

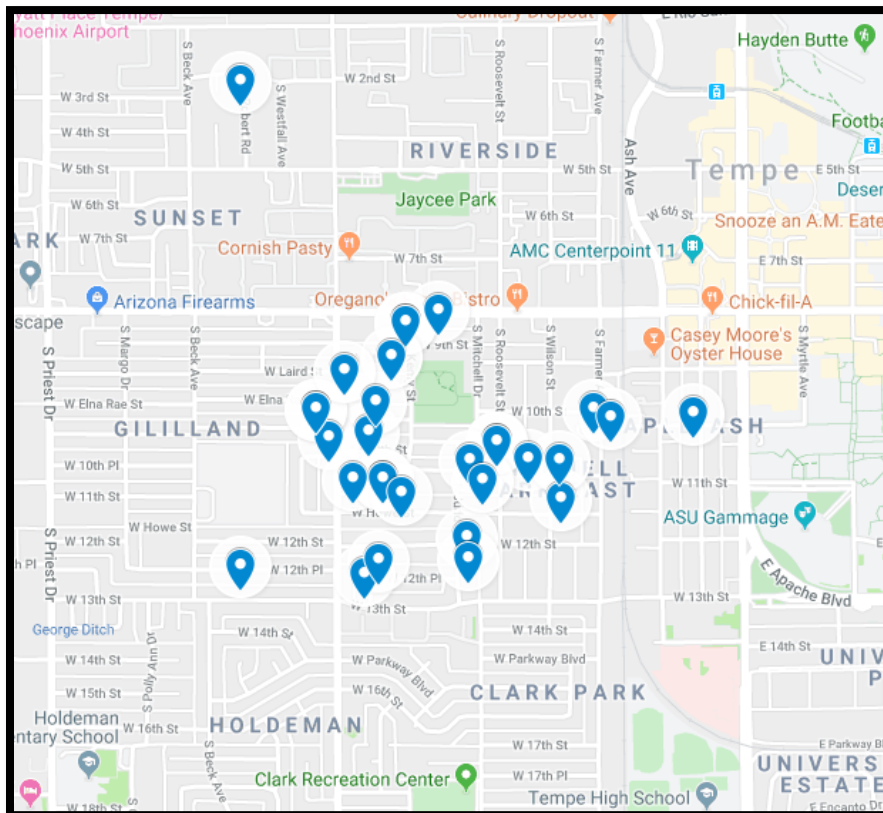


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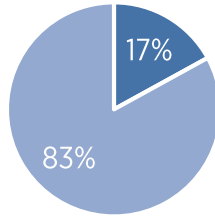
Overview

A public meeting was held on November 16, 2019 for feedback on planned improvements for Mitchell Park. Residents in the area of University Ave. to 13th St., Mill Ave to Priest Dr. (1573 households) were invited to participate in the process via postcard. Notices were posted to Nextdoor to 484 households in 5 neighborhoods directing residents to both the meeting and the website. Park signs were also placed in the park announcing the meeting. Nine people signed in for the meeting in the park. Residents were asked to provide input on playground equipment layout, shade structure locations and playground color palette. Surveys were available at the meetings and online from November 16 through November 30, 2019. A total of 30 survey responses were received; 10 at the meeting and 20 online, none from outside the project area.

Map of Survey Respondents

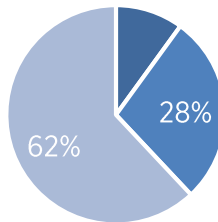


1. Which play structure design and playground equipment layout incorporating these choices do you prefer?



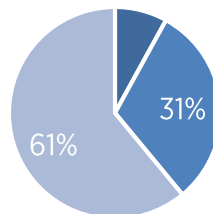
■ Playground layout "B" (4) ■ Playground Layout "A" (20)

2. Which color palette do you prefer for the playground?



■ Mardi Gras (3) ■ Urban (8) ■ Cool Blue (18)

3. One shade structure will be installed. Where should it be placed?



■ Over the swings (2) ■ Over the 2-5 play structure (8)
■ Over the 5-12 play structure (16)

Additional Comments:

1. Restrooms?
2. 1. Consider adding an adjacent dog park to be able to rotate between the existing dog park and the new one. This would provide relief to the grass and reduce closure of the park. 2. Please allow reservations of the ramada area so that it can be used by families instead of mainly homeless."
3. 1. Families need to be able to reserve the ramadas since the homeless are arriving early in the morning. 2. Place an additional dog park next to the existing one to give relief to the current dog park.
4. Although I understand that the adult fitness received a large number of votes, I am very concerned that no one will actually use this feature. I rarely, if ever, see anyone using similar structures when they are installed in other parks.
5. I hope some additional money from this project is used in other parts of the park besides just the playground area. The dog park needs improvements, the soccer goals need nets, and the basketball hoops need re-painted. Also, our retaining wall is falling down into the sidewalk and becoming a hazard. I would like to see the rest of our park brought up to standards it should be at as well.
6. I think the 5-12 "A" playground structure has much greater variety of activities for kids. Suggestions for future presentations: show pictures of A vs. B from the same angle so we can make better comparisons. Show all elements in the renderings not just the new ones—where is the ramada?
7. I'm concerned about the "spinner" type equipment. I'm sure it is safe when used properly with adult supervision. However, at a park, supervision can be haphazard. I've seen kids get launched out of the spinner many, many times and we position an adult next to it whenever a child uses it. (Getz School, TD #3).
8. More than one shade structure is needed
9. Option A and B were so hard to compare. Please consider placing options side by side and with similar view (No trees on A and from higher view point compared to B). Rubberized surfacing sounds hot and not sustainable. Why can't wood chips be installed?
10. Park gets flooded and unusable during rains. Please take necessary steps for draining the rain water.
11. Please put bathrooms here because no bathrooms
12. Please put in a bathroom!
13. Please put in a bathroom! Looking forward to the skate park additions.
14. Shade - what ever covers s/w on west structures, preferable westside
15. There should be more shade structures!
16. This play structure does not match the demographics of our neighborhood. Very few 2-12 kids in the neighborhood. I think instead places to hang at music concerts in the park, for an evening wall, while waiting for friends to skate, play basketball, volleyball or soccer. Consider workout equipment in the park as well. Swings are great for all ages, but the "pre-built" commercial play structures are out of place. Keep our sand digger and helix climber. Please don't use a blue colored play mat - rust or grass green would be more in keeping with the park character. For the equipment, consider complementing the Childsplay building colors. Include more trees close to the equipment (outside the safety zones).
17. We have three children and live close to Mitchell park. The park's current play structures are unusable six months out of the year because the sun makes them too hot to touch. The city government has promised for years that that playground will be rebuilt so that it is usable. In order to be useable, it must be under a shade structure— as is the standard for new playground construction in the greater Phoenix area. So it was surprising and dismaying to see that the new playground will be spread out in the same way as the old playground, resulting in exactly the same problem as before. The current structures would be perfectly functional but for the lack of shade, which makes them useless. The new structures will be just as dysfunctional, but will have the added insult of having cost Tempe

taxpayer dollars. Why on earth would the parks department even consider either of these proposed plans? We applauded the commitment of the city to rejuvenating Tempe's parks, because they are amongst the most valuable and most neglected of Tempe's public assets. Indeed, there should be more investment in parks. But we ask— indeed, we vigorously request, even demand— that you please take this plan back to the drawing board and design a Mitchell park playground that will be shaded and therefore will be usable. The current plan will waste money and do nothing for (taxpaying, voting) residents and their children.