing. Ms. Blaska commented that they would plan to begin on the Locke Park segment in the next three to five years. She asked if the Commission would recommend approval of a resolution of support.

Motion by Commissioner Schultz to recommend that the City Council support the proposed Rice Creek West Regional Trail Long Range Plan. Seconded by Commissioner Whalen. The motion passed unanimously.

2. 2025 Parks Capital Investment Program Recommendation

Mr. Maher stated that each year the Park Commission reviews the Capital Investment Program (CIP) projects for the coming year to make a recommendation, noting that tonight he would review the projects anticipated for 2025. He provided an overview of the CIP, noting that traditionally the Parks CIP budget has ranged from \$300,000 to \$600,000 annually but explained that has increased in recent years with the implementation of the Parks System Improvement Plan. He provided a summary of the 2025 CIP for parks for the Commission to review.

Chair Borman asked if there will be a roundabout in front of Springbrook and whether that would impact the trail that runs in that corridor. Mr. Maher confirmed that the construction project has started for the roundabout project and noted that will not disrupt the trail project. He provided additional information on the existing conditions of the trail/boardwalk and the poor condition it is in.

Motion by Commissioner Kirk to recommend approval of the proposed 2025 Capital Investment Program. Seconded by Commissioner Maow. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Commons Park Recreation Building Discussion

Mr. Maher stated that construction on Commons Park is estimated to begin in 2025 and be completed in 2027, noting that a significant portion of the project is the park building. He reviewed the guiding themes of the Park System Improvement Plan as well as providing background information and the concept for the gateway to Commons Park. He reviewed additional features of the proposed recreation building including the indoor playground concept and indoor playground concept alternatives. He also provided information on the recreation building service delivery and staffing. He stated that he would like input on the vision presented tonight, with the recognition that this would require additional funds of the budget to be allocated towards the building.

Commissioner Kirk commented that if something is going to be incorporated for an indoor play space, it should probably be more than McDonalds has but did not see a need to compete with something like Eagle's Nest. Mr. Maher clarified that the intent would not be to build to the scale of Eagle's Nest but to have something right sized for Fridley.

Commissioner Schultz commented on indoor recreation facilities in Maple Grove and Golden Valley that seem similar, noting that it has been a great experience with his grandkids. Mr. Maher commented that staff has been in discussion with staff from those communities to gain information and comparable data.

Commissioner Graham asked if increasing the building size would have impacts on the fields. Mr. Maher replied that staff continues to work with the School District and FYSA to ensure that the needs of the baseball community can be met. He confirmed that the building footprint would not have an impact on the fields.

Commissioner Maow commented that an indoor play space would be a great amenity for local families. She asked if there would be a capacity to ensure that the space is not overrun. Mr. Maher commented that staff continues to develop the operational model.

Chair Borman commented that there were staffed park buildings in the community where he grew up and he would like to see that in Fridley as well.

Motion by Commissioner Graham to support the Commons Park recreation building concept featuring classroom space, indoor playground and gathering spaces to be open to the public on a regular schedule and staffed by Fridley Parks and Recreation. Seconded by Commissioner Schultz. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

4. Springbrook Nature Center Report

Mr. Maher commented on the success of the recent fundraising event and highlighted the upcoming spring and summer programming and events.

5. Fridley Parks and Recreation Division Report

Mr. Maher provided a brief overview of the robust programs offered for residents of all ages and noted that staff has been busy confirming community rentals for upcoming events. He also provided an update on hiring for the summer season, Fridley 49er Days, and the community concert series.

6. Park Maintenance and Construction Report

Mr. Maher noted his written report with updates on park maintenance and construction projects.

Unfinished Business

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Graham made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Whalen. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Staple
Recording Secretary



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Meeting Date: August 5, 2024

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Title

June 3, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Background

Attached are the meeting minutes of the June 3, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the June 3, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes.

Attachments and Other Resources

- June 3, 2024 Parks and Recreation Minutes.

Vision Statement

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Park Commission Meeting (Work Session)

June 3, 2024

6:00 PM

Commons Park, 6249 7th Street NE, Fridley MN 55432

Minutes

Call to Order

Chair Borman called the Parks and Recreation Commission work session to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present

EB Graham
 Peter Borman
 Luke Cardona
 Tim Kirk
 Ken Schultz
 Don Whalen
 Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Approve Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes for May 6, 2024

Minutes for the May 6 meeting will be presented for approval at the August 5, 2024 meeting.

Approve Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda for June 5, 2023

Motion by Commissioner Cardona to approve the June 3, 2024 meeting agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Graham. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Proposed K9 Training Area at Locke Park

Sergeant Tom Roddy presented a proposal to develop a training area for the Fridley Public Safety K9 program at Locke Park. The proposed area is located southeast of the main park lot. The proposed training area would be enclosed in fencing and would contain training equipment to keep police dogs in good condition and training.

There is a desire to develop the area during the 2024 construction season. Commissioners asked clarifying questions on fencing types, access, maintenance, enclosure size and how the area may be used by other agencies.

After questions, the group reached a consensus agreement of support for development of the K9 training area at Locke Park.

2. Commons Park Walking Tour and Discussion

The Commission reviewed several concepts for redevelopment of Commons Park including the development concept found in the 2022 Park System Improvement Plan and an updated 2024 preferred concept.

The Commission discussed the plan approach to balance the requests of Fridley residents with plans for development of athletic facilities within the park and Fridley Public Schools campus. An overview was provided on where proposed amenities are shown on the concept plan in relation to landmarks in a walking tour of the park.

No recommendations were made by the Commission.

Old Business

Staff Reports

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Borman at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Maher
Parks and Recreation Director, City of Fridley



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: August 5, 2024

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Title

Parks and Recreation Commission 2024 Goals and Workplan Review

Background

A draft of the 2024 goals and workplan has been updated to reflect annual progress and staff desires to review the workplan to discuss additions and priorities for items to be reviewed at future meetings of the Commission. Discussion on priorities for the remainder of 2024 would be appreciated by staff for preparation of future meeting agendas.

Financial Impact

None

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Commission discuss the goals and workplan and make suggestions for updates and revisions.

Attachments and Other Resources

- August 2024 DRAFT Parks and Recreation Commission Goals and Workplan

Vision Statement

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2024 Parks and Rec Commission

Goals, Initiatives, and Workplan

DRAFT – August Meeting





2024 Parks and Recreation Commission Draft - August Meeting

Goals and Strategic Initiatives

1. Continue a meeting format and schedule that meets desired outcomes for staff and Commissioners:
 - a. Incorporate work session/park tour format as needed to better facilitate advisory role of Commission
 - b. Meeting cancellations when a meeting is not needed
2. Provide strong orientation to new Commission member to include training opportunities, meetings with staff, and review of background materials and documents.
3. To better define the roles and responsibilities of the Chair and to hold a monthly planning meeting with the Chair and Staff Contact to plan future meeting agendas.
4. Play advisory role to staff and City Council in policy recommendations for Park System:
 - a. Park, facility and operational policies for City of Fridley park system
 - b. Park redevelopment
5. Assist staff in process of planning and prioritizing program offerings.
6. Provide recommendations when residents raise concerns with park use or development.
7. Meet with community interest groups that utilize parks and facilities such as youth sports organizations to determine needs and gather feedback.
8. Serve as ambassadors of Fridley Parks and Recreation through volunteering, participating in community engagement and being a resource for community members.



2024 Workplan

Item	Process	Status
2024 Goals and Workplan	- Review at August meeting, suggest revisions if needed - Update throughout year	In progress
Commissioner Orientation and Training	- Opportunity for new members to meet with Staff - Training with City Attorney on meeting law, procedure - Commission onboarding manual in development	In progress
Vice Chair Position	Nominations and voting at March meeting	Complete for 2024
Role of Commission Chair	- Establish monthly meeting with Chair and Staff Contact to set agenda for following meeting - Opportunity for Chair to attend a Council Conference Meeting to interact with Councilmembers	In progress
Local Sports Assn. Check-in	- FYSA Soccer Completed - FYSA Baseball - FYSA Football - Kizen Soccer Club	Completed in 2023, 2024 as requested
Creekview Park – 2023 Construction	- Play equipment ordered 2022 - Provide input on park common elements - Provide input on site plan - Assist with planning grand opening - Commission represented at Grand Opening	Complete
Ed Wilmes Park – 2023 Construction	- Play equipment ordered 2022 - Provide input on park common elements - Provide input on site plan - Assist with planning grand opening - Commission represented at Grand Opening	Complete



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Skyline Park – 2023 Construction	• Play equipment ordered 2022 • Provide input on park common elements • Provide input on site plan • Assist with planning grand opening • Commission represented at Grand Opening	Complete
Moore Lake Park – 2023 Construction	• Playground approved 2022 • Review and provide feedback on community building and site design • Provide input on community building operational policy and rental rates, provide recommendation to Council • Assist in planning of Grand Opening, attend and participate as possible • Opportunity for construction tour	Complete
Edgewater Gardens Park – 2023 Planning and 2024 Construction	• Provide input in community engagement efforts • Provide input in playground design • Provide input on park site plan and common elements	Complete
Logan Park – 2023 Planning and 2024 Construction (New)	• Provide input in community engagement efforts • Provide input in playground design • Provide input on park site plan and common elements	Complete
Plymouth Square Park – 2023 Planning and 2024 Construction	• Provide input in community engagement efforts • Provide input in playground design • Provide input on park site plan and common elements	Complete
Sylvan Hills Park – 2023 Planning and 2024 Construction	• Provide input in community engagement efforts • Provide input in playground design • Provide input on park site plan and common elements	Complete
Oak Hill Park – 2024 Planning and 2025 Construction	• Provide input in community engagement efforts • Provide input in playground design • Provide input on park site plan and common elements • July 30th Community Engagement Event	



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Jubilee Park – 2024 Planning and 2025 Construction	• Provide input in community engagement efforts • Provide input in playground design • Provide input on park site plan and common elements • August 14th Community Engagement event	
Programs and Special Events	• Opportunities to volunteer at Parks and Recreation programs and events • Opportunities to share program and event ideas as an agenda item during meetings • Invite President of 49er Days Committee to attend meeting and gather feedback from Commission • Provide input on plans to commemorate City of Fridley's 75th Anniversary	In progress
Special Use Permit	• Provide feedback on first draft of Parks Conditional Use Permit policy and application • Approve revised policy and application	
Park Bench Sponsorship	• Provide feedback on second draft of park bench sponsorship fees and guidelines • Approve bench sponsorship fees and guidelines	Complete
Fee Assistance Program	• Review fee assistance program policies and provide feedback • Approve fee assistance program changes if warranted	Complete
Parks Tour	• The June meeting may be a parks tour to visit current and upcoming parks being improved	Complete
Review of Capital Investment Program	• Per City Code, the Commission shall recommend a Capital Investment Program for Parks prior to June 1 for the following year	May Meeting - Complete
Review and Provide Feedback on Park Building	• Staff will develop a flowchart to help guide responsible reuse and/or	Complete



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and Equipment Disposition Policy	recycling of park buildings or equipment that are taken out of service	
Review and Provide Feedback on Commons Park Concept Plan	Community engagement for a major redevelopment of Commons Park will begin as early as summer of 2023. The Parks and Recreation Commission will be engaged and involved in the planning through all phases of redesign.	Ongoing
Review Draft Rental Policies for Moore Lake Community Building and Park Shelters	An updated policy document to include rental fees and policies across the park system will be presented to the Commission for input	Complete



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: August 5, 2024

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Title

Commons Park Recreation Building Discussion

Background

Commons Park will receive significant improvements as the second of two community park renovations funded through the City's Park System Improvement Plan. Building and site design will be substantially completed in 2024, with construction beginning in 2025. A design team has been assembled including HCM Architects, HKGi Landscape Architects, Bolton and Menk and Flagship Recreation/Landscape Structures for play equipment.

Central to the park design will be an interconnected complex featuring a park building, parking, splash pad, inclusive playground, and winter recreation area. This development will occur in the current location of three ball fields. A plan has been approved by the City Council to relocate the fields with two new fields going on the north end of Commons Park and a third being converted from a softball field at Community Park. Community Park will also be modified to include additional turf for expansion of soccer fields. This plan has been endorsed by the Fridley Youth Sports Association (FYSA).

Staff will provide an overview of the latest draft versions of the park building scope and site layout and detail the relocation of baseball and soccer fields for use by FYSA.

In addition to the updated site and building design process, planning is underway for an inclusive playground and splash pad. A \$500,000 State of Minnesota grant has been received for the playground and a matching grant of \$350,000 has been awarded by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Grant Program for the splash pad.

Parks and Recreation staff will be at Commons Park on Tuesday, August 20th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm to share preliminary playground and splash pad design options with residents and gather feedback.

Financial Impact

The Commons Park project total budget is \$11-12 million. Staff has identified several strategies to achieve the overall goals of the park plan while allocating an additional \$1 million towards the park building. Staff expects the overall project to still meet the \$11-12 million budget.

Vision Statement

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Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

- July 8 2024 FYSA Proposal (approved)
- 2024_07.22 Architectural Concept Plans

Vision Statement

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FYSA Field Development Proposal

Plan to address needs of FYSA
Baseball and Soccer, 7/8/2024





FYSA Field Development Proposal

Background

The City of Fridley plans a major reconstruction of Commons Park in 2025 that will impact two current baseball fields and one softball field used by the Fridley Youth Sports Association (FYSA) and Fridley Public Schools.

The City of Fridley has been involved in discussions with representatives from FYSA and Fridley Public Schools to explore options for relocation of these fields within the City of Fridley park system and to also account for growth within the FYSA organization for baseball and soccer as well as girls softball at the Middle School level.

Outlined are locations for new fields to be established at Commons Park (1 baseball, 1 softball), Community Park (1 baseball converted from existing softball) and expanded turf area at Community Park in location of two under-utilized ball fields to allow for additional soccer fields.

Existing Commons Park fields to remain available through July 4, 2025 and all proposed improvements are within the City of Fridley park system.

