

<b>CENTRAL DENVER RECREATION SITES</b>	
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT, LETTERS AND EMAILS THRU 9.15.09</b>	
<b>QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS</b>	
	<b>RESPONSES IF REQUESTED</b>
How much of the open space is used for the Congress Park Plan?	None - this option is desgined to utilize only current built space.
What is the current amount of Parking in Congress Park?	Existing parking lot has 50 spaces, and approx. 44 additional spaces are available along the 9th Ave. entrance road and pull-in parking off of Josephine St.
If \$11million is for land acquisition & design, what happens if Congress Park is selected? I assume the 11million can't be used for construction. How could that 11million be preserved? If the Rec Center is in Congress Park where will it expand? The Congress Park pool is only operational for (?) months of the year. How will it be staffed year round?	This bond money can be used for construction. The summer pool season is approximatley 8 weeks long. When a Recreation Center is built, the Department of Parks and Recreation will work to secure partnerships for the center and will ensure it is fully staffed.
Would Congress Park even be large enough for a Rec Center?	yes
If Congress Park - year round pool? If not Congress park does our swim pool go away?	It could be a year around pool. Nothing at this time is planned to change the current pool if the rec center is not built in Congress Park.
The 50 meter pool at Congress Park is a rare and special facility, it needs to be maintained.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
What percentage of people/residents of Congress Park would already use the Rec Center?	Unknown at this time
Do not say Congress allows you to build it right away- both are phased in. Your timeline board is very weak.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
I think the location could work, leaning toward Congress Park because: a year around pool would be great and worry that Colfax site would stay vacant for a long time. Please don't let concerns about parking drive the decision. Both locations are transit, bike and ped accessible. We should plan for people not cars.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
I'm fine with Congress site. I live 1/2 block from park, but maintain summer outdoor pool. It is the best in the city with lots of grass and deck.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Congress Park location is the better location. Move Central to District 10. Cost effective as Denver owns the land. It has the largest pool in Denver rec inventory utilization. Greenhouse pool covering makes iconic and architectural connection to Botanic Gardens with greenhouse under construction.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Strongly favor the Congress Park location, but a few things not shown on the boards must be addressed. These are playground must be expanded due to the increased demand. It is already over used and under capacity. Parking may be too limited. Make parking on Detroit and Fillmore for residence only parking.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Prefer the Congress Park option. Would like to see expansion of existing playground. Since there will be more use, probably. Also, perhaps add parking permit signage in adjacent neighborhoods. Parking lots look very limited in rec center area.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED

The DPS should build its own swimming facility. Congress Park would serve the entire population in the area. Not work around the school schedule.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
I am actually pretty surprised I was initially very against the Congress Park site but it its done as shown you might easily sell me over. Thank you CVity of Denver.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
I appreciate you pushing for a Congress Park choice. The more I look at this the more I believe the fiscal responsible choice is Congress Park. Also, who ever owns Church in the City will pay taxes. Please consider that. Plus, people get to use the recreation center soon. Finally it seems to me traffic impact on the major arteries will be minimal, but what is traffic volume for other centers?	Recreations center volume ranges between 20-375 patrons daily. Washington Park Recreation Center has the highest volume.
I vote for the Congress Park option. Build on land the city owns and build phase one now!	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
To me, Congress Park is the clear choice. We get it built now, without consumption of green space. Phase II needs to be better explained.	The initial phase 2 concept for a facility at Congress Park includes a 1 1/2 court gymnasium and a leisure pool at the north end of the building.
I would be in favor of the Congress Park site as it is close to my house. However, we bought our house because of the low traffic. Not the only reason but a factor. What type of assurance would we have that 9th avenue would not be opened up? This would add congestion to the traffic supplied by the Woldorf school.	The site design did not address opening 9th.
