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SOCIAL PINPOINT COMMENTS



Ideas Wall Open-Ended Comments

Topic	Ideas Wall Comment	Up Votes	Down Votes
Indoor Facilities	An indoor aquatic center would benefit community greatly with low impact exercise options and when the weather is not conducive for outdoor activities it would be a great alternative. Additionally, the Manhattan Marlins swim team would not have to share Genesis.	17	1
Indoor Facilities	An indoor aquatic center is essential for our community well-being and for future growth. A facility can facilitate lap swimming, low impact exercise or rehabilitation, competitive swimming, programs, & more. There is maxed out capacity at Genesis that is not built for these kinds of activities with local participation, Manhattan Marlins use, and K-State swim club, and I'm not sure this accounts for swim lessons, safety, etc. Genesis is also not an equitable solution given the cost of entry.	6	0
Indoor Facilities	It would be great to have swim lessons for kids available all year long. A recent study from The Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine found participation in formal swimming lessons was associated with an 88% reduction in the risk of drowning for 1- to 4-year-old children.	5	0
Indoor Facilities	I wholeheartedly support an indoor aquatic center for our city. It would provide year-round recreational opportunities, promote fitness, and serve as a community hub. An aquatic center enhances our city's vibrancy, fostering wellness and a sense of unity. Let's invest in this valuable asset.	3	0
Indoor Facilities	I know we just got new indoor court space, but there needs to be more court space in Manhattan (at an affordable cost). There is a constant fight for court space between kids sports, adult sports, leagues, practices, etc. Or, a way for parks and rec to coordinate with school courts for organized practices and leagues for utilization. More court space would also allow us to bring in more tournaments to the city, which brings in more revenue to restaurants, hotels, and more.	2	0
Indoor Facilities	Is there any way to enclose either the CICO or Northview pool to make it a year-round facility? Seems this would be a cost effective way to get the indoor facility that we need.	0	0
Indoor Facilities	An indoor pool is absolutely necessary to support the health and well being of all members of our community, and to provide proper training facilities for competitive swimming.	0	0

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Indoor Facilities	MHK needs an indoor swimming option that is open to the public at a reasonable cost. Perhaps the City pool could be enclosed? A YMCA like facility would be ideal. Genesis is cost prohibitive for most of our population and not well located. Their swimming pool is not big enough for any competitive swim practices or for larger exercise classes. Another option might be a pool located in or attached to the mall. Parking is already there and location is desirable.	0	0
Other/Misc	Landscape the traffic medians coming into town. They may not be an accessible park space, but our town looks pretty trashy from the south, west, and east.	3	2
Other/Misc	Demolish sunset cemetery and put in a paintball arena / laser tag area! Need more activities for the youth.	3	19
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc)	Dedicated pickleball courts.	11	1
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc)	Tennis is overrated as a recreational activity as evidenced by the lack of use of the tennis courts at CICO park and the poor condition that they are in. Pickleball on the other hand is a similar activity that would IMO be much more popular, so it would seem to make sense to build outdoor pickleball courts instead of adding new tennis courts.	7	0
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc)	More ball fields for practice for Baseball and especially for young girls for SOFTBALL. The area they practice now are old and unfit!!!!!! Rec center area for senior citizens to use their silver sneaker program cards for. There is not a place to be a member that doesn't cost a fortune! More parking area for Annenberg Park!	4	0
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc)	I think we need to double the sand volleyball courts at city park. They are always being used so are unavailable.	2	0
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc)	YES! Create a pickleball court with SHADE :-)	1	0

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Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc)	The ballfields at CICO park have been underutilized since Annenberg Park opened up, and I can see signs that this area is deteriorating. It is time to reimagine how this area is used. Expanding opportunities for girls softball would be one possibility.	0	0
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc)	It's a simple process to make dual purpose courts that accommodate both tennis and pickleball. I've seen nets that can be easily set for either sport, and, of course, lines for both sports, possibly in different colors (white & yellow.)	0	0
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc)	Courts can easily be made dual purpose for both tennis and pickleball, including an adjustable net.	0	0
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc)	<p>The Pavilion and City Park need to have better accessibility for people with handicaps. There were times I could not find available handicap parking for Pavilion events, so my wheelchair bound husband and I had to return home instead of enjoying a summer concert. Why not designate more spaces for handicapped parking especially for events? McCain increases their handicapped parking for each event.</p> <p>Also, the walking trail around City Park has some dangerous bumps for people in wheelchairs.</p>	2	0
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc)	Sports equipment rental at high-volume locations would be a popular choice for many students and families.	1	0
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc)	100% agree, re-pave the courts and just put different colored lines for both sports. Would likely get way more use for pickleball players.	0	0
Parks & Trails	Living way out by Warner Park, we find it difficult to navigate pathways and trails to safely bike to downtown. We are disconnected by Seth Child Rd, and Fort Riley Blvd. I would like to see the Manhattan loop finished, and attention to more clearly marked trails and pathways for bikes.	9	1
Parks & Trails	Trails! Mountain bike, pedestrian, connectors to existing recreational areas(I.e. Tuttle creek), an area wide trail that connects Manhattan with other towns in the area, and at a minimum there needs to be a way to get from Linear Trail to Old Military Trail Road other than riding on the shoulder of 24 Highway	9	0

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Parks & Trails	Finish the trail loop. Connect it all.	7	1
Parks & Trails	As someone who walks and rides my bike through City Park almost everyday, I would like to see the elimination of thru traffic. I know that traffic in the park is necessary to get to the ball diamonds, pool, band shell and just a place to park your car when you want to go hang out in the green space, but having the interior park streets terminate at parking lots and stopping traffic from using the park as a cut thru would dramatically increase the safety of families on bikes and pedestrians.	6	0
Parks & Trails	Sidewalk access to Fairmont Park that could connect pedestrians to Downtown and the Linear Trail system.	5	3
Parks & Trails	I have always thought that a small water feature in City Park near Aggieville would be a very nice addition. I've always wished for something similar to the pond in Jardine in that location. You see that in Topeka's Gage Park and Wamego's City Park.	2	0
Parks & Trails	I would suggest making any new accesses multi-use to allow for bikes, scooters, etc...	0	0
Parks & Trails	Agreed! There is no single route around Manhattan for bikes/ebikes. There should be a way to navigate to the central shopping areas and amenities around town without having to use busy roads.	0	0
Parks & Trails	Agreed! This should be a priority. More and more of us older residents are looking for alternate means of exercising and just getting out and about without risking life and limb on busy roadways.	0	0
Parks & Trails	I absolutely agree. There are few safe routes for those of us wanting to get out and bike around the Manhattan area. This is a safety issue.	0	0
Programs & Activities	As Manhattan Arts Center Director - I see MAC has many established programs in visual arts, clay and ceramics, adult and youth theatre and stage craft. What we lack is space. We have consistent waitlists for our classes. What if we explored a true partnership between the Manhattan Arts Center and the City of Manhattan. We have the structure in place to offer arts classes for all ages, along with a strong partnership with Kansas State University MTD for group and individual music lessons.	18	1
Programs & Activities	Something like Shakespeare in the park. Outdoor theater, little set work or rehearsal	8	4

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Programs & Activities	Yoga classes Public, inexpensive workout facility for adults Sidewalks	4	0
Programs & Activities	I think each each outdoor pool should offer a swim team. Their practices could be one hour a day and at the end of the summer would be a city wide swim meet.	4	0
Programs & Activities	This town is full of private sports teams requiring families to travel 2+ hours, 10+ weekends out of the year. These teams are not easily accessible for new community members and further perpetuate the social divide given they require time and means many families simply do not have. A public/private collab effort would be awesome to offer a more reasonable, more local (30-45 min radius) semi-competitive sports option for families who can't commit to the cost and time of the private teams.	16	0
Programs & Activities	Aquarium	1	2
Programs & Activities	Would love to see Parks and Rec add a TaiChi program for all ages. This is incredibly healthy and can be accessible to all.	2	1
Programs & Activities	Need more and varied youth city run sports. The move to private run sports groups has been detrimental to the long term enjoyment of sports by the youth of Manhattan.	4	0
Programs & Activities	Yoga is good.	0	0
Programs & Activities	+1 to an outdoor theatre in the park. KSU students would probably love to participate over the summers.	0	0
Programs & Activities	Senior trips.	0	0

Mapping Tool Comments

Type	Map Layers	Comment	Up Votes	Down Votes
Indoor Facilities	Blue Earth Plaza, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Manhattan Town Center would be such an interesting place to consider for an indoor aquatics facility! It has great parking, the architecture already looks like a nice indoor pool, it's accessibly located, there would be something for parents to do while kids are swimming, technically the city owns the land. There may be logistical/geological/unforeseen barriers that make that unfeasible, but there may not. Worth exploring!	14	0
Indoor Facilities	City Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Would be great to get an indoor pool instead of only outdoor pools!	10	2
Indoor Facilities	City Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	It would be nice to have trips again. Especially, to the 'New Theatre'. A lot of us don't care to drive in the city like that and this was a golden opportunity to get to see the plays.	0	0
Indoor Facilities	City Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	As a community our size with a broad ages of retirees and families with children, an indor pool facility is a norm. We need it for exercise (laps and walking and aerobics), we have a high school swim team with no real practice facility, and only outdoor pools available in 2 1/2 months of the year. Crazy. It would be a great asset and draw to our communities recreation facilities.	3	0
Indoor Facilities	Blue Earth Plaza, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	That is a great idea!!!	3	0
Indoor Facilities	City Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	The roundhouse is in need of improvements. Kiddos deserve a better option for parks and rec dance classes.	3	0
Indoor Facilities	Blue Earth Plaza, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	I agree this would be a novel way to use a very underutilized space.	1	0

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Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc.)	Warner Memorial Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	It would be great to add some outdoor fitness facilities (bars for pull ups) in this park	13	1
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc.)	CiCo Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	The fitness stations are great and used by many people. Please continue to maintain these.	7	0
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc.)	City Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	I think City Park could use a dog park. Nothing huge or crazy. I think there is plenty of room and a need for it.	6	4
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc.)	Warner Memorial Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Like the fitness stations at cico	6	0
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc.)	City Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Bathrooms between the tennis courts/sand volleyball courts. Fix the fences/raise the fences higher around the sand volleyball courts, as balls often go over the fence and out onto Poyntz which is dangerous. Rake courts more often (trees drop a lot of debris into the sand), and put in better nets.	5	0
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc.)	Sunset Neighborhood Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	This is one of the last remaining green spaces close to town center. Please protect it from zoo expansion. A playground would make it lively, and deter "meetings" in the driveway. It's used a lot for dog playing too!	4	1
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc.)	CiCo Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Please weed and resurface the tennis courts at CICO. The are useless in their current state.	3	0
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc.)	CiCo Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	The skate park is great to have, but only when the weather is temperate (so never, in Kansas). In summer, the metal gets so hot that it burns skin when skaters fall, and my little skateboarder falls a lot. Metal also gets rusty, which can lead to more injuries. Concrete surfaces would be more usable for more months of the year.	3	0

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Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc.)	CiCo Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Dog park needs better maintenance (grass) and more seating options. It would be great to have a seating area with overhead shade (not a tree) for the warmer months.	2	0
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc.)	Frank Anneberg Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Please fix the playground at Annenberg Park. The wood structures are especially a concern because they are falling apart and have exposed wood and metal nails which could injure my children and others.	1	0
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc.)	CiCo Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	I can't believe we don't have an aquatic center in Manhattan. We've lived in much smaller towns that have this available.	1	0
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc.)	CiCo Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Please consider updates to the CiCo ball fields. Their current state does not live up to the standards we should strive for in MHK.	1	0
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc.)	Warner Memorial Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	An outdoor fitness station would be a very nice addition	1	0
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc.)	City Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	the sand courts could be better accessible with a path around them, for wheelchairs or strollers	0	0
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc.)	Frank Anneberg Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	The city has a bad habit of not maintaining the facilities it has. No more new construction without adequately budgeting for maintenance.	0	0
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc.)	Douglass Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Safety around Douglass Park is lacking. I consistently see homeless people begging and what looks like drug deals in this area. This makes me worried about coming here.	0	1
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc.)	Northeast Community Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	It would be great to have a dog park in this area. There appears to be plenty of space outside of the prairie restoration area. Just need a fenced in area with some benches and shade.	0	0

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Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc.)	Northview Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Since this old baseball field is no longer used for games, it would be a potential place for a dog park. Just need to add fence to two sides and the old dugouts could be used as entrances with the addition of some gates.	0	0
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc.)	Long's Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	This is a good facility for family and group gatherings with the shelter. Please maintain that space as a great option for our city	0	0
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc.)	Warner Memorial Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Who will use all the new tennis courts to be built at CICO Park? Too many for the few tennis players in MHK!	0	0
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc.)	CiCo Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Agree it would be nice to re-surface the courts. May also get more use from the community if pickleball court lines were painted on as well?	0	0
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc.)	Frank Anneberg Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Expand the turf Soccer Fields	0	0
Outdoor Facilities (ballfields, shelters, etc.)	Warner Memorial Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Not a good fit for a nature park	0	1
Parks & Trails	Linear Trail, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Our Kansas riverfront can be a prime location for a downtown park area as well as part of a trail system along the river. Downtown Manhattan should have a walking connection to the Kansas River. The Kansas River should include a trail system which connects to other towns and cities along the river.	18	0

