

Date Posted : March 6, 2025

NOTICE OF MEETING

Please be advised that the Symons Recreation Complex Natatorium Board will convene on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 5:30 PM in the Richland County Board Room of the Courthouse at 181 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, WI 53581.

Information for attending the meeting virtually (if available) can be found at the following link:

<https://symonsrec.com/info/minutes/>

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Verification of Open Meetings Law Compliance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approve Minutes of the February 10, 2025 regular meeting
6. Public Comment

Administrative Reports

7. Staff Report
 - Summary of SRC Space Needs Survey results
8. Symons Recreation Complex Foundation Report
9. Update on re-branding, sponsorships and partnerships related to growth and sustainability of current and future facilities that are part of the SRC
 - Discussion with Richland School District on partnership opportunities

Action Items

10. Consider recommending acceptance of March donations from SRC Foundation
11. Consider recommendations for updates to the County/City Swimming Pool (Symons) agreement
12. Consider Future SRC Staffing Organization Models
13. Consider membership rate discounts:
 - 1) Richland Hospital & Clinic Employee discounts
 - 2) School groups for educational purposes

Closing:

14. Future Agenda Items
 - tour of SRC, campus gym and tennis court facilities
15. Adjourn

Symons Recreation Complex Natatorium Board Minutes February 10, 2025

The Natatorium Board met on February 10th, 2025 at 5:30 pm. The following people were in attendance: John Cler, Dave Turk, Todd Coppernoll, Grant Worthington, Larry Engel, Mark Chambers and Melony Walters. Mary Miller attended remotely via online. Staff members Mike Hardy and Kyle Ewing were present. Symons Foundation members Barb Wentz, Alan Lins, Suzanne Fish and Lisa Rewald were also present.

1. Call to Order - Cler called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
2. Roll Call of Membership
3. Open Meetings Compliance - Verification was met, per Hardy.
4. Approve Agenda – Chambers made a motion to approve the agenda. Coppernoll seconded. Motion carried.
5. Approval of Minutes of January 13, 2025 – Engels made a motion to approve the minutes. Chambers seconded. Motion carried.
6. Public Comment – None

Administrative Reports:

7. Staff Report – Hardy provided a summary of January revenues and expenses. Revenues amounting to 8% and expenses of 7% were received, leading to a positive 1% surplus for the month. This amount does not include any tax subsidy payments, so this is self-sustaining revenues. With the news of a good revenue month, it was expected that membership was up again in January. Hardy reported that January 31 membership was 2,195 which was an increase of 209 members in the last month. The 6-month increase in memberships (August 31 – January 31) was 503 new members, an increase of about 20%. Hardy noted on the attendance at the January 29 Community Forum which featured the status of the campus building was about 60-70 people, and several people have contacted SRC to ask about how to support more space at Symons. A survey has been created and was released January 30 to collect input from both supporters and non-supporters of SRC growth to help get public input into SRC future plans. So far in just over a week, 228 responses have been received. Hardy is hoping for at least 500 responses by the end of February and will provide results to the Board at their March meeting.
8. Symons Recreation Complex Foundation Report – Barb Wentz noted that the Foundation Board held their regular meeting at 1pm and they had approved donating just over \$21,000 for 2 new treadmills, 2 recumbent steppers and several dumbbell hand weights. She commented on the great work being done by SRC management in bringing in new members and making so many upgrades to the facility.
9. Update on Re-branding, Sponsorships and Partnerships – no report

Action Items:

10. Consider recommending acceptance of February donations from SRC Foundation – Chambers made a motion to recommend the County accept \$21,545 in donations from SRCF for 2 new treadmills, 2 recumbent steppers and several replacement dumbbell hand weights. Seconded by Walters. Motion carried.
11. Consider final recommendations for updates to the County/City Swimming Pool (Symons) Agreement – Engels asked about the status of Richland School District's interest in possibly joining the partnership. Hardy noted that it is still being discussed at the staff level, while the Superintendent is a little hesitant under the existing unclear status of the gym and future structure of SRC partnerships, but all sides are very optimistic and continue to work for similar cooperation goals. Coppernoll added that he and Hardy were at a staff meeting earlier with reps from City and School District and added that there is a lot of optimism and support between all sides to expand the partnership. Members discussed the need to have representatives from the school attend the next meeting

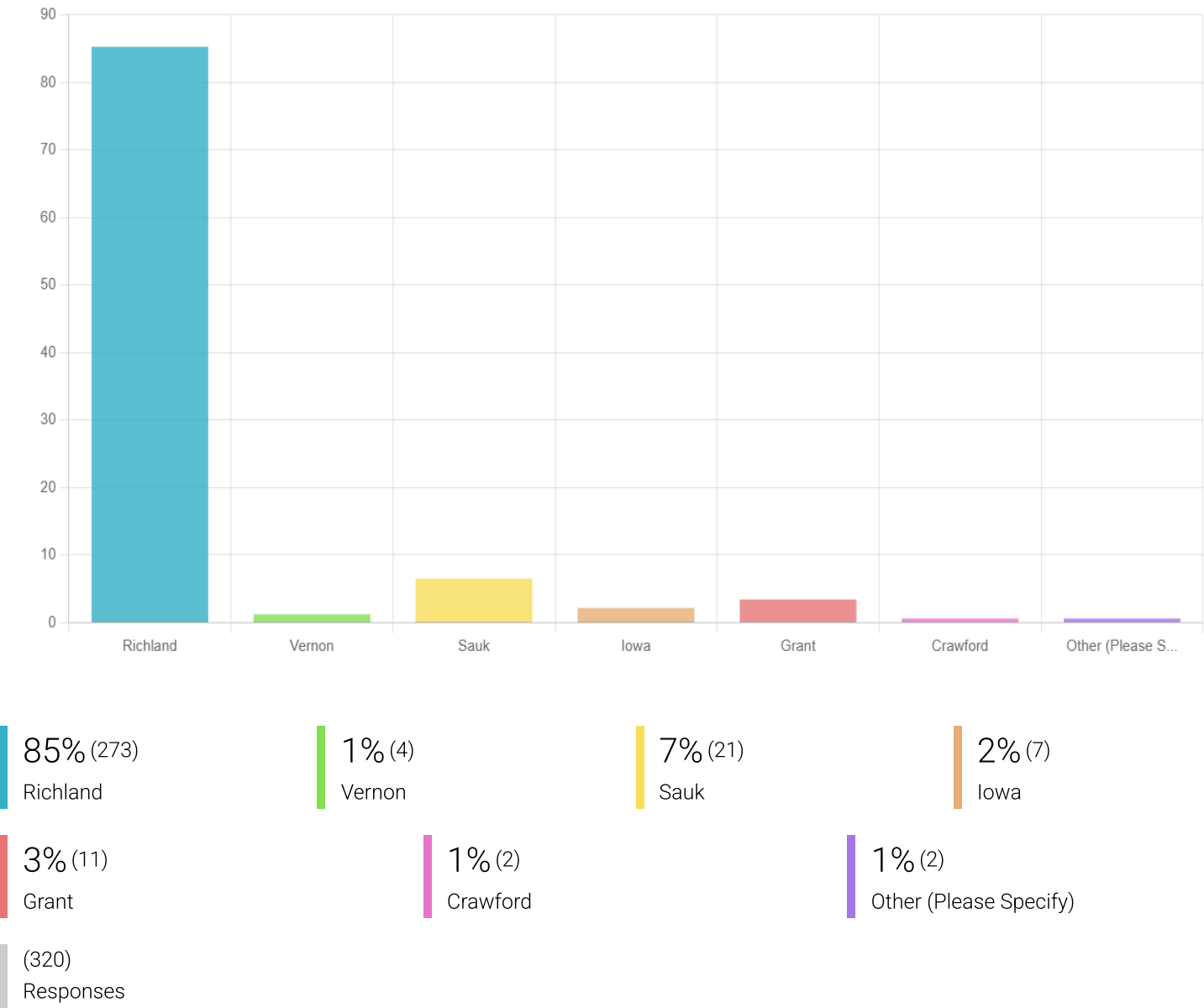
to discuss options, either Superintendent or Board President. Engels made a motion to invite Richland School District representatives to the next meeting for a discussion at the Board level. Coppernoll seconded. Motion carried.

