

Survey Results: Civic Campus

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440

Total Participants

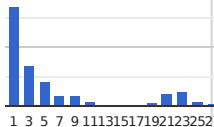
393 of 616 initially invited (64%)
47 others

Margin of error: ± 5%

Applied Filter:
All Responses

Participants for filter:
431

Response Time (hours)



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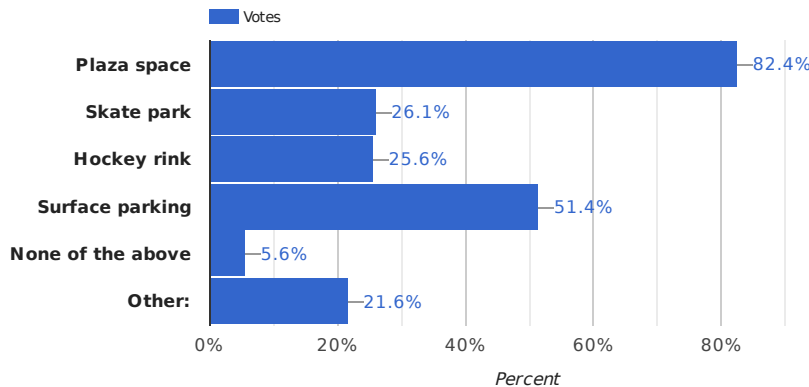
Target Participants:
All Chanhassen

Q1 The City of Chanhassen is planning to revitalize its downtown Civic Campus with a new City Hall, Council Chambers, Senior Center, and destination park amenities. Chanhassen’s current municipal building was built in 1981 and has deferred maintenance needs so it no longer serves the population of Chanhassen.

Which are the most important park features to retain at the Chanhassen Civic Campus?
(You can choose up to THREE, if any)

(426 responses)

Options	Votes (426)
Plaza space	82.4% (351)
Skate park	26.1% (111)
Hockey rink	25.6% (109)
Surface parking	51.4% (219)
None of the above	5.6% (24)
Other:	21.6% (92)



roads chanhassen music benchesstage downtown
 seating center playground market
 spend tree green park area picnic please
 leave kid entertainment chan
 play skate pool space solar ball
 use veteran community small
 event library padsplash current something
 memorial civic panels new tax outdoor

Upgrades to Chan Rex center with new workout equipment

picnic area

A space for a weekly farmers market would be amazing!

Adequate parking is important. I know though that it takes up precious space.

Aesthetic enhancements

Bandshell

Benches

Canopy for bands/entertainment so can withstand small rain events

Concert Facility/Stage

Fountains, some kind of kid-friendly water feature

Green Space.

Green space

Green space

Green space with perennial native plants, trees, shrubs

How is this new Civic Campus being paid for? Please don't raise our taxes!

I'd like to see solar panels, and energy efficient design principles/ technology incorporated into

If you go ahead with the project, it would be good to use solar panels.

Improved skate park, improved plaza space

Just leave it as it is and fix the roads through downtown Chanhassen; they are a disgrace!

Keep a space for gathering

Leave current amenities as is or remove if not used. Replace the building if you must.

Library

More library parking

More tennis courts

Open play space

Outdoor Event Specific Location

Park

Park benches and/or swings

Parking is top priority as my children are too old or not interested in the skate and hockey rinks.

Pedestrian walkability to and from the location

Pickle ball, swimming pool

Pickleball

Picnic areas

Play area/ picnic area

Play space area- but something unique- google sunbird park vail co-

Playground and fields

Playground. Something for kids ages 5-10

Pool

Public restrooms

Roads in Chanhassen!

Seating; benches, tables

Senior Center

Senior Center

Solar Panels

Solar and wind installed

Splash Pad

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Splash pad similar to EP community center

Stage

Swimming pool.

Tables

The building(s) need to be designed to be carbon neutral and built to the highest environmental st

The park!

The wide open space with current baseball and soccer fields is a huge plus.

