

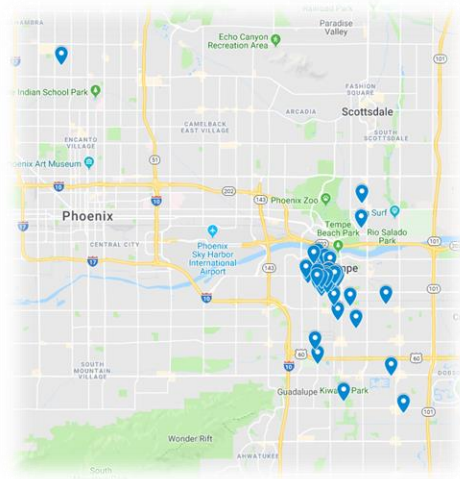


Mitchell Park Picnic Area and Park Hours Public Input Summary

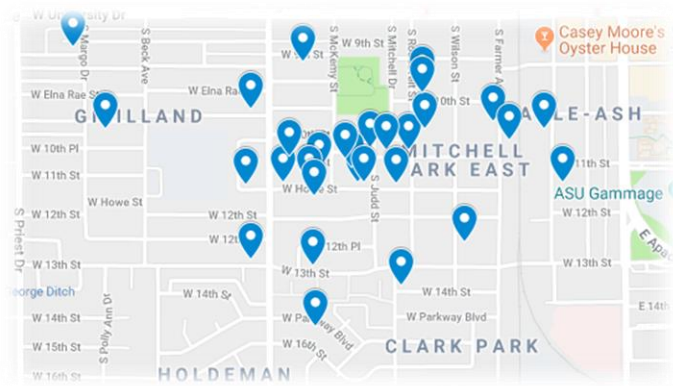
Overview

Residents in the Mitchell Park area expressed an interest in making the picnic area north of the playground reservable for neighborhood meetings and events. The parks department has been asking about park closing times with each public input opportunity. Postcards were mailed to 1530 households in the area from West University Drive to West 13th Street, Mill Avenue to Priest Drive. Information regarding the survey was also posted on Nextdoor.com. The survey was available online from Jan. 2, 2019 through Jan. 27, 2019. Fifty-five (54) responses were received, seventeen (17) from outside the mailing area.

Map of Survey Respondents



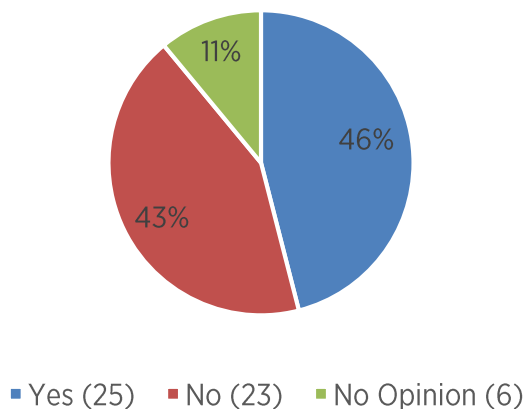
Total Responses



Responses within notification area

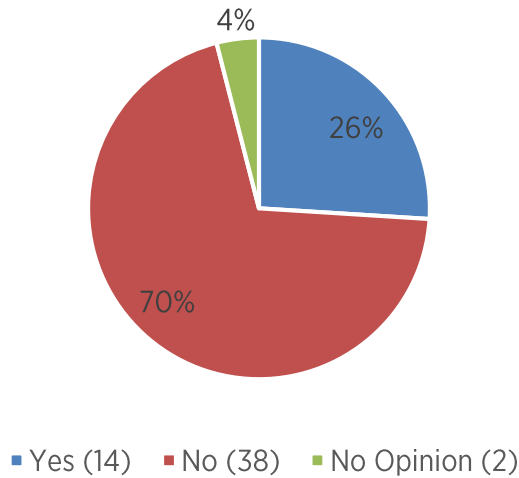
Survey Results

1. Would you like the picnic area north of the playground to be available by reservation?



Responses: 54

2. Currently your park sign states that the park is open from 6 a.m. to 12 a.m. Are you in favor of changing the posted park hours to 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.?



