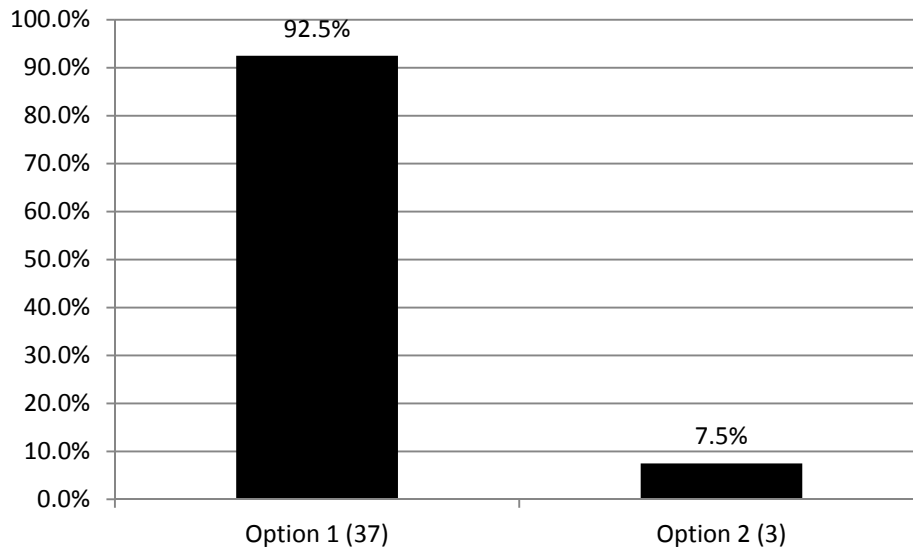




# Scudder Park Improvements Survey Results

1. Of the two Scudder Park playground options, which do you prefer? The budget is the same for either option and both include a toddler swing, spring ride animals, seesaw and a 2-5 year old play structure with shade structure.



Total responses: 40

## 2. Why did you choose this option?

### Option 1:

1. Swings don't need shade structure
2. Shade is most important on the play structure.
3. Prefer the larger structure for 5 - 12 year old.
4. The larger play structure will be enjoyed by many kids. This is why the shade should be over this play area rather than a few swings.
5. The play structure can accommodate more kids and will benefit from more play if it is shaded
6. I feel that the park should be enjoyed by children of all ages especially since it is right next to Rover elementary.
7. I like the shade over play area better, allows for longer play time in hot months.
8. I think that the larger play structure will be a big hit with that age group and the shade is very important. I think the children will spend more time on the structure than on the swings so I would rather have the shade there.
9. The shaded play structure will be much better for a group of kids during summer than just 4 shaded swings.
10. More kids will have the ability to be shaded, also a larger play area.
11. At other parks there are always more kids playing on structures.
12. I like the 5-12 structure better, more children can play.
13. I really like the Play Structure Slide Junction, it offers more versatility than the other option
14. Love the shade

**Option 1 (continued):**

15. Option 1 will benefit more children at one time, it's more important to have shade on a structure where children run and play and where they slide. Swings cannot accommodate many children at once thus shading the structure that provides the most opportunity to play for as many as possible is the best way to go.
16. Having a shade structure on the slides is better than just the swings.
17. Larger is more important to me than shaded swings.
18. I think the play structure needs the shade more than the swings. I also like the idea of a larger structure of the group
19. My kids tend to play more on the play structures than the swings. I'd rather have the play structure shaded since that's where they'd spend most of their time.
20. more shade for play structure and less swings
21. I like the larger play structure and think it's more important for both play areas to be shaded rather than the swings.
22. Having a larger, shaded play structure can accommodate more children and will always be more utilized than the swings. In the hot months, more kids fit on a play structure than four swings, so let's shade the structure. Also, if my two boys had the choice between swinging for 20 minutes or chasing each other up and down a play structure, the latter would be the favorite!
23. Having shade over the 5-12 play area is critical to making this park usable. Without the shade structure, this part of the park is under direct sunlight for the afternoon making it unpleasant, if not unbearable, during the warmer months.
24. I like the larger play structure with shade, I think it's more important to have shade on the play structure, then the swings, because as you are swinging you have the nice breeze in your hair :-)
25. I like the larger play structure for the 5-12 year olds.
26. For an Arizona playground, shade is the driving factor. I'm thrilled to see shade coverings over multiple areas of these options. I think that the kids (mine, included), will be better-served by a larger play structure with shade, as provided in Option 2. This is, in part, because kids tend to spend more time playing on the structures, as compared to the swings (making shade less important for the swings, in my view). My child just said "I want the big play structure."
27. My child plays on the play structure more than he likes to swing, so having a larger play structure with a swing is better for our family. We are thrilled to see there will be improvements!
28. More shade and the play structure looks bigger.
29. Our kids would like a bigger play structure to play on with more options. Also like the shade structure for the hot AZ sun.
30. It would be nice to have shade over all but since this is not either option, Option 1 is the best.
31. I believe the larger structure with shade will accommodate more children rather than the option 2.
32. Being outdoors in the summer requires shade. Option 1 seems to present more shaded play options. Kiddos surely love swings, but they really only swing for a (relatively) short period of the play time.
33. I like the shade on the playground instead of the swings.
34. I always had swings when I was younger so I am partial to the 2nd option. However, Option 1 makes more sense.
35. More shade provided is a nice option for kids, especially when they're really active. Plus, it's always so sunny here. I like what the neighbors voted for so I am all in favor.

