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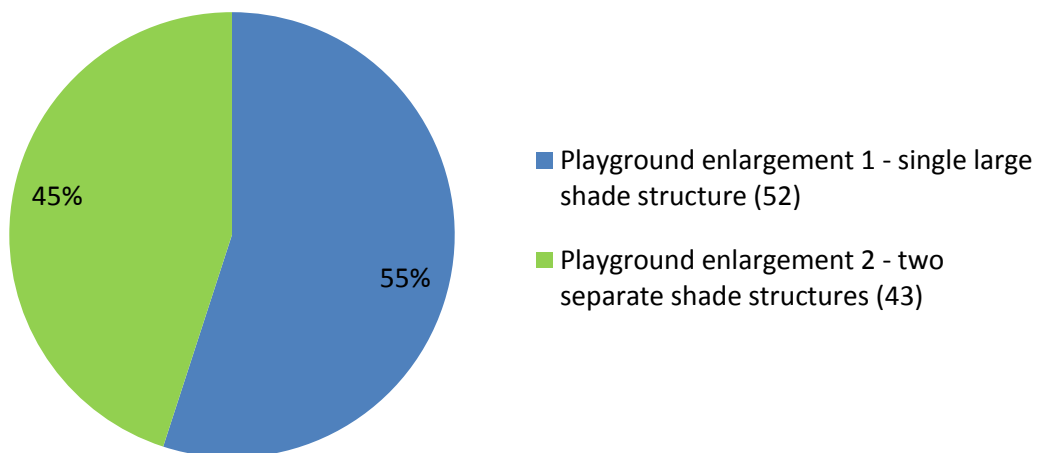
Overview

A public meeting was held on August 12, 2017 to get feedback on planned improvements for Estrada Park. Residents in the area of McClintock to Kenwood, Elliot to Warner (1,026 households) were invited to participate in the process. Twenty seven people attended the meeting. Surveys were available at the meetings and online from August 12 through August 27, 2017. A total of 104 survey responses with 74 unduplicated addresses were received; 10 at the meeting and 94 online. City staff also received emails about the project, some from individuals who also filled out an online survey.

The top rated new amenities from the first round of comments in May 2017 for Estrada Park were an expanded playground and a walking fitness trail. The proposed design included both of these amenities and residents were asked to provide comments on the playground layout as well as the next top rated amenities, whose installation depends on available funding and further feedback.