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Parks & Trails	Linear Trail, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Linear trail is an incredible benefit to Manhattan. Expanding it to connect to other communities and to other outdoor recreation sites in the area would improve the experience and contribute to local tourism. The state of Kansas has on of the least percentages of Public Land and we have one of the few public rivers running right next to the city, yet there seems to be very little attempt to incorporate the Kansas River access into the local tourism plan.	16	0
Parks & Trails	Stonehaven Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Add outdoor fitness equipment and more trees around the pond	13	0
Parks & Trails	Fairmont Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	I would love to see the sidewalk extended so that Fairmont Park could be connected to the Linear Trail for pedestrians and bicyclists.	12	1
Parks & Trails	Linear Trail, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Please don't mess with River Trail in the construction; maybe help put it back together since it has gone unmaintained for 2 years during construction	12	0
Parks & Trails	Roger Schultz Community Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Many trees have been removed from this area; it would be nice to repopulate it with trees, bushess and native flowers	11	0
Parks & Trails	Warner Memorial Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	This park is a gem. Although the native plants and trees are very nice, it would be nice to develop a few of the entertainment areas (where the picnic tables are) by planting bushes and native trees as well as adding garbage cans. Also it would be nice to remove some of the areas where only the concrete is left (no roof) and add fitness equipment.	11	0
Parks & Trails	Pioneer Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Please consider prairie restoration efforts for Goodnow Park. It would fit perfectly with the historic nature of the property and certainly be a welcome addition to the state and county properties next door.	7	0

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Parks & Trails	Bluemont Hill Scenic Overlook, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	This park is vital to the neighborhood, but it has been a constant fight to keep and maintain it. The city should undertake an active role in maintaining and repurposing the historic cabin built as a conservation corp project during the depression. Integration and maintenance of the cabin and restoration of trails could make this little gem a wonderful area for public events. I commend the efforts to maintain some area of the park as natural as this can improve the health of pollinators.	7	0
Parks & Trails	Ledgestone Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Add some trees	7	0
Parks & Trails	Stagg Hill Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Stagg Hill Park needs love.	6	0
Parks & Trails	Roger Schultz Community Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Please prioritize this park as it's been promised for a long time; add the mountain bike trails (instead of continuing to take them away); local community members in the area would love to help to create useable space for kids and families...before they all grow up and move away.	6	6
Parks & Trails	Linear Trail, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	I would love to see extension of the linear trail.	4	0
Parks & Trails	Roger Schultz Community Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Build the playground. You have saying it's coming for many years. There is nothing up here for kids.	4	0
Parks & Trails	Roger Schultz Community Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Mountain biking trails and jumps	4	10
Parks & Trails	Ledgestone Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Is this anything other than just a steep hill?	4	0

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Parks & Trails	Roger Schultz Community Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Although there is a need for mountain bike trails in the city, I am not sure proposing to build them in all parks is the way to go as they can cause tree damage and soil erosion, among other issues	4	0
Parks & Trails	Ledgestone Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	This park shelters a lot of wildlife on the west side of Manhattan: quail, owls, hawks, turkey, deer, badgers, coyotes, and sometimes bobcats. It is a great place for enjoying and viewing Kansas flora and fauna on foot or by bike. Please preserve this space and its wonderful path as a natural prairie.	4	0
Parks & Trails	Long's Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Our family loves Long's Park! Thank you for working hard to keep the playground and bathrooms in good condition. We use it daily.	4	0
Parks & Trails	Fairmont Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	A pedestrian bridge would be a fun addition to connect Linear Trail with Fairmont Park.	4	1
Parks & Trails	Roger Schultz Community Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Would love to see a park built here as was shown in the master community plan. This large area of land is completely unused outside of the few trails.	3	0
Parks & Trails	Warner Memorial Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Mountain biking trails and jumps	2	15
Parks & Trails	Warner Memorial Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Perhaps starting a mountain biking group to come up with ideas to present to the city would be a good idea?	2	0
Parks & Trails	Stonehaven Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	I agree with the outdoor fitness equipment, I think that would be a nice addition	2	0
Parks & Trails	Frank Anneberg Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	This stretch of trail (and other areas) is lined with invasive bush honeysuckle. Removing these plants would open up the trail and provide opportunities for native plantings, allowing these green spaces to benefit both people and wildlife.	2	0

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Parks & Trails	Linear Trail, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Excellent idea!!	1	0
Parks & Trails	Linear Trail, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Yes, please! Having a hiking/biking area for the community that connects to local businesses, cafes/bars/restaurants would be a HUGE selling point for the community!	1	0
Parks & Trails	Linear Trail, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	I'd like to see the idea of a river front park of commerce area pursued if we didn't have to worry about the river flooding.	1	0
Parks & Trails	CiCo Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	It would be nice to have more playground equipment in Cico	1	0
Parks & Trails	Douglass Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Why isn't Sojourner Truth Park included for comment? Is it scheduled for demolition?	1	0
Parks & Trails	Northeast Community Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	A place to park bikes and lock them up for people riding to the trail, but walking the birding trail would be nice. Otherwise I really like the park here, I have taken plenty of pictures of birds and insects enjoying the prairie and on the trail	1	0
Parks & Trails	Frank Anneberg Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Maintenance and general "Up Keep" at existing parks need to be addressed 1st before adding new parks/buildings. Specifically the Jerry Dishman Lake needs lots of work, the deferred maintenance has left the lake almost unusable for fishing. Years ago the City had a maintenance person that would dredge the shore line periodically and keep the moss under control. This has not been done in many years and now the once beautiful community lake has been overwhelmed with moss and is an eyesore.	1	0

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Parks & Trails	Frank Anneberg Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	The annual youth fishing clinic has been held at Dishman Lake for the past 30 years. The past 5 years the lake has been neglected and has become almost unusable for the event. As one of the leaders of this activity it is heartbreaking to see the kids struggle with the moss that grows along the entire shore line. I don't believe this is what was intended when the lake was built. Upkeep and repair needs to be maintained for the life of the project, not just the first few years.	1	0
Parks & Trails	Warner Memorial Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Clear out debris and honeysuckle around borders of park, clear out fallen trees and slash	1	0
Parks & Trails	Warner Memorial Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	This is a unique nature park that needs to be protected. Few cities have this beauty in the middle of town. The trails need better maintenance and a porta potty in the southwest parking lot.	1	0
Parks & Trails	Warner Memorial Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Would damage the trails and create mud...also trash	1	0
Parks & Trails	Pioneer Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Oops. I meant to say Pioneer Park	0	0
Parks & Trails	Stagg Hill Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	A sidewalk along Stagg Hill Rd From Davis Drive to Juniper Dr (or further down the hill) would make it safer for families on the east side of Stagg Hill to get to Stagg Hill Park. It would also improve the community connection between the neighborhoods.	0	0
Parks & Trails	Hudson Trail, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	The Hudson Trail is awesome! Perhaps the city could consider paving all of it?	0	0
Parks & Trails	Linear Trail, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	There should be some commercial zoning along the waterfront too. Having a cool park with a little restaurant or bar would be awesome.	0	0
Parks & Trails	Frank Anneberg Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Add lighting on the trail	0	0

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Parks & Trails	Wildcat Creek Linear Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	This trail is my favorite place in the city to hike. I love taking friends to explore this piece of nature that we have right in the middle of the city	0	0
Parks & Trails	Bluemont Hill Scenic Overlook, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Manhattan Hill is one of the first places that I take out of town guests. It's such a stunning view, easy walk, and fun concept that they always have a fun time	0	0
Parks & Trails	Frank Anneberg Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Please consider a dedicated play area for younger age groups, more specifically 2 and under or 2-5 years old. The company Landscape Structures offers tremendous playgrounds for specific age ranges. There are not a lot of options in town for younger children. https://www.playlsi.com/en/commercial-playground-equipment/playground-filters/playground-age-ranges/	0	0
Programs & Activities	City Park, Manhattan Parks & Greenways	Our family loves arts in the park (particularly bluegrass and folk music). Free concerts open to the public are great for the community.	2	0

Survey Open-Ended Responses

The following comments provide the open-ended, verbatim responses from questions posed on the online engagement website (Social Pinpoint) for the Manhattan Parks and Recreation system. Spelling and grammar were not corrected, and only identical responses were combined –indicated by the “x__” to reflect the number of times it appeared in the results.

If you could select ONE PRIORITY for the Manhattan Parks and Recreation system, what would it be?

- A commitment from City Management to fund Parks & Rec. It's embarrassing what has happened to programs and offerings for a community this size.
- A much better pedestrian and bike path system. Make it fun. Look at what Bentonville has done. With all the hills around here, why is there zero mountain biking paths here? There is so much that can be done, and nobody even entertains the idea.
- A partnership with the City, school district and university for an indoor swimming facility.
- A year-around aquatics center.
- Accessibility to all from 6 am to 11 pm
- Activities that all ages and incomes can enjoy
- Add and improve the bike trail system in Manhattan
- adding an indoor pool.
- Additional turf baseball and softball fields
- Additional youth sports that is run by the city. Competitive/ traveling leagues and their private feeder systems are fine if that is what you want you or your children involved in but does NOT promote lifetime interest in sports and physical activity.
- All levels of sports.
- Utilize the complexes to their fullest.
- An aquatics center! Towns much smaller than ours have beautiful indoor pools. This would effect so much of our population
- an indoor aquatic center
- An indoor community pool accessible to all.
- **An indoor pool (x14)**
- An indoor pool in the downtown area.
- An indoor swimming facility

- An indoor swimming pool that would serve the community
- Aquatic center
- At this stage in my life it's walking trails and disc golf courses but I would have said children's programming and parks a decade ago.
- Better (paved, marked, non-roadway, fully connected) bike paths
- Better access to courts and fields for both recreational play and practice. We need dedicated pickleball courts.
- Better biking and running trails.
- Better non concrete running trails
- Bike trails
- Bring back the special populations activities at costs special pops can afford.
- Build a playground in miller ranch. There is nothing for kids in this area. Obviously you are never getting the grant you applied for 5-7 years ago so let's get something built
- Build an indoor aquatic center!!!
- Build an indoor aquatic facility
- Build an indoor community pool.
- Genesis is a scam and a nightmare. We need a public pool available all year. And it needs to be regulation size for both exercise lap
- Swimmers and swim team practice /meets.
- Build an indoor swim facility
- Build and maintain INDOOR SWIMMING POOLS
- Children sports
- Children's athletic programs
- Classes (non-sports) for middle school age through adult.
- Collect and utilize volunteer and donated resources. I think there is much more room for local businesses to be giving to parks and recreation in Manhattan.
- Complete the linear trail
- Complete the linear trail circle route.
- Complete the trail systems so we can enjoy Linear Trail. Also, the trail off of Bramblewood Dr by Scenic needs to be completed.

- Comprehensive, connected, well-maintained trail system.
- Connected hike/bike trails that are safe from traffic.
- Consistent sports offerings and upkeep of fields/environment
- Consolidation of facilities, for example, all soccer at Anneberg, all baseball at City Park, etc. Make them destinations for tournaments in a centralized location. We have a lot of park that do things okay, but none do one thing great.
- Continued expansion and improvement/restoration of trails for hiking and biking
- Create a more extensive walking and biking trail network.
- Creating more green spaces around the city that offer special activities, like fishing, mountain biking, etc.
- Cut the salaries of the highest paid big wigs to help pay for quality facilities and DO NOT RAISE TAXES!
- Dedicated pickleball courts!
- Dedicated pickleball courts.
- Designated Pickleball space
- Dual purpose outdoor courts that can be used for either tennis or pickleball. (There are nets that can be set either way.)
- Enrichment programming/classes for kids
- Evening and outdoor pickle ball courts
- Expand park options to meet all ages and abilities.
- Expanded/Improved Sports Fields. We either need more full sized fields or we need to improve some of the ones that we have. This primarily is for baseball & soccer.
- Expanding so there are walkable parks for neighborhoods beyond downtown. Many parts of the city don't have parks close enough to walk to and use.
- The linear trail is taking forever to complete and makes it hard to have a safe way to get from West side of town to downtown without biking in traffic.
- Also, reminding people what is available so they use it.
- Expanding the educational programing at the Flint Hills Discovery Center.
- Extend season for city park pool
- Getting the baseball and softball fields back into a playable condition.
- Good pickleball courts, that are pickleball only - not reimagined tennis courts.

