

Item 6i

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Culture and Recreation Citizen Improvement Advisory Committee  
Recommendations

Immediate Need (now - 2 years)

- \* Consider renovating the baby pool space to a splash pad.
- \* Incorporate additional splash pads in current or future parks as they are developed.
- \* Secure 120 acres of land for Signature Park (buy land outright or buy 80 with option on additional 40)
  - This would include 80 acres for the new sports complex and 40 acres for a park.
  - The signature park would include community center and performance pavilion.
  - Keep open dialogue with the school and if it makes sense locate the park in close proximity so the two facilities could share paved parking.

Short-term Need (1 to 3 years)

- \* Relocate and expand sports complex.
- \* Develop a plan for bringing more public art into Norwalk.

Mid-term Need (4 to 7 years)

- \* Additional gym/flex space. (coordinate planning with the school district)
- \* Library renovation (storage, outlets, etc.) (carpet replacement is listed in capital plan, but this should include a larger renovation)

Long-term Need (8+ years)

- \* New Pool/aquatic center
- \* Library expansion

Continuing priorities (should be addressed bit by bit each year)

- \* Bike paths - continue to develop bike paths and apply for grant funds to connect bike paths annually.
- \* Continue supporting current community events like Jazz in July, Farmer's Market, RunNorwalk, Norwalktoberfest, and 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities.

Funding recommendations:

Pursue \$0.27 library levy as means of funding the library expansion.