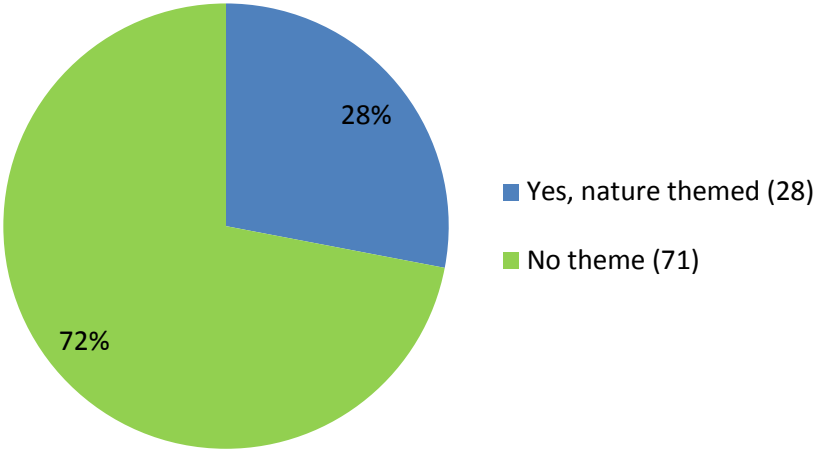
Survey Responses

1. Which playground concept do you prefer?



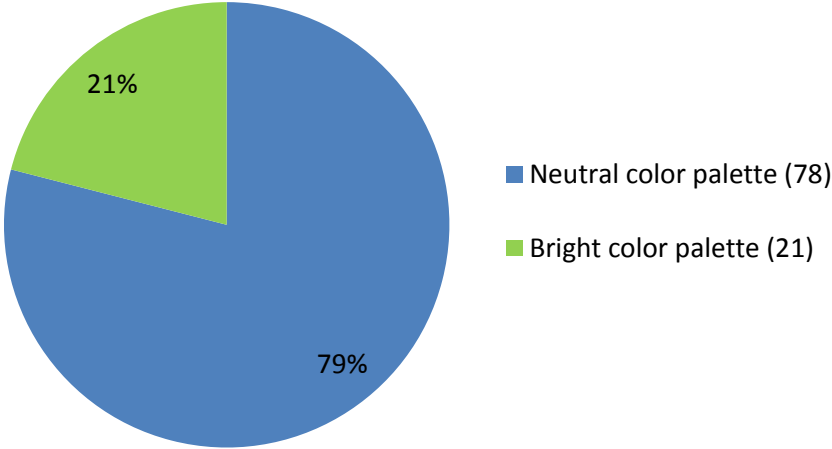
Total responses: 95

2. Should the playground be designed with a theme?



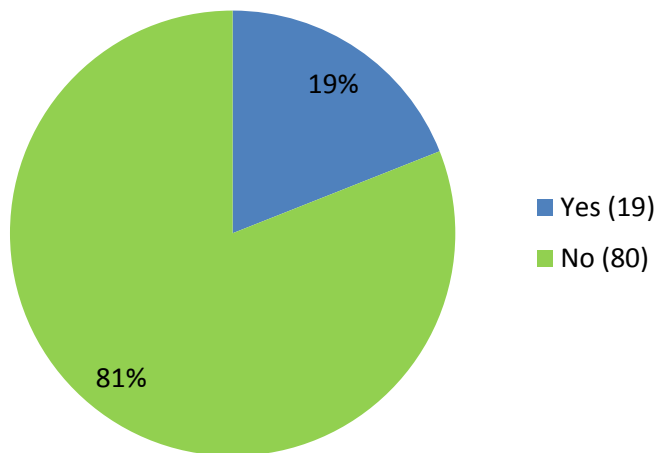
Total responses: 99

3. Of the two color schemes for the playground equipment, please choose one.



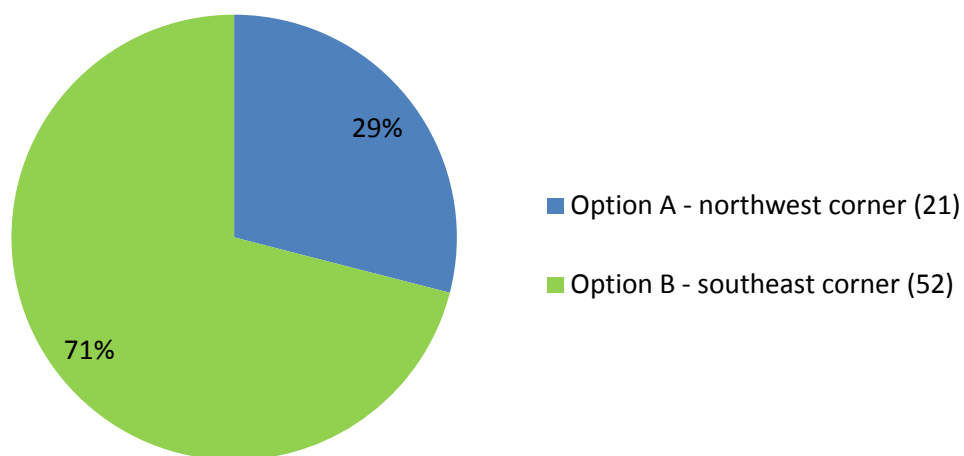
Total responses: 99

4. If funding allows, do you want a dog park in Estrada Park?



Total responses: 99

5. If a dog park is built, which of the possible locations do you prefer?



Total responses: 73

6. Additional comments

1. The dog park should be as close to the entrance as possible
2. Keep up the great work on this project. Don't let the complainers get to you.
3. Prefer tennis court and not a volleyball court.
4. I am most excited about new playground equipment. My family also enjoys the basketball court. An addition of a tennis court is preferable to a volley ball court. Exercise equipment is not something my family would use. Would prefer funding to go to other things. As many shade trees as possible is ideal.
5. Do not want a dog park there. Dog parks do smell at certain times of the year. Also will always be a few bad apples that will not follow the rules and will make it very uncomfortable for families with kids to enjoy the park.
6. No dog park. No volleyball and tennis courts. Please preserve as much open space as possible.

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7. I live in the neighborhood and am completely against a dog park. We moved from downtown where the catering was done to create dog parks more than update parks for families. We live in a neighborhood where people have big backyards to have their dogs have opportunities to run. Having small children, you can't guarantee me that every dog that will be brought to this dog park will be tamed to be around young children with families. As for the volleyball and tennis courts, I would hate to lose so much of the green and would hope one is chosen over the other.
8. The park is already small. I favor keeping it open so that it can be multi-use rather than filling the limited space with specialty sub-spaces.
9. No dog park please!!!!
10. See no need for sand volleyball, tennis courts, the ongoing maintenance costs tend to render these as eye sores. Question if adequate parking is being provided in general, like to see City demonstrate they are complying parking per zoning, also like to see how the improvements comply with Accessibility Legislation.
11. Please do not include a dog park. I am a huge dog lover and use the park all the time with my dog. But dog parks are extremely dangerous for the dogs and people, carry a great deal of disease & bacteria and would be a huge liability as well as require a significant upkeep expense for the city and/or residents. Open green space with shade structures for family outings... Please.
12. We prefer NO FIRE STATION!
13. We are concerned that the addition of a sand volleyball court will simply result in a large litter box for cats. We do not feel it is of value to our neighborhood to add either a sand volleyball court or a paved tennis court. As a former tennis player, we know how degraded small, separate tennis courts typically become over time; and even when new, they are typically covered in debris due to infrequent use. We always chose to play at locations that had more than one court because the isolated courts were never maintained as well. As a local resident (living within 1/4 mile of Estrada Park), my husband and I strongly feel the park should be maintained primarily as a green area. The playground for children is good, but the addition of more courts is detrimental to its value as a small, neighborhood park. Please do not add a dog park, sand volleyball court or tennis court to our lovely neighborhood park. If we knew this was what would happen when we agreed to a fire station on our corner - we would have fought against the fire station. You would be degrading our park tremendously by adding the tennis court, sand volleyball court, and dog park. We do support the addition of a fitness/walking path, replacing trees, and expanding the playground.
14. Our family (and many of our neighbors that we've spoken with) are hoping for a sand volleyball court (with lights and a water sprayer). Volleyball is an activity that is fun for many ages: kids, teens, young adults, adults in general with not a lot of financial outlay by the City. Thanks for considering our request and thanks for asking for our input. By the way, we are HAPPY that a fire station is being built in our community!!
15. Dog parks are only as good as the people who use them. All it takes is one dog that is not well socialized and should not be brought to a dog park and be off leash to cause all sorts of problems. I would never expose my dog to that risk.
16. No dog park!!!!!!!
17. While I do go to the park with my dog, I do not think a dog park is a good idea. People already don't pick up their dog poop, it will only get worse with a dog park. People who don't live in the area aren't going to care about taking care of the park. I love dogs but building a dog park is a bad idea. I also don't think we need workout stations. There is already workout stations across from the ASU Research Park that no one uses. It is too hot, the stations are hot and there are several gyms in the area that charge \$10 a month for membership. Who is going to workout in the heat when you can use a gym for ten dollars a month. You need to leave open as much as possible.

