

#### **PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY**

## **Overview**

A public meeting was held on February 24, 2018 to get feedback on planned improvements for Petersen Park. Residents in the area of Southern to Fairmont, Priest to the 101 (183 residents) were invited to participate in the process via postcard. Notices were also posted to Nextdoor to 48 households in 1 neighborhoods (Petersen Park) directing residents to both the meeting and the website. Eleven (11) people signed in for the meeting, though more residents were at the park to view the plans. Residents were asked to provide input on layout for the playground, equipment type, and support for a future display/event space on the grounds. Surveys were available at the meetings and online from February 24 through March 10, 2018. A total of 25 survey responses were received; 15 at the meeting and 10 online, 3 from outside the project area.

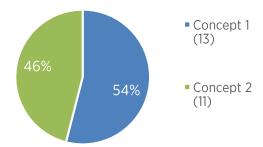
#### **Map of Survey Respondents**



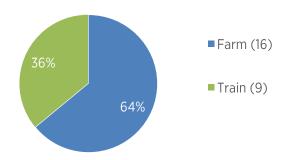


# **Survey Responses**

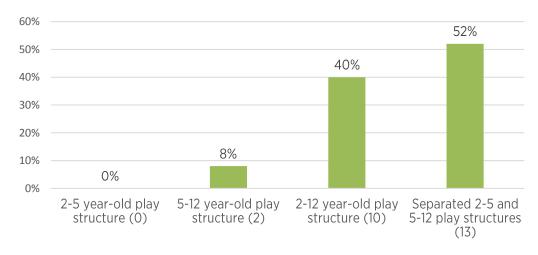
1. Of the two proposed Petersen Park play area layouts, which do you prefer? (The budget is the same for both layouts.)



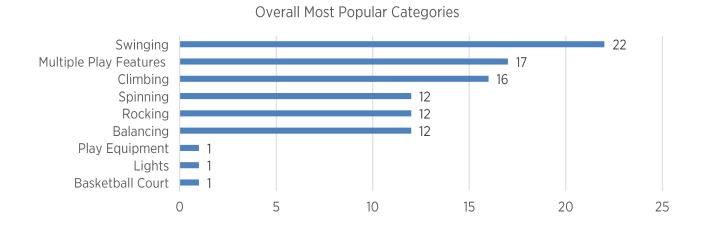
# 2. Which theme do you prefer for the play area?



3. What play level do you prefer for the play structure?



4. Please list in order of importance the top 4 categories of equipment you would like to see Petersen Park with 1 being your favorite:



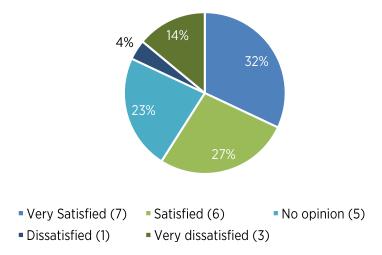
1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice
Multiple Play Features (11)	Swinging (10)	Balancing (5)	Rocking (8)
Swinging (8)	Climbing (7)	Spinning (5))	Balancing (5)
Climbing (3)	Multiple Play Features (3)	Rocking (4)	Spinning (4)
Balancing (1)	Spinning (2)	Swinging (3)	Climbing (3)
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Basketball Court (1)	Lights (1)	Multiple Play Features (3)	
	Play Equipment (1)		

- 5. The City has plans created and supported previously to build an agricultural display area and indoor restrooms West of the Petersen House. Please provide comments on these improvements:
  - 1. I believe the agricultural display and farmhouse theme fit very well together with the home. I prefer the round playground and the position of the 8 trees around it for 2 reasons. First the trees in the locations shown around the circular design provide the most shade for both the playground and walkways. And a round playground, I find keeps all children more engaged. No one is likely to be isolated in a corner. Great use of the property.
  - 2. Restrooms sound great but we need light.
  - 3. First, we need lights. Restrooms will be great.
  - 4. Yes. We're unable to have parties, we have to send everyone to our homes.
  - 5. Bathroom
  - 6. Yes
  - 7. Yes
  - 8. Yes
  - 9. Restrooms must be open and handicapped accessible
  - 10. Indoor restrooms with outdoor entrance. Kids playground needs close and accessible restroom.
  - 11. Yes Display Area. Yes restroom indoor or outdoor.
  - 12. Yes!
  - 13. I don't support restrooms because its right off a bus stop, it would cause more homeless to camp there, its such a small neighborhood people can walk home from park. I just don't want to see more homeless gathering at the park. Could we have a larger footprint for a community garden? There aren't too many young children in this neighborhood, please consider having something for 12+ age group.
  - 14. Agriculture display should present native plants and include neighborhood involvement. If possible include water feature.
  - 15. Pet waste disposal boxes and some water features for meditation and room for excersize on lawn would be great with plenty of benches to get more use out of what's available
  - 16. Main Entrance to bathrooms visible in the open for security reasons, nice up to date and amenities for children changing table in men's and woman's bathrooms.
  - 17. Water fountains for big and small and pets
  - 18. Solar power use in agriculture area open to public not just during business hours and amenities in bathroom backed up by electric.
  - 19. Awesome, can't wait.
  - 20. The restrooms could maybe be equipped for the toddlers in training. If I am understanding what an agricultural display is, maybe it could have button operated descriptions.
  - 21. Restrooms are great as long as they are kept up. My largest concern, because of the location not inside the neighborhood, that more transient people will be sleeping in the park with the bathroom there.

