

## Talkeetna Public Facilities Meeting

July 24, 2007, 7-9pm

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The following individuals facilitated the meeting:

Linda Brenner	Mat-Su Borough
Dwayne Adams	Land Design North
Daniela Paulova	Land Design North
Melanie Nichols	Land Design North

### **Project Schedule**

1 <sup>st</sup> Public Meeting	July 24
Purpose: Gather info	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Public Meeting	Late Sept.
Purpose: Present concepts	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Public Meeting	Late Oct./Early Nov.
Purpose: Present plans	

**Needed Public Facilities:**

Dwayne Adams facilitated a brainstorming session with respect to what Talkeetna’s needed public facilities might be for the foreseeable future. Following were suggestions. The items in boxes were uses that might be co-located with those other uses in that box.

New library  
Teen Center  
TCC Office  
    -Chamber  
building  
Playground  
Public meeting space  
Community hall

Hockey rink  
Skate park  
Swimming pool and  
Steams  
Recreation center  
Teen Center

Village park  
  
Sports fields  
Recycling center  
MSB MNTC Yard  
Greenbelt at school  
Greenbelt along spur  
road  
Potable water point  
Bike trails, pedestrian  
walkways: connected to  
center from remote trails  
Cemetery enlargement  
Sewage lagoon enlarge  
Traffic calming  
    -Pedestrians

-Vehicles  
Visitor parking lots  
-Big  
-Small  
Community gardens  
Better access to river  
park/riverbank access  
Green zones  
Borough maintenance  
and storage  
Fire service needs and  
adequacy/EMZ  
Solar energy collector

**Library Needs:**

In breakout session, the group discussed needs for the library. Following were items mentioned by those present. There seemed to be consensus that the library was a “heart of the community” asset and should be located near downtown.

- Not where it needs to be
- Seasonal differences
- How to address Spur Road customers?
- Downtown

View property—on the bluff?

Don't locate where there are natural hazards

Development of a large building where it is would be a tradeoff to the open treed space that is a "Talkeetna Gateway."

### **Teen Center Needs:**

Should be on the bike system

Alternative means of transportation

Summer in town, winter at school

Location near the school may make sense

### **Other Comments:**

What are possibilities for facilities near Post Office?

Look at off-hour use

-School?

Look at ARRC lands north of cemetery

Perhaps use landfill for something

No parking can lap over into the fire station. That is a huge issue and the fire house will be very upset if that happens.

Don't compromise community character with numbers of facilities.

### **Playground Group Comments:**

Designers:

[www.earthplay.net](http://www.earthplay.net)

[www.leathersassociates.com](http://www.leathersassociates.com)

Put it in library parcel

No plastic type of equipment; design by the community

A crosswalk is needed by the library to provide access to parcel

-Calm the traffic down

Bathroom facilities

-Perhaps library's bathroom could be used

Picnic pavilion and park (not just a playground) away from busy downtown

-Doesn't need to be by playground

Age range: 3-12 years old

Budget: about \$100,000 (just an approximation)

"Design Day" is September 18<sup>th</sup>; designer coming to get community input on play equipment design

Parking lot needed

Trail system to connect playground with city

Wants park like Girdwood's and Wasilla's

### **Comments throughout the Evening:**

Hope the library lands won't get sold to the chamber of commerce

-It is one of the last public lands in town

Chamber of commerce: who owns the lands it leases

Is chamber of commerce a public facility? Should it be included in projects or public lands?

Why not build the (athletic/sports) fields at the high school in summertime?

Community center / teen center / youth center / senior center (even library)

-How to group functions

-Boys and Girls Club

Build everything together, not separate, it will be more feasible (it is so in Norwood, WA)

Buildings should not be higher than 1 story

-Will not be visible above trees

-Will not require elevator

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE building at the railroad: coordinate with the railroad and community