



Rio Salado and Beach Park Masterplan

Survey Summary

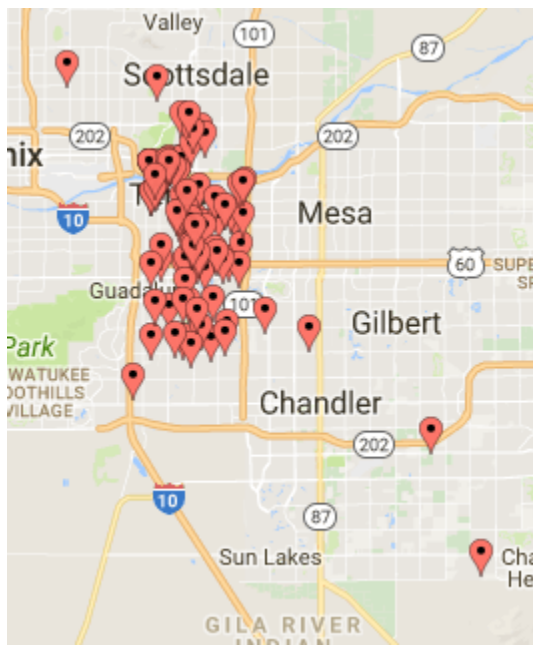
February 28 – March 25, 2018

OVERVIEW

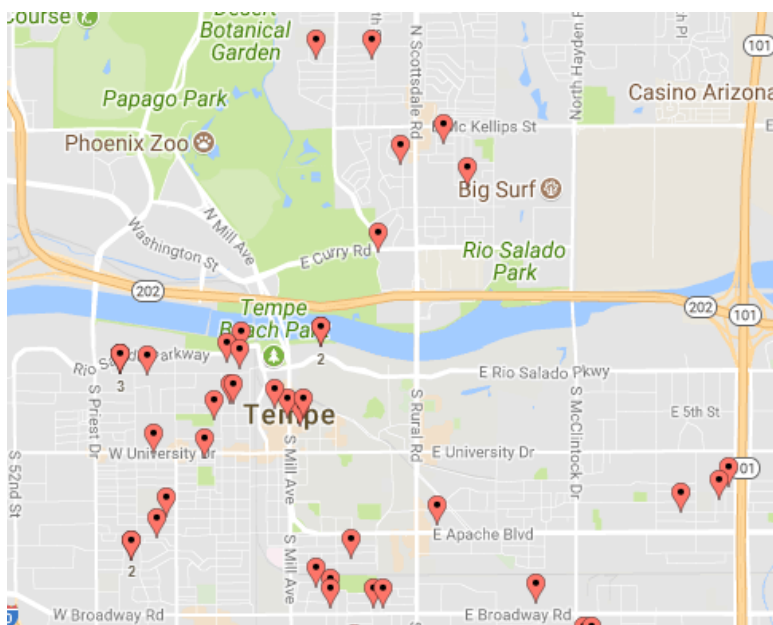
The topic was posted on Tempe Forum from February 28 through March 25, 2018. A total of 104 survey responses were received.

MAP OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS

All responses:



Project area:



SURVEY RESPONSES

1. What do you love most about Rio Salado Park?

1. The beaches, walking. The lake is pretty, yet inaccessible. I need the Lopiano district to extend everywhere.
2. It's open use; multi sport layout.
3. People gather for Tempe wide community building events and activities.
4. The lake and special events.
5. Open space, walking, biking paths.
6. It's a beautiful, clean and iconic park where it's safe to bring your family and friends.
7. Its location in the Urban Core.
8. I love the walking/bicycle paths all around the lake, different events, and overall feeling of the area. It's always been something that truly makes Tempe unique compared to the rest of the Valley and that's why I love living here.
9. It's potential, nothing to "love" yet
10. nice paths, water, lights on light rail, cool bridge
11. I love the walking/running paths, events and overall vibe of the area. It's always been something that set us apart from other cities. I love that.
12. Views to Camelback and other distant landmarks. Water that is a luxury in the desert. People of all ages out enjoying themselves.
13. The Lake and TCA
14. Proximity to home. Pathways for biking. Trees w/ shade to relax under. Bridges. Sunsets/rises.
15. The chance to all along the lake, the openness (able to see beautiful sunsets and sunrises), Tempe Center for the Arts.
16. What is Rio Salado Park? Are you talking the river bottom or Tempe Beach Park? If that is what you all are talking about I Love the name. I like the ability to do a bunch of different activities, riding bikes, skateboards, scooters, walking or just sitting and people watching.
17. I'm assuming you mean Tempe Beach Park -- I don't know of anyone who calls it Rio Salado Park. Anyway, we love the views and accessibility.
18. Preserved open area, bike path
19. Sunsets, they're amazing.
20. I love the scenery including the lake, the lawns, the marina, the pedestrian and railroad bridges, as well as the old architecture of the Mill Ave. Bridge. The walkways and bicycle paths are great. I love the remnant of the old bridge and the overlook it provides. Rio Salado park is the envy of the entire Valley if not the whole state.
21. The lake.
22. Beautiful scenery

23. Cycling
24. Large open space
25. Rio Salado Park is ours and it puts us on par with any city in the nation.
26. the long walkway around the water
27. Easy access from other bike paths. Volleyball, pedestrian bridge, paddle boarding, events. The different art on North bank.
28. The walkway surrounding and crossing the lake.
29. Tempe Center for the arts. Walking paths. Boating and fishing. Art around the park.
30. The pathways to walk along the lake, the pedestrian bridge connecting both sides and access to TCA.
31. The water, the open space, the Tempe Center for the Arts
32. It's draw for many activities.
33. I like that there is a public park so close to downtown where people can bike, walk, picnic, do water sports or just relax. Also the annual Aloha Festival is great.
34. I think it has a lot of potential and it is nice to see such a large park that can be used for multiple purposes.
35. Nothing. It is a homeless, derelict wasteland. Last year someone was murdered!!! The safest place is floating out on the water. I love looking at the park high above as I land at Sky Harbor but that is about it. We need to update the park with the best statewide fun attractions to draw in good hard working people who will make the homeless bum feel ashamed.
36. The ability to walk through and enjoy the beauty of the lake
37. The Lake and ped/bike activities there.
38. Taking care of the area so there is not trash, litter, allowed to accumulate. A park area for the public to come and enjoy. Making the area beautiful!
39. Open space, grass areas, bike/walking paths and of course the lake.
40. Salt River
41. Seeing the mountains.
42. The bicycle paths, events, rowing, TCA
43. I love the flags that we put out on Memorial Day. I loved the horses that used to be near there. I like the water and the boaters. I like the area near the bridge and the lights on the bridge. I like the habitats and the ability for children to explore.
44. It is nice for large gatherings.
45. tons of events, water in the desert, family friendly, feels safe, modern, near good food and bars, bike friendly, Rail accessible
46. Walking/running paths around the lake
47. Great place to walk, bike or skate

