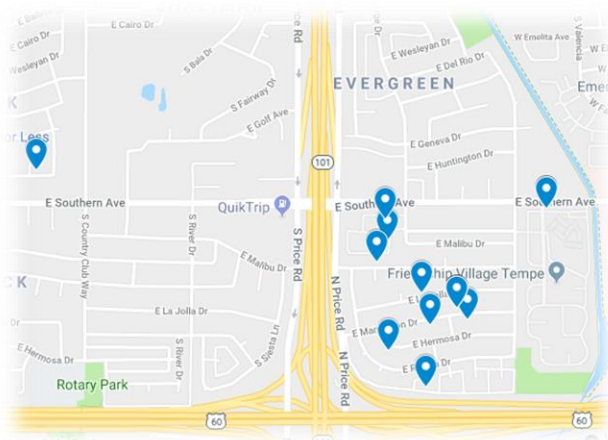




Overview

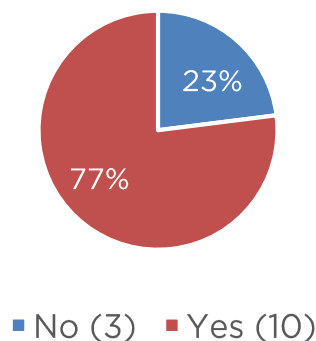
A public meeting was held on February 9, 2019 to get feedback on the planned community garden in Ehrhardt Park. Residents in the area of Price to Evergreen, Southern to US60 (1,255 households, which includes 755 Friendship Village residents) were invited to participate in the process via postcard. Notices were also posted to Nextdoor directing residents to both the meeting and the website. Seventeen (17) people signed in for the meeting, though more residents were at the park to view the plans. Residents were asked to provide input on ramada finishes, placement of adult fitness equipment, and placement of the shade structure. Surveys were available at the meetings and online from Feb. 9 through Feb. 23. A total of 15 survey responses were received; 2 at the meeting and 13 online. Three (3) responses were from the same individual and have been accounted for in the results.

Map of Survey Respondents



Survey Responses

1. Are you in favor of the new footprint for the community garden at Ehrhardt Park?

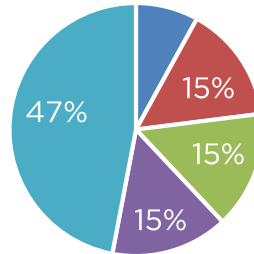


2. Please provide any comments you'd like to share after viewing the current plans for the community garden:

1. These improvements will be a wonderful addition to our neighborhood! Many thanks to the city staff for all your hard work, efforts, and implementation of this plan.
2. The new design is very disappointed compared to the original design. Not sure what the point of putting the garden in with that limited of a footprint is.
3. I really appreciate a restroom being included in Phase 1! The garden doesn't interest me at all, but if it will only be in that small area of the park and it will make other residents happy--go for it! I do like the solar recharge table, rainwater harvester and compost area, though.
4. It looks nice! I'd love to learn more about the lil' tots garden
5. This park has limited parking and many of the people in the neighborhood will be impacted by increased traffic and cars parking along the streets. This garden will add to this problem especially if classes are offered. Also, who gets to use the garden, who oversees the garden, who is allowed into the garden area, who keeps the homeless out....
6. Very excited. This provides spaces for a variety of purposes which lends itself to more interaction with neighbors doing different things. I'm specifically excited about an outdoor sanctuary where people can relax, read, talk - even if not gardening.
7. This has had a very thoughtful gestation period. Kudos to the planners on all sides.
8. I like the rain harvesting and solar panels associated with roofed structures. Composting feature is wonderful. Restroom can be useful.
9. Sturdy fencing around the community garden will be important to prevent vandalism. Will there be a lock(s) associated with the gate(s) into the garden?"
10. I'm in favor of it, IF the existing trees don't get removed. We need those trees in the park, and many more.
11. Earlier today I submitted a "yes" vote for this new footprint but in fact I'm against the plan as currently drawn. The proposed garden area looks like a tightly controlled extension of Friendship Village that will block access to two of the park's nicest trees. When this community garden was originally proposed, I intended to join in the activities there and get more connected with other members of the community. However, this new footprint seems too "busy" for my comfort level and not welcoming enough to those of us who don't live in Friendship Village. I'd really like to be a part of a community garden in this park and would support a more open garden plan with fewer features.