We welcome a recreation center at any of the locations. Congress is our preferred location followed by Church in the City and then Gove. Our main concern with the Congress Park site is being certain we can direct the flow of traffic to the designated parking lots; not the neighborhood. Perhaps permit parking for the neighbors. Also, including upgrades to the tennis courts, field and open spaces would be helpful especially with the impact of the construction.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
There is a consensus among women I have spoken to that we are not going to feel comfortable using the Church in the City site or any other of the Colfax sites for safety reasons. For that reason we will not use the recreation center if it is built there.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
I much prefer the Congress Park location. I like that money will go further to build things. Not just the land.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Strongly prefer Congress Park. Access is mom/kid friendly. Do not like East High location. Too busy in the major streets. Live in neighborhood and would love new recreation center.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Congress Park: City owns land, pool in place, minimal open space reduction, safe neighborhood, all money goes for improvement, ties Congress, Cheesman Park and Botanic Gardens together. Design fits neighborhood. Indoor and Outdoor all season sports addressed.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Congress Park Perfect- Everything survey results at 2008 meeting and public survey requested. Own land, safe neighborhood, ties Congress, Botanic Gardens and Cheesman together and can build for amount of bond with no further debt or vote needed.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Against Church in the City - Have to purchase land from developer. Safety- highest crime in Congress Park. All funds will go for land and what will the city do with the vacant land and no building funds?	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Congress Park location would likely encourage more young families to join. If this is a consideration, then demographics is important for drawing on homeowners from a stable environmnet, the more wholesome and established neighborhoods, the rgeater participation. Cohesiveness depends on access. Small children won't venture too far into areas where adults are wary and watchful. I question the rec center being attractive to families with young children next to a big inner city highschool on Colfax.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
As a resident of Congress Park the last thing I need is another Rec Center. There are already plenty of private centers to choose from. Plus YMCA & other city centers . I value the green space above all and the trees, the peace & quiet low key recreation. You would be taking away a fine park for big brick complex that would detect the kind of recreation I now enjoy scale down, save money don't if you must build then Gove or East. I think a Rec center is a No!	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED

With only one access to Congress (off Josephine) it creates congestion and undesirable overflow into the surrounding neighborhoods. Please do not use Congress.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Trusting the decision of the City - I did not object to the construction of the Botanic Garden - Now I am really disappointed with the look and construction- absolutely not as portrayed-warned the same for a Congress Park option would derivate from the very beauty and safety of Congress Park.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Why would the City consider putting more brick & concrete at Congress Park especially since they built the eyesore parking garage? Don't you thing our Parks should stay green?	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Because the new building at the Botanic Gardens have taken up much of the green space around Congress, I am no longer in favor of building the Rec center near the Congress Park Pool. Please preserve the open space in Congress Park and build the new Rec. Center at Gove or near East High where it enhance a property in need and where buses on Colfax and Colorado Blvd. will serve it well.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Congress Park is one in a handful of great neighborhoods within central Denver due to it location, density and relative privacy. How is it possible to maintain this distinctive neighborhood feel while squeezing a large, feature-rich multipurpose facility into constrained area? specifically what one, the plans to address parking increases in traffic, parking, noise and security.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Congress Park is already congested with its persent uses & does not need new uses & the traffic it would generate. Uses already impact several quiet residential areas with traffic & parking in spite of the relatively low volume use. Access to parking is too convoluted & difficult therefore encouraging park vistors to park in the neighborhood instead of in the park. The alley is also heavily use for parking even though it is illegal. (no enforcement). If Congress were the most favorabe the Center should be located & SW corner with access from 8th & Josephine. City has no money to build it fully anyway so the argument that money should not be use for and acquisition is moot. (need to raise more money anyway) City has no money to operate what they currently have let alone being looked at for closure). Church in the City site could compliment the main street revitalization of colfax & compliment East High School programs & activities & help "stimulate" other redevelopment on colfax. Traffic generated by Rec center would not be noticed with the already busy highly trafficed neighborhood around colfax. Sharing of DPS ballfields & gymnasium would allow operating cost to be shared with DPS. Colfax is historic roadway with some of the best bus service & great pedestrian tra	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
I am against making a Rec center in Congress Park	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Access is not good at congress- you only have access off Josephine - what a mess it will be.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
I am very concerned that there is no public comments at this meeting. Resulting to those cards keeps public comment secret, known only to them who may access these cards. The Congress Park location is poorly sited. There is only on way into it is off a one way street. This will make area parking much worse than it is. The Congress Park site removes several tennis & basketball courts, while giving back only 1 basketball court & 1 tennis court. The East High site is a much better location, better access to the general public to integrates better with the secondary neighborhood.	There was public comment at the meeting. We are putting up all comments, letters and emails onto the website.
