

NEW COMMUNITY CENTER INPUT: COMMENT CARDS

Valley View Park: 10/8/19	Resident's Council District
"I've played softball on valley view fields for 15 years and it would be a shame to tear them down. The fields encourage community involvement and provide a nice green space. With 2 other Community Centers in Bloomington already, it is unnecessary to build a third, especially without input form the surrounding neighborhoods."	II
"I do not want a community center at valley View Park. I want valley View Park left as it is for everyone to enjoy. Just met some kids who play here outside all the time."	III
"Save Valley View Park. No new building"	III
"Save the park as is! Rebuild Creekside without pool if not enough room."	III
"Save the tennis courts!"	III
"To help the park because I love play baseball"	III
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"Save the tennis courts, there are very few lit courts in the city."	III
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"Please do not destroy valley View Park, build the community center at Creekside!"	III
Do not destroy the valley view park or waste \$ on this CC building."	III
"Build the Community center at Creekside not valley view park."	III
"Thank you for planning a beautiful new community center. I'm excited about how wonderful this facility could be – anywhere in the city."	III
"So the task force was to determine the amenities? Not the site?"	III
"Why can't a parking ramp be built?"	III
"Will the proposal include using the \$5M intended for the pool shell?"	III
"What is the reason we don't leverage the schools more effectively in lieu of building redundant infrastructure?"	III
"How do senior activities/families get accommodated in this process? Childcare? Food? Low cost/no cost?"	III
"We need an economic study – over communicate! Add to monthly newsletter and add to every meeting"	III
"Save Valley View, save Bloomington Park, no new taxes."	IV
"A new community center should be more centrally located. Athletic domes would suit the Valley View site better. A city of 80,000 people should have at least 1 athletic dome – we don't have any. It seems like traffic would be a real problem, especially on 92 nd Street which is residential. What about the Herzberger's/Toys-R-Us location for the Community Center?"	IV
"We want to keep the park and are not interested to changing it."	IV
"Ruining Valley view Park is a ridiculous idea. Whomever came up with this idea (probably same people who ruined Nicollet Avenue) should be forbidden from public office! Stupid is as stupid does."	IV
"I like the park exactly the way it is. <u>Stop</u> wasting our money! Will not make enough money to maintain this new facility!"	IV
"Save Valley View Park. No building."	IV
"Why! 1. The playground was just redone, NE courts surfaces. 2. The tennis courts with the lights are the best outdoor courts in the southern Mpls. 3. Kennedy High School has an indoor running track. 4. The playground is free, Bloomington is going to take away a free park and replace it with a commercial facility. The playground is already part of community. 5. There are two Lifetime Fitness centers in Bloomington."	IV
"My kids go to school at VVE & VVMS. I already don't like them crossing 90 th Street at dismissal due to traffic. Unless the community Center isn't used much, which would be economically damaging, how will you control traffic?"	IV

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<p>I moved to this neighborhood 3 years ago for access to the park and the position to the schools. This <u>sucks</u> for families with children. Speaking of children, they are expensive. My property taxes have increased by no less than \$600/year since I moved here. How much will this cost and are we homeowners paying for it? This is dumb. Redevelop Creekside or 98th and Cedar or 90th and Penn...or any of the other crappy places in Bloomington. Save the Park.”</p>	
<p>“I like the Park where it is and the way it is. A new Community Center at Creekside might be better. Valley View School has an indoor pool. The mall will have a pool. Seems like this project is a lot of <u>taxpayer money</u>, some do not want changes. Would this service all of Bloomington? Why have it so far east then? Thanks”</p>	IV
<p>“My wife is retired and I am 500 days from retirement. I have 2 questions: 1. How much will this cost? (i.e. add the tax to levy) 2. Will there be a place where citizens can access wood and metal working power tools for projects? (Either on a fee-per-use or subscription basis?)</p>	IV
<p>“Don’t want Community Center would lose the park feel, green space. This area biggest green space we have on east side. Love walking the dogs around park. Center would bring just more parking lots. Ugh! Too much black top. Would never use the Community Center.”</p>	IV
<p>“Do <u>NOT</u> destroy a park to build a concrete jungle.”</p>	IV
<p>“The trend is for healthiness. Indoors is not healthy. Build at Creekside and <u>not</u> Valley View.”</p>	IV
<p>“Don’t need a community Center at Valley View Park. We LOVE our park the way it is!!!! Put it somewhere else. Please <u>NOT</u> here!!”</p>	IV
<p>“Please do <u>not</u> tear the Valley View Park up. Creekside is big enough for a Community Center.”</p>	IV
<p>“We do not want in this location. Don’t want our neighborhood ruined by a bug building and parking lot. We just don’t want it here.”</p>	IV
<p>“Leave Valley View intact!! How many pools/water parks does E Bloomington need: 1. Valley View 2. New Mall facility (another poor idea). 3. The hotel across from the mall. 4. Various schools and fitness facilities – a community center for Bloomington should be centrally located. Everything seems to be getting jammed into E Bloomington whether we want it or not. The planners seemed to focus on VV without thorough consideration on whether the residents wanted it there or not. We will lose a great Bloomington tradition in the Fireman’s Tourney. (But that will probably go to W Bloomington now!)”</p>	IV
<p>“I’m open to a new community center but not at Valley View. We have so many existing amenities already, we don’t need to raise taxes and duplicate existing options. PLEASE listen to the citizens and STOP this crazy train!”</p>	IV
<p>“Comments: Very bad for the character of the neighborhood. Bad for local home values. Who is this area can afford this huge project. Questions: Why was this project kept from local neighborhood residents? Where are the local kids/families going to play softball? What is going to happen to the Fireman’s Tournament?”</p>	IV
<p>“I am totally against destroying this beautiful park that is consistently used with the amenities it has. I can’t imagine taking something away after spending good tax dollars in upgrading the picnic area and playground!”</p>	IV
<p>“We already have 2 community centers and a pool. Let’s not destroy a beautiful park and ball fields and spend lots of unneede4d taxpayer money. The amounts of money that would be required would drive ½ the residents out of the city, let logical heads prevail. It’s about time that Bloomington City Council listen to residents!!!”</p>	IV
<p>“I’m happy the way the park is now. Don’t want more buildings or any other extras. A little upset that this event is more of “What the community wants in a park” instead of “If we should update or not.”</p>	IV
<p>“I am a lifelong east Bloomington resident. I bought my home in the Valley View neighborhood for the quiet community and park amenities. I DO NOT want my park destroyed! Build this somewhere else or don’t build it at all!”</p>	IV

