



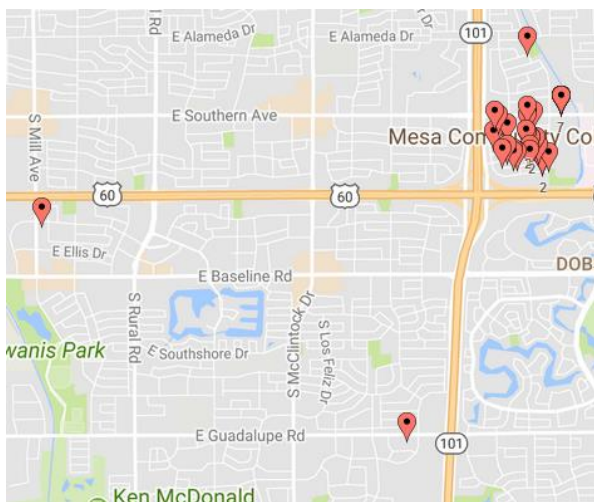
PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

Overview

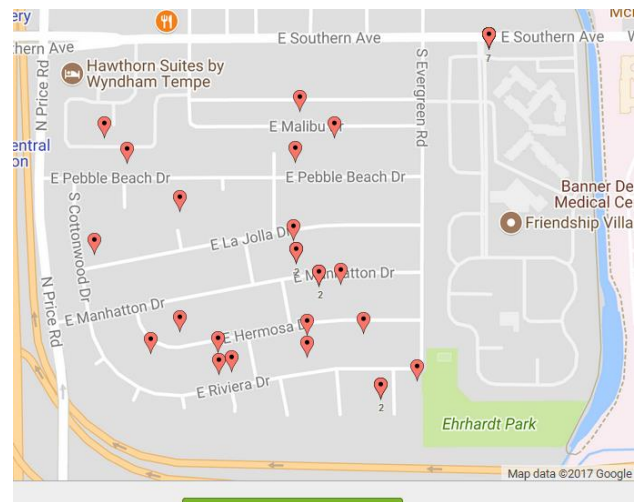
A public meeting was held on September 9, 2017 to get feedback on planned improvements for Ehrhardt Park. Residents were asked to provide input on playground equipment and layout, ramada design and the community garden. Residents in the area of Price to Evergreen, Southern to US60 (1,255 households, which includes 755 Friendship Village residents) were invited to participate in the process. 26 people attended the meeting. Surveys were available at the meetings and online from September 9 through September 24, 2017. A total of 36 survey responses were received; 5 at the meeting, 2 by mail, and 29 online. City staff also received emails about the project, some from individuals who also filled out an online survey.

Map of Survey Respondents

All responses



In the project area (7 from Friendship Village)