This is excessive spending

Tree shaded areas

Trees, benches, a place to enjoy being outside

Unique and creative stormwater management solutions as there are none in the downtown area.

Veteran's Memorial

Veterans memorial

Veterans memorial and fountain

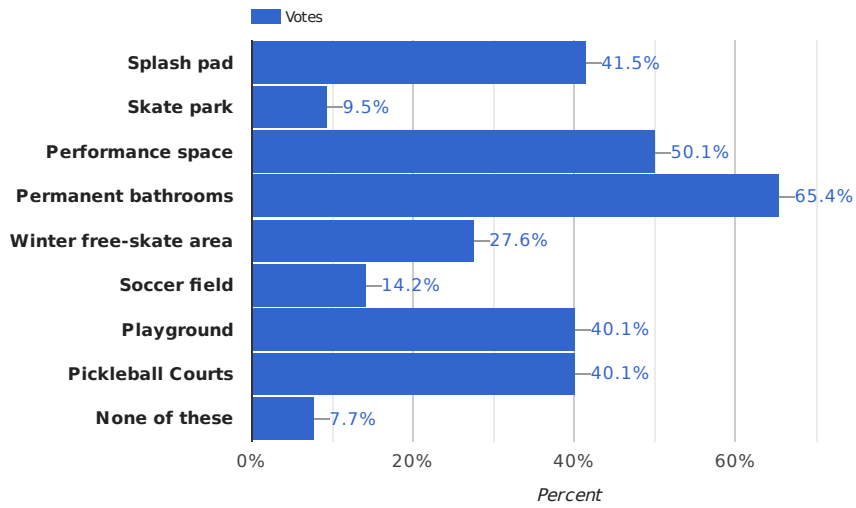
Visually pleasing. Downtown Chan is not charming or inviting

We are in a recession with high inflation. Stop spending our tax payer dollars.

Where will library patrons park?
Year round walking trails useable for all ages no dogs
electric car recharging
existing memorial
outdoor music
outdoor music venue with seating; more library parking; flower gardens
Area for entertainment
Firepits
Playground and splash pad. Chanhassen is the only city in the area without a splash pad.
Room for performing arts - small-sized music groups, kids entertainment (face painting, mimes, ball
Stop the spend on both the civic campus and the Hockey rinks. Together they exceed \$100m.
Community Gathering Space, Spaces that can be used by the most people
Fitness Center, Pool, Community Events Center
More parking near the library
Outdoor market area for vendors, ampitheater, splash pad/pool for kids
Pickle ball courts
Something that won't skyrocket taxes of those currently living here.
Staging
Concert space
Do not lose any more natural area (grass).
Roof top solar and battery storage, Recharge stations for EV. Dog friendly
Seating options
Small amphitheater or stage
Splash pad

Q2 Which of the following new park features would you be likely to use, if any? (Choose all that apply, if any)
(431 responses)

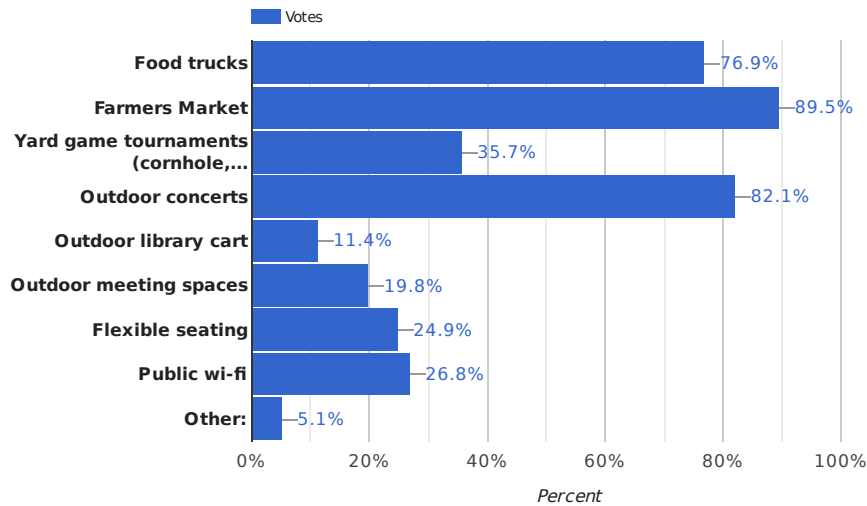
Options	Votes (431)
Splash pad	41.5% (179)
Skate park	9.5% (41)
Performance space	50.1% (216)
Permanent bathrooms	65.4% (282)
Winter free-skate area	27.6% (119)
Soccer field	14.2% (61)
Playground	40.1% (173)
Pickleball Courts	40.1% (173)
None of these	7.7% (33)



