



## Survey Results of Community Meeting #2

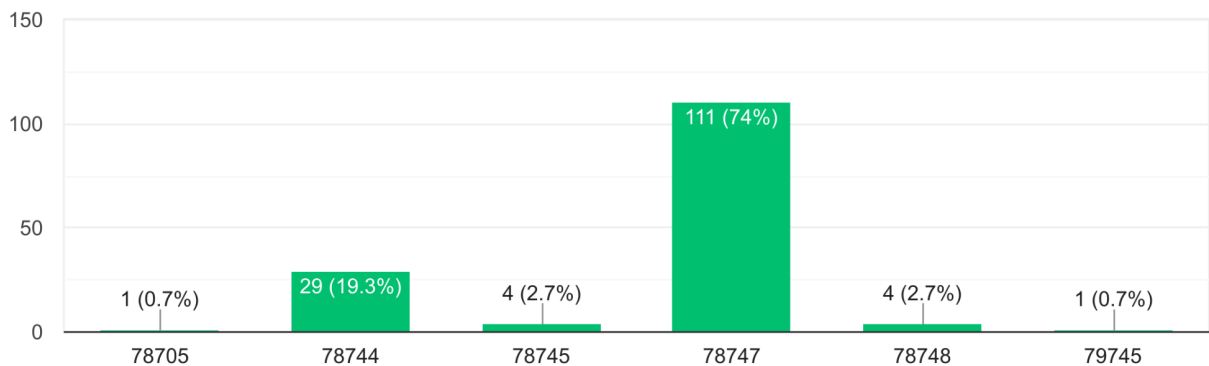
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- The survey was introduced at Community Meeting #2 on May 20, 2023
- Community members could access the survey at [austintexas.gov/GrandMeadowPark](https://austintexas.gov/GrandMeadowPark) from March 20 – June 26
- We received 156 total responses. See below for the responses:

### Question 1:

What is your zip code?

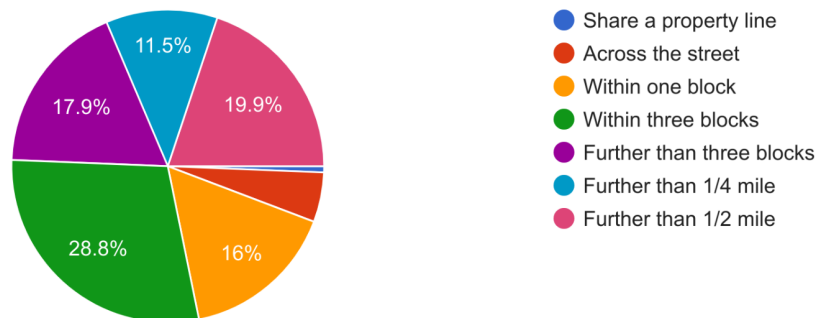
150 responses



### Question 2:

Where do you live in relation to the park?