12. Consider Pine River/kayaking management opportunities – Engels had previously asked for this item to be included on the agenda, but has since dropped his request. There was no further discussion.
13. Consider recommendations for updates to Campus Reconfiguration Committee on proposed management of former UW-Richland facilities: gym; soccer field; tennis/BB courts; wellness trails – Walters asked if the Reconfiguration Committee is ready to discuss allowing SRC to manage any properties at the campus. Hardy noted that the current structure and footprint of SRC does not allow for the facility to ever be self-sufficient so it will always need outside financial support to offset the significant cost of swimming pool. He added that in addition to SRC being able to increase memberships and programming to increase revenues, if the Board ever wanted to explore private or YMCA ownership in the future, they would need to add space like the gym as a corporate or YMCA owner will not be interested unless they have ability to at least break even. Coppernoll added that Walters had talked to the YMCA a couple of years ago and LaCrosse had zero interest, but Madison sounded like they might be interested but only if the gym were included. Members discussed the difference between requesting temporary use of the gym vs. permanent management/ownership. Turk noted that the County already owns the gym and owns Symons, so requests for temporary use would not need an MOU like the school is working on. Engels asked why the school has a MOU being finalized for gym use and SRC doesn't. Turk noted that the school asked and SRC hasn't. Hardy explained that technically the request should come from the Natatorium Board, as he was hired under the new structure of the Board in which the Director is hired and overseen by the County Administrator. Hardy does not feel comfortable making a direct request of a County Committee or Board without Administrator knowledge or approval, and that respectfully unless the current structure of his position is changed, the Director needs to make requests through the County Administrator. He stated that he had asked former Administrator Pesch to use the gym over the winter months for overflow fitness classes last fall, but was told to wait until the Reconfiguration Committee completes their study. Engels asked how to move this forward and make sure that the County knows that Symons wants to use the gym now and manage it in the future to expand programming. Turk suggested that the Board have Hardy talk to Interim Administrator Kalish to request permission to temporarily use the gym. Coppernoll made the motion to recommend that the interim County Administrator look into the ability of SRC using the gym while the Campus Reconfiguration Committee completes their recommendations. Seconded by Engels. Motion carried.
14. Consider membership rate discounts: College Students; Richland Hospital and Clinic Employees – Chambers moved to table the discussion until next meeting. Seconded by Copernoll. Motion carried.
15. Future Agenda Items – 1) Discussion with School District reps on future partnerships; 2) College student and healthcare employee membership discounts.
16. Adjourn—Engels made a motion to adjourn at 6:55pm. Chambers seconded. Motion carried.

Symons Recreation Center Space Needs

Symons Recreation Center has had a very successful and fulfilling history, thanks to support from many areas. We have reached a point where we have space needs along with potential opportunities to fill some of those needs at a significant cost savings due to the recent closing of the UW campus. The adjacent gymnasium has long been considered as a possible "addition" to Symons to help alleviate space needs in addition to collaboration with other groups - making community recreation more efficient and accessible to more in the community. These talks began well before the campus was even considered for closing. Additionally, we recognize that outdoor fitness opportunities are in greater demand, and can bring significant health benefits by making use of already existing trails behind Symons that are some of the best views in southern Wisconsin. Additional opportunities to expand health and fitness offerings exist at the adjacent tennis/BB courts and soccer field, previously under the UW-Richland management. We are requesting responses from the community as how to best address our lack of space at Symons and if any of the available vacated campus facilities would be supported and alleviate some of the space needs.

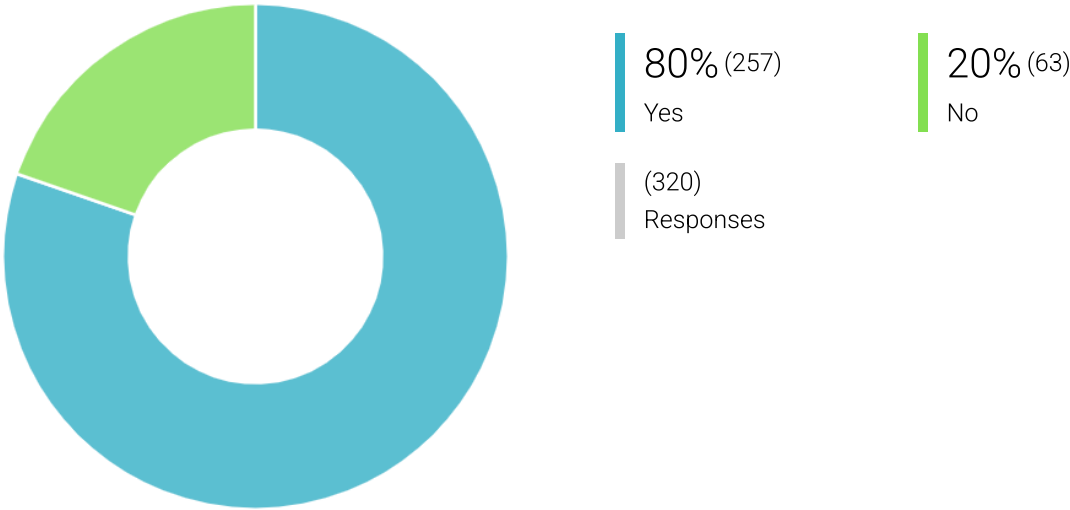
1 What County do you reside in?



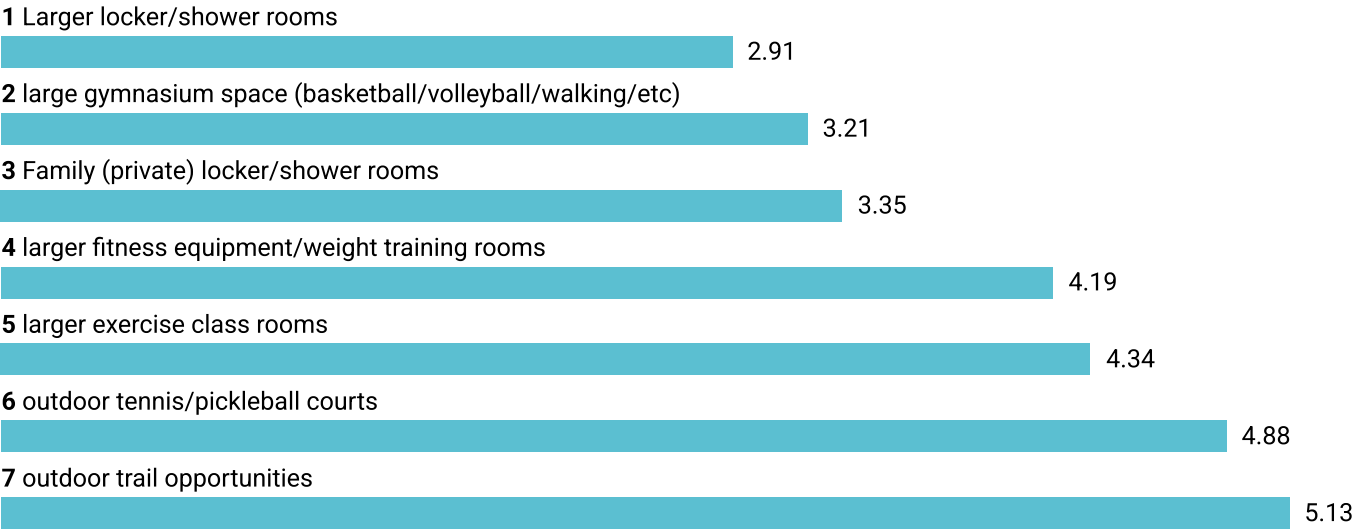
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We are FL residents although live part of the year in Richland County, WI

