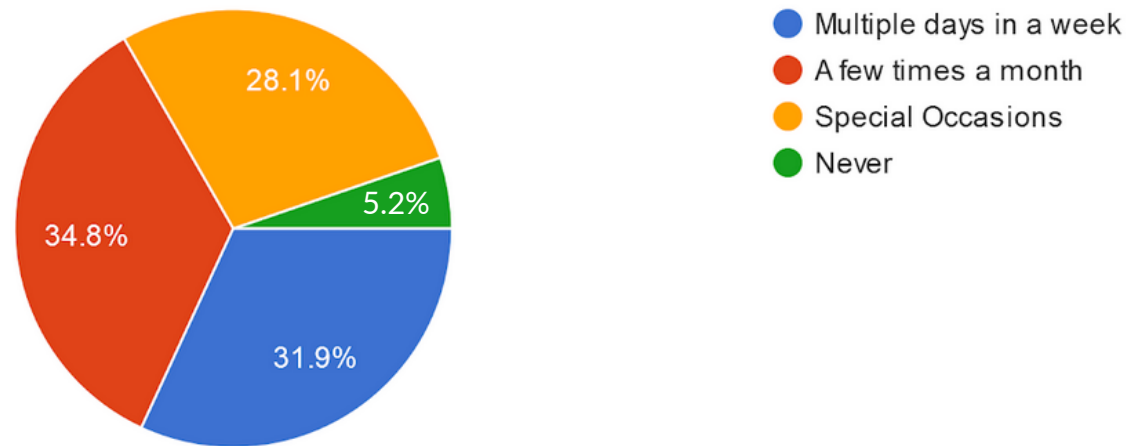


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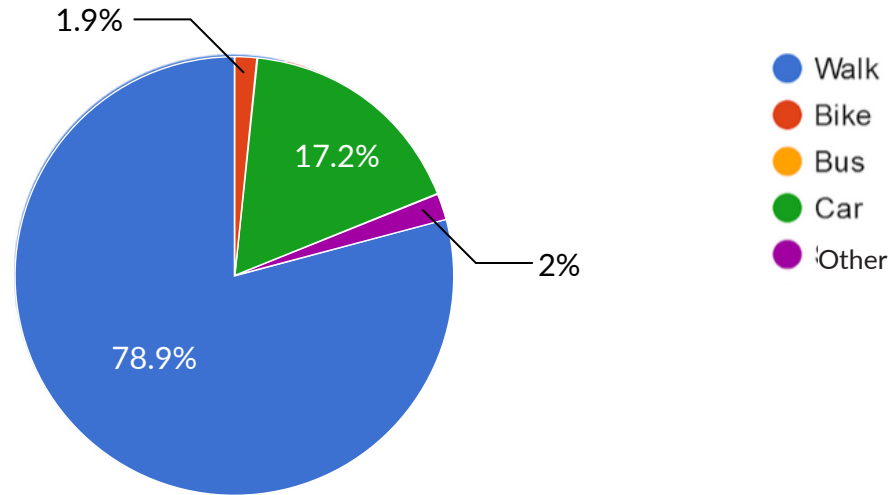
### How frequently do you use Capital School Park?

210 responses

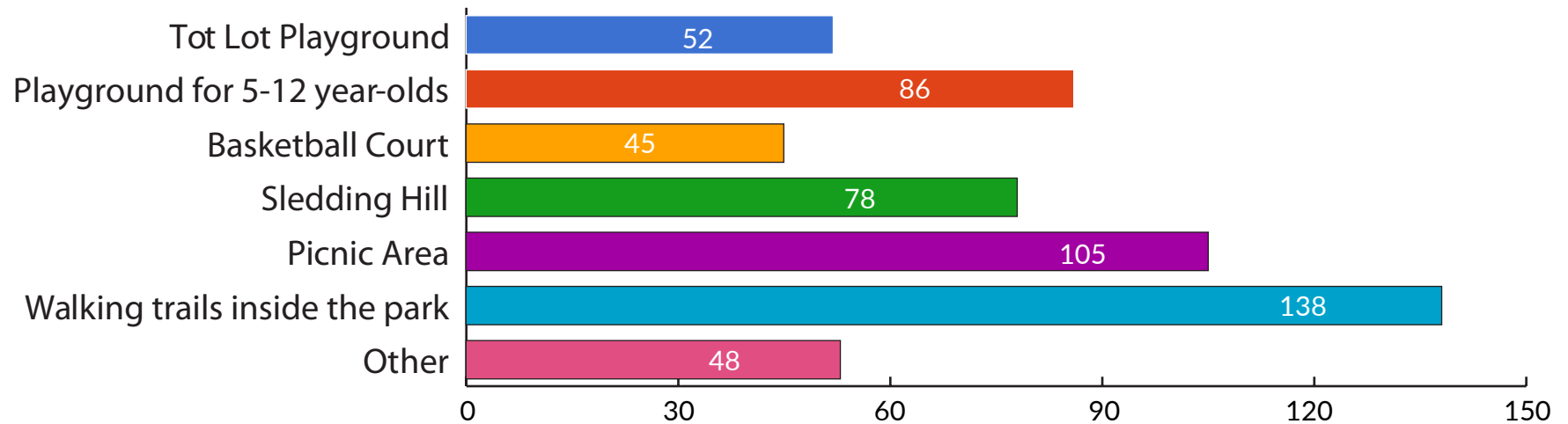


### How do you access Capital School Park?

209 responses

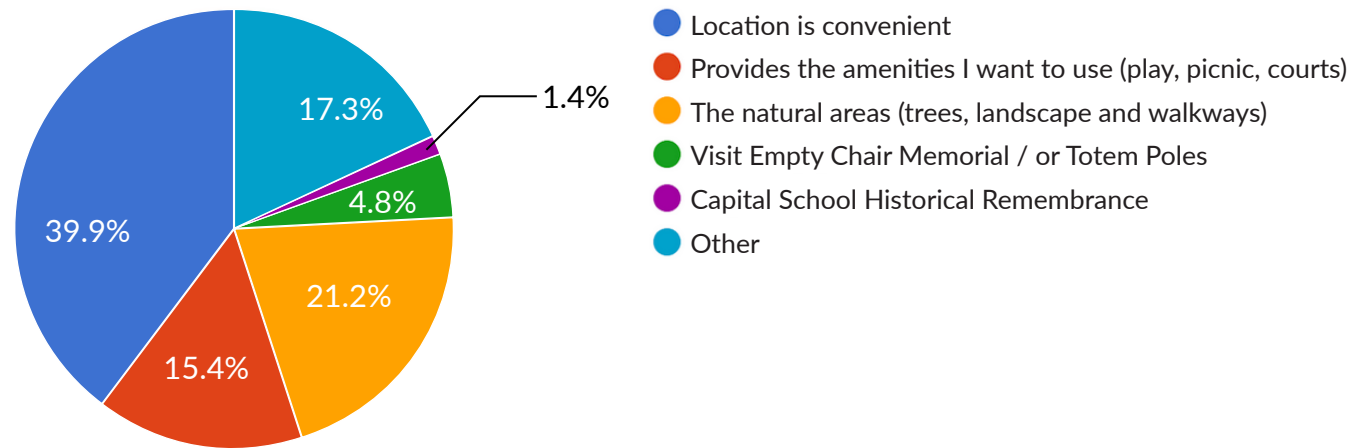


What type of amenities do you use when you visit Capital School Park? (Mark all that apply)  
206 responses



