

## **Activity 2 – The Parks & Planning Committee**

*Facilitator: Questions from the Parks & Planning Committee can be very effective if they evolve on their own out of previous responses. Questions on this list can be used as prompts if help is needed to get the discussion going. It is not unusual for the same questions to be repeated in every committee and also brought up by members of the public/audience at any meeting.*

### **Questions from the P & P Committee**

#### **To the Hikers/Park group:**

- Tell us why a new city park is needed in our community.
- What makes this park better than others?
- Who will the park serve? How?
- What will be the park's primary amenities?
- Will it require municipal utilities? (i.e. water/plumbing for bathroom facilities, irrigation, water fountains, etc. and/or electricity for lighting in bathrooms, parking lot, etc.)
- How will park users get to the park? Where will they park their cars, motorcycles, bikes, RVs, etc.?
- Will you be developing a path system through the park? How will the path be constructed and how will it be maintained?
- What environmental damage might occur in the development and use of the park? (trees/brush cut down, leaking oil from parked cars, litter, pet waste, etc.)
- What hazards to wildlife will development and use of the park pose? (loss of animal habitats and nesting areas, disruption of natural predator/prey cycle, etc.)
- What dangers to humans must be considered in the development of the park? (predators that have lost habitats, dangerous terrain, evacuation in an emergency, etc.)
- Will there be a fee to use the park? If so, how will the fees be collected?
- What full and part-time positions will be required to staff and maintain the park? What systems might be automated?

#### **To the Youth Coalition/Recreation Center group:**

- Tell us why a youth recreation center is needed in our community. Are there other facilities in our community that are already meeting these needs?
- What will be the recreation center's primary amenities?
- What modifications need to be done to the existing building to make it usable as a recreation center? What exterior modifications need to be done (re-paving parking lot, landscaping, lighting, etc.)?
- Will there be fees for using the facility?
- Is it possible that this building be rented out to bring in revenue, or at minimum, to sustain its operations?
- Are the coalition organizations willing or able to contribute funding to the rehab of the building?
- Are there other adjacent municipalities that might be interested in co-developing this project with us to serve a broader audience and increase the facility's use?
- Has the school district been approached regarding a purchase price for the building?