

This is a report on the 3rd in the series of surveys which the Friends of Squaw Valley has been conducting on various questions about the proposed Squaw Valley Real Estate (SVRE) Base Village expansion. This one concerned projects SVRE would consider undertaking to meet their park and recreation obligations as part of any development.

There were only about 1/3 the number of responses to this survey as to the other two. This is unfortunate, considering the importance of the issue, and the responses to the question on assessment fees which seemed to go against conventional wisdom.

SVRE had proposed a list of 6 possibilities to which the Friends of Squaw Valley have added 7 more, and left open additional options to be added by the responders to the survey.

The 13 options were:

1. Linear Park & Trail Expansion = Complete hike/bike trail from Hwy 89 to Shirley Lake Trailhead with overlooks and informational signs
2. Shirley Lake & Granite Chief Trailhead improvements including signage, parking, bike storage, restroom facilities
3. Trail connecting Alpine Meadows and Squaw Valley by connecting Western States and 5-Lakes Trails
4. Valley-wide ongoing trails maintenance program
5. Improvements to Squaw Valley Community Park & Lot 4 (Employee housing) with Two all-purpose courts at Squaw Valley Community Park  
Upgrade restroom facilities to flush toilets at Squaw Valley Community Park.
6. Squaw Valley Seasonal Playspace – Open to Public – with 3-Dimensional play structures for tots to kinder age (relocatable/removeable during ski season)
7. Maintained mountain bike trail between Squaw and Alpine
8. More comprehensive repair/repaving and ongoing snow removal of the Bike/Hike trail along Squaw Valley Road
9. Improvements (landscaping, benches) to the frisbee golf course by High Camp
10. Summer skate board park in Alpine or Squaw parking lot
11. Lift served mountain bike trails in Alpine Meadows or Squaw Valley
12. A hiking trail in Alpine Meadows from the base lodge to the chalet for coffee and croissants on the deck
13. Squaw Valley Rim Trail – being able to hike along the mountain top rim around Squaw Valley from Olympic Torch to Olympic Torch.

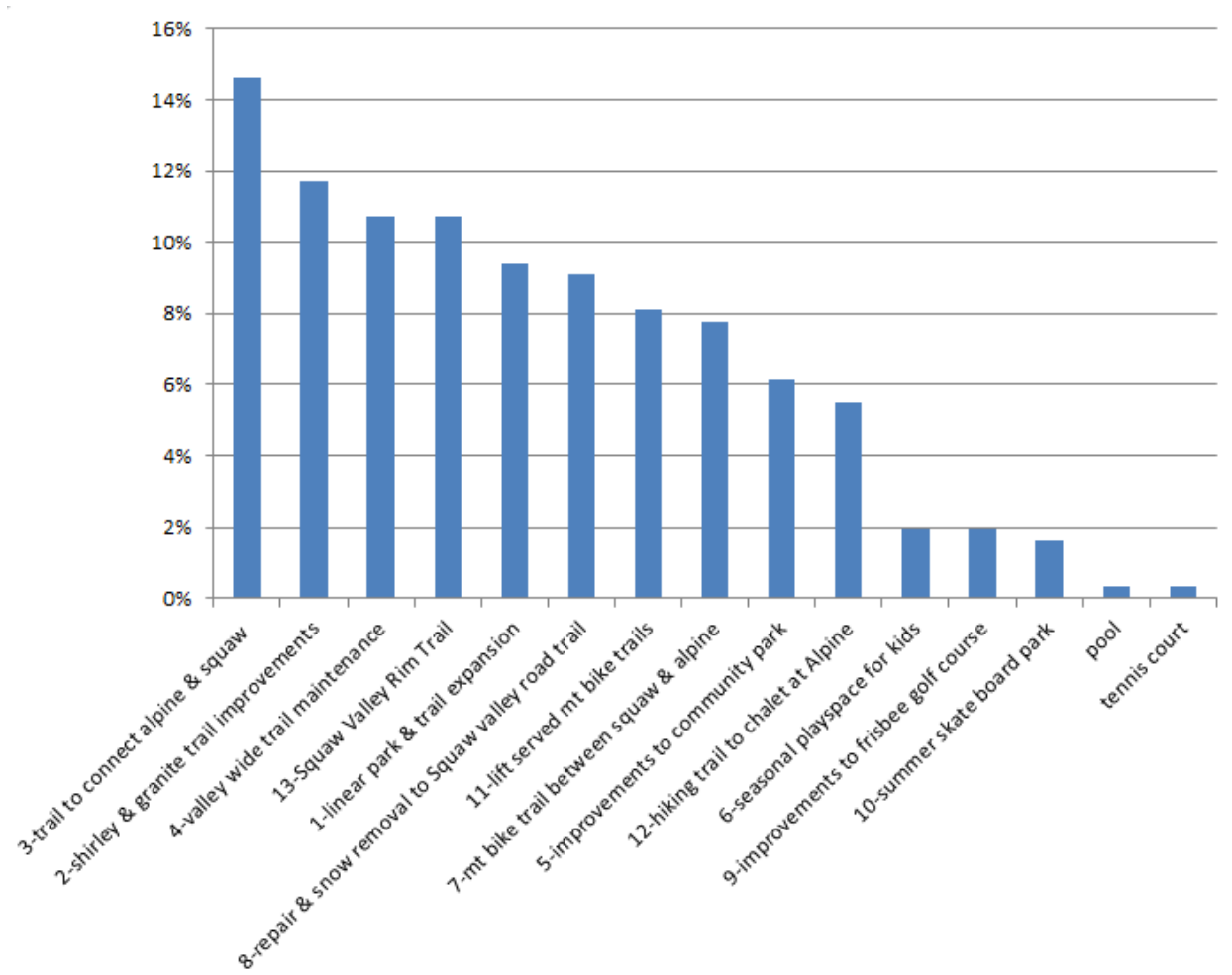
Responders were asked to list their top 5 choices. In addition there were two questions about possible parcel taxes or fees to pay for the maintenance of more substantial facilities (eg swimming pool, club house, etc).

The first of these two was a simple YES/NO on the question of paying such an assessment, and the second was on the amount the responder was willing to pay, \$10, \$25, \$50 or \$100 per year.

## Results from Survey on Parks & Recreation

The top five choices for P&R projects were: trail to connect Alpine and Squaw, Shirley & Granite trail improvements, valley wide trail maintenance, Squaw Valley rim trail, and linear park & trail expansion.

Here are the % responses for all choices



There were also some comments written into the survey and here are a select few.

- I would like to see a community center with bocce ball, a pool for adults and one for children, and a community library.
- I would support a parcel tax ONLY if it includes a pool.
- These are all unsubstantial proposed projects, not adding value but inexpensive ways for the developer to get of the recreation amenities hook. Please show a little more creativity
- Squaw is somewhat underutilized for hiking, and VERY underutilized for mountain biking.
- The SV Community Park also has untapped potential.

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- The pool would be a great addition - and charge for usage. Yearly and daily. (+ several more comments just like this)

As to question of some sort of parcel assessment fee or tax to pay for the ongoing maintenance of more substantial projects, the results were:

- about 2/3 of the responders would be willing to be taxed, and
- 46% would be willing to pay \$100 per parcel per year.

At present there are about 2,000 owned units in Squaw Valley. A \$100 per parcel assessment would bring in \$200,000. With (some number of) additional units to be added by SVRE, perhaps this would pay for the ongoing maintenance of an often talked about pool. This is a question, however, left for some future time.