- Green space with nice walking trails
- I would like to see outdoor pickleball courts put in City Park.
- I would love to see a multiuse indoor aquatics center.
- If we want people to get out and move more, we need to maximize the accessibility of the parks. It doesn't matter how nice our parks are if people of all abilities can't get to them. The best way to get people active is by making it easier to do it, I think prioritizing other ways to reach them besides a personal vehicle, like better connected sidewalks, bike lanes, and more public transit is crucial. Anyone in charge needs to be aware of this even if the ability to implement it is not fully up to parks and rec.
- Improve cico park. Already voted yes for tax dollars years ago.
- Improve dog park maintenance and aesthetics.
- Improve the soccer facilities at Anneberg. Turn those two grass fields surrounding the turf field into turf fields, add more netting for stray balls, ADD LIGHTS.
- Improve youth programs (i.e. organized youth sports) and move away from the model and catering more to club level (traveling-style) teams and events than the city's own youth sports programs.
- Improved trail system
- Improving cycling options throughout Manhattan
- **Indoor Aquatic Center (x14)**
- Indoor Aquatic Center in CiCo Park
- Indoor aquatic exercise pool- walking, aerobic, laps, diving well for high school teams too.
- Indoor Aquatic facilities with competition pools and diving wells. Facilities to include a play area for children too and shallow swimming lessons pool.
- Indoor Aquatics center (or partially enclose city pool, which I've heard used to be the plan).
- Indoor facilities.
- Indoor pool **(x28)**
- Indoor pool - centrally located - affordable for all
- Indoor pool - that is focussed on lap swimming/exercise/competitive swimming for the local swim teams. Other amenities would be great, but a facility that has capacity for year-round lap swimming and exercise/health focused programming and changing rooms that during winter months are able to be used (i.e. showers with heated water,

appropriately covered). We need an indoor pool in our community, but it needs to be able to meet the capacity that already exists in our community AND meet future needs. This facility should be able to accommodate the competitive swim team needs of our community while ALSO allowing local exercisers to still utilize the facilities without time conflicts.

- indoor pool (hopefully also w/ warm water option)
- Indoor pool and aquatic center with competitive lanes for meets
- Indoor pool facility.
- Indoor pool for the community
- Indoor pool with a focus on fitness and competition pools.
- Indoor pool with a variety of recreational and physical fitness opportunities
- Indoor pool year-round facility
- Indoor Pool! similar to the one in Lawrence.
- Indoor pool, with winter/spring kids' classes, city team
- Indoor pools or a ymca type of thing.
- Indoor swimming facility.
- Indoor Swimming Pool (heated in the winters)
- indoor swimming pool for recreation and competition
- Indoor swimming pool to be used for recreation and competition.
- Indoor swimming pool with disabled accessibility and a warm pool.
- Indoor swimming! The K-State pool served the community as best it could for many years. We need a COMMUNITY pool, not just opportunities through high-priced private rec centers.
- Indoor water
- Indoor year around aquatic center.
- Keep Manhattan GREEN with tree-lines streets as well as a network of parks, large and small.
- Keep the Wefald Pavilion accessible to vehicle traffic. I don't want to carry chairs a block (or more) for the summer band & weekend music.
- Keeping activities running, pools open, and not wasting resources.
- Keeping our parks clean, safe, and usable.

- Kids sports
- Maintain and upgrade if possible what we already have in the parks
- maintain what is already on place
- Maintaining the playground and spaces for use of children
- Maintenance of existing parks and structures
- Make full use of what we have now before adding new facilities.
- Make it easier for the community to participate. E.g, the registration system is pretty horrid/un-user-friendly, particularly for certain demographics.
- Making them less rule based. They're not very public when you can't access certain aspects like fields.
- Maybe additional in service day options?
- Middle school and high school kids programs that are not sports (esp not competitive teams) but more face to face social. There is nothing for the kids this age group to do unless they are in competitive sports! My kids have no interest in sports. They would like activity groups like yoga or mobility/strength classes. Kids under 18 are not allowed to use most facilities or equipment.
- More activities for senior adults
- More advertising/awareness with all generations to activities and offerings.
- More affordable swimming and recreation programs, especially for youth.
- More bike and walking/running paths and put some lighting on the ones we have. If we are allowed to access them at 6 am before the sun is up it would be nice to not run in complete darkness. It's a safety concern.
- More indoor recreational space for activities.
- More indoor spaces to play pickleball as well as outdoors.
- More opportunities for children
- More parks and open swim pools
- More pickleball courts - day and evening.
- More Pickleball courts!
- More playground equipment at cico park
- More smaller modest parks with some play equipment, basketball, baseball/softball and tennis. Nothing fancy just keep it in good shape.

- More walking trails. Restrooms available on the trails. City pool open longer into the fall.
- Mountain bike trails
- Needs outdoor pickleball courts
- New pool
- New skate park in City Park.
- Open the facilities to the public. Stop denying access to the tax payer that funded those facilities. Stop booking EVERY single court at the rec centers. The families have no where to go during the winter months! Stop locking down the turf baseball and softball fields. We paid for them, we should be able to use them.
- Why isn't the north view park utilized more?
- **Outdoor Pickleball courts (x7)**
- Outdoor play spaces for families
- Outdoor rec fields including replacement of Eisenhower baseball fields. Cico ball fields. It is a travesty what has happened to Cico
- Parks & Recs Facilities. Severely outdated and need updating. Kind of embarrassing to go to smaller communities and see better facilities.
- **Pickleball Courts (x6)**
- Pickleball Courts - outdoor and more availability for evening indoor pickleball courts
- Programs offered to youth
- Proper funding of the activities that have been selected to participate in.
- Provide more opportunities for children to engage in healthy activities - not just sports, but artistic, culinary, and musical opportunities.
- Provide sports and activities to Manhattan families including seniors.
- Providing a variety of programs that are affordable for ALL the youth in the area.
- Public indoor pool
- Recruit and retain qualified staff to run more of a variety of youth programming.
- Restore/Extend and provide better access to the Linear Trail
- Scholarship opportunities for low income families
- Security of parks, cemeteries and their various outbuildings.

- Soccer/softball/baseball complexes that would allow Manhattan to host legitimate tournaments. Our facilities are an absolute joke compared to other communities especially considering the amount of property taxes we pay.
- Sports for kids Middle School and high school age that can't play in school because of ability.
- Summer camps and's extracurricular activities for kids.
- Swimming, water exercise facility
- Youth activities
- Tennis complex
- To have the cico park pool open from beginning to end of summer not just a week out of the summer
- To have the current parks well maintained and available for public use.
- **Trails (x2)**
- Trails and youth programs
- Trails that connect throughout the town in tree-filled spaces, not paved
- Updated Bathroom Facilities at all parks. Also a changing table in all Bathrooms for parents have young children.
- Upgrading existing parks
- Upkeep and improvement of existing facilities and green space
- Volleyball league for those 55+
- Walking/Running trails, we have a good trail system at this time - please keep that as a priority
- We need an indoor pool for cold-weather swimming and fitness.
- We need an indoor pool! Ever since K-State's pool closed, our sole option (when it is not summer) is the pool in the badly run & poorly maintained Genesis Club. Junction City has a pool in its YMCA. Wamego has an aquatic center. Manhattan Kansas only has pool access for three months of the year.
- Weights section at Anthony Recreation Center
- Why did we build a beautiful swimming pool (Cico) then have it open 2 months? Let's keep it open for the summer months. Also how about having a hr a day for adults only.
- Workout equipment at Rex's
- Your website is hard to navigate

- Youth and Adult leagues in all sports year round so that the citizens just have to pay for their entry fee and nothing else.
- Youth sports
- youth sports and activities

Which park do you feel is most in need of improvement?

- Cico park really needs a facelift.
- I don't visit all parks, so I don't have a truly global view. The linear trail's low bridge near Seth Child and Fort Riley Boulevard is such a mess so often.
- Idk
- ???
- All of them
- All parks need improvement some parks need playing equipment repairs or things need replaced altogether.
- An indoor pool!
- **Anneberg (x5)**
- Anneberg Park walking trails the can be a muddy mess. The childrens play area is in need of repair/improvement. Too much emphasis on the sports fields.
- Anneberg... the bathrooms are horrible. City park is a tie. Same reason awful bathrooms and terrible fields.
- Annenberg facilities are dated and the play structures are mostly targeted to the very young. The trail is fantastic, but it would be nice to have some lighting on the darker areas.
- Anthony Recreation Center
- Can't really say
- **Cico (x72)**
- Cico - ballfields and playground.
- Cico - the rocks need to go!
- CICO - Too much opportunity and its a great location
- CiCo and City Park. Both need a boost
- Cico dog park
- Cico dog park—vey poor clean up of feces.
- Cico is a great park that could use lots of upgrades. Or, the hiking area on Loma Ridge.
- Cico needs a big playground

- CiCo Park and the paving the parking lot for the CiCo swimming pool and Bishop Stadium.
- Cico park ball field complex. We got hosed with the non execution of the bond to fix Cico.
- Cico Park Playground - parking, playground structures
- Cico park the pond is awful
- Cico Park.
- Cico park. Yes I know most of it is owned by the county, but the county does a terrible job with it. Might be good to take it over from the county?
- Cico playground
- Cico. It's huge and the tennis courts look like gravel.
- Cisco
- City
- City and Cico
- **City Park (x8)**
- City Park - Should have an indoor pool!
- City park pool bathrooms
- City park roads inside the park. Using a stroller is difficult with the large cracks and pot hole and while there I saw a group of disabled youth trying and struggling to get from their parking to the play area with wheelchairs and walking difficulties.
- City park— should be a gem for downtown area.
- City park, followed by Cico. seems that Annenberg receives a lot of attention due to playing fields.
- City park. More development.
- City Park. So much untapped potential. Three, never-used baseball fields take up the entire park. 30,000 people live within a mile of City Park. Put the indoor pool there. Put a skate park there. Put pickle ball courts there. And please don't cater to the 6 people that live west of city park on fremont, it's not their park. Wefald pavilion/bandshell could be so improved. Get rid of the admin offices.
- City pool wave/surf machine repair.
- City. It is the heart of Manhattan, likely the most utilized, and the large primary play structure is aging and on the verge of needing major repair.

- Clean, safe parks with more things to do
- Coco park
- Coco park tennis courts and dog park area
- Complete paving part of the walking trail at Annenberg Park
- Don't know.
- Douglas and sojourner
- Douglass Park shelter house needs some repair work.
- Eisenhower
- Fairmont
- Fairmont Park
- Fairmont Park playground
- Focus on linear trails around town
- Goodnow park. The grass area is just not used much. it would be great to add cement paths and some trees. Maybe add a few 'stop signs' or crosswalks' for learning purposes. for an area in town for families without good places to take kids to safely learn to ride bikes and trikes. Yes, there is the linear trail, but with avid bikers and far between path entry points it can be discouraging for young learners. although I love the manhattan brick sidewalks they are not a good surface to learn to bike on.
- Goodnow, on Thurston St needs flushing toilets
- Haven't visited many parks. As an older senior, we enjoy the Anthony rec center most but support requiring developers to add even small neighborhood parks!
- having an indoor aquatic center
- I believe casement could use some work.
- I don't feel I have enough knowledge to answer this question. I would suggest focusing on the park that is used the most by most people, especially if it's in an underserved area.
- I don't have an opinion on this.
- I forget the name and I'm afraid to lose my progress on this, but it's the one on the southeast side of town, across the river. Across from what used to be the old aquarium shop. Sorry I can't be more specific.
- I only use City Park and Long's Park because they are close to my home. They both seem well equipped.

- I think Northview has a lot of un-used potential. It has so much green space that could be used for interactive prairie stations, birding, and more structures.
- I'm not sure if this is part of Manhattan Parks&Rec but I would love to see the river trails restored. This is the area that borders the river just east and south of linear trail on the east side of town.
- In the summer, city park gets so hot, having some shade over it would help a lot.
- **Linear Trail (x5)**
- Linear Trail. Why isn't there a complete circumference? Why has the solar system along the south segment not been maintained and indeed allowed to mostly disappear?
- Most of them. Not just the ones the school wants.
- n/a
- Na
- No comment
- no opinion.
- No TVs in the rec center. We have enough screens in our lives! We can't go to the gym, high school office, or out to eat without TVs everywhere.
- None at the moment! We moved here in the spring and have been impressed with them all so far!
- None of the parks are terrible, but a greater emphasis on managing them (i.e. brush cleanup, cleanliness of bathrooms, etc.) would go a long way.
- Northeast
- Northeast Community Park
- Northeast community park is completely under utilized and supported. It should have equitable amenities to what is available on the west side of town within Anneberg
- Northview
- Northview park
- Northview park. I know at one time there was talk of taking out the play equipment at this park. This park is the only park that is central to northview and doesn't require kids to cross casement to get to. After school and in the summer this playground has much better access for kids then northeast park.
- Not sure
- Park behind Dairy Queen

- Park off of Dickens.
- People who inspect and maintain would know better than I.
- Pickleball courts are needed at all of them
- Roger Schulz park near the airport
- Schultz
- Sorry. I don't know.
- Stonehaven Park
- Stonehaven. I know it's brand new and maybe more is coming, but there are no trails, no playground, no picnic shelter. So far there's no sort of park identity other than fisherman might like it.
- The park by the water treatment plant
- The park closest to Manhattan Technically school. The equipment is old and needs to be replaced/repair. It has rocks and sand instead of turf/grass and wood chips.
- The pocket park next to Northview Elementary
- The trails behind Sunset Zoo/the cemetery
- They all need pickleball courts
- Unknown
- Unsure, maybe Cico?
- Warner Park has few developments and would benefit from improvements such as trails, shelters, maybe a playground.
- Warren

What park amenities are most needed?