48. History, considering our predecessors and the landscape before State farm and skyscrapers. I hope not too many more of those large buildings go up.
49. That I can easily walk or bike there to attend events in my city
50. The lake, which is a distinctive and immediately recognizable feature of this city. Yes, we live in the desert, but cities should reward and incentivize, with amenities, those seeking the relatively low-impact lifestyle that more densely populated urban centers provide.
51. It's the jewel of the downtown area. A place that meets so many needs of the community.
52. The lake!
53. It's a central location, well-known identifiable park that represents Tempe
54. Nothing... let ASU pay for the upkeep and any changes. They are the only true beneficiaries.
55. The running trails
56. Easy access for most individuals; brings a green and water landscape to our desert; an area that folks can relax and enjoy; provides an excellent venue for events that hopefully then contribute to Tempe's tax basis.
57. I love the lake and the opportunity to row there.
58. The pathways along the water. I love running with my husband and our dogs next to the water. It's beautiful and peaceful.
59. The simplicity
60. Nature, opportunities to walk/bike/skate etc., wide open spaces
61. Ambiance water in the desert! Variety of activities and nature.
62. Multi use path along the water and under bridges
63. Circulation around the lake.
64. The open space and access to paths that connect you across the city without having to negotiate with cars.
65. Being able to walk long distances without having to worry about automobiles.
66. Connects to Mesa and Scottsdale greenbelt. Beautiful views
67. The multi-use path around the lake.
68. The vibrancy of water, pathways and people
69. The path around the lake is great!
70. I love how close I am to everything.
71. I like the wide vistas and the long pathway that is smooth and accessible to my power chair.
72. Special events like the arts fair; opportunities for biking and walking; preservation of history
73. Trails and green areas
74. It is a nicely landscaped area that allows for a long walk

75. Desert Vistas / Desert Viewshed. Native Sonoran Desert Trees & Landscaping. Desert Views of Papago Park & Tempe Butte. Pedestrian Bridge. TCA. Riparian Areas / Birds / Wildlife. Bikability
76. The water, public space, car-free.
77. Beautiful park on the water
78. It's a great venue for urban exercise, it's safe and it's scenic. I personally like the urban feel with the buildings. The proximity to restaurants on Mill is great as well.
79. It is a fun relaxing place. You can go and feel like you are on a mini vacation. You can rent boats or boards or take a walk. It is a beautiful place to take pictures. It is also a safe place for recreation after dark - walking, biking, skating, long boarding.
80. The activity, views of Papago Buttes, architecture rising out of the lake, reflections in the water, mill avenue bridge, view driving south on Rural into town
81. Valuable open space in an ever-increasing density in an urban environment.
82. I really enjoy the view of the water, and the bridges, especially at night. The people watching is great. When there are charity walks/runs, and the Tour de Fat, it's really fun to see.
83. Multi use paths
84. Nothing... it's an over crowded dump hole now.
85. The waterfront, the wide sidewalks along the waterfront, and the tie ins to historical Tempe. I love the old bridge, and seeing the lights on the operating roads/bridges/rail tracks. I also love the boat rentals - such a cool, unique element!
86. The lake and water play area for the grandbabies.
87. Trails and paths. The historic elements associated with the ball field and seating. The large events. The new downstream gates.
88. Bike Paths along lake and river to Mesa and Scottsdale Greenbelt.
Birdwatching
89. The water and bridges
90. Events
91. The walking paths
92. The lake and the open space - in the middle of the city. Watching sailboats and boaters enjoying the lake. The fact that Papago Park and the desert area is right next to this lake.
93. It's great to jog or walk around the lake. It's a safe, well maintained park that's well lit and a great place to watch the sun rise and set.
94. Beautiful water, open space, fresh air
95. I love the connection to Mesa and Scottsdale parks. I'm usually running alone but always feel safe.
96. That we planned for the entire lakefront to be a public park, with no private areas to close it off. We specified it would be Tempe Town Lake,

and Tempe Beach Park so that we would have a civic pride of ownership, that the citizens of Tempe built and paid for it. The presence of Green space and open water testify to the Rio Salado being not a desert but historically a verdant Oasis.

97. I love that we have the lake in place now. We have improved the ends of the lake to ensure many more years of water containment.

98. The water. The buildings shining at night, their reflections in the water.,

99. The lake and walking biking paths

100. It's laid out well and generally maintenance is kept up.

101. Water and vegetation.

2. What is missing from Rio Salado Park?

1. Everything, It's not done yet. No one that works there has a place to be.
2. Skate park, BMX free street park. East lake pedestrian bridge. Dedicated cycling lanes.
3. Shade trees (low water).
4. Shade, food vendors, activities beyond boat rentals. Lack of amenities and parking on north shore. We need a playground for kids, maybe one similar to Fountain Hills by the lake where they have equipment that makes music. Night time art installations like they have at the Waterfront in Scottsdale would be a cool addition too.
5. East pedestrian bridge, connections to Indian Bend Wash and Grand Canal. More public art, historic interpretation.
6. Maybe some more shade.
7. Supporting restaurants and retail.
8. More shade. Develop local restaurants/bars/cafes/shops etc. (similar to San Antonio's River Walk) directly on the water. I believe the perfect place for this would be on the north side near the Mill Ave Bridge area. Better connectivity to Tempe Mark
9. Atmosphere, grass, shade, landscape, tranquility, beauty. Accountable management, restrooms, consistency. Events that aren't regional, more serial events and services (small bandstands, local quartets, ensembles, puppet shows, kite building and flying contests in conjunction with arts, afternoon events, chess boards, affordable ice cream, soda, good water, hot dogs), innovative dog park which could accommodate shows and competition, exercise course, a Class A boat house on the lake, a kayak course, better use of or adaptable shade structures from bridges, fly casting rings, arrangements for covered space pop up pavilions or tents on no grass locations, a small watercourse with pumped recycled lake water in a lush tropical area, development of nature ways below the dam,
10. Shade, vegetation, children's play area, splash pad
11. Updated bathroom, better playground area and overall infrastructure improvements that are geared towards sustainability. I would love to see some kind of Friday night walk once a month, filled with vendors, preformed and art. Something like First Friday in Phoenix.
12. Waterplay for children. The splash zone that was part of the original was well loved, though was hard to maintain and has "hazards" the aggressive lawyers

will pounce on, unlike years ago! So sad that fun must be "sanitized", but quality design approaches still exist that minimize attacks by a greedy law profession.

