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busyness of existing facilities, time constraints, etc. limit participation by fewer than one in eight residents.

Park, Recreation and Library Infrastructure Improvement Priorities

Survey respondents were presented with a list of potential improvements to Salinas’ parks, recreation, and library system, including upgrades to existing facilities and development of new facilities. More than sixty percent of respondents felt nearly all improvements listed should be a high or top priority for the city. More than 80% of respondents considered upgrading existing parks and renovating existing recreation centers a high or top priority. Developing new or expanding library facilities, acquiring land for future parks, developing new active use parks, off-leash dog areas, and walking/biking trails were also very popular improvements - more than two-thirds of respondents felt these were priority investments. Respondents were less supportive of developing the Carr Lake property for recreation – 66% of respondents felt this was a low priority or not a priority.

Younger residents – particularly those between 35 and 44 years of age - were generally more than twice as likely to support park and recreation improvements than residents over 55. Residents who live east of Highway 101 were generally more supportive of upgrading and expanding a variety of park amenities than residents to the west.

A second question asked about resident priorities for expanding or improving recreational opportunities. More than half of respondents supported expanding or improving walking and hiking trails (70%), restrooms in parks (64%), arts and other cultural programs (63%), community events (54%), and biking trails (53%). Between one-third

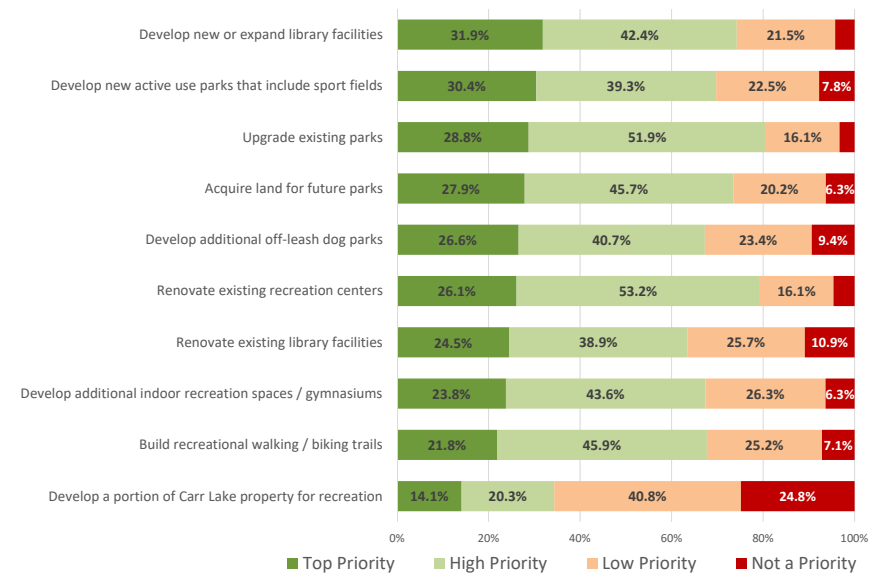


FIGURE 14. PRIORITIZATION FOR RECREATION & LIBRARY FACILITIES

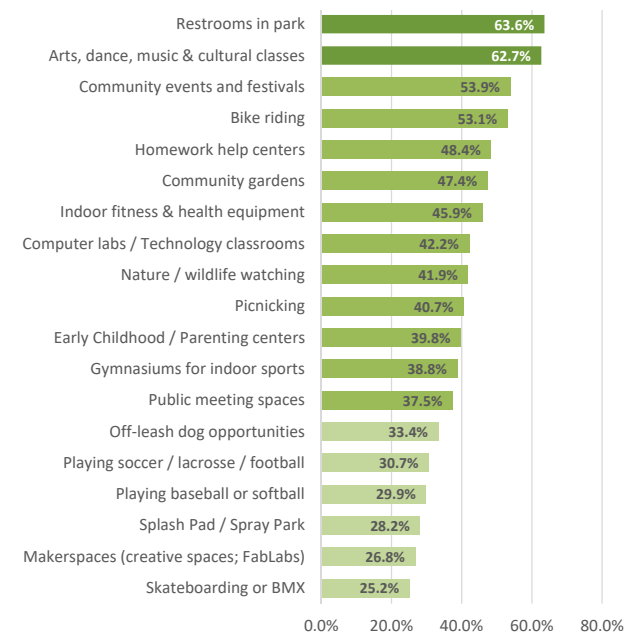


FIGURE 15. OVERALL PRIORITIES FOR IMPROVED RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

and one-half of respondents would like the City to expand or improve homework help centers; community gardens; access to indoor fitness & health equipment, nature/wildlife watching; computer labs/technology classrooms; picnicking; early childhood/parenting centers; gymnasiums for indoor sports; public meeting spaces; and off-leash dog opportunities. Less popular responses included sports fields, splash pads, makerspaces, and skateboarding/BMX parks - each with 30% or less support.

Expanding walking/hiking trails, nature/wildlife watching, community events, and off-leash dog parks was supported by similar levels of respondents, regardless of age. Improving facilities for more active activities – such as bike riding, sports fields, splash pads, and gymnasiums; as well as youth-oriented facilities like homework help centers, was generally more supported by younger residents.

Support for specific park, recreation, and library system improvements varied between the Spanish and English language surveys. Respondents to the Spanish language survey were notably more likely to support improvements for nature/wildlife watching; playing soccer/lacrosse/football; skateboarding/BMX; homework help centers; makerspaces; and computer or technology labs.



Homework help centers at the library serve many local youth



Celebrating local culture is an important aspect of the Salinas community