

**City of Medford
2012 Comprehensive Plan Update**

Element: Community Facilities

Description: Community facilities is the social infrastructure of the City. It is the people-oriented aspect of the City, and depicts the quality of life for its residents. Community facilities include those related to health, education, government services, etc.

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Maintenance Suggestions (Annual Review)

Suggestion
Provide and maintain adequate and reliable fire protection.
1. Consider maintaining a limited number of paid personnel or some type of “hybrid” coverage model (combination of staffed and volunteer firefighters).
2. Work in partnership with area employers around ways to allow their employees to leave work to respond to fire and other emergencies. Possibly provide incentives to those employers who support these volunteer efforts.
3. Work with employers to allow employees to leave work to respond to an emergency.
Provide and maintain trained ambulance service.
1. Address the declining number of volunteers . People may not be volunteering due to lack of compensation or other incentives.
2. Consider discussions with County officials regarding the possibility of the City hiring full-time EMTs (a bare minimum of 6 full-time would be needed).
3. Consider assessing a charge for non-residents utilizing ambulance service as a potential revenue generator for the County. The Committee requested statistical information regarding this matter for their September 2014 meeting.

Short Term Plan Suggestions (0 to 5 Years)

Suggestion	Responsibility	Completed	In Progress	Comment(s)
Identify/establish child care centers that accommodate children with minor non-communicable illnesses. Example: “Sniffle Care” centers.				At the 9-16-13 Comprehensive Plan Review Committee meeting, it was noted that there is currently a lack of community interest. In addition, larger municipalities have tried this and it has failed.
Create a Community Citizen Committee to address: (1) Recreate the wading pool into a Splash Pad; (2) Upgrade both locker rooms at the pool; (3) Create a concession stand with “Grab & Go” items (no grill items, i.e., ice cream, fruits, etc.)			x	Anticipated completion date is the summer of 2014.
Medford Area Senior High School is in need of technology enhancements.			x	North Central Technical College & Medford Area School District are exploring the sharing of technology.

Medium Term Plan Suggestions (6 to 10 Years)

Suggestion
Continue discussion with community partners around a field house with pool capabilities.
Address the long-term care needs of an aging population.
Address the future needs relating to hospital/clinic services.

Long Term Plan Suggestions (11 Years Plus)

Suggestion
Child Care - Identify/establish child care facilities or centers within or in conjunction and collaboration with major area business and industry. (Examples: Nestle, Weather Shield, Marathon Cheese, Memorial Health Center, Hurd Windows & Doors, Phillips Plastics, etc.)
Child Care - Address the need for 24/7 child care centers to accommodate shift and weekend workers.
Child Care - Address the need for affordable child care for working parents.
Child Care – Address the need to child care for children with illnesses.
Police – Possible need for additional officers/equipment (vehicles) due to commercial and industrial growth.
Police – Address future needs for City law enforcement.
Schools – Medford Area Elementary School, Stetsonville Elementary School, and Medford Area Senior High School are all currently at capacity, and there is a potential for capacity challenges in the future.
Schools – Medford Area School District has defined the need to plan for a new high school in future years.
Schools – Recruit special education teachers.
Schools – Need to recognize parochial schools in the City’s Comprehensive Plan for planning purposes.

