



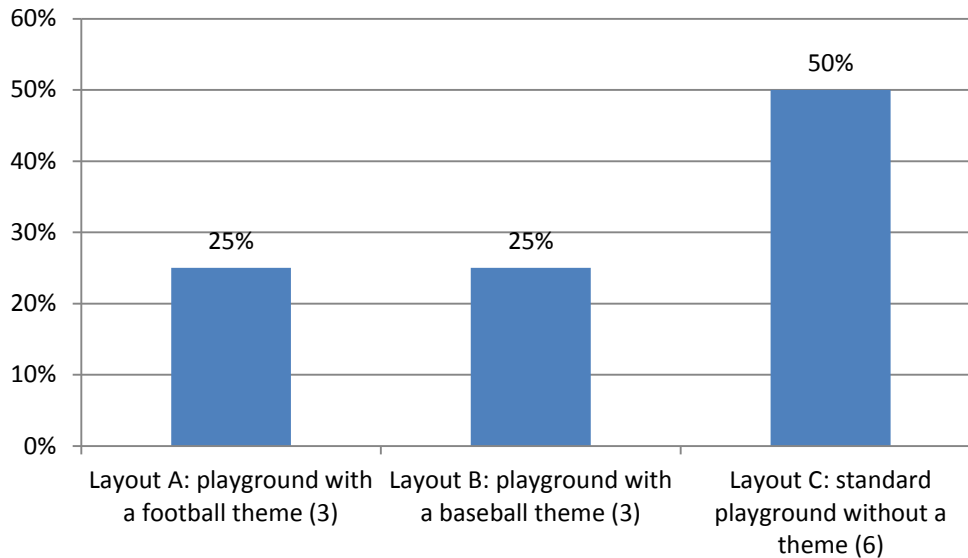
# Palmer Park Improvements

1<sup>st</sup> Round Survey Results

Dec. 3 – 17, 2016



**1. Of the three proposed Palmer Park playground area layouts, which do you prefer? The budget is the same for all layouts.**