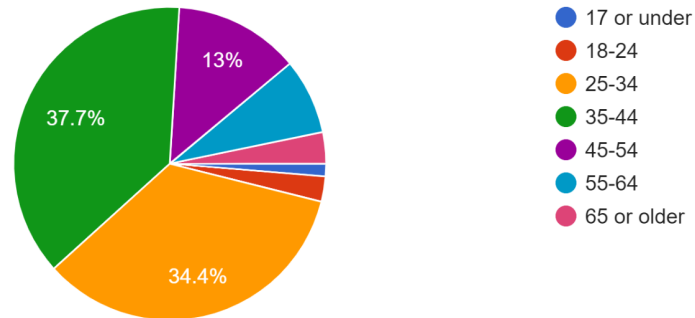
156 responses





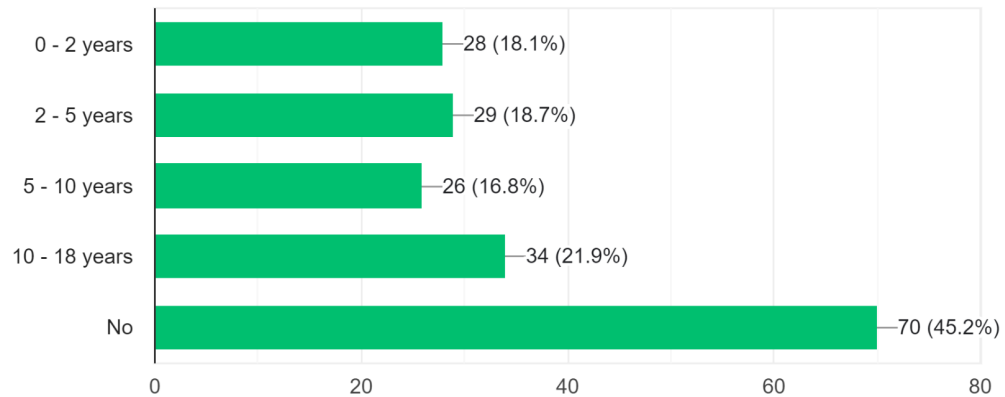
**Question 3:**  
What is your age?

154 responses



**Question 4:**  
Does your household have children? If so, how old are they?

155 responses

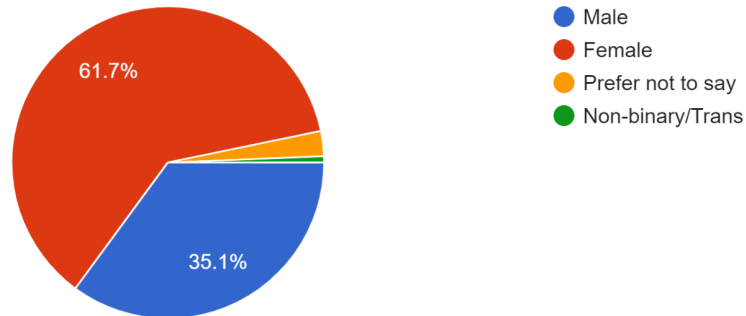




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**Question 5:**  
What is your gender?

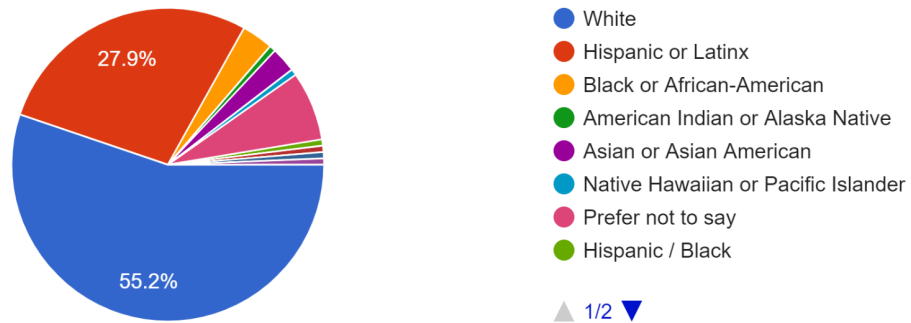
154 responses



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**Question 6:**  
What is your race/ethnicity?

