

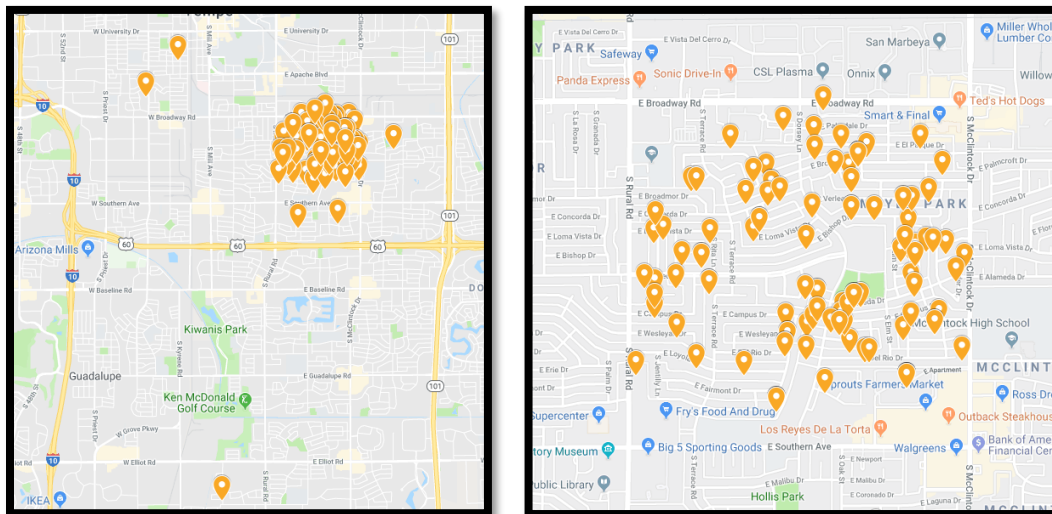


**Overview:**

A public meeting was held on August 24, 2019 for feedback on planned improvements for Meyer Park. Residents in the area of Broadway Rd. to Southern Ave., McClintock Rd. to Rural Rd. (2527 households) were invited to participate in the process via postcard. Notices were posted to Nextdoor to 1189 households directing residents to both the meeting and the website. Signs were also placed in the park announcing the meeting. Twenty-one (21) people signed in for the meeting in the park. Residents were asked to provide input on playground layout, theme, playground equipment, number of ramadas, and overall park experience. Surveys were available at the meetings and online from August 24, 2019 through September 7, 2019. A total of 121 survey responses were received; 12 at the meeting, 3 by mail, and 106 online. Five (5) addresses were incomplete, 6 addresses were from outside of the project area.

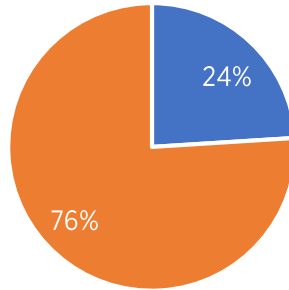
Neighborhood Services staff conducted outreach on September 3, 2019 to Meyer Montessori, a Tempe Elementary District School of Choice that shares their southern boundary with Meyer Park. 66 students in grades PreK-4 gave input during their recess time on equipment choices for the park.

**Map of Responses:**



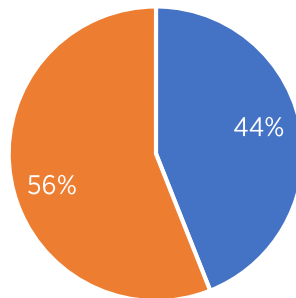
**Responses to Survey:**

1. The playground design for Meyer Park will include a play structure for 5-12 year-olds. Should this play structure be *traditional*, or *modern* (see examples)?