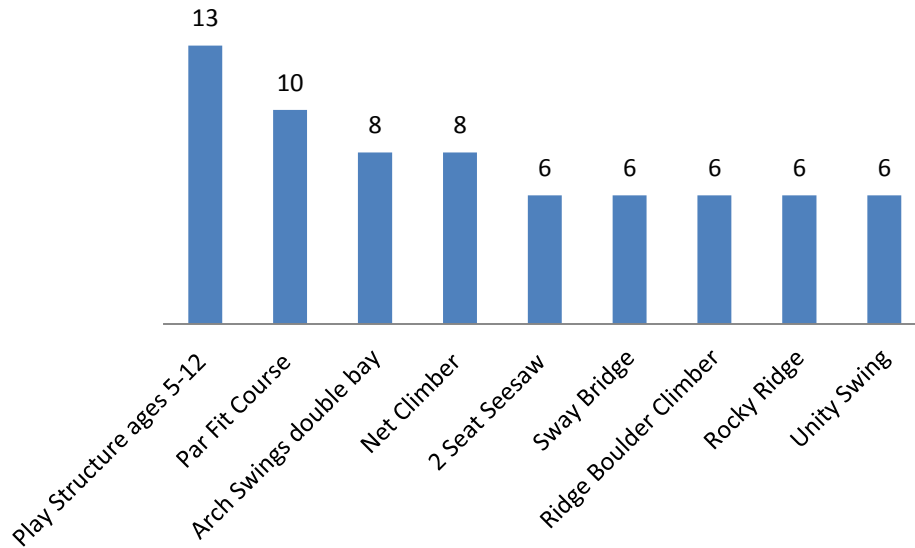


Survey Responses

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

1. Please list in order of importance your top 5 pieces of equipment you would like to see in Ehrhardt Park.

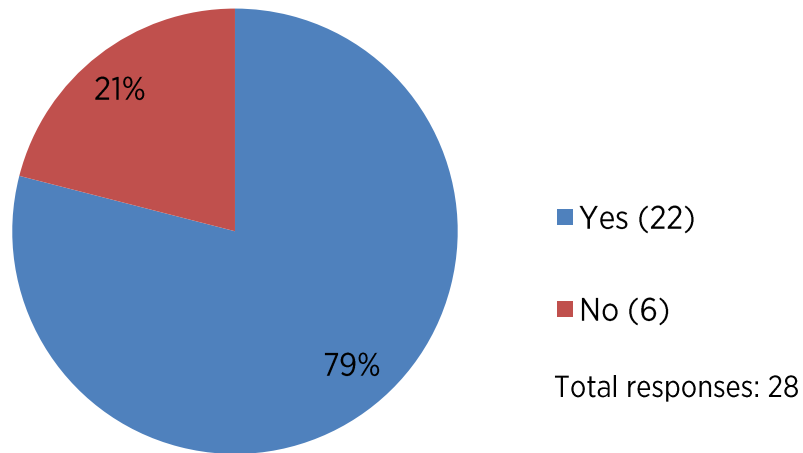
Most Popular Playground Equipment Choices:



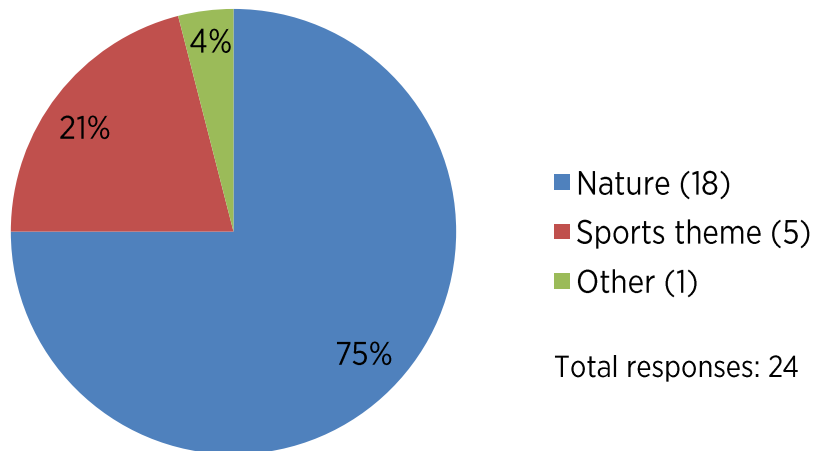
Survey Results: Top 5 Pieces of Playground Equipment:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Play Structure ages 5-12 (9)	Arch Swings Double Bay (5)	Rocky Ridge (3)	Par Fit Course (2)	Par Fit Course (4)
Par Fit Course (4)	Play Structure 5-12 (3)	Toddler Swing (3)	Ridge Boulder Climber (2)	Unity Swing (3)
Net Climber (3)	Expressions Swing (2)	Expression Swing (2)	2 Seat Seesaw (2)	2 Seat Seesaw (2)
Arch Swings Double Bay (2)	Ridge Boulder Climber (2)	2 Seat Seesaw (1)	Sway Bridge (2)	Net Climber (2)
Unity Swing (2)	2 Seat Seesaw (1)	Play Structure Ages 5-12 (1)	Adventure tube (1)	Sway Bridge (2)
Play structure ages 2-5 (1)	Drum circle (1)	Comet Spinner (1)	Cozy Cocoon (1)	Arch Swings double bay (1)
	Moon rock climber (1)	Cozy Cocoon (1)	Drum Circle (1)	Bounce Button (1)
	Net climber (1)	Moon rock climber (1)	Moon Rock Climber (1)	Comet Spinner (1)
	Rocky Ridge (1)	Net climber (1)	Net Climber (1)	Cozy Cocoon (1)
	Tire Swing (1)	Ridge Boulder Climber (1)	Play Structure 2-5 (1)	Drum circle (1)
	Track Ride (1)	Sway bridge(2)	Rocky Ridge (1)	Ridge Boulder Climber (1)
	Unity Swing (1)	Tire Swing (1)	Spinner Bowl (1)	Rocky ridge (1)
		Triumph Climber (1)	Toddler Swing (1)	Spring Play (1)
		Unity Dome (1)	Track Ride (1)	Tire Swing (1)
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			Unity Dome (1)	