### Why do you visit Capital School Park?

208 responses



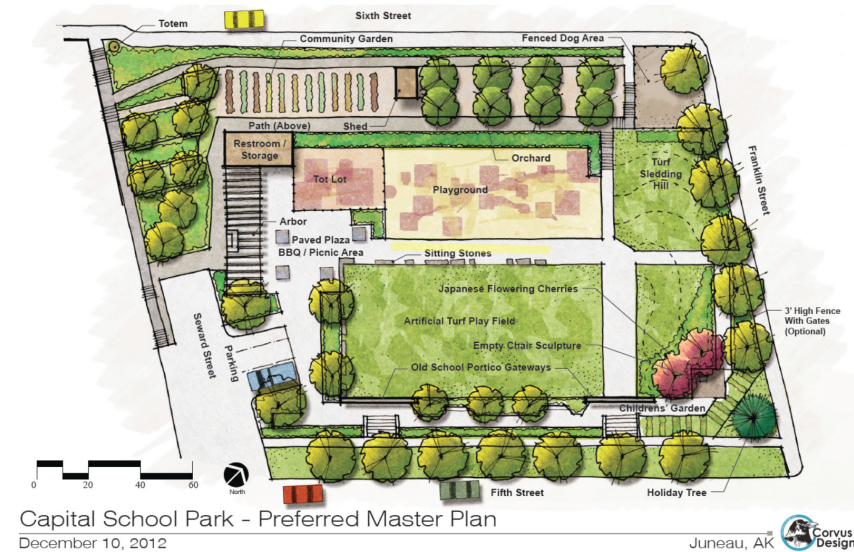
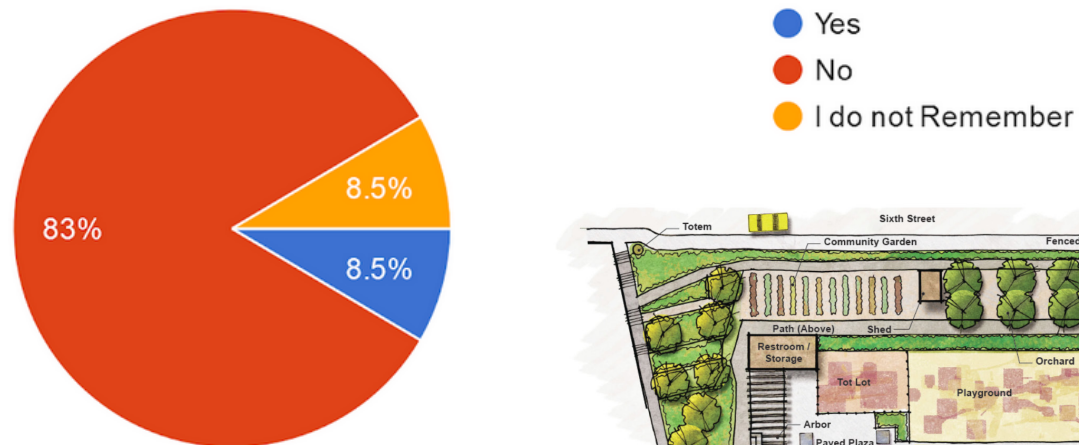


# Capital School Park Reconstruction: Community Vision Assessment - RESULTS REPORT

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Did you participate in the master plan design process in 2012?

212 responses



*If there is ONE thing you could change  
about this plan what would that be?*

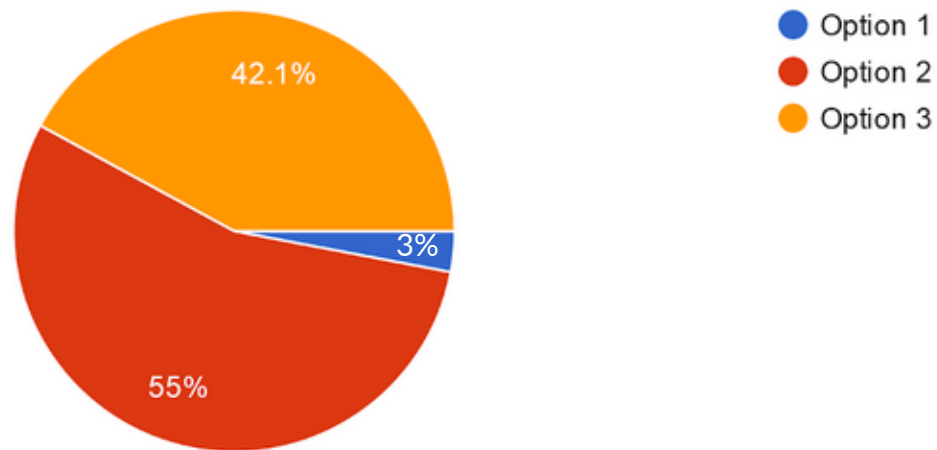
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*Do you have a new BIG idea for the park?*

See Open Response Section

Which of the following do you like best? \*Note these are just generic representations of playgrounds to get an understanding about the loo...quipment you want to see in Capital School Park.  
202 responses



OPTION 1



OPTION 2



OPTION 3

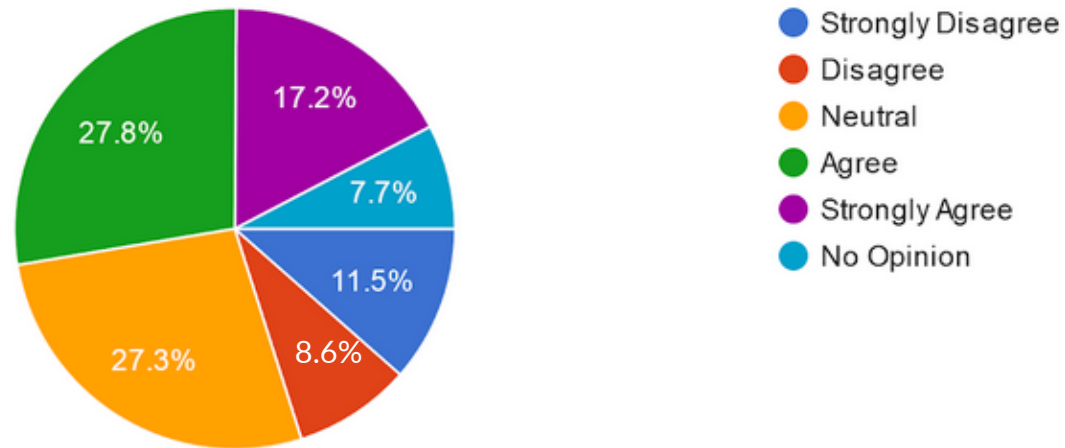


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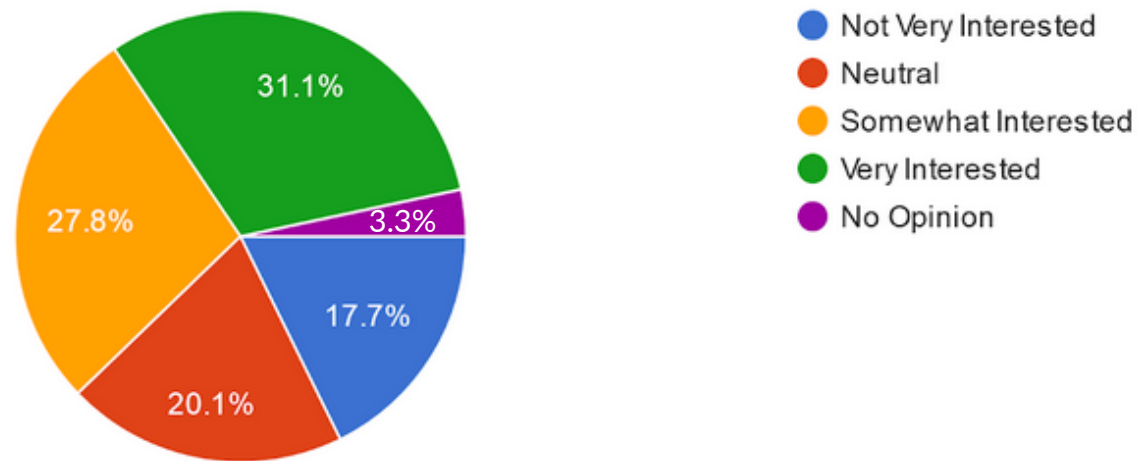
Rank your agreement with the following statement: A basketball area is important to include in the park.

209 responses



How interested are you in providing outdoor fitness equipment?