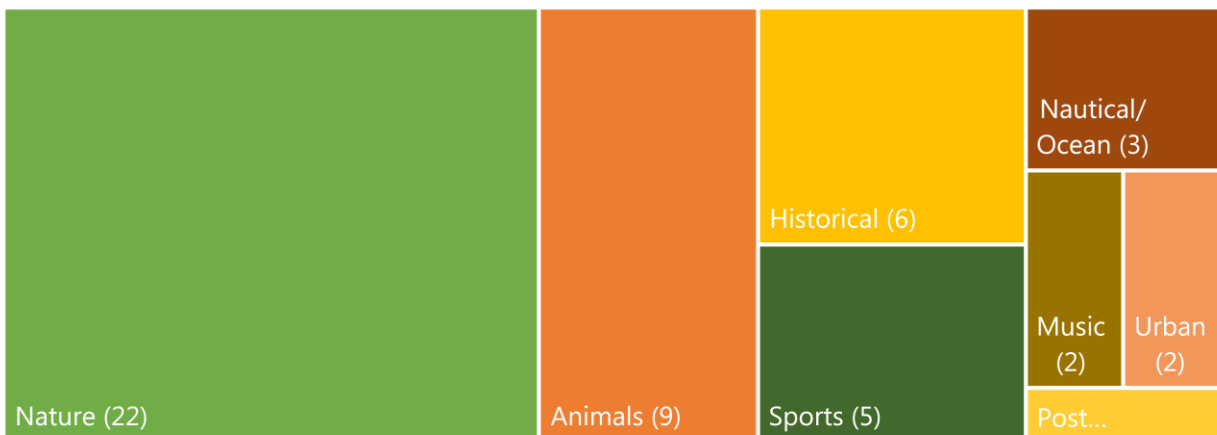
■ Traditional (28) ■ Modern (88)

2. Should the playground be designed around a central theme?



■ Yes (51) ■ No (65)

3. If yes, what theme?



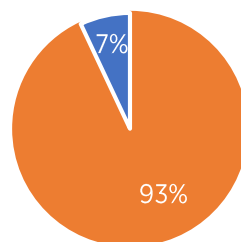
4. Please list in order of importance the top 5 pieces of equipment you would like to see in Meyer Park. Note: Arch swings are already included in the design.

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
Arch Swings (20)	Arch Swings (12)	Group Spinner (7)	Fitness station (10)	Arch Swings (7)
Modern play structure (2-5) (16)	Play Web Climber (9)	Rocky Ridge (7)	Net climber (7)	Horseshoe Court (6)
Fitness stations (10)	Fitness station (7)	Sway Bridge (6)	Sway Bridge (7)	Ridge Boulder Climber (6)
Play Web Climber (5)	Net climber (7)	Unity Dome (6)	Unity dome (7)	Sway Bridge (6)
Ridge Boulder Climber (5)	Group spinner (6)	Play Web Climber (5)	Game Table (4)	Fitness Stations (5)
Track ride (5)	Musical play equipment (5)	Track Ride (5)	Musical Play Equipment(4)	Net climber (5)



MEYER STUDENT TOP CHOICES
Net Climber (10)
Revo (10)
Group Spinner (7)
Musical Play Equipment (6)
Rock Log (4)
Play web Climber (4)
Spinner Bowl (4)

5. Meyer Park is eligible for new picnic ramadas. Please choose the number and size of ramada(s) you would prefer:

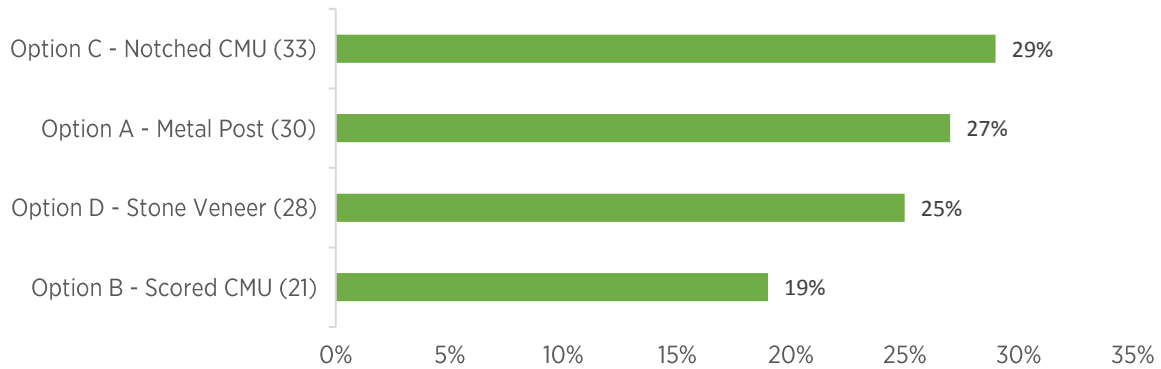


■ Two (2) 20x20 ramadas (86)
 ■ One (1) 26x32 ramada (6)