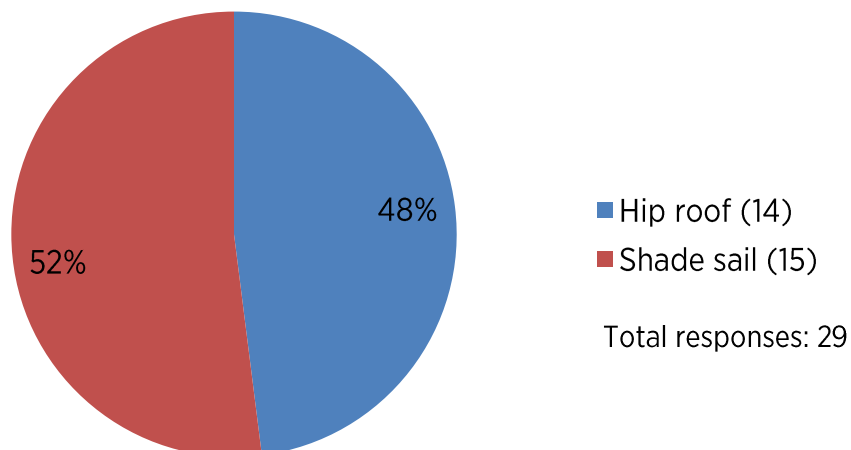
2. Should the playground be designed with a theme?



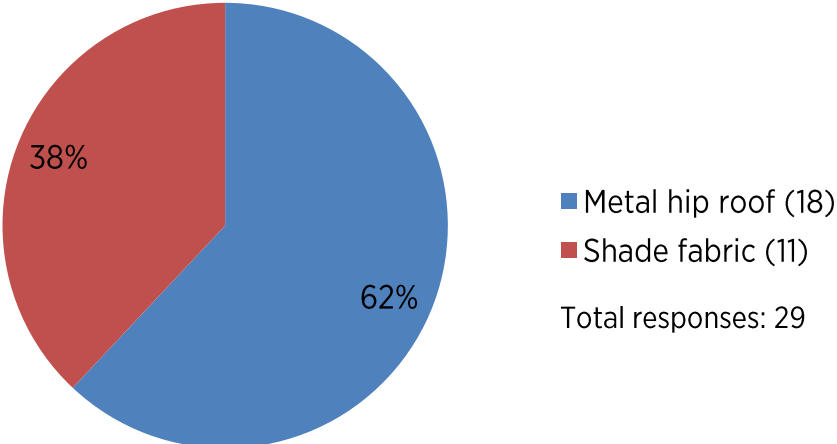
3. If yes, what theme?



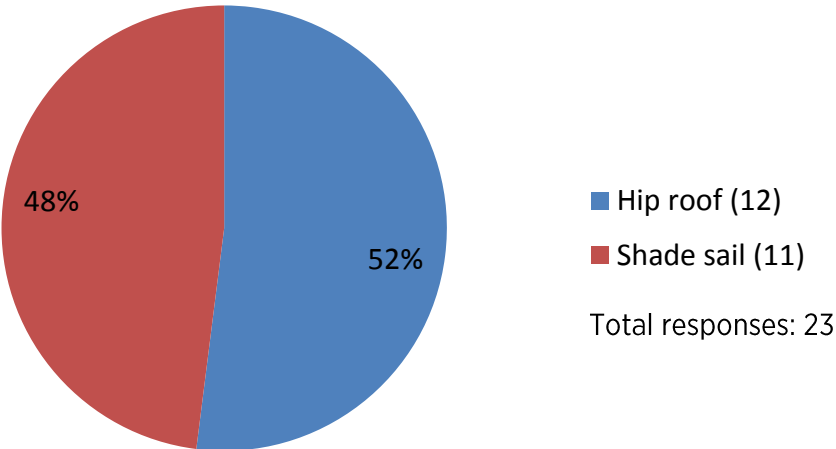
4. The playground cover will be fabric, choose the style of roof you prefer.