**Option 2:**

1. There are lots of younger siblings of children that attend Rover/Fees that I know. If I have to choose between which age group receives shade it would be the younger children.
2. As I have driven by the park I see children using the swings. I think more swings that are covered would service the children better. Thank you
3. Because shade on swings is really important due to the fact that it's easy to spend too long in the sun on the swings. 2 smaller play structures enlarges the imaginative play landscape, I think. Behemoth play structures aren't better in my mind than 2 smaller ones. More fun to pretend each structure is a battle ship so pirates can yell back and forth at each other about sea monsters and artillery fire.

### 3. Is there anything else you'd like to see in either option?

#### Option 1:

1. Yes. The net climber
2. If at all possible to fit 4 swings, children will be grateful for many years. They like to swing in groups. Spring rider animals should be side-by-side. Children love to "race".
3. The schematic was so small. Was there a water kid's pad included in option one. I would like that so kids could enjoy especially summer months. I would also like to see LED light throughout the park so the park could be enjoyed throughout the year and day LED light is costly to install, even though the cost has tremendously decreased with new generations of LED, but in long run would be very inexpensive to operate. I would like to trees remove on the north side of the playground area, just leaving the trees in the perimeter so that youth teams could use for practice especially during the hot months. Pay per light time meters could be installed so the cost of using additional lights in these areas would be the responsibility for these sports organizations. I have seen practices going on when there is very little lighting which presents a safety hazard to the children.
4. Shade over swings AND playground
5. More shade is always good, so if we could work toward shade for the swings too, that would be ideal down the road.
6. Maybe the unshaded swings could be placed in such a way that they get the maximum benefit from the existing trees in terms of morning and evening shade.
7. Shade over the picnic tables. If not permanent, then trees placed to afford shade in the early evenings.
8. Lots of adult benches, and a drinking fountain, restroom?
9. I think benches in near proximity of the play structures and swings would be great for parents to sit on while watching their kids
10. I would love a splash pad if that is available
11. I would really appreciate if you could rethink the parking/bike lane around the playground. I bike here several times a week with my 4-year old and it's a constant battle in the afternoon with people parking in the bike lane. Lately, it's been particularly bad. Wednesday NINE cars were parked all exactly in the bike lane and several cars right next to the no parking signs. How do we approach a solution that affords the use of the park for the public while also allowing bikers to ride safely in the designated bike lanes? Is the best solution to call the Tempe Police non-emergency line every time someone parks there? I've tried to tell people not to park in the bike lane but people really do not care. Clearly the use of no parking signs make no difference.
12. Water fountain
13. In an ideal world - restrooms at the park, but that is not happening.
14. Spring loaded animals are not used nearly as often as those loader "things" or even just some cool, climber-friendly fake boulders and caves such as the one in the new play area at Kiwanis.
15. In place of spring ride animals, my children would much rather play on the newer construction style riders with scoops the kids can manipulate for playing. Another great option are the spinning 'stools'. Another option is a boulder or some other element children can climb on freely for imaginative, non-structured play. Anything that is a more modern playground piece than spring rides would be highly appreciated as kids just don't play on spring riders for longer than a few seconds.
16. Is there a water fountain?
17. It would be great to squeeze in a larger swingset with Option 1, although that might be too tight for the existing footprint/budget. More importantly, I think, is to make sure that the boundary between the concrete walkways and the play area is smooth & curved. I've been to Tempe parks where there is a sharp, 90 degree edge between the walkway surface and the sand. If a child were to trip in the sand and hit that edge, the result would be a devastating injury. Please, \_please\_ round those corners over, much like the rounded edge between a sidewalk and the gutter in front of most houses. I think it's an extremely important safety feature.