Field Amenities

Commons Park Baseball Field





FYSA Field Development Proposal

7/8/2024

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- Outfield at 275' at left and right, 300' at center field (shorter dimensions of 260,275,260 would also be acceptable and allow for more buffer between field and other park amenities)
- Moveable baselines (magnetic preferred) and pitching mound, 60',75',90'
- Accessible walkways to field
- Small shed to store portable pitching mound and small maintenance tools
- Access to restrooms within the park complex
- Covered dugouts with unpaved base material
- Strong consideration to include lighting pending completion of project design and budget
- Safety fencing
- Backstop
- Re-use of existing bleachers
- Goal to complete field for spring 2026 use
- 8' fencing if possible (6" or lower requires plastic guard on top of fence)
- Irrigation

Commons Park Softball Field

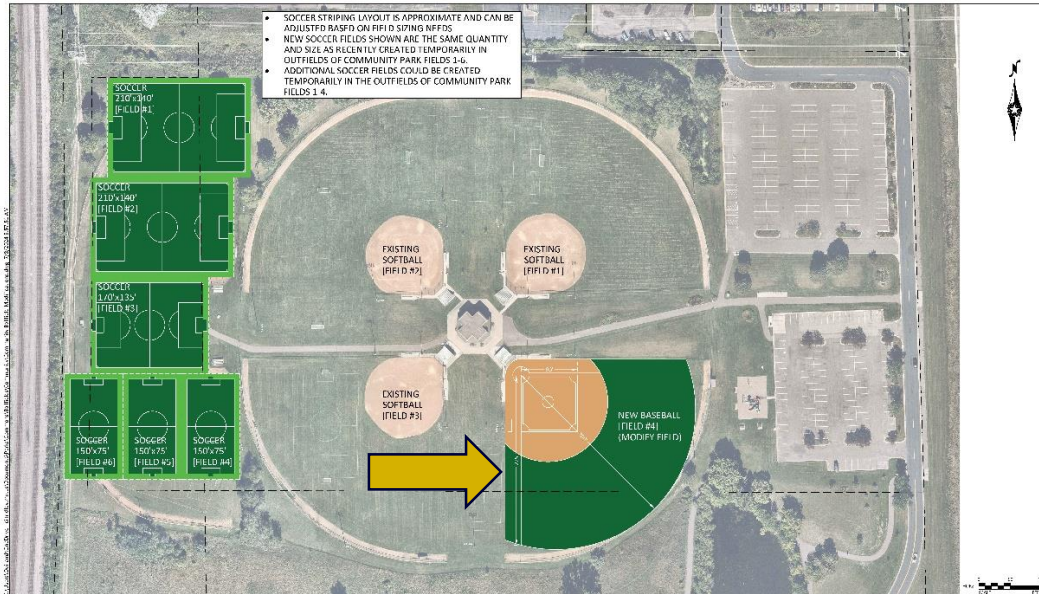


- No improvements to occur on Fridley Public Schools property
- Backstop
- Safety fencing along baselines
- Ag-lime infield
- 60', 75' baselines
- Player benches
- No outfield fencing
- Parking lot

Community Park Baseball Field (Converted from existing softball)

PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

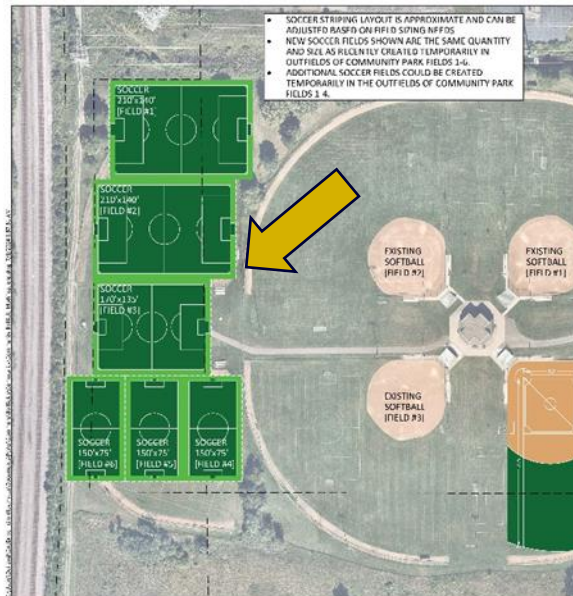
COMMUNITY PARK
07.08.2024



- Reuse existing fencing (existing field dimensions acceptable), seating
- Configure field for moveable magnetic baselines (60', 75' 90') and pitching mound
- Grass infield (update exhibit)
- City will keep existing lighting in good working order (confirm that field shown in exhibit has fully-working lights)
- Existing restrooms available in coordination with City
- Access to existing storage for portable pitching mound
- Existing concessions area available in coordination with City
- Modifications completed for 2026 season but 2025 would be used if completed early

Community Park Soccer

PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS



- Existing fields 5 and 6 converted to turf to allow for expansion of soccer fields
- Fields striped and goals placed as needed prior to each season based on field requirements by age group
- Access to existing restrooms in coordination with City of Fridley
- Access to existing concessions in coordination with City of Fridley
- Possible continued use of softball outfields to account for future growth

Next Steps

- The above items and exhibits will be presented to the Fridley City Council on July 8, 2024
- Council may choose to pass a motion in support of the plan
- Updated concepts can be updated on the Commons Park section of the Park System Improvement Plan webpage
- Evaluate lighting at Commons Park field based on updated project budget during design development phase



FYSA Field Development Proposal

7/8/2024

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Commons Park Concept Design Exhibit





FYSA Field Development Proposal

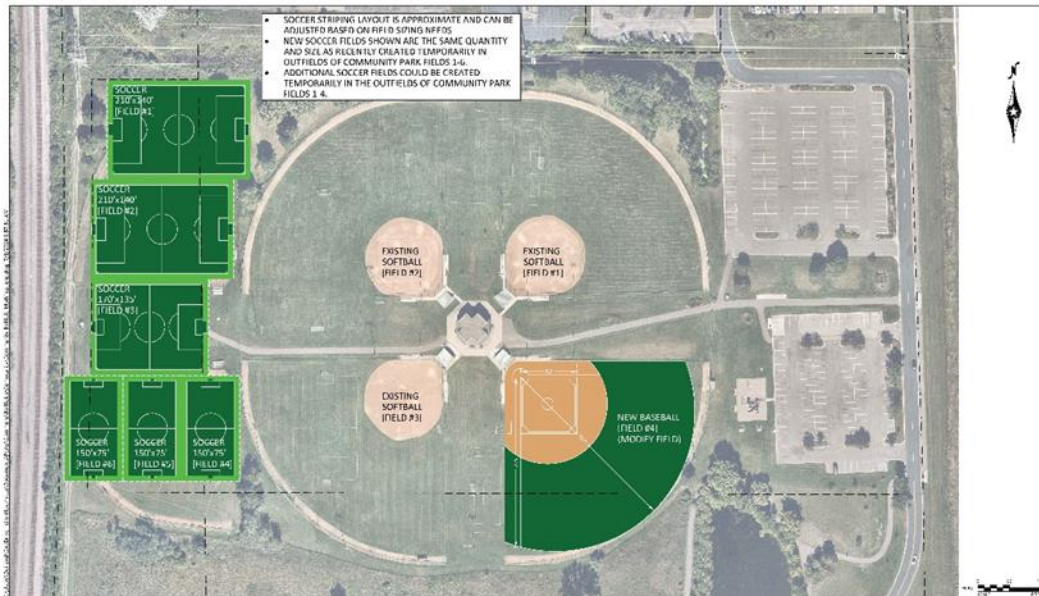
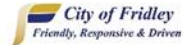
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Community Park Concept Design Exhibit

PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

COMMUNITY PARK
07.08.2024



Notes reviewed and updated by Parks and Recreation Director Mike Maher and FYSA President Jake Karnopp on 7/8/2024

Approved by Fridley City Council on 7/8/2024

INSPIRATION IMAGES:



EXTERIOR MATERIALS:

- METAL PANELING
- WOOD PANELING
- LIGHT GRAY BRICK
- WOOD CANOPIES

GROSS SF: 5,857



3 CONCEPT PLAN - OPT 3
1/16" = 1'-0"

Client:



Project:

CITY OF FRIDLEY COMMONS PARK
BUILDING

Number:

SD3.0

Project Number: 2437

Name:

EXTERIOR OPTION 3



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ARCHITECTS
4201 CEDAR AVENUE, SO. • MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55407 | TEL: (612) 904-1332



3 CONCEPT PLAN - OPT 3.2
1/16" = 1'-0"

Client:



Project:
**CITY OF FRIDLEY COMMONS PARK
BUILDING**

Number:

SD3.1

Project Number: 2437

Name:

EXTERIOR OPTION 3.1



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Concept C1



1 OVERALL SITE PLAN
1/8" = 1'-0"

Client:



Project:

**CITY OF FRIDLEY COMMONS PARK
BUILDING**

Number:

SD3.2

Project Number: 2437

Name:

SITE PLAN & BUILDING ORIENTATION



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Meeting Date: August 5, 2024

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Title

2024 Resident Survey Result Summary for Parks and Recreation

Background

The City of Fridley has conducted statistically valid resident surveys around every three years to provide data on resident satisfaction with quality of life, city services, and a variety of other metrics. Attached is a summary of survey results that are related to parks and recreation in Fridley.

Financial Impact

None

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

- 2024 City of Fridley PowerPoint - Parks and Recreation .pptx

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2024 Residential Study

The Morris Leatherman Company

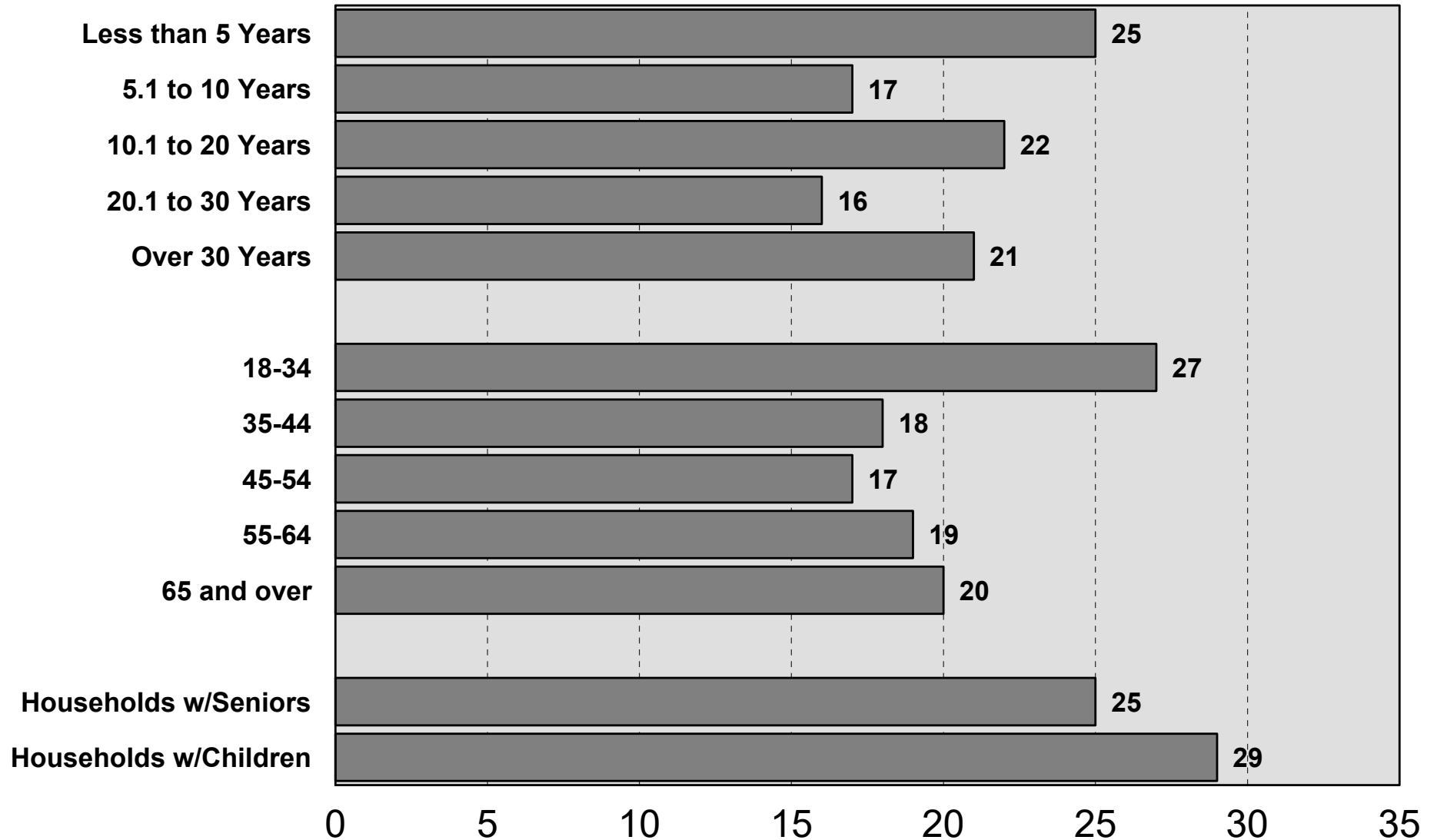
Survey Methodology

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- ① 400 random sample of City residents
- ① Telephone interviews conducted between March 22nd to April 12th, 2024
- ① Average interview time of 22 minutes
- ① Non-response level of 6.5%
- ① Results projectable within +/-5.0% in 95 out of 100 cases
- ① Cell Phone Only Households: 59%
- ① Landline Only Households: 12%
- ① Both Cell Phone and Landline: 29%