Q3 What summer events and programs would you be most interested in seeing at the Chanhassen Civic Campus? (You can choose up to FIVE, if any)

(429 responses)

Options	Votes (429)
Food trucks	76.9% (330)
Farmers Market	89.5% (384)
Yard game tournaments (cornhole, bocce, etc)	35.7% (153)
Outdoor concerts	82.1% (352)
Outdoor library cart	11.4% (49)
Outdoor meeting spaces	19.8% (85)
Flexible seating	24.9% (107)
Public wi-fi	26.8% (115)
Other:	5.1% (22)





splash pad

Art installation

Dog park

Fix the roads in the downtown area FIRST!

July 3 party

Just curious, who's paying for all of this?

Kids reading and math programming

Maximum green space

None, I don't see the need for a Civic Campus. It's not the role of the city to entertain me.

Paved roads

Please build two 'platform tennis / paddle tennis' courts. See Minnetonka, Shorewood, Wayzata

Please no wifi. People needs to enjoy the outdoors off screens

Public Space

Roads!

Splash Pad

Splash pad

Stop the spending.

outdoor music; outdoor art shows; outdoor theater space; picnic places for small groups of 2 to 4

Kids activity programs

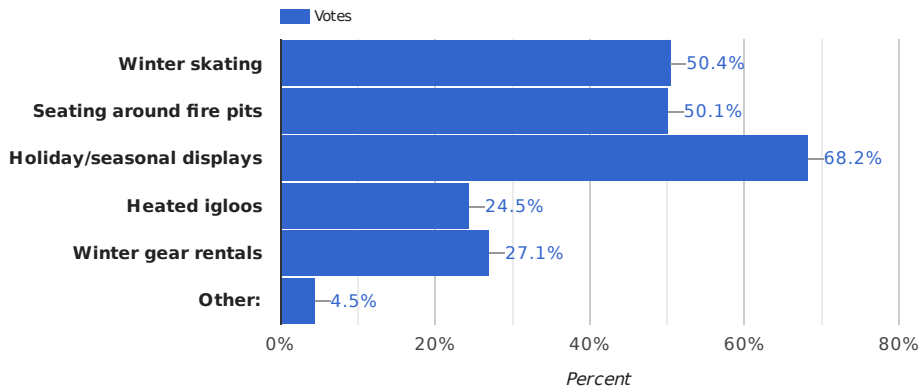
Picnic tables and benches

Kids entertainment - family friendly entertainment options.

None

Q4 What winter events and programs would you be most interested in seeing at the Chanhassen Civic Campus? (You can choose up to THREE, if any)
(425 responses)

Options	Votes (425)
Winter skating	50.4% (214)
Seating around fire pits	50.1% (213)
Holiday/seasonal displays	68.2% (290)
Heated igloos	24.5% (104)
Winter gear rentals	27.1% (115)
Other:	4.5% (19)



A cross country ski trail maintained on the perimeter of city center park for young kids to learn

Winter food trucks

Absurd. You really think we need any of these?

Check out Shakopee's downtown holiday event. Many downtown businesses pitch in to sponsor

I'm not supportive of spending tax payer money on any of these things; cut taxes!