While I understand that the preliminary drawings for the Congress Park site take little of the open space for construction of the recreation center, the fact is that a building of not insignificant size will be sited in what is presently a park. All current recreation uses in C.P. are outdoor uses (baseball, soccer, tennis, outdoor swimming, walking and relaxing in the open air) a new building undermines that open use and obviously would add significant automobile traffic. I do not believe such use is in keeping with Mayor Speer's "city beautiful" vision of Denver. let's keep all our parks open without unnecessary structures.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
I would not have bought in Congress Park if I thought the character/safety would change too much. Please keep safety of neighborhood-less traffic, less parking lots, more safe.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
The impact of a center and it's associated traffic/congestion/activity will negatively impact the congress Park neighborhood. Already we see problems with overlapping activities (Botanic Gardens, soccer, pool, etc) and increased traffic on the side streets-more of that is undesirable.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED

Covering congress park would negatively affect it's appeal to those of us who have used it for more than 25 years. Increasing the use of Congress Park would be a negative influence on the character of the neighborhood.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
No to Congress Park - Congress is a small, well utilized parks. The swim pool, while open only a few weeks each summer is in my opinion, the showcase outdoor pool. Always full of recreation and exercisers. I much prefer that we do not take away space from the park outdoor space to put in yet another large building in this area. The ever expanding building Botanic Gardens have used up too much of our open space already. I strongly support the Colfax/Josephine site, which is not in a small park or residential area, and which can be used by East High School students as well as many other residents. Congress=Too much impact.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Just to clarify, with the Congress Park option, we get a recreation center with our existing tax dollar set aside? Why wouldn't the city choose the Congress Park site?	The City and City Council wanted to hear comments from the citizens on their preferred location prior to making a final decision on the location.
Strong opposition to a new rec center in Congress Park. This is another example of the city nipping away at open space in our parks. A glaring example is City park where the zoo and museum have little by little eliminated open space with parking lots and expansions.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Right now Congress Park has only modest auto use, typically periodic soccer games. With the current drawings that is a tremendous amount of increased auto use. This threatens use of the park traditional open use - and will not be conducive to family use. Don't sacrifice our park for parking & increased traffic.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Congress Park is a Park not land for redevelopment . Denver voters voted funds for land acquisition - not construction. Congress Park neighbors have had enough of the DBG and Denver water projects. We are a quiet neighborhood we will not be rezoned! Obsolete Idle land is where the facility should be.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
No to Rec center in Congress Park. It's our precious little open space jewel - too small for an intrusive Rec center. As a Detroit st resident (Westside 1000 block) we've had enough construction. Listen to us!	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Why would it be a better choice to use up perfectly good green space in Congress Park when there is asphalt sitting waiting to be used? As an East High student I would love to have a Rec center so close by. Having this great plan put in City Park just makes more sense.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
This comment is from Elliot Manuel for East Student council. Today, in Student Council we discussed if East students would get a discount to the Rec Center . How will you all ensure to work with students, and how will that look in practice?	Our recreation membership for youth are 17 and under. In addition, we offer scholarships for individuals that need financial assistance. If this site is selected, we will work closely with DPS and East HS on programming at this facility to attract students from East HS.
What partnership with DPS are my tax dollars going to be used for DPS?	No decision have been made on this front. If the final site selction is at the Colfax site, we will begin discussions with DPS on sharing facilities.
If at Church in the City how will this affect student parking and driving safety? And how will you address this issue?	DPR's initial planning studies indicate that the Church in the City parcel has adequate area to accommodate parking for non-student recreation center users.

currently the Football Field is closed to the public. If Church in the City site was chosen would that change?	The East HS football field is managed by Denver Public Schools. Decisions on public access to the football field is under DPS jurisdiction.
Church in the City site: How can it be a "Pro" for site B requirements?	During DPR's initial site assessment process, the Church in the City property was evaluated as Site B. Church in the City is one of two final choices for locating the new recreation center.