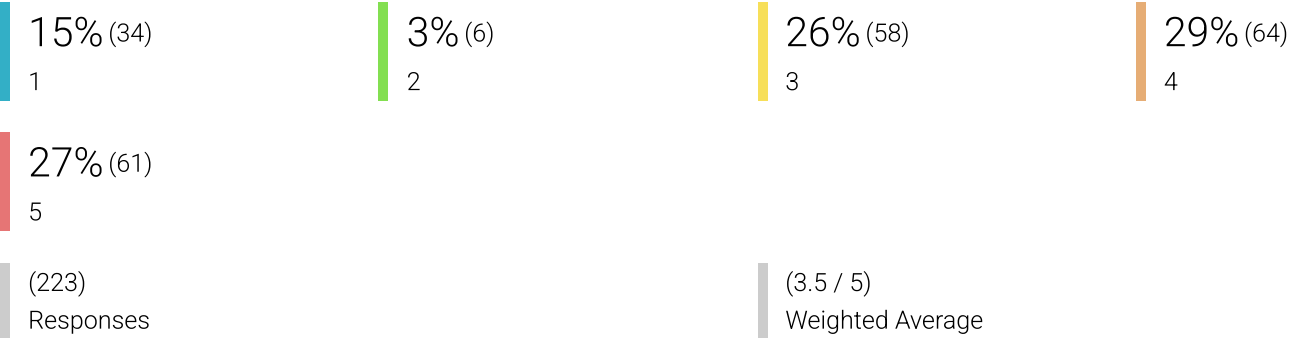
2 Are you currently a member of Symons Recreation Complex?



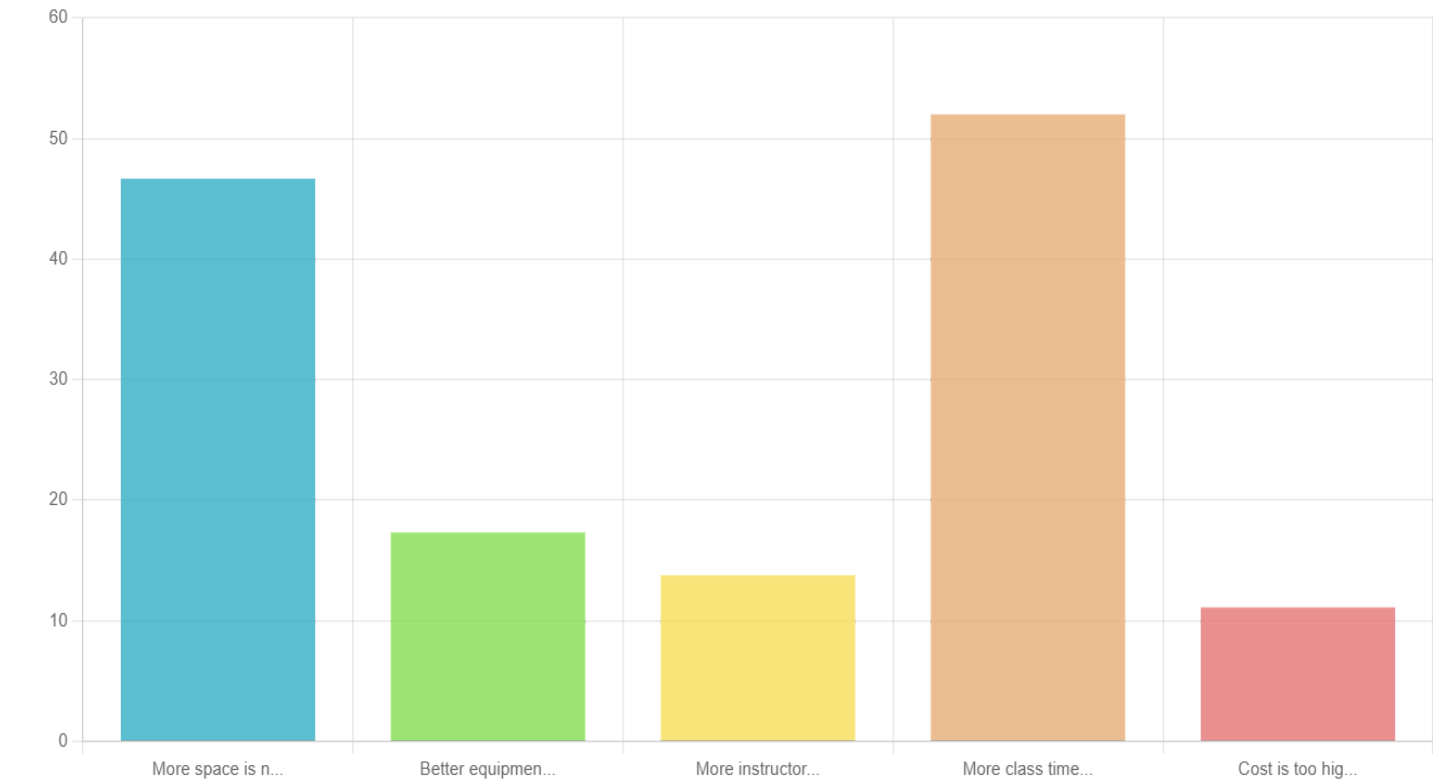
3 Please rank, in order of importance to you, the current needs of Symons Recreation Complex:



4 Please rank your opinion of current SRC land fitness classes:



5 What would make you rate our land fitness classes higher?



47% (105)

More space is needed

17% (39)

Better equipment is needed

14% (31)

More instructor training is needed

52% (117)

More class times are needed

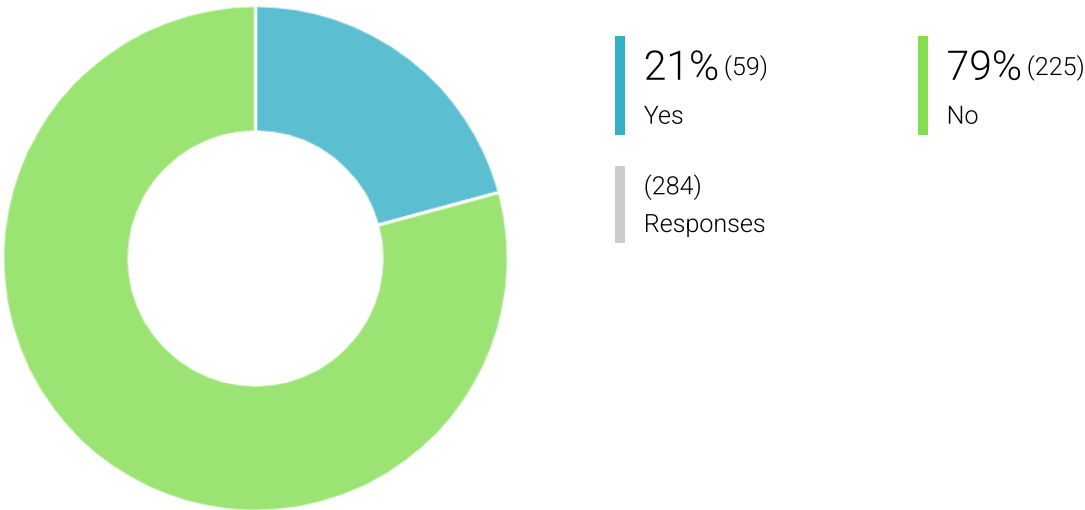
11% (25)