Lots of patriotic displays & recognition of Christmas, Easter, Fourth of July

Movies

Nativity Creche

Roads

Swimming pool (every other community center around us has one, don't give in to Lifetime and NOT)

Tree lighting

Year round walking trails

luminary walks, trick or treating, winter markets

none of these

Holiday lights, hot coco nights

Refreshments- hot chocolate, coffee, smores makings

Winter Market

None

Q5 Any other comments or suggestions about the future of Chanhassen's Civic Campus?

(132 responses)



Chan Rex center needs major help. New workout amenities. Pickle ball is a huge need

I would love a water play/splash pad area with a small fee or membership option to help with maintenance costs and to keep the area well taken care of (Delano has a good model). A sand play feature nearby (see miller park for ideas) would also be great for littles

I'm so glad you will be making changes! The main thing I would like to see is a shift toward a design that feels less like a strip mall landscape and more like a community. Right now the design doesn't really feel like a town space - more like an industrial park.

Whatever we do, we need to make sure it's environmentally friendly, a safe space (lights) and inviting. Solar panels on the roof on the buildings is a must. Would be great place to have field trips to for schools to learn about how government runs and how solar works.

A place to come together as a community year-round is something that I would envision for Chanhassen's Civic Campus. Consider programming and activity space for all of our community. A suggestion would be to include art space - both for creating and displaying. Winter in MN is long.

Add tennis instruction at Rec Ctr

Additional of solar panels.

Any chance of tearing down everything and starting over with Excelsior as a model for a downtown area. Seems like a Civic Campus is a project that benefits the few!

Avail building footprint to accommodate retail space and gov't offices. Don't spend tax dollars to replace current park amenities if current are used. If underused, replace with new alternatives on site or at Avienda or at current Rec. Ctr.

Be careful on how much money you think you can commit to this. Remember, many of us are retired, we don't get pay raises. Oh sure, we got a COLA increase in our SS benefit this past year, but for me, a good share of it goes to Medicare. So, maybe I have a choice, go to the grocery store, or go play at the Civic Campus.

Can't wait to see the final result! Thank you for all you do to keep Chanhassen a family friendly city and something to brag about!

Chanhassen is a super-well-run city offering a wide range of amenities for all ages. It's a wonderful place to live!

Chanhassen needs to get an indoor ice-skating/hockey arena. I don't know if this is beyond the scope of this project.

Continue community events like Easter egg hunting

Disappointed that the building was not maintained and now needs to be replaced. Our city would look so different if we used that approach with homes and buildings.

Do we really need to keep the investment that is proposed.

Does the plan include not deferring maintenance so we are not doing this again in 20 years?

Don't mess with the library! Outdoor library cart seems silly with the library right there. Liability issues with outdoor fire pits and no supervision. Same with heated igloos. Appreciate possibility of resident input.

Electric car charging Solar power

Electric vehicle charging

Excited to see this project happen! It will be so fun to have a place like in the middle of downtown. We have needed a splash pad for so long.

Give tax payers relief.

Have it accessibly to seniors. Walking paths would be wonderful and safe around the perimeter of the park.

How is this new Civic Campus being funded? Please don't raise our taxes!

How is this project affecting the 4th of July festival? Also, would love to NOT see senior housing in that space, if that is still a possibility. And not so much commercialization.

I already love how it is! I hope what's there isn't lost when we make it better :)

I am not downtown Chanhassen long enough during each trip to see the utilization of the current Civic Campus, so it is difficult for me to guess what would be of interest.

I feel all of these ideas might appeal to many of our residents, but please be cognizant of the space constraints. Don't over plan too many big events or people will get frustrated when attending.

I have found virtually nothing of information detailing what is being considered. The first I heard that this was even an issue was only a couple months ago. Could you post in the Villager a map and explanation of what is being sought? Explanation of why this is needed is also sought. Why not move the senior center, and maybe police offices, out and continue in the current city hall? Only those really into city business know anything about this.

