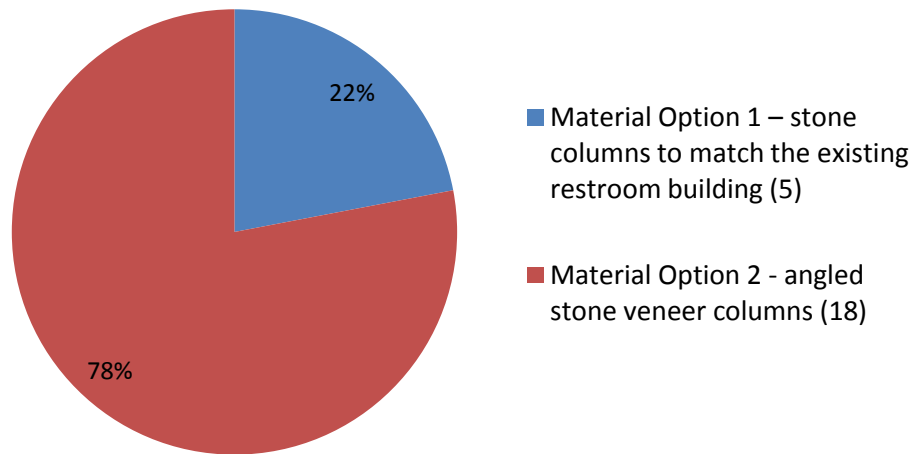




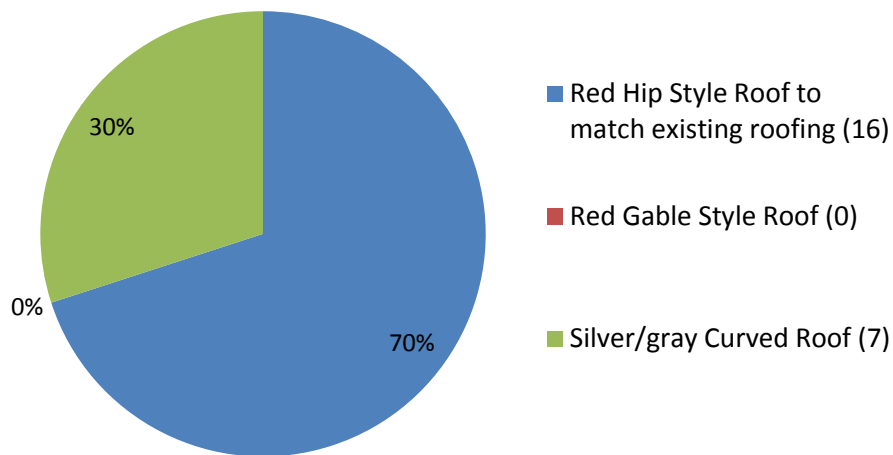
Background: Papago Park currently has 3 ramadas, 2 of which are funded for replacement in the city’s current Capital Improvement Program budget. The two ramadas located nearest the pond will be demolished and new ones will be built.

1. Please indicate what you would like the stone finish of the ramada columns to be.



Number of responses: 23

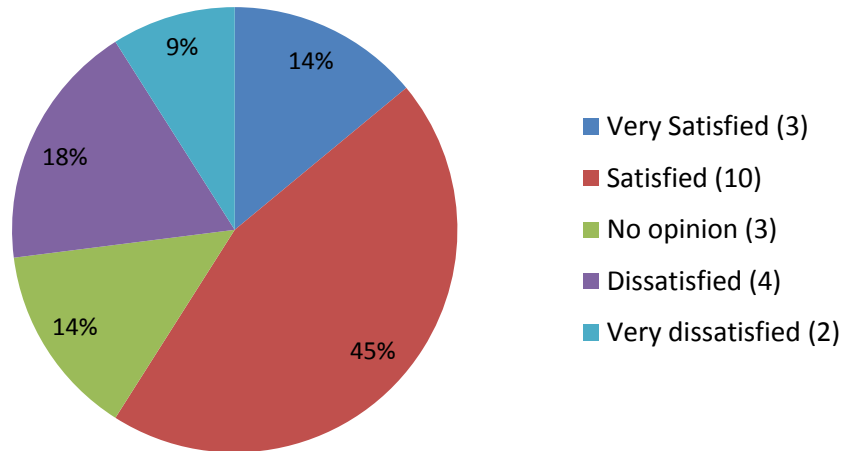
2. Please indicate what you would like the style of the ramada roof to be.



Number of responses: 23

3. Our objective is to provide accessible, clean, safe, and friendly parks. Please rate how we are doing on a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 means very dissatisfied and 5 means very satisfied.

