

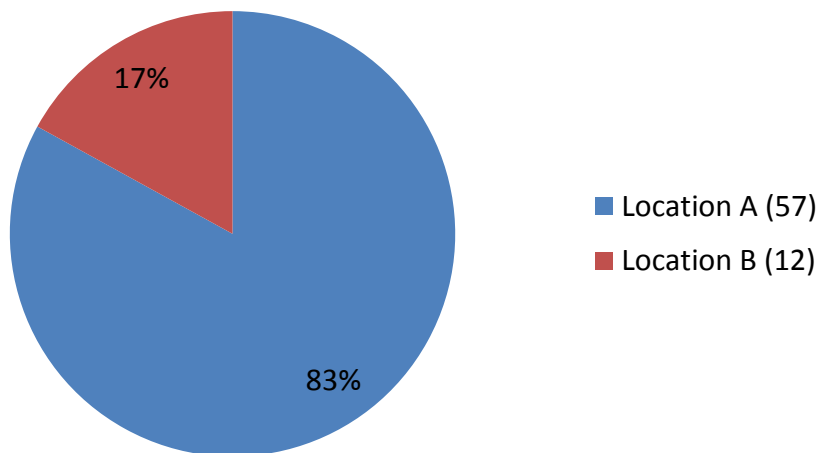
ESTRADA PARK IMPROVEMENTS PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

Overview

A public meeting was held on May 16, 2017 to get feedback on planned improvements for Estrada Park. Residents in the area of McClintock to Kenwood, Elliot to Warner (1,026 households) were invited to participate in the process. Twenty seven people attended the meeting. Surveys were available at the meetings and online from May 16 through May 30, 2017. A total of 73 survey responses were received; 9 at the meeting and 64 online. City staff also received emails and phone calls about the project, some from individuals who also filled out an online survey.

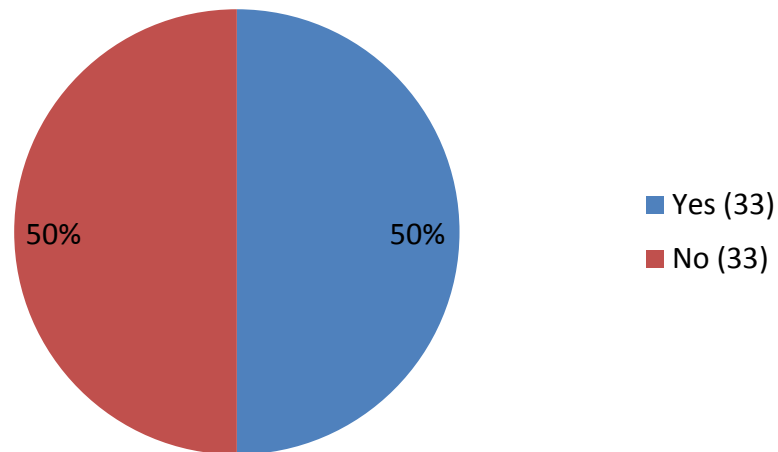
Survey Responses

1. Of the possible locations for the Estrada Park playground, which do you prefer?



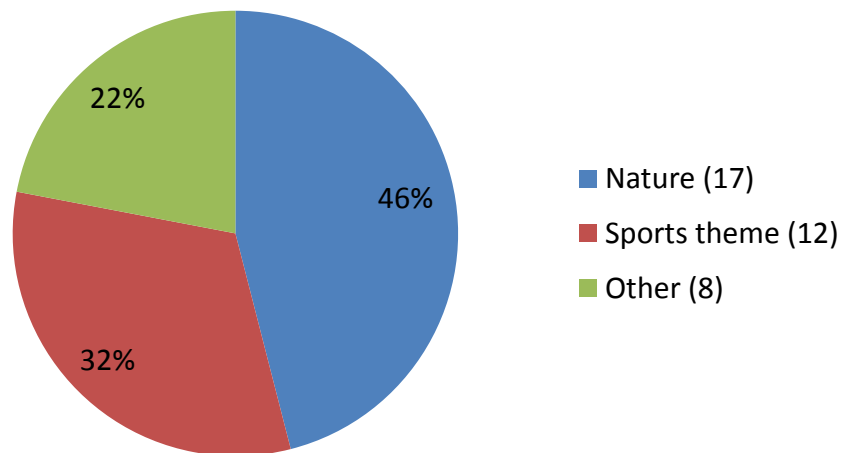
Number of responses: 69

2. Should the playground be designed with a theme?



Number of responses: 66

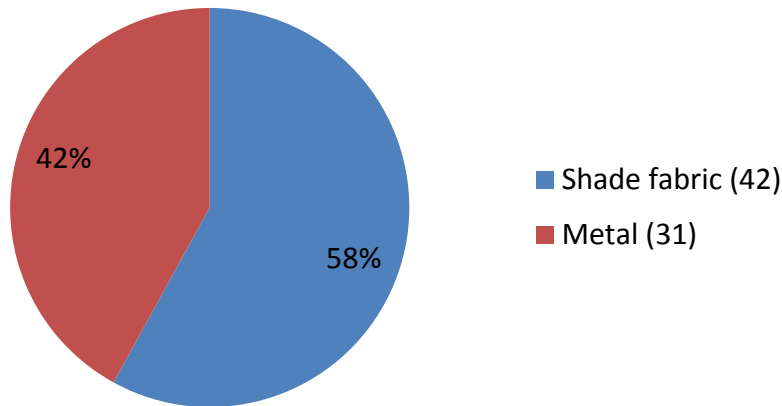
3. If yes, what theme?



Number of responses: 37

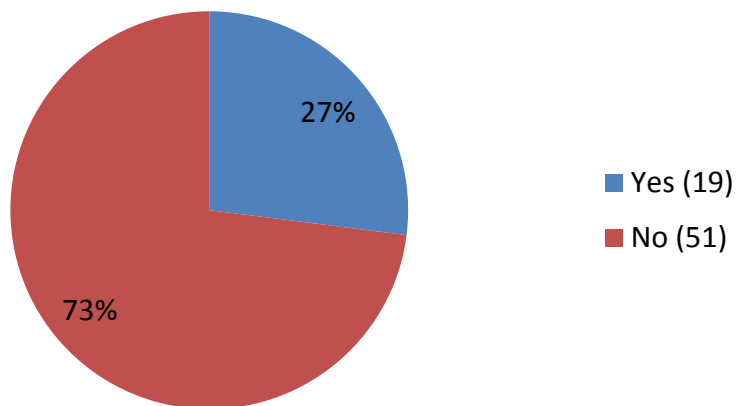
- Other- fire truck/station:2
- Other- ocean or desert: 1
- Other: multi-generational: 1
- Other- nature or animals: 1
- Other- structures for 2 -12 yr olds: 1
- Other – water: 1