13. Rented out too frequently. It seems that there is an event every week-end and now even during the week. Events are good but not too many and above all need to respect noise. Right now there are sound tests going on that are above reasonable decibel levels.
14. Green infrastructure!! More community-level events. More yoga in the park. More local art! Sculptures, murals, etc. Needs color.
15. A playground (maybe on the under developed Northside)
16. Water Fountains and Bathrooms on the North side of the lake. Better parking
17. a bit more shade would be nice
18. SHADE and a playground for kids
19. I think it's good as is. I notice lots of people use it to enjoy the outdoors, exercise, and spend time with a significant other. Events that happen are always a plus, too!
20. The primary thing missing at Tempe Town Lake is the dire lack of shade trees. During late Spring, Summer, and early Fall events at the lake you see pockets of people desperately sharing what little shade is available. I have lived in Tempe for many years and during hotter parts of the year we decide not to attend daytime events there...not because of the heat but due to the lack of decent shade. Please please plant some shade trees!
21. A solution to the homeless people.
22. Easy to find parking, more small restaurants and businesses (places I'd bring my family)
23. more areas to view birds up close
24. shaded parking, play ground
25. As a member of Tempe Sister Cities my primary affiliation with Rio Salado Park has been through the production of the Four Peaks Oktoberfest @ Tempe Town Lake. Infrastructure upgrades that would benefit public safety and the various larger events would include: 1. An independent Wi-Fi system to service the tech needs of 25,000 - 30,000 event patrons, in the park, at any one time. The present configuration hampers events with slow service and frequent loss of service due to competition from ASU Stadium events, downtown Mill Avenue activity, airplane traffic, and freeway traffic as calls are transferred as they travel east and west. 2. There are three water bibs in the park and the only drinking fountains are located at the south end of the park. 3. Since 2005 COT has had a wonderful partnership with the Arizona Diamondbacks when the D'Backs renovated the historic Tempe Beach ball field. Unfortunately, with the busy schedule of the park and the lack of parking, use by Tempe Little Leagues has dwindled. Knowing the great community asset that is Tempe Beach Park, I feel the Diamondbacks, if approached, might entertain the option to provide a similar renovation to the Papago Park ball field. The current Tempe Beach field could be phased in to additional event space.
26. I am dismayed by all the tall buildings around the lake. I am resigned to the fact big money will always win, and soon the only place to just get a glimpse of the water will be from the bridges across.

27. A separate area for loud, adult-only events. This which would prevent the need to block Tempe residents from most park access during these events.
28. Shaded seating areas. Informative signage. Modernized amenities/facilities. Public art, other than what is near TCA.
29. More shade; a cafe/bakery; nice sculptures in the area and inside the lake itself; water between Tempe Center for the Arts and Priest Dr.; a sand volleyball court.
30. More opportunities for local residents to enjoy it. Traffic is a major issue limiting those who don't reside downtown from frequenting the area.
31. Adequate parking and shade, shade, shade, shade and shade. I wish there were more natural areas representing our native desert plant life.
32. Power, water, and internet hook-ups for events large and small.
 - a. A Swimmable beach! It's too hot in this state, and we want to swim in an ALL NATURAL non- chlorinated pool. Instead of trying to maintain the whole lake, Tempe should block off a section of the water using concrete and treat only a dedicated portion of the "beach" area to allow for swimming. I also want to see a wave-pool and City Lifeguards out there. 2) A "PRO" skatepark. ASU students love their wheels. Long boarding, skateboarding, roller blading, bicycle riding. I would like to see that old splash pad turned into a mini ramp for kids.
33. Parking is absolutely the worst, the fact that you took out the splash pad is very sad and with little or no public comment. Lack of shade structures
34. Priority access for Ped and Bike. People wanting to get to the lake should be able to cross North or South of Rio Salado Drive every 1/4 mile.
35. Consistent paved path
36. Have not really considered! Would like it kept rustic & like original nature, not become built up with "things", businesses!
37. Concessions would be nice. Food trucks at regularly scheduled times would be a great addition.
38. People
39. Peacefulness and a sense of natural desert river nature.
40. Boat house, beach volleyball - bring it back, bird migration/watching presentations, more music and performances. Need more activities on west and north of the lake.
41. Horses
42. Things for families and young children.
43. a few pedestrian bridges, some parts out dated, more shade in summer, north south light rail connection
44. Vendors around the park
45. Vendors, places to get some coffee, food etc. with a patio on the lake even. Bike Repair stands, More restroom locations and more parking. A playground for children.
46. diverted water... it used to flow to Mexico now it stops (to go to Phx metro grass and toilets?).. looking forward to water conservation education/campaigning included in the master plan so we might be able to have more than just 'Tempe' town lake and see a bit more water further down the line..