154 responses

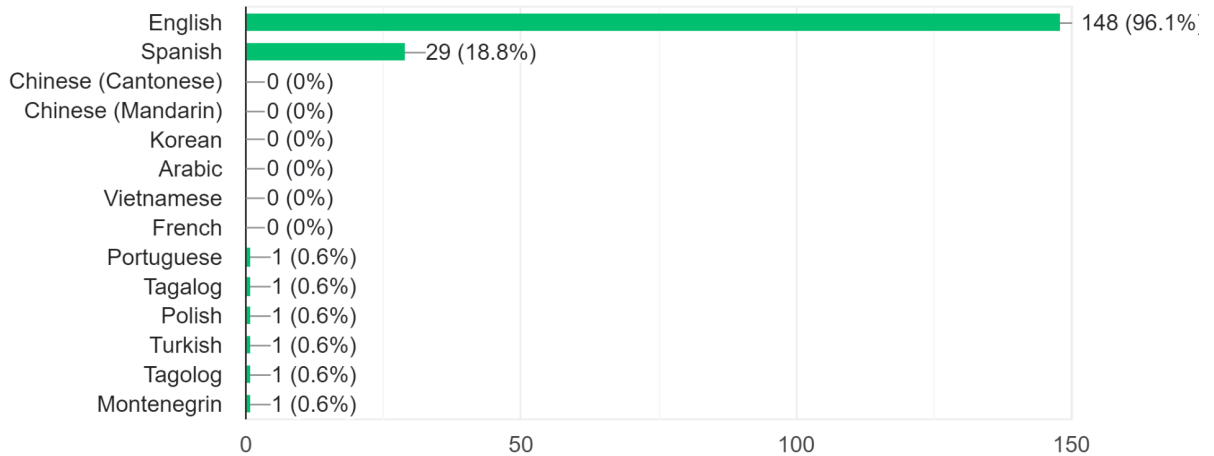




**Question 7:**

What language is spoken in your home?

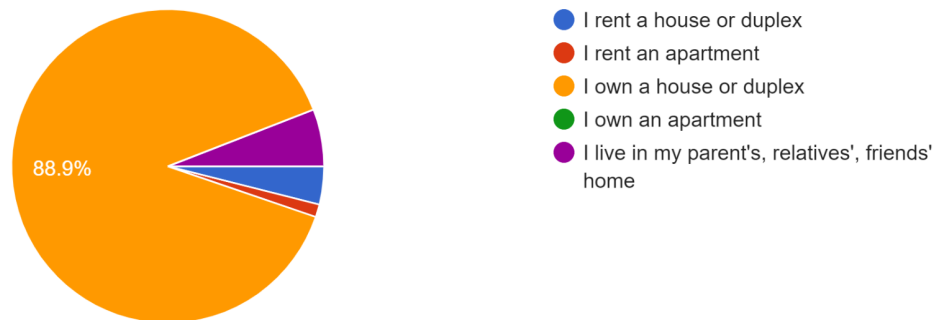
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**Question 8:**

Please describe where you currently live?

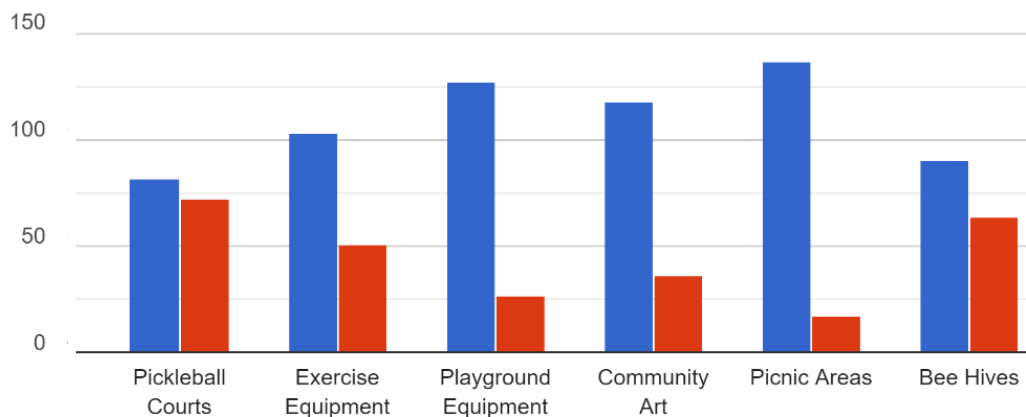
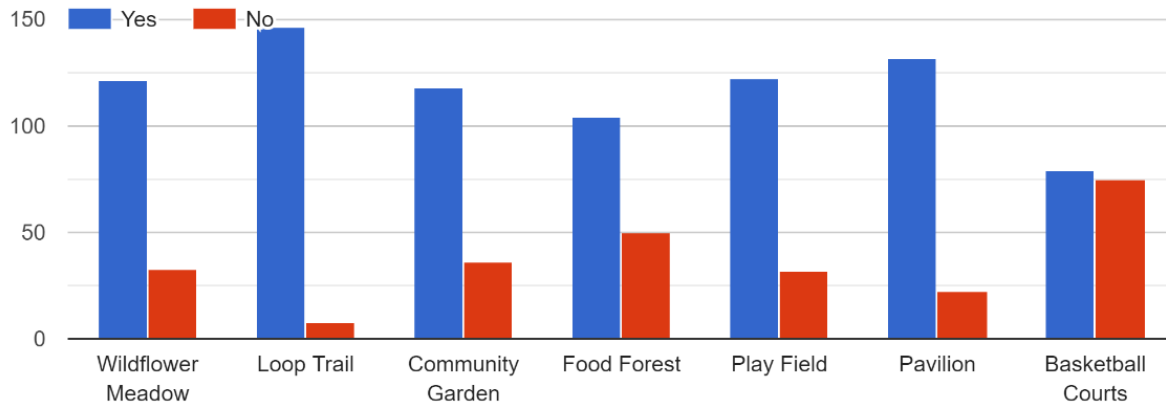
153 responses