Cost is too high

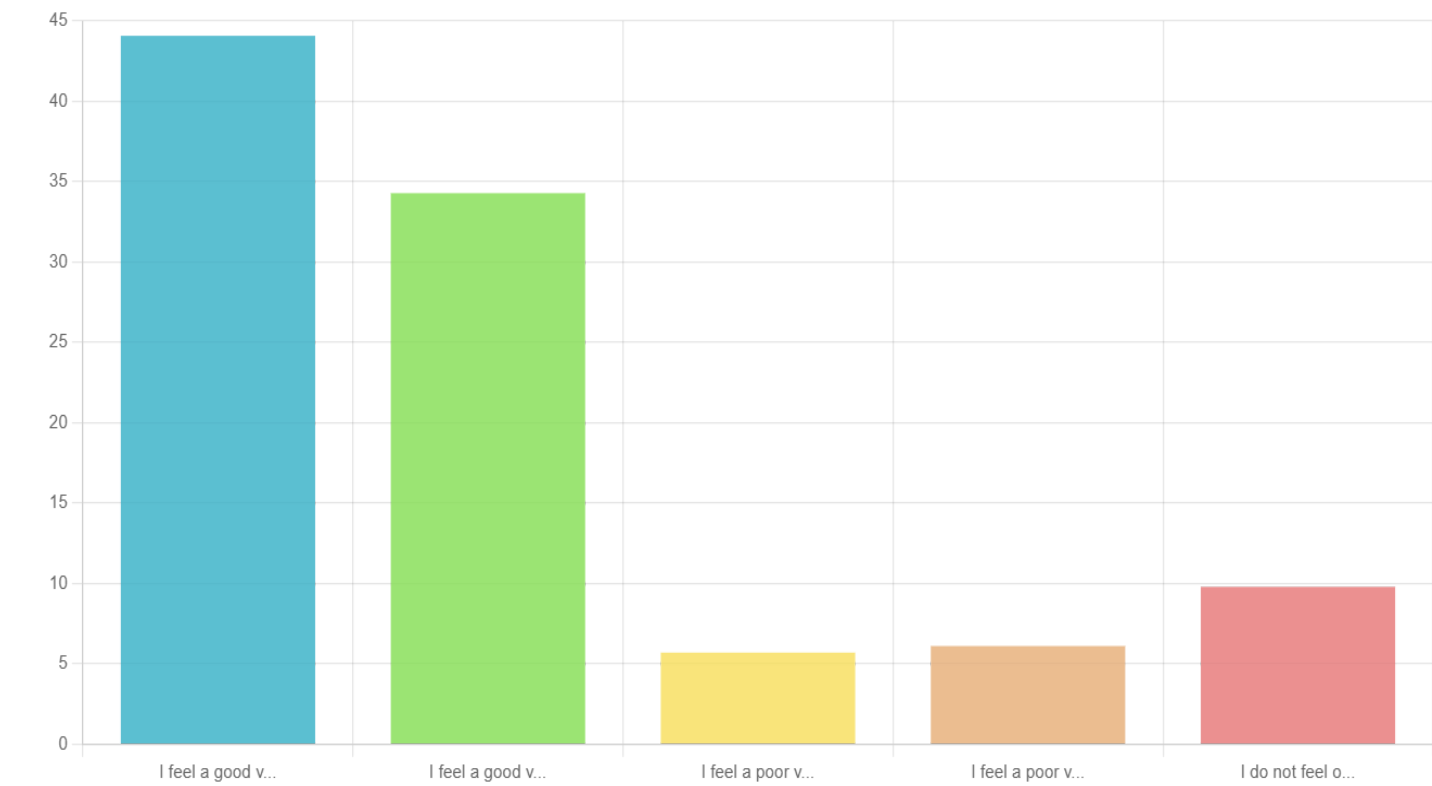
(317)

Responses

6 Have you (or do you know of others who) ever had to leave SRC fitness classes because there was no space available for you?



7 How do you feel about current SRC land fitness class costs?



44% (108)

I feel a good value for my membership/class fee paid. I feel that fees should not be raised for more space or equipment.

34% (84)

I feel a good value, however I may be willing to pay more for more space or equipment to open up to additional members or expand offerings.

6% (14)

I feel a poor value and choose not to participate in land fitness at SRC. Further, I do not support paying extra to improve space or equipment to improve classes.

6% (15)

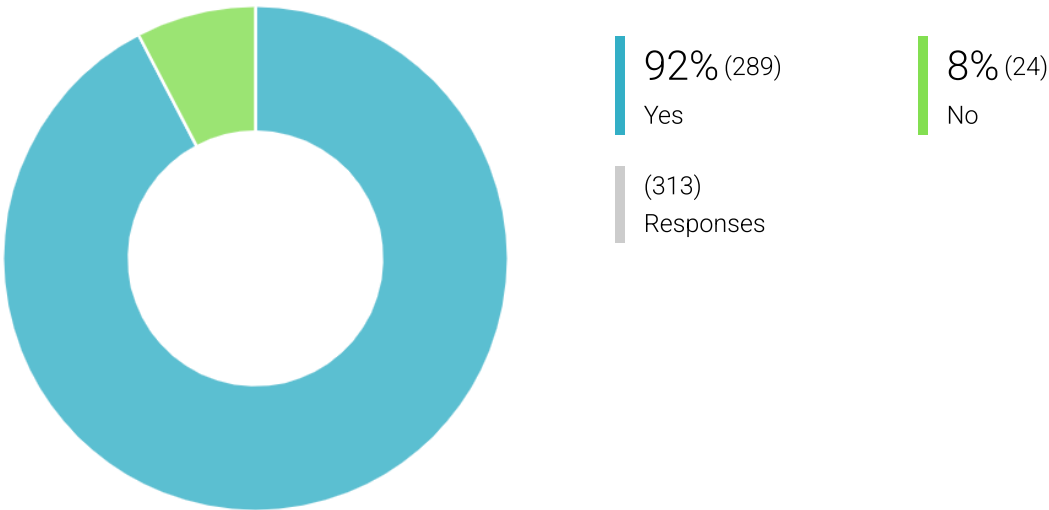
I feel a poor value and currently do not participate in land fitness at SRC, however I would support paying extra to improve space or equipment to improve classes and value.

10% (24)

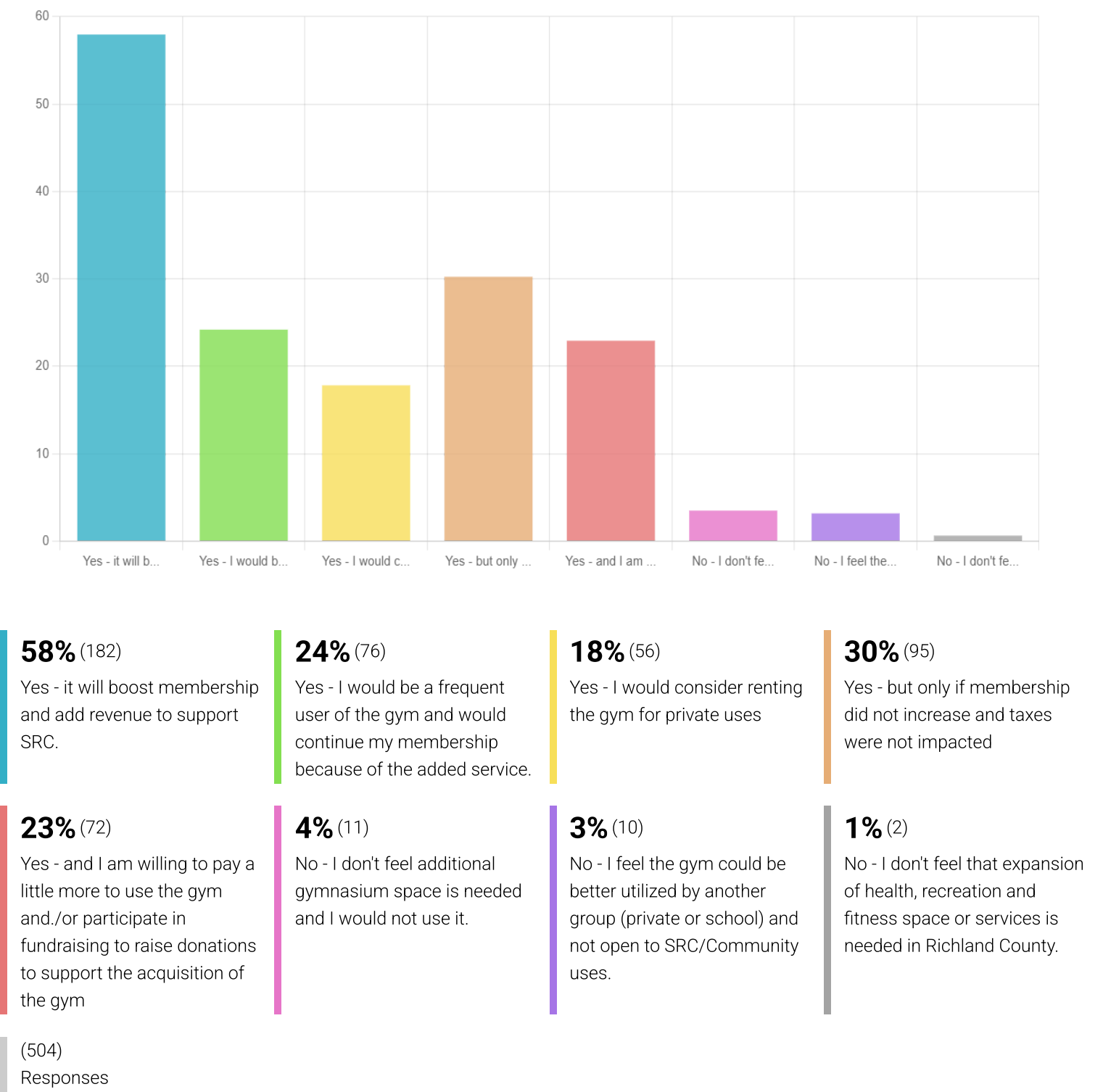
I do not feel offering fitness classes at SRC should be a priority and I would prefer to spend resources in other areas.