Cleanliness of the park

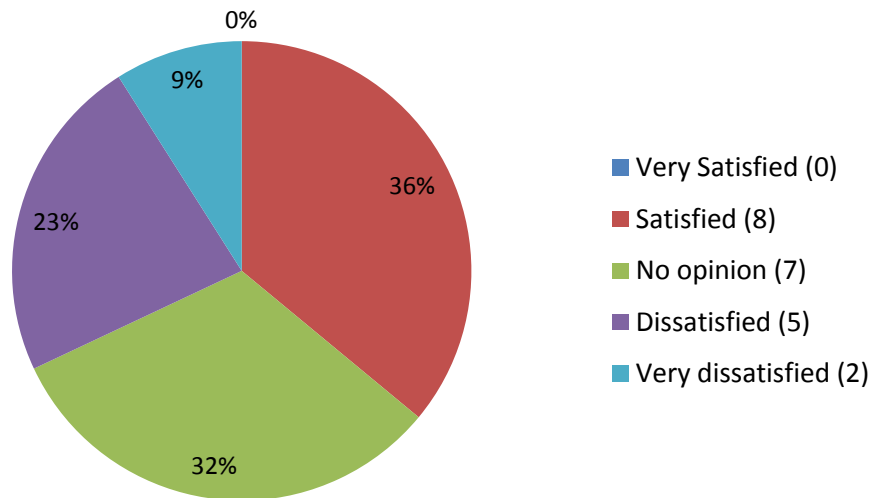


Number of responses: 22

Comments:

1. I know you know but the people living in tents in our parks is a huge bummer, esp when they leave stuff and trash
2. Tempe parks are not useable by the taxpayers, they're homes for transients and drug users
3. Park is full of transient campsites, trash, syringes, broken glass
4. I am dissatisfied with the amount of trash left by the homeless.
5. The park is looking much better recently but there is still so much trash in park areas.
6. Staff is working to address everything BUT it is an ongoing situation with homeless individuals and trash, etc.
7. Dog feces in all parts of the park
8. Staff and neighbors make a reasonable effort to keep park clean. Nonetheless some of people who reserve ramadas make consistency difficult
9. Parks tend to be occupied by homeless, especially monopolizing ramadas
10. You have an impossible task and I know it is. Great effort to keep it up. I appreciate the parks we enjoy.

Safety of the park

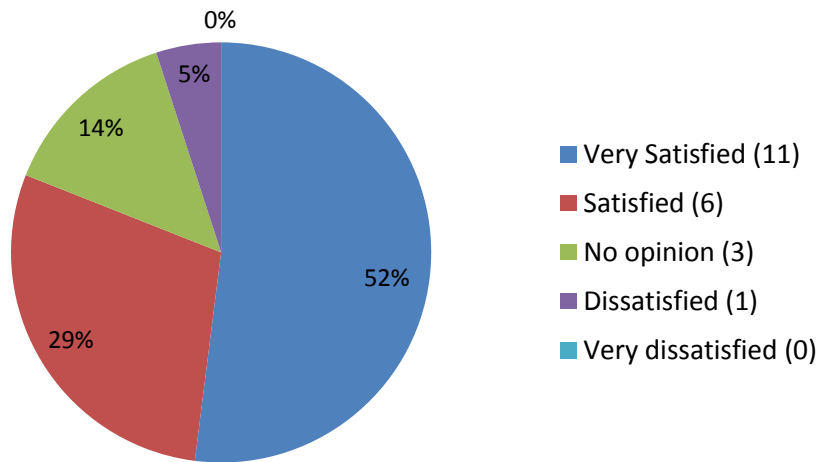


Number of responses: 22

Comments:

1. I do feel a little less safe than 10 years ago due to the transients and tents
2. Park officer needs a partner to patrol with.
3. Too many people living in and around the park leaving trash all over
4. Not safe for families to enjoy
5. Not even safe for pets
6. The last time I walked my dog to the park he almost stepped on a used syringe left by the drug users who call the parks home.
7. Numerous people have been attacked in the park by transients
8. I wish there was more of a police officer presence in the area at times.
9. Overgrown vegetation areas where there are homeless encampments remain and overgrowth also offers hiding spaces making the environment unsafe. We have been told for months that the Parks Police Officer Brian Ornelas would have a partner and it has yet to happen. We are also waiting on rangers who will have the ability to cite.
10. Lighting should be secured
11. Partner for the police
12. Don't feel afraid but I have heard from many neighbors they are uncomfortable with the homeless situation. We need more park officers like Officer Ornelis.
13. -Add park/police staff
14. I was bitten by an out-of-control dog in the dog park - police came but the same dogs are still being allowed. Others have complained of these dogs as well.
15. Most of the time I feel very safe. I no longer walk towards the far back of the park by myself. I worry a bit about the playground sometimes.