47. Pop-Up Bars. There are no restaurants bars or coffee shops on the lake except for at the TCA which is overpriced and just has the basics. The area is just being filled with businesses in prime locations for people to hang out. It would be really awesome if the park worked with local businesses and organizations to have pop-up parks similar to Philadelphia:
<https://www.visitphilly.com/articles/philadelphia/the-best-beer-gardens-in-philadelphia/#vp-article-section--item-5>. Some of these are partnerships with the City of Philadelphia. I think these are more permanent than what I am describing, but overall something that is more relaxing than a festival, which is what is always happens at Tempe Beach Park. Also, something that does not solely focus on beer.. not everyone is a hipster who loves beer, I am a petite woman. I want tapas, wine, and craft cocktails.
48. Quiet. The freeway and air traffic are huge distractions. More shade with native trees - Palo Verdes, etc. Interesting shoreline features that present a more naturalistic feeling. All the hardscaping and the abrupt shoreline is somewhat harsh and industrial feeling. Celebrate our unique corner of the country with more native plants.
49. Splash park - How can you have a Beach park with no access to getting wet- especially in the hot months?
50. Shade, a playground, more of a natural, quiet setting. From a boater's perspective, the lake is kind of boring. One big rectangle. Not enough shore access, beaches, etc. It would be great to have a boat launch on the South shore. The prevailing South-Westerly winds make it difficult to launch a boat from the North shore.
51. People, I think it feels empty and sad except for when there is large events. The space surrounding the lake isn't well utilized, programmed or designed - it could be a much better park with art, gathering areas, interactive play, interpretive design, shade, games, and cool desert landscape. Also, better connectivity to Papago Park and larger trail systems - big missed opportunity. Easier ways to cross the lake. It should be much easier and more enjoyable to do the loop walk around the lake.
52. A useful economic reason that can be affordable.
53. A full dirt running trail. Trying to push a stroller on the dirt right now is hard because there are breaks between and tons of potholes?
54. Haven't been there enough to be able to say. Is there adequate access for those with physical disabilities?
55. We need a boathouse on the north side of the lake.
56. A playground. Unless I am blanking on where there is one there already, I don't believe there is really a place for kids to play there. A cafe/restaurant on the water would be pretty awesome. Maybe on the Marina side? We use the south side more, but a nice casual to mid-upscale place to eat on the water would be cool
57. Kid areas
58. Some food and snack places or mobile vendors (not a lot to be overwhelming but a few options)
59. Opportunities for people with disabilities to recreate with typical folks.
60. Shade and riparian habitat/natural areas
61. A pedestrian crossing at the east end of the lake.

62. There is general lack of shade across the park. Lack of activities along the lake edge. No food/beverage options along lake edge. Wet places to cool off. Skatepark. Interactive art experiences.
63. Shade, swimming, activities near the lake, children's splash pad, and dining options near the lake edge.
64. More restrooms along where people run/bike. More water fountains available. More shops/restaurants along the water. More places to cross from north to south without going off the lake (like crossing at arts center)
65. A working splash pad/kids play area
66. Shade trees, drinking water, showers/restrooms, amenities close to the lake like food, drink, shops. A sense of belonging outside of corporate sponsored activities.
67. A bridge on the east side of the lake so you could run a loop around and over the lake on both sides. More parking would also be great.
68. Nothing
69. Maybe some ramadas. They should be accessible.
70. Being more dog friendly; places to park and lock bicycles
71. Safety and family friendly areas
72. Two things: (1) The connection to the rest of the town. From my location, the only way to get to this area is to drive. A lot of time and effort is being spent building this, but it is more useful to the community that is directly near it. It should be a location that the whole city can access easily without driving. There needs to be more pedestrian and bike paths such as the Country Club Way project that provide a bike and pedestrian route all the way over to this section. Then it would be a great destination for those of us south of the railway. Currently the railroad provides a huge barrier. I rarely go to that area because I don't want to deal with driving in that section (and it is only getting worse). (2) There needs to be more dedicated nature area that promote wildlife and plant life habitats plus allow walking and observing. That may not work in the particular section identified in this study, but perhaps the area by Tempe Marketplace could facilitate this; there are a lot of different water bird varieties. Perhaps a partnership with the Audubon Society to create a center such as this one in Phoenix: <http://riosalado.audubon.org/visit>. More Highlighting Riparian Environmental Character & History - it makes the experience unique to the region and connects us to our past! More Cultural Historic Information Installations - the Salt River is such a pivotal aspect of our community's his
73. A skatepark.
74. Shade. Weekend entertainment. Restaurants.
75. Not much. A little more routine maintenance and clean up would be ideal. More specifically, nicer water fountains (it's hot in the summer!) and I guess that's it really.
76. More lighting on the path near Priest. Maybe a playground not sure what's happening with the water park but need that back
77. Major Dia de los Muertos festival, commercial activity (restaurant, bar, equipment rental), interaction with the water, activity on the lake, ways to cross the lake, small programmed events, music, natural landscapes,

- interaction with natural landscapes, air-conditioned event venues, strong ties to Papago Park, seasonal decoration, art, small human scaled spaces
78. Shade trees are a much need amenity. Provision of a swimming site would provide a much appreciated activity.
 79. The north side of the lake between the train bridge, and the pedestrian bridge looks terrible. I feel bad for the "Tree of Life". It's the most dry, barren, and not landscaped area of the entire lake. There are thousands of people who live directly across the lake to the south of there, and more apartments being built. It looks crappy from the beautiful TCA, also. A fenced dog park area would be helpful.
 80. Bathrooms
 81. Desert landscape and the old houses that were torn down to put up the new junk of buildings.
 82. I think a dedicated amphitheater for local musicians or speakers would be great to add, even for historical presentations from the city. I also think with this and Kiwanis park being the two key parks in Tempe, they should have the best amenities in terms of playgrounds, any splash pads or family-oriented areas. After all...it's a park.
 83. Better parking.
 84. Shade, a playground, a skate park, beer garden/wine tasting/coffee stand, pedestrian crossing on upstream side, dedicated path crossing on southside of lake at McClintock, integration of the surrounding businesses.
 85. Swimming Areas. Pedestrian Bridge crossing on East End of Lake (biking from Scottsdale to Tempe Marketplace). Shade Structures, Shading, Cooling Towers, Nature areas to walk in. Picnic Areas with Ramadas.
 86. Splash area. Small vendor stands selling snacks and drinks like you see in Central Park.
 87. This is not just about Rio Salado park but the whole area between Priest and Rural. Someone kept mentioning San Antonio Riverwalk but I think it should be more like Austin Town Lake. We've got a university right here. Of course we have cement to run on instead of a softer dirt path but Austin puts out water every day in several areas along the path and paper cups so people can run for miles or bike for miles and don't have to be carrying water. it's just user-friendly. By the canisters are always two large containers to put the trash. Or, you can fill your own container which most everyone does. Houston's middle of the city park has simple outdoor showers so that when it is hot people can drench themselves and their dog in the shower. Then they can keep running or biking or walking and it's much cooler. The showers are simply pull on the rope or chain and when you release it the water goes off. Those are two things that I think simply would make the park user friendly. And, some complain about the heat, and I know many places that are super super humid and hot and people are out.
 88. Nothing
 89. Trees and shade. Map with directions/workout paths. Maintaining a balance between over-development and still leaving enough room for walking, running, or biking. Food and Beverage options - nearest place is Mill avenue.
 90. Restrooms on the south side of the lake.