209 responses

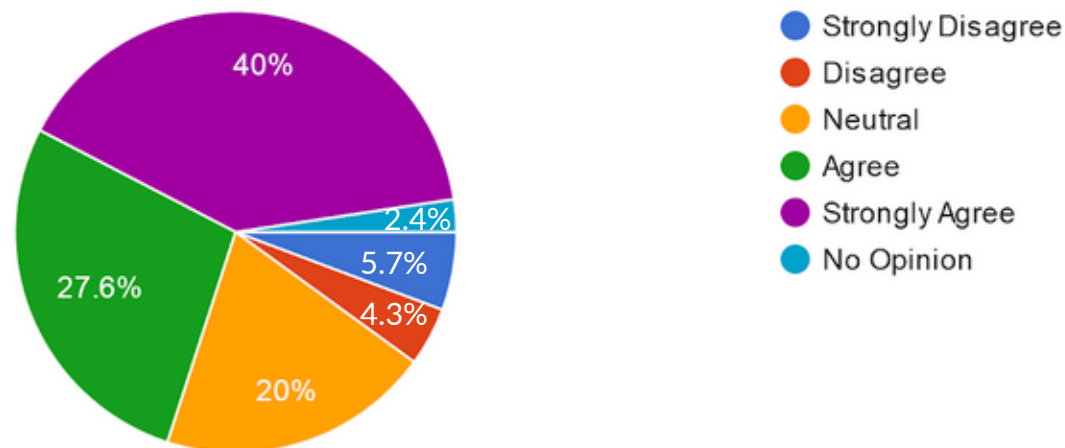


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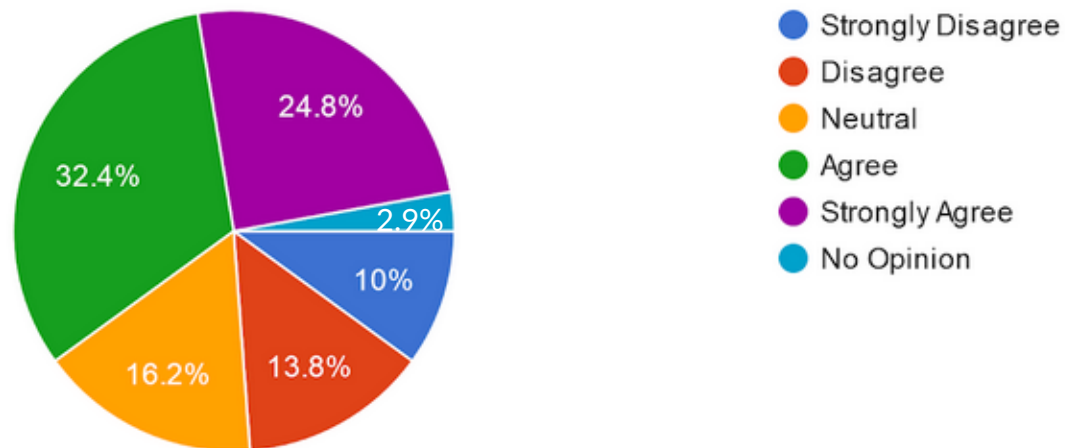
Rank your agreement with the following statement: It is important to further recognize and interpret the cultural features of the park.

210 responses



Rank your agreement with the following statement: Musical Instruments should be incorporated into the Park Programming.

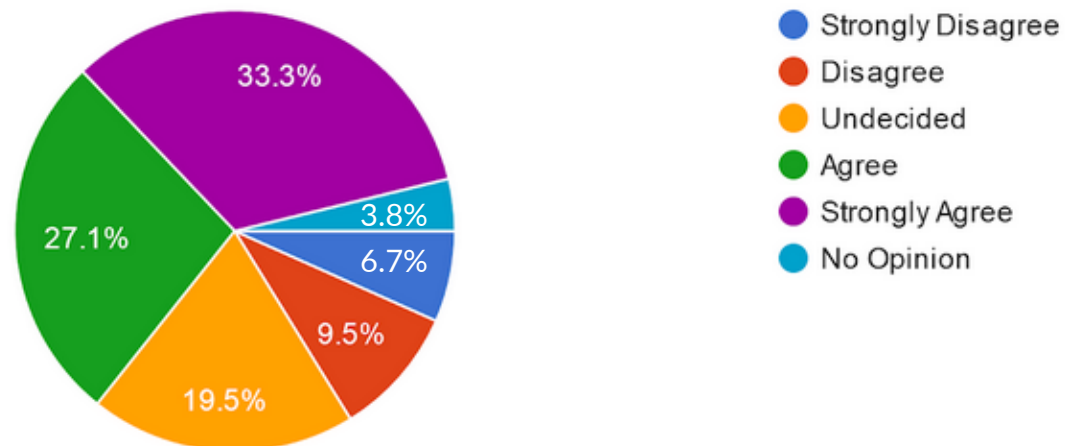
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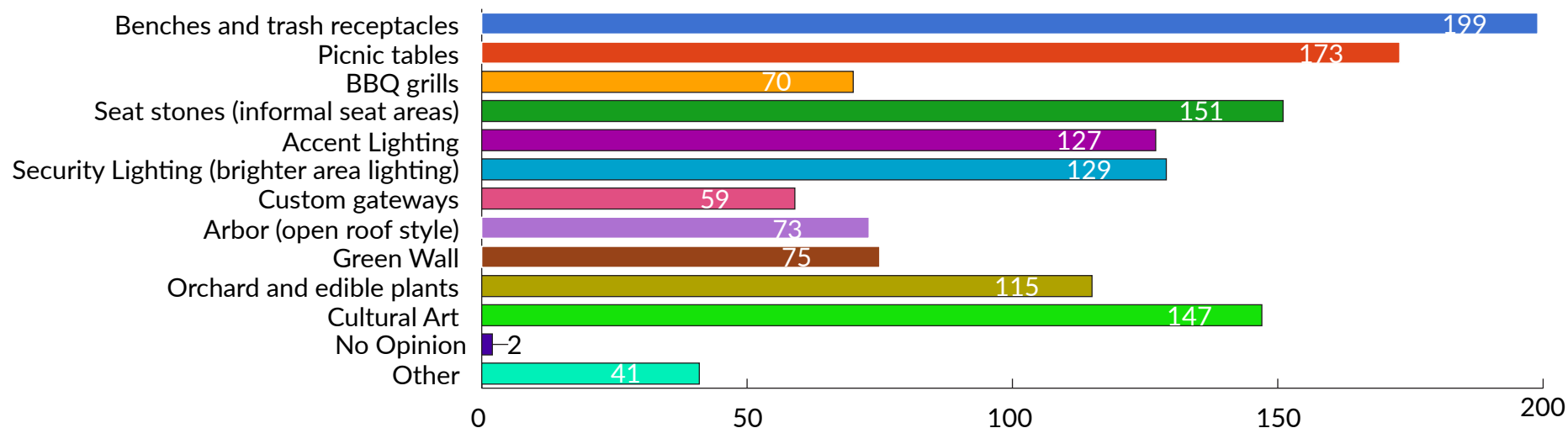
Rank your agreement with the following statement: A space for Community Gardening should be incorporated into the Park Programming.

210 responses

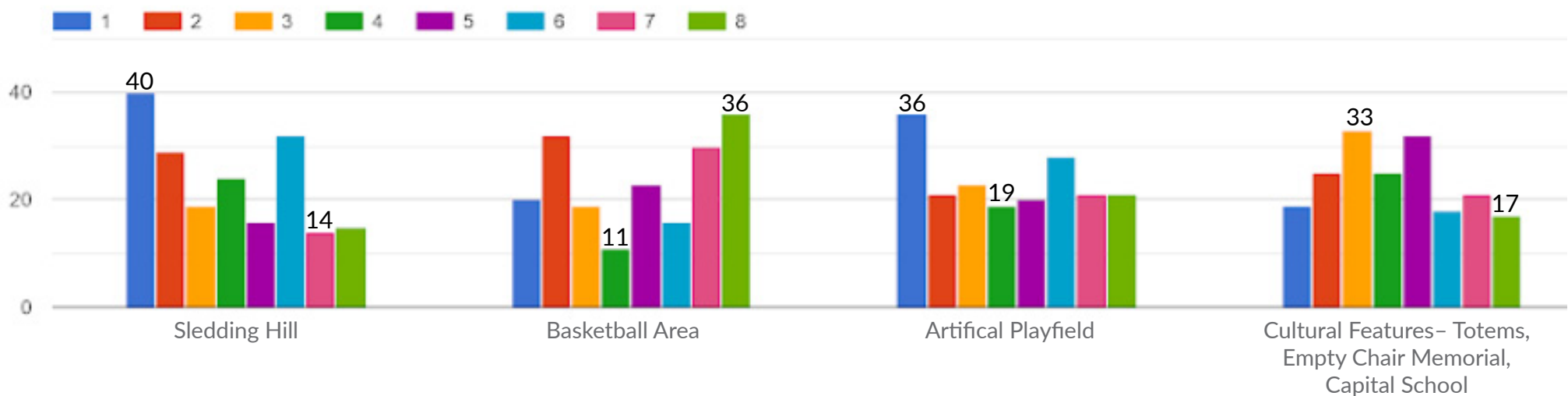


I support the following to be included (Mark all that apply)