- ?
- 2nd entrance/exit West of Anneberg park
- 4H buildings and grounds as well as parking
- A better trail system. Linear Trail is nice but it is somewhat remote and seems unsafe at times. it would be nice to have more trails running through town. Also, the city is lacking softball and baseball diamonds. There seem to not be many parks or indoor facilities on the east side of town either.
- A dedicated soccer complex
- A note of praise: The dog clean-up stations at Marlatt are much appreciated!!!
- A park in walking distance from Miller ranch. I thought they would put one my the new stonehaven pond so there is a place to play for families who walk and visit there.
- A really large off leash dog park with trails for the people
- A sledding hill like at Cico Park would be great.
- Accessible ball field— like Springfield MO has, with great walking trail around it
- Accessible for all children
- Accessible walking paths
- Activities for ages from 8-14. Younger children have playground equipment, but there are very little outdoor activities targeted at the 8-14 age group.
- Actual Kids playground equipment, there's not a whole lot there currently
- actual youth rec sports
- Add pickleball courts
- Additional Shelter Houses for picnics and gatherings.
- All weather youth baseball and softball fields - artificial surface
- an indoor aquatic center
- **An indoor pool (x5)**
- An indoor pool accessible year round.
- An indoor pool. Wamego and Junction City have indoor pools. Manhattan does not — unless you count the overpriced & badly managed Genesis pool. (And I don't.)
- Another turf field for soccer.

- Areas for people to exercise pets, so they are not in the same area with children.
- Baseball and softball fields that are open to the tax payer. Not closed down for the school or for fear of somebody destroying them. It's 2023. Install cameras.
- Baseball batting cages or nets for hitting & pitching
- baseball fields
- Bathrooms
- Bathrooms and water fountain
- Bathrooms in all parks with changing tables in all of them.
- Bathrooms that can accommodate people with disabilities - this goes for all parks.
- Bathrooms year round, larger
- Better benches
- Better fields
- Better maintained dog parks. An additional dog park at northeast park or Northview park
- Better trails. More activities to drive residents to parks. More events.
- better walking trails, better bicycle trail
- Bicycle
- Bike trails
- Can't really say
- Clean bathroom and upgraded fields...baseball and soccer.
- Cleanliness! A lot of the parks look run down.
- Consistently wide park sidewalks and trails (city and anneberg trail improvements are awesome)
- Courts for pickle ball, tennis, and basketball.
- Designated outdoor pickleball courts (not the horrible ones at the 9th grade center or the ones we have to chalk on tennis courts)
- Designated Pickleball space
- Disability apperatecies
- Don't feel qualified to answer for Most needed.unsure
- During warm weather games raise money by having concession stands open.

- Extra play areas
- General improvement in the welcoming feel.
- How can Wamego have one and Manhattan doesn't?
- I don't feel that our parks are lacking in anything really, other than an indoor pool.
- I love what we have.
- I think there should be more opportunities to play pickleball within the parks.
- I would say tennis, add some pickleball courts, remove skate park (no one uses it), playground and baseball fields.
- Idk
- Improved baseball and softball fields.
- Improved running trails and tennis court maintenance.
- Indoor aquatics
- Indoor Aquatic Center, Updated Playground Equipment and Bathrooms, More parking any playground at CiCo
- Indoor Aquatic Facility
- Indoor Aquatics
- Indoor community pool
- Indoor facilities that do not just promote youth basketball.
- **Indoor pool (x11)**
- Indoor pool and track
- Indoor pool for exercise. Not just laps, aerobics, walking lazy river exercise etc.
- Indoor pool- it is very sad that a community this size only has one pool that requires an expensive membership
- Indoor Pool! similar to the one in Lawrence.
- Indoor pool, tennis and pickleball courts
- Indoor pool. Indoor and outdoor pickleball courts
- Indoor swimming
- Indoor swimming complex for the community to include competitive lap swimming pool, diving pool and recreational. Think like a YMCA.

- Indoor swimming facilities
- Indoor swimming facility
- Indoor swimming pool
- Indoor water
- It's fine.
- kid activities
- Large picnic areas with restrooms, electricity
- Lighted soccer fields.
- Lighted walking trails
- Lighting along trail system.
- Linear trail needs significant work!!!
- Linking trails
- Longer hiking trail out by Loma
- **Maintained trails (x2)**
- More barhrooms
- more bike/pedestrian paths
- More fire pits or grills
- More hiking trails and opportunities for naturalist activities.
- More indoor pickle ball courts. Too hot and windy outdoors in the summer and too cold outdoors in the winter time.
- More play equipment at Cico
- More seating areas
- More shelters for events, for sure. They book up fast.
- More soccer fields
- More Staff for the pool.
- More swings for young toddlers. Splash parks
- More table/benches at city park, by the splash pad. There never seems to be enough during the summer. more infant swings, at every park.
- More trails

- More turf baseball field's
- More turf fields that aren't impacted by rain outs, and so sports aren't competing against each other for the turf creating hard feelings. More lighting so we can schedule later practices and host tournaments, bringing in money from travel teams.
- Mountain bike trails
- Natatorium (Indoor Pool)
- Needs outdoor pickleball courts
- New dirt and grass at all the diamonds at CiCo Park. Paving the parking lot on the west side of Cico ball diamonds and for the Riley County Fair, and Friday night football games.
- New playground and dog park. More trails. More trees. Better tallgrass prairie plants and attention given to that cute creek.
- New playground equipment
- New sports fields and courts
- Outdoor and indoor pickleball/skating rink
- **Outdoor pickleball courts (x4)**
- Outdoor pickleball courts for community interaction
- Overall updates, playgrounds for little children, bathrooms
- Parcours stations for workouts to address needs of aging populations.
- Parking at the busiest places like Aneberg park or divide sports out to multiple parks so one single park isn't overcrowded every weeknight.
- Paved walking trails
- Paved walking trails I.e. annenburg park
- **Pickleball (x2)**
- Pickleball
- **Pickleball Courts (x9)**
- Pickleball courts would be nice. Many more people do or can play pickleball than tennis.
- Pickleball facilities-indoor and outdoors
- Play equipment for children
- Play equipment that toddler/preschool age can navigate.

- Play features for younger kids.
- Playgrounds
- Pool.
- Quality sports fields
- Rebuild the tennis courts and consider adding separate pickleball courts.
- Replace Playground equipment
- Restroom at city park also better parking lot
- **Restrooms (x3)**
- Restrooms available and clean
- Restrooms, shade structures and concession stands
- Restrooms. Water for visitors to the parks. Information signage. Inventive/cutting age activities.
- Restrooms. Picnic tables places to sit
- Safe playground equipment, walking trails, up keep on the tennis courts, paved biking paths
- Safe playgrounds and walking trails.
- Safe sections, not on roadways, for kids to bike and skate.
- safe walking paths
- Shade for kids on playground so they can be used more in summer
- Shade in the summer, love that some parks like City Park have turf so babies can play
- Shaded walking and running trails
- Signage to encourage no eating on playgrounds to make it more inclusive for children with anaphylactic food allergies.
- Soft surface trails - not concrete.
- Some sandlot style basketball, baseball and tennis courts. Again nothing fancy just smaller and quality. Unlike the 3 new rec centers. They are just too much and we don't have the resources to care for them.
- Swimming pool indoors
- Swimming pools
- Teen stuff

- Tennis complex
- Tennis courts.
- Trails and ball fields.
- TRAILS for safe walking/biking around the entire town.
- Trails for walking, running, and biking.
- Trash cans on the trails (Linear trail, Wagner Park, Hudson Trail)
- Trees
- Turf on south fields at Anneberg Park.
- Turf Softball/Baseball Fields
- Unique ways to let me touch feel sit on smell physically explore and join with nature. Not necessarily more structures that are made of plastics
- Unpaved bike trails
- Unsure
- updated play structures, better/more parking, signs indicating dogs need to stay on leash
- Updated playground at Cico
- Updated playground equipment at CICO.
- Updated structures, picnic areas, lighting
- Upgrade playgrounds
- Walking trails, more playground equipment (all the playgrounds are overcrowded)
- Water fountains, nicer, cleaner dog park on west side.
- Water fountains, restrooms
- Water stations, nicer paths, updates to exercise equipment and signage along the walking path and that dog park is a disgrace. It's muddy and absolutely no fun, nowhere to sit. Manhattan should do better!
- We could use more fences around playgrounds. It keeps kids in, and deters people from wandering where they don't belong. Especially fences between play structures and parking areas, like City where cars are almost parked on the playground.
- We don't go to the parks since kids were elementary age. They are too far to walk to, have homeless people sheltering in them, or would rather walk my neighborhood than drive across town to a park or rec center.

- We need an indoor swimming pool. With the closure of the K-State facility, our only options are to travel to Wamego or Junction City.
- Wheelchair access for swings.
- Why not convert some (not all) tennis courts to pickleball?
- Year round bathrooms
- Year round indoor activities
- Youth soccer fields, softball diamonds, nicely maintained batting cages.

Which indoor facility do you feel is most in need of improvement?

- ?
- ???
- A new facility for indoor swimming.
- A new one indoor pool facility would be wonderful and a great addition to the community.
- A pool.
- A pool. All of the existing indoor facilities that I've been in seem pretty good
- All seem great! Online reservation of courts would be nice
- An indoor pool in the downtown area.
- An indoor pool! Regulation size, to support lap swimming and swim teams.
- Another one needs built since you continually book all courts and deny access to the tax payers.
- Anthony Recreation Center
- Auditorium
- Basketball court
- Basketball court city hall.
- Can't think of any
- Cico
- Cico Park Fairgrounds buildings
- Cico Park has a lot of equipment is gone due damage or is outdated needs be replaced modern playground equipment. Annaberg Park need boat fixed kids love playing on it just damaged. Also parks been a round longest older Play Equipment should be fixed or replaced brought up to code for all peoples safety.
- City hall basketball court.
- City hall gym
- City Hall Memorial basketball court, seats, stage.
- Do we have an indoor facility?
- **Don't know (x5)**
- Don't really use.