91. I would like more public amenities. Everything is corporate in nature... lacking small shops to snack, dine or hang out with a purpose.
92. Water Fountains on the north side of the lake... towards priest and the extension to the 143. An underground option to cross McClintock would be safer. Showers. It would be great to have pay per use showers either at the marina or at Tempe Beach Park.
93. Shade. A basic mistake was made from the beginning to use low water use trees, and the provision for shade was pathetic. The riverbank historically had giant 200 year old cottonwood trees. We need a replanting of Arizona native shade trees everywhere people walk or gather.
94. I have always pictured the lake area as a San Antonio River Walk like development. This is not the direction that has been taken at all. Small shops, bistros, etc. with a continuous path in front of shops around lake. This could bring in a lot of tourist and local money. I would even like to see the lake filled in a little in front of buildings (like State Farm) to achieve this path if needed. Everyone should benefit from this beautiful lake. It would be a world class destination.
95. Nothing
96. Playground for the children
97. A snack stand.
98. Areas of turf to picnic in.

3. Is there anything that interferes with your enjoyment of the park?

1. No, but we need less "interlopers" most people do weird things like eat a fish from the lake up in Lopiano then leave trash.
Lighting/turnarounds at the park. People doing bad stuff.
2. A lack of restroom facilities.
3. Special events that I'm not attending (or aware of).
4. Lack of food vendors and shade. I would like a pedestrian bridge closer to Rural Road or a little east of Rural. Food trucks on the weekends would be awesome.
5. There isn't a good way to go around the lake without hitting heavy traffic.
6. Only thing I can think of is sometimes the smell from the lake.
7. Rude people.
8. Uneven pavement in certain areas (north side of lake between bridges) makes it rough for riding a bicycle.
9. It's a dustbowl, it's for sale, it's a bunch of sidewalks around a lake, it's a carnival,
10. No shade, took out splash pad? it's basically unusable during the summer.
11. Parking isn't great.
12. Air traffic, of course, but we all knew that from 1951 forward with Terminal 1. The freeway, 202, was a tough "deal with the devil" that we made some 15 years ago to get the lake built, so we are stuck with that. Hopefully, some high rise development on the north side in that narrow

hillside of land could hover above park space, but also create a partial sound wall from freeway traffic. I recreate often on the north side, and have hopes for quality development there in the future.

13. Limiting access and noise levels.
14. Concerts & events, sporadically.
15. Airplane noise, which I know you can't do anything about.
16. Sometimes the festivals do, I know they bring in revenue, but as a family we cannot enjoy the park when they are setting up. Also, how dirty the walls are along the lake.
17. not really...we live across the street so we enjoy it every day.
18. Large events that restrict my access to the S side of the park
19. I predominantly use the sand on the north end of the water. Debris and trash are the thing that interferes most with my enjoyment.
20. As described above: Very little available shade
21. The homeless people.
22. The homeless population
23. Safety concerns between pedestrians and cyclists when entering shared paths from the roadway
24. Homeless, trash
25. Nothing has interfered with my walking program. COT has done a good job of encouraging event producers to leave to the lakeside walkways prior to and during events. The interior of the park is also accessible during event construction.
26. Tall buildings surrounding it, and I am scared by the homeless hanging around in groups with and without dogs
27. Getting crowded people not watching where they are going.
28. It's extensive use as a venue for outside large events that make casual use by residents like myself unavailable.
29. The walking paths on the dirt can be hazardous after water has gotten on them and bikes have made rivets in them.
30. Lack of trash pickup especially on the beaches on the Loop 202 side.
31. Not really, except more shade in the summer.
32. Traffic and parking.
33. LACK OF SHADE, lack of parking and the homeless camping there.
34. Not really
35. The HOMELESS people are ruining not only the park but also downtown Tempe. Tempe needs to make it illegal to be a bum. Post signs that say "DO NOT FEED THE HOMELESS". Send the yellow stormtroopers to yell at them and not let them rest.
36. The homeless population, lack of shade and the restrooms in the main area are constantly locked is a joke
37. High Speeds on the Mill Ave Bridges. It would be nice to have the West Bridge converted to an elevated park / Ped / Bike bridge and use the East bridge as the only access off / on to Mill and Rio Salado.

38. Access
39. Parking could be a problem.
40. No
41. Eyesore towering commercial buildings INCLUDING defunct Hayden Flour Mill silos
42. It's urban, often crowded, and unlike a desert river. I am grateful I can step in the sand on the north side. Please try to increase its peaceful friendly charm, which may be recognizable but harder to define. I think you, and I do mean you, would know it when you saw it. We have a lot of people and the building are such masses of hard walls -- we benefit from more soft natural landscaping to offset, for our health.
43. Cannot see A mountain or stadium when rowing on the lake...all you can see are high buildings. Area becoming a heat island, losing open space. Concerned that there will be private areas not accessible to the public even though as tax payers we paid for it all. Need bicycle racks on north side of lake
44. The amount of traffic and congestion of buildings.
45. I live in far South Tempe, and it is difficult to get to the park. I do not like to drive there, because parking is difficult. Unfortunately, if I were to take the bus, it would take 45 minutes to get there.
46. Lack of convenient parking for events, metered parking practices
47. The splash pad hours are terrible. Parents with young kids (toddlers) are not subject to school hours and days. It's hot from March to October, but the splash pad is closed during the week after school age kids go back to school. I would love to have splash pad access when it's not crowded (less scary for toddlers) and it's still hot!
48. Parking at the main lot can be hard and when I am with my kids it makes visits difficult.
49. Limited parking, shade (maybe add some solar canopies)
50. There are so many festivals that disrupt all of the downtown corridor. I am not sure when I can use the park and when I cannot use the park, I mostly assume that every weekend it is unavailable.
51. Noise. Noise. Noise.
52. Large homeless contingent.
53. Freeway noise, not enough shade, no playground, too many big buildings, not enough of a natural setting. When the ski team is practicing, too much of the lake cannot be used.
54. Not being able to engage with or enter the water, the smell of the lake, lack of maintenance, shut down / closed up facilities. Poor trail system / pathways - certain areas feel scary / unnerving. Surrounding developments - most have done a poor job of embracing or improving the park and have instead created barriers to the park.