If Church in the City is chosen parking should not be on the south or Colfax side.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
The Church in the City site could be great for the students at East High as well as NE Denver kids who could get there via bus.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
I vote for the East High School site at Colfax. East High is more centrally located in the district & will be a great benefit for the district & the students. Good partnership with East High, and it also will enhance & revitalize Colfax Ave - A business asset for the City, opportunities on Colfax - Business wise.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Put Center on Colfax & Josephine	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
I prefer the Church in the City - too crowded at Congress	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
I vote for Church in the City location . Lets get Colfax corridor better and better! This location would be bless the masses- not just the rich. (Congress Park)	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Purchase the gas station property to extend the available space & parking maybe add more retail.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
East High School teachers, administrators, and parents support the Church in the City site. We want this in our Front yard!	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
I support building the new recreation center at the former Church in the City website adjacent to East High School.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Access to retail is only at Colfax - Why not allow the Rec Center and businesses to both flourish?	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
This seems to be a great option for East students & the community . What are the others or are there others?	The City is currently deciding between two potential locations: acquisition of the Church in the City property or new construction at Congress Park.
As and East High student, I would love to have a Rec center at "our front yard" because HS not just us, its City Park! City Park is the most famous park & busiest park and a Rec center would help us all. Please help us!	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
As a junior at East High School, I greatly support the plan of a Rec center in the Josephine/Colfax lot. I can see this as being a wonderful resource for future students and a safe place for students to use their time constructively. This plan would also draw families to the City park neighborhood and create a wonderful neighborhood hub. This would unite and sometimes divided neighborhood in a wonderful way. I would specifically support the plan that with commercial businesses on Colfax. this would create a safer driving environment around East.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
East Hi is a prime location. What site has the best public transportation access parking?	Public transportation is available for both sites: at Congress Park and at the Church in the City site. Parking specifically for public transit use will not be incorporated into either site. Recreation Center parking spaces will be designated for use by recreation center users.

Mayor Hickenlooper has repeatedly stated that he would like to partner with DPS to make our schools stronger. A Rec center in partnership with DPS would hugely impact East High School with opportunities for sharing space for art, theatre, and classrooms and a swimming pool that can be used by students. No doubt, the Rec center would be utilized by numerous students afterschool as well in productive endeavors rather than milling around Colfax.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
the Church in the City has the most neighborhood & synergy appeal	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
East High School is the best location for access and use for the most Denver residents. Quality housing density nearby on a convenient transportation corridor and crossroad. Adjacent access to expansive City Park. It's a once in a 50 year opportunity. Congress Park is and access nightmare limited by a thread the needle automobile blazed approach lacking significant or frequent public transport and unfriendly to pedestrians.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Continuing to improve the Colfax corridor is a very positive benefit for areas beyond district 10. Building a Rec center along a very visible highly used corridor is a positive for Denver. Land is vacant & could be negotiated cheaper given the economy. don't assume costs quoted more than a year ago are sound.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Pro for Church in the City - Evenings & weekends & summer when Rec center usage would be highest. East is not in school & therefore there would be over flow parking available. The student parking lot across 16th could be used. There is no overflow parking available in the congress park site. the new Botanic garden parking Structure is free & runs the very high possibility that structure would be taken by Rec center users. the gardens would not be happy to lose any parking to a Rec center. The neighbors don't want anymore parking in their neighborhood. There is the real cost the city may have to incur for creating permit parking like there is for Cherry Creek north.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
A Rec center at 16th and Josephine would greatly benefit the already developing area and bring a more family and community oriented atmosphere to the area. East High athletics would also benefit and open more opportunities for training and utilizing a convenient resource.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Why have this meeting? Is it not already settled among the City planners? The site on Colfax and Josephine would be ideal. Congress park would be ruined, I'm afraid.	The final decision is not and has to this date not been made.
My preference it that the public should be allowed to vote on all 6 sites, not just 2. I don't know why a Rec center could not be sited in City Park, which has far more land than Congress Park. Congress Park has been subjected to almost 9 years of constant construction. Our comments are only solicited "after the fact" when decisions have already been negotiated behind closed doors. If we have to choose between Congress Park & Church in the city as the only 2 choices. My choice is Church in the City. We don't want a Rec center in Congress Park. A deeply disgruntled citizen.	It is not appropriate for residents to vote on sites which are not available to the City. A site decision criteria was to look at sites which would not affect open space. If a center was to be built in City Park, it would be necessary to utilize open space. The Site option for Congress park would allow the center to be built ontop of currently existing built environment.