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18. *(submitted by two different residents)* Estate La Colina Neighborhood Vision Statement for Estrada Park, Tempe: Estate La Colina Neighborhood Association, 5/17/2017, updated 8/12/2017. Our primary vision for Estrada Park, our neighborhood park, is to preserve as much open parkland as possible that can be used for recreation by a majority of nearby neighborhood residents of all ages, and not use open parkland for *niche elements (sand volleyball, dog park, etc.) that will not be used by a majority of the 380 households in Estate La Colina Neighborhood Association and the neighborhoods north of Estate La Colina up to Elliott Road, and will tend to attract people to drive to a park from distant neighborhoods. An important part of our vision is to increase multi-generational use of the park by neighborhood residents for physical activities and recreational activities, by including amenities in the park that a majority of neighborhood residents of all ages would use frequently. A greatly improved and enlarged playground that could attract new families to move into the neighborhood and increase property values, and a teen/adult fitness trail both have wide appeal to most households. We request that the renovation and any new elements of Estrada Park be aligned with our neighborhood vision for the park, otherwise the park renovation will not really be an “improvement” for us. For example, taking out a majority of the 10’-40’ mature trees and replacing them with small trees that will take many years to grow is obviously not an improvement for us. *We already have two niche elements taking up a good deal of space in this park that most of our residents do not use: Soccer field and basketball court. After the fire station is built, there will be very little open parkland left, which is what we want to preserve. We would prefer any available money for Park Improvements go toward amazing playground equipment for all ages including teens, teen/adult fitness equipment, and/or large trees, rather than spending money on things the majority of our neighbors do not want in the park, or consider improvements to the park. Please do not add any more niche elements, such as these, that do not fit our neighborhood’s vision for our park: 1) Sand Volleyball Court (17 people voted for this in the first round of voting as 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice; 363+ neighbors did not vote for this). There are already sand volleyball courts at Kiwanis Park where there is parking available. We do not wish to attract volleyball players who would drive to Estrada Park from distant neighborhoods, and park on the streets by the park. Also, we do not wish to include a soft sand surface that could attract feral cats as a big litter box. 2) Dog Park (17 people voted for this in city’s May 2017 survey as 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice; 363+ neighbors did not vote for this. 8 people wrote they strongly oppose using our open parkland for a dog park.) Many veterinarians are not in favor of dog parks. There is a dog park people can go to just 2 1/2 miles away at Tempe Sports Complex that is not right by homes, and there are already five dog parks in Tempe. 3) Tennis courts. Already available at Harelson Park, about 1 1/2 miles away. The majority of Estate La Colina neighbors wish to limit the concrete, asphalt and/or rubberized surfaces in the park to the enlarged playground, existing single basketball court and accessibility sidewalk/walking loop only. Again, we are asking that as much open parkland as possible be preserved, since Tempe is landlocked and has no way to replace open parkland being redirected for the fire station. Also, because of the fire station being elevated to street level, the sides of the park will be steeper after the regrade to increase what’s left of the retention basin. Therefore, it seems some currently usable space on the sides of the park will not be as usable by all ages because of the steeper incline and new retention walls. How much is the land worth that the fire station will occupy? In other words, approximately how much money is the city saving by using 1 1/2 acres of dedicated park land for the fire station instead of offering to purchase land in the area? It would seem only fair that a portion of the money saved should go to replace all park amenities obtained by grants being taken out for the renovation (mature trees, grills, benches, shade cover, pet drinking fountain and human drinking fountain, etc.) as these are functional items (now coming out of Capital Improvement funds because of the fire station going in?). Also, please make the playground and teen/adult fitness equipment a treasure for our neighborhood, as outlined