5. The improvements include the addition of a picnic ramada. Please choose the type of roof you prefer.

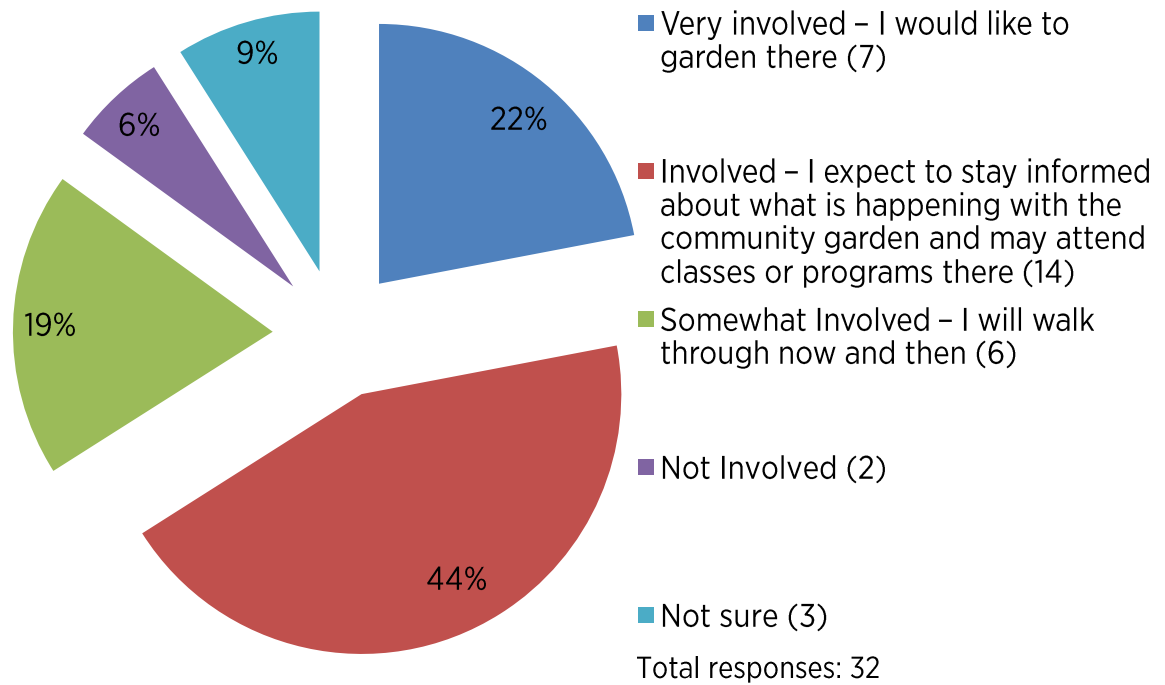


6. If the ramada roof is a shade fabric, choose the style roof you prefer.

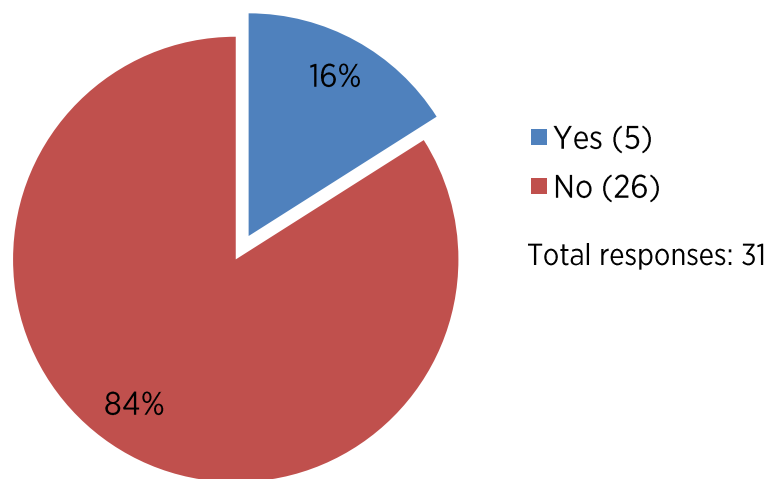


COMMUNITY GARDEN IMPROVEMENTS

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



8. Are you interested in serving on the committee for the community garden?



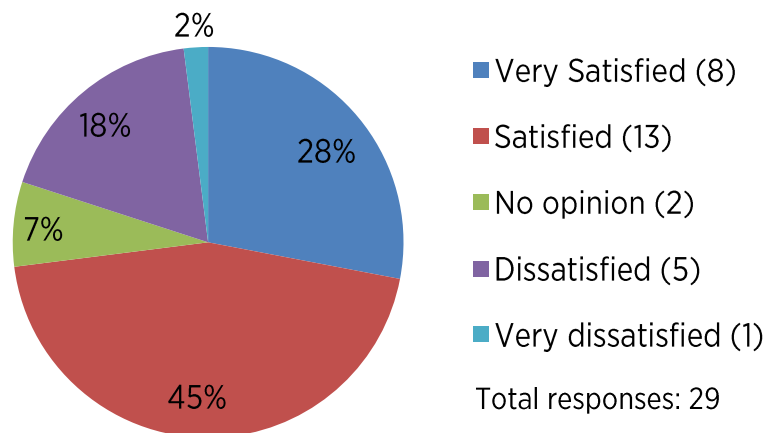
9. Please share your vision for the community garden. What role could the garden play in the community? How do you see interacting with the space? What elements would you like to see included in the design?

1. Aesthetically Pleasing
2. Lighted
3. Accessible for all ages, accommodations for wheelchairs, walkers, and scooters to encourage Village participation.
4. Shade, lighting, education.
5. Raised beds."
6. As a resident of FVT, I'm just interested in the park being safe. Think the community garden a neat idea, I will not have one. The idea of "education" for school children a great idea - intergenerational opportunity!
7. Locked access is vital! Raised beds with water wicking systems and sail shade. Keep 20% of beds to feed homeless through community lunch programs. Look for church groups or garden clubs to maintain 20% of the beds and interior paths. Must be framed but some perimeter beds where public can pick things growing on the fence would be great.
8. The floral design of the playground would complement the community garden. I would like to see education on gardening, composting, and sustainability - particularly which plants form a network - or work well together.
9. Good for mental health/well-being, out with nature, engagement with community
10. Raised beds, paths, shade, benches. Quarterly or monthly events with a program. I can see myself attending an event occasionally, walking through and seeing the progress.
11. Interacting with others, learning growing methods and plants that would survive by season and annually