### Question 9:

Please check yes or no if you would like to see the following features at Grand Meadow Park:



### Key Takeaways:

- Wildflower meadow(s), a loop trail, play field, pavilion, and playground equipment all had overwhelming support from respondents and will be included in the next iteration of the layout plan.
- The community garden and food forest were highly requested features by the Friends of Grand Meadow group and were also popular among survey respondents. These will be included in the next iteration of the layout plan.
- Exercise equipment, and community art were all popular programming options and will be included in the next iteration of the layout plan. The next community meeting will explore how these elements should be prioritized as funding becomes available.
- The majority of respondents also wished to see basketball courts, pickleball courts, and beehives, but these options were less popular. The next community meeting will likely explore if these program elements should be included in the final layout plan.

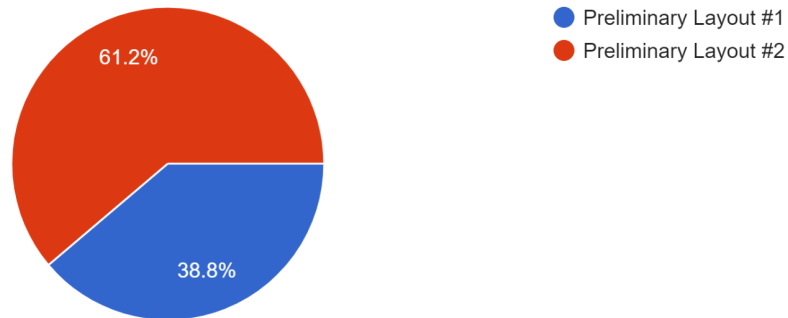


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**Question 10:**

Which of these concepts do you prefer?

152 responses



**Key Takeaways:**

- A majority of respondents preferred Preliminary Layout #2
- Many responses mentioned a preference for Preliminary Layout #2 because it included a variety of programming opportunities for the larger community.
- Many responses also mentioned a desire for a combination of both concepts- specifically for the natural elements and loop trail from Preliminary Layout #1 to be combined with the programming elements (dog park, sports courts, etc.) from Preliminary Layout #2.
- More specific feedback was gathered below:

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**Question 11:**

Do you have any feedback on your preferred concept?

The comments gathered from the survey have been categorized into the top wants/don't wants as seen below:

**Want:**

- (21) Dog park
- (15) Places for children to play
- (9) A larger wildflower meadow/more natural feel
- (6) Plenty of shade
- (5) Beehives
- (5) More programming/spaces for the community
- (4) Parking lot
- (4) Community art
- (4) Pickleball courts



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- (3) Emphasis on safety
  - Emergency call phone station
  - Speed bumps and manage speed along Thaxton and Panadero
  - Lighting
- (4) Basketball courts
- (2) Water fountains and dog fountains
- (2) Low maintenance design
- (2) Dog waste stations and trash cans
- (2) Playfield
- (2) Loop trail with exercise equipment incorporated
- (1) Smaller pavilion
- (1) Fenced playground that connects to the garden
- (1) Bathrooms
- (1) Multiple pavilions
- (1) Plenty of seating near main attractions
- (1) Amphitheater