12. The community garden will be delightful if it's a smaller plan, like the initial concept shared on 11/4/2017--as opposed to the current concept, which makes the fenced-in garden area into the dominant feature of the park. If the garden area is smaller and more open, it will feel much more welcoming.

3. How do you see your engagement with the community garden?

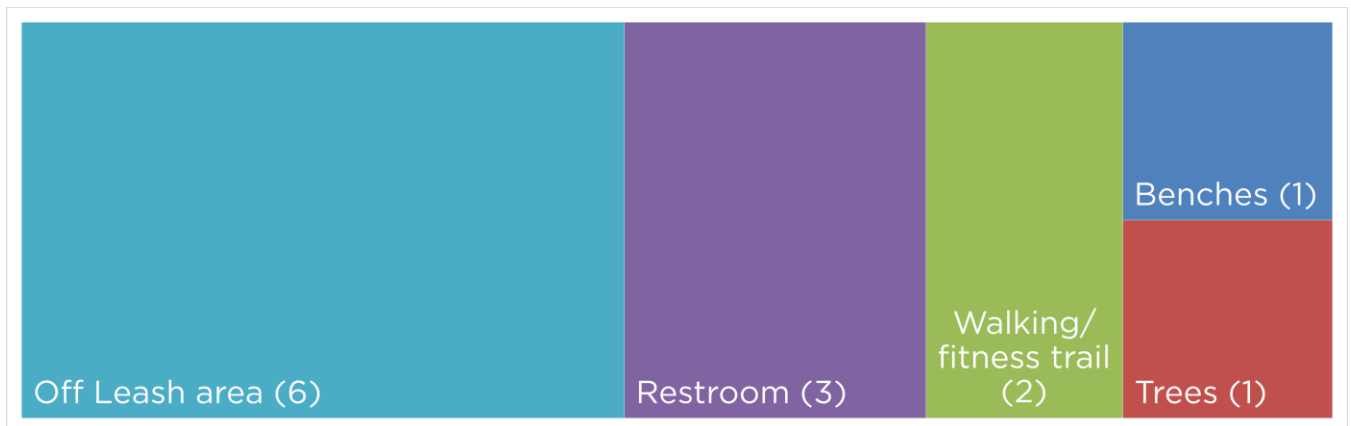


- Not Sure (1)
- Somewhat Involved (2)
- Involved (6)
- Very Involved (2)
- Not involved (2)

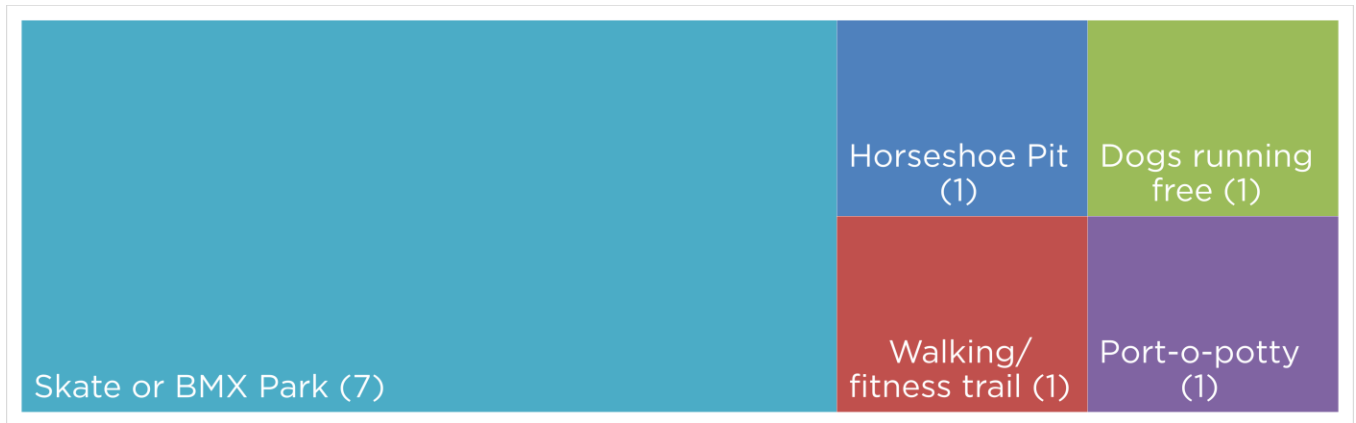
4. In the future Ehrhardt park and other neighborhood parks could be eligible for enhanced amenities which would increase the recreational value of a park. The number, type, and size of amenities will be determined by size of park, cost of amenity, and fit. Examples could include, *but are not limited to*: Off leash area (dog park)