12. Hudson Trace has long had residents interested in a community garden, but the community itself has not been able to create one. I see some members of our community being very involved in this garden as it is easy biking or walking distance. This corner of Tempe does not have many outlets for children that could attract young families to the area, so this would be a wonderful addition! I think it would be important to provide obvious ways for the community members to get involved in the garden (perhaps a sign at the park). Measures to prevent vandalism would also be key I believe. The park frequently has off-leash dogs which don't necessarily cause any harm, but may be interested in the garden.
13. I know very little but eager to learn and have clean fresh food for our community.
14. I use this park for walking, playing with and training my dogs... with this in mind, I will be passing by or through this space. I sincerely hope the large number of pet owners who have been using this space for many years will be able to continue to move around and through this park. With this in mind, paths around the garden will be very important!
15. Also, we have a large number of homeless who use this park. I foresee issues with this fact. Every member of our community should have access to our community parks... even those who make us uncomfortable. The garden needs to be created with this in mind."
16. I like the idea but I probably won't participate other than walking around it with my kids to look at it.
17. Improved sense of community and interaction with neighbors. It could also limit the amount of alleged illicit behaviors at the park due to more people being around.
18. I envision a shady retreat and an opportunity for our children to see and interact with their elders at the Friendship Village community.
19. I'M A CPA AND CAN HELP WITH THE FINANCES.
20. The garden could be a place to integrate the community, an educational space for all ages, and a place for exchange of knowledge about plants, food, gardening, etc. The elders that know about gardening would have a lot to contribute. I can see myself involved, learning how to grow food and plants, learning about cultural (medicinal, aromatic, folk) uses of plants. I would like to learn how to compost better and have a place to bring my own compost. With the help or things I learn, I could also start a garden on my backyard.