I hope the civic campus would be a space to host large city of Chanhassen events, like Easter egg hunts, Christmas events, and so much more! It would be awesome to include spaces that would allow moms to meet up and spend time down there with enough activities for kids of all ages. A dome for the summer/winter would be great! It would be nice if it could be used for Chan parks and rec stuff since so much of their space is outdated

I hope we can attract more vendors for Farmers Market. I have had to go to Minnetonkas. Thank you! I can't wait!

I love our Civic Campus! It brings a really connected, community feel to our city!

I love the green space. Chanhassen has become such a strip mall town of fast food restaurants- I appreciate a park and more beauty than anything else

I would hope to see the Civic Campus be a place where all generations can recreate together. I would love for it to be accessible to children, adults, and seniors, and offer something for everyone to enjoy.

I would like to see sustainability designed into the project, e.g. solar panels, native plants for landscaping, etc

I would not support a city tax to fund this development. Has there been a study to determine if this type of project can be done at the current Chan Rec Center for less?

Incorporate solar power and battery storage units.

Increase the parking. It is often tough to find parking for the library and during special events like the Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July, etc. the library parking is taken up by the sheriff's vehicles and city vehicles. The current library parking structure has sprung several leaks. Please inspected and fixed. The city should also consider other locations with more parking for such things as the farmer's market. Lake Ann is large and has multiple parking locations perhaps that might make a better location for the farmer's market.

It seems like the popularity of different forms of recreation change over time. If this can be designed to be flexible on how the space would be used, that is good

It seems like there are a lot of missed opportunities to continue business growth and expansion by not having a multi use space in the current civic center area. As a young family we often find ourselves driving to other municipalities to go to a park which inevitably results in bring business there as well when we run a few errands or grab lunch/dinner. I have also consistently observed families using the elementary school playground during city sponsored events and often have wondered if a greater partnership could be created with the school district for improvements in accessibility and to the playground equipment overall.

It should be a model of efficiency in space used, designed with latest energy efficiencies to be a positive example to environment. Build it smaller smarter and welcoming.

It should be a premier public gathering space

It should be first class

It would be awesome to see the city utilize solar power on their campus!

It would be nice for 4th of July activities.

It's fine the way it is. Fix the roads!

Keep investing in this great community!!

Keeping it at the current location, near downtown, is highly desirable as it creates a more cohesive community with more walkability than placing it within a new development that is not walkable or close to many homes.

Let's build on our chanhassen identity and create a gathering space with meaning

Look forward to seeing what we end up with.

Love that outdoor gathering space and use it regularly. Glad you are retaining and improving it!

Love the idea of creating space to bring people into downtown!

Make sure to keep all and add to the monuments for service members.

More amenities for families

More music events with bigger names for adults to attend at night.

More restaurants nearby

Multi story parking garage connected to the library entrance in order to stay off the ice in winter. Solar panels on roof , could be used to heat the igloos. Free for community meetings such as Girl Scouts. There are not enough (any?) meeting places in Chanhassen.

My wife and I are very happy to have the opportunity to share our voices on this issue and are excited to see what direction our community goes in. Thank you!

Not needed over roads!

Outdoor music area, community pool

PLEASE HAVE A SPLASH PAD! We need this for our kiddos for east cheap entertainment!

PLEASE MAKE IT SOLAR POWERED!

PLEASE eliminate the steps from the upper level parking ramp to the street level. They are a health and safety hazard in all types of weather for those with ambulatory issues, mothers with babies or small children, and others. A ramp or elevator would be most welcome.

Parking is getting to be a bigger issue. When sports are going in evening Kerber is lined with cars. A multistory parking garage would help. Also the patrol cars would be out of the snow. Maintaining the police/sheriff presence in the city is a priority also. Having a third floor or even a fourth would help for library, police, and city vehicle parking. The building should be built Gold Star Energy Efficiency, with Solar High Pitch Roof exposure and battery storage built in.

Pickleball is a large group sport so we need at least 12 courts in one location here or somewhere in the city. It is the fastest growing sport.

Please consider using solar energy when updating buildings. I would love to see more renewable energy implemented in Chanhassen!