4. The improvements include an addition of a 20' x 40' Ramada. Please choose the style roof you prefer.



Number of responses: 73

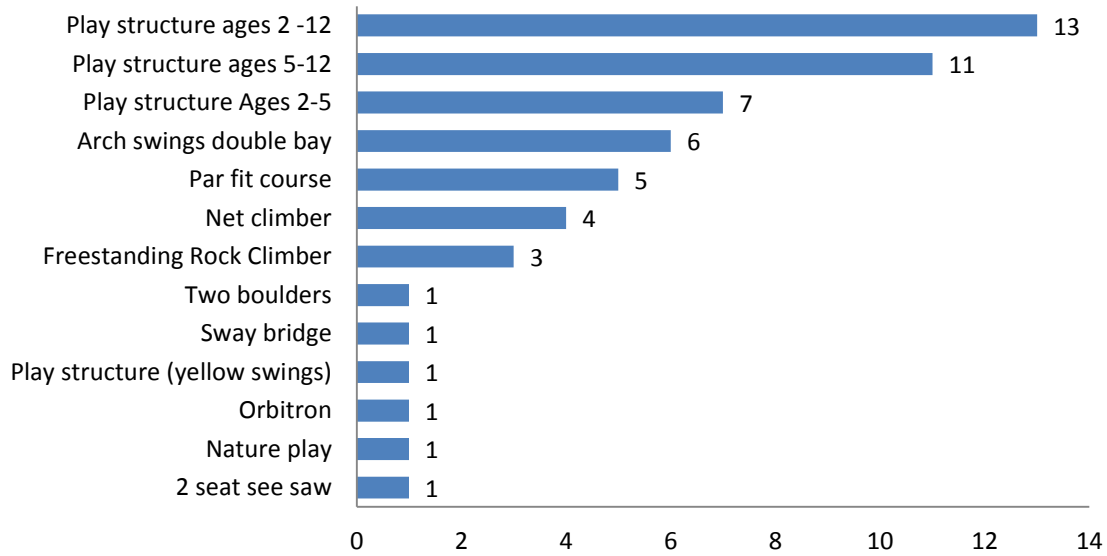
5. Would you like the improvements to include dedicated parking for Estrada Park?



Number of responses: 70

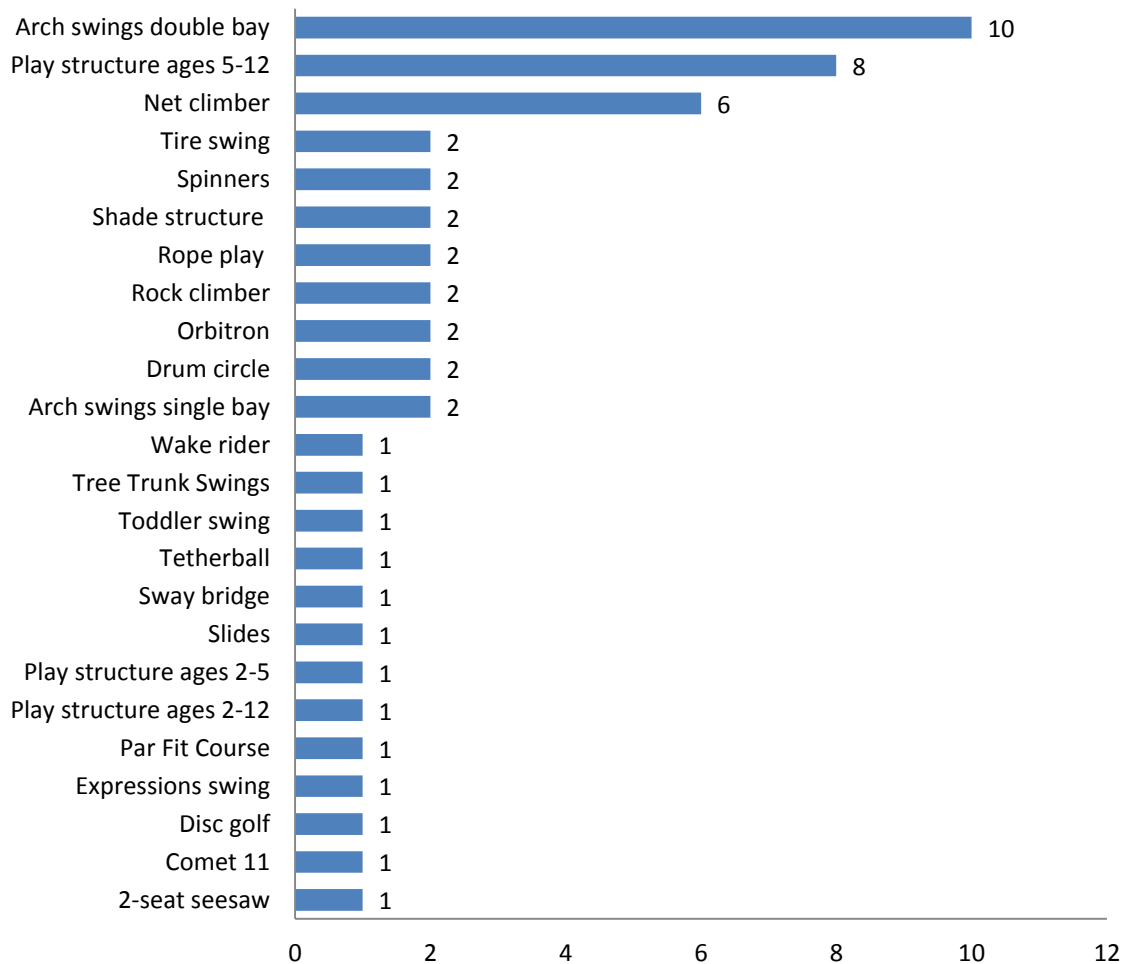
6. Please list in order of preference the top 5 pieces of equipment you would like to see in Estrada Park.