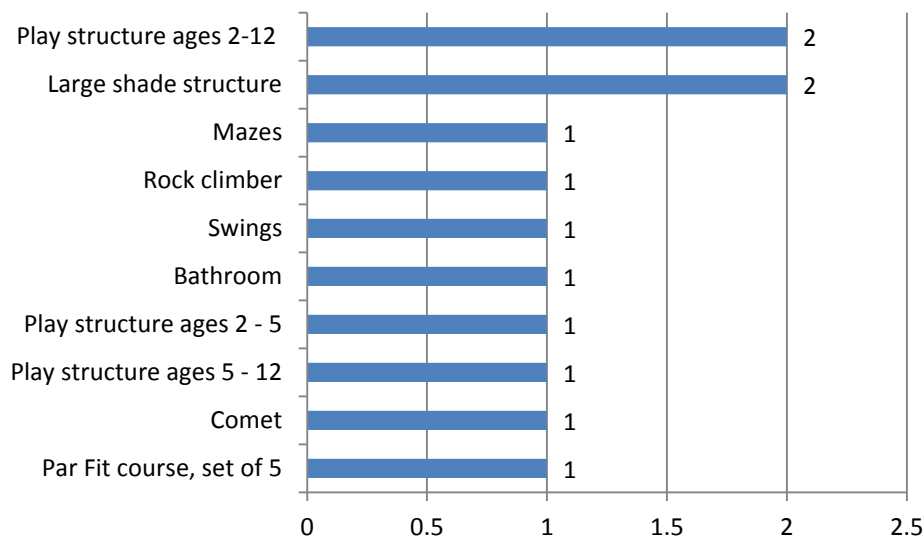
Number of responses: 12

**2. Is there another theme you'd like to see used for the playground layout?**

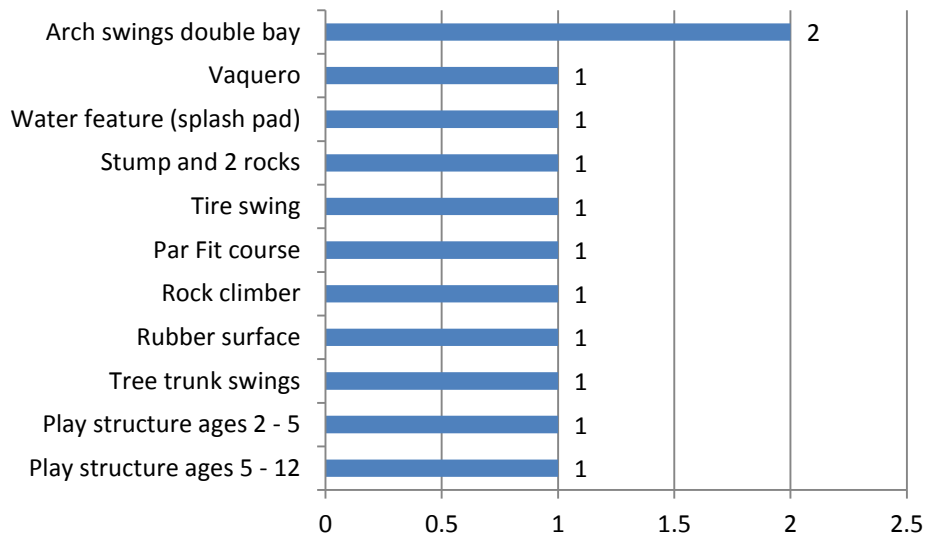
1. Safety surface
2. Really anything would be great!