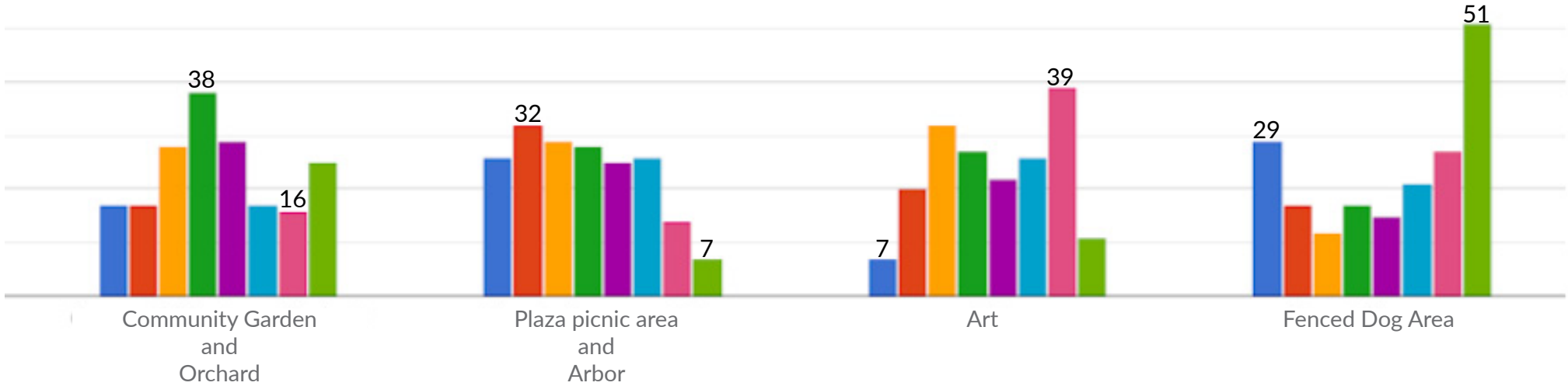
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Please rank the following from MOST important (#1) to LEAST important (#8) \*\*Using a phone? Turn it sideways to see all options.\*\*



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## Open Response Section

## QUESTION 7 RESPONSES

**If there is ONE thing you could change about this plan what would that be?**

A covered picnic shelter

A few more tables for folks to bring work to, draw, etc

A larger dog area would be nice

A place to just relax

A walking trail around the perimeter

Add a ball court - something compact with a net- volleyball, badminton, even basketball. Kids play there a lot.

Add a fenced dog park area so that dogs are not wandering in the park and defecating while owners are failing to pick up after them. I don't think dogs should be allowed in the park unless there is a restricted area for them to be.

Add a gaga ball pit on the edge of the turf field.

Add a paved sports court

Add a safe covered area (or restroom)

Add a second holiday tree at the left bottom corner

Add a skate park

Add a small half pipe

Add an ATV use area

Add at least a half court for basketball because the current court is one of the most heavily used parts of the park.

Add community garden space

Add cover over picnic area

add fitness workout area and/or rock climbing wall

Add in a skate park!

Add installments for rollerskaters such as a bowl, mini ramp/ quarter pipe.

Add more covered space

Add parking. And landscape the open, gravel space.

Adding additional play structures! Covered space to play even on those rainier days

Are you getting rid of the basketball hoop?

Basketball court

going up near the road on their own while the guardian watches the other child down below.

Better use of hillside

Better use of tiered area to south west

Better/newer equipment for park

Bigger court

Bigger dog park area.

Bigger parking lot

Bigger sledding hill

Bike burns on side of sledding hill

Circular paved trail

Complete it?

Cover the basketball area so it could be better used in the rain!

Covered outdoor space.

COVERED PICNIC SPACE

Covered play areas, it's a rain forest!

Covered seating

Covered Shelter

DO NOT use artificial turf anywhere

Dog area could be larger.

dogs

**If there is ONE thing you could change about this plan what would that be?**

Eliminate dog area

Eliminated fenced dog area, artificial turf field, paved plaza.

Fully accessible - Anchorage has done this with all playgrounds.

get rid of artificial turf and replace with a fenced in space big enough for dogs to be off leash and get exercise.

gardener

Grass please

handicap accessible restroom

Have a basketball hoop somewhere.

I can't tell if the existing trees lining sixth street will remain. We love them.

I can't think of anything.

aged out of playground spaces.

thing.

there is still trail area you can walk the dogs on that is away from the kids, besides just the fenced in area which is great, but I imagine won't be used as much as people still walking their dogs around. The fenced in area for the

I like the plan!

I love it! Just be sure that there is a grassy area.

I love this plan!

I think it is GREAT

i think it looks good

then be more natural.

I wish there was a basketball court

I would add a water pump for community garden use

I would choose real grass over artificial turf.

I would include a mini amphitheater type space for live performances and gatherings

I would keep the cherry trees (i.e., no community garden)

I wouldn't turn the sledding hill. The grass is fine. Sorry my dog dug those holes 2015-17.

I'd increase cultural, Native representation in the park and add sitting spaces.

I'd prefer a nice dog park.

Include sand box

It looks good to me.

It seems adequate, since updating it seems to be a focus guessing small changes would be fine.

a young kid could ride a bicycle around and around it.

up but still be out of the rain.

Keep the basketball court

Keep the basketball court

Keep the basketball courts - this is a healthy activity for youth and adults that we should support and encourage.

Keep the basketball hoop

Land acknowledgment, formline art and Tlingit language

Landscaping

Larger community garden

Larger dog area

Larger dog area

LED night lights, shelter

Less community gardens

Less turf

**If there is ONE thing you could change about this plan what would that be?**

Looks great!  
 instead of the dirt patch  
 Looks nice 👍  
 Make dog area bigger  
 Make it more blind and low vision friendly  
 Make stairs on left go all the way to 6th st  
 thought.  
 Make the whole park except the playground dog friendly.  
 more climbing for tots and more swings for all.  
 More kids toys  
 more open  
 More open area  
 More organic shapes - seems very stiff  
 more oriented to adults  
 More parking  
 more parking spots  
 More picnic/lunch areas  
 not far away) and artificial turf field (again there is one down by high school that is well used).  
 more seating  
 More seating  
 More space for kids  
 More walking area or cement for roller skating  
 more, smaller picnic areas. there's often different groups that use it at the same time  
 Move proposed community garden to artificial turf play field  
 Move the dog area down to the flat area somewhere. Keep the turf field but dogs use this place all the time.  
 NA  
 natural surface instead of artificial turf  
 Needs basketball court  
 signage for the empty chair memorial.  
 Nix the community and children's gardens  
 no artificial turf  
 no artificial turf  
 No Artificial Turf  
 No Artificial Turf  
 No artificial turf field  
 no artificial turf!  
 no bbq, no rest room; keep it more simple  
 no bbq, no rest room; keep it more simple  
 No community garden because they aren't maintained consistently  
 no dogs  
 No fake turf, keep grass  
 fast. It is also located near the top of the park and any rainwater would carry left waste downhill.  
 Not aure  
 Not primarily focused on children.  
 nothing  
 Nothing



## QUESTION 7 RESPONSES

**If there is ONE thing you could change about this plan what would that be?**

please leave this a place for children.

Nothing!

Nothing. Looks like a great series of improvements.

than Whale Park to walk a dog in a natural environment. Hard to see how Capital School can help that but please make a note of my strong sense of need.

one lonely basketball hoop

Orchard is cool but may be bear attractant.... more community garden space instead might make more sense.

Other than new trees and landscaping, don't mess with it. It's perfectly fine.

Picnic area closer to pretty trees

Plant grass

play surface area outside the playground equipment from dirt to sod.

Playground too big

Please do not get rid of the basketball courts. This is a trend around town when designing parks.

Please keep the basketball hoop and playing areas

Please make the dog fence high enough so large dogs can't potentially jump out.

Previous children's garden was not maintained. Skeptical about that and community garden being kept up.