1st Choice



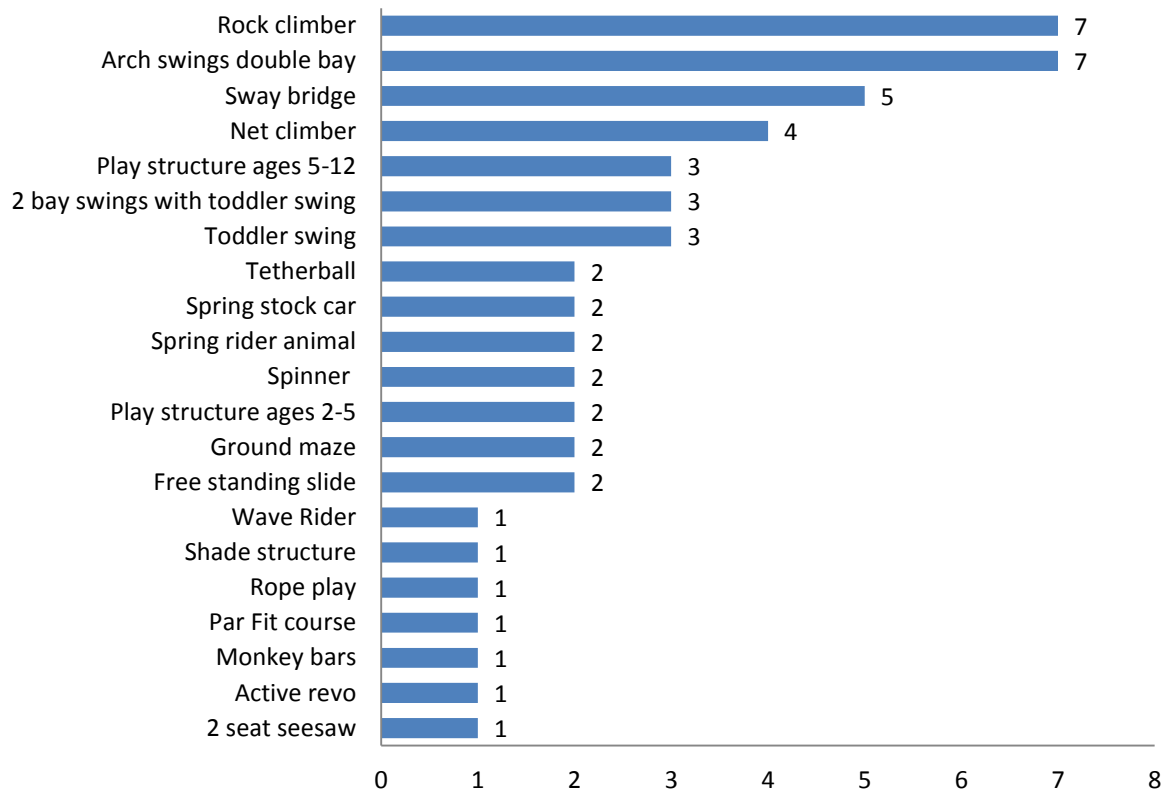
Number of responses: 55

2nd Choice



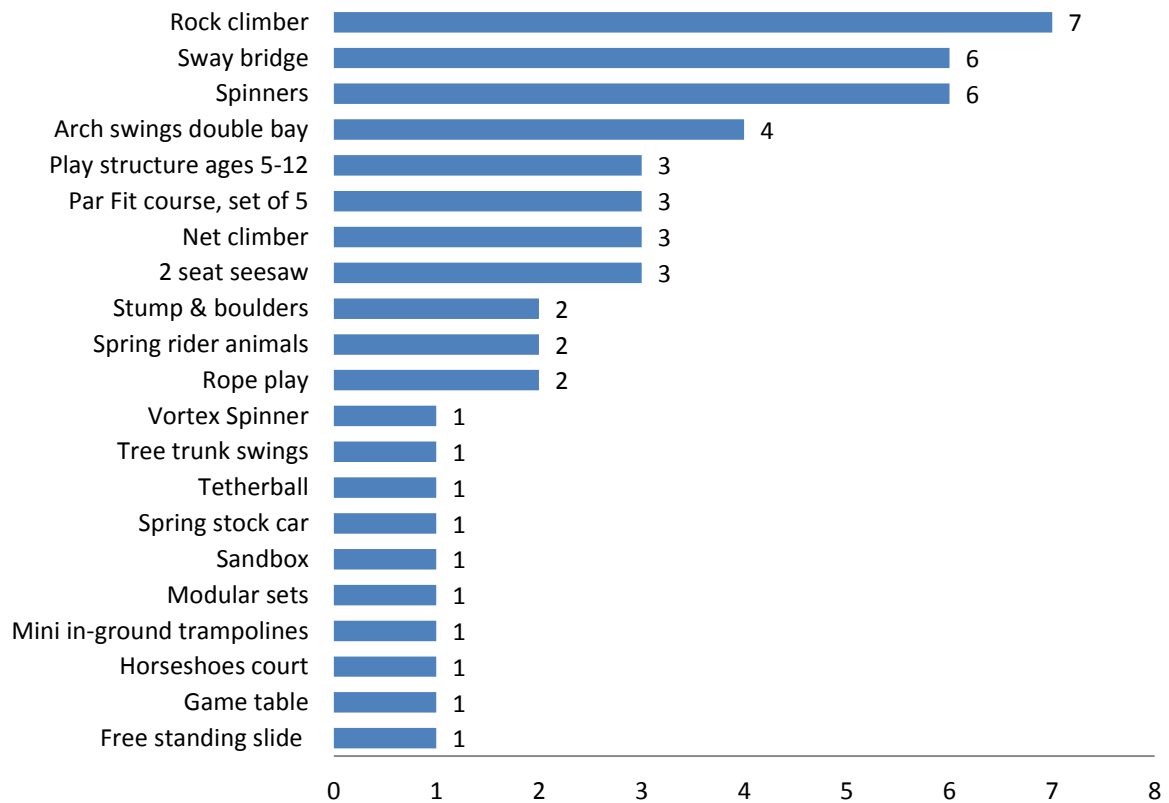
Number of responses: 53

3rd Choice



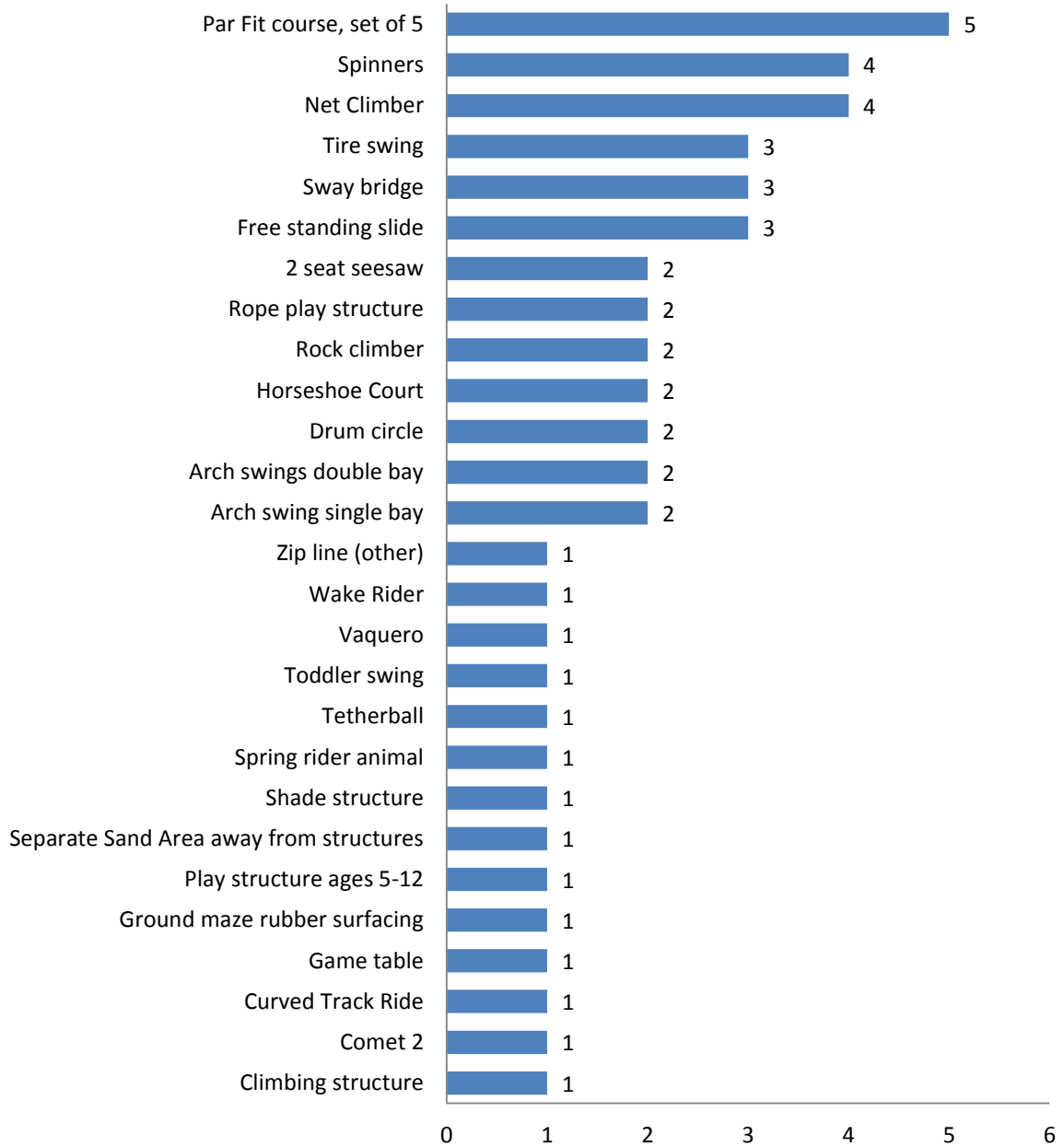
