

APPENDIX C

# IMAGINE GRESHAM INPUT

# PARKS & RECREATION COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (PRCAG) SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

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| Date:      | 3-3-2022  |
| Time:      | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  |
| Place:     | Virtual Zoom Meeting  |
| Attending: | <p><b>PRCAG:</b> Mike Abbaté, Christine Bierman, Garrin Black, Kevin Bryant, Christian Burgess, Edward Chin, Tara Finnegan, Stella Funk-Butler, Yaquelin Garcia, Charles George, Kim Hyatt, Mollie King, Claire Lider, Anna Mar, Natalie Mitchell Fuller, Catherine Nicewood, Teo Ramirez, Matt Riding, Jairo Rios-Campos, Cindy Rounds, Sue Ruonala, Philip Svabik-Seror, Quinn Diane Thereaux, Maria Velez, Kayla Viramontes</p> <p><b>DEI Facilitator:</b> Traci Simmons</p> <p><b>City Staff:</b> Rebecca Brooks, Tam Driscoll, Steve Fancher, Tina Núñez-Osterink, Joe Walsh</p> <p><b>City Council:</b> Council President Morales</p> |
| Absent     | Angela Freeman, Brian Goodrow (moved/withdrew), Kate McQuillan, Sheena Raab, Josh Stratman, Ricki Ruiz, Gresham-Barlow School Dist. Representative  |

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| <p><b>1. Agenda Item #1 Welcome and Meeting Overview / Call to order 6:00 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair Velez welcomed the advisory group and reviewed meeting protocols and the agenda for the evening.</li> <li>She asked if there were any corrections to the last meeting minutes and there were none.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>2. Agenda Item #2 The Road Ahead – Preview of 2022 PRCAG Meetings</b></p> <p><u>Presentation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joe provided the attached roadmap with topics for all future P&amp;RCAG meetings.</li> <li>This will provide direction and sideboards to the advisory group.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>3. Agenda Item #3 Public Comments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jim Buck commented on how the Gresham Butte neighborhood lacks schools, developed parks or a playground within walking distance and wanted to group to factor that into their discussions about equity and access to parks.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>4. Agenda Item #4 Objective #1 Asset Mapping Next Steps/Imagine Gresham</b></p> <p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <p>Tina provided the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attached Asset Mapping table that shows P&amp;RCAG input on “what we have”.</li> <li>Next steps include a service gap analysis that identifies “what we need” – to occur at the April meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Claire Griffin/City Manager’s Office presented Imagine Gresham – The City’s strategic planning project then shared this tool:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Google Jamboard link (online interactive tool):<br/> <a href="https://jamboard.google.com/d/1lnbh7GHGTC-xhMEb5OqepHiQaFdVMRiUWSWHA2_w000/edit?usp=sharing">https://jamboard.google.com/d/1lnbh7GHGTC-xhMEb5OqepHiQaFdVMRiUWSWHA2_w000/edit?usp=sharing</a> </li> <li>The group broke up into three breakout rooms organized around Equity, Safety, Accessibility and provided the following input:</li> </ul> |

**What are the emerging trends and best practices related to *equity, safety and accessibility* for Parks and Recreation that the City Council should be aware of when planning for the future?**

**EQUITY**

- Include youth voice and youth leaders that exist and live in these communities
- Hiring staff that reflect the community
- Youth leadership programs
- Find "indigenized" solutions to promote and repair healing around stolen lands
- Following guidance of NRPA by having and inclusion/non-discrimination statement for parks/rec/programs
- Decision makers reflect the community
- Indigenous and historical populations should be involved in planning aspect.

**SAFETY**

- Climate awareness. IE how Parks and green space are a key strategy at the local level in mitigating against the harmful effects of climate change (less tree cover+ more concrete = heat home effect)
- Clear signage showing the rules and who to call to report issues
- Safety= Equity=Accessibility (just a note that all three areas do overlap)
- Proper lighting
- Having regular activities creates safety and deters criminal activities
- To build on the dog waste bag dispensers. I appreciate that in that our parks need to be safe for our dogs too! (and dog walkers to be respectful, dogs on leash out of off-leash dogs runs pick up your dog poo, etc.)
- Biodegradable dog waste bag dispensers throughout the City (not just in parks)
- Having proper lighting and fencing around the facility
- Safety=Clean: free of litter, free of vandalism, both for the benefit of people and wildlife.
- Having restrooms that are clearly visible to nearby activity areas.

