

**CITY OF MANVEL**  
**Parks & Recreation Master Plan**  
**Community Meeting Summary**

The City of Manvel hosted a Community Meeting on June 23, 2016 at the Church of the Harvest. Over 25 community members attended and participated in round table discussions about the future of parks, trails, recreation, and community spaces in Manvel.

A project introduction and overview was provided using the attached summary and results of the online community survey were shared (attached).

As participants entered they were encouraged to shared their thoughts through a series of brainstorming questions.:

**WHAT DOES MANVEL MEAN TO YOU?**

- My life and my future
- Home, community and family
- A nice place to live
- Hoka Hey! Family
- Family

**TO ME PARKS MEAN....**

- A life line for our community
- Family time
- Sense of community, healthy living
- Fun, good clean fun, picnics, ball games
- Open space, kids free-for-all, Serenity
- Outdoor fun
- A place to gather outdoors
- Trees
- Family, food, fun
- Being outdoors

**TO ME MANVEL IS....**

- A city of our future
- Good place to live
- Peace & quite
- Great place to raise a family
- Home, 39 years
- Peace & quite
- Home
- A clean slate for development

**WHAT ARE YOUR DREAMS FOR MANVEL PARKS?**

- Awesome Splash Pads
- Large Gazebo
- Butterfly Gardens
- Meeting places
- Community Center
- Library
- Picnic tables
- Fishing Ponds
- Walking trails
- Outdoor pools so kids can swim
- Bands
- Public Pool
- Sports Arena
- Equestrian Trails
- Shelters for shade
- Community Centers
- Dog Parks
- Playground equipment
- Gatherings
- Connectivity
- Walking trails
- Places where people can come and find peace and enjoyment
- Large trees
- Farmers Market

The small group discussions centered around the themes: **Path, Shelter, Play, and Place**. The discussions were lively and resulted in some great ideas for the future of Manvel. Common themes found in the online survey and community meeting include:

1. A large park that can serve as a community gathering place and provide an identity/sense of place unique to Manvel – a city center. This space could include green space for play and festivals/events, a pavilion/amphitheater, library, community center, food trucks, a place for a farmers' market,
2. Connectivity: trails, cycling, equestrian. The bayous are a great starting point for trails.
3. We should think of our roads as parks and connectors.
4. A connection to nature: bayous, prairie, oak trees, birds, butterflies

Detailed feedback from round table discussions follows:

## PLAY

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### Outdoor Activities:

- Splash pads
- Splash Pad & South down
- Splash Pad
- Splash pad
- Splash pad
- Pool
- Focus on kids – pool
- Pool (hot summer months)
- City pool not as important
- Water safety
- Water park
- Kayaking – need body of water
- Kayaking
- Lazy river kayak
- Paddle boats
- Wakeboarding
- Work-out zones
- Disc Golf
- Disc golf
- Fish
- Fishing (Catch & Grill)
- Skate park – sugar land St. Theresa
- Skate park
- Gun range
- Industrial area – Gun range – outdoor
- More playgrounds
- Playgrounds
- Mini Golf
- Camping
- Tennis courts
- Adult lawn play
- Horse shoe
- Boche ball
- Dirt Bike

### Sports Complex:

- Sports Complex (tournaments)
- Sports – All kinds
- Sports – ALL
- Sports Complex – 4 fields – softball, basketball
- Sports Park – softball, basketball
- Softball complex
- Football for little leagues
- Football – little league
- A little league field near every subdivision
- Little league – not enough population yet

### Dog Park:

- Dog Park
- Dog Parks
- Dog parks

### Equestrian:

- Horses – must have Equestrian Center
- Need Public Stables

## PLACE

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- Butterfly Gardens
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- Community Gardens
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- Community park first
- Park – biggest priority
- One large park
- Existing parks are far out / isolated
- Market Manvel
- Farmer’s Market
- Farmers Market
- Library should be included as part of a town/city center.
- Libraries as community centers and gathering
- Libraries offer a form of recreation and opportunity for the community to come together in a democratic way (free)
- Museum of Manvel History
- History Museum
- We have no downtown
- No downtown
- Need Restaurants
- Restaurants
- Food truck
- Food trucks
- Old Eddies Ball Room
- People in Katy would come to Eddie’s Ballroom
- Dance hall
- Bird sanctuary
- Brazoria County –migratory birds
- Arboretum
- Hives for bees
- Accessibility
- Bridges/ ponds

### Other:

- Acquire the land – go back to nature!
- Vacant Property Across Eddie’s Property
- Gates Family – Private nature park
- Large land area – challenge
- Eddie’s Property – Nature Center – Reinvigorate Eddie’s
- ROW is an Issue
- More Infrastructure – water/sewer
- Use watersheds
- Jack Brooks Park – Canon City – River Walk
- Natatorium in Pearland – Seniors
- Natural area Certificate – Pearland – Tax Incentive
- Maintenance

## PATH

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### Trails:

- Interconnectivity
- Connectivity
- Connectivity & mobility
- Trails to connect communities
- Would like trails along bayous to connect to community
- Most parks are connected to Mustang Bayou (great opportunity)
- Connect through gulf coast canal
- Interconnect Future Parks
- Bike trails
- Cycling
- Bicycle clubs (Old Manvel)
- Create high speed bike trails
- Horse trails
- Historic horse trail
- Walking paths
- Trails of different use (bike, walk, horses)
- Large Trails
- Nature trails (butterfly)

### Safety:

- I would love a place to walk safely. There isn't a safe road in Manvel unless you live in a master plan community.
- Walking and jogging (Safely)
- 1128 / Dell Bella Rd. (bicycling trail)
- Point to point trails not at street level
- Dangerous Roads, Jordan, Hwy 6, S. Masters – Running stop signs
- 1128 – No shoulder
- 1128 is one of the few roads that has a shoulder
- 1128 – one street bike lane – Sugar Land south side University Drive

## SHELTER

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- Meeting / gathering spaces
- Reunions
- Festivals / Concerts
- Large park is needed for events, festivals, farmers market
- Pavilion – Fully Electrified
- Pavilion
- Amphitheater pavilion
- Trees
- Trees
- Shelter for wildlife
- Ways to pay for maintenance and events
- Benches / tables (dedications \$\$\$)

### Recreation Center:

- Rec Center – basketball, gym, swimming (rooms sound proof)
- Lap pool
- Something for teens to do
- Almost Heaven – Multiple Rec

## PEOPLE

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### Events:

- Many trails rides & events each year
- Rodeo trail ride – annual event (Masters to 288)
- Rodeo trail ride
- Hard to get community events
- Parade Routes?
- Fourth of July Fireworks