in the neighborhood vision statement for the park. Proposed amenities fitting the neighborhood vision for the park that a majority of residents would use for themselves, their children or grandchildren: 1. Partially shaded playground (or play pockets) for children 2-5 years old. 2. Partially shaded playground (or play pockets) for children 5-12 years old, slightly north of the current playground, which must be moved because of the fire station construction. Example of desired playground (this is Mesa's Mariposa Park): (See their playground and fitness stations in this short YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1cHDqB9kDA>) 3: Teen and adult outdoor gym or fitness stations, similar to those in east Mesa's Mariposa Park near Baseline and Hawes Road (See link above for short video). Possible location for fitness stations in Estrada Park: Along regraded east side of park, or in northeast or south east corners. 4. Artistic bike rack for those who bike to the park, and then wish to use the equipment. 5. Open parkland (other than the soccer field which is often in use) for running, walking, playing games, having a picnic with a picnic blanket, flying kites, etc. 6. Mature shade trees equal to or greater than the number currently in the park. Please replace all trees that will be taken out because of the fire station being built in the park with trees as large as possible, and perhaps plant a much greater number than those removed to help ease the irreplaceable loss of dozens of 10-40 foot trees. 7. Picnic tables, benches, drinking fountain, etc. equal to the number currently in the park. (Most were obtained by ELC Neighborhood Association applying for grants.). A 20 foot by 40 foot shaded concrete ramada for picnic tables is part of the city plan, although covering more park land with concrete was not voted on by residents.

19. Another dog park in south Tempe would be very useful. Picnic table north of the playground will be more useful to basketball and fitness station users, than if the tables are south of the playground. Will dogs stand by the fence and bark at basketball and volleyball users, if the dog park is directly north of the courts? Remove the sidewalk that is being added to ring the park. If we want to have a safe and pleasant place for people to walk, we might want to ask ourselves why it can't be done on neighborhood sidewalks. Remove the northern fork of the sidewalk that goes to the north of the option A. dog park. Plant more trees along the sidewalk on Palomino so it is a more pleasant place to walk. How will the capital investment of Estrada Park compare to other neighborhood parks? Will all other neighborhood parks have similar funding? If not, could the following be done to reduce the capital investment at Estrada without significantly reducing functionality: 1) remove the sidewalks south of the midfield line of the soccer field, that aren't needed to access the dog park. 2) remove the seat walls to the SE of the soccer field unless they are required for retention basin volume. 3) remove the north fork of sidewalk that is being added north of NW dog park, the Palomino sidewalk is as functional. 4) put in a minimal set of fitness stations, add additional at a later time, if there is demand. 5) what else? Public Notification of the Estrada Park Open House: -it was not published on the city calendar. -people that would use this park, that don't live directly next door, probably didn't know about this meeting, and would have no easy way to know that it was happening. -please put all parks meetings in a common list on the parks website. You shouldn't have to drill into each park's page on the parks CIP page to know that there is a meeting scheduled regarding that park.
20. I do not support a dog park/run at the Estrada Park. As has been mentioned in previous comments, off leash dogs at the park is an increasing problem. People have their dogs off leash and have absolutely no control over them, which poses major safety concerns. The park is a public resource for everyone to enjoy. However, because there is little to no enforcement of the leash laws, many continue to allow their dogs to roam the park freely and neglect picking up after them. If such a feature were added to the Park it would simply encourage and incentivize this behavior even more. Please do not add a dog run.
21. I do not want a walking/ fitness trail, sand volleyball court or tennis court either.
22. I do not want a tennis court, dog park, fitness trail.