**3. Please list in order of importance your top 5 pieces of equipment you would like to see in Palmer Park**

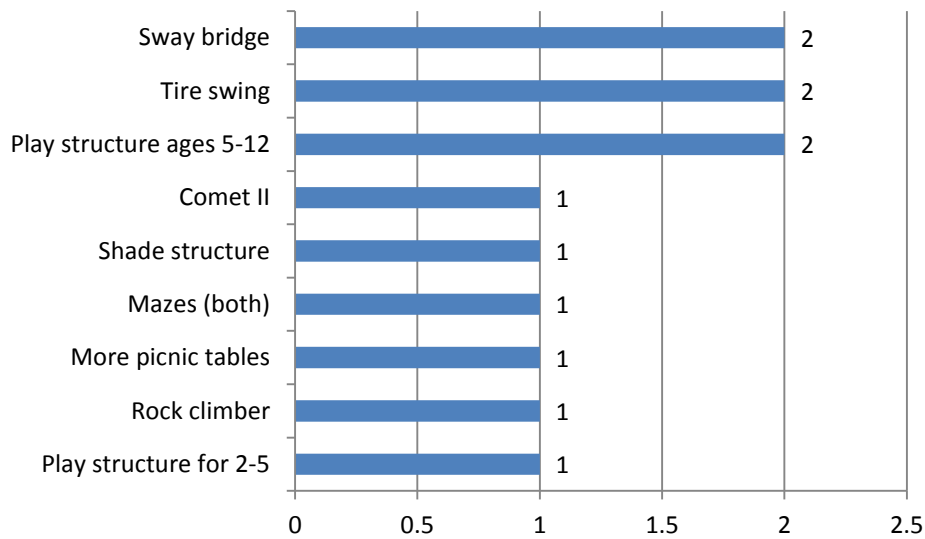
**1<sup>st</sup> Choice**



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice



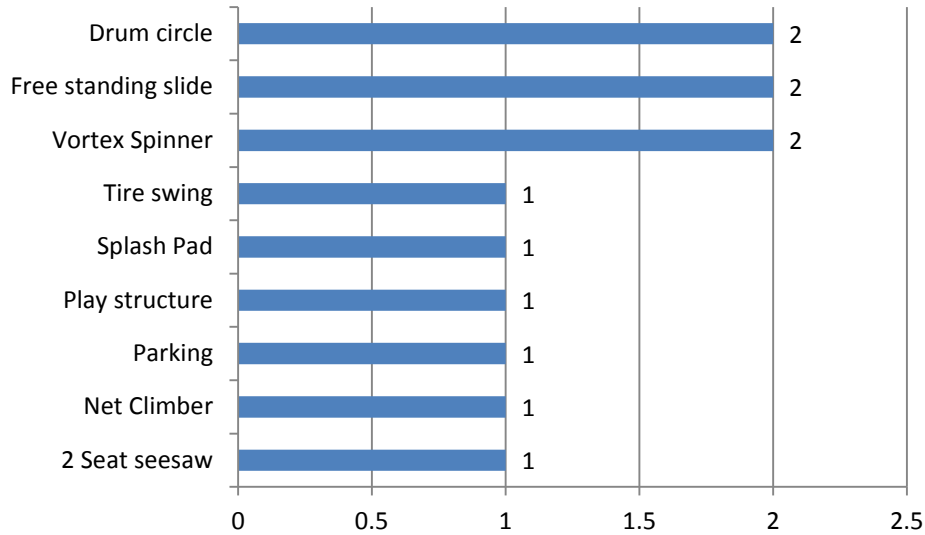
## 3<sup>rd</sup> Choice



## 4<sup>th</sup> Choice

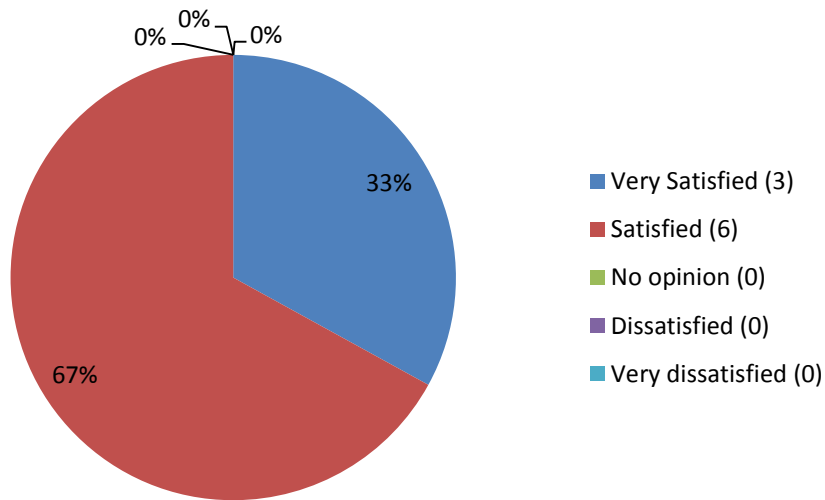


### 5<sup>th</sup> Choice



4. 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 the park

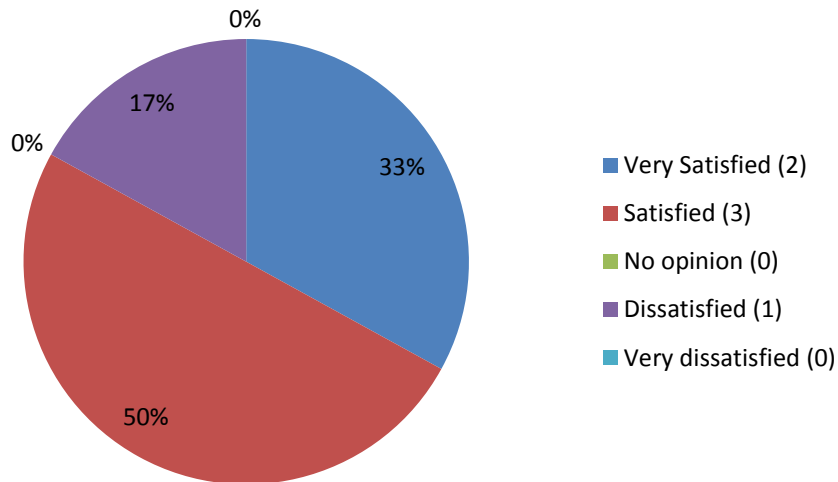


Number of responses: 13

Comments:

1. My wife and I and son have lived in the neighborhood for 3 years and rarely use the park because of its location at the corner of the neighborhood up against the 60
2. Some trash left by night time users
3. Frequent graffiti
4. General age and misuse from other residents.

