

**Reuse Meeting Feedback**  
**Los Paseos Youth Center, 6:00 pm**  
**October 6, 2009**  
**Attendance: 4 Adults, 8 Youth**

**1. What are the most important services, in priority order, that you want delivered at this facility?**

- Youth Center should stay as a Youth Center
- Youth services
- Keep the services currently provided by City of San Jose recreation staff
- Homework Center (afterschool program), tutoring, youth access to computers for research and resources for school reports, and projects
- Free youth services
- Arts and crafts, painting, projects, drawing, computer arts
- Sports, basketball, futsal (indoor soccer), football, soccer, dodge ball, safari, keep away
- Dance, Hip Hop, dance socials
- Bingo
- Health and Fitness Classes
- Field trips, high school musicals (free), Santa Cruz, sport events (Sharks, Giants, etc.), educational (tech museum), water parks
- Summer camp and programs
- Special events, Haunted House, National Night Out, egg hunts, holiday events
- Technology awareness, video games, computers
- Culture Events

**2. What qualities are most important to you in the services offered at this facility? E.g., staffing, cost, cultural programs, accessibility (days and times), etc.**

- City of San Jose recreation staff (they care about you, they are like family)
- Stable staff
- Interactive/approachable staff: who plays games, tutors, and is approachable
- Reasonable, low cost, and free services and programs
- Walking to distance for youth in the neighborhood. There is no other place like this around here.
- Extend the program days to at least one Saturday in the month
- Close Monday so you can open Tuesday through Saturday

**3. Who should provide these services?**

- The City of San Jose continue providing the services and keep same staff

Alternative Service Providers:

- Friends Outside of Santa Clara County, 551 Stockton Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126,  
Phone: (408) 295-6033

- Boys & Girls Club of Silicon Valley, 518 Valley Way, Milpitas, CA 95035  
Phone 408.957.9685
- Gateway City Church, 5883 Eden Park Pl, San Jose, CA 95138

**General Comments:**

- “Los Paseos is a blessing because it allows the youth in this neighborhood a safe place to go.”
- “Before the Los Paseos Youth Center, there was a lot of tagging and loiters, but since the center is available to the youth, the graffiti incidents have declined.”
- “The center allows youth to have access to computers so they can complete homework assignments that need additional research or need to be typed and printed.”
- “Los Paseos programming and staff are very stable services to the community”
- “The Youth Center has kept kids away from other negative activity, such as gangs, alcohol, and drugs.
- “The center is like my 4<sup>th</sup> home; either I am at my mom’s house, my dad’s house, hospital, or the youth center”
- “For some kids it is a second home.”
- “Youth Center participants volunteer for special events at other locations.”
- “The Youth Center gives a safe place for youth to engage in educational, sport, cultural, volunteer, arts and crafts activities.”
- “The Youth Center has had a positive influence on youth in this community. It has kept them safe and away from negative (gangs, drugs, alcohol) influences at Los Paseos Park.”

**Questions:**

- “Why close Los Paseos, which is a new facility, when the policy indicates to close older facilities?”
- “Would like documents that contain information where City Recreation staff was transferred to when the last 17 (and current) sites were closed and placed on the Community Center Reuse list?”
- “Would like the number of facility users who used the 17 and 6 proposed sites”
- “I would recommend that another meeting be held when the Los Paseos Homeowners Association is not meeting.”