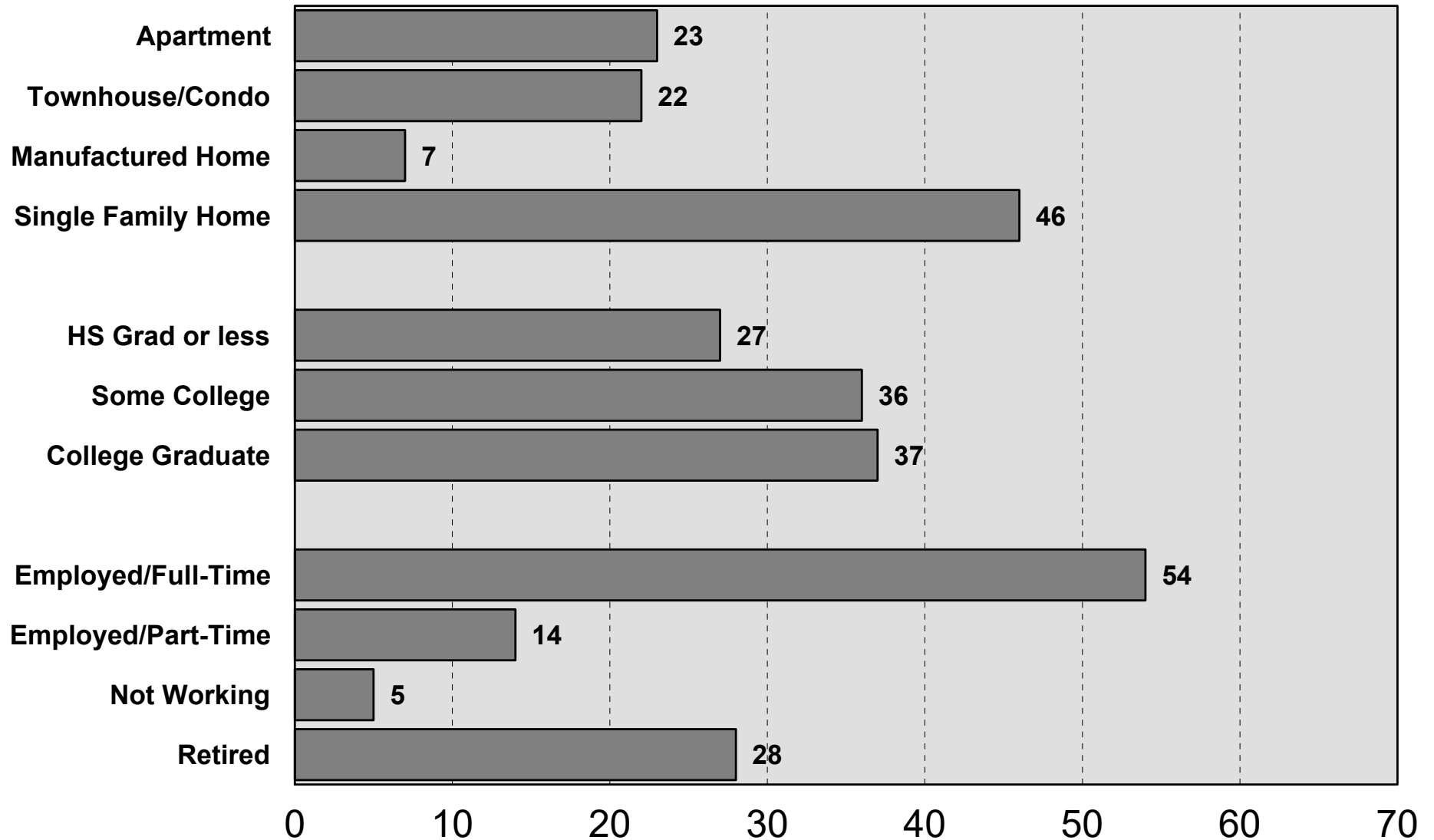
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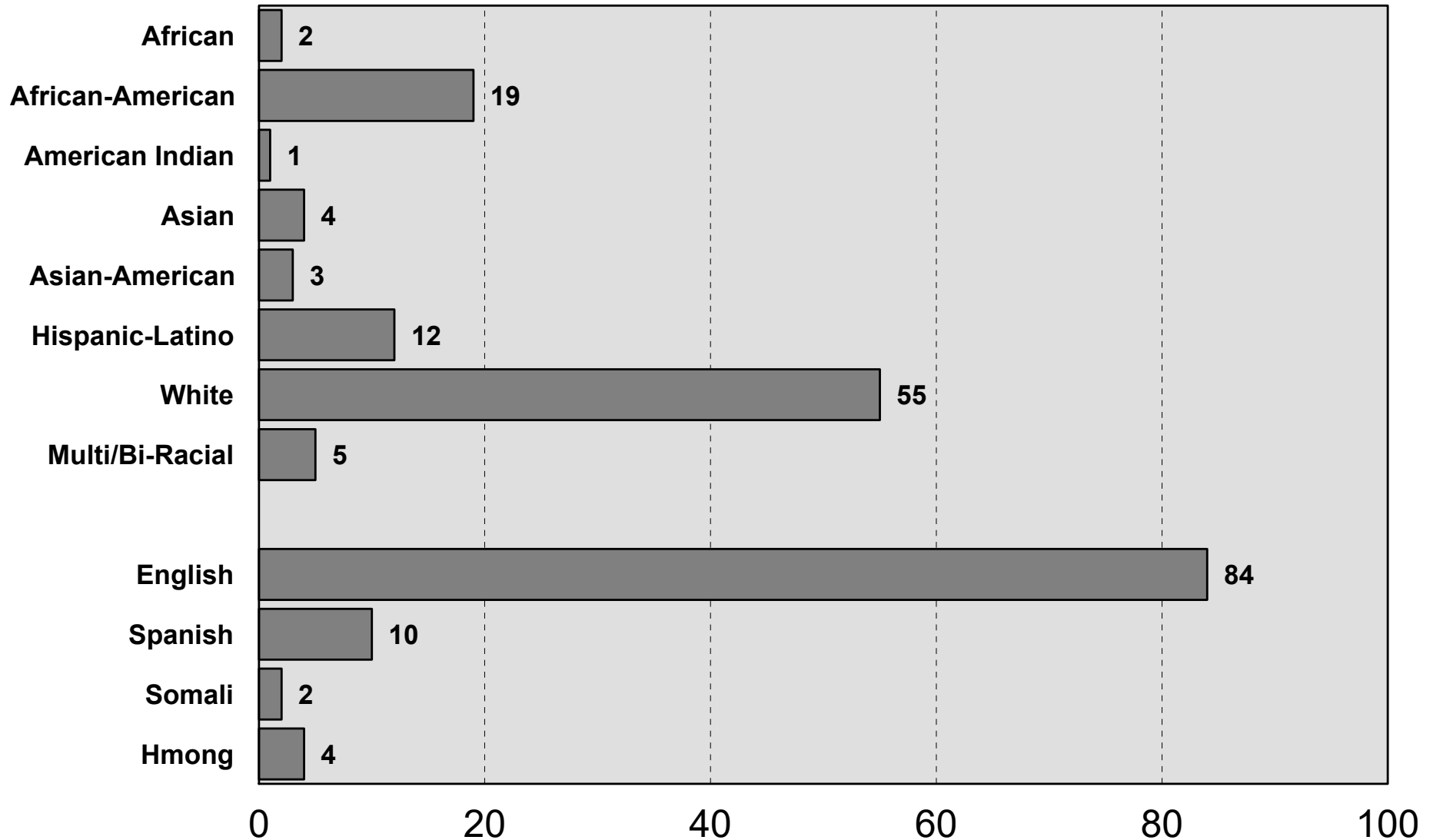
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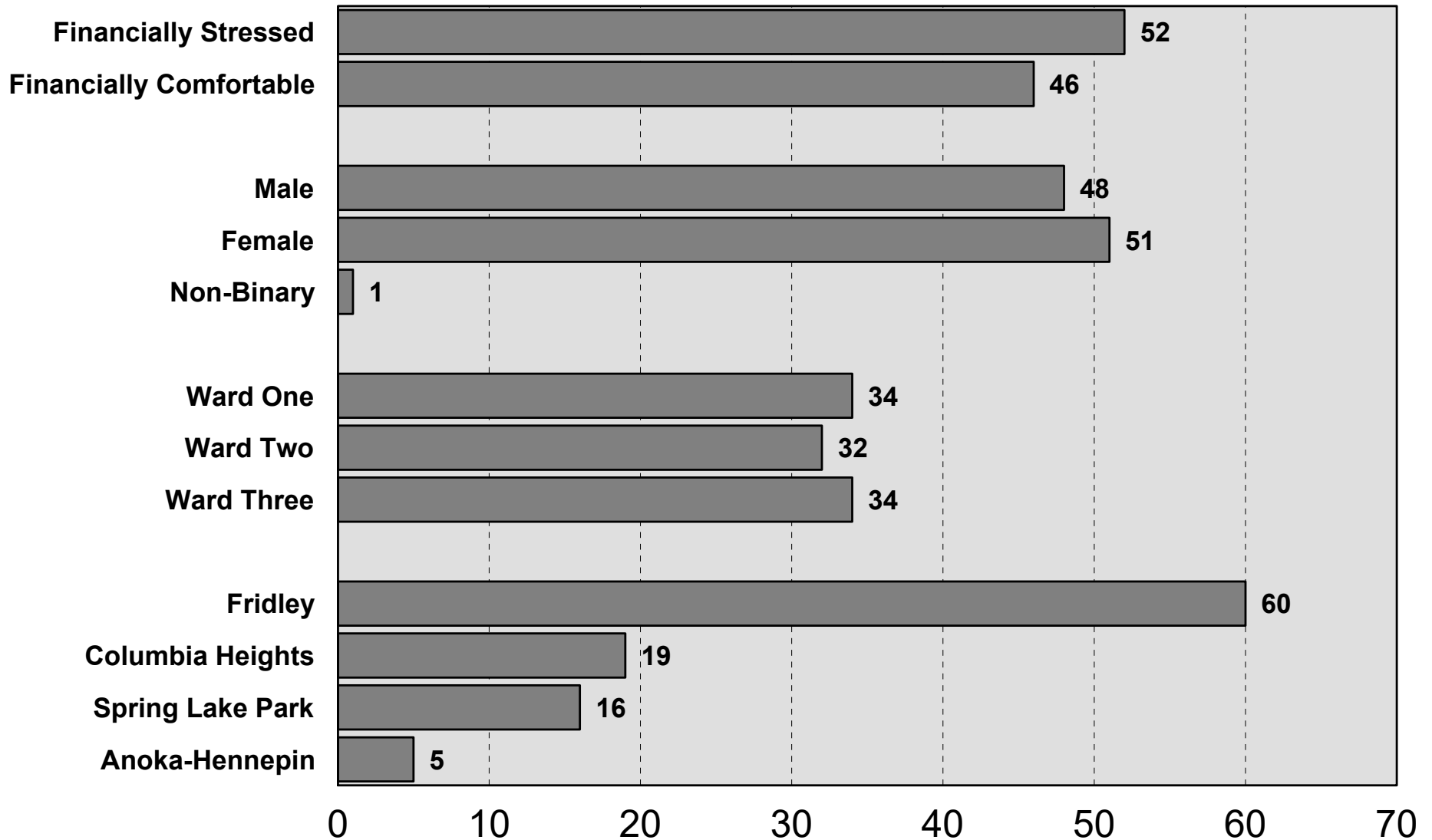
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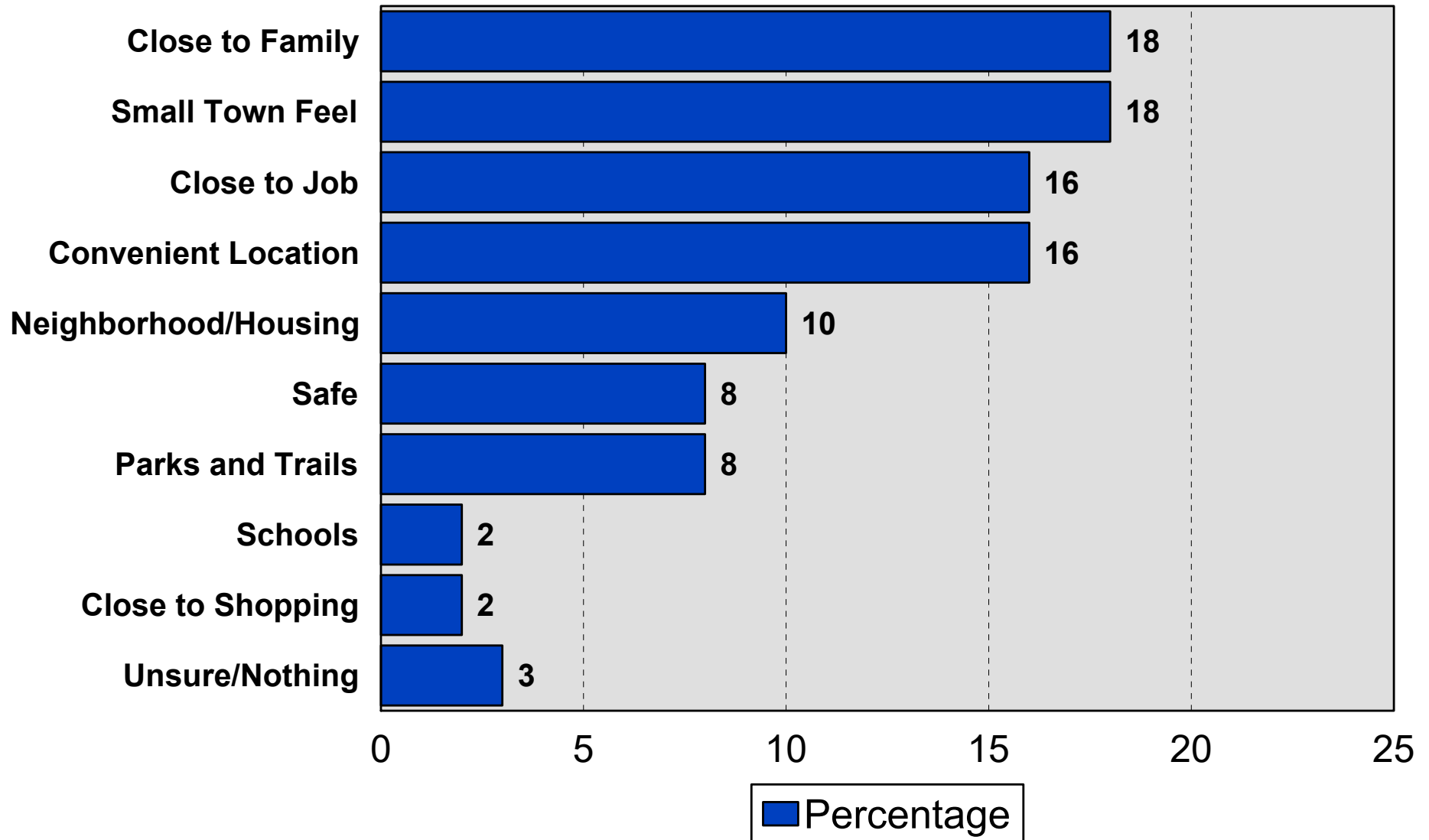
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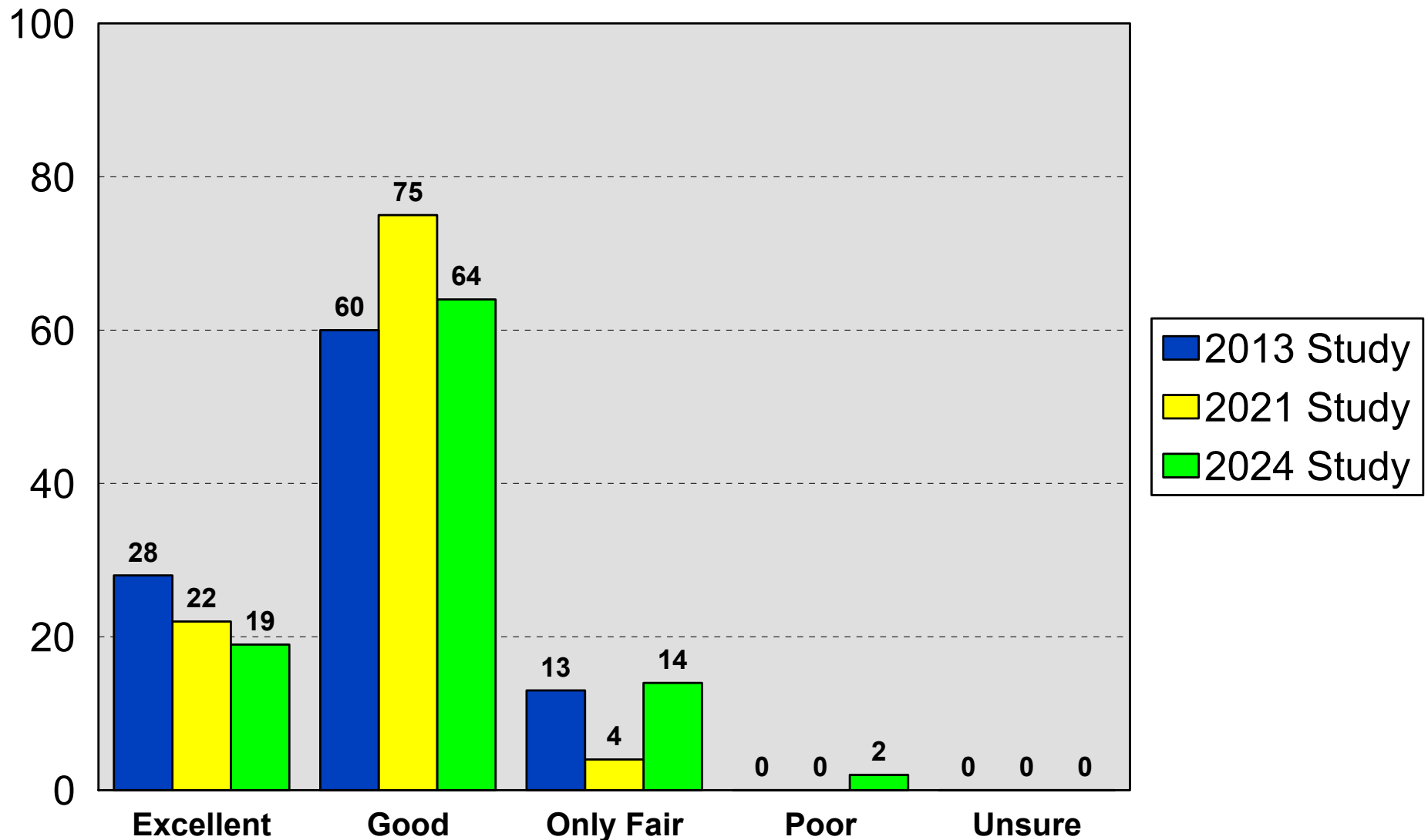
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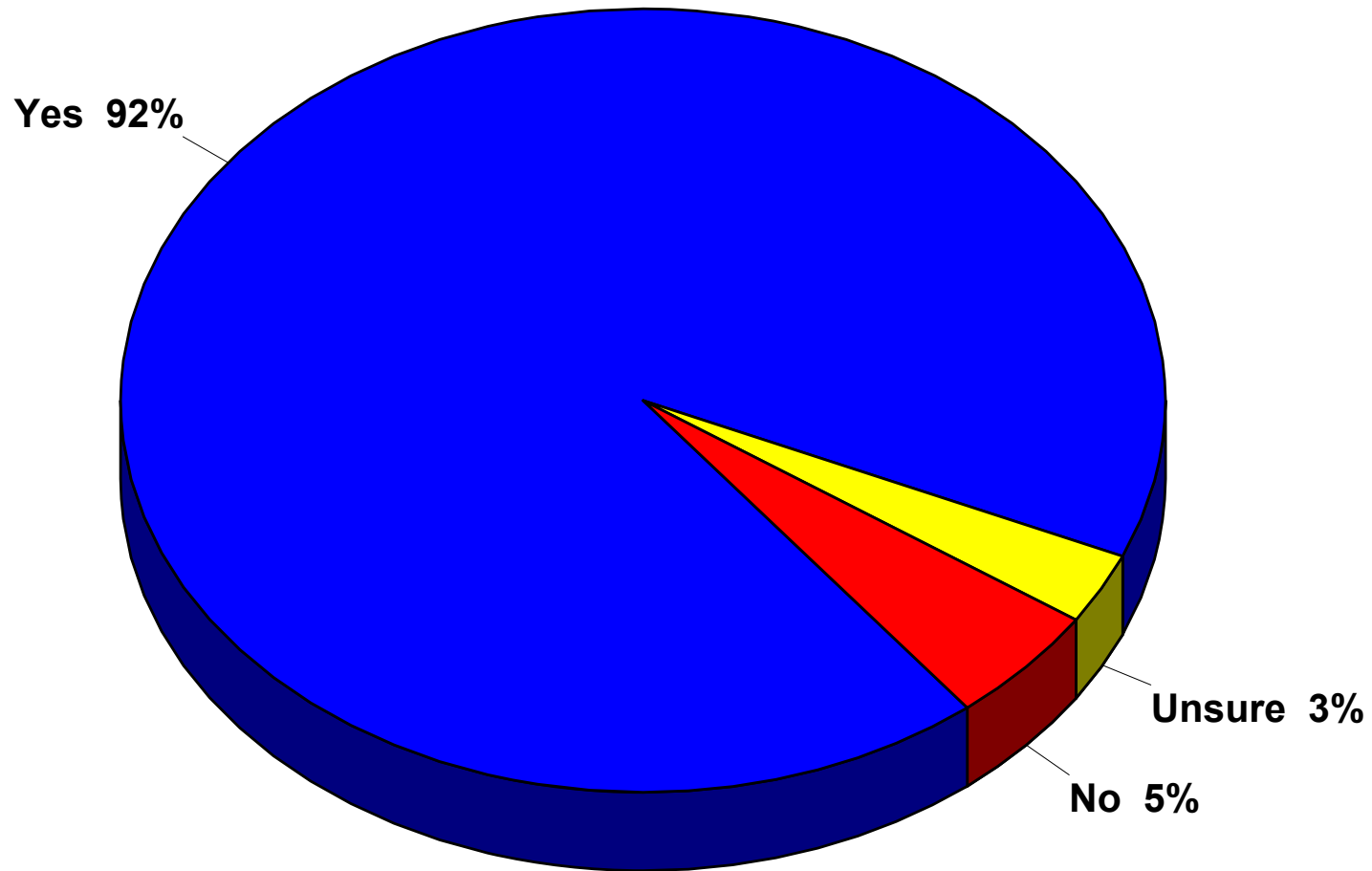