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"I feel this is being rammed down our throats with no chance to vote on it. I love this pool, do <u>not</u> want to sit <u>inside</u> during the summer. We want to vote on this, we use the horseshoe courts, the ball fields, this is an asinine as the bike paths on Portland."	IV
"Concerns: How we can keep free amenities in the area for our residents."	IV
"Thought to consider – Maybe a center (smaller) could exist in the same space without losing the great things that are there now"	IV
"Concerned about: loss of free amenities, green spaces, traffic/parking"	IV
"Seniors at Creekside – what are their opinions"	IV
"Don't put buildings in Valley View Park."	Not Provided
"Keep quilting, boutique and library. Cancel Fitness and Running track."	Not Provided
"Save the park! No new building."	Not Provided
"My family and I have been using valley View Park since we moved here. We love the pool, park, baseball fields and everything at the park. We don't want it to be destroyed with all of our memories with it. Thank you."	Not Provided
"Do not put Creekside here – this is not central. Kids need to be outside and get sunshine and think about nature. No driveways straight out from street. Too much speeding. Not for this at all."	Not Provided
"Save Valley View, Hello my name is (redacted) and I am from Bloomington MN and my mom's mother name was (redacted) and a true Norweqian and please and I prove this message"	Not Provided
"Enough amenities already pool, waterpark Like separation building of Creekside, like programming at CCC, location of Creekside, likes green space, bike ability, would be comfortable on North Side of 90 th valley view, multiple locations would spread traffic around."	Not Provided
"I like Valley View Park the way it is with a few improvements and updates. We need a place for our youth to go and stay out of trouble. Don't do something to raise our taxes to high. Renovating the Creekside Community center in the same location. It is already centrally located in a good proximity for everyone."	Not Provided
"I would prefer to keep the park as is. I live nearby and it had been wonderful park for my daughter to visit."	Not Provided
"Creekside is preferred site, BAA complex 9-16, Parking, traffic, green grass, and outdoor play area – challenge for multiple areas – currently manageable traffic. Keep existing amenities around the pool."	Not Provided
"Build at Creekside, keep current activities at Creekside. Save Valley View!!!"	Not Provided
"What fee's, rent on rooms, Admittance Fees"	Not Provided
"Leave at Creekside! – No gym, pool, Track, or daycare!"	Not Provided
"Save Valley View No Community Center Here!"	Not Provided
"Don't do it! Please!!!"	Not Provided
"No community center at Valley View Park, do not spend \$80-\$100 million on a Community center. You already have these facilities in our schools."	Not Provided
"Please do not use Valley View Park as the location for the Community Center. Use our tax dollars for other needed projects especially road maintenance."	Not Provided
"I support a community center just not a t Valley View ballpark location. I use the ballpark every year when I play softball through the City league. I also enjoy walking around the park enjoying the green space playing at the park	Not Provided