(245)
Responses

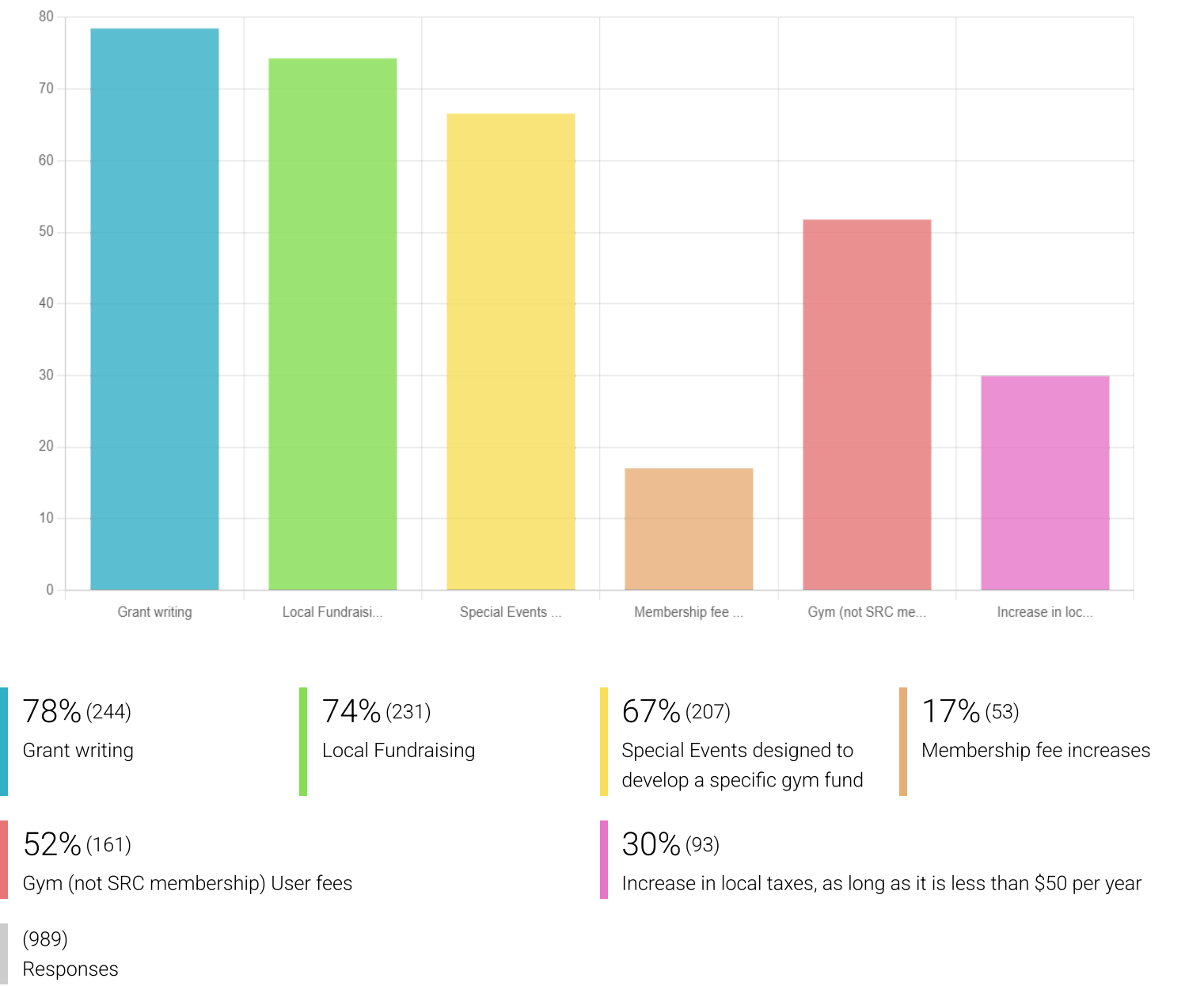
8 Do you support Symons Recreation Complex taking over management of the campus gymnasium?



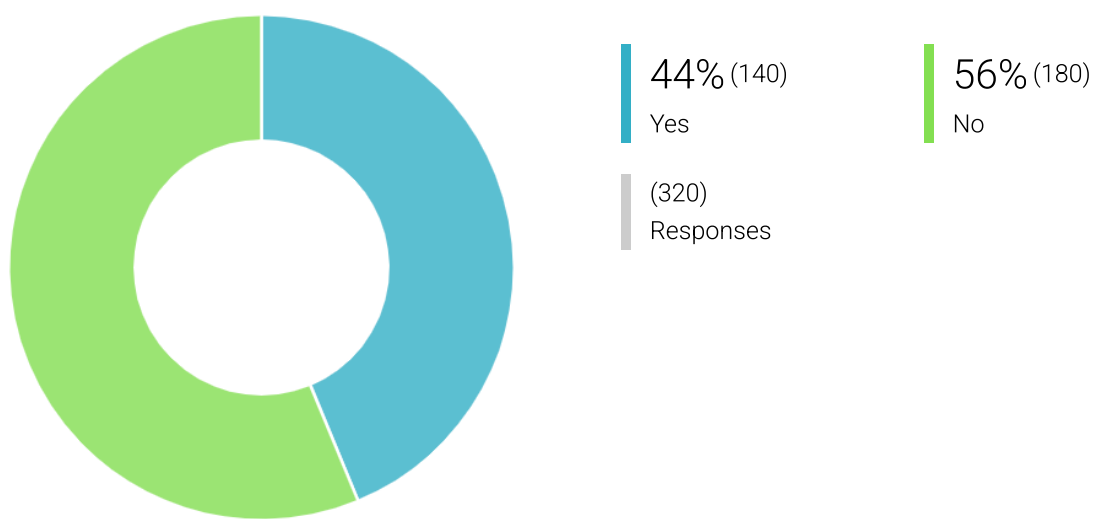
9 Please explain why you answered yes or no to SRC overseeing campus gym management:



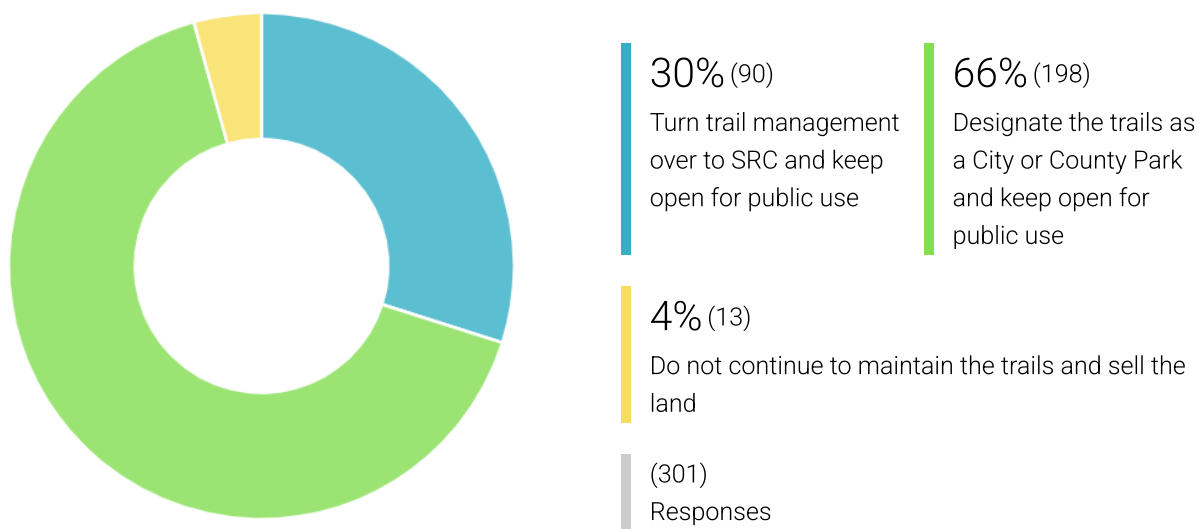
10 What funding sources would you support for SRC in taking over management of the SRC gym?