55. The cost of the whole area including the “settling pool” that pretends to be useful and non-toxic. This is a waste of taxpayer money and is offensive. Again, let ASU pay for it.
56. No
57. Parking.
58. Lack of a decent boating facility and the buoy line in place in front of the dam -- it should be moved back toward the dam, as promised.
59. This is nit-picky, but the smell of the water when the algae blooms is not my favorite. Not sure if there is a good solution to this, though.
60. Homeless encampment
61. Homeless day campers
62. Lack of accessible parking with an accessible route to get to the amenities. More opportunities need to be available for recreation for families who have children with disabilities.
63. Lack of shade
64. Lack of direct water interaction; lack of food & beverage opportunities; insufficient historic information.
65. Getting to the park from the neighborhoods to the south of Rio and west of Mill. There should be better/safer pedestrian focused paths/streets that connect to the residential areas.
66. Parking
67. Homeless population. I don't feel safe using the running/biking paths after dark or early morning
68. Limited parking/access.
69. All the large glass buildings are closed off to the lake and park, and give the feeling of unwelcome and separate. No real connection to Mill Avenue shops. When there are any events, regular lake and pathway enjoyment gets pushed away and practically shunned. Can't even swim in the lake unless sanctioned event!
70. When I cannot find a place to park. Also at times there is a large homeless contingency that overtakes the bathrooms.
71. No
72. Sometimes the bathrooms are closed. The path need to go all the way down to the bridge maybe even further. And what I mean by that it should be paved Full length of the lake.
73. Difficulty finding parking
74. Homeless, security and questionable activities that go on up there. Don't feel safe at night
75. The high rises have significantly reduced my enjoyment of this section. Wish that hadn't been allowed to happen. City needs to renovate that broken water driven art installation on the north side of the lake. To be honest, I don't know how many times I've walked around the TCA or between TCA and Priest along the lake with irrigation systems hemorrhaging water

76. Needs more bathrooms and bring back the splash pad.
77. Homeless people
78. The never ending construction is getting old. Mainly from a logistics standpoint--parking closures, sometimes the running paths are blocked due to construction. But not a huge concern. Parking in general isn't a problem for those of us who know Tempe Town Lake well.
79. No always a great experience
80. large open areas often feel empty when a large event is not going on. No place to invite friends, sit in the park and enjoy a glass of wine - attend an event or recreational activity only options.
81. Frequent major targeted events often obviate opportunities for quiet enjoyment.
82. There is no place to put in a kayak, or paddle board, on the south side of the lake, even though there are 2 ramps?! Why can't these be used for the huge population that resides on both sides of the bridges on the south side? Everyone has to load their kayak or paddle board, into their car and drive to the north side. Weird? The homeless/urban campers, are a real problem. They leave the park trashy every day. There needs to be more enforcement to keep them from staying overnight, and leaving trash.
83. Smell of the lake
84. Missing the old historic Tempe bridge.
85. Traffic to and from the park, as well as parking can sometimes be a hassle. Recently, much of the park has felt kind of abandoned, or several homeless people will spend their days there...taking in the view I guess.
86. Homeless people. Need a shelter for them.
87. Lack of shade and better access via the Mill avenue bridges on the north side.
88. Frequent Large Events on most weekends that restrict access and when Bike Path is closed due to large event. Aircraft Noise and Pollution
89. The transients who camp out around the bathrooms at Mill and Rio Salado.
90. No
91. Occasional loud music
92. The amount of transient/homeless and the trash/syringes etc. left behind. Airplane noise - but it is what it is.
93. The homeless camp on the south side of the lake makes it difficult to feel safe at night in the park. There's also a safety issue with some of the homeless who camp in the wooded section on the west side of the lake (in between the lake and Priest Drive.)
94. Some homelessness....
95. Lack of water.
96. Lack of shade, food, restrooms, and parking.

97. The buildings coming so close to the edge of the lake that there is no room to add some small buildings (one story) that everyone, including the people living in the condos and State Farm employees and other workers would enjoy is definitely a negative at this point. It should be a great place to go eat lunch at an outdoor bistro while sitting by the lake, watching artist paint, people walking their dogs, kids playing, bikes riding by, etc...we could have this! A great place to unwind. The city might consider owning the buildings and renting out the spaces. That could bring in revenue. If not, the city would still benefit financially in many ways. We would have something special, no one else can offer!

98. No

99. The homeless/transient people

100. Last weekend the overwhelming smell of dead fish (which could be seen all over the lake) made me leave. This isn't the first time this has happened.

101. The vast number of homeless people that congregate on the east side of the riparian areas, north of the lake and east of Miller Road.

4. What is the most iconic element in Rio Salado Park?

1. The beach. Lights on the Mill bridge need to be permanent. Fireworks.
2. Tempe Beach Park, west pedestrian bridge, marina.
3. TCA, pedal boats, light rail bridge and old bridge.
4. Mill Avenue bridges.
5. The original Mill Ave. Bridge.
6. It's stunning, the lake, high rise office buildings, and it being connected to Mill Ave.
7. The lake.
8. Elmore Pedestrian Bridge
9. Town lake
10. The lake itself and the fact that is completely accessible by the public. The events feel like an iconic part of its history. Some big things have been at that park.
11. Bridges. 1912, 1930's, 1990's, and 2000's bridges make for artful photos, tell the story of history of technology and offer scale reference.
12. Veterans Memorial
13. Mill Ave bridge (not necessarily in the park, but it provides a nice aesthetic). I would say the Tempe town lake but i have mixed feelings about the usage of water.
14. Lake...and tied with TCA
15. Tempe Beach's iconic element is the Ash Avenue bridge, what is left of it, the Mill Ave bridge (going South) and the train bridge. Many memories
16. The lake
17. Bridges
18. The pedestrian bridge and TCA
19. The town lake without question.
20. The lake.
21. The views