21. Some events could be hosted in the garden, or organized around the garden so more people gets involved and are aware of that resource.
22. I don't know about the design.
23. I see it as a welcoming space where community members can enjoy working together, exchanging knowledge, producing healthy food, sharing that food with those who need it, and taking good care of the area. I'd like to see pollinator plants and fruit trees not just in the garden but throughout the park, park walls used to support trellises for vegetables and fruits, and a shared garden rather than private individual rental plots. (I already have a private garden plot on my own property.) I'd like the garden to be organic; if chemical herbicides and pesticides are used, I wouldn't feel safe working there or eating the produce. For projects requiring a lot of manual labor, volunteers could be recruited from ASU and MCC as well as from the neighborhood; I would love to pitch in. I would mostly be able to work there on weekends and holidays. I'd be happy if evening or weekend classes are offered there about desert gardening, composting, plant care, etc.
24. I just want to stay informed. If there is a website where we can check when gardening classes will be that would be awesome! Or post fliers in the park.
25. Ever since I heard the idea of the community garden, I loved. I think is a great way to use your spare time.
26. I would like to hear more about and became involved in it.
27. I see this garden being a great place for my girls and I to help grow some delicious, organic fruits and vegetables. I have been wanting to start a garden for many years but just don't have the time to plant and seed. Now we can volunteer to help do all of those things.
28. Connect with the local schools to set up volunteer opportunities and programs

9. 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.

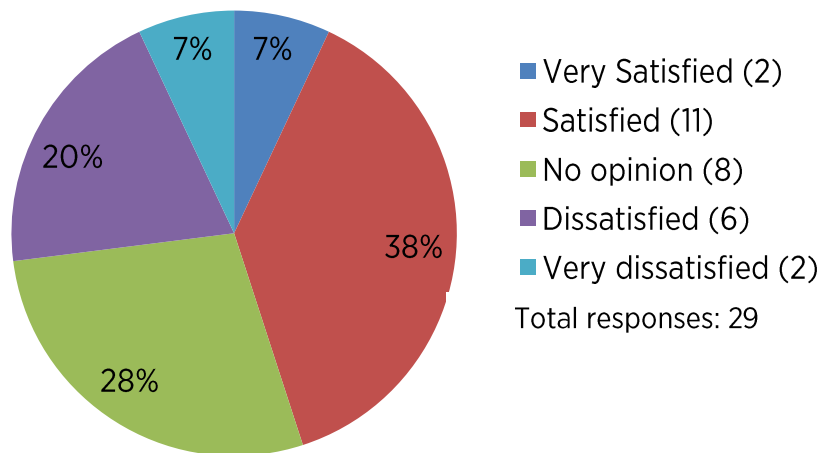
Cleanliness of the park



Comments:

1. I visit just about all local parks in early AM over the course of each month. The over-watering is awful especially Sellah. Does anyone ever inspect? Broken sprinkler heads and poor alignment - they water sidewalks
2. I have not spent time there lately, unable to comment
3. Unfortunately many people do not clean up after their dogs
4. Dog poop litters park and weeds go to burrs and cause issues with walking your dog
5. Owners need to pick up after pets. I rarely use the park so am not aware of trash.
6. needs to be kept clean and more lighting throughout the entire park
7. Only issues are usually from a clogged dog water bowl near the play area
8. Needs bathrooms and more locations of poop bags
9. The park gets abused by some who don't seem to care about it or about the community. I regularly pick up broken glass and litter and dog poop there. Getting community members more invested in the park would improve this.
10. Add recycle bins please