Prohibit dogs. Dogs + kids = trouble

Rain cover over the tot lot and play ground. Like a sun shade in the lower 48 but for rain.

real grass in the large part of the open space

remove dog area- this is already so close to cope park. add a water fountain

remove dog park - fecal material will flow downhill and contaminate all plantings

Remove the parking spaces

Rocks by the grassy play area seem unsafe

Sad, but how to keep homeless drug-users out

Sand box or sand pile

Seating in between turf and garden area

Skatepark

The artificial turf

<b>Do you have a new BIG idea for the park?</b>
A roof over the playground. Toddlers get real pissy when we they can't play outside due to weather
A skatepark that is beginner, child and roller skate friendly
A small space to skate in the winter? Maybe in the space where the turf is slated to go in.
Add a covered area!
add a large covered picnic area
Add a skate park! Small features for kids that are new to skating/boarding/scooters
Add a skate park!!
Add community garden space
Area to flood for ice skating
Bandstand/Stage! Lots of performance type events are popping up at Chicken Yard (which is too small)
Better drainage. Less mud.
by side so people can "race.") It would be super fun, unique, and kids would get a lot of exercise running up the hill to go again.
Bike track on side of sledding hill (burm turns)
sensory/tactile cues around the park for the disabled, smooth track for wheelchair friendly, happy to brainstorm to accommodate for blind/low vision/multiple disabled
the docks from skaters.
Community raised beds garden
Community/Japanese Garden near the empty chair memorial
important.
Cover part of it, like the playground, and cover the picnic tables
Cover picnic shelter
COVER play areas so it can be enjoyed in the rain
Covered area
Covered picnic areas, improved surfaces
COVERED PICNIC SPACE
Definitely not another spinner thing like Cope Park has- kids hate that it's so hard to move!
Design looks great with exception of no basketball court.
dig out underground parking
Disc golf putting basket
Dog park.
skate downtown
Even more color and fragrance.
Expand sunny seating
Fix the drainage before someone dies on the ice.
Floodable courts that can be used to ice skate.
Freeze the basketball court during winter for ice skating.
get rid of the burnt out building next door
good playground
Grass, like a lawn (or even a turf)
Grass. Like real grass.
have seat benches that rotate so the dry side becomes the top
and not enough swings.
I like the idea of it.
I like the master plan overall
sustainable, local, beautiful, & low maintenance edibles in the landscaping

## QUESTION 8 RESPONSES

Do you have a new BIG idea for the park?
I think it should be planted with native plants in the bedding areas except where there are existing trees/bushes
I think it's weird the artificial turf area is larger than the playground - maybe I'd swap those ratios
I think the plan looks great!
the parking garage. Downtown parking, especially for "Capitol Hill" neighborhood is extremely limited in the summer/legislative season. Also I would expand the designated dog poop and dog play area since many of us
If a parking lot is made, ensure the park is at the top.
term.
It would be nice to see local artwork or traditional designs incorporated into the sitting structures or arbor
Just no more plastic crud (tire sheds/astroturf)
Keep it SIMPLE and preserve the character.
Keep it simple, easy to maintain. Keep it open to sun. Don't need an arbor to block sun.
Leave some dirt/mudholes for kids to play in.
LED lights and covers benches
maintain the area that's currently mud and gravel so it's more welcoming for kids and dogs.
Make a memorial to past uses of the space
Mini Skate park, bowl and mini ramp
More color and vibrancy
More lighting
Hoop House?
More trails and walkways, adult workout stations
No
No this plan looks lovely, the turf sledding hill is a great idea for kids too!!
No, I like it pretty simple!
No, I love the master plan
No, just care for water drainage

**What additional play elements would meet the needs of children 2-5 years old?**

a chalkboard wall? idk

one can play on them at one time.

A little rowboat maybe

A merry go round and/or see saw

A merry-go-round like the one at Cope Park would be nice

are now middle aged adults). Get rid of the plastic.

Additional tot/infant swings, or climbing wall options

Another rocking animal would be nice.

Anything additional to climb and explore would be great.

Art

Baby swing and musical element

Baby swings

Balance beam, seesaw, a climbing wall, monkey bars, a geo climber

Climbing and musical features would be great

Covered/"tube" slides are great for our wet weather. Baby swings would be nice.

digging toy or scoop/dump activity

Dirt bike track

Don't know.

Education interactive opportunities, colors, counting, ambidextrous interactions

Grass field

Ground that is easier for a toddler to walk on; the rubber chips are difficult for them

Healthy materials - no recycled rubber, more things for them to interact with and move around.

stairs to the slide. Full body accessible swing for all little ones to use. Water table feature with drains or outdoor kids kitchen.

I don't interact with too many 2-5 year olds.

I think some handicapped accessible play swings might be nice

the equipment is boring and not very creatively placed - taking up a lot of room. Seems like there must be more interesting equipment that could be better situated.

I'm not against new equipment--I just want open space to remain open

Interactive areas

Keep the sandbox

year old section).

Large Outdoor Music Makers

Large rocks

Learning letters, numbers, music, stacking, rock climbing wall, alaskan cultural art

Low monkey bars or dome climber

Maybe a mural to make it prettier and more inviting

them or a soccer goal to practice little kid soccer

Merry go round

More climbing, walking bridges, jumping structures.

More color - maybe a chalk board/wall element on the backdrop.

More interactive play elements, brain games, nature play areas

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more large climbing

More natural spaces and materials, such as big rocks; less tire crumb and plastic

More swings

## QUESTION 10

**What additional play elements would meet the needs of children 2-5 years old?**

Mud kitchen, xylophone, water play

Mural on the back concrete wall.

Musical instrument installations or interactive educational boards

Musical play toys.

N/a

No idea.

No my concern, but as long as the laughter can be heard I am good with it

None needed

nonflammable materials

Not sure, no kids here

nothing

Ours is not two yet. I would think just some art bolted on the retaining walls. She likes animals

Outdoor musical instruments

Passive non noise producing. Drums, Xylophones should stay at Proj. Playground !

rock wall

Rockwall

rubber mat surfacing

safety swing

Safety swing

Sand box

Sand pit

poured in place rubber. Musical instruments.

Seesaw

SEnsory play

Skatepark

Sliding

small climbing wall

Small swings?

Small swings?

soft stepping stones to jump from, swings, rock or sand box to bring tractors to dig in, trike path

poop on it.

Something soft to run on, like soft mulch or some sort of padded ground covering.

sound garden or music-making equipment

Steering wheels, abacus, playground telephone

swing

swing set

Swing set for young kids

Swing, more slides

Swings

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## QUESTION 10

**What additional play elements would meet the needs of children 2-5 years old?**

Swings and seesaw

swings are such a huge favorite for this age

Swings for young kids. The swings are too big for toddlers and they LOVE swinging.

Swings, bouncy bridge

Swings, more to climb on

Swings, see saw

swings, teeter totters

Teeter totter!!

There is no toddler safe swing. A beam for balance walking or a walking obstacle course could be fun.

something in between the two would be nice.

Toddler swing, soft/bouncy surfaces

Toddler swings

toddler swings

Tot lot not really needed

Unknown

we like the big dinosaur at harborview

Wooden teeter totter and something similar to a merry go round so they can spin

<b>Is there something specific you want included in the outdoor fitness area?</b>
a challenge course sounds the most useful
a circuit or route (with instructions)
a complete equipment set up for core exercise including sit ups, pull ups, etc.
A fountain would be nice
A pair of outdoor Ellipticals (akin to ones you find in South Korean outdoor fitness areas)
A parkour for adults.
adult fitness trail
Adult slide and fun exercise pieces
Against an "outdoor fitness area."
An elliptical type structure
Anything that can help with cardio
balance beam
Challenge course
Challenge course sounds like it could be interesting; Capital Park would be a good place for something like that
Climbing wall or balance based obstacle course
Curling bench
Equipment that works for seniors.
Half pipe
I feel like these circuit work out things never get used.
I have enjoyed those outdoor stations with different workouts as you move through the space. Some basic ninja-sty
Just an area to stretch/warm up.
Like the one on Whitehorse river front park
More dog areas
More smooth cement for those with wheels and wheel chairs
Muscle up bar
N/A
n/a
N/A
NA
Natural materials
No
no
No
no
No
no
no, but activities for adults other than sitting/picnicking sounds great!
No, but I do think it is a great inclusion to playground areas. Not sure how successful it will be in the Juneau climate
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No, but I generally support the idea
Not really.
Nothing
null.
One of those permanent elliptical things
Open area for martial arts training
Pull up bar

## QUESTION 13

**Is there something specific you want included in the outdoor fitness area?**

Pull up bar

pull up bar, dip station

Pull Up bars

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pull-up bar.

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Push up/sit up bars/stations.

Related to the native games

Remember the Par Course fad of the 70s? That was cool!

resistance training circuit (pullups, situp benches, etc.)

