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Public Input

5.1

Introduction

The recommendations of the 2007 Keller Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan are designed to reflect the recreational needs and desires of the citizens of Keller. Citizen input is key to determining what facilities are most needed, where key needs exist, and what level of emphasis the citizens of Keller actually place on key recommendations of the Parks Master Plan.

Several methods were used to gain citizen input. These included a public presentation to the Parks and Recreation Board; an extensive and scientifically accurate citywide attitude (telephone) survey; presentation and questionnaires at a public meeting; a display booth with a game and questionnaire at the Keller “Wild, Wild West Fest”; informational letters received from various Sports Leagues and from the Keller Senior Citizen’s Council.

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Public Involvement

Public involvement is a key part of the process of developing the Parks Master Plan. The goal of the Public Involvement effort was to obtain input from City of Keller stakeholders about their community priorities and understand the unique characteristics of the City of Keller. The various forums also familiarized citizens with the master planning process and created awareness of opportunities for improvement. An estimated 600+ individuals participated in the public involvement portion of the Master Plan. This enabled citizens to develop a sense of ownership and support for the overall Parks Master Plan.

Both quantitative and qualitative methods were used to gather citizen input in the telephone survey and through questionnaires. Letters to sports leagues targeted the athletic and sports community; the public meeting had no specific target audience in mind.

Keller’s “Wild, Wild West Fest” ~ 30 September 2006

The Planning Team and members of the Keller Parks Board conducted a public outreach at the Keller Wild, Wild West Fest on September 30, 2006 during which time a questionnaire was circulated among visitors. Visitors to the Planning Team booth had the opportunity to view maps, complete questionnaires, play a game and ask questions of the Planning Team as well as of Parks and Recreation Board members.

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The display at the Wild Wild West Fest provided the ideal opportunity for outreach and to solicit the public’s views on parks and recreation in Keller.

The questionnaires at the “Wild, Wild West Fest” resulted in a total of 111 Keller resident responses, plus an additional 30 either unknown or from non-residents. The responses of Keller residents only are provided below.

Questionnaire respondents, asked to describe Keller in one word or image, had these remarks:

‘Family-oriented... Friendly... Country feel/ City life...
Peaceful... A community within Greenspace... Spectacular...
Laid-back, relaxing... Spacious... Growing too fast!... Progressive...
TREES!’

Respondents were asked how important it is to them that Keller maintain a rural feel with ample open space. The entire pool or **100% replied that it was important to very important, of which 77% replied that it was very important to maintain a rural feel with ample open space.** No respondents stated that it was unimportant.

Asked if residents would use safe trails if provided, almost 81% responded affirmatively.

The question which 5 recreational facilities would you like to see in future parks, with a selection of 25 options plus ‘other’, the facilities which garnered 20% or

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more of the respondents included the following: Trails (52%), Children’s Water Spray Park (50%), Picnic Pavilions (43%), Playgrounds (39%), Natural Habitat (34%), Dog Park (31%), Amphitheater(31%), Wildflower Plantings (29%), Tennis Courts (26%), Mountain Bike Course (26%), and Outdoor Pool (25%).

Most responding residents use Bear Creek Park (88%), which was followed by The Keller Pointe (65%) in popularity, then Johnson Road Park (43%), the Keller Sport Park (24%), Keller-Smithfield Activity Node (17%), The Parks at Town Center (13%), Big Bear Creek Greenbelt (12%), and finally, Burse Ranch Park (2%) and Willis Coves Open Space (1%).

The next question asked what respondents like about the parks they visit and why. Responses varied, including the following:

‘Shade, trails, pools... Trails, open space and nature emphasis...
Like the walking facilities... Mature trees, clean, overall environment...
Playgrounds, nature... The space and number of different activities for
the kids... Well kept, lots of open spaces... Shaded areas/covered...
Spacious, nicely kept... Natural...’

Comments that respondents shared on the questionnaire echoed earlier positive statements about the quality of Keller’s environment, while some respondents used this opportunity to address specific needs, including:

‘More shade trees... A tennis facility with 20 courts, lighted and with
restrooms... A restroom near the skating rink... Natural hiking trails...
Distance signage for trails... (Trails to) bike to work, more bike trails
connecting Keller... A skate park... Update the Sports Park for children...’