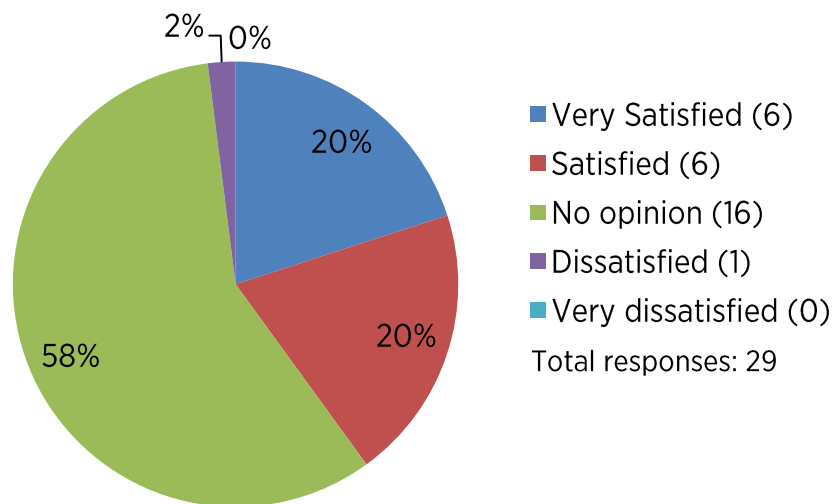
Safety of the park



Comments:

1. Drug dealing, homeless camping
2. Like that many are lighted, even overnight.
3. many places very dark and there are drugs, homeless, dogs not on leashes and bodily function issues
4. Very little lighting at night!!
5. Animals running loose should not be allowed. From comments at the meeting it seems there is no monitoring. Also I heard quite a bit about dark areas.
6. i dont see any security at night come by
7. Issues with lights out in the park and graffiti. Staff have been wonderful about fixing them though! I think it may just be older light fixtures and disuse which will hopefully be changed with this work!
8. The equipment is old.
9. I don't know
10. Seems like there is drug use going on and people sleeping there at night.
11. Homeless drug use
12. Please add light in Southeast corner.
13. We are aware of drug deals going on in the park, homeless people.
14. I usually feel safe there daytime or nighttime with two exceptions: 1) occasional aggressive unleashed dogs that attack my leashed dogs; and 2) occasional groups of loud young adults that congregate there after dark, misuse the facilities, and leave broken glass and litter behind.

Friendliness of the park staff



Comments:

1. The few that I have encountered were less than friendly bordering on rude.
2. I've never met them at the park.
3. Never seen
4. Are they supposed to be friendly? When I pass by or they are present they don't even make eye contact
5. I'm not aware of park staff being available.
6. I rarely see them
7. I had one encounter with a park staff and he was snide and rude. I'm sure everyone else is fine.
8. Only staff seen is the people who mow

11. Additional comments:

1. More dog parks, please.
2. Every park should have a walking trail - Ehrhardt Park is huge but un-accessible to people who have difficulty walking on grass/terrain or who use a walking device or wheelchair. How about a trail to the canal at least?
3. I feel like those of us Tempe residents on the East Side of 101 get neglected. Road repaving is a great example. Same with park improvements. Handicap parking is another (at Ehrhardt Park)
4. Thank you for having these meetings.
5. Please do a better job enforcing leash laws
6. Really like the supply of dog poop bags
7. Thank you again."
8. "Lighting, bathrooms, water features are imported.
9. Have a specific animal area for dogs with fence."
10. ADA Access paths throughout the park. Doggie bag stations. Better lighting in dark spots of the park (Eastside by canal) where kids congregate. Enforcement of leash laws and signage about leashes. Need parking for the park.
11. This upgrade should have thought of better lighting to help deter some of the problems listed above. Speed and parking control on Evergreen where it turns into Riviera. Park ranger to control dog issues. Would have been nice to have things for older crowd which makes up much of the community nearest the park - such as horse shoes
12. I would like to see a walking path around the park. Additional lighting should also be considered
13. Why can't there be parking on the park grounds. Can't the court and playground be moved more south into the park and use some of the area for parking
14. Thank you for investing in our park!!

