

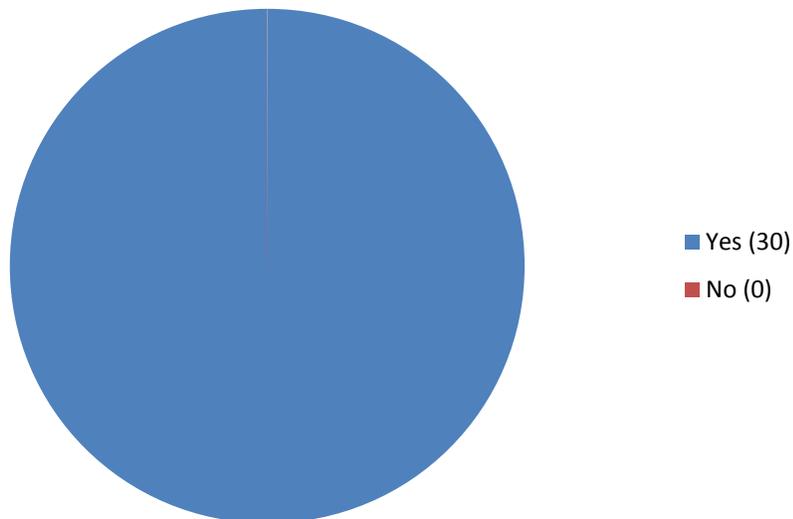


# Ehrhardt Park Survey Results Feb. 29 – March 14, 2016

**Background:** The City of Tempe was approached by Friendship Village with the idea of creating a community garden located in Ehrhardt Park in the grassy area adjacent to Friendship Village’s south wall. A community garden can provide a source of fresh food, physical activity, and recreation opportunities for area residents. Through a creative partnership with the City and a non-profit, community gardens have been built in Clark Park and Escalante Park that are **open to all residents**, but managed and maintained by the non-profit.



1. Do you support the installation of a community garden in Ehrhardt Park?



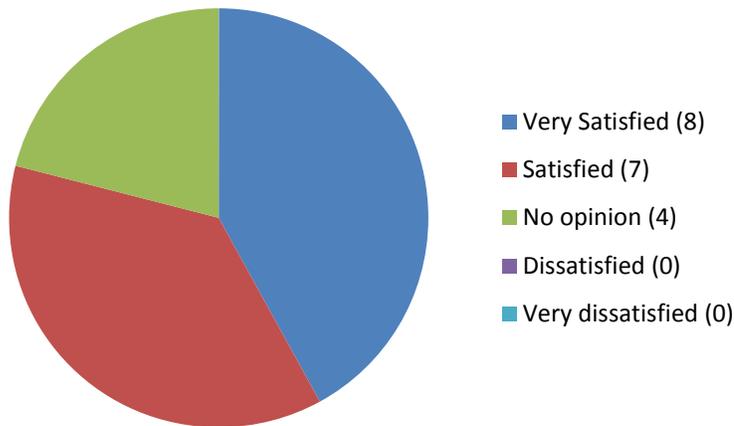
Total submissions: 30

## 2. Why or why not?

1. Depends on structure of garden installation & maintenance, volunteer requirements and distribution of food. Good land use as long as it does not reduce or eliminate ability to have dogs in park. Also need to address transitory population through park that could disrupt the garden and food produced.
2. Yes!!! I love the idea, but I have one question. How much of the green area is planned to build a garden? I live close by and my kids love to run in the green areas. Thanks
3. I think a community garden would be a fantastic idea for Ehrhardt Park. It is a perfect location. There is so much space there not being used for anything. It would also generate a sense of community in this neighborhood. I was thrilled when I read the announcement. YES YES YES
4. For all the reasons articulated in the meeting
5. I think it will contribute greatly to the revitalization of the neighborhood, and I think it will improve physical and mental health of the community residents
6. ...a great concept-it has worked in other areas-let's not re-invent the wheel and look at successful community gardens in other communities like Tempe
7. Community gardens provide thousands of pounds of fresh food annually for people who may not have access to fresh food. There are grants available to support community gardens
8. I am anxious to plant. My balcony for apartment 304 does not have enough sunshine to grow things. I have tried!
9. A community garden would be a great opportunity to foster community relationships and healthy lifestyles
10. -Additional point of interest for those in community. Provides excellent source of produce
11. Sounds like a great opportunity to revitalize the park and diversity the age group of the people currently using it
12. to get the community together
13. community involvement/meeting neighbors
14. Excellent way to promote health and wellness and bring neighborhoods together for a greater good. Excellent way to increase community and decrease crime
15. Community gardens bring a sense of integrity to neighborhoods. It is a great outlet to give back to your friends and neighbors
16. Maybe-I love the idea but need more details and info which I assume will be forthcoming. Definitely interested
17. Will bring neighborhood and FV residents together. Will allow a wider use of some "unused" areas-those only in grass now, for example, and presently used for dog runs. 3) Who would argue that growing veggies/or flowers is a negative!
18. If price is right
19. Growing own food is tastier exercise
20. I believe it would bring the Friendship Village residents and the community closer together
21. Great chance to share urban farmer produce both from the community garden and from neighborhood small \*\*\*\* urban farmers
22. A co-op w/ the neighborhood & Friendship Village would be great
23. It will enhance our neighborhood park and give my children a sense of volunteering and community.
24. I think it would provide excellent opportunities for connecting with community neighbors, exchanging knowledge, and nurturing our community park.
25. It has potential to rejuvenate Ehrhardt Park and bring FVT and surrounding neighbors into closer relationship. May help build character of neighborhood youth and bring generations closer together.
26. Contact in community. Feels good to see things grow. Learn more.
27. Benefit to all community and individuals work together/benefit from outcomes.