Finally, “Wild, Wild West Fest” questionnaire respondents were encouraged to add their own comments, ranging from pleas for tennis and league play opportunities to amenities at various parks for young children, especially toddlers and under age 10, to skate parks and multi-age play areas.

Public Meeting

The Planning Team participated in a public event held on January 11, 2007. Attendees viewed a 30-minute PowerPoint presentation that provided an

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overview of the master plan process and outlined some of the preliminary findings. Attendees were also given the opportunity to view parks and recreation exhibit boards, talk one-on-one with the Planning Team, and complete a written questionnaire.

Attendees completed a total of 66 questionnaires, including 46 completed by Keller residents. The survey results, while studied, were not used in weighting the overall community needs, because the sample size is not large enough to be comparable, nor was the composition of the attendees/ respondents random. The results tend to “spike” some needs, with several groups’ representatives and league participants supporting their particular interests / facilities.



The public meeting on January 11, 2007, was well attended.

When asked what they like about the parks they visit in Keller, respondents mentioned the following:

Space for everyone... No traffic or view of it... very little infrastructure... Exercise and recreating outdoors... Trails... Clean... Accessible... Safe... Beautiful, family-friendly... Art displays... Wildlife... Playgrounds... Being with nature while exercising... Playing soccer... Restroom facilities, trails and trees... Walking and biking...

Trails, tennis, soccer fields, recreation center/gym, picnic pavilions, natural habitat and baseball garnered the most support of important recreational facilities to respondents and their families. Next were dog park, sand volleyball, outdoor pool and rugby. Those facilities garnering lesser support include fishing in a city park, wildflower plantings, practice fields, botanical garden, amphitheater and

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equestrian trails. Those with the least support include city golf course, frisbee golf course, inline hockey rink, birdwatching facility and lawn bowling.

A breakdown of support, (showing actual numbers of respondents) for different recreational facilities is as follows. Of the facilities listed, the single most important one to construct for this group was tennis (17), soccer (10), rugby (9), dog park (4), trails (3), equestrian center (2), open space and preserves (2), practice fields (2), and botanical garden, softball and pool (1). It was noticeable that a fairly large percentage of attendees comprised the tennis players or supporters.

Asked whether respondents would use safe trails connecting to neighborhoods and schools, the ration of those supporting (30) to those against (15) was two to one (2:1). Preference for trail locations ranged from overwhelmingly creek and stream (38), to road easements (18) to pipeline easements (7), and finally power and railway easements (both 4).

As to the importance that Keller maintains a rural feel with ample open space, 40 respondents believe it to be important to very important. Only three believe it to be not important. Also, the importance of preserving nature along creeks, prairies and wooded areas gained similarly overwhelming support, with 45 respondents believing it important to very important and only one believing to be unimportant. A majority of respondents supported parks providing ‘opportunities to explore nature for children and adults. Similarly, respondents think that teaming up with the schools and parks to develop an ecological program to be worthy of support. Participation in such a program was also supported.



The public meeting attendees had the opportunity to voice their concerns about any aspect of Keller parks and Recreation system.

Describing Keller in a word or image brought forth a bounty of both positive and less positive remarks:



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Booming... Growth without planning... Evolving... Horses... Peaceful...
Beautiful... Expanding... Unique... Conflicted but still pleasant...
Crowded... Improving... Progressive... Nature... Spacey... Home
town feeling... Horses... No public tennis courts.. Home...
A great place to live.

Respondents’ comments also were various, including needs for soccer fields and parking space, tennis facility, interest in controlled development, maintaining rural feel, love of green space and the value of it to Keller, plus specific, thoughtful suggestions.

**5.3
Citizen Attitude Survey**

Introduction

As part of the 2007 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Planning process, in November of 2006, Keller residents participated in a telephone attitude survey. Raymond Turco & Associates conducted the City of Keller’s 2006 Parks and Recreation Attitude Survey, a public opinion poll that captured attitudes on parks and recreational issues in Keller from respondents that were randomly selected from phone-matched households.

The advantage of a telephone survey is that it is randomly conducted and therefore less susceptible to bias by the respondents. The information that is gathered in this report allows City leaders to better understand the recreational needs and desires of its citizenry.