**Don't Want:**

- (8) Large field
  - (6) Parking lot
  - (4) Pickleball courts
  - (2) Basketball courts
  - (2) Exercise equipment
  - (1) Any impervious cover
  - (1) Dog park (because of maintenance concerns)
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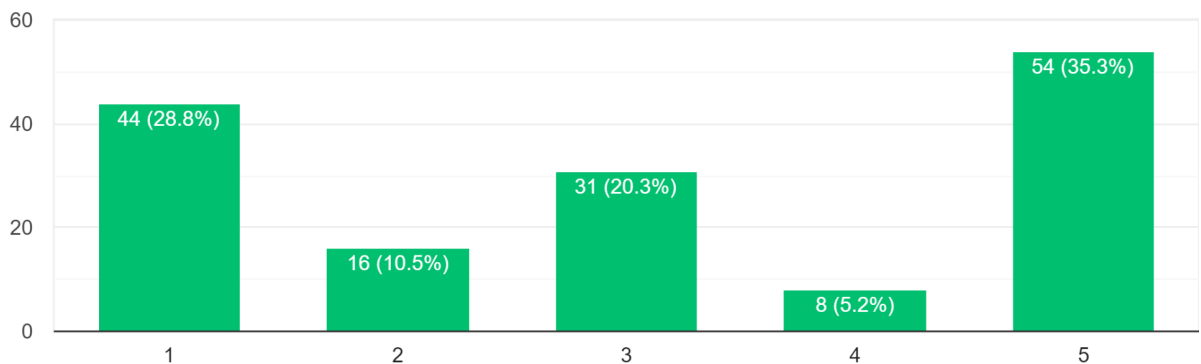


### Question 12:

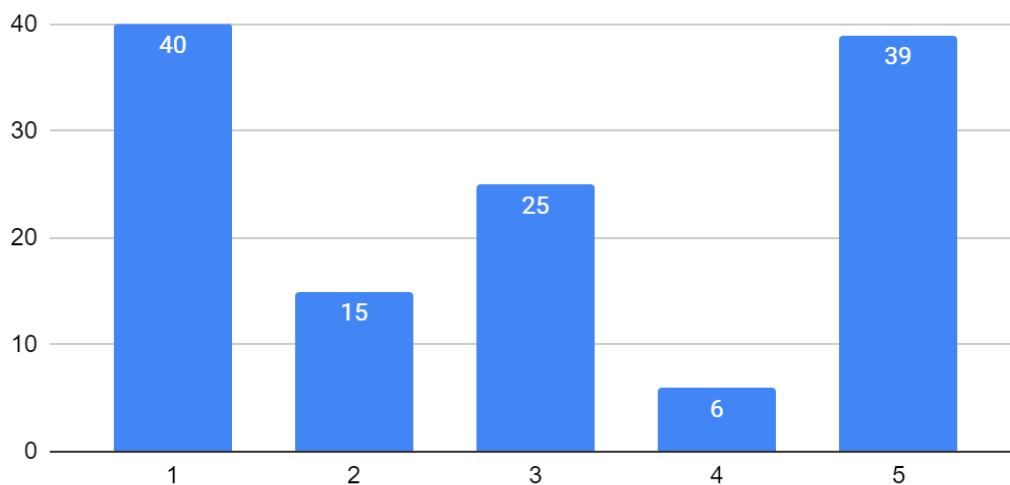
- Layout Plan #1 does not include a dog park.
- Layout Plan #2 includes a fully fenced in dog park.

On a scale of 1 to 5, how interested are you in a dog park at Grand Meadow?

153 responses



On a scale of 1 to 5, how interested are you in a dog park at Grand Meadow? (Excluding those who live farther than ½ mile from Grand Meadow Park):



### Key Takeaways:

- When ranked on a scale from 1 to 5 on how interested the community would be in a fenced in dog park, the results were fairly even, with a slightly higher percentage of respondents preferring a dog park than not.