Respectfully, this is not a good location for workout stations. It's extremely high-vis. Cope Park and pullouts along rock wall / fitness area / track

Rowing machine

Running track

Self-weighted rower, sitting rotator

Senior fitness

signs to keep dogs on leash, dog bags

Skate park

Skatepark

Slack lines, rock climbing area

Snack shack

Soccer goals

something that targets core work

Specific stations for an entire body workout.

Stationary bike

Throughout Europe, there is a distinction between parks and playgrounds. Parks are generally established for adult

Varying height pull up bars.

Weightlifting, stairstepper,

West Chester lagoon has a great outdoor calisthenics area. Simple balance beam, chin up bar, incline. Lots of good

Wolf

Would need to research more but I like the idea

Would prefer basketball to outdoor fitness equipment.



**General Comments you would like to share with the Design Team**

A dog area would help to keep dogs out of the play area. The rubber chips are unsanitary especially with unsupervised dogs using the area.

A skate park would be a blast and very fun for kids and adults of all ages!

A team sport area would be great. Volleyball is more conducive to a neighbourhood pick up game with mixed adults/kids and the net can double for badminton.

a walking path around the perimeter that can also be used for snowshoeing and/cross-country skiing

Appreciate the care being put into ensuring this historic park stays around for future generations to enjoy. Though small in space - it has a lot of potential to add many more cultural elements and community building spaces. It can be a model park assuming the improvement moves forward.

As a volunteer for the J-D city museum, I find tourists really enjoy the historical part of the park and Empty chair.

As someone who lives downtown, when I think of what I want this park to be I think: bright, accessible, reflective of the community

As someone who's lived next to the park for 6 years, it is extremely important to families living downtown as space for their kids and dogs especially to play and blow off steam. Similarly, it's crucial for the local day care location, judging by the playing I hear every day! Older kids and adults use the basketball area frequently. I think those are the groups that should be prioritized in the park. Anything additional to bring in other groups is good, too. As to the community garden idea, it needs to be made safe (as much as possible) from dogs and cats in the park, and the bears that stroll through in the summer. I know garden plots at chicken yard have been rendered unusable by cats preferring to use them as a litter box.

Assuming this is the local firm I'm generally optimistic about it. Poured in place or the matting from Cope is ideal. Keep the geometry of the sledding hill.

bare ground fenced dog areas are not the same as places to walk your dog

Better lighting would be great

Bike features integrated into the sides

Built in skate able features

Consider a skate park!

Discovery Preschool uses the playground every day and we are excited to see any and all improvements!!

Dog waste sucks and is not compatible with playgrounds but so many families have both kids and dogs and my family has happy memories of Capital Park hosting my dog for fetch and my son for playground equipment joy.

Dogs are good

Finish it!

Good lighting for winter nights

Good or even very good survey; I believe the things you should address the most: keep the sledding hill, the cultural and touchstone type of elements are fine and don't need to be expanded, basketball court, also outdoor exercise equipment and poured in place rubber surfacing. I have experience in building parks.

Greenspace seems most important to me, with natural areas that invite play. e.g. rocks, gentle hills for rolling and sliding even in summer, climbing trees and/or sculptures. Leave off the commercial equipment and artificial turf. Dogs and people can potty elsewhere.

**General Comments you would like to share with the Design Team**

Happy to work together and collaborate as community blind rehab specialist

Hello. I live at 536 Seward Street--I step out my front door and right into this park. For the last three years, the house next door (526 Seward Street) has been under major construction. The noise was a terrible, almost-daily nuisance, unbearable at times, particularly on the weekends and when I started working from home more this year. All of that work just finished and the idea of another construction project beginning anytime soon makes my heart sink. I don't know if I could take it. I know that sounds dramatic! But it's true. Also, I have a dog and we use the park every single day, multiple times a day. If the park was closed for any amount of time it would be incredibly inconvenient for us. I do support the idea of improving the park, adding gardens, and incorporating artwork and memorials. But for me, directly on the border of this park, it would be so appreciated if the projects selected did NOT require extensive closures of the park and long periods of work with heavy machinery and equipment. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Hopefully this park will be as inviting to adults as it is to kids. Playground is great. But it will take more to attract adults.

I don't play basketball but I use that space to play other games such as tennis or badminton. So I like the idea of having a hard okay surface and then the play turf. The hard surface could be something other than concrete.

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I don't like the way we were supposed to rank uses. I think many of the listed uses could be incorporated into the park. I can't imagine ever removing the Empty Chair exhibit. There's a dog park in Cope Park. Capital School Park needs either real grass or artificial turf. A basketball court would get a lot of use. Don't fill it up with too many play areas other than what's already there. Many more adults would make use of the park if some of it was dedicated to adult uses, too.

I feel very strongly about NOT letting dogs overrun the park. I did not see restrooms on the list for amenities, but at the very least the portapotty is very appreciated.

I have lived above the park for 32 years. Family groups, kids and dogs with owners are probably the biggest users. Also, solo individuals often stop and sit in a private spot. Various exercise classes sometimes meet. I think it's important to keep the area very open, so kids can run and chase while parents keep them in sight. Picnic sites could be somewhat separate from each other for privacy of groups. The Japanese memorial is a special, contemplative spot for many.

I have started a rotating park group every Thursday. The amount of parking you have wouldn't suffice. I would cut down on some of the play turf or children's garden and give more parking. Especially downtown. Many of us come from Douglas.

I hope the park can be a destination for kids to play, families and workers to picnic, tourists to learn about Juneau's heritage in a woodsy setting.

I like the chair memorial but don't want to incorporate plans for new memorials. The sledding hill, climbing equipment and swings are the most important. This is a place to bring kids to play, and maybe have a few benches for the kids watchers. It's been harder for me to bring my grandkids when day care is there. They don't get a turn on the swings and the tot area is full, but I want those kids to play too so I guess we need to build for the day care.

I like the design, it's nice. Dog park area sounds fine, But the regulars who walk their dog in the park or play with their dog in the park off leash illegally are still going to do that whether or not there is a fenced dog park area. FYI. Restroom is plumbed or not? Right next to tot area might make parents nervous, based on our experience at Cope Park.

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I live in the brown house in the center of the park survey photo, with a bedroom and home office overlooking the park. I also work in the Terry Miller Legislative Office Building. Every day I visit the park with my seven-month-old daughter, cross the park numerous times, and spend hours watching users of the park. A few comments: (1) Children rather than adults are the superusers of the park, thanks especially to the nearby preschool and to the presence of the sledding hill. The busiest times in the current park design are when the preschoolers are there or when it snows and kids throughout downtown come to sled. (2) Tai chi and aikido groups practice often in the park, either near the empty chair or in the basketball area. They should be consulted in the design process (more below). (3) While it is occasionally fun to hear the sound of a basketball in the park and to see two or more people shooting hoops together, it is uncommon for the basketball area to be used for basketball. While I love the sport of basketball, it is not a popular activity at the park. (4) As a legislative employee myself, I am surprised by how little the park is used by my colleagues. Better signage/wayfinding from the capitol to the park would encourage greater use of the park by legislative personnel and other visitors, especially summer tourists. (5) In and around the park, improved signage/wayfinding would be invaluable to summer visitors. I often see tourists who have become lost in the neighborhood. Most of the new signage is helpful, with the glaring exception of the misdirected/mislabeled new sign at the corner of 5th Street and Gold St, one block from the park, where visitors coming uphill from the cruise ship docks are now mistakenly told to head in the wrong direction if they are seeking the attractions of Basin Road (please tell the right person to fix the directional arrows on this sign). Tourists in the area, including in the park itself, often ask me for directions because they aren't sure which way to go after reaching the park, where many hikers/explorers take a breather or visit the empty chair memorial before heading elsewhere. Having new and improved signs for what is in the park (i.e. for the empty chair) should be coupled with new and accurate wayfinding signs for those who may be interested in heading to points beyond the park.

I live on 5th St and love this park and its historical lilac bush and cultural art which should have permanent signage but I think there needs to be more natural native habitat for local wildlife and less lighting features for less light pollution. The dog walk is important for the neighborhood and I would \*\*\*\*\*LOVE\*\*\* to help with the community garden which should also have a spigot for water for the garden.

I really miss the roses — put back just one somewhere?

I really think you should consider the idea of a parking garage. The current playground could be paved over and a new playground pavilion could be built above it. I don't believe it would greatly obstruct anybody's view and it would satisfy the great need for parking.