A total of 400 respondents were interviewed using a comprehensive telephone questionnaire that collected attitudinal data on a variety of issues including ratings of existing facilities, need for additional facilities/amenities, and overall satisfaction with recreational options. A summary of findings from the telephone survey is presented at the end of this chapter as well as in **Appendix A: Public Participation**.

Strategic Summary of the Attitude Survey

Below is a Strategic Summary of the City of Keller 2006 Parks and Recreation Attitude Survey. According to the Telephone Attitude Survey results, the City of Keller ranks at the top when compared to several comparable cities with regard to its parks and trails usage. The Tables 5.1 and 5.2 below show this comparison.



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Park Visitation

Table 5.1 below shows that more than nine of every ten Keller residents are avid park users, enjoying their public parks. This response and ranking is truly exemplary and remarkable, in which the city of Keller may take great pride. It is moreover, a signal and a directive to leaders and to the purpose of this Parks Master Plan to achieve the vision, **“Inspiring Exemplary Cultural Landscapes”**.

Table 5.1 Comparison of Park Visitation Rates to Other Cities	
Cities	Percentage Visitation
Coppell	93%
Waxahachie	93%
Hurst	86%
Arlington	83%
North Richland Hills	83%
Lancaster	78%
Duncanville	77%
Midlothian	71%

Trail Utilization

It is interesting to compare usage of Keller’s trails by Keller residents to other cities trails usage by their residents. Keller residents show that they are avid trail users, as shown in the results in Table 5.2 below. 79% of Keller residents use trails in Keller, which indicates the popularity of trails with residents of Keller, in which Keller also ranks at the top. Such high percentage is not an indication that there are enough trails in Keller, but rather that many trails should be provided to serve the future build-out population.

Table 5.2 Comparison of Trail Utilization Rates to Other Cities	
Cities	Percentage Trail Utilization
Keller	79%
Coppell	64%
Lancaster	61%
Waxahachie	60%
McKinney	48%
North Richland Hills	44%
Duncanville	37%
Hurst	32%
DeSoto	30%

Additional Facilities

When asked how important it is to see particular additional facilities that residents

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would like to see in Keller, respondents were given the opportunity to indicate their level of interest for **each of the 32 facility choices**. Respondents to the Telephone Attitude Survey indicated their interest in additional facilities listed as 32 activities in Table 5.3, as follows:

Table 5.3 Importance of Providing Additional Facilities			
Facility	Important	Unimportant	Rank by Ratio
Park Restrooms	87%	12%	7.3:1
Picnic Tables	77%	21%	3.7:1
Jogging/Biking Trails	73%	25%	2.9:1
Natural Habitat/Nature Areas	73%	25%	2.9:1
Playgrounds	73%	25%	2.9:1
Outdoor Basketball Courts	60%	35%	1.7:1
Outdoor Tennis Courts	59%	36%	1.6:1

Single Most Important Facility to Construct

Keller, like many communities, reflects a variety of interests in its residents. Of all the 32 choices in the Attitude Survey, gaining *majority consensus*, (over 50% support) is common for responses to questions which permit multiple responses. For a question that permits only one of the 32 facility choices to be selected in the survey response, 4% - 10% and higher percentages are indicative of strong to very strong support. The reason for this pattern is that people are first of all, only able to “vote” for one, rather than a few, several or many facility choices. Thus, for the single most important facility to construct, it is important to regard these percentages as representative of significant support, as shown below in Table 5.4.

In the Keller Attitude Survey, the overall results for “single most important facility to construct” show that three facilities garnered 0% support; ten facilities garnered 1% support; 6 facilities garnered 2% support; and 13 facilities garnered 3% support. The ranking of facilities which garnered the highest support, from 4% up, is shown in Table 5.4 following:

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Table 5.4 Single Most Important Facility to Construct		
Facility, (#)*	Support	Type Facility/ Activity
Jogging/Biking Trails, (3)	16%	Non-athletic
Playgrounds, (4)	14%	Non-athletic
Outdoor Tennis Courts, (7)	8%	Athletic
Park Restrooms, (1)	7%	Support
Dog Park	6%	Non-athletic
Amphitheater, (10)	6%	Support
Lighted /practice soccer fields	5%	Athletic
Skateboard Park	5%	Non-athletic
Natural habitat/ Nature areas, (5)	4%	Non-athletic
Soccer fields, (9)	4%	Athletic

*Majority support ranking for ‘additional recreational facilities to construct’.