6. Please rank your top two ramada locations from the four options shown on the map:

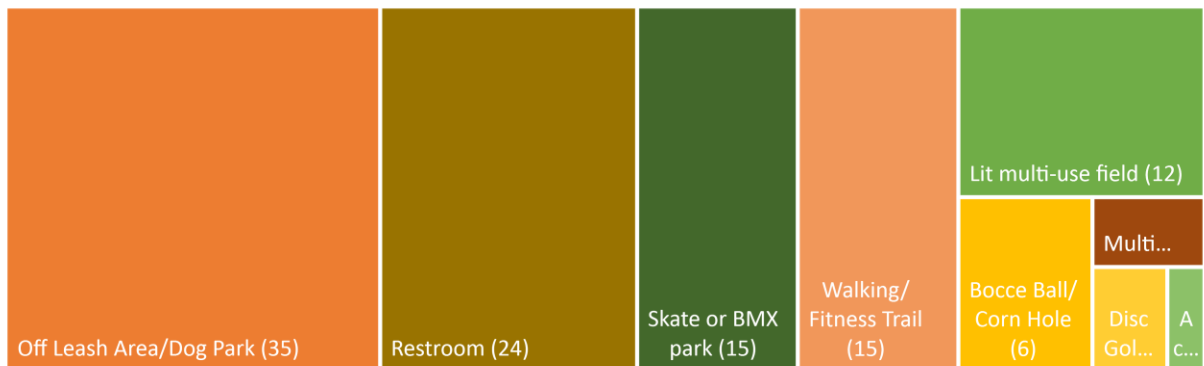
**1st Choice - Location A with 61 vote**  
**2nd Choice - Location B with 37 votes**

7. The picnic ramada(s) will have metal hip roofs. Which column material do you prefer?

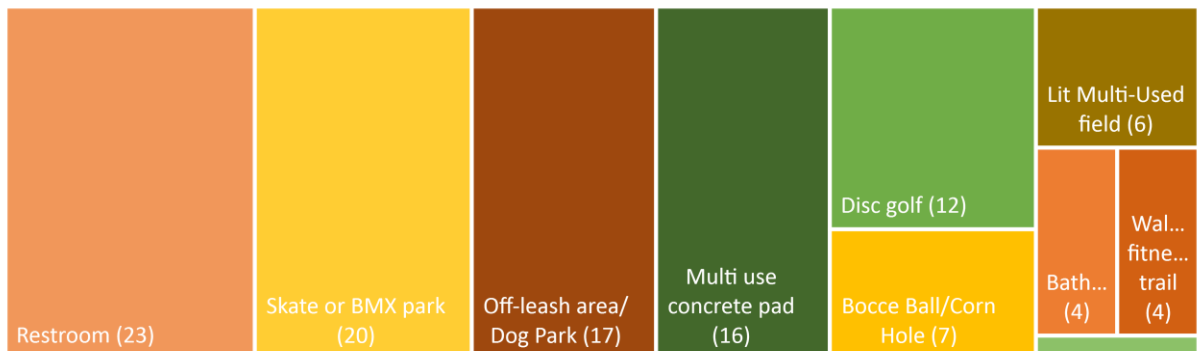


8. In the future, Meyer park and other neighborhood parks could be eligible for enhanced amenities which would increase the recreational value of a park. The number, type, and size of amenities will be determined by size of park, cost of amenity, and fit.