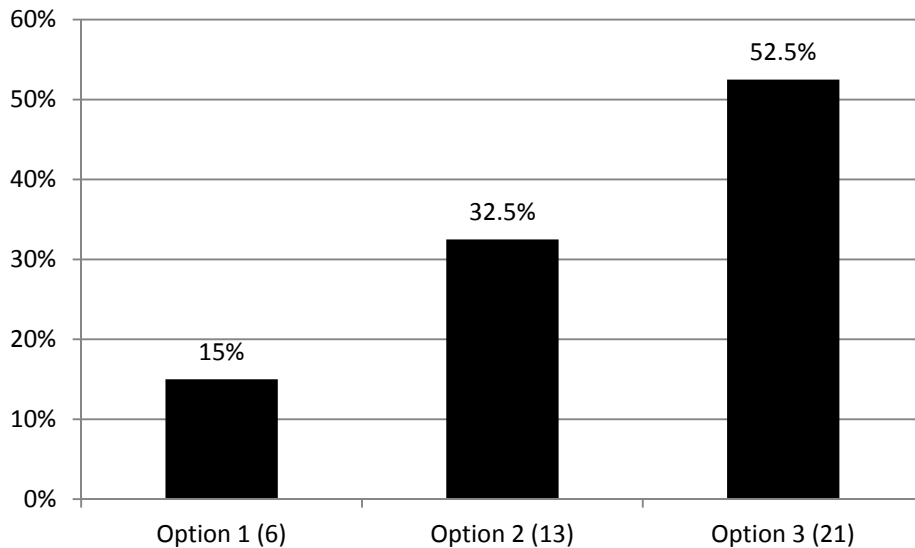
**Option 1 (continued):**

- 18. Enforce no parking along Lakeshore Drive
- 19. More trees
- 20. It would be nice to have option 1, plus the 4 swings. Kids love to swing and there never seems to be enough swings.
- 21. Is there any room for a baseball diamond?
- 22. Table for games.
- 23. Please don't use sand - use either wood chips or some other product - Sand is a nightmare...
- 24. Yes, all play equipment to be shaded.

**Option 2:**

- 1. More shade.
- 2. More shade is always better!!!

**4. Of the three color schemes for the playground equipment, please choose one.**



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## 5. Additional comments

1. More trees planted in park for shade
2. We still like the butterfly theme. Why not?
3. Love the bright cheerful colors.
4. On the non-
5. We are excited to see this project underway! I'm sure our family will be spending more time there once it's all built.
6. Can't wait to see the park filled with kids/adults having fun!
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8. If you can add some things for parents to exercise on, that will be great. It will be great to promote healthy parents rather than parents just sitting around on their phones while the kids are physically active.
9. #3 is more colorful and bright
10. Thank you, thank you and thank you so much for making this happen!! We've been waiting... :)
11. Thank you! We are a family with small children in this neighborhood and our kids are excitedly awaiting the park transformation.
12. Thank you!
13. I am so very glad to see Tempe investing in Scudder Park. We've frequently traveled to Kiwanis or other neighborhood parks with more amenities. So, thank you! Perhaps the area which used to contain the art installation could also be put to good use!
14. Yay!!! So nice that Scudder Park is finally being improved.
15. Thank you for offering an opportunity to comment.
16. After reading the other comments about having trees instead of the shade coverings, I realize that is a good point. The shade coverings only provide good shade when the sun is directly overhead. At all other times, the sun bears down from the east and the west. If the trees would be placed to shade the playground from the east and west (especially), that would be wonderful.
17. The diagonal concrete walkway through the play area will reduce the playground area by 300 sq. ft. (approximately 100' length x 3 wide) and it creates a hazard for running children to fall on it even though the play surfaces are protected.