Facility Support in a potential Bond Election

In a question regarding what potential park projects survey participants would support in a bond election, out of a list of 16 project choices it is noteworthy that parks and trails related projects occupy the top four most highly supported choices. Expand Senior Center garnered the most support of indoor recreation facility related projects, followed by Performance Art and Cultural Center, Environmental Learning Center and Keller Pointe Indoors. Table 5.5 below shows the support for the top supported potential projects.

Table 5.5 Overall Support for Potential Park Projects in Bond Election		
Support	Potential Projects	Ratio of Support
83%	Renovate/Redevelop Parks	5.9 : 1
83%	Expand Trail System	5.9 : 1
80%	Additional Land For Parks	4.7 : 1
75%	Additional Neighborhood Parks	3.4 : 1
64%	Expand Senior Center	3.6 : 1
63%	Performance Art & Cultural Center	1.9 : 1
58%	Environmental Learning Center	1.6 : 1
50%	Keller Pointe Indoors	1.1 : 1

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Support for Natural Area Preservation

In question 13 of the Attitude Survey, respondents to statements about recreation give highest support in agreement with the statement that ‘Natural areas are important and should be preserved where it is available’, with a support to against ratio of 31:1, or support of 94% in agreement. It is noticeable that in question 9, only 51% of respondent felt that the amount of accessible nature areas are good to excellent.

Support for Native Plants, Water Conservation and Beautification

In the Attitude Survey, other beautification and conservation related questions were asked related to street landscaping, trees, creek access points, and use of native plants. As to the statement “I support the City developing ‘gateways to the City’”, 77% or a ratio of 3.5 : 1 agreed. For the statement that “I am satisfied with how streets and intersections are landscaped in Keller”, 76% or a ratio of 3.2 : 1 of respondents agreed. As to the statement, “I believe the City should plant more trees and landscaping on streets and intersections”, the agreement was 65% or a ratio of 2 : 1.

For conservation related statements in the Attitude Survey, respondents were asked if they agree with the following statements. “I would support the use of plants native to Texas in City projects”, to which 96% or a ratio of 48 : 1 agreed. “I support water conservation efforts in future park developments” garnered 94% support, or a ratio of 47 : 1. The statement “I believe the City should have irrigation in all City parks garnered 74% support, or a ratio or 3.9 : 1. “Improved landscaping of City streets will help to improve our City image” garnered 77% support, or a ratio of 3.7 : 1. “I would support the City developing points of access to creek areas” garnered 74% support or a ratio of 3.5 : 1.

5.4

Public Input Results Comparison: “Wild, Wild West Fest” and the Attitude Survey

Ranking of Facilities Needs

The “Wild, Wild, West Fest” questionnaire provided 24 facility options from which to choose. The question asked residents to mark five recreational amenities they would like to see in future parks. With the Attitude Survey, a similar question was asked, but for each of the 32 facility options, residents were asked how important each facility is to see in future parks. For such questions in both methods, multiple facility selections account for high percentages of support. With the question of which *one facility* is most important to construct in the Attitude Survey, because only one facility option is possible, the percentages are much lower in comparison.

In the “Wild, Wild West Fest” questionnaire, and in the Attitude Survey, respondents were asked which park they visit most, and the park that was most

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visited for both groups of Keller residents was Bear Creek Park. Asked what they like about the parks they visit and why, respondents stated a variety of reasons, including shade, jogging trails, wooded areas, playgrounds, natural settings, wildlife, peaceful, close to home, activities for older kids, open areas, free play, dog-friendly, fishing, nature, mature trees, well-lit and safe among other responses. For further data, refer to Appendices A and B.

In an open-ended question in the Attitude Survey, respondents were asked which facilities were most lacking in the City. Their responses cited – from most to least support - hike and bike trails, tennis courts, parks and general improvements, athletic facilities and sports complex, recreation center/ gym and miscellaneous, dog park and pool or water spray park, skate park/ hockey, playgrounds, open space/ nature areas, basketball courts, restrooms and library.

As for additional facilities that Keller residents would like to see, respondents gave their support to ancillary, support facilities such as restrooms and picnic tables foremost, then trails, playgrounds and natural habitat, followed by basketball courts, tennis courts, picnic pavilions, amphitheater, soccer fields, exercise stations along trails to name those with 50% and above support.

