



**PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY**

**Overview**

A public meeting was held on February 24, 2018 for feedback on planned improvements for Tempe Women’s Club Park. Residents in the area of McKellips to Curry, Scottsdale to College (773 residents) were invited to participate in the process via postcard. Notices were posted to Nextdoor to 229 households in 3 neighborhoods directing residents to both the meeting and the website. Signs were also placed in the park announcing the meeting. Nine (9) people signed in for the meeting, though more residents were at the park to view the plans. Residents were asked to provide input on playground equipment, use of the park, and knowledge regarding Water Conservation oversight and theme. Surveys were available at the meetings and online from February 24 through March 10, 2018. A total of 17 survey responses were received online, 0 (zero) at the public meeting.

**Map of Survey Respondents**

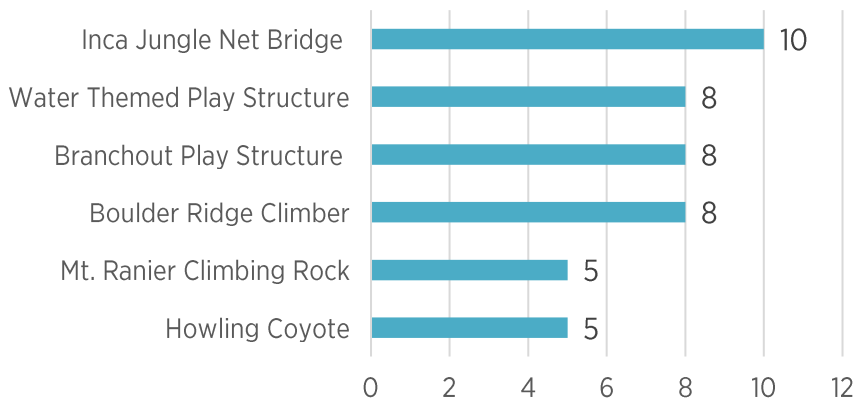


**Survey Responses**

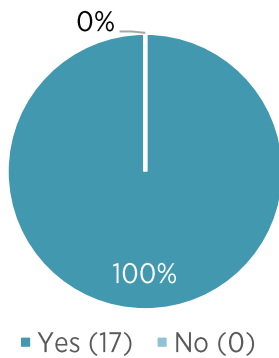
1. Please list the top 5 pieces of equipment you would like to see in Tempe Women’s Club Park with 1 being your favorite:

1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice
Water Themed Play Structure (5) Branchout Play Structure (4) Animal Tracker Panel (1) Fence Lizard (1) Howling Coyote (1) Mt. Hood Climbing Rock (1) Stump Rock with Rope Crossing (1) Slide (1)	Branchout Play Structure (4) Inca Jungle Net Bridge (3) Boulder Ridge Climber (3) Animal Tracker Panel (1) Nature Hunt Panel (1) Slithering Snake (1) Water Rock (1) Water Themed Play Structure (1)	Boulder Ridge Climber (4) Inca Jungle Net Bridge (3) Fence Lizard (2) Water Themed Play Structure (2) Water Rock (1) Animal Tracker Panel (1) Nature Hunt Panel (1)	Inca Jungle Net Bridge (4) Howling Coyote (2) Mt. Rainier Climbing Rock (2) Stump Rock with Rope Crossing (2) Bugs Play Panel (1) Desert Tortoise (1) Nature Hunt Panel (1) Water Rock (1)	Mt. Ranier Climbing Rock (3) Water Rock (2) Howling Coyote (2) Boulder Ridge Climber (1) Nature Hunt Panel (1) Desert Tortoise (1) Mt. Hood Climbing Rock (1) Stump Rock with Rope Crossing (1) Fence Lizard (1)

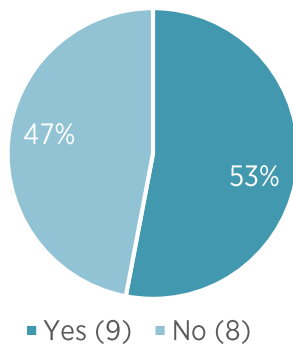
### Most Popular Overall



2. Do you live in the Tempe Women's Club Park area?



3. Do you currently visit or utilize Tempe Women's Club Park?



If yes, how?

1. Walk around
2. Identify plants
3. Walk the pathways often with the dogs
4. Walking
5. Walk through and look at plants.
6. Go for walks and when my son is born will take him there.
7. Almost daily to take our 8-month-old son to use infant swing set. The park is a very short walk from our house.