- Douglas center needs to be bigger
- Douglass Center
- **Eisenhower (x2)**
- EMS and AMS need more pickleball courts available
- ERC
- Expanding the hours of the gym at the Douglass Center.
- Have not idea as I do not use them.
- I am not sure.
- I am only aware of Susan B Anthony's facilities. No complaints.
- I can't think of anything here.
- I don't have an opinion
- I don't go to any indoor facilities.
- I have no issues with the walking track at Susan B. Anthony and that's the only indoor facility I'm familiar with.
- I have not been to enough indoor facilities to make a suggestion.
- I have not used many indoor facilities so am not sure exactly, but the bathroom doors at city park do not always lock
- I like the indoor facility we have in MHK. I actually think there should be a fee to use such facilities to alleviate the cost to the city. Those who use it can pay a low cost of \$1-\$2...nothing too crazy
- I love the Douglas Center and middle school rec centers as they look great! I would like to see an indoor pool, ideally with a space for other recreation (we could always use more gym space!)
- I think the only indoor facilities I've used in the past year is the ice rink and locker rooms at city pool. Both seem pretty good to me!
- I think they are good, but leave that to the supervisors.
- I think they are great
- I'm not sure.
- Ice skating rink -- it's so small, out dated, and not enjoyable
- I'm unsure, I don't really go inside at a lot of the parks

- Indoor field house w/Turf
- Indoor Aquatic Facility
- Indoor aquatics.
- Indoor facilities that are used by our family are adequate. City Auditorium gym is obviously the oldest gym but it is still functional.
- Indoor pool we dont have one.
- Indoor pools
- Most have been improved
- Municipal building
- **N/a (x5)**
- Need a pool.
- new indoor pool
- **No opinion (x3)**
- **None (x7)**
- none. With the new rec centers, this has been taken care of. We don NOT need an expensive, seldom used indoor pool
- None. Build an indoor community pool :-)
- **Not sure (x7)**
- Not sure — I really love and use the Eisenhower and Anthony centers. They are wonderful!
- Not sure what indoor facilities are not brand new. The hours of the community centers are terrible though. Need to be open longer on evenings and weekends.
- Old space off Fort Riley Blvd
- Our perspective new indoor aquatic center.. lol
- Our skating facility in City Park. It's not big enough to handle th events that it has hosted (think not only skating but book sales, etc. The popularity of these events calls for a bigger space.
- Overhead fans at Douglass
- Parking at ERC & ARC
- Peace Memorial Auditorium

- Pickleball indoor and outdoor for evenings
- places to host meetings and parties that are more cost effective...maybe even free since our tax dollars have already built these buildings.
- **Pool (x3)**
- Poor floors at Eisenhower, dead spots and balls don't bounce
- Portfolio Hall
- Rec centers need strength machines
- Reserved indoor pickleball courts for open play
- **Skating rink (x2)**
- Sorry. I don't know
- the need to build an indoor pool
- the arts center
- The Douglass Center Annex
- The Douglass center is a nice facility, but the hours are pretty limited.
- The floor of Eisenhower Rec Center. When built, the floor was not installed properly. Many people reported this to Parks and Rec when the center first opened, with the hope that the builder would need to reinstall it properly. Parks and Rec, however, chose to ignore it. The flooring was not properly attached to the floor, which means there are a multitude of dead spots that negatively affect pickleball, volleyball, and basketball. WHY WASN'T the builder forced to do a proper job?
- The hall at Cico park where there's event space is so dated.
- The main indoor facility we use is the City Park Pavilion during the winter skating season. It is a blessing to have that available given that we haven't had cold enough winters for local lakes to freeze enough for ice skating.
- The non-existent swimming pool
- they all seem fine
- They are fine.
- They're in pretty good shape
- Those in city park for skating, dance and add an indoor pool for aerobics, laps, swim team, walking/jogging lanes for retirees....
- Train Depot: sound system has too much echo!!! Used to be a much used facility!!

- Uncertain.
- **Unsure (x5)**
- **We need an indoor pool (x5)**
- Why not build a YMCA in Manhattan. They are all over Kansas and are quite busy.

If you could change one thing about the recreation programs, activities, or classes offered what would it be?

- ???
- A basic strength class in the evening would be nice. The last I checked, it was only offered at noon, and that really didn't work for me.
- Add an outdoor golf range and practice facility.
- Add basketball intramurals for MS/HS kids who don't have opportunities to play for schools. Interest far outweighs the number of slots available on school teams.
- Add indoor aquatics
- Add more
- Add more for retirees...more aerobic dance, yoga, tai chi programs, more indoor options
- Add more outdoor classes/activities such as exploring for young children or adults. I think outside time is great for everyone and sports aren't for everyone, so open options for these people.
- Add open gym time for middle schoolers
- Affordability
- An indoor pool in the downtown area.
- An indoor pool would provide opportunities for year-round swim instruction and activities.
- Aquatics classes year around
- Availability of an indoor pool for all age groups.
- Availability of dedicated evening pickleball like there is during mornings at Douglass.
- Be a community program like you used to be. Too much outsourcing and just acting like a maintenance operation rather than bringing the community together. Need more programming like Arts in the Park.
- Be great at less. It's okay to have 1 City Pool and close the others.
- Better advertising

- Better advertising of what programs are offered to those that don't live in Manhattan but use the facilities in Manhattan
- Better organization in terms of bracketing comparable teams.
- Bring back adult and kid rec leagues!!!
- Charge a small fee for use of the 3 community rec centers. They are heavily used and there are ongoing costs with staffing,
- Cheaper
- Children's sports, like soccer, cheerleading, t-ball, football, etc.
- Continue current programs offered to kids. This community can't afford to have children's opportunities decreased or cost go up for families that can't afford.
- Cost of renting facilities.
- Could the city get involved in trips, e.g. to Royals games or the Nelson or the Omaha zoo?
- Difficulty getting gyms
- Do not have the citizens pay for any improvements to the facilities out of their pocket, or pay for referees, That is what part of our taxes are for. The citizens should NOT have to do their own maintenance on the baseball and softball fields.
- Don't use
- Douglass needs zumba and dance classes.
- Due to the age of our daughter (high school) and activities she is involved in, we haven't really utilized rec programs, activities, or classes too much in recent years.
- Enough life guards to have indoor pool open in evenings as well as days.
- Evening pickleball and weekends
- Expand the age passed 6th grade for rec sports
- Extended availability, meaning longer duration of programs
- Focus on children should be priority 1. Focus on the majority of your customers. Outdoor recreation. You had a vibrant kids rec program. Now you blame COVID for its demise when it is lack of leadership that is the problem. The indoor rec facilities should not have been priority
- Focus on the youths in our community and make programs accessible to households that have single parents or don't work traditional hours.
- Get adult softball and kids ball back to what it used to be.

- Go back to being a full service Recreation Department. It's unfortunate what City Management did to MPRD. Used to be great programs and a commitment to youth sports
- Have more competitive rec sports. This years 6th grade volleyball program was a joke.
- Have mote programs gorgeous seniors
- Have options for year round swim lessons. And an indoor facility.
- How many are accessible to people who are aging, who have physical or mobility issues?
- I can't think of anything here. You offer an eclectic variety for all ages and abilities.
- I do think the rec centers have an issue with unsupervised children. While I appreciate that it is a safe space for them to gather, they can be disruptive of guests, I've noticed they don't clean up after themselves, and then it takes away from being able to use the facilities.
- I miss the pottery classes. My kids and i did team pottery, we enjoyed it and had an instructor to help us learn a new skill together
- I think they are generally very good.
- I think we have a good variety of programs
- I wish there were sports/classes for older youth (high school). If high school kids aren't good enough to make the school team, but they still want to play sports, there's nothing available to them.
- I would encourage the city to create more intro-level courses and classes that are either free or very low cost. I think it would also be helpful to have an online site or portal so that citizens could go to one central place to view offerings.
- I would love to have more of all! It is sad that we have the need for so many travel teams for youth sports because we do not have many opportunities for play for rec league (playing same teams multiple times and very few games). More adult leagues would be great too (especially pickleball as it fills up fast!).
- I would need to start looking for them. I guess it's too \$\$\$ to mail a booklet to every home?
- I'm not sure.
- I'd like an earlier summer water aerobics/walking class at City Park. 9 am?
- I'd like some options for adults to swim earlier in the morning. It's hard to get some good laps in with how crowded the pools are.
- Improve times practices are scheduled.

- Increased local youth sports competition within the parks and rec department so kids that didn't want to play travel ball have an opportunity to play somewhat competitive sports.
- Indoor pool with swimming lessons for children and adults
- Indoor pool.
- Indoor swimming.
- Is there enough summer rec baseball for kids who don't play travel ball?
- It would be amazing if rec services could collaborate with all of the private sports organizations to offer a hybrid option for families that doesn't require travel to KC and Wichita every weekend but still allows for a more competitive regional sports option that is feasible and affordable. The private teams that travel are very expensive and require a huge time commitment that many families can not afford.
- Joint/shared activities/locations with other community learning/activity groups (e.g., UFM).
- Just offer more.
- Keep offering what you do. Great job
- Longer seasons for the outdoor pools. They should at least remain open past Labor Day!
- Lower the cost for families on limited incomes can engage with the programs. Not everyone in Manhattan is white and earning a 6-digit income!
- Maintain existing trails
- Maintenance, etc. You charge to use the pools, why not the rec facilities?
- Make sure that programs are not cancelled, like men's softball. If the rec dept doesn't have enough personnel for umpires, etc., then rely on volunteers. Just cancelling things shows lack of concern and effort on the part of the rec dept.
- Make them affordable.
- Maybe this is already offered and I'm just not aware of it, but an open gym time for toddlers/pre-k/early grade school kids with scooters, ride-on toys, balls, etc. available to play with. My sister has something like this near her where she lives in the KC area.
- Middle school and high school kids group activities. My kids have nothing to do when school is out but would love a D&D game group or art/craft group.
- Middle/high school rec league softball
- More activities for youth 8-12
- More adult teams

- More affordable activities for children
- More class offerings for middle school ages through adult.
- More classes that are 1 or 2 meetings, its hard to commit to a 4 or 6 week class.
- More collaboration among other education providers. There used to be sharing of classes, working together to offer classes and sharing ideas. Now it feels like Parks and rec thinks they can just do it all.
- More diverse programs for teens and adults. Ex: DJ workshop, Taiko drumming, Bhanga Masala fitness, teen classes, theater....
- More flexible times outside of normal work hours, more pickleball access. It's always so crowded at the two venues with kids and school activities in the evening.
- More focus on ALL ages. Population is aging.
- More indoor water exercises
- More intensive, quality sports offerings for grades 4-6.
- More emphasis, put on Pickle ball.
- **More of them (x2)**
- More offerings aimed at tweens and teenagers would be appreciated.
- More opportunities for adult sports
- More options for adult programs aside from sports.
- More options for seniors such as art and cooking classes.
- More photography and nature knowledge and earth conversation awareness
- More pickleball classes and courts to practice and play on
- More pickleball times in evening at indoor facilities
- More private swimming lessons
- More programming variety, especially for seniors and people with disabilities.
- More recreational staff. Some activities have little amount of staff on site which makes the activities feel dangerous and less organized.
- More short term activities for children. Once a week for a month, for instance.
- More short term non-competitive options for kids to learn skills before having competitions
- More team sports for kids.

- More teens activity
- More young kids (kindergarten age) activities if possible
- N/a (x4)
- Need additional city run youth sports programs. I do not like the shift to traveling competitive leagues.
- No answer
- Not allowing rec sports (baseball this past summer) to play at Twin Oaks fields and not allowing basketball practice to be at either EMS or AMS. Allowing traveling teams to use the nicer baseball facilities before rec sports is sad and disappointing. Not all children can afford or want to devote all their time to join a traveling team or the alternative baseball league that's formed. Giving all kids opportunities to use the facilities equally is important
- Not currently using any of these programs
- **Not sure (x2)**
- Not sure — I really think the change this past summer to the aquatic options all included in one fee was great!!
- Nothing - just advertise more and increase awareness for better use of department.
- Notifications when acuities are available to be registered for.
- Offer senior citizen discount for classes/programs
- Offer swimming lessons and life guard programs.
- Offer water aerobics and low impact movement classes for older adults
- Offer week day morning classes that would accessible to homeschool students.
- Online Calendar showing available & unavailable hours (by half-hour sections) - example for need - so that we don't have 4 cars arrive to Eisenhower & find entire place reserved for heartland tourney etc.
- Pickleball
- Pickleball league is too late at night
- Pickleball lessons
- Qualified leaders; in many activities my children have participated in, we did not feel as though the activity leaders were adequately trained, specifically to work with children. The activities, expectations, and language used were not always age appropriate
- Quality programs for kids.

- Quality youth sports to eliminate need for travel teams in all sports. currently this is on the only way to experience any level of competition.
- Reduce user fees, eg. Swimming pools.
- Reserved indoor pickleball courts for open play
- Scholarships/sliding scale for kid fees
- Since my kids are out of the elementary age groups, I haven't used the parks and rec programs. It's a great offering for younger kids, I think those are the demographics it should focus on.
- Sports for the average youth athlete and special needs youth K-12. More active activities for people over 50.
- Stop allowing youth sports to be privatized for profit, it is not the same experience for kids and their parents. Shrugging off the responsibility to provide safe and accessible to everyone youth sports should not be done, it is one of the primary responsibilities of this department.
- Structured mid level competitive sports.
- Swim lessons for babies, toddlers year round
- Take a look at what other towns are offering - I've seen what they offer. I grew up in Kansas taking art classes, both drawing and painting. I took a sewing class, attended a week-long science camp and took tennis lessons all through Parks and Rec. When my kids were growing up they travelled to their grandparents' town to take cooking classes and even a SCUBA class through Parks and Rec. In Manhattan, other places have filled the gap - our library, Manhattan Arts Center, and even churches.
- That had more family events for younger and middle aged and special needs kids. As I have two children who fall into two of these categories.
- The classes taught by well vetted employees or volunteers. We had a horrible experience with the leadership of a volunteer camp.
- The online registration is very cumbersome. I wish it were more streamlined and easy to use.
- The supervisors would do a better job.
- There are a lot of children activities, not so much for adults. I just retired and am looking for things to do
- Unknown.
- **Unsure (x2)**
- Unsure of what is offered

- Variety and improved marketing
- Water aerobic classes (at an indoor pool :)
- We should have real sports leagues here so people don't have to travel to KC every weekend to get something quality. The city went cheap on it to be inclusive and not hurt anyone's feelings but then the programs turned to crap and now they don't really exist.
- Winter lap-swimming
- Workout equipment at Rex's
- Would enjoy more adult yoga opportunities.
- Would love to have fencing offered
- Y'all do a pretty good job
- Year round swim lessons
- Year round swimming lessons
- Year-round swim lessons and aqua exercise at an indoor pool
- Youth soccer leagues
- Youth sports

It has been identified that there is a desire for an indoor pool in Manhattan. If built, what impact (whether positive or negative) will that have on your household?