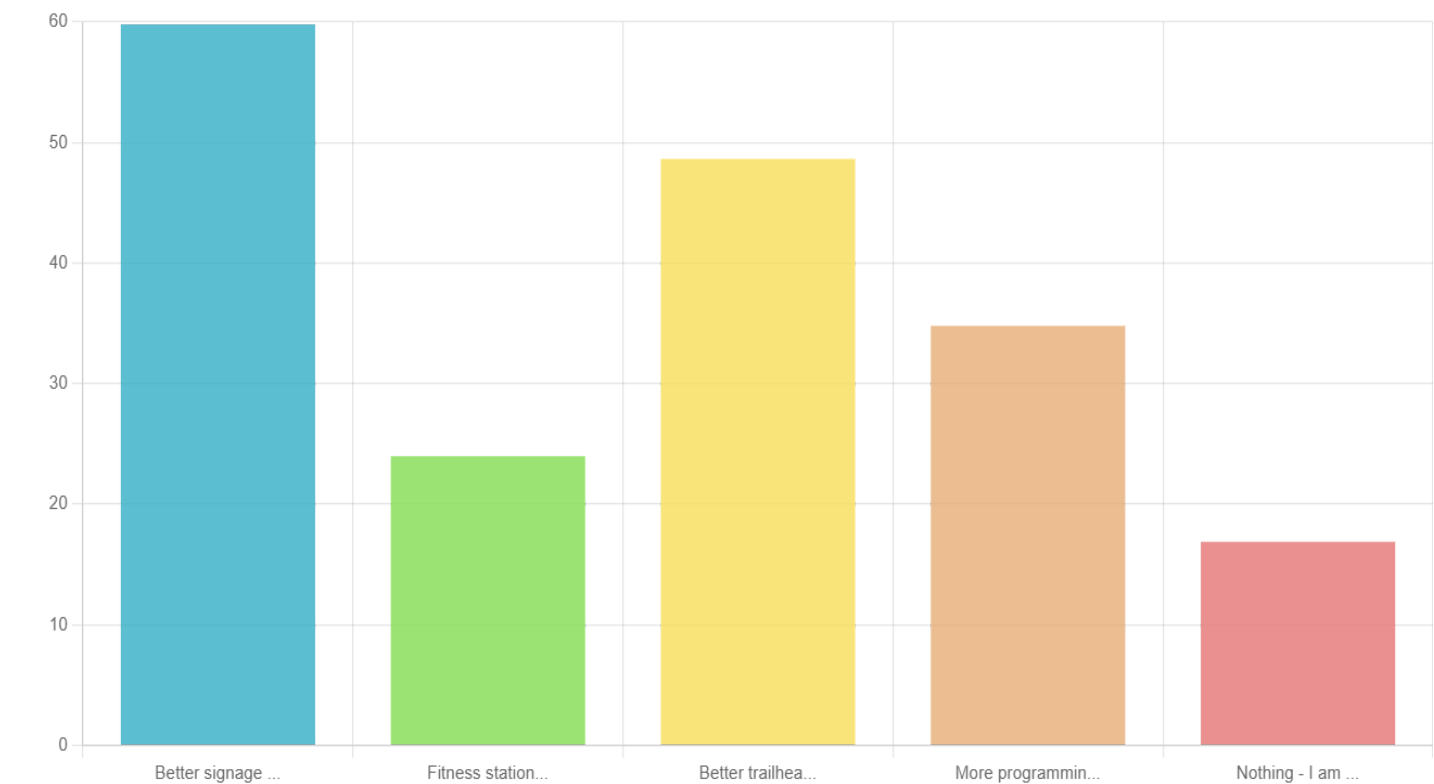
11 Have you ever used the hillside wellness trails located behind SRC?



12 What is your opinion as to what should happen to the trails?



13 What would make you use the trails more and what would you support in future trail development on the campus property?



- 60% (177)

Better signage and benches along the trail
- 24% (71)

Fitness stations along the trail
- 49% (144)

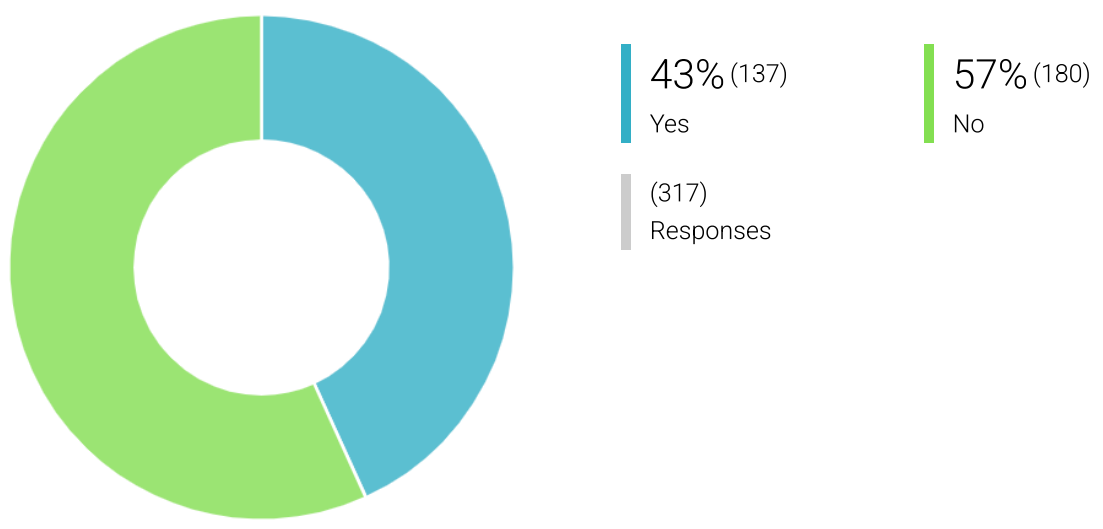
Better trailhead with parking and maps
- 35% (103)

More programming - educational walks, birding, etc - sponsored by local groups
- 17% (50)

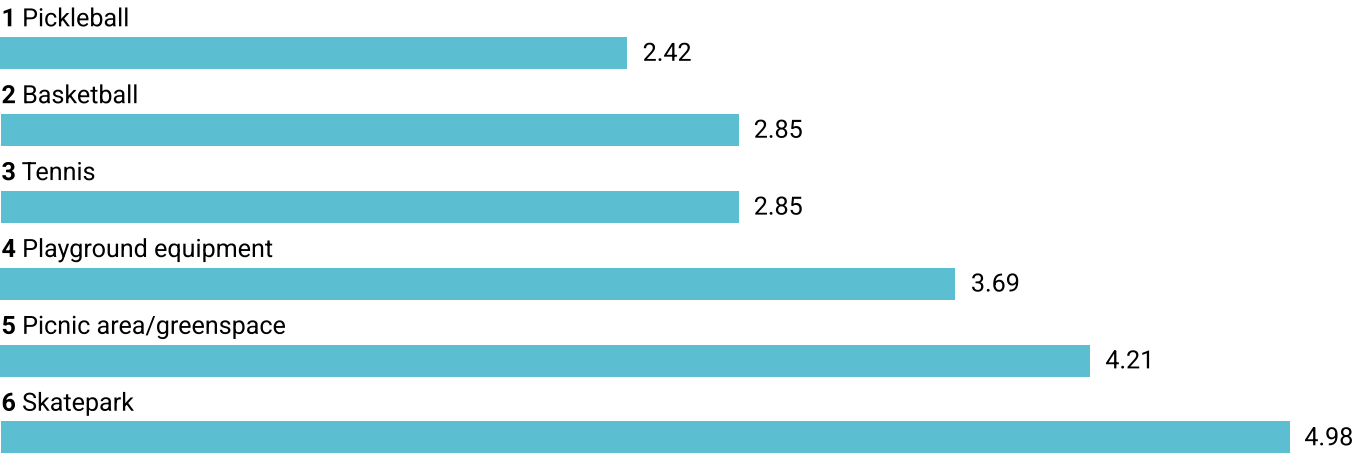
Nothing - I am not interested in using the trails
- (545)

