



The Mayor's Report — June 2019

Hello. In March, I shared information with you about Forward Together, a joint initiative of the City, Schools and Library. The goal is to develop a comprehensive and coordinated facilities master plan for our community. Working in partnership and planning for the future are critical if we are to remain competitive and meet community expectations in a time of limited resources and aging facilities.

For several months, representatives from the City, Schools and Library have worked with stakeholders and residents in workshops, both large and small, to review the City's physical assets from parks, playgrounds and fields, to buildings, meeting rooms and gathering places. Together, we considered ideas for the most efficient and best use of those facilities now and in the future.

Last week, the findings from three rounds of public engagement were presented at a community Open House. Our Consultants analyzed nearly 3,000 individual ideas gathered from more than 400 people who provided input. They carefully distilled this feedback into 12 Big Ideas. These ideas included: exploring the potential for a central recreation and community center, creating multigenerational programming, investing in the Shaker Lakes as a recreational asset, and expanding the number of athletic fields in the City.

At the Open House, attendees were invited to identify three of the Big Ideas that they thought would have the greatest community impact. If you couldn't attend the Open House, it's not too late to visit the [ForwardTogetherShaker.com website](http://ForwardTogetherShaker.com) to read about all 12 of the Big Ideas and then take the brief survey so your voice is heard. The survey is available until June 23.

Phase I of the Forward Together project will culminate in a vision report to be issued this fall. This report will then serve as the basis for the creation of a detailed, long term facilities master plan. This master plan will guide our future investments in our community facilities with the goal that they are innovative, inclusive and accessible, flexible and multifunctional, as well as cost-efficient and sustainable - for many years to come.

Thank you.