- 100% positive. We would swim year round. Kids would love it and there should be a fitness side for adults
- A big impact, my family are big swimmers, and miss that we can't swim during the winter. Seniors would use it. MHS student swim team could use it. Currently we have to go to WAMEGO to swim in the winter. As does the swim team. We can't host swim meets, which would bring in revenue.
- A huge impact-- we both used the Natatorium, are now retired and the Genesis facility is just not enough, is expensive (we pay taxes for recreation facilities and most towns our size have indoor pools!) and often full. Besides it is inadequate for our high school swim team.
- A ton. I need non-weightbearing activities
- A tremendous positive effect!
- A very large positive impact. This is for the children and adults. Our daughter swims competitively and we travel or use sub-par facilities so she can train.

- A very positive one.
- A very positive one: my children would like to add swimming as one of their middle school/high school sports options, but without an indoor aquatics center, this gets really difficult.
- A waste of money for a few loud people.
- A year-round indoor pool would be fantastic! We would swim! We'd get more exercise.
- Although I do think that manhattan could use an in door pool I wounder if it is financially responsible to do that on the city dime when we cant staff the rec centers and current pools well. The current cost of a pool pass is already too much for our family.
- An indoor pool would be incredible. It would be 100% beneficial.
- An indoor pool would have a very positive impact on my household. As someone who was on the MHS swim/dive team in high school and whose aging parents also swim, the opportunity to return to this activity would be amazing. Also, the fact that an indoor facility would positively impact many other people in the community - whether kids learning to swim, the Manhattan Marlins and MHK swim teams, adult swimmers - makes a positive impact in my household.
- Building it would take away from other needed sports and improvements.
- Continuous exercise and the ability to train for events. Save money by not attending local gyms.
- Definitely needed for health,fitness, youth participation as well as senior swims
- Depending on the funding methods, this facility would have little impact on my household.
- Depends on what programs and services were available along with hours of operation. Some pool facilities are so booked, or have limited hours of operation that there isn't an opportunity to actually swim.
- Depends. The indoor rec centers built at the middle schools were NEVER available for our kids to go play. After about 5 times of trying to go play basketball we gave up and joined Genesis. If it turns into that.....no impact we won't go.
- Due to mobility issues, swimming is the first choice of activity for me. I would love access to an indoor pool.
- Extremely positive. This is a need for our community. There are many needs for our community, but this is one that investment in has been long overdue. We have many recreation centers with pools that do not currently meet the aquatic needs of our community. We do not need another park with a pool that is not functional at the level that anticipates community growth.

- Fantastically positive!!! #1 priority for the city!!!
- Good. Allow for kids to swim and practice year- round and have another winter activity to do.
- Health. Older people need more low impact exercise.
- Higher taxes. Indoor Pool should only be built if one of the outdoor pools is closed (likely CiCo). Can't afford to operate 4 pools
- Higher taxes. It will be like other outside facilities. There will be are competitions on the weekends and the home town people who pay taxes will not be able to use the pool or the other facilities.
- Huge
- Huge impact - my doctor has recommended swimming/water aerobics as exercise for me.
- Huge positive impact. I would swim laps daily if we had an indoor pool in Manhattan and bring out-of-town guests as well.
- Huge. If that means year round swimming lessons I would have my toddler participate in the winter. It would also mean my toddler and I would have an activity to do in the winter by swimming weekly.
- I (and my children) would make extensive use of it for lap swimming. It also opens the possibility for my children participating in swim teams.
- I currently go to Wamego to swim indoor. I would very much like a pool here.
- I do not see the need to have a facility that only contains an indoor pool.
- I feel as if it would benefit my family in a positive way as I think my children would use it
- I have access to an indoor pool at Genesis and I rarely use it. I love our outdoor pools, just wish they were open a bit longer in the season.
- I should have read this all the way through. Sorry! But yes to an indoor pool. As someone with joint issues, swimming is my best form of movement and exercise.
- I support an indoor pool. It should be big enough for the school teams to practice, and co-funded by the school district.
- I suspect there are other higher priorities that would accomodate a bigger group of people.
- I think it could be good if it was well managed and kept clean.
- I think it would be nice yo have a year round option for swimming with kids

- I think positive - unless it became something that was too burdensome and expensive for the city to maintain in the long run. If it is a financially viable option for our city without adding to the tax burden, then it would be really nice to have an indoor pool option. Especially for the winter time! I would love to bring my daughter to get swim lessons and just play in water in winter, but haven't been able to figure out how to do that at the private indoor pool at Genesis. When I was younger and my family lived in central Wisconsin, we enjoyed going to the YMCA to swim for play and swim lessons. There was even a water slide! I'd love something like that here.
- I was a competitive swimmer in high school and would love to have an indoor pool to swim laps all year.
- I will use it. Hopefully for water aerobics
- I won't use it much but my wife will
- I would definitely go swim if there was an indoor pool, I'm from KC and that was huge for so many reasons. Swim lessons are available for people of all ages, year round, swim teams can use it, birthdays, exercise, etc
- I would have another form of exercise that is good for my knees and overall health.
- I would LOVE an indoor pool in Manhattan. I would definitely get a membership so I could swim laps. It would help with my health and wellness.
- I would love it and use it 3-4x weekly guaranteed!
- I would love to have a pool option year-round. I think good swimming skills are important for kids on level of safety and not just fun. It literally saves lives for kids to have basic (and preferably strong) swimming skills. Additionally, swimming and aquatic fitness classes are so good for the elderly and anyone with mobility issues, and I just think it's such an important need for so many people in the community. Also with the question below, we have pretty new indoor facilities that serve other needs and I really think an aquatic center will serve so many people in the community.
- I would swim in it or do water aerobics
- I would use an indoor pool, provided it is located in the center of town and not out on the edges like the new recreation centers.
- I wouldn't use it.
- I'll have to help pay for it and my family will never use it. It should be funded by usd 383.
- I'm adamantly against it. We don't have the resources to pay for the rec centers we have now so why would we spend \$40m on a pool and another \$1m+ to maintain it. Then taxes will shoot more insanely higher than they already are.
- I'd swim in it. :)

- If taxes will increase, a negative impact
- Indoor pool would be amazing, year round pool activities. There is not a lot to do for babies and toddlers to do when the weather isnt nice here, other than discovery center and the mall play area. Swim lessons are so important to keeping our kids safe around water and it is difficult to find in the area for younger or the wait list is astronomical. My parents would love low impact workout that an indoor pool could provide with out having to join and expensive qym. My step father is a Scuba instructor and has to take his students to the Junction City YMCA in order to use a pool since the natatorium closed
- It is not wanted except by a few who want everyone else to pay for their luxury and enjoyment.
- It takes resources away from other opportunities that will be more widely used.
- It will enhance the swimming programs offered through the schools and organizations. It can draw others to compete in MHK and benefit local businesses economically.
- it will likely not effect us
- It won't affect to raise tax, I will use an indoor swimming pool
- It would be amazing!
- It would be an extraordinary improvement to the quality of life to us: aquatic activity is so beneficial, particularly for aging bodies.
- It would be nice to have Manhattan high swim and dive teams meet at a Manhattan facility.
- It would be positive if and only if they have the funds to operate it and all other facilities and properly maintain it.
- It would be positive. This would allow us to take our boys to play and get exercise during the winter.
- It would enable use of a pool year round and water activities could be offered during the day.
- It would give an opportunity for me and my spouse to have non weight bearing exercise.
- It would have a positive impact to allow pool usage in inclement weather.
- It would have a very positive impact.
- It would have a very positive impact. We would be able to exercise several times a week to maintain our strength and stamina as well as keep our arthritic joints healthier. It would also help our mental health and we would be able to keep a healthy weight through full body low impact exercise
- It would have an extremely positive effect on my family

- It would have an incredibly positive impact on our household. This would provide an activity space during the colder months that many people would utilize. For older adults it could provide more opportunities for physical activity. They could employ college and high school students. It would be fun to rent out portions of it for birthday parties. Swimming competitions could be hosted here. In many ways it would provide so much to the community it almost doesn't make sense that we don't have one.
- It would have had a positive impact for the last 10 years. Less going forward.
- It would make a positive impact.
- It would not have an impact on my household, but I think Manhattan needs an indoor pool regardless.
- It would raise my taxes for sure. We are already moving as soon as we retire because of the taxes and housing market here.
- Likely no impact. Building a pool just for club swimming does not make sense. It would only make sense if there are lots of open hours for recreational purposes.
- Little impact on my household directly, but a big impact on my grandchildren.
- Location of the pool. If it's designed for children and families. Some sort of structured hours and times to designate different types of swimmers (ie-family hours, teenagers, seniors, etc.)
- Major positive impact.
- More winter exercise and outings with children.
- My children will benefit from this and have more opportunity to swim/take lessons in the months outside of summer. In fact, the classes that worked for us this past summer were all full, so I think we need more availability.
- My family loves to swim and would love a winter activity.
- My family would enjoy and use an indoor pool. Having access to swim regularly would benefit our overall health
- My husband and I are retired and would use it for exercise. We can't afford a Genesis membership for that.
- My kids would have more opportunities to learn to swim in the presence of a lifeguard. Swimming is a skill that could save their lives.
- My parent-in-laws would go swim at least 3 times a week if there were aerobics classes offered. My children would have an opportunity to go swim and enjoy the water during the winter months.

- My toddlers would learn to swim! We have so much weekend time in the winter/spring but with both parents working full-time, summer weekends are just not enough pool time to get them confidently swimming.
- My wife would swim there everyday
- Negative if it raises taxes. It is not something we would use.
- Negative is that it will increase my taxes to build it
- Negative. A city indoor pool is a niche interest that does not benefit most Manhattan residents.
- Negative. Higher taxes for yet another project we would not use. Our taxes have gone up so much this year it's no wonder people don't want to live in town anymore. Taking my kids to the pool always felt like parental punishment.
- negative-too many taxes in MHK. Genesis has an indoor pool and doesn't pay local property tax because it is competing with government rec facilities. Stop competing with business!! Let Genesis serve the community with their indoor pool - there should be some trade off since they don't pay local property tax.
- Neither positive or negative.
- Neutral
- Neutral impact, unless the sales tax to fund it is in perpetuity, in which case negative impact. Sales tax can be passed for initial construction and operation. Fees and contracts with swim organizations can pickup the rest after the sales tax expires.
- Neutral, having safe swim classes for all ages would be great
- Neutral, I don't want to see a tax increase for an indoor pool although it would be nice for some people.
- No impact and wouldn't use an indoor pool
- No impact at all.
- No impact for us, but it could add revenue to town from swim meets to
- No impact, unless taxes increase and unknown impact because cost to use is unknown.
- No impact, very unlikely to use, but a very good feature for our city
- No impact.
- No impact. waste of money.
- No impact. I don't access the public pools
- **None (x8)**

- None for me but extremely needed for ALL school children year round!!
- NOT IMPORTANT!! We keep building facilities we can't afford to maintain!
- Not sure
- Nothing
- Only positive! We LOVE to swim and the health benefits for all populations is indisputable!
- Option not offered below is to just cover Cico pool.
- Overwhelmingly positive. Only indoor pool now is genesis, limiting options for swim lessons and exercise. Would also boost youth and high school swim team, allow for a dive team
- **Positive (x19)**
- Positive as an activity to do, but please JUST a pool. Many of us hate that all the pools are water parks—we just want a place to swim and let kids use their imaginations. Many families just want a pool without all the excess.
- Positive because it would give healthy activity at all times of the year and for all ages. Also therapy for disabled.
- Positive but most importantly positive for the community as a whole. I would only vote for the increased sales tax if it is for an indoor pool.
- Positive by allowing our young children to learn to be comfortable in the water all year, rather than just the summer then forget safety and technique over the winter.
- POSITIVE for everyone, young and adults!
- Positive impact
- Positive impact for recreational swimming and access for the Marlins and the school teams.
- Positive impact, especially in winter time. Opens opportunities for winter time weekend activities and also allows a place for winter birthday parties
- Positive impacts, especially for winter exercise that is easier on the joints
- Positive- we would be able to take our children. Most likely they would have swimming lessons. We wouldn't have to drive to Wamego.
- Positive! So positive! I could swim 12 months of the year instead of just 3. I really miss the Nanatorium's pool.
- Positive! There are way more months out of the year when outdoor pools are closed and with closure of Ahearn, we're in such need

- Positive!!!
- Positive!!!!!! I was a swimmer all my life and life guarded/taught swim lessons for 20ish years so this is something I would absolutely love- not only to use myself, but to take my kids & teach them. It would also help kids be safer at the water parks in the summers if there is year round swim lessons opportunities so they can keep skills up instead of only having summers to swim- a win for everybody! It would be awesome if said pool was salt water to minimize skin irritations...
- Positive, opportunity for indoor exercise during winter.
- positive, opportunity for swimming lessons beyond summer months in a more controlled environment
- Positive, we would use
- Positive, would use it and would support it for teams/kids/families use
- Positive. We find it unbelievable and actually shameful that a university city of our size does not have such a facility.
- Positive. We need this in our town.
- Positive. Year-round activity/opportunities for my kids.
- positive...we would no longer need to drive to Lawrence to swim in the winter months. our family often spends our entire grocery and recreation budget during the winter months in Lawrence because we do not have an indoor pool. We also know of working professionals who have moved from MHK bc we lack amenities like a quality indoor pool. (Someone from public health should keep a closer eye on the Genesis pool)
- Positive: a pool facility for our kids to participate in club and high school swimming.
- Probably no impact
- Probably very little. Depends on how it will be used. If used for kids to play in, probably not. If it will be used for recreational/fitness might be more in favor, although Genesis already has an indoor pool.
- Probably would be very expensive to maintain.
- Significant!
- Significant. Our family likes to exercise, and as we age, low impact options are critical.
- Significantly positive. Good exercise. Family fun. Something awesome to do in the winter months. Something I think that would help attract to an already great community.
- Super positive
- Swim Team needs a place to practice.