**ACCESSIBILITY**

- Accessibility to local parks but also to cross town to other parks. Free bus tix?
- Infrastructure and maintenance issues
- Declining opportunities for youth in sports
- Year rounds bathrooms open to all genders
- Bringing other City services to the parks. Meet people where they're at. Use parks as a site for engaging and educating neighbors in City happenings
- Having someone other than police respond to emergency calls in parks to avoid unnecessary escalation, harm, and violence. Police violence disproportionately effects disabled and neurodiverse people.
- Houseless people not being harassed or displaced by police or park staff.
- Traffic lights and crossing signals - audio for crossings to assist the blind or sight impaired.
- Trends - we need to find enough workers as a result of the "Great Resignation" period
- More dog parks
- Identify barriers ranging from inaccessible picnic areas and restroom facilities to parking lots with limited accessible parking.

**What big dreams do you have for Gresham's future? What does an *equitable, safe and accessible* Parks and Recreation program look and feel like in Gresham?**

**EQUITY**

- ... it looks like a place where everyone can bring their whole selves and have autonomy in their way of being (or recreating)
- Recognizing that younger generations are more aware of inequality and are very aware of using their voices

- I have dreams of seeing more cultural celebrations and ceremonies in parks
- Elders want to have a safe place to feel welcome to sit with their peers while also enjoying younger generations and populations.
- As a society we tend to separate age groups, parks need to be a place that gathers all safely.
- Where those that feel they are "voiceless" can freely belong to these spaces and not feel that someone is watching/looking for them.

#### **SAFETY**

- People of course also should have access to parks & rec themselves, there's a difference between engaging in illegal activity (which anyone can do regardless of housing stats) & simple being in the facilities like everyone.
- No "hidden" spaces
- Safety=no homeless "campsites"; ensure that residents understand Gresham's approach is helping people get indoors
- Trash receptacles that are maintained
- regular maintenance and trash services
- Bottle filling stations at each park!
- Safe access to parks (safe roads, sidewalks, etc.)
- Benches, playgrounds, other parks/rec equipment maintained (not broken & in constant state of disrepair)
- Regular police patrols or drive by
- Neighborhood associations Adopt- A- Park to help with Safety and Maintenance.

#### **ACCESSIBILITY**

- Playgrounds that can be enjoyed by disabled adults
- Covered areas large enough for family gatherings. Covered areas for houseless neighbors to enjoy and stay dry
- Programming designed for/by disabled people, autistic people, neurodiverse people, people with sensory conditions, etc.
- Add covered basketball courts
- More skate parks
- Park locations near major roadways for immediate access - fences, so that children don't run out into the streets.
- Everyone feels safe, welcome, and barriers are removed for accessibility.

#### **What actions do you think the City could take in the next 3-6 years to achieve this vision?**

- Set specific budget (if not already) to engage intentionally with the community
- Create a new Parks System Master Plan that implements the recommendations of this Committee
- ... it looks like a place where everyone can bring their whole selves and have autonomy in their way of being (or recreating)\_
- basic cleaning, I see my closest park usually really messy because it attracts a lot of parties. I think folk assume someone will come clean-up after their party as if they are in a restaurant\_
- Collaborative and open Parks Planning and design.
- Many times folks that are in parks and see a need aren't necessarily aware of how to share their information. So perhaps information is available at parks letting folk know what they can do if they see a need or have an idea.
- More signage would help. Signs letting people know where the parks are.
- Paved walkways for access
- Paved is nice, but not always the safest option for littles and people with balance issues. I think the softer solid surface is better. Definitely NOT bark chips.
- Mental safety. Feeling welcome. Connecting to others. Combating isolation