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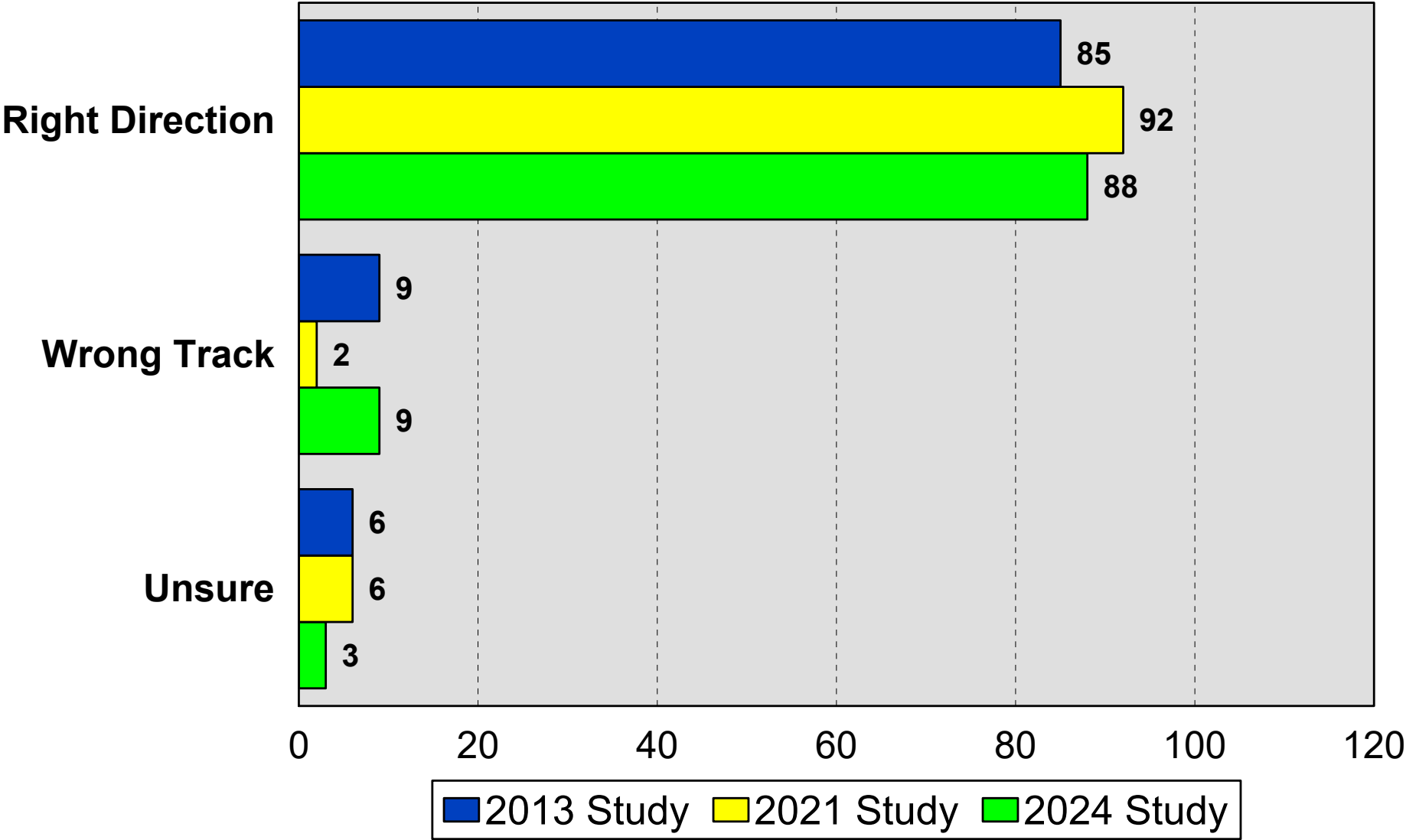
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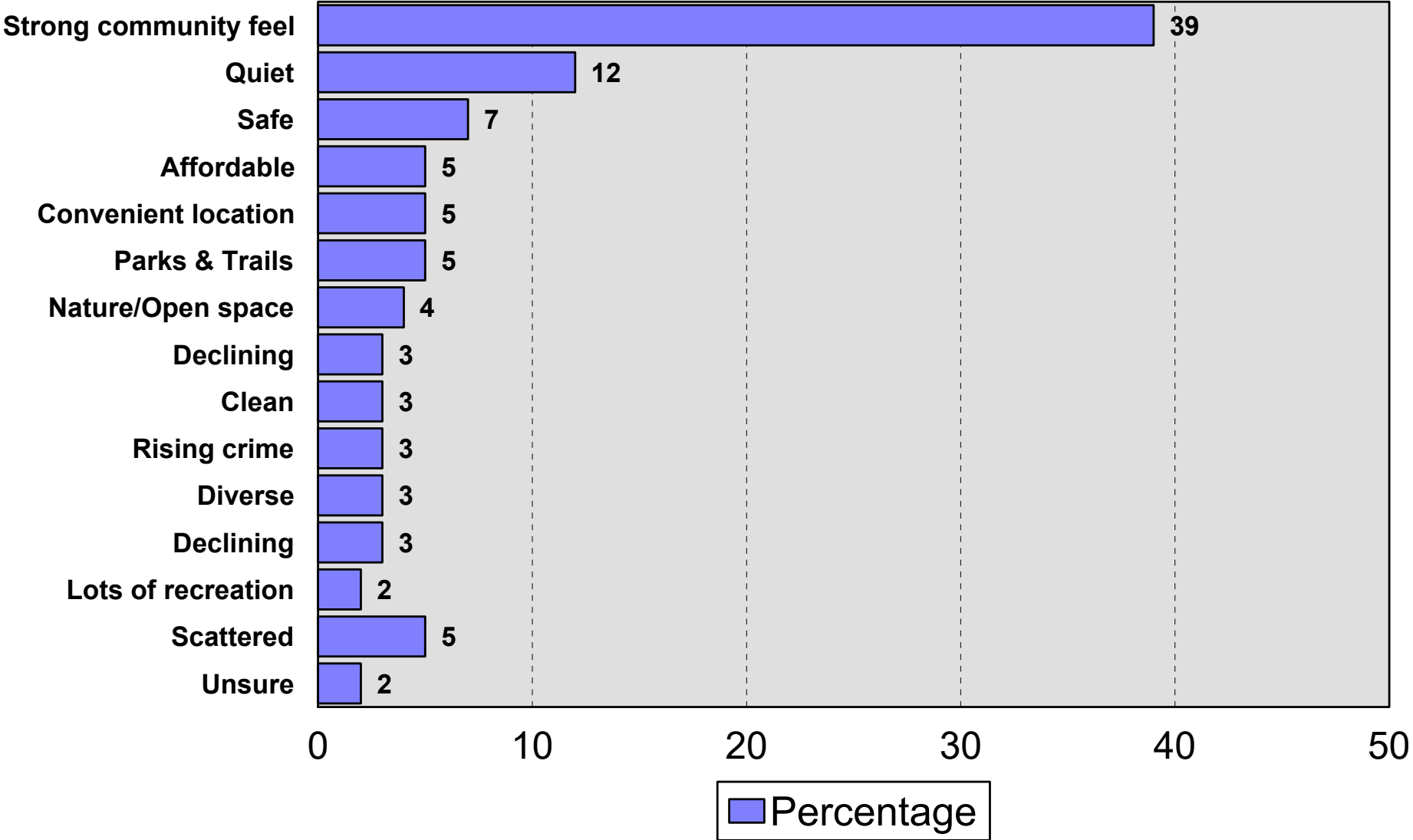
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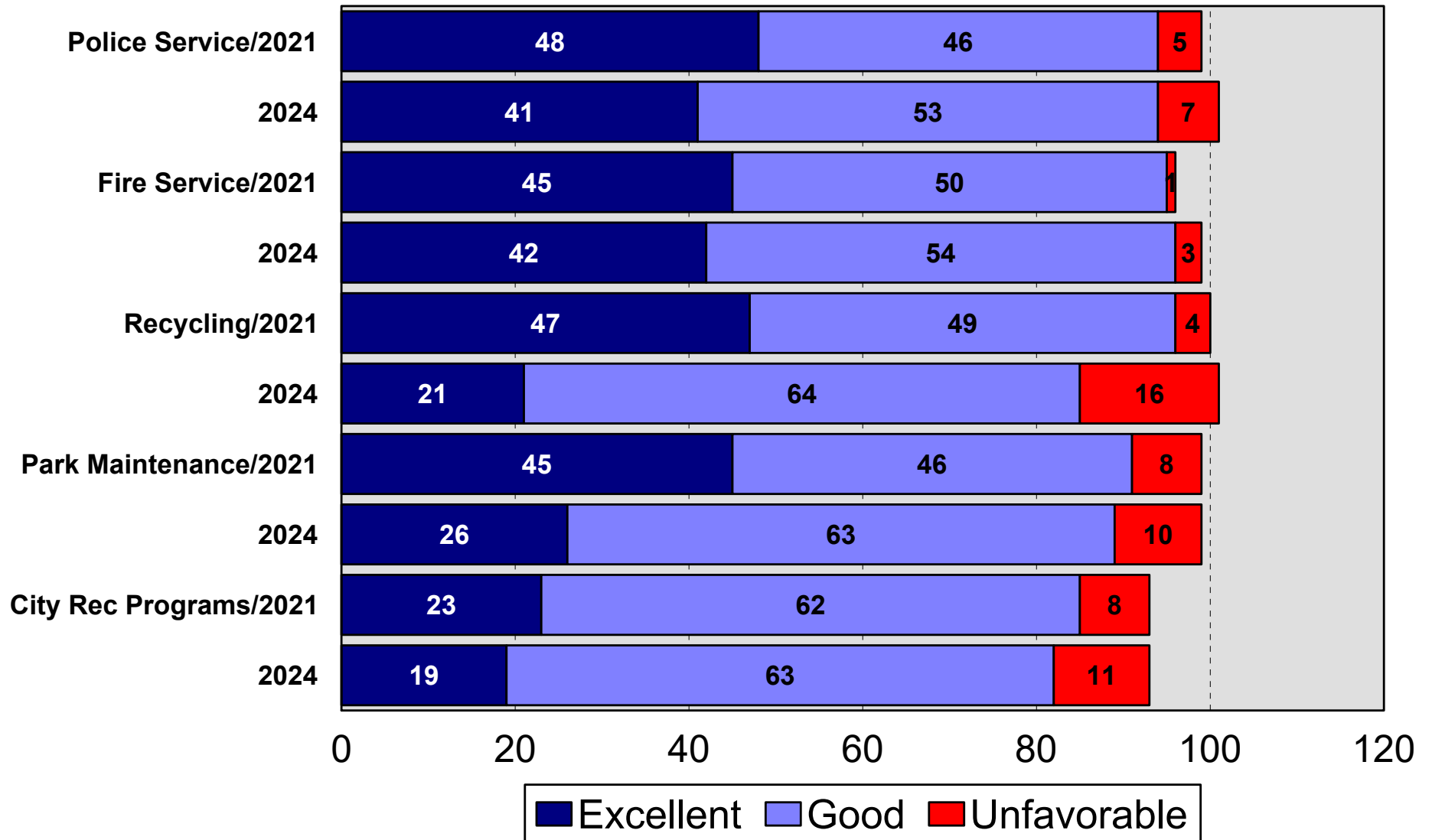
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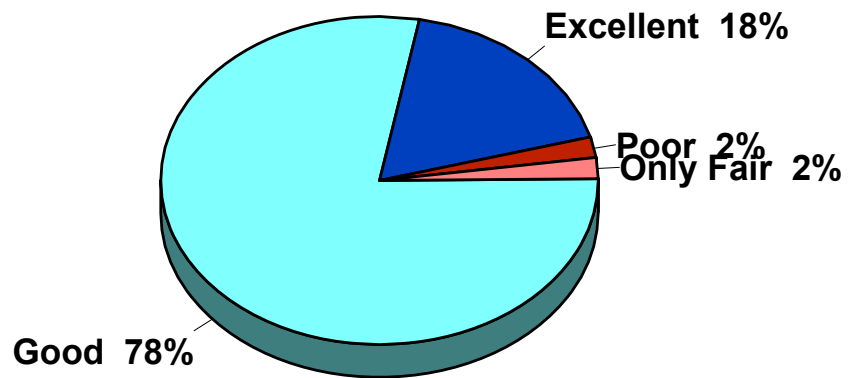
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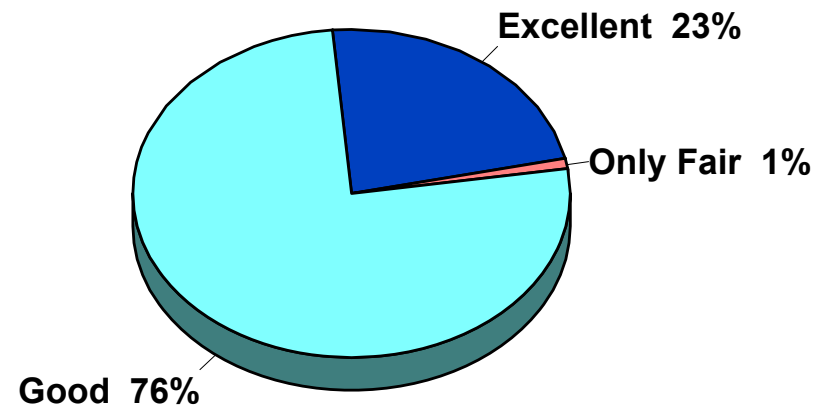