Asked to name only the one facility that would be most important to construct of the 32 facility choices given in the survey, Attitude Survey respondents selected – from high to low support – hike and bike trails, playgrounds, tennis courts, restrooms, dog park, amphitheater, lighted soccer fields, natural habitat/ nature areas and soccer fields, for those with 4% support and greater. In the Attitude Survey, the percentage of support for this question was highest, (16%), for trails which is quite high given that the survey has a sample size of 400 respondents and only one answer is possible out of 32 choices.

In the “Wild, Wild West Fest” questionnaire, the question of which top five recreational amenities that respondents would like to see in future parks resulted in the following amenity selections, from most to least: Jogging/ Bike Trails, Children’s Water Spray Park, Picnic Pavilions, Playgrounds, Natural Habitat, Dog Park, Amphitheater, Wildflower Plantings, Mountain Bike Course and Tennis Courts to name only the ten most popular amenities. For further data, refer to Appendix B.

Trails

“Wild, Wild West Fest” respondents on the topic of hike and bike trails, were asked if safe pedestrian/ bicycle routes connecting neighborhoods, schools, recreation and civic uses were provided, if they would use them rather than drive. Their responses were overwhelmingly in support of trail usage, with 109 residents supporting to 25 opposed, or a ratio of more than 4 : 1 in support of trails.

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In the Attitude Survey, respondents were asked if they agree with a group of trail-related statements. “Trails are close to where I live” garnered 25% agreement. “I would support spending money to develop “under street “crossings for our trails system” found 15% of respondents in agreement. The statement “There is convenient parking and access” and “I feel safe when I’m on a trail” both garnered 13% agreement. “Trails are wide enough to handle...walking and cycling” received 12% agreement. Only 9% of respondents agreed with the statement that “Trails connect to places I or my family want to go.”

Natural Areas and Open Space

Next, “Wild, Wild West Fest” respondents were asked how important it is that Keller maintains a rural feel with ample open space. Their responses showed unanimous support that this issue is important to very important. Not one respondent cited this issue as unimportant.

City Image

Asked to describe Keller in one word or image, “Wild, Wild West Fest” questionnaire respondents gave a variety of responses, including: family oriented, fun, friendly, a city with the heart of a town, rural, peaceful, distinct, a community within green space, to name a few.

Comparison Table

The following Table 5.6 compares the results of one question of the “Wild, Wild West Fest” questionnaire with three questions of the Telephone Attitude Survey. In the Attitude Survey, it is important to note that the only question that included the Senior Center appeared in the question about support for potential projects in an upcoming bond election. In this question related to how strongly respondents would support various potential projects in an upcoming bond election, 16 choices were given. The projects which garnered 50% and greater support results rank are shown in Table 5.6 on the following page:



A public meeting held at Keller Town Hall on January 11, 2007 encouraged residents to voice their interests in the future of Keller’s parks and recreation system.

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Table 5.6 Parks and Recreation Needs Comparative Results as Expressed by Keller Citizens			
“Wild, Wild West Fest” Questionnaire Sample Size:111	A Survey of Resident Attitudes About Parks and Recreation in the City of Keller Sample Size:400		
Top 5 Facilities Choices (24 choices total)	Additional Facilities Choices (multiple response option) Support : Opposed (32 choices total)	Most Important Facility to Construct (single response option) (32 choices total)	Support for Facilities in a Bond Election Support : Opposed (16 choices total)
Children’s Water Spray Park 62%	Hike and Bike Trails 73%; 2.9 : 1	Hike and Bike Trails 16%	Renovate and redevelop neighborhood parks 83%; 5.9 : 1
Hike and Bike Trails 56%	Nature Areas 73%; 2.9 : 1	Playgrounds 14%	Expand the City’s Trail System 83%; 5.9 : 1
Playgrounds 50%	Playgrounds 73%; 2.9 : 1	Tennis Courts 8%	Acquire Additional Land for Park Development 80%; 4.7 : 1
Picnic Pavilions 49%	Basketball Courts 60%; 1.7 : 1	Amphitheater 6%	Construct Additional Neighborhood Parks 75%; 3.4 : 1
Natural Habitat 40%	Tennis Courts 59%; 1.6 : 1	Dog Park 6%	Expand the Keller Senior Center * 64%; 3.6 : 1
Dog Park 36%	Rental picnic/reunion pavilions 58%; 1.5 : 1	Lighted practice soccer fields 5%	Performance Art & Cultural Center 63%; 1.9 : 1
Outdoor Pool 33%	Amphitheater 54%; 1.3 : 1	Skateboard Park 5%	Environmental Learning Center 58%; 1.6 : 1
Mountain Bike Course 29%	Soccer Fields 52%; 1.3 : 1	Natural Habitat/ Nature Areas 4%	
Frisbee Golf Course 28%		Soccer Fields 4%	
Tennis Courts 27%			

