Gilchrist Park Activity Center

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Overview

- Identify Current & Future Needs
- Online Survey
  - 15 questions
  - Over 1,000 respondents
- Stakeholder Interviews
  - 14 discussion questions
  - 9 organizations interviewed
    - Representing over 1,200 members

Aerial View

Bayfront YMCA

Punta Gorda Boat Club

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Findings: Stakeholder Interviews

- Facilities Provide Opportunities
  - Fellowship
  - Exercise
  - Education & instruction
  - Boating access
- High Facility Utilization
  - Up to 7 activities per day
  - Up to 150 per large event
- Facilities generate little revenue

Findings: Stakeholder Interviews

- Facility Desires
  - An Alternative to PGICA
  - More Youth Opportunities
  - Family-Friendly Infrastructure
  - Enhance Waterfront Destination
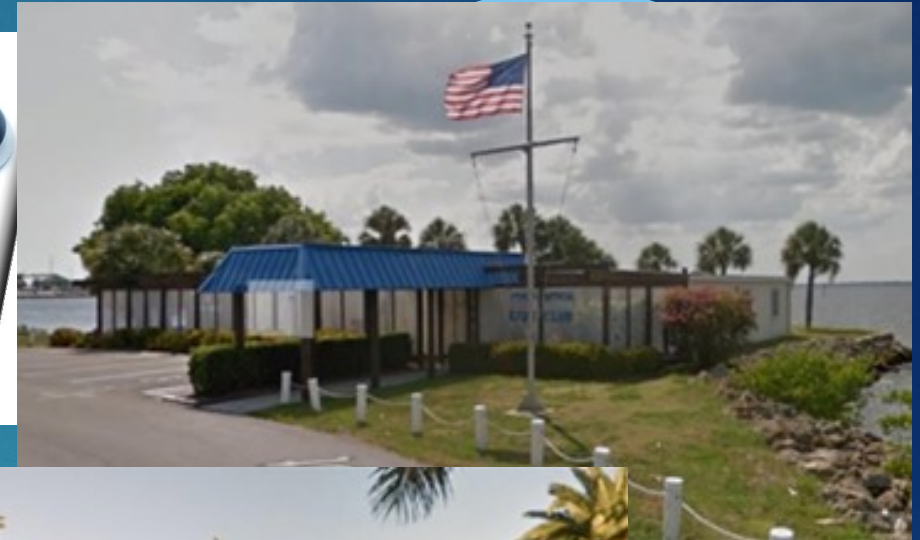
Findings: Community Input

- **Survey Statistics**
  - Over 1,000 Respondents
  - Over 800 Written Comments
  - Respondent Demographics Reflect City
  - Nearly 40% use Gilchrist Park once or more per week
  - Over 50% did not belong to one of the current user organizations

Findings: Community Input

- **Key Takeaways**
  - 66% Saw Benefit in a New Facility
  - Mix of Activities Desired
    - Water related activities
    - Kayaking & canoeing
    - Picnic areas
    - Meeting Rooms
  - Majority Opinion:
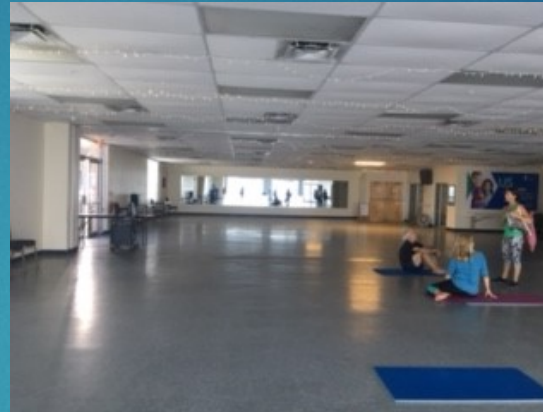   - City should enhance its boater destination image

Emerging Themes

- Current Facility Needs Not Met
  - Substandard capacity & conditions
  - Limited Facility Access
- Possible support for a non-waterfront multi-use facility
- Expand water related activities
  - Paddle sports
  - Sailing
  - Advance Prior to Site Rebuild

Next Steps

- Reviewing the current water related infrastructure
  - break waters, channels, & dredged basins
  - Docks & Moorings Balls
- Form Focus Groups
- Identify Potential Public-Private Partnerships
- Relate Desired Activities to Facility Design
- Identify Infrastructure and Facility Costs

Questions

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