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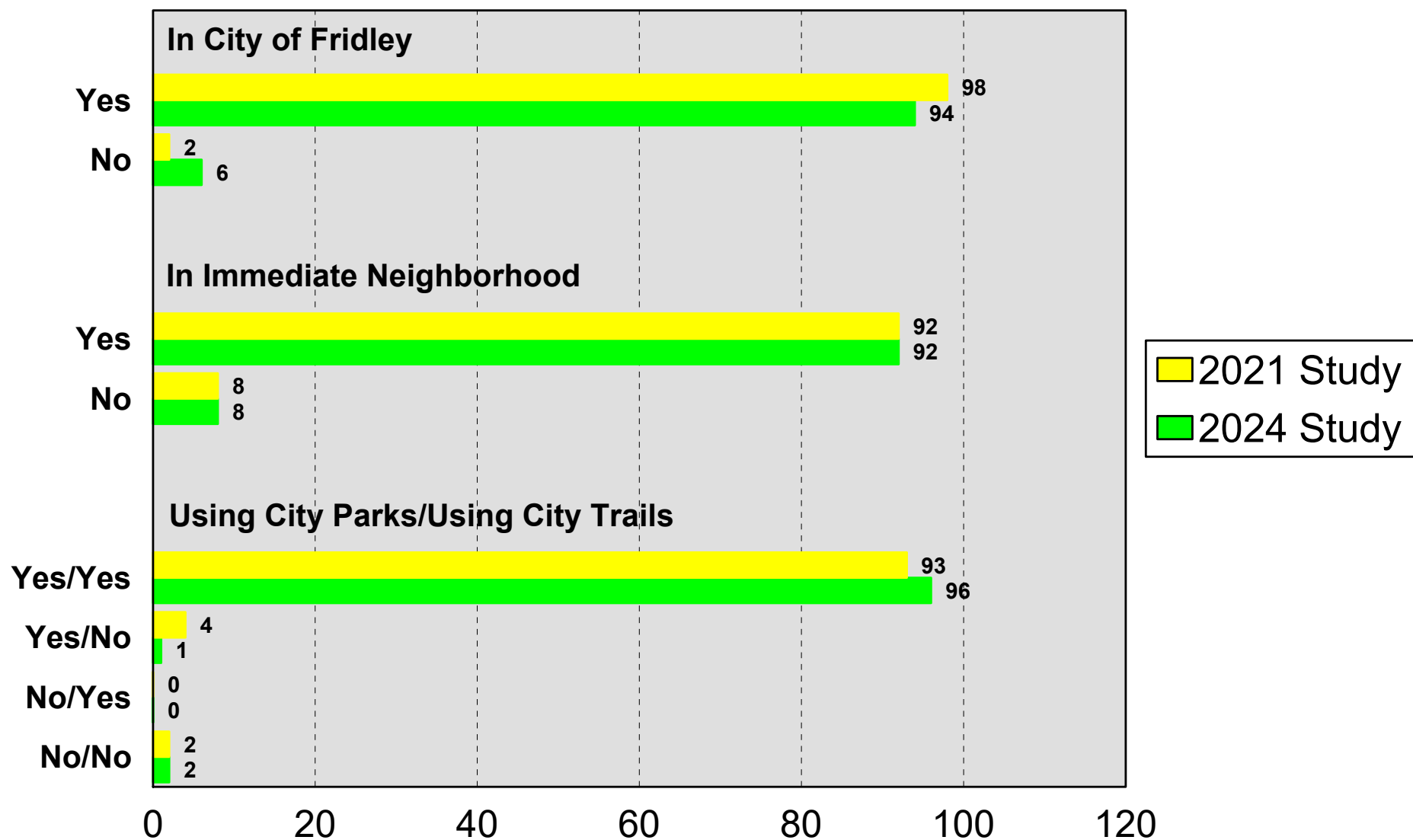
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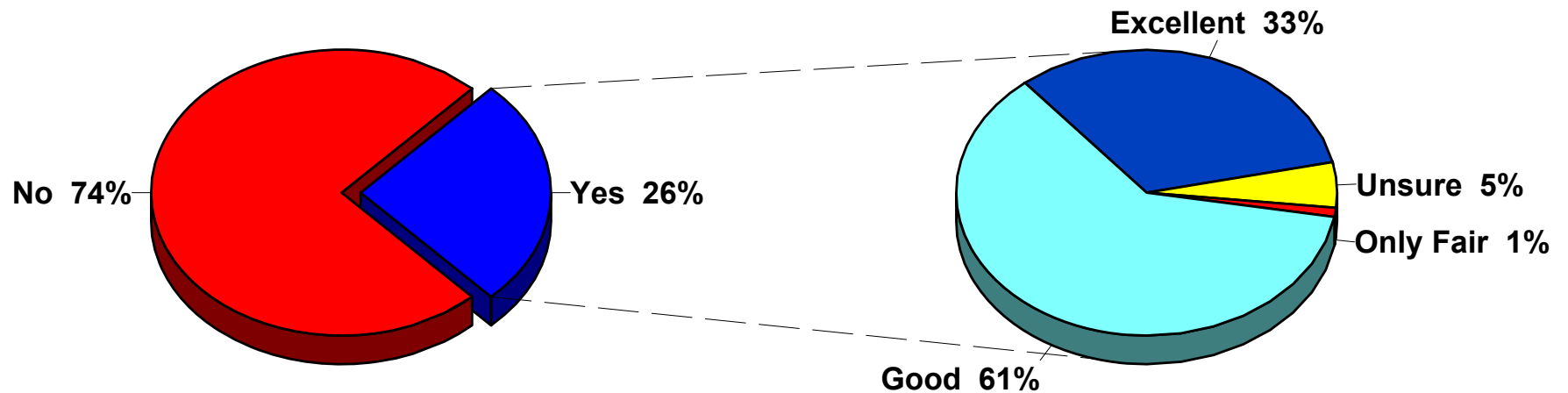
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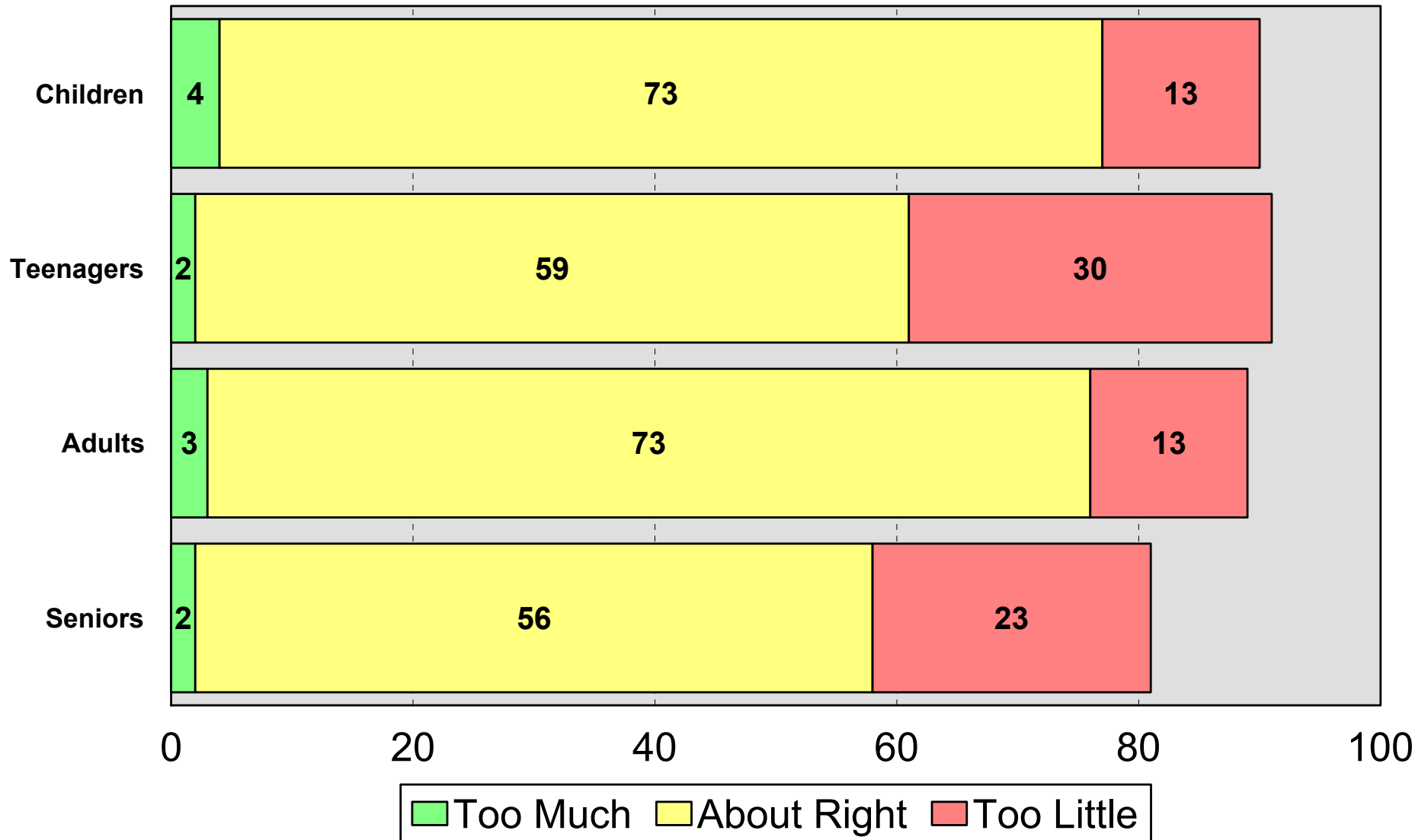