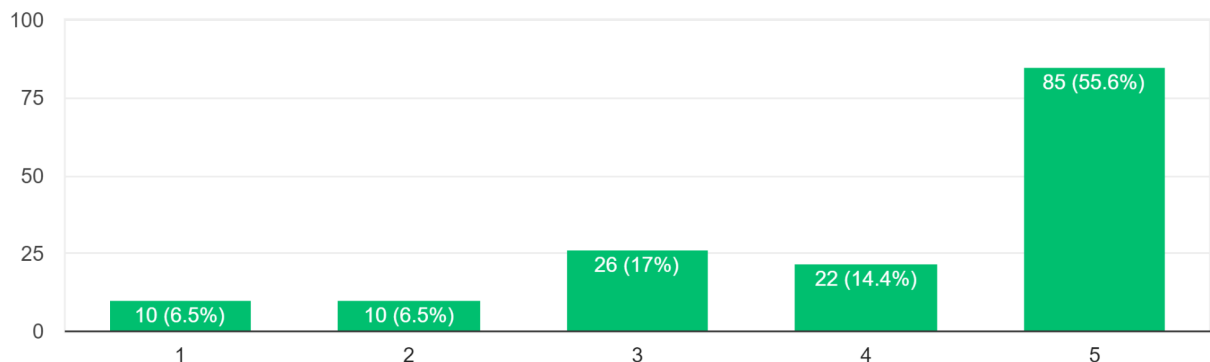
- Many comments gathered from the open ended questions emphasized the desire many community members have for a fenced in dog park.
- Most comments in opposition to the dog park mentioned maintenance concerns as the top concern.
- Safety was cited as a top concern in both surveys. Since this park is already used as an off-leash dog park, a fenced-in dog park could provide a place for users to exercise their dogs more safely.
- The current Onion Creek Metro Vision Plan does not call for a fenced-in dog park.
- There are no public fenced-in dog parks within 1 mile of the park.
- When responses from those who live further than ½ mile from the park were excluded, the dog park was slightly less favorable.
- The next layout plan will likely include a dog park, but will survey the community for more specific feedback on the desire and concerns for this programming element.

### Question 13:

- Layout Plan #1 includes a decomposed granite loop trail within the park.
- Layout Plan #2 connects the existing sidewalks to create a full loop around the park.

On a scale of 1 to 5, how interested are you in an interior loop trail

153 responses



### Key Takeaways:

- The final concept will include an interior loop trail as it has consistently been the most popular amenity requested.

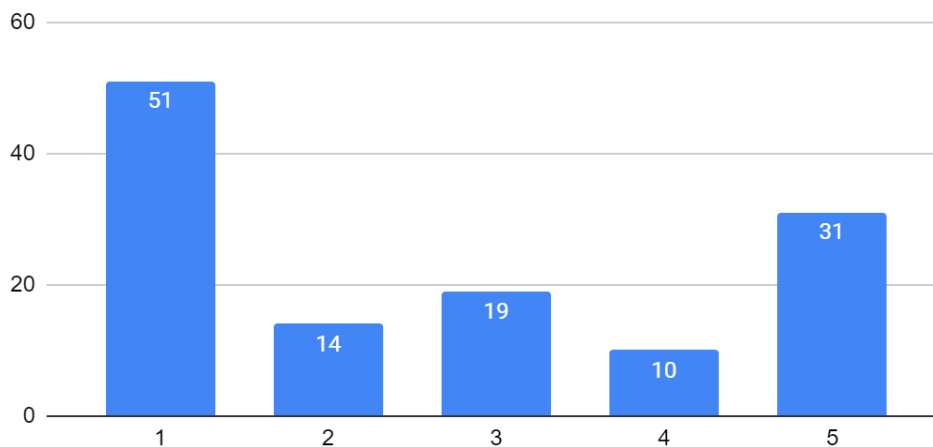
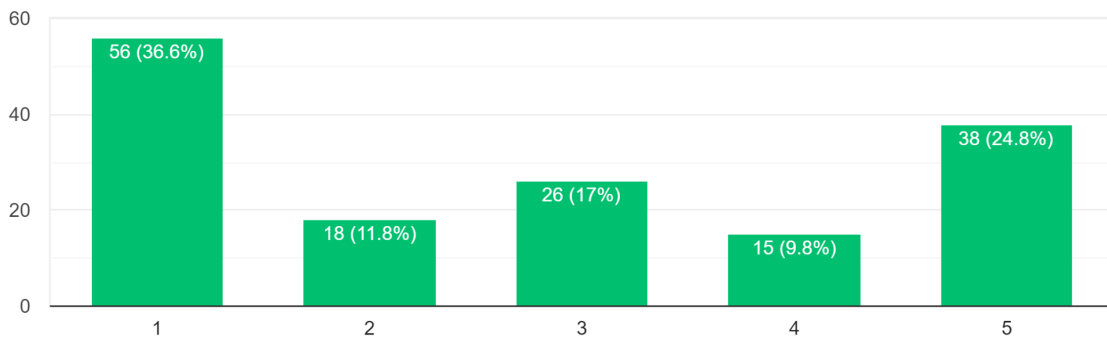