I feel the Colfax location would be the superior choice . The public access would be outstanding for bus travelers(such as myself) and I understand the facilities would (or may) compliment the East High campus. I do also believe that more spare devoted to child care would greatly benefit the community.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
The benefit of the east High location far outweighs the detriments of having to buy the land. The East High location is desired by the neighborhoods the better access to transportation& integrates well with its location. The Congress Park locations not wanted by the neighborhood will take away fromthe existing parking worsen neighborhood parking issues. The apparent \$11million saving is not worth putting in an unwanted Rec center.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED

I am in favor of Church in the Park. I am a Congress Park resident (8th & Fillmore). I am strongly against the Congress Park site for the following reasons. 1. the only reason to select Congress Park is to save 11million. Everything else is window dressing. Saving the money is short sighted. 2. Congress park is a highly used relatively small neighborhood park. A rec center would infringe on its open space & other facilities. 3. The proposed new zoning code calls for more density which will result in more traffic and parking problems. 4. The Church in the City is a more is a more central location, would not infringe on green space, and is easily accessible by public transportation. 5. I am sick of the heavy construction traffic for the last 3 years resulting from its building of the reservoir to the Botanic Gardens.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
East High option II	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
For Colfax & Josephine site - need 16th ave access otherwise very hard to get to from the north.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
No need to chop up existing park - problem with access from 2 one way streets. East High School site much more appropriate. Great public accessibility from Colfax. Prefer East High School site.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
it is true that there is a larger area to potentially develop at the Church in the City site other than just the "red carpet".	Yes. The red area represents building location on each option depicted for the Church in the City property. Each option for the Church in the City site includes space for a recreation center building, associated parking for center users and a potential development site. These two options represent only two of a number of possible configurations for this property.
Church in the City Josephine & Colfax Option I	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
The Church in the City site offers a real opportunity for Parks & Rec to create a win-win-win with scenario. It would enhance the movement to recover Colfax from the blight of the past. It offers the city of Denver the opportunity to partner with another fine institution, DIPS' East High. and it does not take away open space park land from pedestrian use. DIPS students at East -Denver citizens-would benefit as world adults who could interact with the kids (bridge the generational divide). that site has great public access & would enhance & kick start redevelopment of and important intersection. It is a winner all the way around.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
It seems to me that this sort of project presents two equally important opportunities: 1. to provide citizens of the community with much-needed services and 2. to improve the community, particularly areas that may be somewhat blighted and need gentrification. If that is so, the Church in the City site should be the clear choice. That site is vacant and on eyesore, and is in an area of the city that desperately needs something. congress park is already different, and is already saved by park facilities.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
If the citizens would not give up one sq.ft. of Civic Center Park - how could congress Park be considered? I vote East!	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
East High and the surrounding community need and deserve a quality Rec center. Fit would be a wonderful opportunity for students to have a positive outlet after school as well as a place to connect with the community. No on Congress Park.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Love Church in the City site option- great synergies with East & City Park - also good access to underserved communities and diverse residents.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
I like Site B church in city - Good central location with good public transit access. Option 2 would make room for much needed grocery store.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED

In my view, the obvious choice is the Church in the city location. The opportunity to gentrify a large section of Colfax is not to be missed. That location best serves those of an actual need for a Rec center as opposed to the relatively different population in Congress Park. That it may take a few more years to get it built should not drive this decision, which has such lasting consequences for the City.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
The site near East High School makes the most sense so that the East students can benefit from the center - it is easily accessible and has less proximity to neighborhoods- therefore less traffic, etc which will impact the side streets, etc.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
the swim team really needs place close to practice and there wont be druggies scaring kids at East.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