Responses: 54

Additional Comments:

1. I think the park is perfectly fine how it is at this moment, and there shouldn't be a monetary aspect to the park.
2. I have major concerns about Mitchell park!! The dog run has been severely neglected for years!! I go up there on a regular basis and there have been problems with the lights not working, the place being one big mud hole, and the sod not being taken care of properly! I do NOT think the hours of the park should be changed! If the city is going to start charging to reserve the ramadas, where will the money go? If it goes to improving the park than I am all for it! Maybe put in a restroom!!!
3. I worried about the impact the proposed fees on the ramada use would have on low income residents and users. I have never experienced any problems either sharing or using the ramada in the past.
4. In regards to the park hours, I am in favor of keeping it open until 12 am. This neighborhood is composed of many young adults who are students or working in the area. Late night activities are mainly restricted to partying at a bar or club on Mill. My roommates, friends, and neighbors enjoy playing basketball at night after 10 pm. If this wasn't available, we would be resigned to drinking on Mill, which is a negative activity. Also, sometimes we are unable to turn the basketball lights or volleyball lights back on after 10 pm. Can this be looked into to see if the buttons are working properly? Thank you
5. Great park, I am glad to see that it is safe and being used.
6. The ramada seems too small for many organized events, so we feel that reservations would make it less available for neighborhood and family events. We're a few blocks away from the park so late night noise does not bother us. However, we do sympathize with neighbors close by and

- appreciate their reasonable desire to not have late-night noise from the park. Thanks for considering our opinions.
7. The public should NOT be charged to use a public space under any circumstances. I would be in favor of a reservation system that did not include a fee. I am concerned about the rationale behind changing the park hours, and feel that it is probably targeted toward young people (playing sports, etc.) and homeless people. Keep the hours as they are.
 8. I really hope that you aren't going to start charging residents more to use the park in order to pay for the ridiculous armed security. Get rid of that waste of money instead.
 9. I walk through Mitchell park often at night, sometimes later in the warmer months since the sun goes down very late. I know a lot of people use the basketball courts later for that same reason.
 10. In the summer it is nice to have the park open later because it lets people walk their dogs after it cools down a little
 11. I work in the evening and often don't get to take my dog on walks will close to 10 or after.
 12. I have met the "homeless" kids that hang out at the West Ramada. They are very sweet and half of them are girls. They were hungry. They didn't appear to be on any type of drugs. They didn't want to go to Rio Salado (Tempe Beach) area because they said some older unstable "homeless" make it a scary place to be. It's really sad that Tumbleweed closed. These kids could really use that help. My son's house is at 818 W Laird , so he lives 4 houses from that Ramada. They have no problems with those kids. My Mom always said, "There, but for the grace of God go I". These kids need help! Not just to be thrown away, again!
 13. Public parks should be free to use.
 14. The more sports activity we have at our park, the less likely we are to have criminal activity. In the summer the heat delays outdoor activities until sundown. I am concerned we do not have better conditions for children with such sunlight and heat, and the only water fountain boiling hot to the touch (It stands in full sun). But adults can play volleyball, basketball, skate, and play soccer until late in the night. Too, some hot checkers and chess activity are anticipated when those tables are installed. In summer, we really need to be open until midnight.
 15. Separate issue, but not in favor of private security firms patrolling parks. Use cops.
 16. People often play sports at the park late at night, especially during the summer. Park hours should remain as they are.
 17. It would be great if there were a bit more enforcement at the park for dogs off leash. Many times, people let their dogs run in the soccer field, on the basketball court, etc. I regularly take my son over to the park to play and encounter a lot of dogs off leash in areas where they should be leashed. Thank you for your consideration.
 18. The Ramada is usually filled with homeless all day. It is rarely available for the public. Lots of trash and clothes are often left behind.
 19. 25 dollars is too much. Is this to offset the cost of your armed guards? Also 80 k per year for a parks mgr. is ridiculous. Your just managing

- parks ! I think you need to rethink this. Who told you that we don't want it open til midnight ? Your mistaken !!! Get it together Tempe.
20. I love this park and it is well used. I would like to see about 5-10 more sitting benches around the park. Also more picnic tables, like one near the volleyball court. Another ramada would be nice. A public bathroom would be awesome and it is really needed. More Ficus trees would be nice they give great shade when full grown.
 21. I don't think reservations for ramada are a bad thing, but in this case it seems it is more of an ""anti-homeless "" strategy and I am against that.
 22. I think having the park close at 10p is a good thing. At night, it is dangerous to walk around down there. Also, reservations seem like an obvious choice. I am honestly surprised it was not available by reservation already.
 23. Are beer permits allowed with reservations? Believe there should be priority given to neighbors
 24. The Ramada has been occupied almost constantly since the arrival of the skate park.
 25. feel the park is well used and we can move the homeless if we ask them to
 26. Via voice message 1/9/2019: " If the ramada is reserved the city should clean it and put up a notice that it is reserved."