15. I think there should be an art element - a once a year large art show/sale - or a regular connection with the farmers' market. As an artist - ceramicist- I also think that mosaic benches - slabs - stepping stones would enhance the park. I live in the blue house immediately next to the park (the only house that is not separated by an alley). We would love for a walking path to go along the perimeter of the park. There are TONS of ants in the park that bite our and our dogs feet and make walking our dogs unpleasant. The park is watered so often, it should be mowed twice a week.
16. Recently a pine tree was planted on the Northwest side of the park, right by Evergreen & Riviera. This pine tree is about 15' from my house/driveway. This is going to cause an enormous mess on my house and driveway when this tree matures. I asked a park employee about it, and he made a snide comment 'that is what we get living next to the park, and should expect'. We have lived in our house since 1997, and haven't had much issues. I PLEASE ask for this tree to be moved, so it is nowhere near our house. We already have a neighbor immediately behind us that does not trim their trees and we get all the palm and evergreen litter from their trees.
17. "The main uses of the park that I see -- a place for exercise (both human and pets) and picnicking. Of the ideas expressed at the 9/9/17 meeting, I'm in favor of:
 1. Dog run
 2. Pathways and shaded playground
 3. Shaded picnic area w/accessible feature
 4. Water fountain
 5. Meditation Area
 6. Community Garden"
18. There needs to be a soccer field, pool, or gym added in that big field where there is nothing but open fields maybe even a dog park and there is very little light polls put up
19. i would like to see a disc golf basket in installed in the park. at least one.
20. "This park is very import to many dog owners. I have been walking my dogs to this park for training and playing for many years and there are always others there with their dogs. These are from the neighborhood and many are from Friendship Village.
21. I have no problems with the upgrades and changes to the park so long as those of us who bring our dogs can continue to do so safely. This is a large enough park to be able to accommodate the needs of the entire community. I hope those making the design decisions keep us dog walkers in mind.
22. Thank you."
23. Thank you for remodeling our park!
24. Would it be possible to include a dog park?
25. Fill in small holes in the main grassy area of the park - sometimes they are hidden by the grass and can cause serious injuries when running through.
26. This is a wonderful idea! Big thanks to Friendship Village for investing in the local community. I can't wait to bring my kids to the new garden and participate in gardening classes over the coming years. Also, thank you for giving the playground an update. Much appreciated!
27. Please keep existing arch swings which are better constructed than any replacements will be.
28. I had my 7 year old nephew pick the equipment. He had a tough time narrowing it down to five things. Also, i vote for the most durable and cost effective sun shade.
29. I previously submitted my main comments, and this is an additional one. Around the basketball court in this park, I suggest having lights that automatically shut off (or dim dramatically) at 10:00 p.m., to discourage late-night loud games. No one in the neighborhood should have to hear bouncing balls and yelling after 10:00 p.m.
30. My family is very excited to see all of these improvements to the park. We have lived here for over 16 years and are raising our girls here in the neighborhood. We cannot wait to help with the community garden and play on the new playground equipment. We are also happy to have the option of having a birthday party under the Ramada. Thank you for upgrading our community park!

31. "Ehrhardt Park is my favorite area in this community. I value it as a quiet green space where I can enjoy seeing neighbors and walking with my leashed dogs.
- For this park I'd like a more active and transparent relationship between the city and neighborhood residents so that we can all take better care of it and use it more enjoyably.
 - The park doesn't necessarily need more lights (it was delightfully peaceful there last winter when there were no lights at all, in Dec. '16 and Jan. '17), or more signs listing prohibited activities (all of the already-posted prohibited activities occur there, many of them frequently). It does need more care from residents and from park staff. More frequent police presence would likely discourage some of the drug activity and unruly nighttime behavior, as would developing a community garden and getting neighborhood residents more invested in and involved with the park.
 - I value the drinking fountain for dogs; it needs to be repaired and maintained.
 - The drainage from Evergreen Road into the park needs to be improved, as does the runoff area from the southeast side of Friendship Village into the park, to eliminate the usually-marshy areas there.
 - On any occasions when herbicides or pesticides are used in the park, I'd like there to be dated, detailed notifications posted at the park entrance so that I know to keep my dogs out until it's safe again.
 - I've been glad to see new trees planted there in recent years, but disappointed when they were staked so poorly that their long-term health was jeopardized. The staking has been re-done in a few instances, but that wouldn't be needed if they are staked properly in the first place.
 - Regarding playground amenities, I won't use them but I think fun child-friendly ones should be chosen. I most often see kids using the swings; the slides much less (probably because they don't seem very fun); and the other equipment, hardly at all. Pick sturdy, simple ones that will last and that children will want to use.

Emails

1. **September 28, 2017** - I live on Hermosa, four houses in from the park: Whatever you do to the park, PLEASE KEEP a Basketball court as one of the features! PLEASE! My son uses it every night and it's his only outlet. PLEASE KEEP THE BASKETBALL COURT! I didn't see it in the future plans, so I had to reach out!