*Note: The Senior Center was identified as a need prior to the Attitude Survey; thus, the only question pertaining to it is in ‘potential projects in an upcoming bond election’.

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5.5

Summary of Keller Sports League Input

Introduction

Several representatives of sports leagues serving Keller responded to letters requesting specific information regarding their organizations’ programs, anticipated growth and the suitability of existing facilities to meet future needs. Those responding leagues include Keller Youth Association (KYA), Keller Soccer Association (KSA), Keller Horse Owners Association (KHOA), Keller Alliance Tennis Charter (KATCH) and North Tarrant Little Miss Kickball (NTLMK). **(See Appendix C: Recreation and Sport Organization Input).**

In addition, several of the above named league participants and Alliance Rugby were in attendance at the public meeting in January 2007, and further expressed their needs at that time.

Keller Youth Association - KYA

Keller Youth Association (KYA) baseball is very popular in Keller. The primary needs regarding existing facilities focused on maintenance issues and additional practice fields. For softball and football, the needs regarding existing facilities are similar. For future needs, KYA detailed a need for additional playing fields for baseball and a separate adult softball facility for longer range needs.

Basketball needs are more urgent for more indoor gym facilities at reasonable cost. In the last year, the KYA had to subsidize memberships due to the high rental rates of KISD gyms, which the league cannot continue to do in the future.

Existing facilities for KYA cheerleading at football games are adequate at this time.

Keller Soccer Association - KSA

Soccer is a sport with continued growing popularity. The stated needs over the next four years for this sport are three (3) more soccer pads, 2 lighted, and one multi-purpose pad which would accommodate seven (7) fields. There is also stated an urgent need for additional parking, which is shared by the Keller Soccer Association (KSA) and Blue Sky Sports Center users, both of which have grown in numbers.

Keller Horse Owners Association - KHOA

The Keller Horse Owners Association cites the Multi-use Arena Master Plan in detailing its needs. The existing arena needs are for roof cover, restroom facilities, storage area, more bleacher seating, a public address system, an announcer’s stand and a timer. The association also expressed a need for additional equestrian trails and bridle paths, with signage and a map of the trail system. The group expressed the need to have trails extend to Lake Grapevine,

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along the rail corridor or elsewhere. This group expects to grow by as much as 50% per year.

Keller Alliance Tennis Charter - KATCH

The Keller Alliance Tennis Charter (KATCH) currently has no city facility in Keller in which to play, so they use KISD facilities as the school schedule permits. Their need is for a lighted, sixteen court tennis facility. The league growth projection is for 8% to 9% of the general population per year. With the combined KISD student and adult participants, the growth potential is stated to be even greater.

North Tarrant Little Miss Kickball – NTLMK

The North Tarrant Little Miss Kickball (NTLMK) league currently practices on softball fields at Fossil Creek Park in North Richland Hills. The league needs are for four (4) lighted regulation fields with restrooms and concession facilities. The growth projection for this group is dependent on the provision of such facilities, which would also allow the league to host annual tournaments in Keller with more than 2,500 participants.

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Keller Senior Center Council

The Keller Senior Citizen’s Council responded with a letter describing the growth of its participants since the center was built in 1991. The existing building’s capacity is 143 maximum, and the participants number 450 in all. The need is primarily urgent for more space. The expected growth is 10% of the general population per year. The council states further that the Keller facility is undersized compared to facilities in other cities such as Haltom City, Grapevine and White Settlement.