Friendliness of the park staff



Number of Responses: 21

Comments:

1. Most everyone I have had contact with has been very friendly and helpful
2. Great park staff!

4. Additional Comments

1. For the ramadas, it looks like the western facing side might not offer the most sun protection, due to the orientation of the ramadas. I would prefer to see more shielding of the summertime western sun (orient ramadas so that maximum sun protection from W-NW). That's why I'm selecting the curved, because I think it offers chance to tilt roof toward west. Otherwise I like the first option, the red hip roof. The stonework is lovely. Please reduce the permanent lighting/any night time lighting that isn't on a timer. Lighting doesn't make things safer. It just ruins the night vision of animals and legitimate park users. For the multi-use path, please make lighting directed to the path, low, and shielded. Suggestion - consider driving through LoPiano habitat during the night and shining bright lights into homeless camps. Maybe a fire hose? If we can make it unpleasant for the park occupiers, hopefully they will leave.
2. Orientate the ramada to maximize afternoon shade on the tables. Include trees to help shade the ramada. The trees need to be appropriate for the desert habitat. Tamper proof lights under the ramada roof. Tamper proof/secure power outlets that would be made available with a permit. Secure hose bib for cleanup that would also be available with a permit.
3. I am indifferent to the Ramada situation. The recently paved trails have detracted from my use of the park. I used to clean as I hiked but I am not inclined to even be out there with paved trails and washes that have been paved over. It severely detracts from the beauty and usefulness of the trails. The Lopiano section has a homeless population that builds shelters and leaves trash scattered all over. Overall I am not satisfied with the direction the park is going by becoming more commercial when it should remain a quiet and peaceful place instead of the next new place to run a 5k in a city of places to run a 5k in.
4. Staff has really had lion's share of responsibility and have worked so hard. Craig H. and Shane Mueller have both been especially great. Last comment regarding ramadas - they are a little kitty corner. Be sure to watch placement of ramadas to ensure they are oriented to maximize shade - particularly in summer. It makes a big difference in comfort for users.
5. Are there going to be shade trees (native species) to help shade the ramadas?
6. Orientation of ramadas to provide most protection from sun. Or landscaping to shade from sun.

7. Some type of access to water that could be locked
8. I've never seen the staff just transients. I have lived in north Tempe for 18 years. When I moved here I could take my son to the Tempe parks to enjoy some fishing or a picnic with the family but in recent years the parks have become home or hangouts for the transient population that continues to be a growing problem. The Orbit buses that Tempe routes through our residential streets transport these people into our neighborhoods where they steal whatever they can and then they get a free ride back to the parks where they camp out. I live near a park and us and at least four of my neighbors have had items stolen from front and back yards by these people who by the way are very visible in north Tempe, an area of the city that the city leaders and police have forgotten about. My family and neighbors that I have spoken to would rather drive a couple of miles north to the safer and cleaner Scottsdale parks.
9. I commend the parks department for all they do. I enjoy living in Tempe and taking the time/effort to keep me informed and allowing me input on improvements is appreciated. I am neutral in my opinion on cleanliness and safety of the parks because of the large increase of homeless living in and around Papago Park and surrounding areas. I know Tempe is trying and it's a complicated issue, however, until this problem declines my family and I have chosen to spend less time in the parks. Probably the opposite of what we should do and staying away from the parks only serves to allow more homeless the "comfort" to remain there. I support the efforts of the parks department, police department and City of Tempe in finding solutions to this problem. Thank you again for opportunity to give my opinion and thanks for your efforts to make our community better.
10. The new ramadas should be consistent with the larger old one. Please orient ramadas to maximize shade and minimize sun intrusion. Please add native vegetation to increase shade. Thanks to the city for helping with homeless and other issues. Staff needs to be safe; partners would be wise.
11. Need to be able to wash/sterilize hands inside restrooms because handling door knobs after using is very unsanitary.
12. General concern for parks and also areas around the Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability. People living and camping in the parks surrounding areas are a concern for other people and children who go to the parks for recreational reasons. Also their presence and living in the parks/desert may also create a safety and hygiene issue. A sad situation overall, where people live in the parks
13. Hopefully there is a way to secure lighting and outlets. Shade - either by orientating the ramadas properly and /or adding proper trees. Could there be some way of giving access to a water source to keep ramadas clean?
14. Rotate to assist with providing shade. Example: We have discovered the ramada on the island at Hallman Park gets very hot with direct sun. Add shade trees on west side and possible east (if necessary). Tree decision for Parks to decide. Locking hose bib so ramadas can be hosed off Electrical receptacles to be locked and only unlocked by COT Parks for reservation requests. Lighting to be up high under roof where cannot be tampered with.
15. Brian Ornelas is a terrific choice. We should also have a park ranger not spread so thin however.
16. Please add trees to increase shade around the ramadas. Please contain electrical so that it can be accessible by reservation only. Please add a hose bib, operable by a key, so we can hose down the ramadas in between city power washes. The park officer needs to be expanded with at least one partner.
17. The city needs to enforce urban camping laws as well as issue citation for disposing of trash in the park. Damaging vegetation is also a major concern.