### Question 14:

- Layout Plan #1 utilizes existing neighborhood street parking, but does not include any additional parking.
- Layout Plan #2 includes a small surface parking lot off of Panadero Dr.

On a scale from 1 to 5, how important is it to you to have designated parking at Grand Meadow Park?

153 responses



### Key Takeaways:

- The desire for the addition of a surface parking lot is fairly split among respondents.
- 36.6% respondents reported that the addition of a surface parking lot is not important to them vs. 24.8% who felt it would be an important addition.
- Given these results, the added project cost, and negative impact of the impervious cover, a parking lot will not be included in the final design. Ample street parking is available around the park.

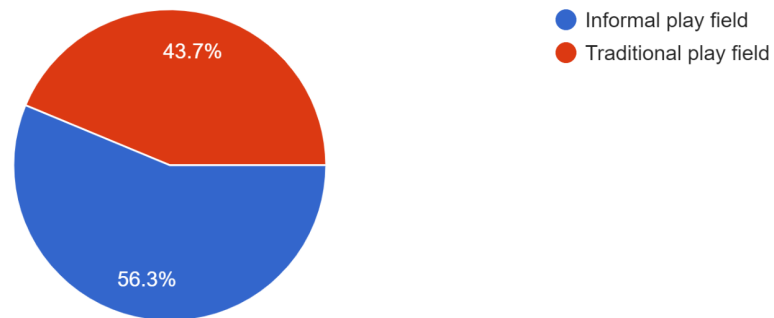


### Question 15:

- Layout Plan #1 includes an informal, low-maintenance open lawn space
- Layout Plan #2 includes a large, maintained play lawn

Please select which type of play field you would prefer:

151 responses



### Key Takeaways:

- An informal play field garnered slightly more support than the traditional play field option, but opinions were fairly split.
- Given the ample open field space at Onion Creek Metro and the desire for the natural character of the site to be preserved, the next iteration of the Layout Plan will likely include a smaller, more informal playfield than shown Preliminary Layout #2.

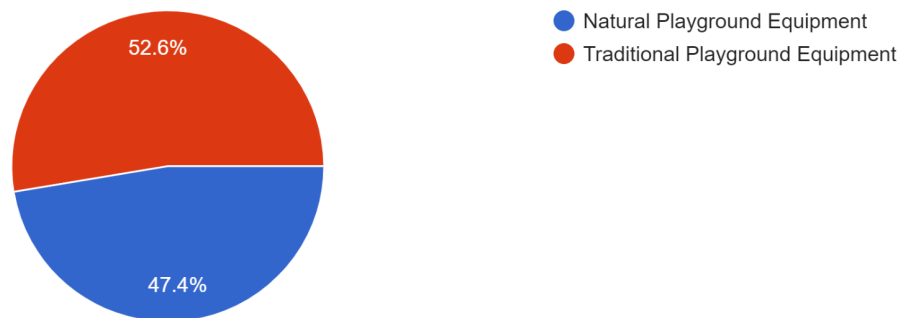


**Question 16:**

- Layout Plan #1 includes a central nature play area.
- Layout Plan #2 includes a central play area with traditional play equipment.

