## **Committee presents survey results**

By Diane Goble Correspondent

At the May 21 meeting of the Community Assets Committee, Chair Bill Hall presented the final results of the public survey concerning five potential community asset projects to the committee.

A total of 206 completed surveys were received by the deadline. Approximately 60% of the respondents were female and 40% male, and were approximately evenly split between those in the city and those outside the city but within the school district.

The committee members arranged outreach to the public through articles and announcements in The Nugget; KZSO radio announcements; School Loop; local Facebook groups; local clubs, organizations and networks; and with a Town Hall event. Among the survey respondents, those 50 and over were overrepresented and those under 50 were under-represented with respect to their relative populations as estimated by the city's 2010 census results.

Among all respondents, the Combination Project (Convention Center, Winter Sports Park, Art/Science/ History Center) received the highest percentage of the "best project" votes; the Field House came in a close second. This order of preference

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remained the same when the percentage of the combined "best project" and "okay project" votes were tallied, and also when the totals of the "no" votes were considered (i.e., the Combination Project" and "Field House" had the lowest numbers of "no" votes).

The project preferences differed by age bracket. For those 50 and over, the Combination Project garnered the highest percentage of "best project" votes and least percentage of "no" votes. But for those under 50, the Field House accumulated the highest percentage of "best project" and lowest percentage of "no"

If the "best project" totals were pro-rated to account for the actual populations of the two age groups, the totals for the Combination Project and Field House would be essentially a tie.

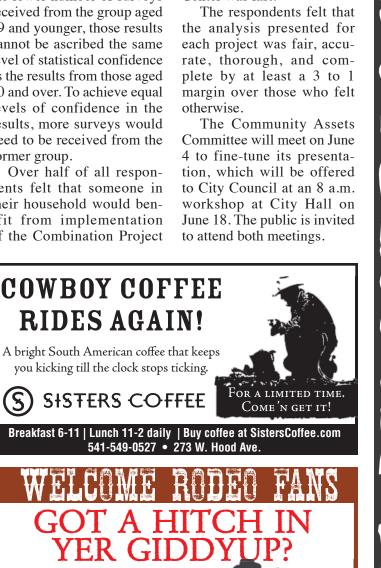
It was noted that, due to the lower number of surveys received from the group aged 49 and younger, those results cannot be ascribed the same level of statistical confidence as the results from those aged 50 and over. To achieve equal levels of confidence in the results, more surveys would need to be received from the former group.

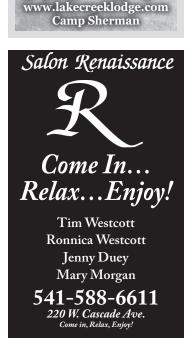
Over half of all respondents felt that someone in their household would benefit from implementation of the Combination Project and just under 50 percent felt that way regarding the Field House.

The belief that someone in their household would benefit from the implementation of a project varied by age of the respondent. Over half of those 50 and over expected their household would benefit from the Combination Project while, for those under 50, over half felt that way regarding the Winter Sports Park, Field House, and Combination Project.

No project received a majority of support for financing through a bond measure. One project, the Art/Science/History Center, had a majority expressing opposition to a bond measure.

Summarizing the respondents' expectations of project performance against goals, the leader was the Combination Project, followed by the Field House. The Art/Science/History Center was last.







## **SPRD** planning summer luau

"The buzz has already started for the Sisters Park & Recreation District Luau," said Shannon Rackowski, adult programs coordinator for SPRD. "On June 1 I started getting questions about the luau, when, what time, can we buy tickets yet, and a lot of individuals letting me know that they did not make it last year and they want to make sure they do not miss it this year."

The luau will be held at Village Green Park on Thursday, August 13, at 6:30 p.m.

Sisters first luau brought over 300 people to Village Green Park last August, and staff is wondering if numbers will exceed last year's attendance.

"In anticipation for an even larger turnout I am gearing up already," said Rackowski.

"Last year hands went up for wanting Lomi Lomi Salmon on the menu, so I will make it! Others asked why Bill Keale was not singing. I was not sure that people would come out for the luau, but he will be there this year!"

SPRD wants to continue to create family and community dinners that help promote unity throughout Sisters Country and help raise funds for continual support for the programs we provide to youth and adults.

Advance tickets are now on sale at SPRD. Call 541-549-2091, stop by Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or visit www.sisters recreation.com and purchase your tickets. There will be a cut-off number for advance tickets; only a limited amount of tickets will be sold at the door, so get your tickets early.