I Support the Colfax and Josephine location. It is a very central location and as a student I can foresee many future opportunities at East and the Rec center. In addition, it would create a safe alternative place for kids to spend time and do homework rather than loiter at East long before and after school hours.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
The residents of Congress Park have been through 5-7 years of construction. The streets are narrow, the noise is in our homes. Take the dozers and backhoes, jack hammer and oversized trucks out of Congress Park. Clean up Church in the City end upgrade Colfax in the process.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
No more construction in or near congress park. What happened to the City of Denver priding itself on being green? Church in the City site is already hideous. Clean that up and leave the park as green as possible.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
The Colfax neighbors seem to want the center, through access, nearby businesses who will also profit and flourish. It fits the Denver City Plan to redevelop Colfax Avenue. Why not go where it is needed and wanted.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
East High Location- Gas station is up for sale also, multi use for students. This will help develop a real eye sore and will bring in businesses to that area. The facility would have 24 use? Bring in additional revenue for DPS and from the family going to East. Congress Park.. No cost for Land, nice use of park area.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
I am concerned with locating the center at Congress Park. I prefer 16th and Josephine. Leave Congress Park a park.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Church in the City site is better because of the location; because of the synergy between East High, the tattered cover, and restaurants; denser location. Have you reached an agreement with DPS on the teacher parking lot?	DPR is only making a decision on a preferred site for the recreation center. DPR does not have an agreement with DPS on use of the teacher parking lot.
I have strong feelings about both sites. Our urban parks are endangered. Rec Centers can be built anywhere, but parks can not. The last thing our surviving parks needs are parking garages, big buildings and less openspace. Congress Park is first and foremost a park. It is not in need of yet another government building chewing up what is left of the park. Encroaching on the soccer fields in front of the pools. Eliminating the tennis courts or basketball courts behind the pool. Indoor pools abound in Dnever. The outdoor summer pool is a rare find. Let Congress Park stay a park. there are so few left. The church in the city is a perfect place for a rec center. It is only 4 blocks away from Congress Park and it is not anymore dangerous than the park is at night. If anything having a rec center there will make the park more dangerous at night. Building a rec center there does not have to destroy a park, but it wil limprove a sore spot. The church in the City site is an unpleasant site. There is room for parking and it doesn't destroy other city facilities.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
We strongly oppose putting a rec center in congress park. We have too much traffic and congestion as it is and it could be dangerous for kids. As a graduate of East and a commercial building owner in uptown, the church in the city site would be perfect. It could continue the improvements along Colfax and there would be fewer parking issues.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
Against East High. Highest crime rate in area, seniors will not go there, have to purchase land reducing improvement monies, reduced sports facilities from East High.	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
What is the timeline and process for a decision?	The City will make a decision on a preferred site in October, 2009.

<p>As a Denver voter, my primary concern is that tax dollars are used responsibly, efficiently and wisely.</p> <p>When considering the location of the proposed Central Denver Recreation Center, the critical question before us should be:          "How will the money raised from the Better Denver Bond Program best be deployed?" I am the first to admit that there are people more qualified than I to analyze the financial intricacies of this question.</p> <p>I do, however, feel qualified to identify a few key concerns:1) Do taxpayers understand that a follow-on bond issue may be necessary to complete the project? If the city spends \$11mm to acquire land and complete building design, voters will be asked to approve a second bond issue to complete construction. Is this a scenario that we, as taxpayers, accept?2) Have we examined the tax implications of private land acquisition vs. public land utilization? What will be the abandoned tax revenues from the property currently under consideration for a proposed development? What are the current tax revenues from the proposed Colfax location? What are the long-term implications to the city when the bonds mature?</p>	NO RESPONSE REQUESTED
<p>Why create a new Rec facility when the City has cut coverage and mandates furloughs for it's employee?</p>	<p>Funding for this new recreation center was voted in during the 2007 Better Denver Bond. This is not General Fund dollars, which pay for the maintenance, staffing and management of the recreation system. Due to the current budget reductions across the city due to the current economy, the Department must reduce the General Fund expenditures.</p>
<p>How can the City afford to staff and maintain a new facility? (Especially when other Rec centers have cut staff &amp; programs and are not fully utilized?)</p>	as above
<p>If the City is laying off people, do we need a Rec Center?</p>	as above
<p>Is the City obligated to spend the bond funds as the voters approved, i.e. for land acquisition and fees associated with a for land acquisition and fees associated with a Rec Center, not construction?</p>	The City is able to utilize the funds for construction.