Responses

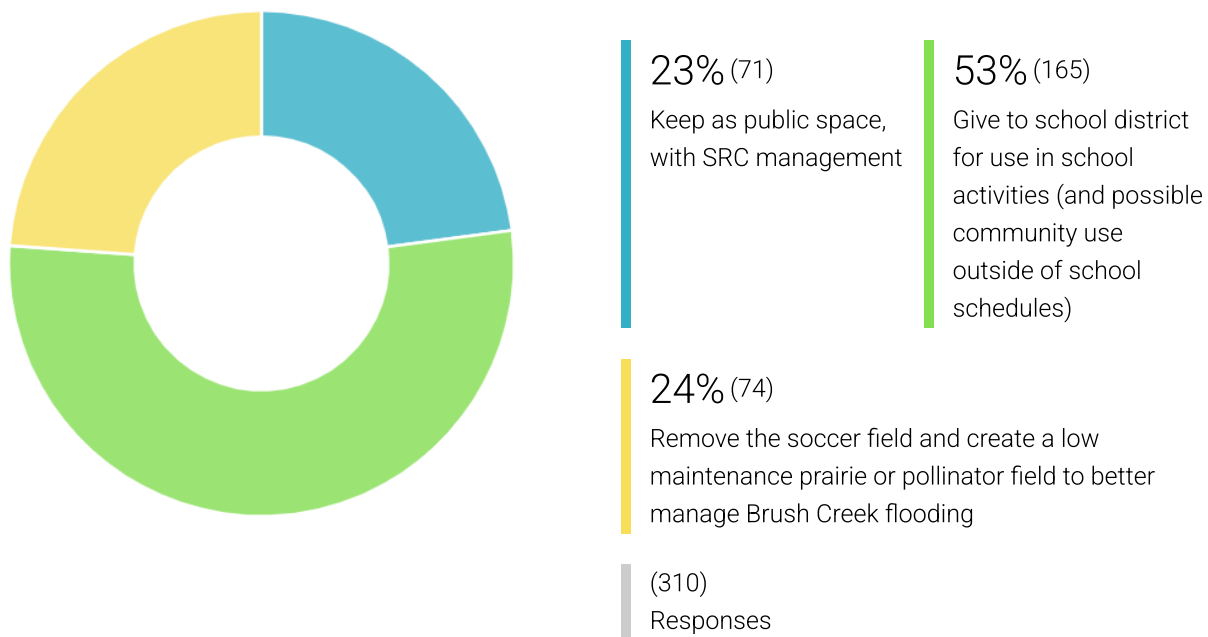
14 Would you utilize the tennis/basketball courts adjacent to SRC if the were repaired?



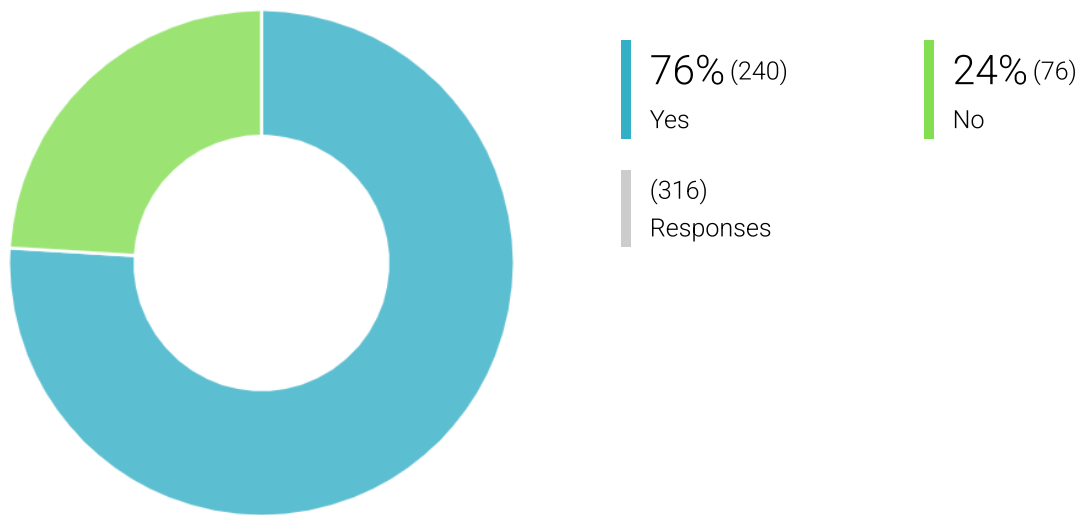
15 Please rank in importance to you what the tennis/BB court area should be used for:



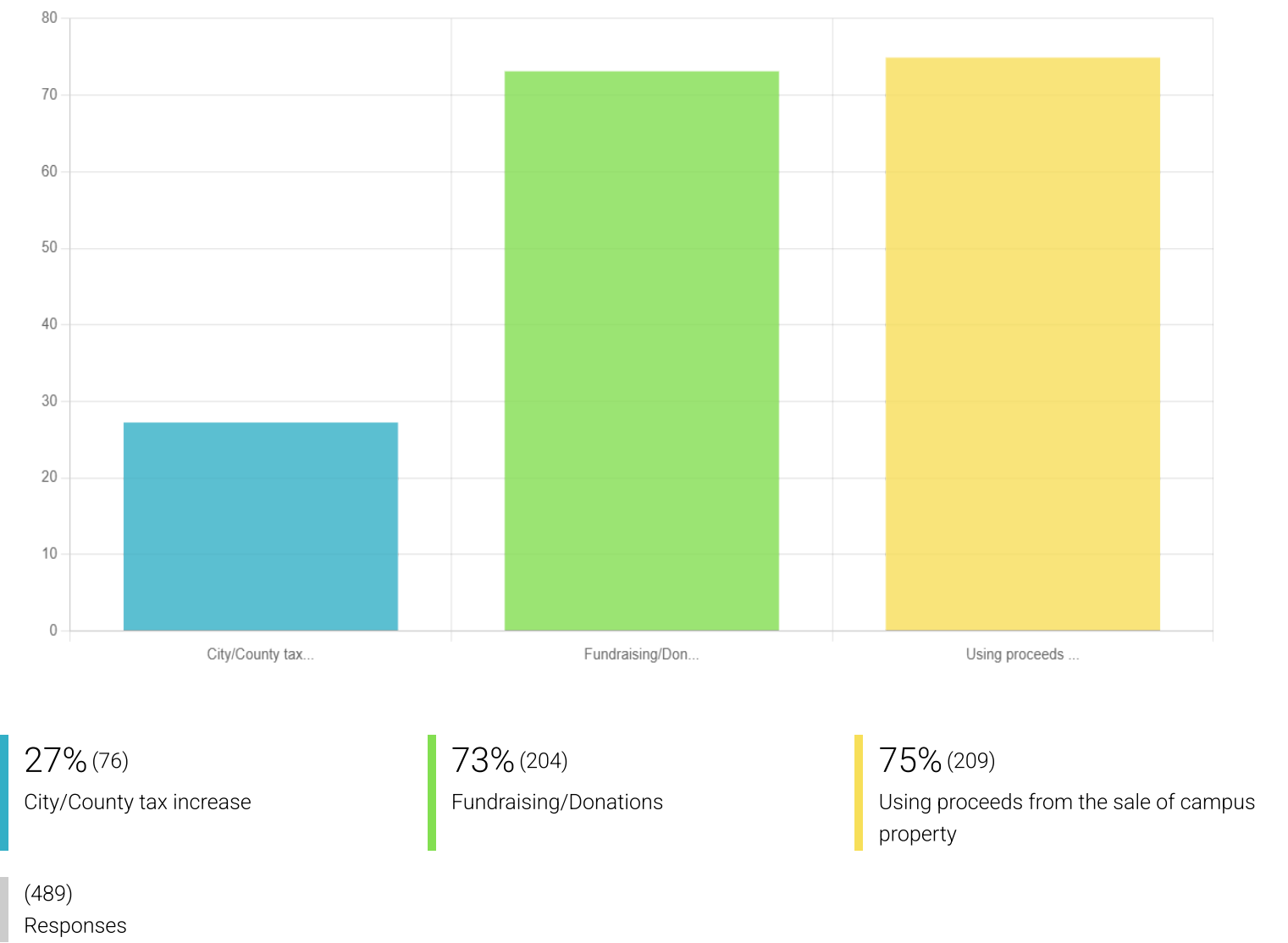
16 What do you feel should be done with the campus soccer field?