### Safety of the park

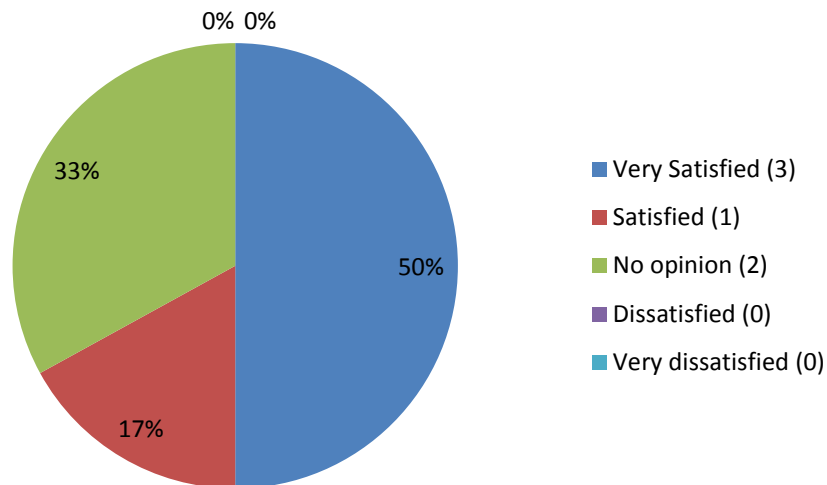


Number of responses: 18

Comments:

1. Wonder about the number of homeless folks
2. There needs to be regular patrolling in the park. Regular visits from park rangers would help also!
3. More homeless are present lately and drug use at night
4. No working lights
5. Fairly quiet during daytime hours.

### Friendliness of the park staff



Number of Responses:

Comments:

1. Rarely interact with staff
2. N/A
3. Never have seen park staff there.
4. Seldom see

## 5. Additional comments

1. First, I am a lifelong Tempe resident, feel quite invested in my neighborhood, and have a strong sense of place in place in Tempe. There are a few items that my family and I would love to see added to the list of improvements to Palmer Park. \*COLOR: Murals along the wall that borders the 60, and the west side of the park. And anything that adds color to an otherwise blah park. \* An area for a Community garden. \* Shade structures. \* A neighborhood board where the community can post items and talk to each other. \* Plenty of additional lighting especially around the pathway leading from the US 60 pedestrian bridge to the neighborhood since quite a few people enter our community from that bridge. I would like to see installation of exercise station throughout the now under-utilized areas of the park, plus improved ball park lighting to allow more utilization in the darker winter evening hours. Any way of combining a ball park and soccer field in the same lighted space?
2. A row of tall trees planted tightly along the sound abatement wall would help greatly with traffic noise.
3. While the playground/ball field/basketball court are important, how about some additions for people without kids. I see dozens of older people "walking" the perimeter of the park--how about a crushed, softer gravel walking path for that purpose with mile markers on it (so they don't have to go to the mall to walk). Also beats walking on the hard cement/sidewalks with tons of traffic whizzing by. The park is a nice, peaceful walking respite. Also, those of us with dogs (and I see ALOT of us at Palmer) need a smaller secure area where we could take the dogs off leash just to run and play. There's so much room toward the back of the park (north/freeway side) to section off for that wonderful purpose. Covered ramadas over the picnic benches, and more picnic benches at that, would be great since they took out some of the trees and in summer it's a baking open field out there so doesn't invite people to stay and picnic. One last thing--restrooms!! Even if you put in one or two port-a-johns at the park--that would be so helpful (especially if we're picnicking and spending the day there with nowhere to go!). I realize that we don't want those utilized for the transient population, but you could put in a token box on the doors or something like that so that you'd have to have a token to use them. Give us local Tempe residents some tokens (or make them available at the city office/library, etc. for residents only) if we're planning a family picnic there and would need to use the restroom facilities. Thanks for considering our input!! We enjoy Palmer Park ALOT!!! :) Keri & Leonardo Ruiz
4. What about the park entry on the west side? It goes between the house and is very unkempt.
5. As an elementary teacher for 16 years, I have seen many different injuries on playground equipment. The net climber is the absolute worst piece of playground equipment for injuries. We had more broken and sprained limbs than I can recall. It is a huge liability and a lawsuit waiting to happen. On the positive side, kids do like to play on it.
6. Good job!
7. Kiwanis bathrooms, urgent, too dark + scary, no doors = child won't use!
8. We are very happy improvements will be made to the park! Updating all park tables/benches would be nice as well.
9. This is very exciting!