<p>I've been told the City anticipates closing 4 Rec centers - Is that correct? What is approximately number of people this new Rec Center is to serve? Compared to say Wash Pk Rec Center?</p>	A new recreation center in central Denver will be a regional center, similar to the recreation centers at Washington Park and planned for Stapleton's Central Park.
<p>If the East High site is selected, what will happen with the pool at Congress Park?</p>	nothing at this time
<p>How will the Mayor's proposed Budget cuts to close 3 Rec Centers impact building a Central Rec center let alone keep it open?</p>	as above
<p>Does City of Denver have funding to operate new Rec Center? What is funding source? (pr ongoing operations)</p>	as above
<p>Walking to Congress would be more feasible to more people than Colfax. What are your measures of success beyond financial? Who are your prime customers for this demographics?</p>	<p>Program participation and usage is one measure of success in meeting the needs of the community. Since this is considered a regional center, the customers would be from the local community to beyond and serving youth, adults, seniors and people with disabilities.</p>
<p>What about a land trade with the developer who owns the Church in the City site. Give him Wyman in Exchange giving the City the funds to build Rec Center?</p>	DPS has not indicated they are interested in this idea.

<p>If funding was all used - How would the rest of the Rec Centers be funded? Could this money be better used? Especially in econ crisis?</p>	<p>The Bond dollars must be spent on a new recreation center in central Denver.</p>
<p>what is your long range (3-5 years) vision for the site?</p>	<p>Which site? If the Congress Park location is selected, the timeline is to issue the RFP for design services begins in Jan. 2010 with construction period of 2012 with opening in Jan. 2013. The Church in the City Site would purchase land in 1st quarter of 2010 with no construction timeline or opening date scheduled.</p>
<p>You are not presenting the phase in correctly. If 20millionis needed &amp; only 11.9 is bond money both have to be phased in.</p>	<p>Correct. The Church in the City location would be purchased through the Better Denver Bond. The construction of that facility would need to be funded by another source such as future bond, donation, etc. The Congress Park site would be completed in 2 phases. The first phase would be to enclose the outdoor pool, add weight room and fitness, community room and locker facilities. Phase 2 includes the 1-1/2 court gymnasium and Leisure pool and funding would need to be secured.</p>
<p>Do you think residents voted for the bond issue to build a swim facility for students primarily?</p>	<p>NO RESPONSE REQUESTED</p>
<p>Why do we need a Rec center for this area? Wouldn't our money be better served in another area? Does the public want this Rec center? The bond issue was most likely not clear to the voting public.</p>	<p>NO RESPONSE REQUESTED</p>
<p>Two "best sites" selected have minimal availability for expansion.</p>	<p>NO RESPONSE REQUESTED</p>
<p>We support a recreation center at Church in the City site; however we are concerned with any city monies spent, beyond the bond allotment, during the current economic crisis.</p>	<p>NO RESPONSE REQUESTED</p>
<p>Would each site have a full gym?</p>	<p>Initial concepts for each location includes a full, 1 1/2 court gymnasium. If the Congress Park is selected, the gymnasium would be constructed as part of phase 2.</p>
<p>Will you have Public meetings in each neighborhood Association? Why no committees in Neighborhoods? Seems limited communication to few residents. How to partnership in short time? Demographic studies would likely show may people 55th in inner city . What program &amp; facility designs include senior program &amp; partnership?</p>	<p>Currently, DPR is only determining site selection for this facility. The City has very limited time to consider the purchase option on the Church in the City site. A full community involvement process will be determined at the time that design development moves forward for the new facility.</p>

<p>We see the pro's &amp; con's listed her today? What we don't see is why persons other than the public decided on the relative merits of the pro's &amp; con's. The public are the arbiters, why weren't we consulted?</p>	<p>The public meeting held was the opportunity for the neighbors and community at large to give input.</p>
<p>Congress Park is too small for a Rec Center and the neighborhood is stressed already w/too much traffic. I would vote for the East High location. Also, wondering why City Park was not reviewed as it is so much bigger?</p>	<p>as above</p>
<p>Why not a site at City Park? Southside of park along 17th aver at Steele sty. Freely land and not much impact since the park is so large.</p>	<p>as above</p>