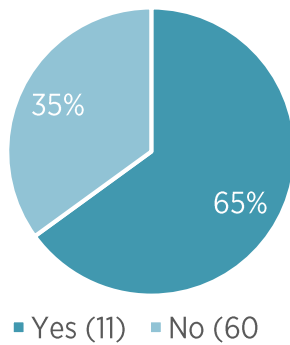
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- 8. Walk through, pick up trash, enjoy scenery
- 9. Take my two sons down to swing every day. I would love to have other activities they could use the park.

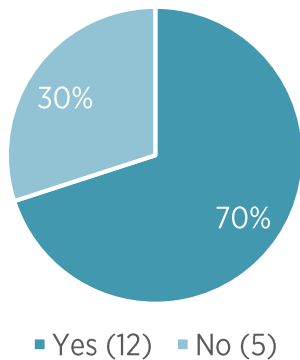
If no, why not?

- 1. Because I do not feel safe walking alone back there with my daughter.
- 2. Feels very closed almost like you're not supposed to go in. I thought it was just a path that went in a circle and never realized there was parking. Underlit landscaping would be nice. Super scary at night
- 3. There's not much there
- 4. It doesn't feel safe. Lots of homeless people in the area and the playground is currently very hidden from the road.
- 5. The last time I took my infant there, there was a trio of nomads who had camped there overnight. If I could ensure the safety, I would LOVE to go, because it is adjacent to my neighborhood.
- 6. Not appealing, does not seem safe
- 7. We used to visit but the equipment is outdated and too small for big kids. Also the homeless started to become a problem.
- 8. The area has limited amenities/structures for my 6 year old, but it seems to attract a lot of homeless people!

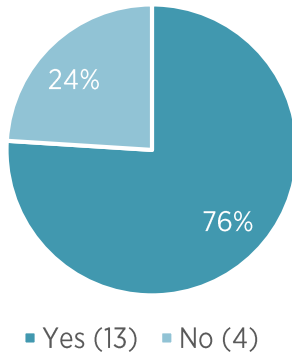
4. Are you likely to use the planned covered picnic area?



5. Are you aware that the theme of the Tempe Women's Club Park is to promote water conservation and desert plants?



6. Do you think the park does a good job promoting water conservation and desert plants?



If yes, how?

1. With description panels
2. When I wanted to plant a new tree, I went to the park with someone who suggested trees and I was able to identify them.
3. The identification of the low water use plants is informative as well as the informational panels on turf.
4. Give examples of desert plants.
5. All desert landscaping
6. Lots of desert plants. It doesn't feel safe being so hidden right now though.
7. The plaques are interesting.
8. The signs and displays are informative for adults
9. literature provided on various plants

If no, why not?

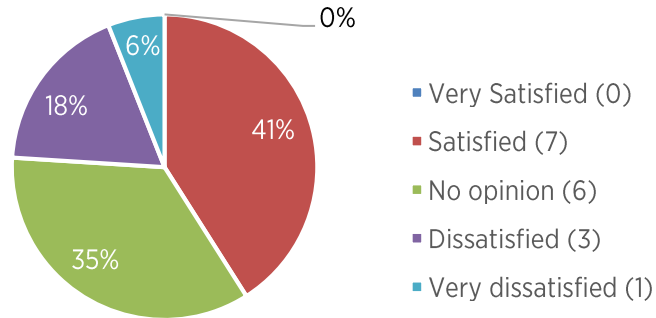
1. Because this information is not visible from the street.
2. There's no color at all as you drive by. No flowering plants :(
3. Did not know about this!
4. It wasn't obvious to me.

7. If you have recommendations for improvements to the park to educate the public about water conservation and desert plants, please list and describe below.

1. Ecosystem addition like animals involved with the plants
2. Have at least one sign on Curry or College explaining this information so people walking by can read about the effort and know there is a playground back there too.
3. I know that the agave terrace garden was pattern after the Hohokam farming in the area, so I think more information about historical water conservation farming would be useful as well as interesting.
4. might have information about plant and how to water it at your home and how little of water it needs. I would like some flowers there that have a smell I am sure would bring more hummingbirds.
5. Something similar to the Botanic Gardens, using architectural catcti design with correct lighting would be beautiful. Should make xeriscape look desirable that a homeowner would aspire to replicate.
6. Have colourful display boards designed for parents to teach their kids about water conservation and desert plants. Locate them close to the playground (so people face away from the sun to read them).
7. needs better signage maybe? social media?
8. Maybe add some kid educational activities

8. 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.