Please don't forget about the Seniors that use the plaza too

Please have as much as possible solar powered. Include natural green space and perhaps a meditation garden and fountain. Green roof systems would be great too. Make it as environmentally friendly as possible please.

Please integrate solar power into the plan. Thank you.

Please keep expenditures low.

Provide EV charging, bike, pedestrian, handicapped amenities like Family Restrooms with adult changing stations. Re-use, re-purpose existing buildings to minimize environmental impacts. Provide preferred parking for EV's.

Public gatherings of any kind promote community.

Renewable energy/ family friendly! Let's catch up with Chaska! I.e fireman's park ccc.

Roof top solar and battery storage.

Senior housing....renewable energy sources installed at every opportunity...EV auto stalls in parking lots

Seriously google Sunbird park in Vail Colorado. Also, the skating loop in maple grove is amazing- very nordic! . Just got back from chicago where they have their skating loop and then they use it for roller skating in summer- very fun!

Solar and other renewable resource and energy efficient technology.

Sounds like a project!!

Splash pad in Chanhassen is desperately needed

Sun and rain covers for a portion of the outdoor area so it's not totally weather dependent

Thank you City Council for taking this wonderful and controversial step for its funding. Chanhassen needs to continue to be the community that offers its citizens the best!

The activities we provide as a city in Chanhassen are lacking in comparison to other suburbs. We need to up our outdoor game. Maple Grove is someone to strive to be like in regard to skating rink, splash pads etc.

The biggest priority to our family would be creating a more destination-minded space for spreading out, relaxing, meeting up w other friends/families, passing time, play yard for younger kids, etc. Maybe the skate park & basketball courts to keep older family members engaged too!

The skate park is a great idea but is not monitored. There is a lot of drug use and very bad language. It is not a place that kids can visit.

This is a unique opportunity to address many of the issues that resulted from urbanization prior to truly understanding the implications of land development at the time. The downtown area should be made a livable, walkable, and sustainable area. It should provide community space and ecological enhancement. Thank you.

This is a very misleading survey. You did not even ask if residents thought we needed a new Civic Campus! City Hall is only 42 years old and you want to replace it? The city council chambers is only used for how many hours a year and you want a bigger one? With all the talk of climate change and how we're supposed to be doing things that are more sustainable - they you turn around and want a bigger city council chambers that has to be heat and cooled year round while being utilized for only a few hours a year?! That is so contradictory with the messaging you are showing!

Try to keep a small town feel!

Use funds wisely and do your best to have multi use so the same space can be used depending on the season.

Use of solar and green energy wherever possible; education on how each of can decrease our carbon imprint

We LOVE the summer concert series. It would be fun to have more events - like art fairs, karaoke, food trucks. I love the idea that we have a skate park, but it doesn't seem like it needs to be in the plaza. But I do get that it's location keeps it safer.

We are not a community like Bloomington or Burnsville. Please keep in mind that many live in Chanhassen for its quaintness. Currently, City Hall is just tucked away, like many downtown buildings. Please keep that in mind and spend our tax dollars fixing the road infrastructure.

We need a new community center.

We need a splash pad in Chanhassen!

We need an aquatic center with a lap pool in Chanhassen!

When is Chanhassen building a public pool? This is very important - teach ALL kids how to swim and stay safe around water. We need public pool more than ice rink.

While I don't use the Civic Campus in the ways listed, I do use it to play Pokémon Go, and ample surface parking is critical to being able to meet up with others there for raids and trades in the game.

With inflation on the rise and many citizens just having paid a pretty substantial assessment with the road improvements, I wonder if this new expense is necessary. Might be a time to cut spending and/or lower property tax burdens.

Would LOVE to see a splash pad!!

Would be great to incorporate green/renewable energy as part of the project!