Number of responses: 53

4th Choice



Number of responses: 51

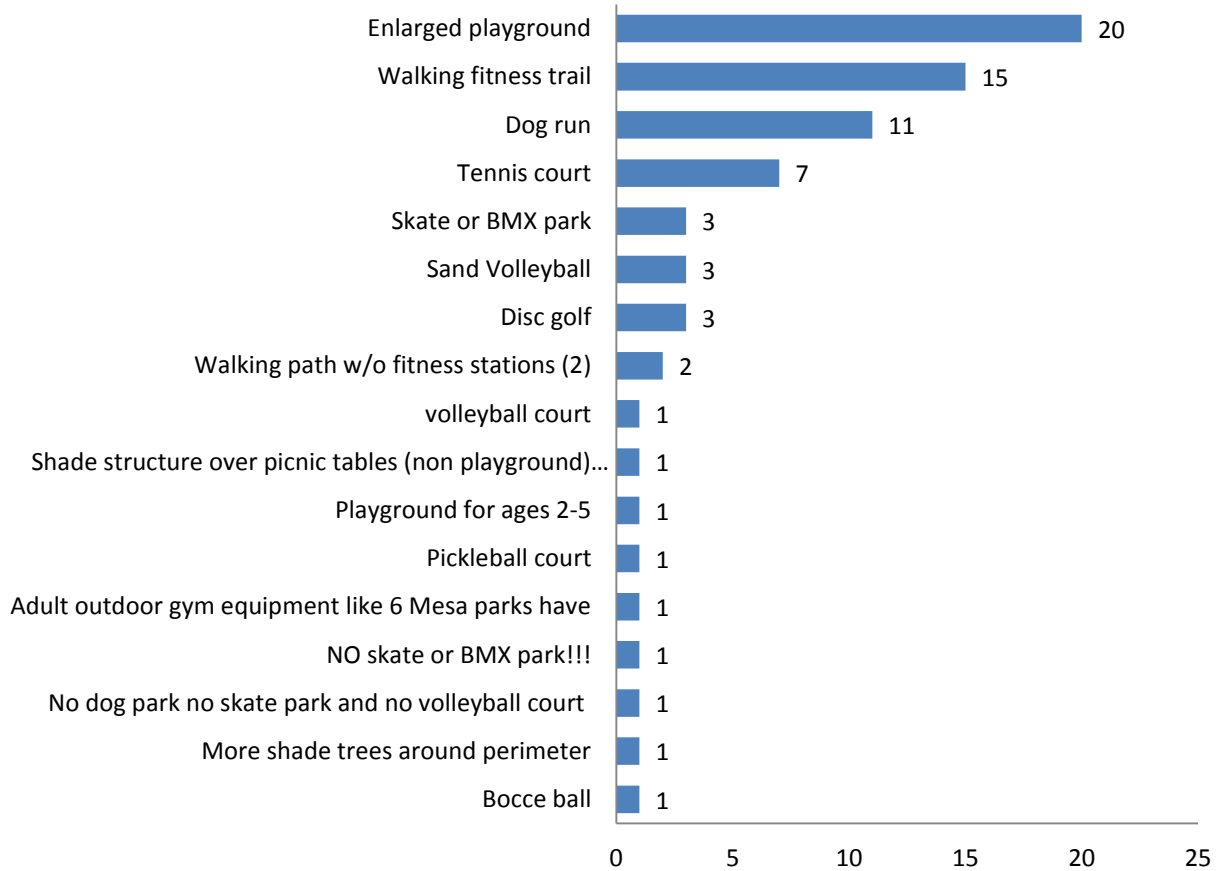
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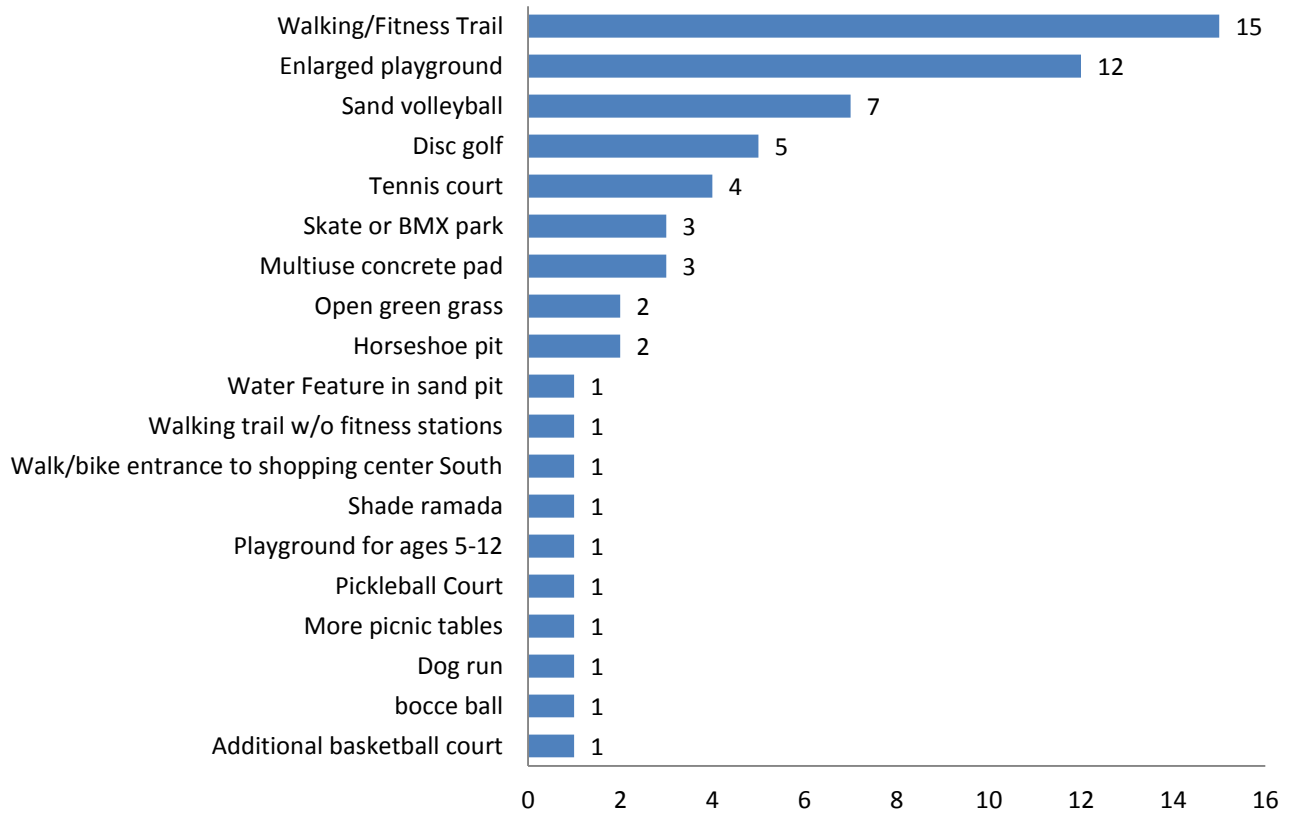
Number of responses: 50

