

Warner Park Facility Study and Visioning Meeting
Synopsis of Important Issues, Park Uses, and Future Needs

These are the major points that were highlighted as “having more than 2 votes” and issues that were recurring through small group discussions and the compiled email responses. The visioning meeting was held on April 29, 2015 and the emails were compiled between April 1st and May 10th. They have been divided into three (3) sub-categories to provide focus; Natural Areas and Conservation, WPCRC Expansion and Programming, and Warner Park Amenities.

NATURAL AREAS AND CONSERVATION

FISHING & LAGOON RESTORATION

- Warner Park becomes leader in ecological restoration with teaching youth
- Fish research at Warner Park
- More nature recreation space using park as classroom promoting stem field tutoring
- Increase recreational fishing opportunities

MAINTAIN NATURAL AREAS

- Preserve nature/green space and walking trails
- Keep and restore natural areas
- Keep maintaining natural areas
- Keep Warner wild – nature areas
- Maintaining/enhancing natural areas
- Don't take away existing natural areas for new buildings/park features

TREE PLANTINGS

- Add trees along the foot path, not the water's edge
- Add trees near the foot path
- Plant more shade trees along bike path

LANDBRIDGE

- Acquire adjacent land for future-Troy Dr/Northport corner
- Landbridge
- Eco community landbridge

WPCRC EXPANSION AND PROGRAMMING

FITNESS SPACES

- WPCRC - bigger workout space
- WPCRC fitness/dance studio
- WPCRC fitness/dance class studio

MULTI-USE YOUTH SPACES

- WPCRC multi-purpose youth activity center (summer camps, youth/teen programs, nature/science education center)
- WPCRC multi-purpose room (after school, science and nature programs for kids)
- Education (and outreach) opportunities, plus nature education paid and volunteer
- Expand nature education
- Summer jobs for teens – JR Ranger program
- Space for DSS Community Center kids - Brentwood

- WPCRC - inviting for youth and make more space
- WPCRC - expand rec room
- WPCRC café area – like Goodman Center – student run

OTHER IDEAS

- WPCRC - expand building to second floor
- WPCRC - expanding with indoor space strictly for organizations and recreational use
- WPCRC - more gym space and senior activity area
- More area(rooms) in WPCRC for senior to congregate

WARNER PARK AMENITIES

SPLASHPAD

- Splashpad
- Splashpad behind center field
- Splash park (near center or ball diamond)
- Splashpad - “near WPCRC or existing structure”

BIKE/WALKING PATHS

- Complete bike path on Woodward - south corner of park is unsafe
- Add path between foot bridge and over creek and dog park parking lot
- Improve safe access to park and beach (walk & bike)
- Complete sidewalk connection to Woodward from Forster calming traffic along all roads - bike path connection to other paths

SWIMMING POOL

- Pool (connected to main building)
- Pool next to recreation center
- Pool (scaled down)

WARNER BEACH

- Fix up existing beach facilities – shower, water, etc
- Beach recreation - boat rentals (Lake Mendota)
- Beach improvements
- Clean swimming beach
- Beach improvements - upgrade bike path to beach

OBJECTIONS TO NEW AMENITIES

- No pool
- No new buildings
- No Brentwood neighborhood center or library in park
- No library or neighborhood center
- New buildings only adjacent to the center or stadium

OTHER IDEAS

- B-CYCLE stations (part of a Northside expansion)
- More/better lighting in the parking lot – dark sky