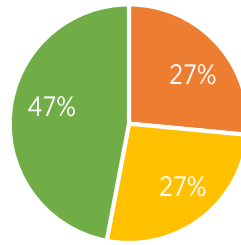
a. Please select the enhanced amenity you would **most** like to see in Meyer Park:



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



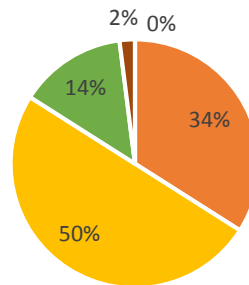
9. Currently your park sign states that the park is open from 6 a.m. to 12 a.m. Are you in favor of changing the posted park hours to 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. ?



■ No Opinion (32) ■ No (32) ■ Yes (57)

10. 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.

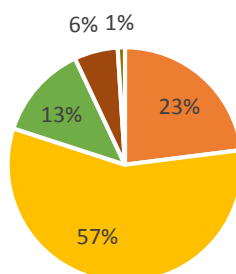
Cleanliness



■ Very Satisfied (41) ■ Satisfied (60) ■ No opinion (17) ■ Dissatisfied (3) ■ Very dissatisfied (0)

1. Sometimes the human and dog water fountain needs more attention
2. Wear and tear and dirty restrooms for those that have them.
3. I know it's hard to control but dogs running loose and people not picking up after them is annoying
4. Very happy with the park improvements taking place in the city
5. Occasional trash and broken glass in park
6. Kudos to city policies and to city crews who maintain our parks
7. Always watered and grass cut
8. Satisfied except when it floods and becomes a mess
9. People washing themselves in drinking fountains

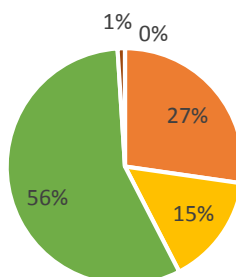
### Safety



■ Very Satisfied (27) 
 ■ Satisfied (67) 
 ■ No opinion (16) 
 ■ Dissatisfied (7) 
 ■ Very dissatisfied (1)

1. More lights in dark areas
2. Lots of dogs running off leash. I spoke with a woman in a wheelchair and she said It scares me, especially when the owner is far away!
3. Homeless
4. Too many homeless sleeping  
Too many homeless over night
5. Need more lighting
6. Unsafe with homeless drug addicts
7. Occasional homeless sleeping
8. Off leash dogs and homeless
9. Get rid of 'security'
10. Any new playground equipment should be of SAFER variety & be able to touch & use in July.

### Friendliness



■ Very Satisfied (32) 
 ■ Satisfied (18) 
 ■ No opinion (65) 
 ■ Dissatisfied (1) 
 ■ Very dissatisfied (0)

1. I've never seen any staff at the park.
2. Rarely see them (but obviously they are maintaining the park)
3. Park staff?  
No staff that I have seen in 2 years
4. What park staff?
5. No comment, who are the park staff

6. There is no park staff
7. N/a never interacted with park staff
8. Never encountered park staff

### **Additional Comments:**

1. One of the reasons I love Tempe, is that Tempe loves its parks!
2. Because this park is so close to Meyer School, I think it should be a high priority for improvements. The kids need to see a safe and inviting place surrounding their school
3. Would like a multi-generational theme in park that promotes physical activity and sports. For older adults, a walking fitness course around the edge of park that is metered with fitness stations that focus on building core strength (Fall Prevention) and a misting system. Misting system has a very fine spray that is activated with a push button and auto timing device. See picture at link: <https://www.plumbingsupply.com/colorfulmisters.html>. Adaptive swing and play equipment pieces woven into play equipment.  
Pet friendly for service dogs, water stations for pets. An old fashion message center bulletin board and e-compatible. Outlets by the Basketball court so that if a stage is rented, electricity can be used. Light ramadas all the time to prevent people from sleeping there and place in high traffic areas where occupants can be seen. Play equipment for physical activity vs. still activity boards. I have seen play groups meet with very young children at park - keep it friendly for all ages. Fitness stations without too many moving parts to keep it from abuse. Encourage play in grass and open spaces. help build community through play/physical activity and gathering for picnic that can be adapted for events like GAIN night and Arts in the Park.
4. Another option that I know myself and my kids would love is to have a splash pad here. Especially in the summer, we would be able to use and enjoy the park more. I hope it's something that can be considered.
5. Some of the playground equipment looks very dangerous. I know the City isn't liable for the injuries, but you still have to spend our tax dollars to defend the lawsuits.
6. Please add a dog park!
7. I do not want restrooms since these encourage homeless, etc. And many families with young children use this park and we want it safe.
8. I really appreciate the addition of the new trees, thank you! If I had my way, we would just plant lots of trees. No more concrete or asphalt. Please, no misting station the woman mentioned. It will be a shower for the homeless. When my son in law worked for the city, he saw a homeless man drop his pants and wash his behind at Tempe Beach Park's splash pad. Thank you for asking us how to spend the money.
9. Thanks for doing this. Can't wait for improvements. Would love to see increased security at night and a bathroom for our little kids.