- Swimmer could do year round swimming
- Swimming is a great fitness activity. Having an indoor pool would help my household stay healthy. It is also really important for education, as water safety should be a concern for the whole community.
- Tax dollars, already paying to much
- That would be great especially for older people for the exercises
- That would have a huge positive impact on the community from offering services for elderly and physical therapy to swim lessons to competitive swim meets for the high school and even university.
- The City gives business & developers all the tax breaks - The City is crushing individuals with the tax burden and making Manhattan unaffordable for regular wage earners to live. Let the free market provide the indoor pool.
- The indoor pool should have been a part of either the City or Cico pools. Instead the city built three outdoor pools that are only used about 14 weeks a year (Memorial Day-Labor Day) which is really a stretch to say since staffing issues lessen this time. Comparable towns like Hutchinson and Salina have one pool supplemented with a few splash parks. We already have too many at too high a cost that are underused. They didn't put in an indoor pool in City Park because a few neighbors complained so our high school seniors had to drive to Wamego one year for the swim team. Now we are reliant on Genesis to keep providing their pool. Poor planning, not researching options or asking advice from other cities, spending too much money by overbuilding because a few people decide they want it and thereby raising taxes and costs so much that young families are being priced out of living here. It's beyond frustrating.
- The opportunity for year round, low impact fitness would be great. Also swim lessons
- The Shawnee Mission school district aquatics center and the Lenexa recreation/aquatics center that is across the street, provide an excellent model for what Manhattan needs.
- This is something that is needed but if done there has to be adequate funds to staff the facility and maintain it. I would like to see a structure built around CICO pool Northveiw to turn it into a year-round facility.
- This would be a positive option for the winter months. During the pool season, I take my kids once a week, and they love that time.
- This would be incredible! I would love to put my daughter in swim lessons in the winter so she can have a safe summer at the pool.
- This would have an immediate and positive impact on our household. I am a lifelong fitness swimmer and would LOVE to have a pool to swim laps in again during the winter months.

- **Very positive (x4)**
- Very positive - allow for winter activities that are currently lacking in the city.
- Very positive impact. I have 2 kids who are swimmers and currently have to train at Genesis, which is a very small pool with limited availability. I am a physical therapist who would refer a large portion of my patients to participate in aquatic exercise for overall health benefits.
- VERY POSITIVE!! We are seniors and love to swim. We really don't want to join a private club to enjoy this sport
- Very positive. I'm pretty good about walking, but swimming or a water exercise class would be better for my joints.
- Very positive. Would be utilized by the whole family.
- Very positive. I also would pay an annual fee to use it
- Very positive. There is so little to do with kids in the winter.
- Very positive. We are keen swimmers who feel the need of an indoor pool deeply.
- Very positive. We have been waiting for a pool for years.
- Very positive. We would use it often, depending on the location. If lessons were available we would sign up in a second.
- VERY VERY VERY POSITIVE!!!!
- We are considering a move away from the area because of the lack of indoor swimming here. It would make an ENORMOUS positive impact on my family
- We aren't big pool users so neutral.
- We do not use Manhattan pools.
- We dont need a indoor pool why the city is practically empty in summer and our taxes are already high enough for those of us who actually live here long term. The lights at the parks dont even work after it gets dark outside
- We don't need that.
- We have a high school swim team swimmer, so although we would love to see this, I also know there's an option for a bubble around City Parks pool for the cold months. PLEASE do that instead of spending so much tax money on something that will only always cost more tax money!
- We have four children. It would be amazing to have a year round pool available for our children. Very positive impact, especially during dreary winters.

- We love to swim don't take kids to the pools always full end sun burned badly. Indoor pool be great then swim year round regardless of the weather. Also be more free days most fall during weekdays I can't take kids cause I work free weekends help a lot kids with working parents.
- we probably won't use it; likely a huge longterm city expense for maintenance that will impact taxes or available money for other P&R programs
- We would be thrilled! We swim often at Genesis. Six lanes at a private gym are not adequate for a community our size.
- We would be using the pool 6 days a week
- We would definitely use a pool. Adults would like it for lap swim. Children would like it for lessons and play.
- We would definitely utilize in colder weather for fitness.
- We would love a pool. As long as it was affordable. The pools in the summer are too expensive and we hardly go. I would guess it would be the same with an indoor pool.
- We would LOVE an indoor aquatics center - our family spends a lot of time utilizing Wamego's pool.
- We would love an indoor pool and were shocked when moving here that there wasn't one! I can only do water exercises and Genesis is a very pricey option just for for that. Aqua-tracks are amazing for so many in the community and could be a valuable asset.
- We would not use an indoor pool. We used to swim at the natatorium and the chlorine ate through our suits and was really hard on skin. I know that many would enjoy it though.
- We would not use it often. Winter is an extremely busy time for most athletic families - many would not have time to go.
- We would use an indoor pool. But we do not want home property taxes to further increase. It was a big increase this year!
- We would use it
- We would use it a lot because there isn't one in our city/county
- We would use it for lap swimming, lifelong fitness.
- We would use it frequently. Not only having a lap pool, but a hot tub and a kids play area would make that a great amenity! We often go to Wamego's pool, since Manhattan doesn't have one.
- We would use it. We would need to have visiting family able to accompany us. Not sure if I understand how it could be staffed if the issue with having the pools open longer into the fall is a staffing issue as I've been told.

- would be a great addition to the community. Regarding the question of rec center with pool or aquatic only center, high school needs a place to practice and train for swim meets. Another example of a town this size very much underserving it's community.
- Would be utilized year round
- Would love an indoor pool
- Would use for both recreation and classes.
- Yes, please! Positive!!!!!!
- Zero impact. Though we believe it's important for the quality of life of the community. Adding an aquatic center to Eisenhower school and Susan B Anthony, school in addition to the new recreation facilities that were built would be a wonderful asset. Consider building a large pool to accommodate the competitive swimming and diving needs for Manhattan Schools at one middle school. Build a fun indoor recreation pool at the other middle school with wave pools, slides, handicap accessible and other modern fun aquatic activities.
- Zero that's a waste of resources

Please share any thoughts you have regarding the future of the Manhattan Parks and Recreation System.

- A property tax should be used to fund an indoor pool. Sales taxes are regressive and hurt those in need most.
- A town out size needs an indoor aquatics facility
- Again, we are leaving in a few years when we retire because we pay too much I taxes and get bad amenities. The only great thing we have is the library. Learn to run things like they do.
- All pools should be open in the summer. It's a disgrace you can't manage your resources to make that happen.
- Also think should have same safety stuff use at Central Park kids run around on should be at all the parks and also at the Splash Park so there wouldn't be many injuries or falls due to slick concrete.
- An indoor pool and a more expansive trail system would be my top priorities.
- Any indoor pool needs to be accessible to the public most of the time. Seemed like natatorium was limited to UFM classes and swim team practices.
- Be proactive for future

- Before we continue to talk about an indoor pool - how many are using the indoor facilities we have now? If they are not using those, there's a good chance they won't use the pool either.
- Better advertising for those outside of Manhattan who would use the facilities more if we knew what was available/happening because we don't have this available to us in our town/city/county
- Cost needs to be born by those using the programs not by increasing taxes on everyone.
- Create resources that attract young professionals, Mountain bike, disk golf, indoor pool. - this will help grow Manhattan
- Do more with the funding you have! Why can't we landscape the medians so it looks like we have a nice place at all to live? Keep the dog poo to a minimum? Reestablish the Linear Trail? Connect Fairmont Park to the larger system of parks for the city with sidewalks!
- Extend and maintain bike trail,
- Find funds from a variety of places not just sales tax which is already too high. User fees, donations, etc
- Finding gym space is very difficult despite the addition of the three new gyms across town.
- Genesis has an indoor pool. Tell people to use that facility.
- Hard to think about further increasing taxes. We recently moved from Johnson County KS and can't believe the high property taxes and underdeveloped parks and rec system for our children. Yes it would be money well spent but maybe we need to quit building parking garages in Aggieville and other non essential cosmetic updates. Why not tax football and basketball tickets an extra \$1? People come from out of town to use our town's facilities and use up our police and health care resources for athletic games. Our town should prosper for these events as well as just the university.
- Hope it continues and improves.
- Hopefully community will support adding new large pool for large competitive events as well as neighborhood parks.
- I appreciate having my opinion solicited
- I believe that the city and community should financially support an indoor pool. I am curious as to why the only way presented to fund an indoor aquatics center is an increase in the sales tax. What part will USD 383 play in the funding (yes, I recognize that the school district is funded by taxpayers)? Why aren't we looking at options like a

YMCA, which has a strong record in many other communities both smaller and larger than Manhattan.

- I believe the rec dept has taken significant steps backward. You have lost a lot of faith from your constituents
- I cannot believe that the city and USD 383 cannot get together and built an indoor aquatic facility in the city. The facility could be used for swimming lessons for middle school children and both the boys and girls swim teams. Also, there is basically not place for lap swimming for others.
- I can't rate some of the questions above since I don't visit / utilize many parks and my family aren't involved in team sports. Some of the state park facilities at Tuttle have badly disintegrated in recent years, so the city park system is even more important. I particularly enjoyed the city kayaking/float trips on the river.
- I don't have children so I would urge that it's not all about families with kids. It should be more about health, fitness and longevity.
- I hate sales tax. I'd vote for an increase in property tax over sales tax.
- I hope they get the funding necessary to make impactful changes.
- I just want to share my disappointment with the new director and the way he has bullied the soccer clubs out of using the turf fields in the fall in place of flag football simply because of his personal passion for football. Football can be played on grass just the same as turf. In soccer, the ball rolls on the ground and when the kids have to practice on high, unmowed grass, but play on turf, it throws off their passing and dribbling when they play weekend games at the turf fields in Kansas City.
- I love the education programs available and wish there were greater opportunities for access. They fill up so fast!
- I love what the city has been doing with its development, in general, so I am very hopeful and excited to see what comes
- I see Wamego, St George, Clay Center, etc, offering a robust kids sports programming through donations and sponsorships from their local small businesses. I think there is room in Manhattan to do more of this kind of thing.
- I strongly disagree with funding city amenities and parks with Sales Tax increases. I think a combination of special use taxes and property taxes should be used to fund long term infrastructure commitments. I feel strongly that a partial property tax exemption can be implemented to protect low-income households from property tax increases used to fund infrastructure projects. The funding load is then transferred to higher income households who both can afford the increase, and typically reap the most long-term benefits from property values rising due to the desirability of living near public amenities. If the funding formula for a new indoor pool meets these criteria, I would enthusiastically support it.