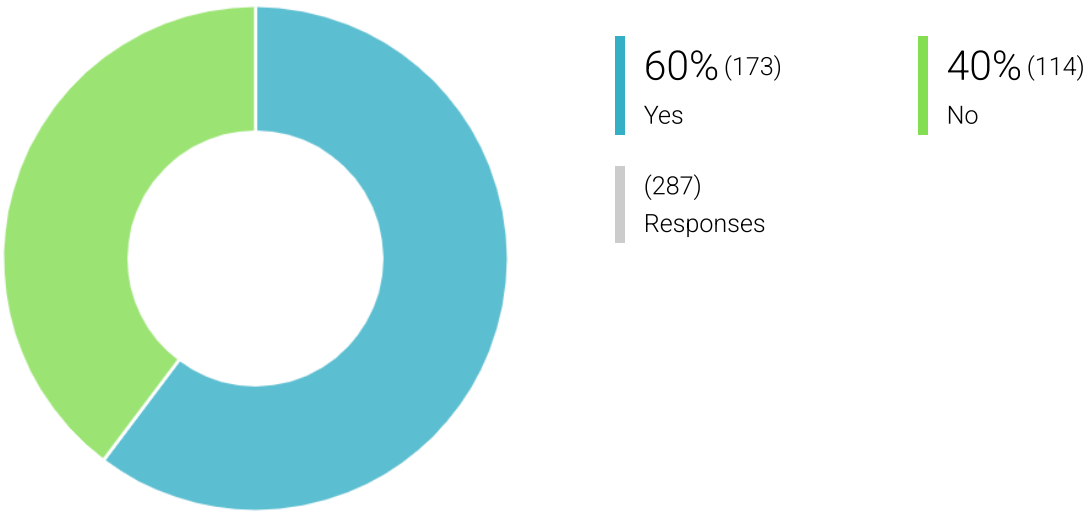
17 If additional needed space for SRC is not satisfied by acquiring the campus gym, do you support building an addition on SRC to allow for family locker/shower rooms to be added?



18 If you support building an addition on SRC for family locker rooms, knowing the cost would likely exceed the cost of acquiring the gym, how should we fund the addition?



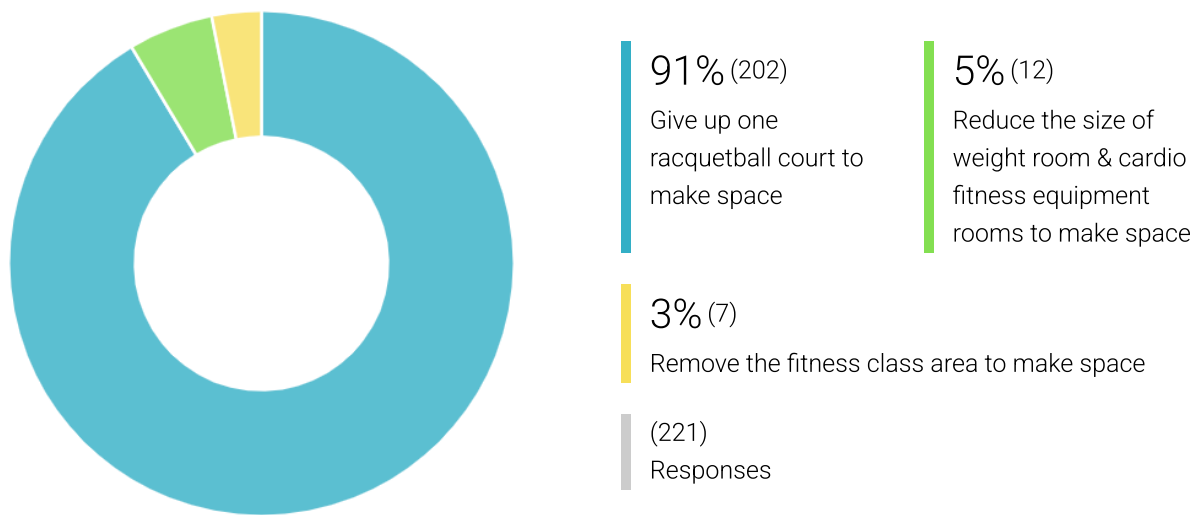
19 If you support building an addition on SRC for family locker rooms, would you donate toward the project?



20 If you support building an addition on SRC for family locker rooms, how much would you be willing to consider contributing?



21 If you do NOT support building an addition onto SRC to add family locker/shower rooms, what are you willing to give up to provide space to make the needed addition of the locker rooms?



2025 Membership and Visitor Rates



Membership Rates – 2025

	Pay As You Go	Auto Pay	Year Paid in Full
Student (17 & under)	\$43	\$33	\$321
Individual	\$54	\$43	\$452
Single Parent	\$59	\$48	\$506
Family	\$66	\$56	\$588
Family Plus	\$74	\$63	\$667
Leader (60+)	\$46	\$36	\$355
Leader Couple (60+)	\$52	\$42	\$432
Renew Active	Free	Free	Free
SilverSneakers	Free	Free	Free
Silver & Fit	Free	Free	Free

- **Pay As You Go**- Month to month payment option. No contract.
- **Auto Pay**—Month to month Contract option, deducted from a checking or savings account. Must complete a form by 15th of the month to cancel this option. (3 consecutive auto payments required before you cancel)
This membership option is \$50-\$70 more expensive than the Paid In Full Option.
- **Year Paid in Full**- One payment for a year membership. **BEST VALUE!**
- A government issued picture ID must be presented by adults when using SRC.
- Memberships are non-transferable and subject to rules and regulations of SRC.

Visitor Rates – 2025 *All guests/visitors must register at front desk and adults must provide driver's license or government photo ID*

- FREE** Age 2 & under (pool only)
- \$6.00** Pool Pass for ages 3 & older
- \$8.00** Racquetball Pass, kids under 14 must be supervised
- \$12.00** Adult Facility Pass (Age 14 & older: pool, exercise room, & racquetball)
- \$12.00** Land and Water Fitness class drop-in rates
- \$27.00** One week single membership *No 24/7 Access
- \$35.00** One week family membership *No 24/7 Access

Membership Definitions:

Student – Ages 17 & under. Able to use the pool and racquetball courts (with an adult). If unable to swim, must be accompanied in pool.

Individual – Ages 18 through 59 . No children on this membership.

Single Parent – One adult and their children through high school age; living at the same address. (Exercise Rooms are only for those age 14 and older)

Family – Two adults living at the same address, plus their children through high school age. (Exercise Rooms are only for those age 14 and older)

Family Plus – Same as a family membership, but allows for *up to 2* extra adults with these conditions:

- Must be a child of at least one of the adults on the membership *and*
- Must be under age 24 *and*
- Must have the same address as the two primary adults on the membership or has a temporary college address

Leader – Person age 60 or greater at time of enrollment. No children on this membership.

Leader Couple – Two persons, both age 60 or greater at time of enrollment, living at the same address. No children allowed on this membership.

Renew Active, SilverSneakers and Silver & Fit - Free membership offered through an insurance company. **some may require a small fee.*