10. Love the energy of staff
11. One additional dog fountain would be awesome. It would also be great to expand the park into the school yard (they rarely seem to use if at all). Splash pad would be cool too.
12. It would be nice to take some of the school field and make the park bigger.
13. I live within walking/jogging distance of Meyer Park and would love to see the park enhanced with such fitness equipment as pull-up Bars, dip bars, monkey bars and other calisthenics equipment that the general public would be allowed to use as a means to better their physical fitness. It would be nice for residents of the area have a place to exercise before or after work while enjoying the outdoors.
14. I live nearby but not directly in the neighborhood so didn't answer specifics. I do use the park for dog walking. I would like to point out that dimming of the Ramada lights and other lights is important. Based on Selleh Park experience, the playground upgrades substantially increased park usage. Because of this, more garbage cans should be added around the park. I would add the mommy-baby swing as an option; it is highly used at Selleh park. The playground should include an added (bottle filling) water fountain. The existing water fountain should be replaced. We have a new one at Selleh Park and it is much better than the old one (doesn't leak and water drains at the right rate)The park is highly used for soccer between the baseball and playground. If that area gets flood irrigation, I suggest that an upgrade be done in that area to convert to regular irrigation. That way it can be used 100% of the time for soccer, play, etc.
15. We are a high dog owner neighborhood and a dog park in the east end of the park would benefit so many people and their dogs. We need more water stations. I would love to see and around the park edge fitness stations for the older folks.
16. Please no dog park or bathrooms!
17. Skateboarding is growing as a mainstream activity in multiple age groups. Currently skateboarders regularly ride at Grace community church, the Meyer basketball court and other privately owned property in the neighborhood. An illegal park has been constructed nearby which speaks to the demand. Having a safe, legal place to practice in Meyer park would be excellent. Tempe should expect a new wave of kids and adults wanting to ride with the summer 2020 Olympics where park skateboarding will be high profile event. I'm a lifelong rider in my 40s with two boys who are interested in skateboarding. I would love to see young people have more legal places to ride. I would be eager to consult/advise on a skatepark in Meyer park or elsewhere in Tempe.
18. Absolutely no dog park.
19. One option I didn't see on the equipment PDF was one of larger ADA swings. I believe there is one at Kiwanis Park, it's larger to fit kids beyond toddlers who need support to sit. And the soft mat surface ground to allow wheelchair or stroller access to it. If you do ramadas, it would be EXCELLENT to have the bathrooms close by. When having parties at the park it can be difficult when the bathroom is clear across the park.
20. Please, under no circumstances can a restroom be built.