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23. I'm against this so called improvement and completely against adding a dog park. Part of the charm of our neighborhood park is the openness and the trees and the simplicity of the existing landscape. There are other places for a dog park and existing dog parks for those wanting to use one in close proximity. I have 3 dogs which I walk before the sun comes up and pick up after them. Not all residents pick up after their dog and this will only add to that issue. A dog park will only bring in smells and more residents who leave our park trashy. Enough is enough.
24. I do not want a tennis court, dog park, fitness trail. Please do not do this
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27. There are already two dog parks within 2 miles from Estrada Park. All established dog parks are located within parks that are much larger (Tempe Sports, Kiwanis, and Shawnee). No need for another, especially considering the loss of usable space at Estrada. Besides, everyone knows Pete Estrada was deathly afraid of dogs...ok I made that up. Speaking of dogs, I didn't see any grills for roasting some hot dogs. We currently have 3 or 4. I'd like to keep that number as a minimum. In fact I'd love to see one more small picnic area added with grill, similar to the existing one on the north side of the park.
28. I am very opposed to a dog park. They are unsanitary and undesirable. I am also opposed to a sanded volleyball court for the same reason. I think a tennis court would absorb a lot of space, but of the three optional items, this is the least objectionable to me.
29. Keep it simple - no need for any of the proposed "additional park amenities". Will there be picnic / grilling areas?
30. No dog park please. Sand volleyball or tennis courts would be able to be used by so many people in the neighborhood and really be multi-generational!
31. Please DO NOT add a dog park. The park should be a safe and clean resource for everyone to enjoy. Unfortunately, lately it seems like every time I walk to the park with my family and leashed dog there are off leash dogs running around. This is a safety issue. A dog park or run will only exacerbate this problem because it will attract more people to the park who will inevitably let their dogs loose throughout the entirety of the park, not just the designated dog run area. I do not support adding a dog park feature. Planting more trees or adding a walking/fitness trail or tennis court would be a better use of the funds. Thank you.
32. I would vote no on the sand volleyball courts and on the tennis courts. Also would like to have as many mature trees as possible planted to replace ones that were removed for modifications/building. Thanks
33. No dog park needed
34. Fitness trail would be awesome thank you
35. Where do we comment on fitness trail and equipment?
36. Although my response is for no dog park...if one does get built please note that soccer teams use the southeast corner for practice and for pre-game warm-up. Preference is for no volleyball or tennis courts. Both of these items (including dog run) will attract people outside our neighborhood. I would rather that funding for these items be used for nicer/more playground equipment. Please keep as many mature trees as possible. Please keep existing water fountain (with pet watering station) or replace with similar one. Please consider tall netting between fire house parking lot wall and soccer field. There is high potential for balls to get kicked over wall. Feel free to contact me with any questions.
37. I walk the park every night with my dog. I am strongly opposed to a dog park. I would never allow my dog to go into a dog park. They are filthy, they stink and they spread disease. No to Tennis court, No to Volleyball court, No to dog run. You are already ruining the park by taking the land for the fire station. Don't cram a bunch of amenities thinking that more is better. The open space is important.
38. No volleyball and no tennis courts please.

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39. I would like to see the existing wall removed and replaced with something lower and more natural looking, like stacked stone. As I do every chance I get, I have to tell you how disappointed I am in the city of Tempe for taking the park for the fire station when there are empty areas that could be used instead. There is space behind the new well near the corner of Warner and Elliott, there is space at the ASU Research park, the duplicate Wells Fargo on the corner, etc. But the city is more interested in "free" that can never be regained for its intended purpose of a park than it is in what's in the best interest of the community and neighborhood. For a city who says they want to promote the environment, clean air and create a better place to live, removing part of a park in a land locked city is a shame. Go take the park out of a council person's neighborhood and see what happens. And I have heard all the reasons why Tempe says they have to do this, just like they had to put in bike lanes and are now paying for that decision. I have been a resident of Tempe for almost 40 years, but I don't plan to retire in this city given these kind of decisions.
40. The existing wall dividing the park and McClintock drive should also be replaced and/or improved to match the fire station walls and give the area a cohesive appearance.
41. I walk the park every night with my dog. I am strongly opposed to a dog park. I would never allow my dog to go into a dog park. They are filthy, they stink and they spread disease.
42. No dog park
43. I am concerned about the number of trees being added for several reasons: Increased water consumption; Cost of maintenance, clean up; too much shade will kill the grass; more birds? Leaving open space so that people can play catch or throw Frisbees while the soccer field is being used. Security problems with lack of visibility especially at night. (Dealers are already using our trees as drug drops.) They should not apply the 25 trees per acre rule to areas that can't have trees, like soccer fields, basketball, volleyball and tennis courts. How are you going to reduce water use by 20% if you add more trees? I understand the need for more trees, but I think about half of what they have on the plan would suffice. There's so many that they are touching each other. I know there's a 25% tree canopy initiative also, but, be real, this is a desert. Will they be adding more sidewalk lighting? For durability purposes, when deciding what to put in the park, whether it be playground equipment or the surface of the tennis court, realize that a couple times a year it will be covered in a few feet of water. Three years ago the park overflowed with storm drainage. (It was halfway up the driveways of the houses next to the park.) Just couple weeks ago we had people in canoes paddling around. Maybe we should add a boat dock?
44. I'm opposed to sand volleyball court. I'm opposed to tennis court. Please don't make the court space any bigger than the single basketball court that is already there. Please include fitness stations for adults.
45. With the fire station addition this is going to be a much smaller park, let's not cram every tiny space with something. Let's skip the dog park and retain as much open space as possible! Dogs can be walked on the paths with a leash and still play in the park. We will still have a soccer field, basketball court, a small open space to play in, a playground for children and a fitness path with fitness stations. I believe this is plenty for a park this size. The city should also put in the largest shade trees possible (and preserve the most they can) so we can enjoy the shade now, instead of adding more tiny trees that will take years to grow.
46. Changes to this park will add to the appearance of the neighborhood the more trees the better.
47. I like the idea of either a tennis court or perhaps pickleball court. Pickleball is a fast growing recreational sport played by all ages, but particularly popular with the retired community which we are an aging population in Estate La Colina. Pickleball courts can also be used for children to introduce tennis.
48. I would vote for a sand volleyball court because can be used by both children and adults. Beach volleyball is a rapidly growing sport in the US and great activity for all ages.