- Skate or BMX park
- Sand volleyball court
- Bocce ball/ corn hole
- Horseshoe pit
- Disc golf
- Walking/fitness trail
- Multi-use concrete pad
- Lit multi-used field (soccer, football, etc.)
- Restroom
- Other _____

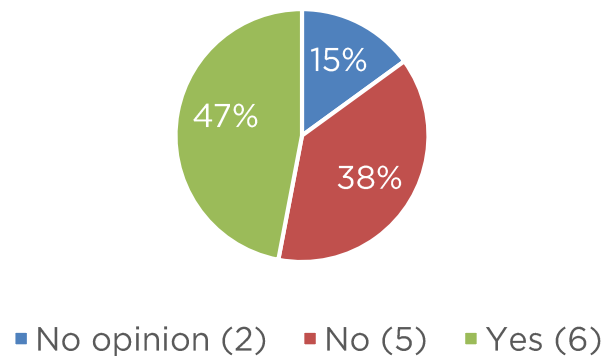
a. Please select the enhanced amenity you would **most** like to see in Ehrhardt Park:



b. Please select the enhanced amenities you would **least** like to see in Ehrhardt Park:



5. 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. ?



6. Additional Comments

1. Thank you!
2. Please invest in an off-leash dog park!!! And please make it large enough for large breeds to be comfortable--there's plenty of room!
3. There are so few open spaces to play frisbee, catch, soccer, tag, keep-away, hit a ball or just run that our neighborhood park currently provides. I would hate to lose such a valuable grassy outdoor space! I use this park as it is, and while there is room for improvement, it is a great open space that has room to run and not get in anyone's way. I think investing taxpayer dollars just to change it would be a waste! Use our money for more police and firemen! There is also no place for cars to park here... adding more structured amenities

will only encourage people from outside this neighborhood to come and this will lead to traffic congestion and parking issues.

4. Lots of homeless people live around the land surrounding the freeway stack. Some of them are visibly disturbed - seem a bit unstable. Our concern is that improvements don't draw even more to the park. I suppose it would be nice to keep a close eye on the park early in AM and after dark.
5. Hello, I am a strong proponent of the updates to this park. However, I am disappointed that a dog park was not considered to be built within the updates. Please, if possible, incorporate this into your plan now rather than later.
6. This is a beautiful park that is underserved and underutilized. I'm glad to see the playground will be replaced. I'm in favor limiting the hours. I've seen a crown of young men gathering around the basketball court where a young man was doing tricks on his motorcycle in the court. I've seen drug paraphernalia many times. The frequency of graffiti/tagging needs to be reduced, and limiting the hours will help that. I never ever see police drive by, and I'm not sure if that's a good thing or not.
7. As a new FVT resident of 3 months, lack of community gardens was a bit of a let down. However, when we learned of this exciting prospect this month that feeling reversed and this is a wonderful amenity to look forward to having next door to us. There seems to be much expertise here at FVT to tap into, My hope would be that it would involve more interaction with the non FVTers living in the homes west of us.
8. I will be moving into Friendship Village in the Spring. I look forward to having a large park nearby.