7. The number of new amenities added to the park will be determined by cost and the ability to fit them into the park footprint. Please list in order of preference the top 3 new amenities you would like to see in Estrada Park.

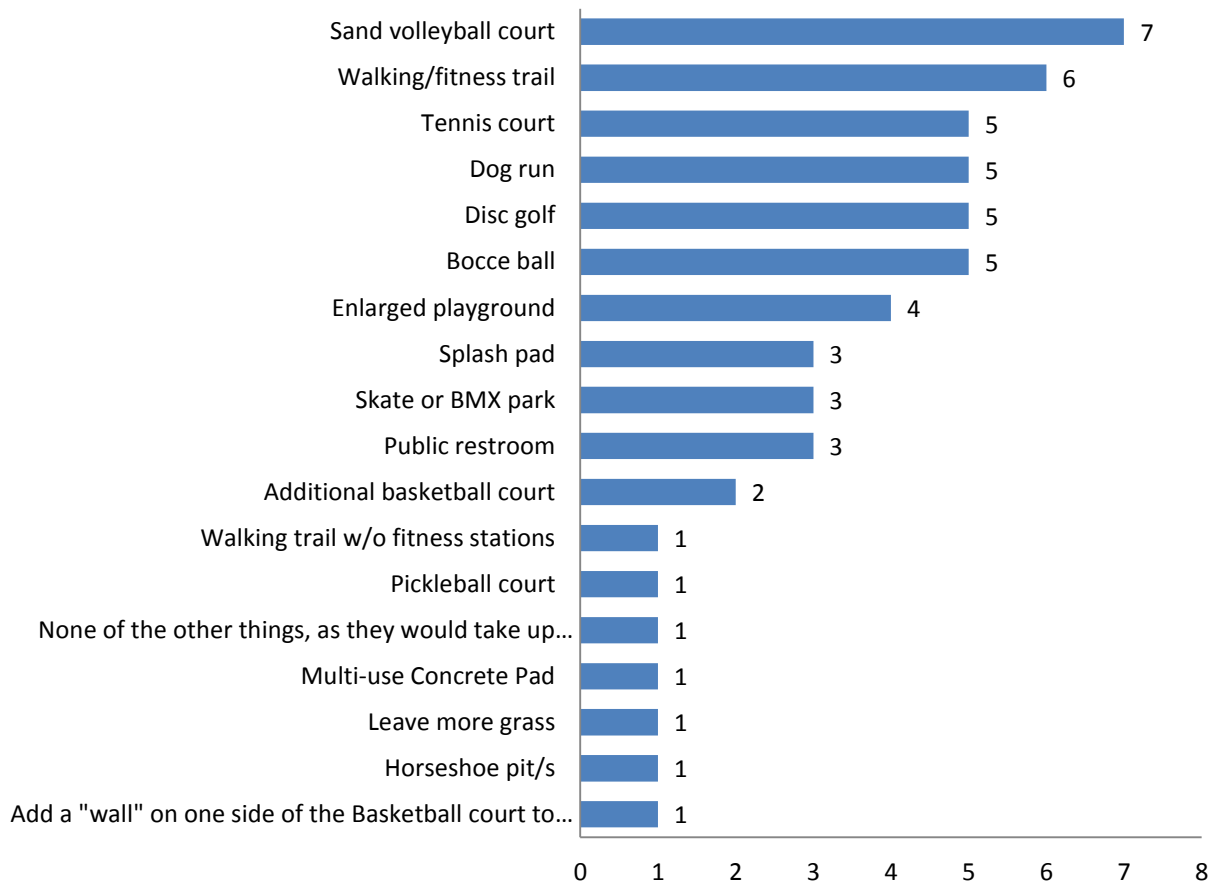
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2nd Choice

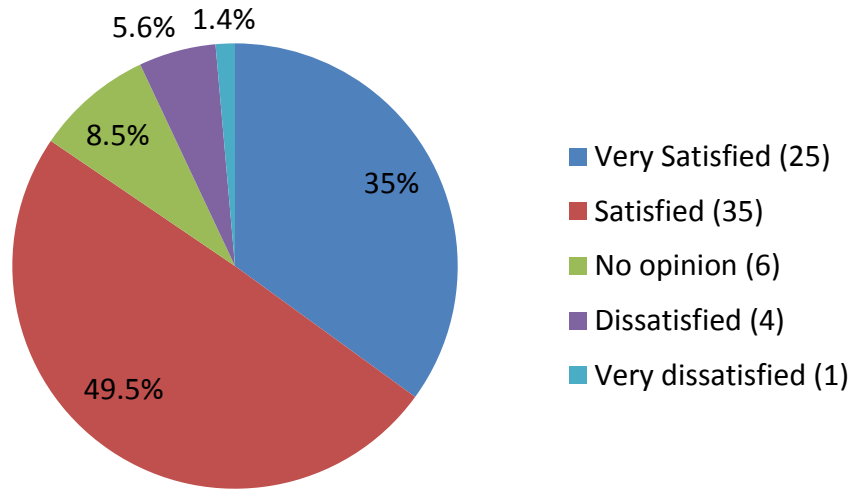


3rd Choice



8. The Parks Division's objective is to provide accessible, clean, safe, and friendly parks. Please rate how Parks staff is currently doing maintaining Estrada Park on a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 means very dissatisfied and 5 means very satisfied.