- I strongly support quality of life initiatives in Manhattan. The projects need to reflect the desires and needs of the actually likely voters in order to be successful. I've voted against initiatives in the past as they didn't reflect my desires as an investor (taxpayer).
- I think pickleball is an up and coming thing. We could use some outdoor pickleball courts.
- I think we should have the kind of recreational facilities, trails, and programs that other university and college towns have in the Midwest. Our competition isn't just other towns in Kansas, but for many of the people that live in Manhattan, Manhattan is competing with other college and university towns where they could be employed and living instead. I moved from Columbia, Missouri, and previously lived in Madison, Wisconsin, and both of these places have great trails and parks that attract the community, including those outside of the community (e.g., for the state games, when people come to spend money in town).
- I want the Parks and Rec department to bring the community together and build the programs so more and more people get more involved with all the programs.
- I would love to see better long-term, strategic planning when it comes to the parks and rec system. I believe there is some consensus to a degree, but why not make more overtures to include individuals on campus who have experience and expertise concerning public health, architecture, and planning? Consult with communities that have successfully implemented park and recs programs.
- I would rate all of the sections above more highly if there were indoor pools available. The outdoor pools are so nice but August comes too soon!
- I would vote against a pool since we can do it cheaper with a bubble around City Park (why isn't that being presented as an option??), but also because the City hasn't kept its word in the past. We voted for a FREE parking garage (it's now paid), more trails (one small one by IHOP??), Rec centers (which were closed all last year for the afternoons for B&G club). I just don't trust that our money will be used wisely.
- If an indoor pool is ever built, please do not allow individuals to teach private swim classes. I had a membership at Genesis just to swim, but that allowed many private lesson sessions that were never on the published calendar. Many times, several of us (adults, mainly seniors) would arrive for open swim only to find the lanes being used for private lessons. I eventually canceled my membership due to this!!
- If the sales tax *very clearly and specifically* supports indoor swimming, I would support it. If not, we will probably move out of the area because the sales tax would be defeated, that would push back the timeframe for a pool to be built, and by the time it's built my kids would be out of high school.
- If there is some reason that the director is punishing the soccer clubs that I don't know about because of bad relationships or lack of payment or something, please have him

reach out to me directly. I'm not doing this anonymously. My daughter plays for Surf. My name is Adam Dirks and my number is 913-207-8962. Thanks.

- If you can't afford it don't build it
- I'm afraid it will continue to have no money for programming because the money is going to two huge new recreation centers, a Discovery Center that needs subsidizing for almost half it's expenses and three pools. I've given up on our city government.
- Increased focus on improving parks are rec facilities and programs is essential to the vitality of Manhattan, resulting in overall health benefits, sense of community, and quality of life. Having options for all ages and abilities is very important. There is a desire for playing pickleball, but currently limited options outdoors. Those options are currently poor quality in most cases.
- Indo think Parks and Rec do a great job for our community. Appreciate all the parks and services available. Hope to have to opportunity to use more services in the future!
- Indoor aquatics center needed!!!
- Indoor pool! How many other communities our size/in our region do not have a public indoor pool? this is a quality-of-life eco-devo issue. Does the city have a commitment to attract and retain top talent to our community? attracting talent to communities like ours is a competition and we are losing as a community.
- Indoor pool, indoor pool, indoor pool. Thank you!
- Indoor pool.
- Invest in outdoor parks more, and classes and pools less
- It would be nice if other days of the week were used for sporting activities in the Fall other than Tuesdays. Annenburg (sp?) gets so crazy with soccer, softball and flag football.
- It would be nice to see the outdoor pools more affordable and with a longer number of days open.
- Just moved back to Manhattan from a community that had over 280 public pickleball courts. Very sad to find 0 dedicated courts in Manhattan. Also think the Manhattan community would benefit from an indoor pool.
- Keep the pools open, and keep activities running.
- Lets fix what we already have not just build more stuff that is broken within a few months
- Love Manhattan Parks and Rec!
- Love the AMS EMS rec centers

- Manhattan is behind times, not having an indoor pool. We have relied on KSU to provide the indoor pools and they are now missing out on students that want to compete in swimming. We really need to have an indoors pool. Rather it be convereting an existing pool to be covered or building a new facility. There are plenty of recreation venues.
- Maybe encourage the city commission to spend more money on resurfacing the streets in MHK. Streets are in pretty bad shape all over town.
- Maybe the city could ask for donations - if the wealthy want a city pool, how about they pony up the money to pay for it.
- More biking paths would be great. I just got an electric trike and enjoy riding in the city but feel safer on bike only/pedestrian shared paths.
- More pickleball
- MUST have indoor pool(s)
- NA
- Need cico park rebuilt. Need a better entrance/exit for anneberg park, it was really overcrowded this past year with multiple sporting events all at once. Loop drive with another entrance/exit would be nice.
- Need indoor aquatics, the severe lack of quality of life options for our families is keeping people from wanting to move here
- Need more indoor PB courts and outdoor courts like Wamego has.
- Need to do more small kid playground equipment on CiCo, if Manhattan High or KSU/KSU Students want to use Aquatics Center- charge fees to offset costs on tax payers.
- Need to honor historic aspects of the Zoo. Towers & children's zoo area is totally neglected Don Wixom was a mess!
- Needs a comprehensive overhaul and revitalization. Leadership has been lacking. We are embarrassingly behind other communities.
- No more corruption. Plenty of money in the area. Do not raise taxes.
- No property tax increase.
- Not what it could be!
- Offer reffing courses/classes and or clinics for potential referees.
- On a positive note, my grandkids love the playground equipment at City Park.
- Overall I have had great experiences with Manhattan parks and rec and feel any decisions for additions would only improve our experiences more

- Pickleball in the evenings in more places. Zumba or more dance classes needed at Douglass in evenings. An indoor pool is important - please make it happen.
- Please add a sunshade over the splash River at blue earth plaza. My kids loved the River over any other activity but we always burned. The city park splash park water is ALWAYS freezing cold. City park pool is too big to supervise any kids in but the only one open in the evening when we didn't need to layer on sunscreen.
- Please consider building a dedicated indoor pool, such as Lawrence, KS has, for year-round lap-swimming. In addition, increase the hours and number of calendar days for the outdoor aquatic center. Some of the hottest days in Kansas were after the outdoor aquatic center closed in early August. When the pool first opened, limited swimming hours (e.g., 4-7 p.m.) were available into September.
- Please continue to maintain the high standards of the Parks & Rec. operations. Wish to specially commend lifeguard standard.
- Please do some curb cut outs on 10th street for the Douglas Center. Its a pain to get there now with the parking lot all ripped it. No way to get to the sidewalk to the Douglas Centet.
- Please don't take my comments too negatively -- you all are doing a great job, and we appreciate you a lot.
- Pursue cooperative venture including city, county and K-State
- Regarding youth sports, by the time our kids were 8-9 years old there was such wide disparity in knowledge, ability and competitive drive, it just wasn't as much fun so we saw kids quit playing or join clubs. I also think there is space for rec league for kids cut from middle school or high school teams - particularly basketball.
- Seek input from people who are going to use these activities and facilities.
- Seems to me there needs to be more community engagement. Many years ago before the advent of traveling teams the summer rec program seemed to involve the whole community. CICO ballfields were in full use all summer, for instance. Now too much of the space is sits idle for a lot of the year.
- Some parts are fantastic. Others could be improved. Thanks for asking for community feedback.
- Somethings are done really well - Arts in the Park is a perfect example. The ice skating rink is great. MPRD's social media presence is great. As residents for 20+ years, we long for updated playgrounds (especially at CiCo), an indoor aquatics center and better organized youth sports opportunities. We are a vibrant & growing community - it's sad to see community members traveling to and spending money in other communities so they can experience their pools/water parks and youth sports opportunities. Ourselves, and numerous other families, have opted to participate in youth sports programming offered in other communities or on a private basis due to the lack of

organization, equipment, etc experienced as MPRD participants. We really don't appreciate the extra time & expense it requires to go elsewhere, but we're willing to make the sacrifice so our children can learn life lessons. How can you teach consistency & accountability when coaches cancel practice 'just because,' or when games get cancelled by the department because shirts haven't arrived, or because basic equipment isn't available??? My husband and I both own and operate two local businesses - we could never operate our businesses this way and expect customers to 1) accept it, 2) not request a refund and 3) return for future services. Our daughter's competitive softball tournament was to be held at CiCo Park in October 2023; tournament was relocated to Salina with less than a week's notice because the fields, bathrooms, etc wouldn't be ready. MPRD KNEW about this tournament...lots of money was spent on registrations, hotels, admission and food in Salina instead. A sad and embarrassing loss for MHK, and something that wouldn't be tolerated in the private sector. Would love to see additional opportunities for community members with special needs - both programmatically, and accessibility wise. One of my work duties includes recruiting new residents to Manhattan - they're always shocked by our taxes; need to consider how MPRD as a whole can continue to grow & improve without increasing taxes so drastically that we start deterring folks. It seems folks will pay for what they get, so let's go big or go home.

- Thank you for all you do to insure safe and fun family activities are available for the Manhattan community!
- Thank you for asking for opinions from the community!
- Thank you for asking.
- Thank you for improving the health of our community! I'd also love to see more walking/biking trails like the linear to encourage activity!
- Thank you for sending this out and taking into account the community's input.
- Thanks for all you do.
- Thanks for providing this survey to the public!
- The city needs to continue to be the facilitator of youth sports.
- The City needs to stop avoiding their responsibility to provide an indoor aquatic center. K-State is not going to bail us out, this initiative has been kicked down the road for 20 years now instead of addresssing the needs directly. Stop spending twice the amount to keep Anthony and Eisenhower equal, they are less than 2 miles apart, it doesn't make sense.
- The indoor pool should be located in the downtown/city park area, maybe next to the old 9th grade center.
- The Manhattan pools are outstanding. I was impressed that Northview pool was open on Labor Day. There has to be a way to have families living outside of Manhattan to help pay for using Manhattan Rec facilities.

- The Parks and Recreation System must be affordable for all. Maybe this means a sliding scale or scholarships and must serve the youth who do not have transportation. I'm not interested in building an indoor pool on the west side of town
- The pools are too expensive. Please bring back a family pass instead of individual passes.
- The rating survey questions were not properly created - makes no sense.
- The rec centers after school are ran extremely poorly. Very little oversight from the top down. Kids are doing drugs, being bullied, and breaking things on a regular basis. All while the EMS supervisor is sitting there unwilling to put a stop to it. Until people are hired with legitimate backgrounds and willing to hold the kids to a higher standard, the rec system will forever be known as sub par.
- This is a little thing, but having more shaded areas over playground structures would help make them more usable during the summer months when we most want to be outside playing. Sometimes the playground equipment gets too hot to play on, plus I want to avoid my children getting sunburned.
- We appreciate all that Manhattan parks and rec does. With an indoor pool facility, Manhattan would be perfect!
- We are both retired, yet understand the needs for adequate recreation and the Arts services for the quality of life, and to support the needs of our youth and their families.
- We are loving the ice skating lessons this year!
- We desperately need a pool. For all ages.
- We don't need these extravagant facilities. Small, quality and multiple parks are what we need for kids and people to get outside. Why do we keep putting up these lavish facilities no one wants. Tear down the Discovery Center and the new museum first before you put in a pool.
- We love the middle school facilities for daytime use! Thank you for making them available in the neighborhood.
- We moved here from Ames, Iowa and the difference in Parks and Rec is very notable in terms of offerings, amenities, cleanliness with Ames being leaps and bounds ahead of Manhattan. With the amount of tax paid here, we would hope/expect that the community could offer better options.
- We must have a pool and am 100% willing to vote for sales tax
- We need an indoor pool facility
- We need outdoor pickleball courts. The indoor courts may be plentiful, but there is little opportunity to play when the rec centers are closed or occupied, which is often.

- We need to begin anticipating the future of Manhattan not adjusting and making up for deficits when we finally get the opportunity. Being proactive rather than reactive. We have wonderful staff and people working very hard, but we need to be a little more strategic about how we meet needs.
- We need to build a modernized, next generation park system, invest heavily in City Park, Anneberg, and our trail system to compete and bring families to Manhattan. It's going to cost money but it's worth the investment. I would support a dedicated parks and rec sales tax.
- WE need to serve youth, but recreation is a life long endeavor. It's like we are stuck in our minds to serve ball parks, soccer and minimally water (summer only) activities. We need more for biking, indoor water exercise, pickle ball or other ball sports, indoor tracks.
- We simply can't afford every amenity. Sure it would be nice to have an indoor pool paid for by the taxpayers, but taxes are already too high.
- We use the parks and are thankful for those who keep them up.
- We're new to town and I was sad to see there are some things you don't have (i.e. indoor pool), but you have a lot to offer and I think you have the ability to grow successfully. Keep up the good work!
- When I see facilities in Lawrence, Olathe, Shawnee, and Salina, by comparison the MHK facilities are awful. AND we pay higher taxes. Figure it out. Get corporate sponsorship if that's what it takes. But leave my taxes alone. Get rid of the \$300k, \$400k city salaries.
- With the size of the city, I find the parks and rec classes offered a sad state. I came from a city of the same size and also with a collage. They easily had twice if not 3 times the classes offered.
- Would love to see indoor pool with kid area, but if the budget is too different and would prevent that upgrade, just any indoor pool would be preferred!
- Would love to see outdoor Pickleball courts and more available indoor spaces
- You raised the taxes for Cico park so it could only be open 2 months out of the year