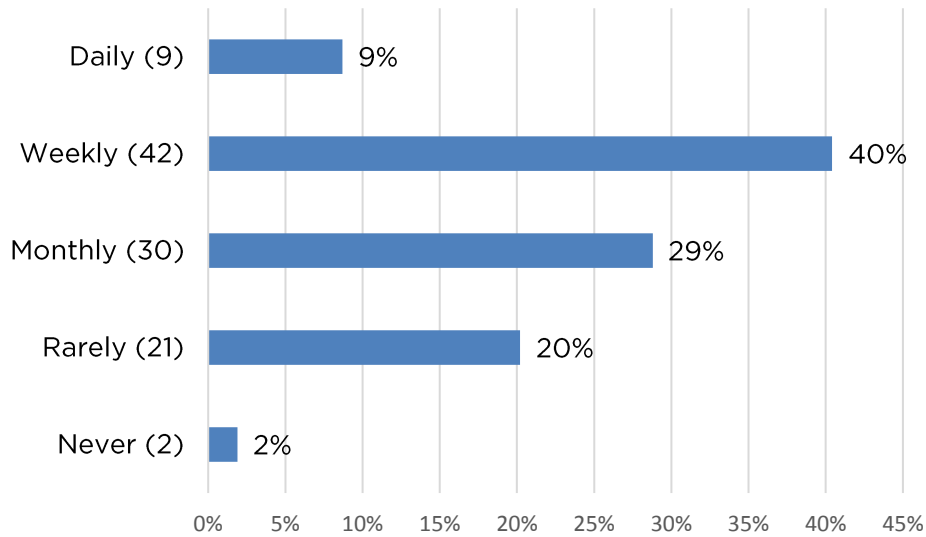
22. The riparian area
23. River view
24. "If we build it - they will come." Yes they have - in spades.
25. Water
26. The bridge to art center.
27. Mill bridge
28. The Tempe Center for the arts with the zero edge pool.
29. The bridges spanning Tempe Town Lake.
30. Not sure if there is an iconic element at this moment. Perhaps the bridge or the TCA, but not sure.
31. The lake.
32. The open spaces.
33. Wide open spaces
34. The burned grass, and the loud defining air traffic. Honestly, the answer is to encourage people to swim underwater. It's peaceful down there.
35. The lake
36. Old / West bridge.
37. The Salt River & history of area.
38. Sweeping paved pathways and land contours
39. Salt River
40. Bridges, especially the older one and railroad bridge. Bridges lend themselves to all sorts of beneficial symbolism.

41. The bridges.
42. The lake.
43. The Mill Ave mill if that counts
44. Tempe town lake and Hayden Mill
45. Dam Bridge
46. The mill and A mountain
47. Tempe Center for the Arts & the Pedestrian Bridge
48. Surrounding buttes, the dam, railroad bridge, Tempe Center for the Arts, sun, sunsets
49. Tempe Town Lake
50. The old bridge.
51. The lake and bridge.
52. None
53. Tempe town lake
54. While I am not sure the Tempe Center for the Performing Arts is considered part of the Rio Salado Park, it stands out as an architectural achievement for our City.
55. The lake
56. The old Mill Ave bridge. The view of the Papago's across the water to the north. The view of downtown across the water to the south.
57. The bridge
58. The lake, view of Tempe Butte, bridges, the mill, Tempe Center for the Arts
59. Bridges over the lake; riparian habitat
60. Police and fire statue, the large event space for festivals, the view of the light rail bridge over the water

61. Besides the lake itself, TCA.
62. The Mill Ave bridges and the skyline, especially from the north side looking south.
63. The lake, bridges.
64. The beautiful urban view over the water
65. Mill Avenue bridge
66. The Mill Ave Bridge.
67. The lake itself opera house bridge and just the openness of it.
68. Mill Ave; I wish something fantastic could be done with the old flour mill building and Monti's
69. None that I can think of.
70. Tempe Butte & Papago Views. TCA. Pedestrian Bridge. Mill Ave Bridge
71. Water and bridges.
72. Mill Avenue Bridge
73. The Mill Ave bridge, followed by the KPMG building.
74. The pedestrian bridge
75. Papago Buttes, Mill Ave Bridge (old)
76. The Ash bridge remnant is the singular reminder of the Park's earlier times.
77. For me, the park itself, and the Mill ave. bridges. They do a great job keeping them lit at night.
78. Pedestrian bridge
79. The icon that was torn down because greedy politicians line their pockets instead of raising and using money to save ALL historic homes, buildings, structures and neighborhoods that made Tempe great
80. The bridges. All of them. They really just make you feel like you're in a city much larger than just Tempe. I'm actually even happy to see the high rises built nearby. But please don't get rid of the old bridge ramp! It's too cool and historic - can you incorporate it into another feature?
81. Not sure
82. The bridges and lake. I also love the old ball field at Rio Salado and Ash. Please try to incorporate this element into the development plan. Just north of the ball field there is a continuation of the seating, which could be used as a piece of a new playground or skate park.
83. Bridges, Birds, Pelicans
84. The Mill Ave. bridges
85. Night lights
86. No idea
87. The lake. The Mill. Papago Park backdrop.
88. Taking a walk as the sun sets is pretty awesome and then as the sun goes down and lights from the bridges reflecting off the water is great.
89. Beautiful water sheen on a sunny day!
90. Views of ASU stadium and the lights at night.
91. The lake and bridges, and the Tempe Center for the Arts, the jewel in the crown.
92. Of course, the lake is the unique thing here and we should not just sell off all the lake front area to tall building which pretty much block everyone else's view. I would think the existing buildings wouldn't be opposed to something really nice like this. Tempe Town Lake Walk has a great ring to it!

- 93. The water
- 94. The lake and bridge over the lake
- 95. The walking path
- 96. The water.

5. How often do you use Rio Salado Park?



Total responses: 104

6. How do you get to the park? (select all that apply)

Car	76
Bike	45
Walk	39
Transit	16
Other	6

Other:

1. Skate
2. Car to park then bike
3. Why would anyone ever go there?
4. Rollerblade
5. Skateboard
6. Jog

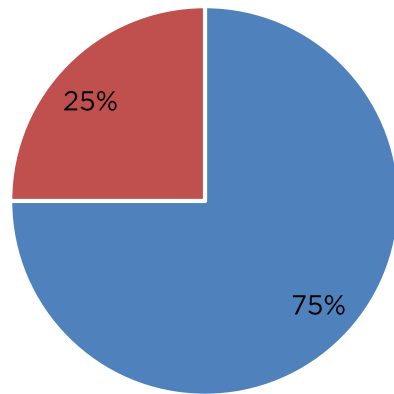
7. What do you do at the park? (select all that apply)

Walk	85
Art events	57
Attend concerts	52
Bike	52
Meet friends	48
Sit	45
Eat & Drink	33
Dog walking	31
Run	30
Boat	25
Volunteer	21
Other	19
Play games	12
Skateboard	6

Other:

1. Throw frisbee, picnic [eat and drink]
2. Yoga. Read.
3. Feed the ducks
4. Exercises in the same area
5. Little League game for my child
6. I really like that it connects to Scottsdale and Mesa. I hope it continues to Phoenix.
7. Paddle Board
8. Festivals
9. It's not worth my time or effort anymore.
10. I am honored our City hosts the Healing Fields.
11. Watch nature
12. Kayak
13. Let our son play in the grassy areas, Ironman, triathlons
14. Watch the storm water flow over the dam
15. For kids, but no longer Tempe Beach Park.
16. Fishing
17. I would meet more friends if there were more options
18. The Tempe Center for the Arts
19. Hike.