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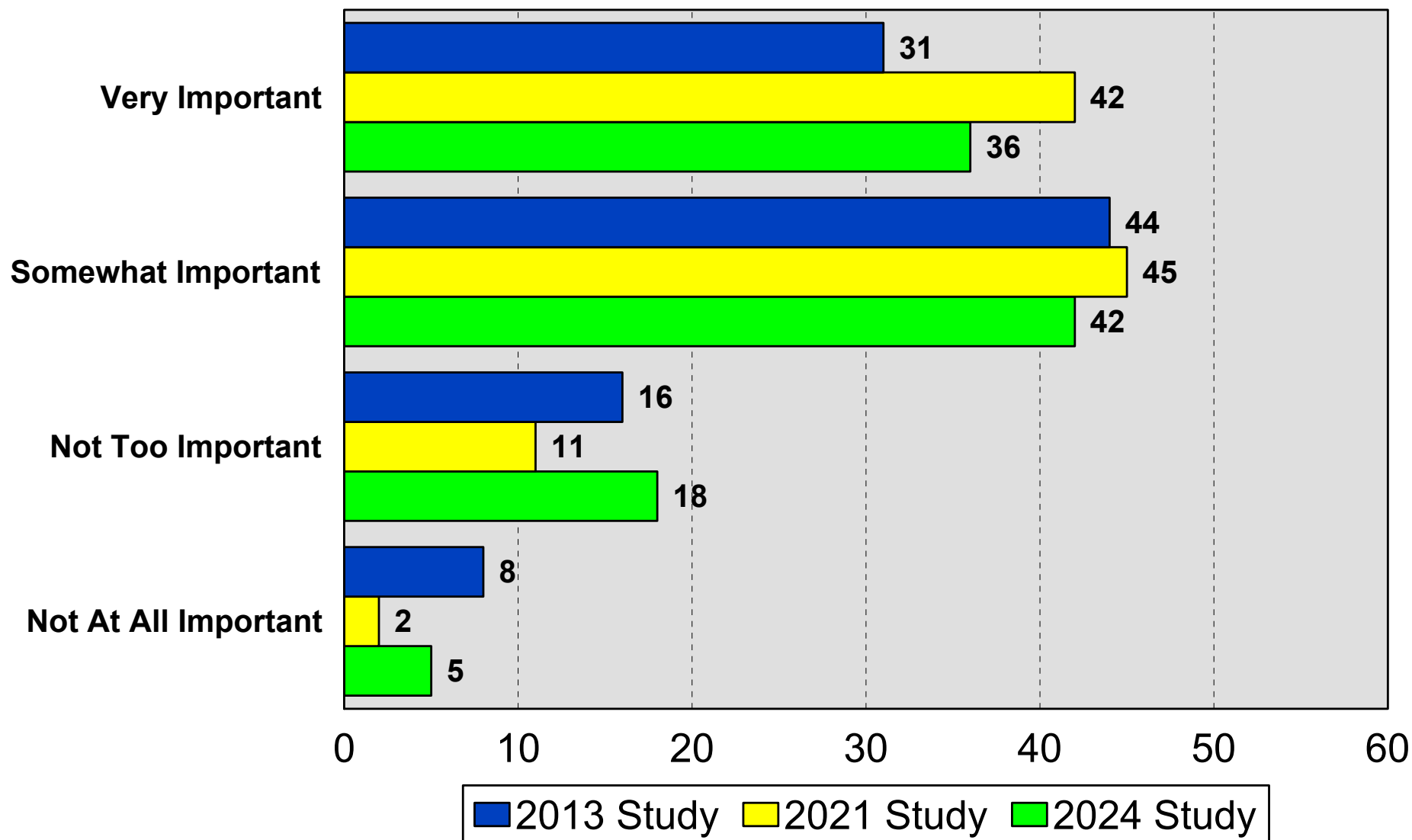
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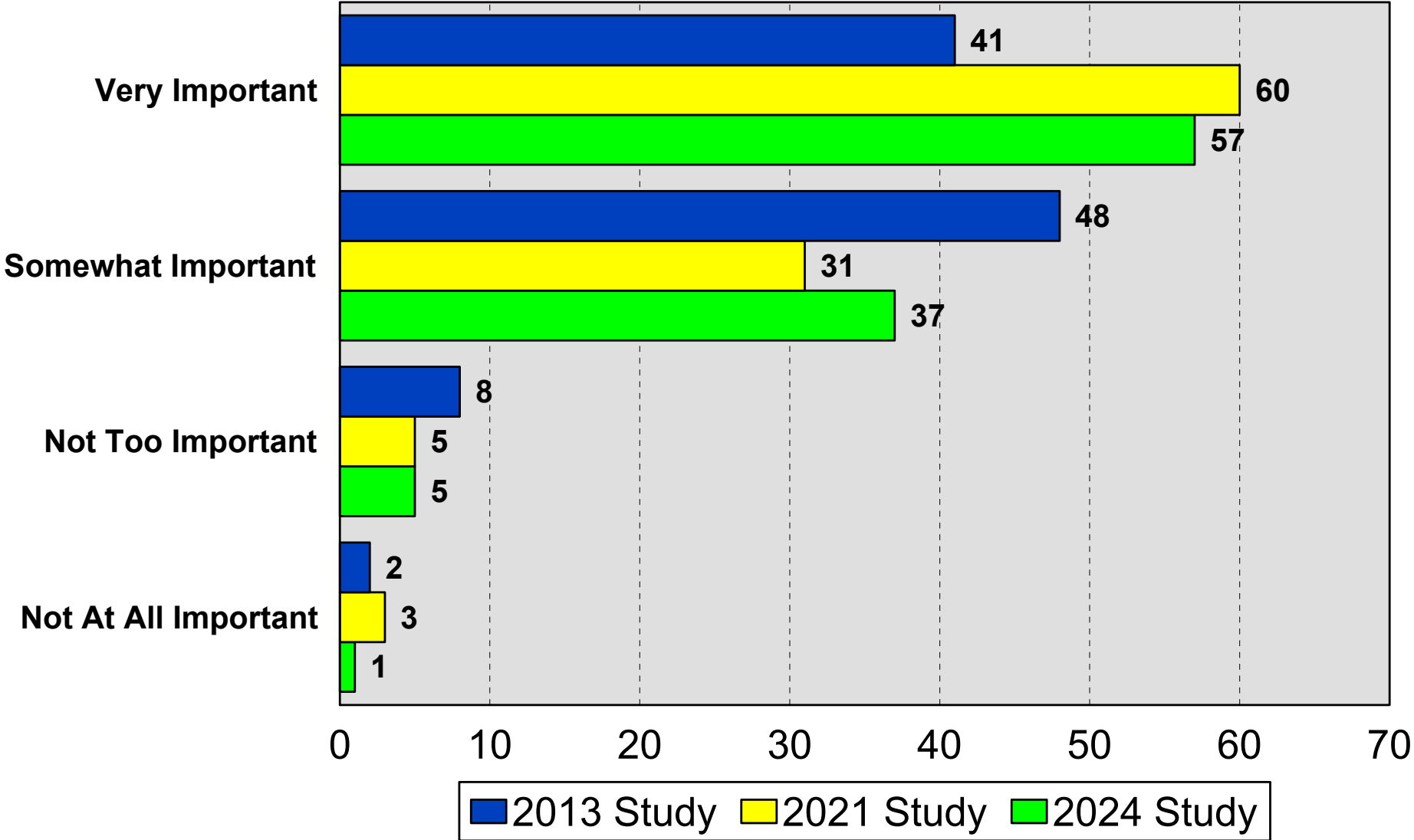
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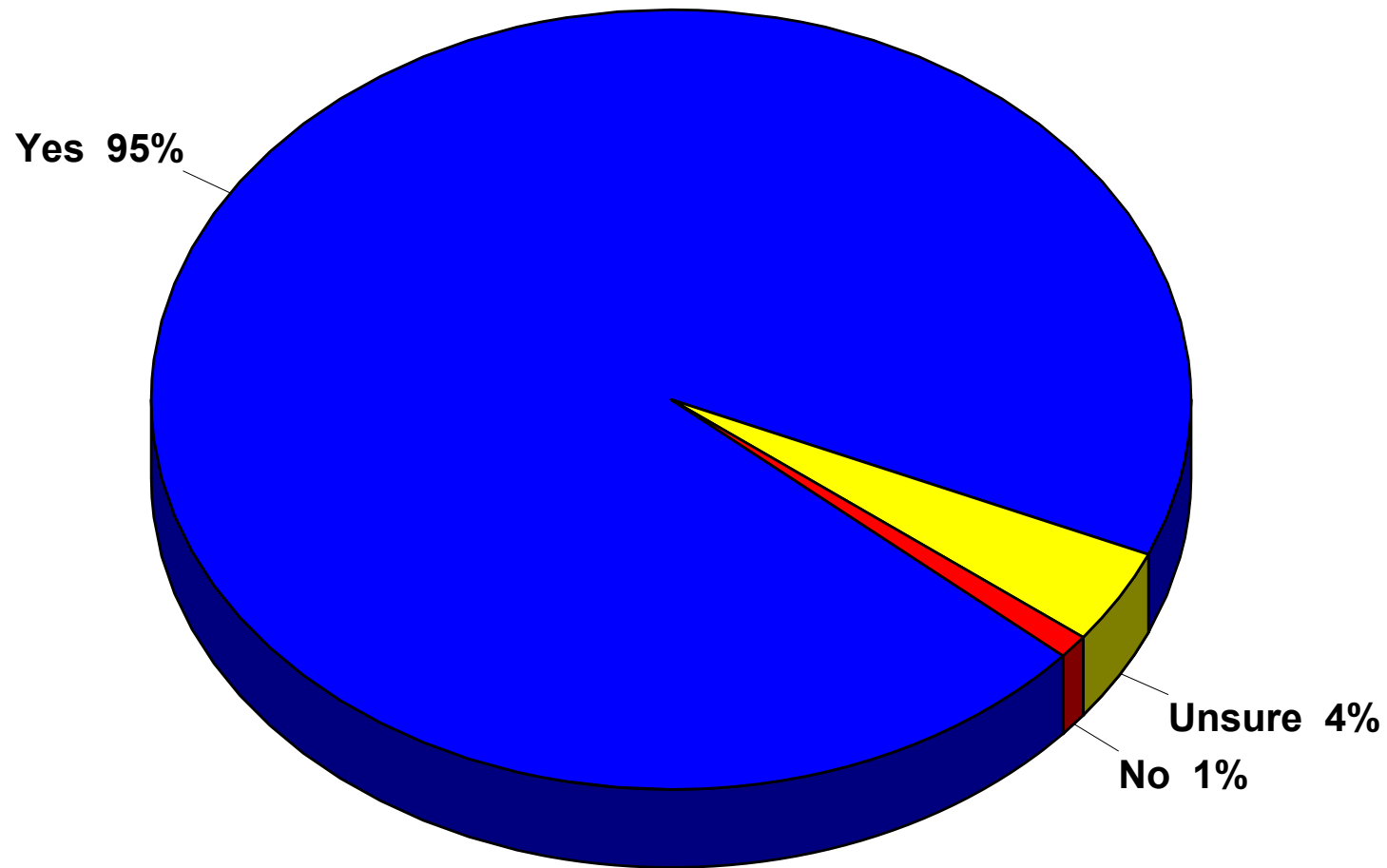
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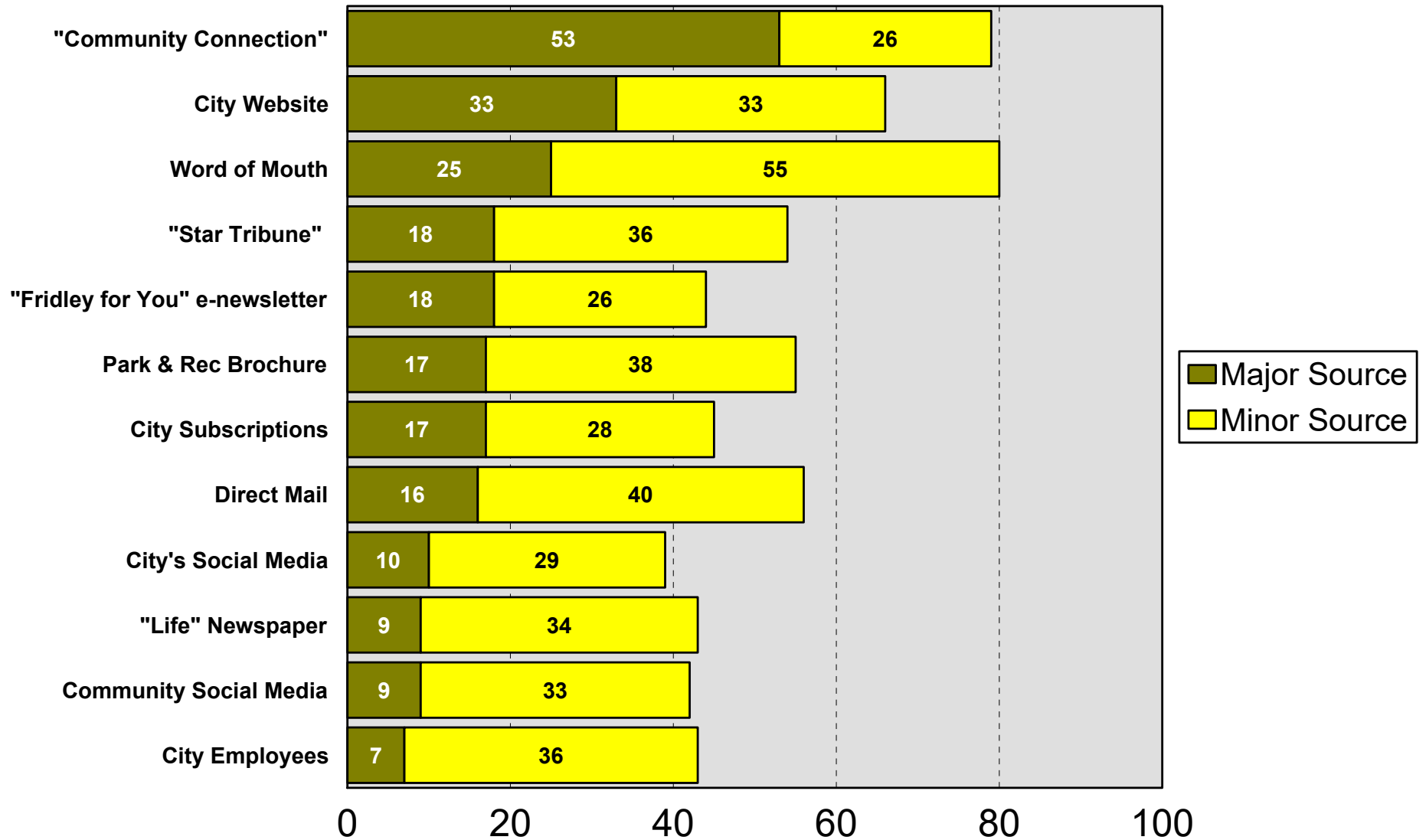
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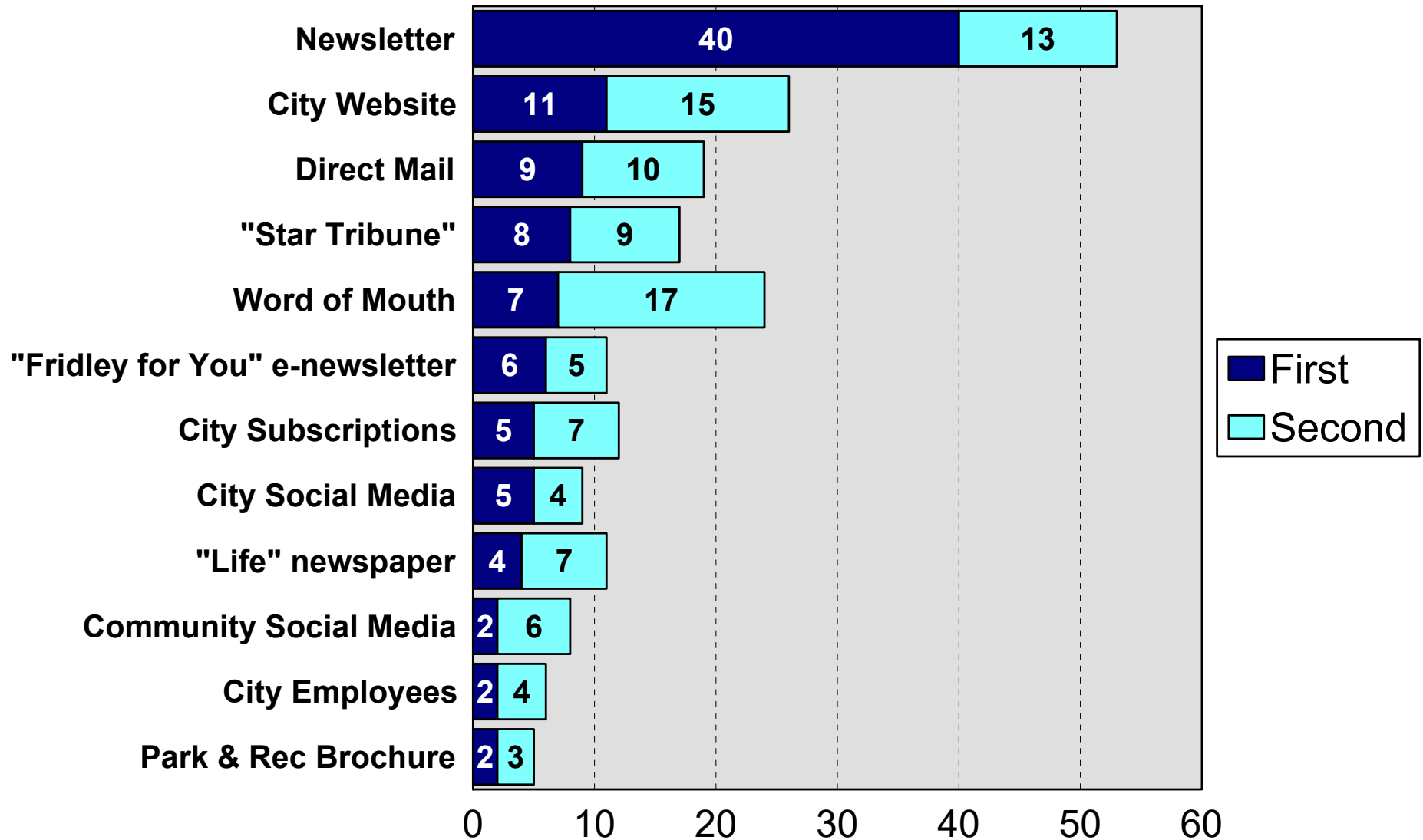
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AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: August 5, 2024