Please select which type of playground equipment you prefer:

152 responses



**Key Takeaways:**

- The preference for natural play equipment and traditional play equipment was evenly split.
- The next iteration of the Layout Plan will likely include a combination of traditional playground equipment and natural playground equipment.

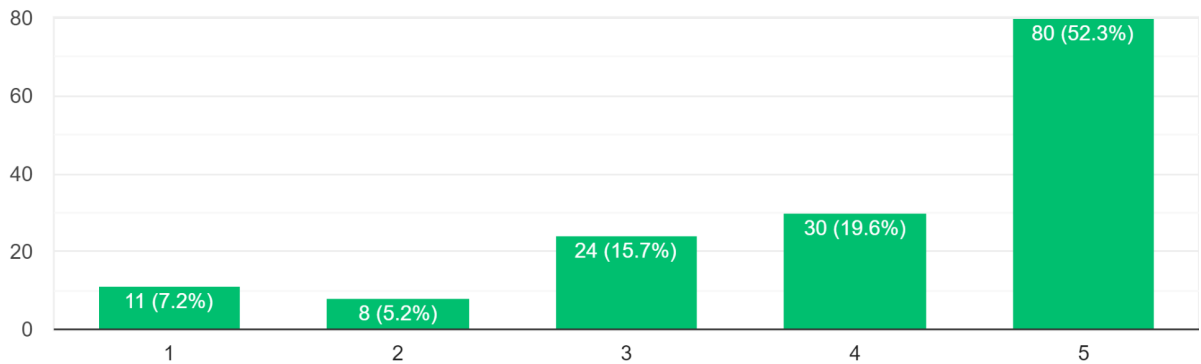


**Question 17:**

Lighting can be used to enhance safety at the park and extend the use of features such as pickleball, basketball, and play fields

On a scale from 1 to 5, how important is lighting to you at Grand Meadow Park:

153 responses



**Key Takeaways:**

- Lighting was surveyed as very important to a majority of respondents and will be included in the final concept.
- Safety has also been a top concern of the community. Other gathering areas such as the pavilions will also be lit to promote safety.



### Question 18:

Do you have any other hopes or concerns about the development of this park?

#### Key Takeaways:

- Feedback on the following elements were consistent:
  - **Safety** was listed as a top priority in many responses:
    - Need speed bumps or to slow traffic around the park
    - Fence in the play area
    - Light the park well to prevent criminal activity
    - Prevent vandalism
  - **Maintenance** was a top concern for the park:
    - Many respondents worry that the park will not be maintained.
    - Trash, recycling, and dog waste stations were all listed as crucial elements to the park.
  - **Preserving the natural feel** of the park:
    - Many responses reiterated the desire for the park to have a natural feel
    - Several responses reiterated the desire to preserve and promote the existing wildflowers, low-to-no chemical usage, and native species
  - **Heat** was a main concern:
    - Ample shade was mentioned as a top priority regardless of the concept by many respondents
    - More trees, a shaded picnic area, and water fountains were specifically called out as desirable features that would help with the heat.
  - **Creating a community hub** was also mentioned as a top priority:
    - Several respondents mentioned a pavilion as key to creating a community gathering space within the park
    - Other respondents reiterated a desire for the park to incorporate a variety of uses to serve the entire community.
  - **Quick construction and implementation** were also mentioned as being very important regardless of the chosen design.
- Feedback on the following features were more mixed:
  - **Dog park:**
    - Most comments mentioned how excited they would be to have a dog park included
    - Several comments cited noise and maintenance as a reason for opposition to the dog park.
  - **Play field:**
    - Roughly half of comments opposed the open field because of the close proximity to other fields and the desire to keep as much of the wildflower meadow as possible.



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- The other half of responses supported the open field so their children could have an open space in which to play nearby.
  - **Beehives:**
    - Several comments were strongly in favor of the bee hives
    - Several comments worried about the maintenance and safety of this programming element
  - **Courts:**
    - Many comments iterated the desire to have tennis, pickleball, or basketball courts
    - Other comments did not prefer the addition of these courts because of the noise and impervious cover
  - **Parking-** with about a 50/50 split on comments in favor/opposed
  - 5 responses specifically requested a bathroom.