



# West End Community Engagement

## Community Engagement Meeting

To discuss recreational improvements  
to the former West End Golf Course

**Tuesday, August 13, 2024**  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**22712 W. Newberry Road**  
**Ag Extension Auditorium**

(Adjacent to the UF/IFAS Extension Office)  
Hosted by Alachua County Parks &  
Open Space. Bring your ideas and  
suggestions!

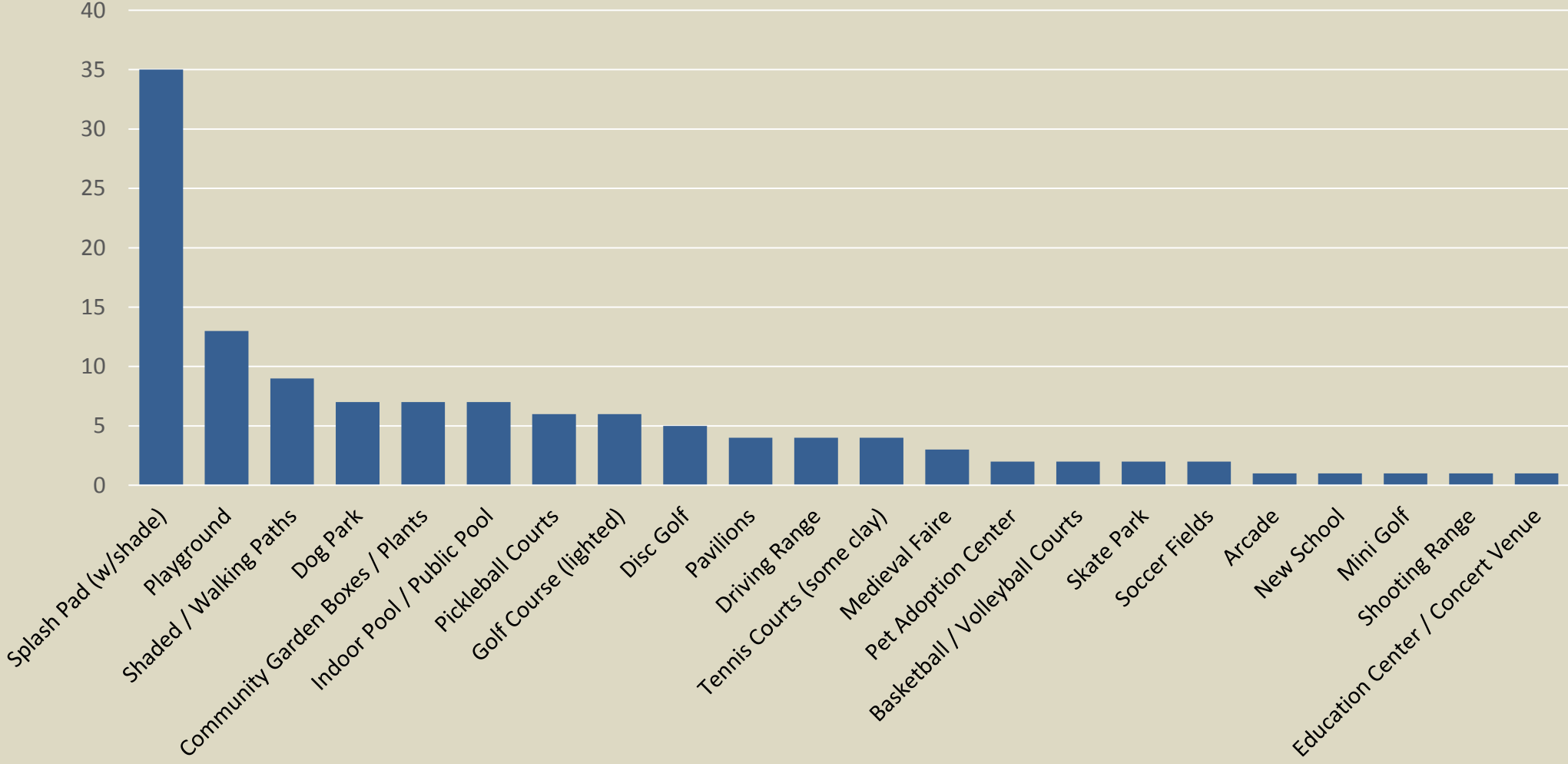
For more information, call 352-264-6847  
or email [parks@alachuacounty.us](mailto:parks@alachuacounty.us)