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49. A dog park will bring too many people to the park. This is our neighborhood park and while I don't mind sharing it with some people outside the neighborhood, including a dog park would bring way too many people to the park that is supposed to be a neighborhood park, not an attraction for South Tempe and Chandler. I want to keep it a place my kids can feel safe. We already get enough dog interaction there with it just being a nice green open space. We don't need every pitbull in town there.

Also let's keep it simple. Playground structure, soccer apparently (without any debate, not sure why), and a nice sidewalk or trail around it all. There is intrinsic value to green space and this is what is needed to attract new parents and young people to keep this neighborhood thriving.

50. Add all amenities including volleyball, dog run, and tennis

51. This is a neighborhood park not regional. The amenities should be focused on the need of the immediate neighborhood not the city. Soccer fields and dog parks entice people to drive to the park on the street. This places pressure of the adjacent properties as park attendees drive and park along their street and properties. Let's encourage walking and bicycle riding to this park. No on the dog run. I would be fine in not having a soccer field sized open area. We can have a ball play area that is big enough for fun but not large enough for sports teams. Plant more trees, add more trash containers. Add permeable walkways around the park for us to stroll in the shade. Focus on the playground.

Keep the court area to a minimal. It is not well used now. No on the tennis courts.

52. We do not need a dog park. All that does is take up space for a small select group of park users when there are other dog specific parks within a short distance. Keep the park for the people.

53. Estrada Park is an important amenity in our community. With the disappearing green spaces in Tempe, maintaining as much of the grass and trees as possible is so important, for the neighborhood, the city and the planet. We are already losing a large part of the park space to a fire station. That will automatically change the ambiance of the park and the neighborhood. The upgrades to the play area, the basketball court and adding a walking path at least keep the park nice and local and low key. Please don't pave over more area for tennis courts or sand volleyball. And please, don't carve out a dog run. If it is small it will be unfriendly for dogs. If it is big it will change the ambiance of the park. And whatever it is it will take away even more open park space. Please don't cram too much into our nice little park.

54. As I said at the meeting the people I see using the park today who come with their dogs are bringing larger dogs who are there to run across the whole soccer field chasing a Frisbee or a thrown ball. Smaller dogs are on leashes and walking with their owners as they walk the neighborhood so I would imagine some would bring their dogs to walk with them around the trail.

55. Why is there not a fitness area in playground enlargement area 2? I like the idea of the picnic tables where they are in area 2, however it is not my preference if that means there is not a fitness area. I prefer not to have sand volleyball court or tennis courts added, as they would take away from the open green spaces which families use and I definitely do not want a dog run added to the park. I think it would be helpful to put up a large sign on the side of the park about the coming changes so all in the neighborhood are aware (as not everyone is on the neighborhood FB page and there is not an HOA that disseminates information)

I have heard that retention walls / berms will need to be added to the park. As those are due to the fire station being added, will the funds for those come out of the park budget, or the fire station budget? The drawings show a lot of trees that are not currently at the park. Will the newly added trees all be small, non mature trees? I would prefer to have less new trees if larger older trees could be added instead.

(additional comments continued)

56. We DO NOT WANT A DOG PARK for the following, non-exclusive reasons. Not needed - people bring their dogs to the park and walk them as is; too noisy and messy; destroys the tranquility of a neighborhood park; people would come from distant neighborhoods to bring their dogs; would take up critical green space that will already be diminishing by the fire/rescue station and would cramp other more worthy improvements. Under no circumstances would we tolerate a dog park in the SE corner of park - that is right next to our house. I would bring legal action to contest such a proposal. There is precedent for this. We do not want a sand volleyball court. There are plenty of those at Kiwanis Park. The large kitty litter area in the playground will be eliminated by the new proposed playground area. A sand volleyball court would be another unwelcome sandbox for cats and would primarily be used by people outside our neighborhood. With soccer already a big draw into the neighborhood the public parking limitations would be further exacerbated. We would prefer a tennis court in the area near the basketball court. There are very few public tennis courts in Tempe, and the high school courts cannot be played during the day during school months. We have questions about the seating/retaining walls and berms on the renderings. Will there be seating/retaining walls around the corners and ends of the soccer field as indicated on the drawings? Such would be unnecessary and excessive. Will the "seating walls" be bermed on the outside so as to avoid the appearance of ugly concrete walls as we look out over the park? We hope so. The five-foot wall indicated to separate the BB court from the existing wall with the granite path in between sounds a bit strange - and would create a needless alley. Need more detail on that. While we like the idea of many new trees, the apparent planned removal of many mature trees seems needlessly criminal. There are at least 3 mature trees on the east side of the park that appear to be planned for removal. Why? No plans appear to require the removal of those trees. Likewise for many of the existing trees apparently slated for removal on the west and NE sides. Can't some of the new construction plans be worked around them. It will be many years before the small trees will be mature enough to be a buffer or make a difference in the park. Trees and grass are what make the park beautiful and useful. Why not use some of the improvement money to buy mature trees to put in? We don't like the possibility of the fitness track and a fitness station being right up against our fence on the SE corner of the park. We request that they be placed elsewhere. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters with you further in person.
57. Please keep as much green space as possible. No volleyball nor tennis courts in this park. Would like to preserve the neighborhood feel the park currently offers. Green space allows for picnics, field games, flying kites, and just running. Volleyball and/or tennis would ruin this and not be utilized year-round.
58. Please put funding toward the playground rather than the fitness stations. We need the playground to both attract families and build community among our neighbors. Please consider using a ground material other than sand for underneath the playground (woodchips or recycled rubber?). Would also like to request a tricycle/bike path around the playground (it is part of the current playground but doesn't appear on the proposed maps).
59. We love dogs but don't want a public dog park
60. As much fun playground equipment as possible please. Also shade for the parents as they have to sit and watch their kids run around. Also love the fitness trail and workout stations
61. We prefer the tennis courts rather than sand volleyball if funding allows
62. Very excited for a sand volleyball court - lighting is important since many people (kids and adults) like to play when the sun goes down and the temperatures are cooler. Water sprayer is also wonderful
63. Less is better. Thank you
64. Add toddler swings
65. No parking lot