Cleanliness of the park

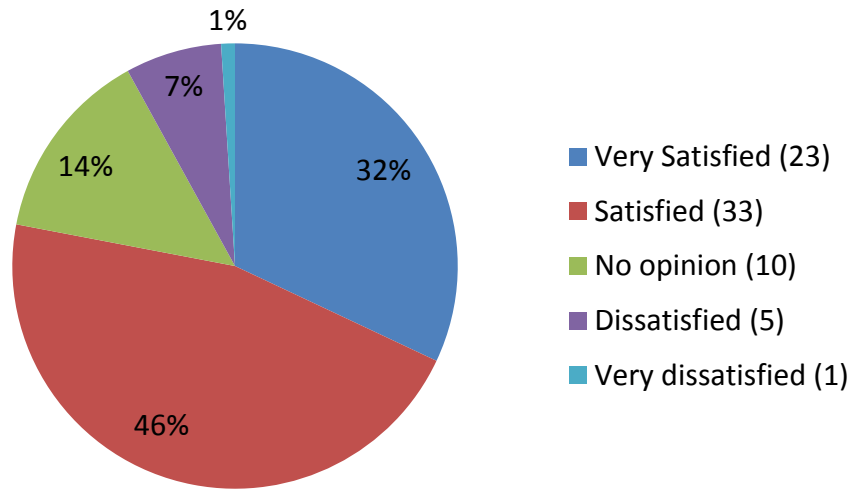


Number of responses: 71

Comments:

1. Provide doggie bags for poop in multiple places
2. Need a "clean after your dog" sign! And bags
3. It is well maintained. Just doesn't attract older children.
4. This year seems like a lot more stickers in the grass. Also never found ticks before on dogs until this year.
5. Very good job keeping park clean. Thanks
6. Need more waste cans and recycling cans
7. The staff does a good job but unfortunately there are some park users who leave their trash and dog poop, but overall pretty nice.
8. Water Fountain dirty
9. Soccer participant and spectators are main causes of trash - add recycle and garbage cans
10. The park is always clean and properly maintained.
11. Cigarette Butts found by daughter calling them crayons
12. Trash in and around playground areas, fountains dirty and don't always work.
13. Areas not kept clean.

Safety of the park

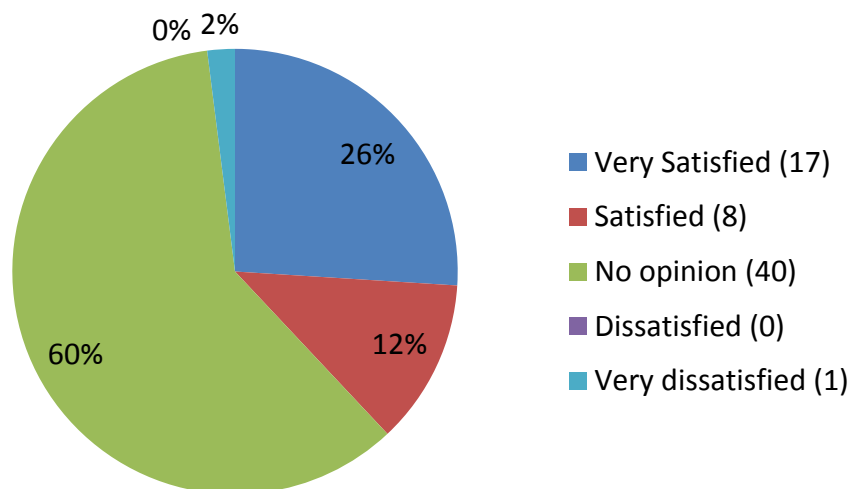


Number of responses: 72

Comments:

1. Off leash dogs are a major problem posing a safety risk.
2. Off leash dogs have become a problem at this park.
3. Only there during day.
4. Like that McClintock is blocked off. Please keep a fence between park and main street.
5. Tempe Police and Neighborhood Block Watch is effective!
6. Wall on west side of park makes big difference because keeps park more secluded.

Friendliness of the park staff



Number of responses: 66

Comments:

1. Never had contact with park staff
2. NA
3. I have never seen any staff there
4. Only had contact on the phone
5. Don't know
6. Don't really know any park staff
7. Never met any of them.

9. Additional comments

1. There is a tree with a plaque dedicated to a neighborhood child who died of cancer at five years old. This is very important to all of the families including the children in the neighborhood who were his friends. The tree is decorated and visited regularly. Please do not destroy this plaque or the tree during your renovation process.
2. It would be nice to have picnic tables and grills located under shade fabric and/or trees in redesigned park.
3. My family is very grateful to have such a nice park amenity near our home; however, there has been an increasing number of people who have been bringing their dogs to the park off leash. Enforcement of the city and county leash laws is needed. Off leash dogs pose a safety risk, which is why there are ordinances in place to protect the public safety. My family has begun to refrain from going to the park because this is turning into such a problem. Thank you.
4. Please enforce the leash laws. Off leash dogs pose a major safety risk.
5. There has been of late an increasing number of transients frequenting parks. My only concern is the safety of kids who may be playing at parks and the mental health of some of the transients who are in need of services.
6. We love our neighborhood park and use it almost every day! Less concrete, more nature is better. Please keep as many of our beautiful trees as possible. Really DON'T want skate/BMX park. Thanks for asking! "
7. Please enforce the leash laws. Off leash dogs pose a major safety risk.
8. "Our family LOVES this park. We are there almost every day, sometimes more than once! It is really important to us that we have a cool place to walk our dog. We hope that you will preserve as many trees as possible (especially the big old trees) and minimize the pavement/asphalt/cement. The additional parking lot and skate/BMX park would really take a lot of room and ruin that cool, green feeling of the park. Part of what makes it such a cool respite is that it is BIG. Additionally, it would be nice to have a little path for pedestrians to cut through to the strip mall on the corner without having to walk on McClintock. (As exists now.) But if that enlarges the footprint of the fire station, please skip it. I truly appreciate the responses I received from Shauna and Craig regarding my concerns about the proposals. Thanks for asking for input from the neighborhood!
9. Great location, would love to see better utilization of space
10. Have never seen park staff
11. Would like Estrada Park to be used by everyone of all ages. Multi generation Theme- something for everyone. Would really like to see an EXPRESSION SWING. This is great interaction for toddler and parent. At the meeting, I heard the architect say "Dog Park" at least 2 times. The homeowners who live near the Park are very unhappy about the Fire Station and a Dog Park would really set them off. No Dog Park please! No to sand volleyball court. Many neighbors have commented that this would attract cats.
12. Please ensure there is a fence protecting the park from McClintock.
13. DO NOT please put a dog park in. They're dirty.