21. Please DO NOT add bathrooms in the future at Meyer Park. I've lived in Tempe most of my life and observed that the parks with bathrooms are the parks where most homeless people live. The residents of the Meyer Park neighborhood would like Meyer Park to continue to be a family park where kids can play and not be surrounded by dozens of homeless people.
22. Thank you for enhancing our park. We use it some now and look forward to using it even more with the improvements. We appreciate the opportunity to give input!
23. Yeet
24. I would also like to see restrooms in the park, but they would have to be monitored very close for drugs and predators at night
25. We are very excited about this remodel! I think a DOG PARK would be very beneficial. Many people do not use leashes at this park, which has stopped many of us from taking our dogs here. We think a dog park would be great for those with dogs and those without. Much safer for everyone. Also the park is HUGE and has plenty of space to add a dog park.
26. Just leave the park as it is! There is no need for any more playground or ramadas or dog park!!
27. I am leary of including restrooms at the park. While it is convenient if you have children at the park, I am concerned about the people it could draw, and cleanliness. I have been in restrooms at other parks that are not kept clean.
28. Yes, I'm saddened that I did not attend the Meyer Park Improvements, but I do have a say with the survey. I thank you for this. I would like to see Meyer Park become more populated with parents and their Children and up to date equipment for all to enjoy. I will be retiring come January. Thus I plan to get more involved with the Meyer Community.
29. Tempe has no dog parks located east of Mill Ave. Tempe dog parks are overused and as a result, usually unkempt and rundown. An off-leash area large enough for large dogs to exercise would be a nice addition
30. I think it would be great to add more drinking fountains around the edges of the park. There is currently only one drinking fountain by the center walkway, but it is hard to see. Most runners and bikers use the bike lane along the road, and therefore a drinking fountain at the park that is closer to the edge would be much more useful to those exercising in the neighborhood.
31. Love the park! I love that the lights are always on so that sketchy stuff is less likely to happen at night.
32. There needs to be more trees for shade during the hot summer months .... also maybe a cooling off feature... or even a fountain to get your arms in and cool off....like the water feature in front of Harkins Tempe Marketplace ... and a low dividing wall to sit & people watch. Also be careful of bench & table locations ... as my trees are large ... so get bird poop on nearby parked cars. The play equipment needs to be safe to touch & use when 110 outside in direct sun .... also some of those climbing items seem to have a higher risk of kids falling & being injured. I picked 2 ramadas (A & B locations seem to have more tree blocking shade from west setting sun) ... as they are always used ... and very popular at McCormick train park ... so you may need to setup a reservation system. Keep park open till 12 (but

no loud sounds after 10)..as summers are very hot ... so nicer to walk to park or dog walk when cooler .... and get home from work, dinner, and kids needing to run off steam before bed.

33. n/a

34. More Trees Please! A community garden, or any garden of flowers or veggies would be so lovely! I think mostly 1-5 year olds play at Meyer, so a greater focus on little kids is preferred! Thank you for improving Meyer, it has so much potential.

35. Please consider putting in fitness stations as they are a very valuable resource for adult members of the community who enjoy an active life style and wish to be a part of the community.

36. Lights are very important for safety. Please make sure all places have lights after dark. Thanks a lot

37. We like having no restrooms.

38. Please keep the playground covers and the beautiful new swings already installed. I hope the five playground items listed on this survey are in addition to existing items in good repair. Please get new seats for the baby swings.

39. There is not any staff at this park

40. Love the park! Thank you for keeping it! More trees against the alley area if possible.

41. Where are we on the G4S security contract? Has the city decided to hire these contractors or are they still on a trial run?

42. Maintenance crews take very good care of the park. The invasive tree species - African Sumac - should be removed. They are constantly breaking and spread their seeds everywhere.

43. I think a simple fitness station could greatly enhance the value of the park for fitness enthusiasts. And by simple I mean really simple: some pull-up bars, some parallel bars and maybe some push-up platforms.

44. Please don't police our park with PD our paid security guards, focus on maintaining the park. A park we can take pride in, is one all citizens take pride in; housed, homeless, and everyone in between.

45. On hours, 10 pm seems early for use of the basketball court and soccer fields in the summer, perhaps 11 pm. Base the hours on active users.

E-mail 8.28.19: I live in the vicinity of Meyer Park and was wondering if it would be possible to have Pull-up bars, dip bars, monkey bars and other workout equipment installed in the park as part its enhancement program. I feel that a lot of residents in our community would benefit from having access to this type of equipment. Please let me know if this would be at all possible. Thank you!

E-mail 9.9.19: Sorry for being a few days late, I just found the little green flier in my yard and immediately thought to make a suggestion about Meyer but apparently suggestions ended the 7th. Sorry for the late response, had I seen the flier earlier I would have immediately commented. I'd like to suggest an "off leash" dog play area in Meyer, there's plenty of room for one! There are a lot of people with dogs in the community and it would be a fun gathering place for our furry friends!