Would be nice to have 3 outdoor hockey rinks, a permanent warming house, bathrooms, and a kiddie rink that is just an area for people to skate. Maple Grove has the longest free-range skating area it would be cool to have something similar like that in Chanhassen. They call it Central Park Ice Skating Trail supposedly takes 1 to 2 hours for most people to complete

none

you need to remember that you have a senior citizen and handicapped population and you need to have the park be fun for them. Not everyone plays a sport or ice skates. Lots more music performances; theater performances; art/craft shows; also you need a cross walk from Byerly's to the library; more library parking.

Have not seen much about the new senior center

If more skating rinks are going to be built in Chanhassen I'd prefer they go somewhere other than the new Civic Campus.

It would be smart to add as many pickleball courts as you can.

Permanent shaded seating

Sounds wonderful!!

Space for community & family events like summer concerts, movies in the park, etc should be preserved and expanded at all costs. This is a very appealing feature of the city and is such a draw!

We need a new bigger community center first

YES - please please please consider activities and designs that consider families with small children. skate parks and ice rinks are nice but what a great opportunity to continue to showcase Chan as community for LIFE from the little babies and kids to the seniors. Parks, playgrounds, splash pads are all things Chanhassen should be considering in these new developments. I feel Avienda needs to include the same considerations especially with the new Bluffs rec center. A whole development and not one playground or splash pad was included in the design? What a perfect opportunity to include features for an entire family - ice rink and fields for adolescents, senior housing nearby, walking track for adults and seniors, how about add a playground to cover the whole spectrum of a family! The city of New Ulm with a smaller population has an amazing new rec center with indoor playground and awesome city parks with many kiddie pools and splash pads throughout the community.

An admirable undertaking indeed! Thank you:)

Dog park

Food trucks/ vendors and park events

Having a public gathering place in the center of town is very important. We have enjoyed the events and amenities offered and are looking forward to the future developments.

I feel like this is not what our city needs right now. Let's focus on Parks and Rec. Park

Indoor kids park is needed as well as a splash pad.

More parking would be needed if some of the surface parking is eliminated by the expansion. You may want to think about a two level ramp parking that would be expandable if needed in the future.

Not so focused on kids

Please do not use most of the space for parking. There would be no reason to go to the Civic Campus if most of it is a parking lot and if the campus only has one attraction. It would be great if there was a space families could go to that would have multiple activities to do that did not involve spending large amounts of money. While visiting Brisbane, AUS, there is an area called South Bank Parklands that had a free splash pad, large playground, open green space with BBQ grill spread around, a community garden, displays to take pictures with on the walking paths, and food vendors. The area was free to the public, packed with families, and had a community feel. It would be great to have something that differentiates Chanhassen from other sprawling suburbs.

Would a Community Event Center with a pool, meeting space and fitness center similar to what Chaska has now

please don't increase taxes for any of this!

Find a way to use the space for community ed/rec activities (such as outdoor yoga) to increase utilization, especially bringing in people from other communities. Another idea is an ice cream "stand" (or shaved ice) like the Trolley in Excelsior that draws people out of the neighborhoods to have a treat and use the common areas. But, it also needs to be a "safe" space to having our community service officers, fire personnel or sheriff visible on a regular basis (having an ice cream) reinforces that this is a safe place for everyone to enjoy.

I would like it to be as environmentally conscious as possible:

It needs to be something that draws people in. Fun and unique

Keep older adults in mind when designing the space and activities. There are a lot of steps in that space currently that are harder for older adults to navigate. Thanks!

Main street needs more green space and store fronts. Parking should not be the focal point of Main Street.

More parking is needed for larger events. We love the holiday displays on the campus. A small amphitheater area would be nice for childrens events and small concerts/plays.

More picnic seating

Please please please bring us a splash pad. It's so nice to have a close area for kids to enjoy hot days! Neighbors end up driving to go to another community for a splash pad. Also the area gets insanely hot in the summer... please provide some shade!

That area is not very pedestrian friendly as drivers on West 78th St do not stop for people in crosswalks ...more policing and lower speed limit would help (maybe)

Why do we need to spend the money on these things? Remodel the space you have and dont raise our taxes to support the things that wont be used.

Would like it to be a place tor community gathering