14. Allow drones and other electronics in designated areas. Love the idea of a dog park, but concerned with the number of people from outside the neighborhood who would travel to use the park. Would rather keep it safer - without the dog park and random dogs and people so close to the playground. Please keep a wall between parking lots and playground."
15. I have lived in the neighborhood almost 20 years. I think having amenities and playground equipment durable for older children and adults would bring the community closer...we have been blessed with the open field and young child's playground for those 20 years but are in great need of this upgrade and improvement. We need items useful to the majority especially the young adults! I would love to allow my children to ride their bikes to Estrada park and skateboard or play tennis...We love to walk and avoid car transportation whenever possible. My boys and their friends (middle school aged) seem to have so few places to hang out safely and not requiring parents to drive. I think this park could be transformed into a young adult/adult park that not only brings community together but gives the young adults a place to play. I would love to be able to walk to play tennis or sand volleyball with friends! I am so thankful money is being put to good use and will hopefully be spent on items more useful to a wider range of people not so much for the extremely young as it is now! Thank you!!!!
16. I think that a small skatepark should be put into Estrada park, because it is a large park with plenty of room and it is in a safe and accessible location for many kids and adults to use. I live very close to this park and it would be convenient to have a skatepark put in since the next closest skatepark to me is a 10-15 minute drive. Estrada Park has always been fairly sparse in playground equipment and fun areas to play, so a skatepark would be a great addition and improvement for the park.
17. I hope this is not a vote and you are just getting input. There are some times when several practices are going on that street parking gets busy. This is fine. I would much rather have more park area and skip the parking lot(s). Same for amenities. Just basic playground stuff. Don't try to put too much special interest items. In general, please leave more grass. The reality is that most of the special interest items go unused, especially in our hot climate.
18. We are so lucky to have a park like this near our home. I'm thrilled to see that there are improvements coming, and that the City is asking for our feedback. I just hope that in doing so, we don't lose sight of what the park is intended to be - a small, friendly, neighborhood park. Our son has grown up playing soccer there with his friends, and various competitive clubs. He plays basketball and football there while we walk the dog...I could go on and on. It's just a wonderful thing to have in the neighborhood. I sincerely hope that the construction and implementation of these proposed improvements won't keep the park closed for long.
19. I believe this park should be designed as a multi-generational park. I love the track and adult exercise equipment idea. Please do not put parking. It takes more green space away and attracts non-neighbors to use our park. Please NO dog run. Again, this will attract non-neighbors to the park.
20. Keep the number of tree, or increase for more shade. Increase the number of waste cans

21. I am not sure if the equipment we currently have in the park will stay and be relocated? We have a game table, a spring stock car, 4 swings, 2 toddler swings, 2 freestanding slides, a digger, a shade cover, most obtained by our Neighborhood Association applying for grants. So I didn't list those in the five we could list. If they have to be listed in the top five to be in the park, then I would like the Tree trunk swings, but no need for stock car or game table, as they are not heavily used. We definitely do not want a 2nd basketball court, as very, very few of our nearby residents use the basketball court that already takes up space. We do not want a parking lot along McClintock as we are not going to drive over onto McClintock and drive in to park. We walk or bike over; it's less than a half mile to the park for all Estate La Colina residents. So any parking lot would be for people driving in from other cities, like the soccer players and I doubt that they'd park by McClintock and walk over. A new parking lot wouldn't be large enough for all of them during practices and games anyway. Most of the neighbors who adjoin the park do not seem to mind the soccer players parking along the park front. I do not think "No parking signs" would be welcomed by our residents. Could the playground and optional amenities go along the east side of the park and north east corner? That seems to be the best location for an outdoor gym for adults and/or parfit course, along the perimeter of east and north of soccer field. I don't know how to attach it here, but there are some amazing adult gyms/playgrounds on the market, with hopscotch, and so on. A Par fit course with only 5 stations doesn't large enough to be used daily by many residents, but I haven't seen the whole thing.
22. If the city is building a fire station, with community room, please include a public restroom accessible to park users. If the playground were to be moved, I would want it on the east side of the park, away from the arterial street. I wish there was more variety in the playground equipment being put in during the city's park capital improvement program. You take your kids to all these refreshed parks, and in many ways they are all the same. Same look, much of the same equipment. The city is already taking 1.5 acres for a police station. Don't take away more by expanding a parking lot. There is plenty of on street parking on the north and east side of the park.
23. I would like this to be appropriate for many age groups and have amenities specific for neighbors. We don't want to attract outside people to our neighborhood.
24. Please make this another great park for kids. Our current park has been neglected for so long. It would be great if this new park could be like Hamilton Park in Alta Mira.
25. More trash cans and dog waste bag dispensers would be great
26. As a parent with two small children, my main concern is safety between roads/parking and any playground areas. I am hopeful that some type of wall or barrier will be used between McClintock and the park.
27. Not keen on the community center. Keep trees in park. Pathway around park would be nice. No dog park. Keep park simple.
28. For answer to Question 1 on page 1 of the survey regarding possible locations for the Estrada Park playground, an option C/Other was my answer. (North east corner of the park)
29. I do not want to have the sides of the park basin become steeper to hold a 200 year flood event. They are steep enough to enable someone to run or walk into the park.
30. Very pleased you are attending to the care of Tempe parks. Thanks.

31. Regarding prior parking question - Response is Yes - but why not place parking along Kachina Drive? Has there been any consideration to placing the children's playground on the corner of Kachina and Palomino? That corner of the park will move it away from the fire station and away from the traffic of McClintock. Need additional water fountains.
32. Please do not include a skate park or a dog run in the plans. As the plans now stand is enough for our neighborhood and will bring plenty more traffic, noise, and parking issues. Put the skate park and/or dog park at Waggoner park and leave our neighborhood park as it stands.
33. I don't see the purpose or need for a community room. Such a structure would only take away from the available acreage of the park that will already be diminished by the fire station. I am **STRONGLY OPPOSED** to the idea of a community room. Instead of adding parking along McClintock, would it be possible to add diagonal parking along Palomino? Add more shade trees. Keep it simple! Don't get carried away with adding too many amenities.
34. Consider the issue that there are few tennis courts in this area offered by City of Tempe. The playground should be located to offer shade from sun by buildings in later afternoon, or by trees/bushes. The trees bushes or building should provide some blocking and or protection from McClintock Drive since it will be children in these areas.
35. Could use basic bathroom amenities
36. 1) Prefer that the fire station be moved to the north enough so that the parking can be on the south side. This should leave some of the wall along McClintock intact. Parking can also be put behind (east side) the fire station if more room is needed. The wall has provided privacy and security for those using the park; 2) more benches should be placed around the park so the parents can sit while watching their kids; 3) the park and playground area are for the kids. I feel all the resources should be for the kids and their families. That being said, a community room does nothing for the kids. Parents can drive to a community room such as a church; 4) Remember, there are not many places where a kid can go to for play in this area. No nearby schools with a playground; 5) No need for equipment for the adults. Plenty of gyms in the area. Dogs can go to a dog park; 6) my wife is a retired school teacher. She saw play items in your pictures that kids have been known to get injured on. Please review the safety factor of these toys you choose. I.e., toys with ropes can cause cuts and burns on little hands.