I see very little use of the basketball court, but maybe with improvements it would get used more. I think providing some space out of the rain for people to spend time would be nice. I love the trees, historic features, and landscaping that is currently there. Also maybe the retaining wall is an opportunity for some art or murals. The musical features are a nice idea, but need to keep in mind that sound projects from that area and people live in the areas surrounding, so there is potential for that to get very annoying. Incorporating some local themes in the playground structures would be nice, Bozeman, MT just did a very nice job with a new park and playground that serves as a great example (as does our very own project playground).

I think the committee should prioritize a place where families can play and gather, since the next closest place is a school district playground that isn't always available to the public.

I think the plans look great! I use the park frequently and I think these would be great changes!

I wish the fenced dog area would keep dogs from pooing on the turf, but unfortunately I doubt it since they already poo on the playgrounds. There is already a large dog park nearby at Cope Park, so I think the precious downtown space should be more focused on facilities for children and youth. I have seen young people using the basketball court so I suppose that's important. The orchard area and roses and maples are unique in town and I hope they won't be compromised for a community garden that only a few can benefit from. The small garden area in the bottom corner has been very neglected when I've gone by and is a bit of an eyesore. Really, a vegetable garden such as that can be anywhere and this space should be focused as a public park rather than trying to fit in everything trendy.

I would love to reduce the use of plastic as much as possible.

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I would love to see a cement bowl and a mini ramp with rails and boxes for grinding

I'm sure you all will do a great job, thank you for being a part of Juneau history!

If artificial turf area was not included that surface could remain dirt for dog activity and playground equipment area could be fenced in. But I am not strongly attached to having an area for dogs here.

I'm a homeowner (our place is close enough that it's in the aerial photo of the park) and use this park nearly daily with two kids, and in the past, dogs, so my comments are coming from that perspective.

My biggest wish is PLEASE, PLEASE, do not use tire crumb or other artificial turf coverings in the park. Regardless of where the scientific literature currently leans on whether this is in fact carcinogenic, it's gross. It doesn't stay where you put it, so it's like filling the park with bits of garbage that get everywhere. In kids areas, please utilize mulch, woodchips, or pea gravel where you need a landing pad. Tire crumb stains clothing, leaves black marks on hands and faces, and yes, kids DO put it in their mouths. It often contains little metal shaving bits that cause small cuts or metal splinters. I can't think of a worse thing to put in a "tot lot."

I would encourage the design team to utilize natural materials and interest as much as possible - yes kids love the slides and swings, but the edible landscaping, big rocks, and climbable hills are also appreciated. The natural hills and paths and "nooks and crannies" of the park are great for hide and seek and exploring and appreciating Juneau's natural beauty downtown - and may houses, including our own, don't have backyards for this kind of outdoor exploration.

A huge turf field in the middle doesn't make a lot of sense considering the usual users of the park: a lot of dog people, kid people, and workers from neighboring offices at lunch, neighborhood friends meeting up - and (maybe again someday) tourists looking for the Empty Chair memorial. Let's use the slope to highlight Juneau's natural beauty and make it a relaxing place to be outside, not surrounded by dog poop (and I have NO idea how to get certain dog people to pick up the poop ... it's bad) and tire crumb and a soccer field very few will use. (I do think a small basketball area is good to keep, though.)

A final thought - the drainage is bad. That flat area turns into a big mud pit, and/or ice rink. The retaining wall seems to have a creek running through it. Can you work WITH the landscape instead of against it? Maybe a little creek bed wouldn't be the worst thing. Big rocks and kids would love jumping it.

Thanks for all this. I think Juneau has amazing Parks and Rec. One day this summer there I noticed there was a broken swing, and it was repaired/replaced so fast. You guys rock. We use the parks, and we appreciate it!

-Juneau Resident

It gets muddy there, so thoughts about how to allow for water draining properly?

It would be nice to include a covered play area if possible

It's already a beautiful park with a broad appeal, hopefully nothing will be taken away and only updates added.

I've noticed a lot of dog owners use the park. Your plan doesn't have much space for them. However, I think they can walk to Cope Park for more space. Also, some owners aren't cleaning up their dogs' poop, which is especially bad because many young children use the park, too.

Juneau has no covered play areas...this might be a chance to change that!

Just please, no more plastic. The artificial turf is a terrible idea.

Just that the dog area seems way too small to actually be helpful/I as a dog owner am not sure who would use that. There's the fenced dog park at cope park which is close, and this small can't be used for like exercising your dog or the usual things a person uses a dog park for. I would just not do that and use the space for something else, or just leave it as open space

Keep a basketball court! Thanks

Keep it simple and built to use and abuse. The area is used by so many different people, ages, needs, culture. The bears get into the existing fruit trees and damage them, as do younger kids. Garden

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space usually ends up looking weedy and unkept. This can be downtown Juneau's family park, accessible to all, green space, quiet space, kids space, meeting space, picnic space, sledding hill, and deluxe playground. Gardens need to be kid proofed, kids love climbing park trees. Would love to see trails on the back slope with benches, low level lighting. Covered shelter turns into sleeping quarters at night. Not sure about the arbor, doesn't stop the rain, don't need the shade. The park gets used at night and early morning for dog walking, not sure that the small sized dog enclosure would attract many dog walkers, who need the walking exercise with their dogs. Bathroom would be good, but again, a homeless magnet? A half court Basketball court would be nice, but with limited park area, what do we give up? Keep it simple, but very nice!

Keep the handicapped parking!

Less is more. Please consider the peaceful and quiet qualities of the neighborhood rather than turning it into being all things to everyone. I like dogs, they have a quality and big area at Cope Park just over the hill. Bears will be attracted to an orchard/garden with compost. Please consider that. Make it more like an Arboretum than a play ground- esp. since so much effort and money went into Project Playground - Remember....Arboretum with nice seasonal colors. A Japanese cherry and plum planting is very appropriate at the Empty Chair Memorial, and would be a beautiful addition visually and spiritually for park users...

Looking forward to the improvements!

Love the artful lighting on the seawalk - lighting is important

Love the cherry trees around the memorial!

Make sure there are swings

Making better use of the packed dirt area would be very much appreciated

Merry go round!

More indigenous art and accessible areas for those with wheels and wheel chairs.

My daughter enjoys this space year round with her day care and we love that it is available!

N/A

no

No

No ripped up tires for turf. Use a natural substance like sand or pebbles. Include more futuristic equipment as twin lakes.

No. Thank you for working on this. Parks are important to community

Not bad but please don't bring back the stupid plastic white fences, that was annoying ugly and useless

now is a great time to be doing this as there are several new families in the neighborhood. please don't make the playground equipment a big plastic mess- let it have some challenging features and have more of a natural feel to it. should also have a surface that allows kids to learn how to ride a bike there!

Parks don't need to be fancy to be nice; some sprucing up, a few more amenities to encourage people to drop by and stay. No need to overthink this one.

Please consider universal design features

Please continue to make the little kids who use the playground a priority. Readily available Trash bins and dog bags are also important in Juneau.

Please cover the picnic and other areas too, we live in a rain forest. If this can't be done because of vagrants then sell the park into private hands

Please do this for Juneau

Please don't add a bunch of plastic! Natural materials like a fallen tree log are much nicer. If you repair the wall around the playground areas and basketball court some kind of artwork would be nice instead of just concrete. On the other hand, the concrete wall could be fun for people to 'write' on with chalk...

Please don't ban dogs from the park

Please incorporate healthy non toxic materials, especially in areas for the kids!

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Please please please keep the murals and the turf field.

Please, remember not everyone has and loves dogs. Please make this a space for humans, not dogs.

Rails, tables, ledges, skate bowl (pool)

Support of Inclusion of garden dependent on who responsible for care.

survey on previous page is incorrectly set up and does not allow for multiple items in the same column

Thank you for asking

Thank you for doing this! I'm excited to see the results.

Thank you for listening to my feedback, even though I do not live in the area where the park is at.

thank you so much for your efforts on this project at this beloved park. My comments are drawn from previous questions in this survey:

- regarding musical elements in the tot lot - while I agree 100% with the benefits of this concept - so often it is executed poorly and is therefore un-interesting to kiddos. Additionally, this opportunity exists at several other parks in our community - which is why I rank it as a low priority.

-regarding the community garden - As an avid gardener myself - I appreciate a community garden; however, I would like to see Capital Park continue as more of a broad-use destination, and believe that the limited space would be better allocated towards workout stations and retaining basketball.

Incorporating edible landscaping may be an ideal compromise. A downtown community garden already exists at Chicken Yard Park.

Thank you!

Thank you!

Thanks very much for your hard work to improve this potentially great little park downtown!