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and playing basketball. I don't have to pay for these amenities. Why would I want to have to start paying for them now? Please find a new location."	
"Greenspace for the east side not a building and a parking lot. We do not need another community center, Renovate what is rather than build new. The East side of Bloomington needs Valley View Park. Otherwise they have to go to Dred Scott where there is nothing except for fields to play on. We already have an indoor pool here at Valley View and an outdoor pool at Valley View plus playing fields and smaller area for tennis and climbing things for smaller children. Valley View is needed like it is. Why take away these things and put up a building and parking lot for charging people. All people can't afford to pay entrance fees. We need this east side green space as it is."	Not Provided
"We need Creekside to be renovated rather than torn down for another apartment building. It is centrally for easy to get to for seniors. It is a thriving area and plenty of parking space for seniors. We don't need another Community Center. There is already another Community Center at Knights of Columbus. Bloomington could spend money on improving roads not just for Nicollet and Lyndale. A traffic circle on 90 th and Nicollet would be a good investment."	Not Provided
Farmers Market at Civic Plaza: 10/12/19	Resident's Council District
"My biggest frustration is all of the conflicting info flying around on social media. It would be helpful to have a kind of myth busting article like: <i>I've heard if the Community Center is at Valley View then no more Fireman's Tourney = This is not true. Or, I've heard we'd lose an outdoor pool = This is partially true. (i.e.: we'd maybe partially cover it).</i> Please try a myth busting article and publish it everywhere to be as clear as possible."	I
"Valley View would be a bad choice. A central location should be considered. Creekside would be better since many citizens live west as well. A community center should meet needs of all."	II
"I would like to keep Valley View as is. Please put the Community Center someplace else. I would like to keep the outdoor pool."	IV
"Do not destroy Valley View Park and kill outdoor swimming."	Not provided
"Having outdoor ball fields and an outdoor community pool is very nice. Building a community center is a waste of money."	Not provided
"Green roof. Solar powered. Wind powered."	Not provided
Catalpa Village: 10/16/19	Resident's Council District
"I love the giant post it notes. Format of meeting was comfortable. Organic in terms of development. Honestly run meeting. Transparent."	I
"I support the proposal for the New Community Center at Valley View."	I
Creekside (Fare For All) – 10/16/19	Resident's Council District
"Please (if possible) put bike racks in (a couple) and would be nice to have a shelter over bike rack."	I
"I think a community center is a much needed facility but in order to do it at Valley View would ball fields and play areas be affected? I don't agree with that." (Spouse) "I agree with above comment. All baseball fields (Hrbek & Legion) <u>must remain!</u> "	III
"I think they should build community center at 98 th and Penn, then make a parking lot where the community center is now. Also have it be a senior center. Older people and young kids don't mix. The junior high and senior high schools have basketball courts and some have swimming pools. Younger people do NOT mix with older."	Not Provided

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Farmers Market at Civic Plaza: 10/19/19	Resident's Council District
"I am not in favor of Valley View Park Area. Where are you going to place the 3 youth baseball fields? We have pools at Valley View School, clubs (Lifetime) the H2O park (Great Wolf Lodge - yes there is a fee but also fee at present H2O park at Valley View. Where would the Firemen's Tournament go to? A yearly get together for many not only from local area but out of state participants and look at income for local schools. Please do not chose Valley View. Also look at cost?"	I
Pond Center: 10/22/19	Resident's Council District
"Separate meeting room for youth (coffee shop?). Departments/Offices on 2nd/3rd floors. Main floor rooms for seniors. Bloomington Historical Society space."	I
"Walking, basketball, women only soccer, activities for small children like the ones in the mall or McDonald's, adult crafts like the ones at Michael's, once a month construction activities for children like the ones at Home Depot."	Not Provided
Creekside: 11/7/19	Resident's Council District
"Leave Creekside where it is now. It is a wonderful place for many who come here for meals, to socialize and take part in the many volunteer programs. I've been coming here over 30 years and love it. The older generation doesn't need any more exercise facilities, swimming pools, or walking paths. We have nice places here now in Bloomington, plus good sidewalks and nice neighborhoods, walk there and enjoy your own surroundings and be close to home. The younger generation, most of them still working so there is a possibility they would not have time to spend in a new building and activities. Love Creekside."	III
Creekside: Cards Completed Outside of Events	Resident's Council District
"I do not want to lose the Bocce Ball courts because I am in the Bocce Babes. I know that a community center won't be the same for our seniors."	III
"Hi, I'm a Bariatric person and it would be nice to have actually ADA Bariatric places to go and fit through buildings, doors, sidewalk and you'll find out that the "real" challenges of handicap access" truly is. And don't forget the restroom. It's not only the doors to enter restroom but doors on stalls are small and a trick to figure out. Thanks for listening!"	Not Provided
"Need a bigger quilting room. Those in charge, come visit the present Creekside every day to see volunteers at work."	Not Provided