*\*Postcards sent to 11,796 residences within a 3 mile radius*



**August 22, 2024**  
**Jason Maurer**  
**Parks & Open Space Director**

### Social Media Mentions in Support of Various Amenities



# Community Engagement Meeting (8/13/24)

±225 attendees

Good audience participation



## Discussed:

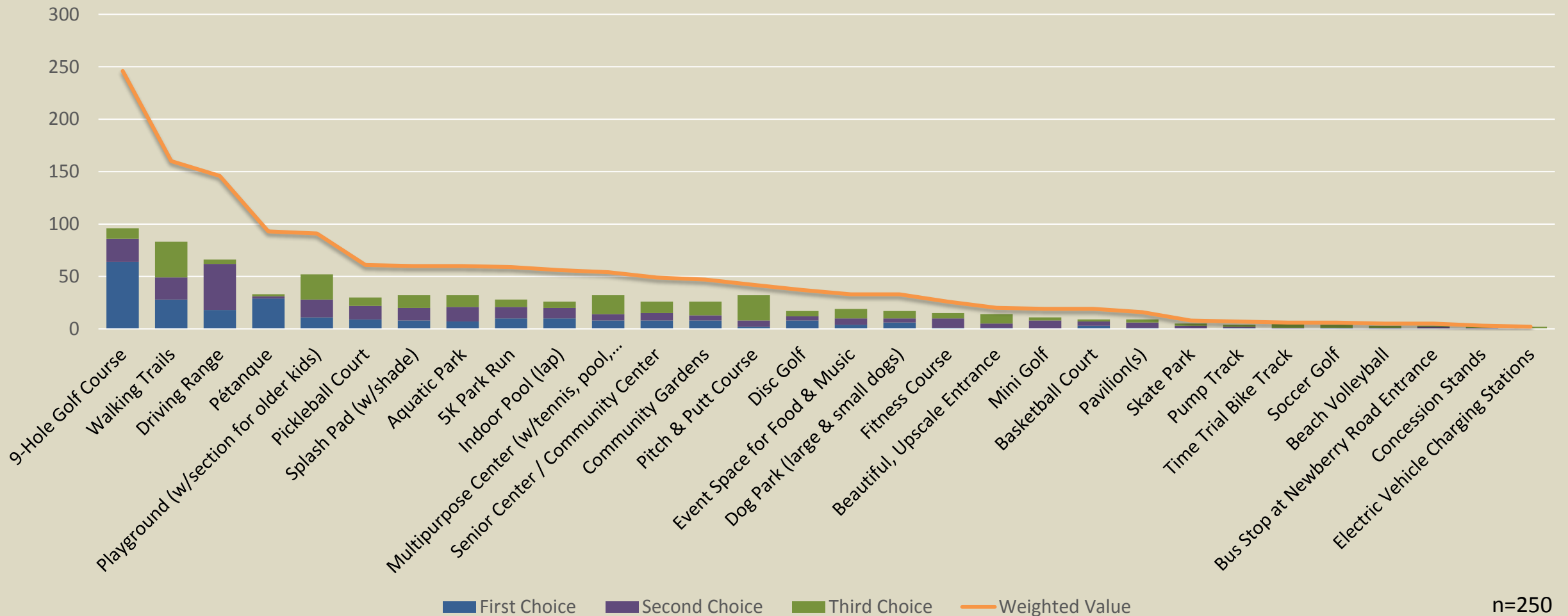
- Where we are
- How we got here
- World Masters Event
- What park amenities residents would like to see going forward

# Community Engagement Feedback (8/13/24)

Park Amenity Suggestions		Citizen Concerns	Programs & Events Suggestions
9-Hole Golf Course	Pavilion(s)	Perimeter Fencing / Security	5K Park Run Food Trucks / Concession Stands Soccer Golf Food & Music
Adequate Parking	Pedestrian Bridge Across Newberry Road	Multi-Use, Multi-Generational Park	
Aquatic Park		Minimizing Stormwater Retention by Installing Under Parking	
Basketball Court	Pétanque	Crosswalks on Newberry Road	
Restrooms	Pickleball Court	Traffic Light Needed	
Beach Volleyball	Pitch & Putt Course	Bus Stop at Newberry Road Entrance	
Beautiful, Upscale Entrance	Playground (w/section for older kids)	Concerns About Public in Backyards / Quiet Enjoyment	
Community Gardens	Pump Track	Lower Speed Limit on Newberry Road	
Disc Golf	Senior / Community Center	Concerns About Access Through Surrounding Neighborhoods	
Dog Park (lg & small dogs)	Sheriff Substation	Limit Tree Removal	
Driving Range	Skate Park	Concerned Driving Range Takes Up Too Much Space	
EV Charging Stations	Soccer / Sport Field	Use Native Plants Only	
Fitness Course	Solar Site Lighting	Increased Traffic	
Indoor Pool (lap)	Splash Pad (w/shade)		
Mini Golf	Time Trial Bike Track		
Multipurpose Center (w/tennis, pool, cooling rooms, etc.)	Walking Trails		
	Wildflower Gardens		

# Follow up Survey

**Choose your top 3 amenities for West End, ranked in order of preference.**  
 (Online survey of recent community engagement meeting attendees.)



n=250

# Staff Recommendations

1. Approve the use of \$500,000 of Tourist Development Tax reserves for capital improvements that promote Tourism at West End making the legislative factual determination that sporting activities at West End supports the advancement of tourism and serve a public purpose in Alachua County.
2. Approve the corresponding budget amendment.
3. Approve a revision to the Adopted 10-Year Master Plan by changing future park location E (West End) from a Neighborhood Park to a Community Park and future location C from Community Park to Neighborhood Park, thereby allowing the use of \$400,000 in impact fees toward improvements.
4. Approve revising the adopted 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) schedule to unencumber the \$6 million in Wild Spaces Public Places earmarked for Diamond Sportsplex and allocate to West End improvements.
5. Direct staff to return to the BoCC in the spring of 2025 with a West End development plan that incorporates citizen input.

# Questions