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66. For the ParFit Course and/or Fitness Trail: Are machines such as this planned? <https://www.gametime.com/products/Chest-Press-13555> What is the expected maintenance of the "advanced variable resistance mechanism"? There seem to be many outdoor fitness equipment items with this mechanism. Could other items be placed that could exercise the same muscle groups by using one's own body weight, and not have the potential maintenance issue of individual exercise specific "variable resistance mechanisms"? As example could the following be placed instead, requiring less maintenance? <https://www.gametime.com/products/Push-Up-Station-13563> <https://www.gametime.com/products/Vault-Bar-Station-13567> But there is no presentation showing what is planned for the ParFit or Fitness Trail, so it is hard to comment.
67. I live in the only house that is directly adjacent to the park (Southeast corner of park) which significantly influences my concerns and interest in these issues. We have lived here for more than 15 years and have immensely enjoyed having Estrada Park next to us (as it is) for many reasons that are now being threatened. We have loved the wide open green spaces, mature trees, the neighborhood feel of the park--- with neighbors walking to and from the park frequently, working on the Association projects (city grants) for improvements to playground, fountains, and sidewalks), and I will also add --- the excellent maintenance by the City that keeps it looking beautiful. Given the reality that the fire station will be built, I urge you to do everything possible to preserve these positive attributes of this park. Consequently I share the statements in the vision statement that the Neighborhood Association has issued. However, following are my primary concerns: 1. NO DOG PARK - I absolutely do not want a dog park in our park! There are other alternatives available in Tempe. It would attract even more dogs than those currently using the park, including additional residents outside the neighborhood. It would detract from the enjoyment and aesthetics of the park with noise (barking), dog waste, intimidation of young children, danger of confrontations between dogs or between a dog and a person. If ---God forbid--- a dog park is built, Option A is a must, i.e. as far away from our house as possible! 2. MOVE FITNESS TRAIL FURTHER IN FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER so that it is not close to border of the park in the southeast corner. Our home shares a border with the park there and our master bedroom wall/window is directly next to the proposed trail! Please move it as far away as possible from that corner! 3. NO ADDITIONAL COURT SPACE, i.e. enlarged basketball court, sand volleyball court, tennis court. Again, the fire station is already taking up much of our precious open space and I prefer that as little grass as possible be covered with a sports area. IF money is available and some additional court space is going to be built, I prefer a tennis court, because I think it would get the most use. 4. PREFER PLAYGROUND OPTION 1 WITH SLIGHT MODIFICATION -- I prefer the larger playground site but suggest that the adult fitness playground and the children's playground be next to each other and the shaded picnic tables/seating be to the east of where these two playgrounds adjoin (similar to the drawing in the Concept Plan dated August 12, 2017, which is situated this way). This accommodates the concern about the adult area and the children's area not being close enough to each other. 5. PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT - I don't think the net climber and sway bridge are very safe or space effective, i.e. they take up a lot of room for one apparatus. I prefer equipment more similar to that at Harelson Park, including the Zip Glide. 6. PLEASE PRESERVE/REPLACE THE DRINKING FOUNTAINS BY THE PLAYGROUND 7. PLEASE RETAIN EVERY POSSIBLE TREE and if necessary design "improvements" around the mature trees. I request that money be spent on fewer mature trees, rather than more small, scrawny trees, e.g. 24-36 inch rather than 15 inch. The Concept Plan does not reflect preservation of many mature trees that do not appear to affect the "improvements", e.g. mature trees along Kachina drive are not reflected as preserved in the Concept Plan. PLEASE be sensitive to this very important consideration.