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Title

Proposed 2025 Meeting Dates of the Parks and Recreation Commission

Background

A proposed schedule of meetings is presented to the Commission for the 2025 calendar year. Generally, meetings are the first Monday of each month with the exception of Tuesday, September 2nd to adjust for the Labor Day holiday. Traditionally, the Commission has not held a meeting in July and has held a work session or park tour for the June meeting.

Financial Impact

None

Recommendation

Staff recommend the approval of the proposed 2025 meeting dates.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Proposed 2025 meeting dates of the Parks and Recreation Commission

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Park and Recreation Commission 2025 Proposed Meeting Schedule

**Unless Indicated Otherwise, Meetings are the first Monday of each month
at 7 pm in City Council Chambers (2nd floor)**

January 6, 2025

February 3, 2025

March 3, 2025

April 7, 2025

May 5, 2025

June 2, 2025 (Work Session at Park Location TBA)

July 2025 - NO MEETING

August 4, 2025

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 (shifted one day due to Labor Day)

October 6, 2025

November 3, 2025

December 1, 2025

Revised. 7/26/2024



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: August 5, 2024

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Tara Rogness, Springbrook Nature Center Manager

Title

Springbrook Nature Center Report

Background

Attached is the update from Springbrook Nature Center for the August 5, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

None.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Springbrook Nature Center Update for August 5, 2024 meeting

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Springbrook Nature Center *Park & Rec Commission Report*

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June Education Programs

Springbrook Nature Center Naturalists have jumped into the summer camp program with both feet! We've learned about Camp Classics, got creative with Imagination Creation, took our oldest campers out on the water to have some adventures, and learned about adaptations of animals in Beast Powers.

Number of Children Taught: 163

Number of Hours of Teaching: 3,441.75



July Education Programs

We're continuing with summer camp this month. We've learned about survival using zombies as our catalyst (gotta know how to survive if the zombies take over), we've enrolled in Springbrook's school of Wizardry and learned about magic, we've built forts and even splished and splashed in the water. It's been a busy first half of the month.

Number of Children Taught: 324

Number of Hours of Teaching: 7602.75



June Rentals & Birthday Parties

- There were 8 birthday parties in June with 106 children in attendance.
- In June, there were 5 full Pavilion Activity Center (PAC) rentals, 3 Outdoor only PAC rentals, 4 indoor room rentals, and 1 Amphitheater rental

July Rentals & Birthday Parties

- There were 4 birthday parties in July with 57 children in attendance
- In July, there was 1 full PAC rental, 2 outdoor only PAC rentals, 2 indoor room rentals, and 1 Amphitheater rental

Grants

- We will begin purchasing for the Xcel Energy Foundation Grant entitled "Wild Connections in Environmental Education".
- Springbrook Nature Center has been invited to apply for an International Paper Foundation Grant (\$3000). The deadline is August 22 2024.



Park & Building Maintenance

- 85th Avenue is under construction! This project will continue through the end of September 2024. We are communicating detours with all our camp families, renters, and partygoers via email. We are also

using our social media accounts and our website to help drop in visitors to know about the detour before they arrive.

- We are in the process of repairing the processing board for the geothermal system that supplies heat and cooling to the staff offices.
- The SNC Foundation is looking into re-engraving pavers that have become unreadable, at this point I am waiting to hear back from our engraver for pricing.

Upcoming Events

- The Nature Play expansion is slated to begin on August 22nd. We were told installation would take about two weeks. More information will be available on our website and our social media accounts as soon as it is made available to me.
- The Outdoor Concert Series has begun, this year there are 2 concerts at SNC (Southside Aces on July 9, Los Rebeldes on August 13) beginning at 7 pm.



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Meeting Date: August 5, 2024

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Margo Numedahl, Recreation Division Manager

Title

Fridley Parks and Recreation Division Report

Background

Attached is the update from the Parks and Recreation Department for the August 5, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

None.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Attached is the update from the Parks and Recreation Department for the August 5, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Recreation Division: June – July 2024

Summer Programs

Below is a list of programs and participation numbers for those that took place in June and July.

Preschool: Ages 3-5

Soccer (4 sessions): Jun-Jul	15
T-ball (4 sessions): Jun-Jul	14
Track and Field (4 sessions): Jun-Jul	10
Games and Sports (4 sessions): Jun-Jul	13

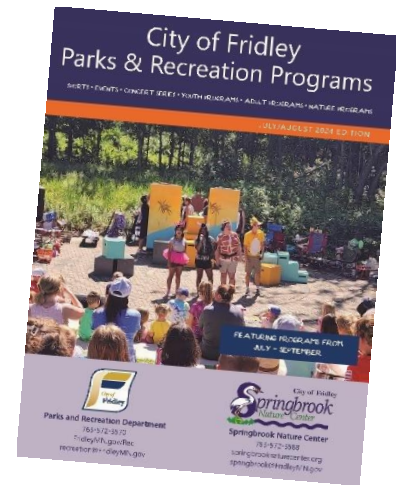
Elementary – Middle School: Grades K-7

Soccer Gr. K-4 (4 sessions): Jun-Jul	15
Tennis Gr. K-4 (4 sessions): Jun-Jul	11
Games and Sports Gr. K-4 (4 sessions): Jun-Jul	6
Track and Field Gr. K-4 (4 sessions): Jun-Jul	14
Safety Camp Gr. 2-4: Jun 23-24	34
Tennis Gr. 5-7: Jun-Jul	10
Teen Pickleball Camp: Jun 2 (3 – Fridley, 3 – SLP)	6

Adult Fitness and Athletics

Zumba (2 classes/6 sessions each): Jul-Aug	14
55+ Golf League: May-Aug	21
Pickleball Intro Clinic (1 session): Jun 2 4 – Fridley, 4 – SLP	8
Pickleball Skills and Drills (4 sessions): Jun 3 – Fridley, 6 – SLP	8
Pickleball Live Play Coaching (4 sessions): Jul-Aug 6 – Fridley, 2 – SLP	8
Pickleball Ladder League – All Ages: May-Jul 30 – Fridley, 24 – SLP (2 leagues)	54
Pickleball Ladder League – Ages 20-35: May-Jul 23 – Fridley, 11 – SLP	33
Volleyball Coed Rec League: Jun-Aug	20 teams
North Metro League*: Fridley-6 teams, 9 individual	
Coed Bag Toss League: May-Jul North Metro League*	5 teams

*North Metro Leagues are offered in cooperation with Mounds View, New Brighton, and Spring Lake Park.