3. Our objective is to provide accessible, clean, safe, and friendly parks. Please rate how we are doing on a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 means very dissatisfied and 5 means very satisfied.

#### Cleanliness of the park

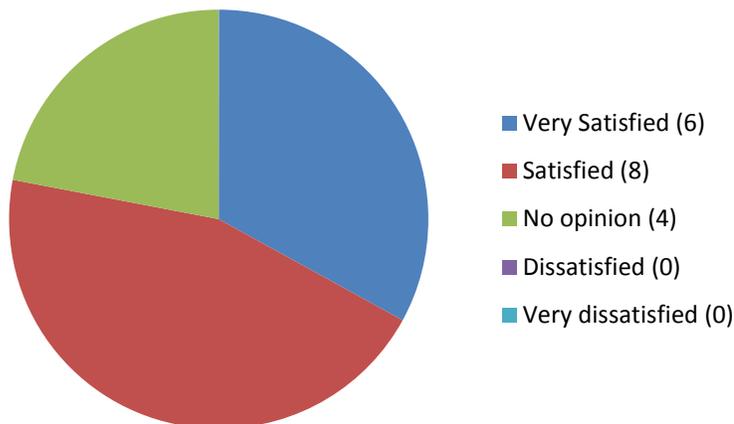


Total submissions: 19

Comments:

1. Occasional human feces along west wall.
2. We walk through this park on a daily basis for exercise and have always found it to be well maintained
3. Too many dog owners fail to pick up after their pets (although that's hardly the responsibility of park management).
4. I'm not currently familiar w this park.

#### Safety of the park

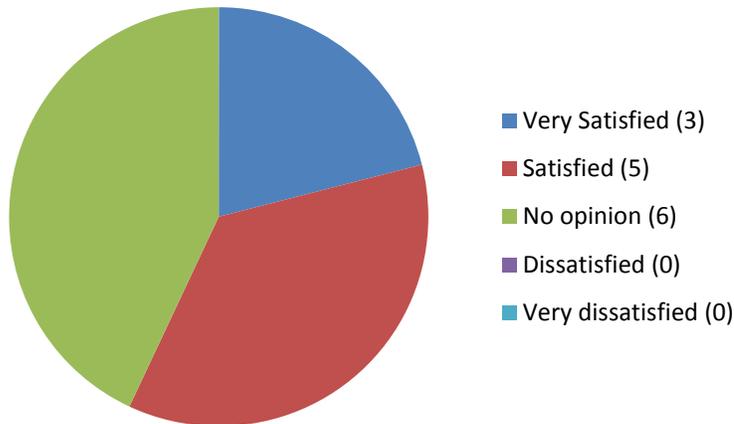


Total submissions: 18

Comments:

1. Wish there was more lighting at night in the other areas than playground, similar to rotary park
2. We have never felt unsafe and have only encountered very friendly users of the park, especially basketball players and those playing with soccer balls, who show great respect to us elderly walking through.
3. Homeless that nap down there from time to time
4. Some evenings there appear to be drug deals going on in the park. This doesn't make it feel unsafe necessarily, just uncomfortable.
5. Not currently familiar w this park.

## Friendliness of the park staff



Total submissions: 14

Comments:

1. Dave is great!
2. We have only talked a few times to the staff who mow the grass and they were very friendly and respectful.
3. Have not met staff for this park.

### 1. Additional comments

1. This is exciting!
2. The community is very excited about this!
3. Cole-Great to be looking at this - reflects the future!
4. Access to water and electricity necessary. Good gardens make good neighbors.
5. We would love to see a community garden and would participate in the effort as a family. 1. In the northeast corner of the park, south of a gate into Friendship Village, is a near-constant soggy patch of ground (apparently made wet by lawn sprinkler run-off from Friendship Village). Better drainage here would be a nice improvement; 2. When making the community garden, I hope a comfortable pedestrian through-way can be maintained for people walking their dogs on leashes; 3. I would support making a portion of the park into an off-leash dog park, but only a portion. My on-leash dogs have been attacked multiple times in Ehrhardt Park by supposedly friendly off-leash dogs, and I want all people and their pets to be able to use the park without fear; 4. I LOVE the idea of a community garden, and would be very supportive. Please don't cut down existing trees to make space for it, though--we need the ones we already have, and then some; 5. Thank you!
6. It sounds like a major undertaking to bring this garden to life but I think it would be worth the effort.
7. Park amenities very important to the community, any community
8. Hi there: I am very interested in the topic, but unfortunately I won't be able to assist to the meeting tonight. I would support the idea but the only concern will be how much of the area will be taken for the garden? I take my kids there quite often and love to run in the green area.
9. A GOOD idea but maybe at the WRONG location. Reasons / Concerns: 1. Limited ACCESS - only accessible via Evergreen St, at the very narrow corner of park; 2. Very Limited PARKING spaces available. During day time parking spaces on east side of Evergreen are occupied by staff/employees of Friendship Village Medical Center; 3. Was this park's original purpose act as water retention basin for the area?; 4. Due to limited access and parking such community garden at Ehrhardt Park will only provide service to the immediate neighborhood within walking distance from their homes and very limited use for the community at large. There are better suitable locations with good access for the public in Tempe.