<p>How much would it cost to buy Gove or Wyman form DPS?</p>	<p>DPS has not indicated they are interested in this idea.</p>
<p>No to Congress Park - keep it green and open. My first choice is Gove School.</p>	<p>DPS has not indicated they are interested in this idea.</p>
<p>Gove is perfect - on the bus lines, lots of space, has pedestrian bridge, wouldn't dispute existing beautiful park &amp; pool oat Congress. It has no competing activities-(Botanic gardens, Soccer, act) which increase traffic &amp; parking woes.</p>	<p>DPS has not indicated they are interested in this idea.</p>
<p>the Gove property appears to be I the center of the focus area studied. It is well united to house a regional Rec Center and to accommodate expansion in the years to come. 11 has the support of the Bellevue-Hale neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods. It would be used by all demographics.</p>	<p>DPS has not indicated they are interested in this idea.</p>
<p>The Gove site has plenty of parking to support a Rec Center. It is preferable to congress Park because it wouldn't involve taking away a valuable community resource - the outdoor pool.</p>	<p>DPS has not indicated they are interested in this idea.</p>
<p>I think the Rec center should be at the Gove Middle School.</p>	<p>DPS has not indicated they are interested in this idea.</p>
<p>I would like to see Gove property use. It's big parking, and looks empty! If our taxes paid for Gove, why would we have to pay a lot for it? National Jewish could look into old CU campus.</p>	<p>DPS has not indicated they are interested in this idea.</p>
<p>Doesn't it make sense to offer an additional swim facility near a very popular public high school? This is one of several benefits to suburban schools. I think it's an important addition to the pubic school system.</p>	<p>NO RESPONSE REQUESTED</p>
<p>I strongly support the construction of the recreational center on the Congress Park site. It is a good design, that would not use green space and would yield a center the community could use within a year to a year and a half. Given the fiscal crisis the city is going through, if the Church in the City site were chosen the additional funds necessary for construction would not be available for years. The community would be stuck with a vacant site instead of a recreational center. I live on the 1300 block of Milwaukee and strongly urge you to make the decision on the best interest of the community and the best use of the Park Districts limited resources rather than on the fears of the people who live immediately next to the east side of Congress Park and have come to look on the Park as an extension of their backyards.</p>	<p>NO RESPONSE REQUESTED</p>
<p>We have lived in the Congress Park neighborhood since 1974. And we are thrilled that we may get a rec center in this part of town—something that has been a long time coming.</p> <p>The Church in the City location makes the most sense for many reasons. It is an area that still needs to be developed (as opposed to Congress Park) and it would be a huge benefit to East High as well. Traffic flow is better and it will be a help to the existing businesses on Colfax.</p>	<p>NO RESPONSE REQUESTED</p>

<p>Please convey our support for the acquisition of the former Church in the City site for the new center. This location would remove the unsightly unoccupied church. Other pros: better public transportation to the location; opportunity for a larger location; more room for parking. It would also provide a more convenient location for the East High School team to practice.</p> <p>This location is much preferred over the Congress Park area. It offers more options!</p>	<p>NO RESPONSE REQUESTED</p>
<p>I just wanted to weigh in on the rec center options. As you may remember, we live at 935 Detroit street and benefit from the lovely alleyway behind us that you helped so much to make work for the neighbors.</p> <p>For the proposed rec center, we are most supportive of the City in the Church Location. While I do not want to be perceived as having "NIMBY" interests, I do want to let you know why we support the City in the Church location and not the Congress Park.</p> <p>Congress park 'works' as it is now-- tennis courts, summer pool, soccer, baseball, playground and picnic area. Why change something that works? Plus if we were to have a rec center -- even without considering access off 9th, it would be hard to enter -- especially from the north-- because the one-way streets. The City in the Church Location has easy access to public transportation, proximity to East High school, more parking spaces and so many other benefits. I know it will be more expensive but I think it is the best investment for the city.</p>	<p>NO RESPONSE REQUESTED</p>