- For Rec: ensuring safety protocols in place such as background checks, concussion training, etc.
- Community gardens: raised height garden beds minimizing tripping hazards and making rolling-friendly pathways, scholarships, bathrooms at gardens, kid and family friendly...
- Add pocket parks to large apartment complex developments
- ensure safe pedestrian and bicycle routes from homes to parks
- Connect parks with safe transportation routes (walking and biking) ensure safe sidewalks
- Financial accessibility for Parks& Rec. Sliding scales for fees to avoid accessibility issues for those who cannot afford it
- Rooftop gardens program
- More collaboration with existing resources to connect our community members
- Make sure the dog park has ADA accessibility
- Discourage long block lengths in development. Shorten walking distances to parks.

**What else would you like the City Council to know about Parks and Recreation to inform the strategic planning process?**

- As a person of color that came from a large family, I didn't have the luxury to go far for recreation, sometimes I didn't spend much time outdoors. So having family events that are planned and structures specifically for community
- Involve community in deciding Recreation programs
- Join "Mayors for Parks" \_
- 10-minute walk! <https://www.tpl.org/city/gresham-oregon>
- Ensuring programs and Parks reflect the entire community served (IE pickle ball to futsal)
- Get surveys or feedback from some of the huge apartment complexes. Ask those residents what they need.
- Sense of belonging.\_
- Accountability if inequitable practices are being seen.
- Proper signage and even way-finder signs within the park
- Maybe partnering with service groups to "adopt" areas to help with maintenance and community pride.
- Utilize community volunteers for clean-up days (including along streams, natural areas) painting, etc.\_
- All of these actions and things will require a sustainable funding model.
- Access to help if needed in the park.
- Public telephones/emergency phones
- Retrofit parks with ADA accessibility
- Pickleball courts needed!
- Make sure sidewalks have Curb Ramps
- Dog park expansion/additions
- training parks staff and police to not escalate confrontations with people experiencing crisis
- Disabled access ramps or parking near the entrance of the park
- Multicultural and culturally relevant programming.

**P&RCAG Imagine Gresham themes, highlights and missing elements shared during brainstorming:**

Themes

- Safety
- Safety in parks
- Data and mapping
- Safe routes to parks

Highlights

- Welcoming
- Safety in recreation

- Infrastructure accessibility to parks and at parks
- Amenities for all

Missing Elements

- Look at regional examples of accessibility
- Climate, Urban heat island and access to parks or amenities within parks
- Role parks play with environmental equity.

**5. Agenda Item #5 Roundtable**

PRCAG members asked the following questions:

- Does the City Council get updated on the PRCAG meetings and progress? – Council President Morales says he shares updates with the council and asked if staff can provide an update soon.
- Why hasn't 4<sup>th</sup> largest city in Oregon (Gresham) not had a funded parks and recreation program? – Steve shared how Gresham has a permanently set low tax rate impacting delivery of many city services, including parks and recreation.

**6. Agenda Item #6 Adjourn Meeting (Evaluation and Next Steps)**

Discussion:

- Chair Velez closed out the meeting and invited members to share their meeting evaluation in the Chat.
- We will focus on a gap service analysis at the April meeting.