Table 5.7 Keller Sports League Input on the next page itemizes each league in the City of Keller in terms of each sport, number of participants and teams, growth projections, needs, adequacy of Keller facilities used and specific comments.



Table 5.7 - Keller Sports League Input



League Name/ Sport	# Participants/ Teams	# of Keller Residents	Other Cities w/ Members	Growth Projection 5 -10 Yrs.	Needs to Meet Future Requirements	Keller Facilities Used	Non-City Facilities Used	Keller Facility Adequacy	Comments
Keller Youth Association/									Establish periodic meetings: quarterly or semi-annually.
Baseball	1,742/155	not known ('vast majority)	Roanoke, Haslet, North Richland Hills, Watauge, Fort Worth & estimate the majority participants attend KISD.	15 - 20% per year	Field # 3 convert to suit ages Bronco (11 - 12) & Pony (13- 14) leagues; field distances are different for both leagues(1); addtl. playing fields within 5 yrs.	Fields 1-8; 15-17 (Keller Sports Park?); Bear Creek Park & 'several practice facilities' in Keller.	KISD facilities and private companies' facilities.	Field 1: needs significant fill at the home plate area; grass is too tall in the infield areas causing ground balls to slow considerably. Fields 5-8: with additions of temporary fences KYA purchased in 2006, the fields are adequate as multi-use fields. Fire Ants at practice fields in Bear Creek Park and Competition Fields; Other: need more practice fields; more backstops; smooth playing surfaces at uneven practice fields.	
Softball	674/58	not known ('will track in the future')	not known ('will track in the future')	10-15% per year	4-plex is sufficient now; forced to play wed. and/or Sat., or lengthen season. Current use of facilities is for entire weekend. A separate adult softball facility for long-term; concerns about behavior when adult men's and youth leagues: language, drinking problems.	Fields 11-14; several practice facilities in Keller, including Bear Creek Park.	KISD facilities and private companies, though these facilities are limited due to demand (from other sports): Baseball, Softball and Football all have difficulties finding available practice fields.	Practice Fields are inadequate due to uneven, 'lumpy' and significant, diveted surfaces.	
Football	459/not stated	not known ('will track in the future')	not known ('will track in the future')	5-10% over next 5 years	number of fields is adequate for next 5 years	2 fields at the Keller Sports Complex for games	none stated	Insufficient watering of fields prior to onset of season: grass is stressed before the 1st game and fields are too hard. Fire ants, pot holes are safety concern for children; No controllers available for scoreboards, rendering them unusable.	
Basketball	850/110	619 (= 73%)	Fort Worth 14 (=10%); N.R.H. 54 (=6%); Roanoke 40 (=5%); Southlake 20 (=2%); Watagua 14 (=2%); Colleyville 8 (=1%).	17% per year for next few years	More indoor gym facilities	None	KYA rents gyms owned by KISD, and cost has increased dramatically, to a reduced increase of 180% from the initial stated increase of 700%. KYA had to subsidize memberships this year through its general fund, though it cannot do so again in the future.	None	
Cheerleading	125	not known ('will track in the future')	not known ('will track in the future')	5-10% over next 5 years	None	uses practice fields in Keller, performs at KYA Football games.	Not stated.	Not stated.	