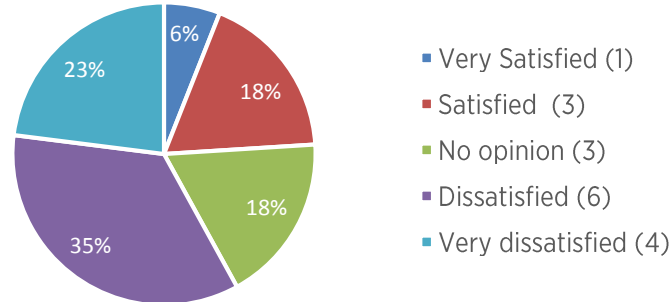
Cleanliness of Tempe Women's Club Park



Comments:

1. Currently it is clean. But there have been times where it was filled with trash and people camping.
2. The only time I observe a problem with trash in the park is when there have been homeless camping, but it is cleaned up pretty soon afterwards.
3. It's Clean. Often needs trimming on plants and trees
4. Often a lot of trash on ground
5. There is always a lot of trash left by visitors from parties and food. I'm sure most of it is people and kids not using the trash bins.
6. The park is usually very clean but I have found syringes and homeless on many visits.

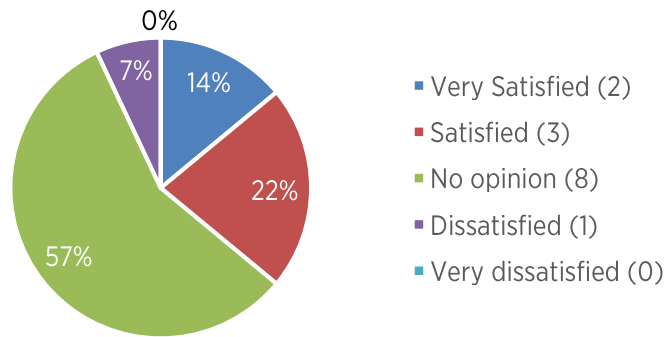
Safety of Tempe Women's Club Park



Comments:

1. I do not feel safe walking inside the park alone. It is very secluded and I have had some scary, intimidating interactions with people loitering/camping back there. I have also witnessed people using the bathroom back there in broad daylight. It is not well lit.
2. There are issues with homeless people
3. A little more homeless control or help so do not live in the park.
4. The playground is too hidden from view of the street which may make it easier for nomadic people to sleep there.
5. Mostly safe, except occasional has homeless people, which makes us feel less safe.
6. Often homeless sleeping in park
7. The congregating of transients seems to be a consistent problem. It improves for a while but I think once the presence of park rangers and police officers decrease they start to congregate again. I don't feel comfortable with my kids when there are a bunch of them.
8. The homeless seem to camp at this park frequently and I have found multiple syringes when playing with my kids

### Friendliness of the park staff:



### Comments:

1. Once inside it's nice but many people are not even aware there is a park back there.
2. Have not have contact with any
3. never met anybody
4. Is there a park staff?
5. never seen anyone there
6. They are so helpful and informative. Do a great job of trying to combat the used syringes and trash from the homeless.

### Additional comments:

1. Very excited for this renovation! Hoping that it will be better lit and more visible from the streets so that I feel safer going to the park and playground areas with my daughter. This would also deter people from camping and loitering there.
2. I think the Women's Park has been a well-kept secret, unfortunately. It is such a wonderful place for instruction and contemplation. I would love to see it utilized more, especially the instructional aspect.
3. Please don't put any covered structures in the park. At Evelyn Hallman park, it only attracts homeless who do their best to destroy the park. I pick up trash left by these people constantly, but it never ends. They hide in the places that wild animals and birds used to use for cover which pushes out the wildlife.
4. I know it is a low water usage and there is a restroom at the other park across Curry but feel this would be a nice feature if it is possible and doing the ramada. Since food and drink usually require this pretty soon afterwards. Thank you for allowing me to input on the park renovation.
5. Looks like a scary place for homeless to hide.
6. It looks like it will be a fun park. Thank you for putting effort and thought into improving it. I like the theme!
7. It would be great if there could be a compost pile in the park. Is this a possibility?
8. All of the above has slowly been improving but I think it is really important to maintain certain standards in order to consistently keep the parks clean and safe. Most of the time I end up driving my kids to a park further away in Scottsdale where I know the park is clean and also transient free.