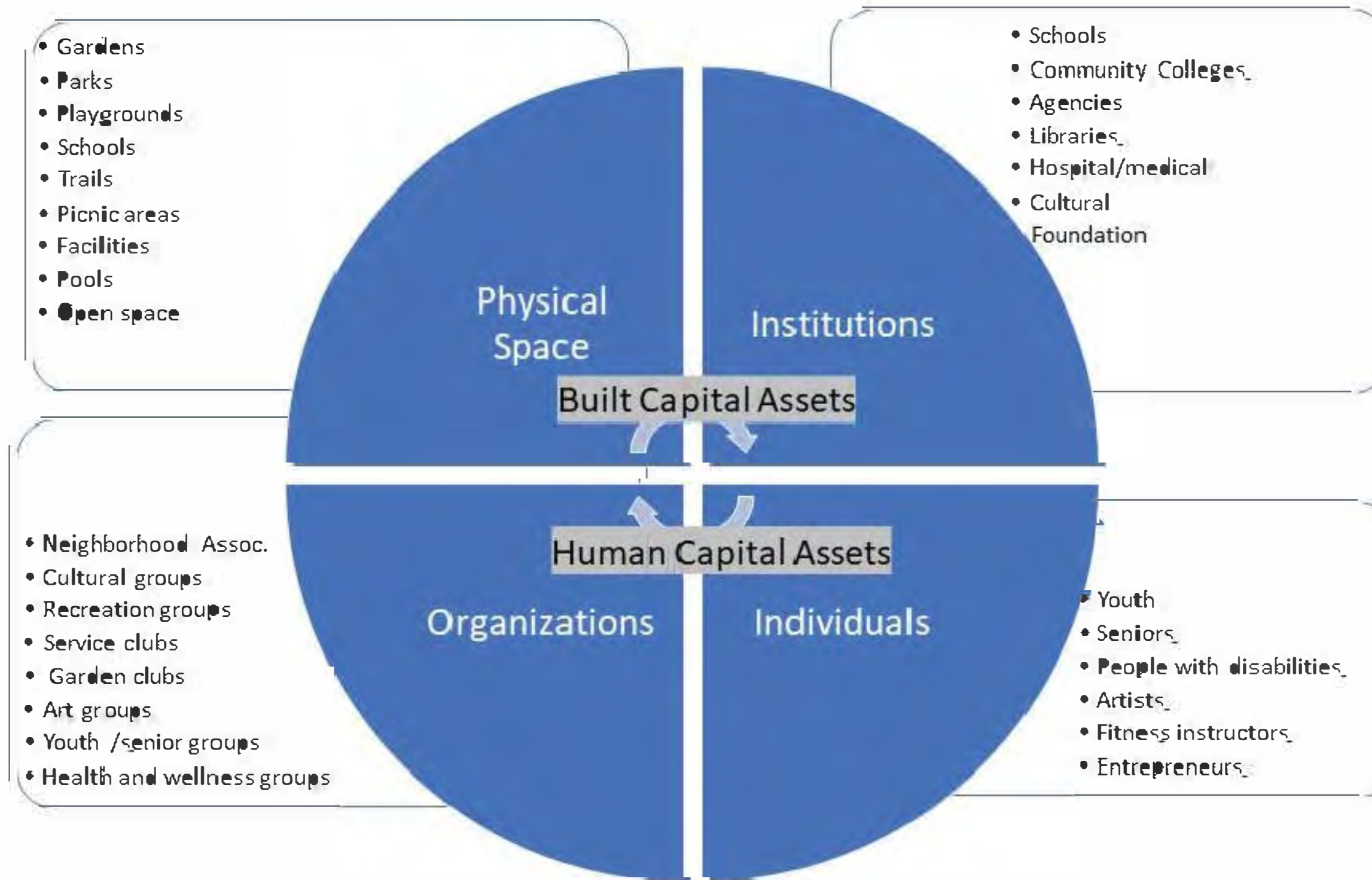
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| Adjournment:  | 8:00 p.m.                              |
| Next Meeting: | Thursday, April 7,2022 from 6 – 8 p.m. |

# Parks & Recreation Advisory Group 2.3.22

## What is Asset Mapping?

- \* Identifies what a community has and needs
- \* Draws on local expertise and experiences
- \* Park & Rec strengths and resources
- \* Helps uncover solutions to deficits
- \* Inventory physical (Built) and relational (Human)
- \* Build on assets to address various needs
- \* Visual map of what we collectively have

# Parks & Recreation Asset Mapping





**Group 1A**

**Built Capital**

**Assets - Public**

schools, facilities, city parks, etc....

**Group 1B**

**Built Capital**

**Assets - Private**

gyms, studios, facilities, etc...

**Group 2A**

**Human Capital**

**Assets - Public**

agency staff, school programs, etc...

**Group 2B**

**Human Capital**

**Assets - Private**

club programs, nonprofit services, etc..