Parks and Recreation Brochure

The July/August brochure was mailed to residents beginning on June 29. Staff have completed the content for the September/October brochure and it is currently being finalized with the designer and will be mailed out at the end of August.

June - July Facility Rentals

Facility Rentals

Moore Lake Community Building	28
Shelters (Commons, Flanery, Locke, Moore Lake #5)	64
Community Park	151 (2 tournaments)
Ray Thompson Little League	45
Commons Park Ball Fields	42

Moore Lake Grand Opening and City Open House

The Grand Opening of the newly improved Moore Lake Park and the City Open House was held on Saturday, June 1. It was a beautiful day to enjoy the new amenities at the park and the event hosted a crowd of about 300 people! The afternoon kicked off with a ribbon cutting ceremony with Mayor Scott Lund, Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Peter Borman, and the City Council. Throughout the event the new playground was buzzing, and attendees were able to try out fishing with the Boy Scouts, pond dipping with Springbrook Nature Center, dancing with Zumba instructor Lenka, playing pickleball with instructor Will, and playing sand volleyball, basketball and yard games with the Fridley Recreation Staff. In addition, all City Departments were represented with updates and information inside the new Moore Lake Community Building. The public was able to engage with City Staff and ask questions about services and upcoming projects. The Flamingo's Ice Cream Truck was also onsite with delicious treats for all to enjoy!



Fridley '49er Days Parade and Festival

The Fridley '49er Days Committee held a successful parade and festival to celebrate the 75th Birthday of Fridley and the 50th Birthday of the '49er Days Festival on June 13 – 18. The events were supported by the City, Fridley School District, Fridley Lions Club and many community sponsors. An estimated 3,500-4,000 people enjoyed the many activities throughout the festival. The committee raised over \$40,000 this year and all of the activities were offered free of charge creating an event that everyone in the community could attend.



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| • City of Fridley | • MN ChiroWorks | • Schmit Towing |
| • Fridley Public Schools | • Anoka County Library | • Wild Things Antiques |
| • Fridley Lions | • Clean Water Land & Legacy Trust | • Willows Bend Senior Living |
| • Northern Stacks | • Allina Health | • Custom Graphix |
| • Shortstop Bar and Grill | • Bob's Produce Ranch | • Coldwell Banker Realty, Erin Callahan |
| • Twin City Gateway | • Forgotten Star Brewing Co. | • Kroger Insurance Agency |
| • RAO Manufacturing Co. | • Grandview Realty Group, Jim Stangler | • United Healthcare |
| • Blaine Festival | • Landmark of Fridley | • HyVee |
| • Moore than Dance | • Miller Funeral Home & Crematory | • Home Depot |
| • CenterPoint Energy | | • Buncha |
| • Fridley American Legion | | • Grand Casino |
| • Friendly Chevrolet | | |

Sunday, June 9 – Saturday, June 15

Medallion Hunt

New this year was a city-wide medallion hunt! Clues were posted each day beginning on June 9 and the medallion was hidden in a City Park. The medallion was found by a Fridley couple on Wednesday, June 12. In addition, '49er Days commemorative stickers were sold to encourage participation by increasing the prize money.



Thursday, June 13

Fridley Historical Society Time Capsule

The Fridley Historical Society Museum was open from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. for visitors. At 1 p.m. Mayor Scott Lund opened the 50th Anniversary Time Capsule that was sealed in 1999! Forty people attended to see the contents of the capsule.



Pre-Parade Party

Commons Park | 4-7 p.m.

We had a great turn out for the party, an estimated 700 people participated in the kids activities, inflatable bouncers, slides and obstacles, food trucks, vendors and more!



Fun Run

Eighty runners participated in the Fun Run this year prior to the parade! The Fridley High School Cross Country team joined the Fridley Rotary to coordinate the run this year and had great participation. The run was sponsored, so entry was free.



Fridley Lions '49er Parade

The '49er Days Parade had about 75 units and the community came out to watch and enjoy! An estimated 1,000 people participated in the parade and an additional 2,000 audience members. After a few years without, the Lion's brought back the amplified announcement stage at Hayes Elementary School. In addition, there was a Birthday Party Yard Decorating Contest; first, second and third place winners were awarded cupcakes donated from HyVee.



Friday, June 16

MSMA Car Show

Friendly Chevrolet | 5-8 p.m.

The Car Show was a success with an estimated attendance of 400 people. Money was raised for the Fridley Youth Wrestling Association. All enjoyed the new location, music by Tunes to Go and food trucks as well.



Birthday Bingo and Tuvok the Word

Commons Park | 7-9 p.m.

This new event was a fun way to celebrate the birthdays of our community and brought out about 200 people. Birthday Bingo was a hit and winners received wrapped gift cards as prizes. It was a great night to relax in the park and enjoy music by Tuvok the Word. A movie in the park was scheduled, but technical difficulties caused the event to be postponed to August 16.



Fridley Youth Baseball Tournament & Home Run Derby

Commons & Community Park

The 2nd Annual Mike Spencer Heart of Gold 12U/13U Baseball Tournament was held Friday night and concluded on Saturday. The 6 p.m. game was kicked off with a flag ceremony, message honoring Mike Spencer, and the first pitch was thrown by a Mike Spencer Foundation representative. Following the games on Friday Youth Baseball hosted a Home Run Derby for the players.



Saturday, June 17

Music and More

Commons Park and Shortstop Bar & Grill

A wide variety of activities were planned for Saturday, but the rainy weather and storms caused cancellation of numerous activities. An estimated 100 people came out to the park for Bingo, inflatables, vendor market, musicians, face painting, music and dancing with Salsa Del Soul, food and drinks. At 7 p.m. the event moved to Shortstop Bar & Grill, where the Power of 10 band performed and the Fridley All-School Reunion was held. Fridley and the '49er Days birthdays were celebrated with free cupcakes for all – both at the park and at Shortstop.



The fireworks have been rescheduled for August 16.

Fridley '49er Committee Members

It takes the planning committee a full year to plan and prepare for the festival. The committee met twice a month to ramp up the activities to celebrate the anniversary year with birthday themed celebrations.

President/Treasurer	Jo Young
Secretary.....	Angie Nolan
Sponsorship.....	Gordon Backlund, Scott Lund, and Ann Bolkcom
Volunteers/Marketing	Stacy Nealy
Parade Chair	Nick Kroger
Fridley Schools Liaison	Stephen Keeler
Social Media.....	Brad Gudim
Baseball Tournament.....	Jim Stangler
Fridley Historical Society	Mark Bonesteel
City Liaisons.....	Margo Numedahl and Mike Maher

Seasonal Staff

We held our summer staff training June 3-7. We are happy to report that we have 25 seasonal staff this summer, and they enjoy working with the kids! They have been doing a great job with our programs, and it's been wonderful to watch them grow and do better each week! We are very proud of the amount and quality of our seasonal workers, and look forward to welcoming them again next summer, and continuing our partnership with the Career Program at Fridley High School.

In addition to Instructors, we also have two interns for the summer. Annie and Abby have been leading Recreation and SNC Pre-school Camps, Special Events, Concerts, SNC Adventure Camps, Rec 'N Roll, and ROCKS biking outings and special activities. They have been doing a great job and have brought creativity and positive energy to the programs.

Summer ROCKS (Recreation Opportunities for Creative Kids in the Summer)

Our summer day camp, ROCKS, has been in full swing since June 11 at the Fridley Middle School and Commons Park. We have three age groups (Grades K-1, 2-3 & 4-6) and each week we have been near capacity (54)! Kids enjoy morning classes (sports, STEM, art & crafts) and afternoons involve playground time, games & crafts at Commons Park, and each day ends with free time back at the Middle School. On Wednesdays, we have field trips and special events that have included: Elm Creek Outdoor Adventure School & Nature Center, Como Zoo, Wet & Wild Water Party and Shrek the Musical, Jr. The 4-6 group has been on two bike rides with our bike fleet and they asked to bike everyday at ROCKS. The kids (and staff) are having a blast!



Youth Evening Sports

The first session of youth evening sports ran through the months of June and July on Monday – Thursday evenings. We offered five different classes designed to introduce kids to sports and give them a positive social environment to learn the fundamentals and have fun. Classes offered include: Soccer, Tennis, T-ball, Baseball, Track & Field, and Games & Sports. Nearly all of the classes offered have filled. Our next session begins at the end of July and runs through August.



Summer Concert Series

We have held two summer concerts (one was rained out) this summer at the Civic Campus Amphitheater and Plaza. The Civic Campus concerts have averaged approximately 150 attendees per concert in the hot summer! Concert goers enjoyed the wonderful music, along with games from our Rec 'N Roll mobile, and food has been available for purchase from local food trucks. One concert included a tour of the edible orchard and gardens on campus. We look forward to upcoming Civic Campus concerts in August that will also include the Touch-a-Truck event in collaboration with Public Works on August 20. We'll have one last concert at Moore Lake on August 5. We hope you can join us for these great community get-togethers!



Children's Musical Performance

We had 400 people attend our children's show on July 24 at Commons Park. ETC Productions (high school aged actors out of Apple Valley) performed Shrek Jr. the Musical. Folks attending the performance enjoyed a free kid's book swap, a visit from the Fire truck and firefighters, and free Jonny Pops popsicles. (Thank you to Jonny Pops for donating to multiple community events this year!)

Music in Our Parks

Fridley Parks and Recreation partnered with the Fridley City Band to offer additional concert opportunities for our community! The City Band performed concerts on Monday nights. Both residents and band members enjoyed the concerts with the beautiful backdrop of our city parks!

Wet & Wild Water Party

Wet & Wild Water Party was held on July 10! Staffed stations were set up for sandcastle building, splash ball launcher, sprinklers, and active water games. With the help of the Fridley Firefighters, we set up the giant slip n' slide on the Commons Park hill. Groups from Summer ROCKS, Spring Lake Park Recreation, Tiger Club, and registered participants all attended this event totaling 165 participants.



Burbfest

In partnership with North Suburban Center for the Arts, we collaborated on their annual Burbfest Art Festival! The event was held on July 13 at Moore Lake Park. A curated artist's market was held in the air-conditioned building and more art vendors and demonstrations took place outside. Event goers also were able to create their own art through crafts and other fun activities. 500 folks showed up for the event, amidst the rain, heat and humidity. Many people commented on what a fun event it was and how lovely the new park is!



Bike Rodeo

In partnership with Springbrook Nature Center, Community Development and Public Safety we hosted our first Bike Rodeo in the evening of July 22 at Moore Lake Park. A fun trail of activities was set up for kids to learn and practice their biking skills. Forty registered and received a free bike helmet. The event ended early due to rain, but all participants received their bike helmets prior to leaving!

Rec 'N Roll

Rec 'N Roll returned this summer. This mobile recreation program visits Moore Lake, Commons, Creek View, and Flanery parks each week on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Free games and crafts are offered as well as free snacks provided in partnership with Fridley Schools' Nutrition Services. Our two interns have taken the onsite lead of this program and are helping bring people in and keeping participation numbers consistent. To this point in the summer participation is nearly double what we saw in 2023!



Volleyball

The North Metro Sand Volleyball League has been running this summer. Fridley Parks and Recreation has partnered with Spring Lake Park, New Brighton, and Mounds View to pool registrations, share facility, and split officiating fees. We have 20 teams participating in this co-ed league played City Hall Park in Mounds View and Commons Park in Fridley. Enrollment has increased by two teams from last year. The league ends August 19.

Pickleball Classes and Clinics

In June and July we held two intro clinics, one for teens and the other for adults. The clinics are a great way for players to learn the basics of the sport and encourage new participants to get involved in the growing pickleball community. In addition, two intermediate pickleball classes were offered for returning players. The new courts at Moore Lake have been a great place for participants to play and learn!



Pickleball Leagues

With the growing popularity of pickleball, our Pickleball Ladder League has become even more popular this summer. Ladder leagues aim to accommodate players of all skill levels by pairing players with similarly skilled opponents from week to week by calculating wins and losses. In partnership with Spring Lake Park Recreation we offered three leagues in June and July – two for all ages and one for players between 20 – 40 years of age. We have been hosting the program on the new courts at the Fridley High School and Moore Lake Park to accommodate a total of 87 participants. The next leagues will begin in August.



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: August 5, 2024

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Jeff Jensen, Operations Manager – Streets, Parks, and Facilities

Title

Park Maintenance and Construction Report

Background

Attached is the Park Maintenance and Construction report for the August 5, 2024 meeting.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

None.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Park Maintenance Report for August 5, 2024 meeting

Vision Statement

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Memorandum

Date: 7/18/2024
To: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director
From: Jeff Jensen, Operations Manager, Streets, Parks, Facilities
DEPT: Public Works
CC: Margo Numedahl, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Parks and Recreation Commission Report for August 5th, 2024 Meeting

The Park Maintenance Division has been working at Moore Lake getting all benches installed, gabion baskets installed, completing sod work, restoring grass and native plantings.

Community Building and park shelter rentals have been very strong so we have a robust cleaning schedule going on as well.

We also have been doing prep work for this year's park redevelopment projects by removing trees, removing amenities as needed and fencing around the construction areas. We are in full swing with athletic field preparation, turf mowing, tournaments and shelter rentals as all parks are getting really good use this summer.

We are trying to get projects finished up as much as possible as most seasonal employees will be leaving in the month of August.