    Overall though, it does need restrooms and the agricultural display will be great.
  - 22. These both sound great!
  - 23. Love the idea of restrooms. Downside to restrooms; they tend to attract the homeless population who will occupy and camp at the parks.

6. 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.

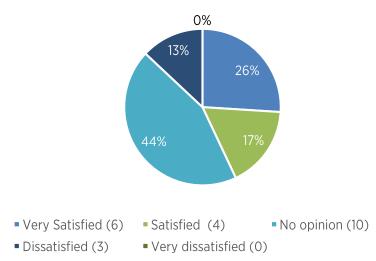
### Cleanliness of Petersen Park



### Comments:

- 1. Just concerned about light, since it's dark people doing things.
- 2. It needs more security when my family leaves the park we find needles
- 3. Lights and security so people don't do drugs.
- 4. bathroom
- 5. bathroom and lights
- 6. It is clean
- 7. need more work

## Safety of Petersen Park



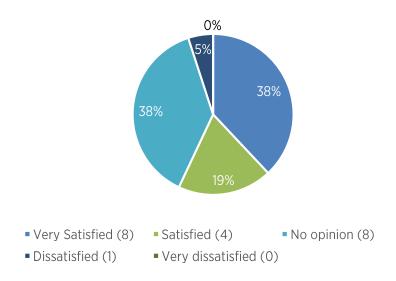
## Comments:

- 1. Needs improvement
- 2. Not enough light at park at night

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- 3. not to rob us
- 4. Need more light
- 5. a lot of drink and smoking people
- 6. Restrooms
- 7. This park has no lighting during the night
- 8. Some mornings I do get worried seeing people sleeping in the park and because of the location on a busy street corner, I don't feel as safe at night here. A lot of lighting would be great.
- 9. more lighting needed

### Friendliness of the park staff



## Comments:

- 1. never seen a staff
- 2. No one seen here.
- 3. I don't see no one

### Additional comments:

- 1. Even though I do not live near this park, the design for improvements definitely make it more inviting and more likely for me to visit. This seems like it would be a great boost for the neighborhood.
- 2. No lights at night, everything is completely dark. Would like some space for soccer field. In safety reasons many people are coming at night to drug themselves and drink. We see these people very often. Seeing the vomiting in the trees and using the "bathroom" in the trees as well. Need more water fountains.
- 3. I would like to add a soccer field and a basketball court if possible. We also need more lights and more water fountains.
- 4. Park is all dark early and our kids can't play. Also need water fountains. Our family needs more security to enjoy our neighborhood.
- 5. Add a soccer field
- 6. We want bathroom and lights
- 7. We would like lights and bathrooms
- 8. Soccer field. Bathroom. Lights, Gates around park.
- 9. Need bathrooms and roof over picnic tables. More playt ground stuff and bars to do flips. And more light.
- 10. Thanks for inviting us!

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- 11. While I like Concept 1, I do prefer the focal area concept of #2. It provides the ability to add-on or adapt to future changes or projects
- 12. I would love to see the park bring the community together. I've lived in this neighborhood for 2 years and still don't know anyone. A community garden would be excellent! I work at Desert Botanical Garden and could see about getting help from the Community garden there.
- 13. With all the improvements that may come, this park needs to have good lighting during the night. It has always been pitch black when the sun goes down.
- 14. I feel the playground should be covered with some kind of canopy. Have a misting system for the parents supervising their children. This may help ensure that the parents stay to watch their children as well as a way for the children to cool off and not overheat
- 15. Thank you, I am excited for this change.

## **Additional Outreach**

Fourth graders on a field trip to Petersen House were asked to give input on equipment choices for the park. Seventy-four students were given a dot to place on their favorite piece or category of equipment.

# **Student Equipment Choices**