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68. Is there an outdoor, public park friendly version of a TRX? <https://www.trxtraining.com/#/>
It's versatile and simple. As a bonus, my kids would gladly use it as a swing.
69. I vote NO on the volleyball and tennis court.
70. I'm really neutral on the color theme of the playground. I much prefer a dog park rather than a sand volleyball court. I don't know anyone in Estates La Colina who plays volleyball but I know that many residents, myself included, have dogs.
71. If the city is not going to put a pickleball court in this neighborhood park: -that is much larger than the average neighborhood park -that is adjacent to an arterial street -that is situated relatively far from residences, considering the noise of playing pickleball -that is in the zip code of more pickleball players It would be hard to justify placing pickleball courts in smaller neighborhood parks tucked more closely against residences in other parts of the city. Also, please increase the height of the retaining wall to the west of the court area from 5 feet to closer to 8 feet, so one could play tennis against that wall or kids could play handball against that wall.
72. The current proposed shade structures will leave the playground exposed to the sun in the late afternoon -- I think the location needs to be re positioned so that the playground equipment will receive the maximum shade & not necessarily the tables.
73. I do not want a dog park in Estrada Park. As a non-dog owner, I absolutely do not support this; and as a park user, I want as much general use space available as possible. We are already losing so much space to the fire station. Adding other non-essentials parcels out the space too much. Additionally, we have a lot of practices and community sports games that take place in the park, which is what a park is for. We do not need added traffic of a dog park.
74. There is no need for a dog park. This is already a limited space which is meant for neighborhood use. A dog park would attract people from nearby areas. The dog park concepts are so small, they are really of limited use.
75. I would love to see swings appropriate for young children and babies. As time goes on, I would hope that more young families would be moving in the area. We just did! I think having these types of amenities nearby will help attract more families with school-age kids or younger. I also would like to see playground equipment that is shaded and for younger kids. It looks like there will be a play structure for kids 2 to 5 years old, but there is no shade for much of the play area. It looks like some of this structure come with shade built into the design, but I wasn't sure which one you would choose. Will the play area have sand, or will it be those wood chips? I really love the wood chips because it doesn't bring home sand everywhere. It would be nice to maybe just have one small area where there is sand. I would love to be more involved with this project. We moved at the end of July, so I didn't realize there was a meeting and in mid-August until after it occurred. Thanks! This all looks very cool.
76. In looking over the proposed redesign, it seems that too many amenities are trying to be placed in the area available causing everything to be pushed close together, and the openness of the park is being destroyed. I would suggest that more of the playground equipment be placed under the shaded area so it is not in the hot sun and is more available for playing on during the direct sunlight times of the day, especially since during those weekday times younger children are often using the park then. Am also concerned that with all the additional walls and berms, drainage water will not flow as was originally designed for this area. At the August 12th meeting, the city representative that spoke to our group indicated that data collected from last survey showed a 'No Theme' preference, so am curious as to why this question is being asked again? It also seems like city and/or park representatives are pushing to build a dog park here. Am NOT in favor of a dog park. Have seen quite a few other dog parks. They are dirty, messy and draw flies. The people I have seen drive up or walk to the park and let their dogs run 'off lease' don't clean up after their dogs. I do not think that a dog park will give them a reason to confine their dogs to the area or clean up after them.

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77. I do not want a dog park. I do not want a sand volleyball court. Would like to maintain as much green space as possible. I would like to the mature trees. And build around them as much as possible. I do not want another court other than the existing basketball court.
78. Please do not put in a dog park! This will result in increased noise, garbage, smell and traffic. Please do not put in a sand volleyball court either, as this will quickly deteriorate (sand will harden, will blown away, and will end up serving as a litter box (and attract) stray animals. Please try to retain as much open field/area as possible, as this PreK serves many members of the community and is often full of families, friends and organized team play -- exactly what a pro should be!
79. There does not need to be a separate area for dogs. Many of the dog owners I see in the park use the soccer field for their dogs to run. It is a big area and some of the owners of the larger dogs use almost the whole field for their dogs to run on. All the playground area should be covered to avoid the kids getting sun burns. That is how they do it at schools. Also, as much as kids like to climb, rope material should not be used as rope deteriorates in sunlight. Kids have had injuries from using old rope. Parks are for kids and families to gather and sometimes eat. Let's stick to the core values. Next to the park is a gym that charges \$10 per month for adults. I don't see adults using the park for exercise when it is to hot or cold. There are plenty of gyms in the area for the adults. When kids are not in schools they usually don't have a place to play, especially with playground equipment. They need a park with lots of playground equipment. A cooking area for parties would be great for families to use. I think the berms for seating around the soccer field is an excellent idea. When I see kids playing in the park, 99% are 12 or under. Think about that!!! When I occasionally drive past the skate park, I see many kids there. I think Tempe did the right thing to put in a skate park. In fact, I am pleased that my city put in a skate park for the kids. Us adults have many places we can go for recreation. Kids do not always have that. My kids and grandkids have enjoyed this park. We look forward to them having more toys to play with. Like schools, make sure everything is well covered.

Emails

Monday, August 21, 2017 - I am very very opposed to a sand volleyball court and a dog run for Estrada park. Both are unhygienic and would be detrimental to the many children who play at the park. We have lived in this neighborhood for 22 years and greatly oppose these 2 items.

Sunday, September 3, 2017 - I failed to comment in the recent survey regarding the idea of a "dog park" being part of the Estrada Park makeover. I am not in favor of using space for a dog park. I feel our park is too small to add this feature.