Table 5.7 - Keller Sports League Input



League Name/ Sport	# Participants/ Teams	# of Keller Residents	Other Cities w/ Members	Growth Projection 5 -10 Yrs.	Needs to Meet Future Requirements	Keller Facilities Used	Non-City Facilities Used	Keller Facility Adequacy	Comments
Keller Soccer Association/	2600/250			3+% over next 5 years	3 More soccer pads over next 4 years; 1 lighted pad for 2007 Under 10 size fields; 1 lighted pad for 2008 Under 11 to 19 size fields; 1 multi-use pad for 1 Under 10 field and 3 Under 8 fields; lights at the current Under 8 'A' pad; more parking due to KSA growth and Blue Sky users which creates considerable congestion and unsafe conditions in the sports park.	Keller Sports Complex	Not stated.	Not stated.	donated \$17,000 for improvements: lightning detection system.
Keller Horse Owners Association	108 families/ individuals	54Keller/ Roanoke	54Azle, Bartonville, Bedford, Blue Mound, Brounwilld, Burleson, Cleburne, Colleyville, Coppell, Copper Canyon, Euless, Ft. Worth, Grapevine, Haltom City, Haslet, Hurst, Irving, Justin, N.R.H., Richland Hills, Roanoke, Sanger, Southlake, Springtown, Tulsa, OK and Watauga.	40-50% growth per year	Roof cover over arena facility per arena master plan; PA system, announcers stand, timer for timed events, permanent restroom facilities; storage area, adequate bleacher seating. Additional trails and bridle paths with signage and a map of the trail system either to hand out or posted in the park near the arena. Trails need to extend to Lake Grapevine along rail corridor or elsewhere.	Multi-use Arena at the Keller Sports Park; Milestone for meetings;	Grapevine Lake, Lake Ray Roberts, Lake Lewisville, Benbrook Lake and Trinity Trails in Ft. Worth, plus others. Rent Lake Ray Roberts pavilion for our Fall BBQ event. Shows: John Justin Arena in Ft. Worth, Will Rogers & Ft. Worth Stockyards. Private arenas for workshops and clinics. Youths participate in 80+ rodeos per year at various facilities.	Inadequate: refer to the Multi-use Arena Master Plan; refer to 'Needs'.	Regional context: various competitions in Keller and beyond. Help facilitate riding trails in Keller's park system. Adds unique "horse appeal" to the Keller community; well situated in "triangle" formed by Ft. Worth, Denton and Dallas counties with ease of access to meet full potential envisioned in the Multi-use Arena Master Plan.
Keller Alliance Tennis Charter (KATCH)	132 participants 579 since inception	474	105 Azle, Bedford, Colleyville, Ft. Worth, Haslet, North Richland Hills, Southlake and Trophy Club.	8-9% of gen'l. pop./per year; (also, consider add'l. 500+ KISD student players) Total participants for 10 yrs: 10,000+ players	Lighted, 16 court tennis facility	None exist	KISD Keller High School courts	No City facilities exist, so KATCH is limited by KISD schedule availability; no parking facilities and no restrooms are available at Keller High School. Need facility to accommodate growing leagues such as the ladies leagues, youth adult, senior and special needs leagues; puls instruction, tournaments, charity events and recreational play.	Keller acts as a magnet, drawing in many surrounding cities' residents (such as to the Keller Pointe); believe similar response would be gained by addition of a Tennis facility. Regionally, the USTA Texas section is the fastest growing; players in Keller travel to Fort Worth, Dallas, Garland, Oak Cliff, Granbury and more. Regional leagues include Tennis Competitors of Dallas (TCD), United States Tennis Association (USTA), and Northeast Tarrant Tennis (NETT). The many thousands of players associated with these entities would be potential users of a Keller tennis facility.
North Tarrant Little Miss Kickball	203/17	25	Ft. Worth, Watauga, North Richland Hills, Richland Hills, Hurst, Euless, Bedford, Colleyville, Saginaw, Haltom City, Southlake and Mesquite.	none ascertained	4 lighted regulation fields with restrooms and concession facilities	None	Fossil Creek fields in North Richland Hills	no city facilities exist, and softball fields are not adequate for kickball, which uses a smaller field.	Would like to have facilities as described that would allow their league to host the All Star tournament over the 4th of July weekend, which draws more than 2,500 people.
Keller Senior Citizen's Council	450	not stated	not stated except as noted Fort Worth & Park Glen	10% of city population/year. In 2000, there were 1,903 residents over age 60.	Need More Space. Lack space for separate card rooms, a pool room, a TV room, a storage room, a bridge club room for 25 - 30 people, a larger computer room and an exercise room. Building size determined for 1991 is not adequate 15 years later.	Keller Senior Center, opened in 1991.	None	The building capacity by code is limited to 143 maximum. There is a great need a building large enough to accommodate the increasing number of resident users, instead of turning them away to go to other cities' larger facilities. Keller's facility is undersized when compared to facilities in Haltom City, Grapevine and White Settlement.	The Center also serves a meal to the users, which provides 33.33% of the daily nutritional value for seniors age sixty and over, which is partly funded by federal, state, organizations, donations, etc. under the Older Americans Act. Keller Senior Center schedules several trips. Keller's Senior Center is active within the community, donating money it earns from workshops, garage sales, craft sales and silent auctions to Christ Haven Orphanage, high school scholarships, etc.