# Tonight's Exercise

- \* Four breakout rooms - 15 minutes
- \* Staff assigned to each room
- \* Identify a team lead to report back
- \* Every group will have their own Jamboard page
- \* Participate by generating ideas with Sticky Notes
- \* Reconvene and share ideas - 5 minutes each



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# Group 1A: Built Capital Assets - Public (Joe)

What are the key existing built public assets in Gresham ?

Who are the key contacts?

**Gresham city parks**

Multnomah County East Building

**Gresham Buttes**

**Metro-Owned Parcels and Trails**

Reynolds School District-schools with parks, tracks, and pools

**Gresham city parks: Parks & Rec staff**

Sub-category: park amenities such as futsal courts, basketball courts, skate parks, playgrounds, dog parks, covered picnic areas, gazebos

**Splash Pad/Arts Plaza**

**Rockwood Quarry Site**

City Trails (SWT, Gresham-Fairview, etc)

sub-category: school amenities such as playgrounds, ball fields, gyms, auditoriums

School facilities: Facilities Directors, Community Partnership Coordinators

**Gresham City Hall (meeting rooms)**

Public-owned parking lots

**City Streets and ROWS**

Mt. Hood Community College - Indoor and outdoor?

**Rockwood 10 Community Room**

Multnomah County Quarry Site and Vance Park

School Services after school/recreation for adults students

Schools, facilities, city parks, etc.....

**Gresham Fairview Trail**

**Nearby city facilities**

**Metro (Buttes and Trails)**

# Group 1B: Built Capital Assets - Private(Ricki)

What are the key existing built private assets in Gresham?

Who are the key contacts?

**Gyms: Snap Fitness Site, Cascade Athletic Club, LA Fitness, Planet Fitness, Elements Health Club, Lyft Fitness, Orange Theory, Team Quest MMA, Epidavros Yoga Studio, Checkmat Portland Jiu Jitsu, Revolution Parkour, 24 Fitness**

**PDX Eastside - Baseball Training Center**

**Eastside Timbers & Thorns Complex**

**Gresham Golf Course**

**Drew Peterson - Eastside Baseball**

**The Gresham Foundation for the Arts**

**Mt Hood Lanes Bowling**

**Gresham Historical Museum**

**Senior Centers**

**Blue Pine Gifts(art classes)**

**Painting with J&M**

**Theatrical Groups and Musical Groups (Portland Columbia Symphony) - Rockwood Center (music camps)**

**Mt. Hood Dance Academy, NW Gymnastics Center, Debra M School of Dance, Inspire Dance Center,**

**Billiards**

**Bochi Ball**

**Gresham Senior Center**

**Club Paisano**

**VFW and Rockwood Grange**

**Mt Hood Pops Orchestra**

**Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts**

gyms, studios, facilities, etc.....

# Group 2A: Human Capital Assets-Public(Tina)

## Key Existing Organizations?

Sun Schools

MHCC

East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District

Gresham Senior Center

Paratransit providers

Neighborhood Associations

salvation army

Intellectual & Development Disability Services (Multnomah County)

Multnomah Early Childhood Program

Gresham Pride(?)

Play East

MetroEast Community Media

SNAP (Or agency that administers, not sure which)

YMCA

Friends of Groups (Nadaka, Grant Butte, etc)

## Key Existing Programs?

SKIP(summer kids in the park)

Safe Routes to School

Outdoor School

Houseless advocacy organizations (stakeholders)

PSU Academic Programs (Health, Education, etc)

Music Mondays

Soroptimist Int'l

Family of Friends Mentoring

Maker Space at Library

Volunteer Groups (Solve)

Lilac Run

Rotary -Service Orgs

CSA

Gresham Sunday Parkways

Gresham Chamber (private)

## Key Existing Instructors?

School faculty

library staff

City staff that do school outreach stuff

Case Workers

PSU students

Community health educators and nurses

MHCC students

Desiree Gutierrez, Program Manager Family of Friends Mentoring

firefighters

police

Sun Site Coordinators

agency staff, school programs,

# Group 2B: Human Capital Assets-Private(Tam)

## Key Existing Organizations?

## Key Existing Programs?

## Key Existing Instructors?



club programs, nonprofit services, etc.....