Thanks!

The basketball court is the only one of its kind in downtown Juneau. It should be worked into the plan.

The biggest problem for any dog owner in downtown is a place for dogs to run around a bit off leash.

Some can't or won't do the staircase to Cope Park and look for the most available option, so many people use Capital park already as an informal dog park. (I saw more dog owners there than I see kids in a given day before COVID.) This could include a covered area for dog owners to huddle underneath as their pups sniff about.

The concrete retaining wall needs to be fixed so it doesn't drop blocks. thanks for all the work you are doing. I love this sort of thing!

The ice from the bad drainage is going to break somebody's hip. Or head. I heard the city was going to fix it in the 2010 park bonds. Fix it now. Oh, and we don't need noise amplifiers ("music devices") in a park near offices. Put them at Twin Lakes and Melville and Chicken Yard, sure. But toddler 'music' is only beautiful to mom & dad. When people are trying to work, it's just a headache. Are you trying to get the state workers to complain and resurrect the horrible idea about making this a parking lot?!?

Think about where it is.

the plan looks like a general refresh which is good. the park gets used in all times of weather by different individuals and groups. i like that the park has different pockets for different activities at a time. don't try to over-consolidate those activities (one picnic area for everyone is not the rig. choice.). when the weather is nice it's a nice place to go chill out. if you make everyone chilling out be in the same area of the park it will be first come first served and the rest will move on.

The program wouldn't let me finish the last four items. Said I was repeating sections.

The space is small; put community garden elsewhere. This is only spot I can walk my dog who is afraid of other dogs, so keeping some visibility block is helpful. And please keep dog poop bags and trashcans.

The trend is to include as many user groups as possible, which in the case of Cope Park, led to conflicts and a much less welcoming play area for children. Also, steer away from manufactured at spaces. Most kids are happy with a muddy puddle and a slide and something to balance on. Keep it simple and messy!

There are no welcoming play areas for children under 6 in downtown.



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There have been issues with dogs going bathroom in play area, design to avoid that issue. I'd like to see more tables for people to eat outside when it's nice out. A covered area would be nice, since kids and adults use in all weather. The sledding hill should stay!

There's already a nice community garden at Chicken Yard Park, so that doesn't feel necessary. A basketball court takes up a lot of space, but a hoop could be ok. There are other options for that. A dog park doesn't feel necessary because cope park fits that need. The playground and gathering space for neighborhood residents (like myself) feels most important. I love the chair project and feel proud of that when I walk by everyday. A totem would also be nice. And again...an amphitheater- partially covered with rain/sun shades, with power and some basic lighting could really make it a place for live entertainment (with all the restrictions that of course need to be taken into consideration to make that achievable). We have nothing like that downtown and it's a shame given our robust music and performing arts community. The JAHG block parties for example, have to use the SLAM's bus loop/plaza for crying out loud. It's shameful that we don't have an outdoor venue that works for our climate and community. This seems like a GREAT opportunity to build one into the existing plans for the park.

This park is a bit more like Chicken Yard Park than the others in the downtown area in that it is in the middle of the neighborhood. Making it a place that encourages respectful community based activities is very important.

This park is sorta equidistant from Chicken Yard and Cope parks. It should, ideally, serve a different function. Chicken Yard is trending toward playground and community garden. Cope Park is now designed for dogs, tennis, and biking. Let Capital Park be something different. Think maybe of an elegant European-style park that is used daily by neighborhood residents as an "outdoor living room"--durable well-drained surfaces, seating, turf/lawn, lovely plantings, water features, stage/amphitheatre, etc

This park is typically filled with dog poop. Cope Park is very close and has a dedicated dog area. No Dogs allowed would be the best change for this park. Would be great if park would incorporate live music, think this place is great for summer concerts in the park. Also, the park is fun for young kids but offers little for everyone else. An ideal park would be fun and accessible for all ages and include activities and events for everyone.

This survey was a bit tricky. Not bad, but it could have used a few more test runs. Such as making it clearer that it needed 1-8 was a ranking, not a priority list.

**Topography:**

The sloping topography of the park can be an asset, rather than a challenge and provides and opportunity to install amenities that are not as feasible at the other (flatter) parks. Some ideas:

1)The slope lends itself well to creating an amphitheater-style set of terraces that could act as seating for concerts in the park, political demonstrations, campaign events, neighborhood festivals, cultural celebrations and performances, family movie nights etc.

2) zip lines!

3) side-by-side super slides!

4) sledding hill (We use the one currently in the park every time it snows!)

5) Japanese garden (as part of empty chair project) with steps, bridges, pagoda, koi pond/waterfalls.

6) children's play area that cuts into the hillside with caves and tunnels (could include historic mining equipment converted into play structures and interactive displays.)

**Aesthetics:**

Juneau is blessed with natural beauty. Large-scale, brightly-colored play structures really compete with their surroundings visually. Playground equipment does not need to be super ugly (but most are.) Understated, versatile spaces will age much more gracefully than purple plastic castle turrets will.

I beg you to consider an aesthetic that is somewhat cohesive and understated.

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**Practicality:**

With the exception of the daycare/preschool (since the charter school has moved) currently far more dog owners use the park than any other demographic. There are not many yards in the heart of downtown, so many dog owners use the park to exercise their dogs (off-leash, illegally) with "chuck-its" etc. and as a place for their dogs to regularly go potty.

Cope Park has an awesome dog exercise area, but for whatever reason (probably proximity to home) dog owners are virtually always exercising their dogs off-leash in Capital Park.

The park mainly serves dog owners, daycare providers, tourists, and occasionally political rallies--never sports teams, youth groups, family cook-outs, or hikers. So I think "nature" trails and a turf field are way off the mark.

and as a home owner across the street, I beg you not to install noise makers.

We either need a new skatepark or we need someone to actually upkeep it a little bit

We enjoy the green space, the plants, and the walking trails in the park. I hope that play equipment will be chosen to blend with the natural elements (rather than gaudy colorful plastic features).

We love this neighborhood park, especially with such limited green space downtown. It would be great to see an improved playground especially since the Cope Park improvements were disappointing (turned out to be less than before). Please keep the gaga ball pit!

We would really appreciate a space to have outdoor gatherings such as family picnics that is sheltered from rain

When I flipped my phone the ranking list one through eight did not show options five through eight, so I was unable to rank the remaining four.

**Winter ice would be fun**

Wondering if turf is necessary for sledding hill- that area seems to keep grass fairly well.

You MUST keep the cultural aspects! Teaching our children of history and culture and tolerance and acceptance is so important. Our melting pot of cultures and our oneness is what makes this community so special!



## QUESTION 20

**Is there someone specific you would like the Design Team to talk with about this project who might not otherwise know or participate in the process?**

Aeyc, reach, sail

Ask school kids their opinions.

Catherine Wilkins of community garden chicken yard park - good ideas for gardens

Also Blue who runs the local preschool and was giving me permission to use the garden beds, will the school have a garden bed as well??

THANK YOU PLEASE email me with more moriartyalex@gmail.com

G Cody QJ Goldberg; <https://www.harpersplayground.org/about/our-people/g-cody-qj-goldberg/>;  
<https://fb.watch/2nDd2IEZqk/>

<https://www.harpersplayground.org/playgrounds/marshall-park/>

I would recommend contacting Chris Keller, founder and sensei of Juneau Aiki Dojo (<http://juneauaikidojo.com/contact.html>). He often teaches aikido to his student during outdoor classes in or near the park. I would also suggest interviewing the tai chi practitioners who use the park. I don't have names or contact information for the latter.

Jim Asper and Bridget Smith--they own the home I live in, and I rent my apartment from them.

Jordan Kendall

Juneau Symphony, SHI

Legislative Affairs Agency

Local artists who aren't well known.

Many of the homeschoolers rock climbing. Bouldering wall would be fun to see.

Maybe the JAHc?

N/A

no

Not that I can think of.

Not that I can think of.

Perhaps the Leathers playground group who worked on Project Playground (both iterations). They have a good high-level and outside perspective on the pulse of the Juneau Community.

SAIL- for accessibility

See West Seattle park fitness center designers

Starr Hill Community Garden coordinator - organization over there is a hit ad hoc but is probably relevant to this

The children in the neighborhood

The Empty Chair committee - Betty Marriott, Karleen Grummett- Juneau, others

Tlingit elders and clan leaders

Toddler swing please

Tom Melville, Blue Shibler, Jessica Geary

Whoever is in charge of parking garages. The City?

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