Emails

1. **May 16, 2017** – I am not able to make it to the meeting this evening and wanted to share my thoughts. In my opinion, the playground is the biggest renovation that needs to be done. It is the only park within walking distance of the neighborhood for young kids. Having more shade / ramada and or trees would be a benefit as well as more play structures for a broader range of children. Myself, as well as other neighbors I have talked to have no interest in adding a parking lot nor a dog run or a skate park (all though we all have younger kids, so possibly this is different for families with older kids). Walking and fitness trail would almost be a great upgrade to the space. We are not ever there at night, but if the lights need updated then per safety and energy efficiency I am all for that as well.
2. **May 18, 2017** - I live right down the street from Estrada Park. In fact, my daughter, her service dog and I are almost daily visitors to the park. Estrada Park has one of our favorite things about our neighborhood for the past almost 20 years we've lived here. I was unable to attend the meeting regarding the new plans for the park and so apologize for being uninformed. I just felt that I needed to convey my concerns about our beautiful park to those in charge of these improvements. First of all, when the fire station was presented, why was there was no mention of a parking lot? Doesn't that double the footprint of the entire project? Is the parking lot for the employees of the station or for park visitors? My concern is that one of the major attractions of our park is that it is BIG. It is a large cool spot in the middle of what is becoming an increasingly urban, hot, congested place to live. Did you know that when you walk down that slope of the park, the temperature drops by 5-10 degrees? It is a nice cool, large place to walk and escape the traffic and the heat surrounding us. We enjoy the big old trees. I'm worried that in all these "improvements" that our beautiful shade trees will be lost. The entire character of the park will be ruined. At this time, we don't know what the specific impacts will be to the trees in the park, but the trees are important to us, too. We should know more as the park footprint gets developed further. Also, there is a tree planted just to the west of the playground behind the bench that is dedicated to a little boy who died. There is a small plaque there and I think it is a special place for that family. Is it possible to leave that undisturbed? Thank you for communicating this. I've been talking with the neighborhood representative on the design review team; he has passed along the family's contact info, so I reached out to them last week about the tree. We will ensure it is treated with the utmost respect and will continue working with the family to ensure that happens as the project moves along in the design process and into construction. Please leave our park as large as possible. The soccer field traffic seems to be able to find adequate parking on the street and has done so for years. I'm not sure what is meant by dealing with water retention. I hope this does not mean leveling the entire park and thereby taking away the cool valley effect which is so refreshing. What percentage of our current park square footage will be taken up by the fire station and parking lot? Will we be left with 70%? 50%? The park is about 8.5 acres and the fire station has been projected to take up 1-1.5 acres, which is about 15% of the park. Thanks for your work to make our park a place that makes our neighborhood livable. I feel that we are somewhat nature-deprived, particularly in the summer. With all the development on Elliot, the increasing traffic on the 101, etc, our environment is becoming noisier, hotter and less peaceful. It is such a relief to be able to walk to a cool place outside with trees, grass and space.

3. **May 27, 2017** - Just a thought or two re:Estrada Park "Improvements": Since you are taking about a quarter of the park for your fire station, I believe the items listed as "improvements" will be welcome and are necessary, since the park has not changed much since its inception. However, I would suggest that the items listed a "additional park amenities" would do nothing for the park but cut down on the usable area and restrict the open area now available to us as residents to reduce the appearance of "clutter" - plus restricting the area available for soccer camps soccer games, etc enjoyed now by folks who use the park. Just a thought - don't waste the funds, save it for deluge metering next time a heavy rain occurs. Thanx!

4. **May 30, 2017** - As I've mentioned, Estrada Park is my neighborhood park. I was there the other day and I have a couple of thoughts: 1) I stepped off the distance between the west light poles and the playground. There's about 45 feet between the poles and the playground. Couldn't we just move the playground due east about 40-45 feet, keep it centralized in the park and address the safety concerns about moving it closer to the street?; 2) I'm not sure we need a community room as part of the fire station. The community room was brought up at the meeting and there didn't appear to a strong justification for the need for a community room at the expense of reducing the size of the park I urge removing the community room from the proposed design; 3) And, believe it or not, I'm NOT suggesting adding pickleball at Estrada, We missed you at the RCM on Thursday evening. While we differed on how pickleball should be added in Tempe, the outcome as passed by Council is a fantastic long term solution. The pickleball community is delighted with the proposed 8 court, lighted facility, hopefully at either Kiwanis or TSC (my preference is TSC). Steve Manolis and I would be happy to work with City staff to ensure this projects meet the best needs of the City and the pickleball community. Thanks again.

5. **June 8, 2017** - Dear Information coordinators Re: Estrada Park: I own and reside at 1831 E. Colt Rd., the two-story house on the SE border of Estrada Park. My wife and I have expressed our concerns about placing a fire station in the park and are generally opposed to it. She appeared and spoke at one of the discussion meetings. As it appears the station will be coming in, we would like to express our views about how to best preserve and use what is left of the park with the station there. My reasonable concerns and preferences for the upgrade and use of the part are as follows: 1. Keep as many existing trees as possible, and plant new trees where necessary to provide a dense screen/buffer between the park the station; 2. Insure that the retention area will be sufficient to avoid any flooding of our home or anywhere else in the neighborhood; 3. Limit any new parking area provided to that absolutely needed by the station personnel. Keep the park McClintock fence and trees in tact as much as possible; 4. Upgrade the playground and covering to be comparable to what is provided in Harrell Park in Tempe; 5. Put in a lighted tennis court near the existing basketball court, with specific restrictions that it not be used for Pickle Ball. Pickle ball is an extreme noise nuisance, and would most certainly draw lawsuits by nearby residents due to the noise. There is presently litigation by homeowners ongoing in Newport Beach, CA and other communities requesting injunctions and substantial damages for nuisance and diminished value, and I guarantee that like lawsuits will arise here if pickle ball is

allowed. I understand that pickle ball accommodation have recently been approved to be built in dedicated sports areas in Tempe.

6. **June 8, 2017** - Dear neighborhood and community leaders, I am sorry I missed the May 30th deadline for responding to the website survey for Estrada Park Improvements. But I would still like to have my input considered and so am sending this email directly to you. My husband and I live in the only house/property that is directly adjacent to Estrada Park. Our address is 1831 E. Colt Rd., Tempe, AZ 85284. I attended the Parks Meeting at the Tempe Public Library on May 16th and expressed some of my concerns regarding the "improvements" to Estrada Park and related plans to add a Fire Station #7 to the Park grounds. In general, I am very concerned about taking any space away from the current Estrada Park for a fire station, parking lot, etc. This is a popular, well-used park. The neighborhood association has worked hard over the years to obtain grants for improvements to the park. Many of those improvements, i.e. walkway and trees (that are finally growing big enough for some shade!), wall/fence and gravel bed along McClintock, playground toys, benches and trees, will most likely be removed for the building of the fire station. This is a shame to me and seems like a waste of a lot of good effort and funds over a number of years. Nevertheless, I realize that the fire station is most likely going to happen. So while I want the least possible amount of space taken up by the fire station and parking lot, these are the considerations I would like to have considered: 1. I support all of the current proposed "Park improvements", as well as an enlarged playground and a tennis court (IF it cannot be used for pickleball); 2. PLEASE preserve every possible tree. Large shade trees are so needed and so scarce in our Parks; I hate to see any of them removed for any reason; 3. Keep the parking lot to the minimum size needed for the fire station. Do not add any public parking spaces. They are not needed. There is plenty of parking along the streets that border the park; 4. Place a block wall and row of trees between the border of the fire station & parking lot to separate them from the park. This will help obscure the view of the fire station and parking lot for the neighboring homes and the park users; 5. Replace playground toys with larger, nicer ones, perhaps similar to ones at Harrell Park in Tempe near Warner Ranch; and 6 PLEASE keep benches, shade trees and drinking fountains by the playground. I would be happy to be consulted if there are any questions or concerns in the future as plans progress.