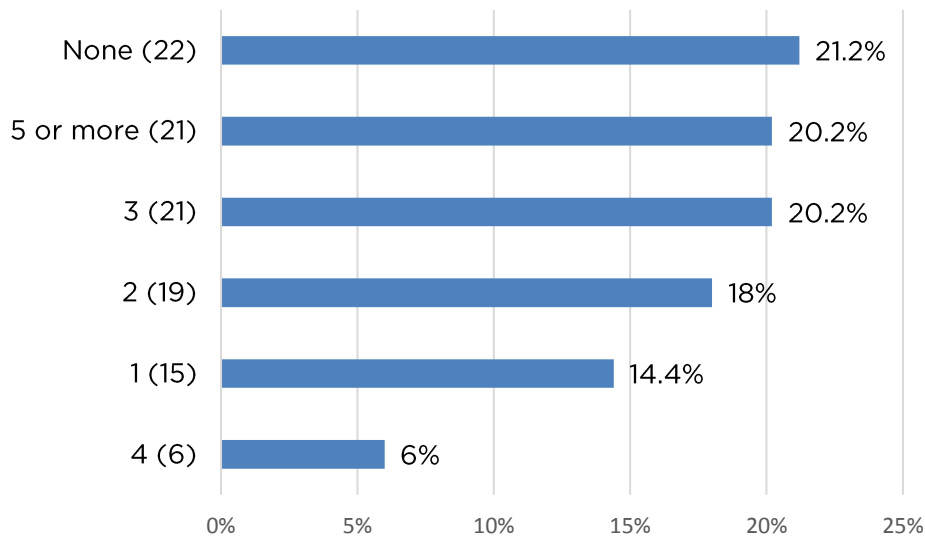
8. Do you take friends and visitors to the park?



■ Yes (78) ■ No (26)

Total responses: 104

9. How many large events do you attend each year?



Total responses: 104

What are the events you attend?

1. Christmas parade, Innings, TCA.
2. Oktoberfest, Rock n' Roll 1/2 Marathon, Aloha Festival, Dragon Boat Races, various 5K's.
3. Unity Walk.
4. Music festivals, Oktoberfest, athletic events.
5. Oktoberfest, Rock n' Roll marathon.
6. Tempe Tour de Fat.
7. Arts and entertainment.
8. Pat Tilman Run, Oktoberfest, Concerts, etc.
9. October Fest or fireworks
10. Races, Oktoberfest, concerts

11. The TPC Gallery, stand-up comedy, some American Institute of Architects, events, theater events, performance singing events.
12. Arizona Aloha Festival
13. Oktoberfest, Tour de Fat (!), Aloha fest, other random ones.
14. Fourth of July, concerts/ events at TCA, sad that Childsplay is leaving Tempe (terrible decision).
15. Ironman, Oktoberfest...some events like Innings Fest we don't need to "attend" since we live across the street!
16. There are no large events I care to attend
17. Concerts, food fests, and Tour de Fat.
18. Oktoberfest, Fat Tire, Ironman, Luau, etc. as well as music concerts
19. The arts festival, Tour de fat, other festivals
20. Hayden's fair and art festival, Hawaiian festival, iron man and other marathons, concerts at the Tempe arts center
21. Ballet Under the Stars
22. Oktoberfest @ Tempe Town Lake and Arizona Marathon
23. Aloha Festival. Fat Tire. 4th July, New Year's. Other random events when biking.
24. Used to do a few runs but not anymore.
25. Oktoberfest
26. Unity Walk. Aloha Festival. 4th of July (sometimes). Oktoberfest (sometimes)
27. Art walks.
28. The Aloha Festival and usually some other one.
29. Oktoberfest, Tour De Fat, Aloha, etc.
30. It's too scary and dirty to walk around down there. NOT SAFE FOR FAMILIES.
31. Dragon Boat, October Fest, Tour de Fat, Triathlon's, Innings Fest.
32. Not sure am aware of events!
33. Oktoberfest, Tour de Fat, various cultural celebrations
34. Avoid crowds.
35. Regattas, Hawaii festival, Tour de Fat, 9-11 recognition, 4th of July fireworks, dragon boat races --- 5K's - approximately 8 or 9 a year
36. Long ago, I attended a July 4th Celebration at the park.
37. 4th of July, music fests, tour de fat et al
38. Aloha festival
39. Cultural festivals, Oktoberfest
40. Tour De Fat, Oktoberfest
41. Tempe Art Festivals (not technically in the park, but close), Dragon Boat Festival, Ironman, Aloha Festival, 4th of July, Christmas Boat Parade...
42. Concerts and food festivals.
43. None as it's not attendee friendly.
44. Oktoberfest/4th of July

45. Healing Fields.
46. 4th of July, occasional special event
47. Oktoberfest. Tour De Fat. A run event. The Tempe Arts Festival.
48. Depends on what is offered. Love ballet in the park
49. Ballet Under the Stars, 4th of July, New Year's, classical music concert
50. Art events
51. Aloha fest, Beer fest, walk to save animals, counting crows concert, blink182, St Patrick's fest
52. Some events at TCA.
53. Aloha fest, tour de fat and Oktoberfest.
54. Aloha Festival, Tour de fat, Christmas boat parade.
55. Arts festival, Oktoberfest, salsa challenge, concerts
56. Ironman, Tour de Fat, occasional concert
57. Marathons, October fest, Innings festival, New Belgian Bike Fest, Concerts in the park. I used to go to New Year's Eve.
58. Christmas Parade, Aloha Festival, Christmas Happening, watch the different Runs
59. Typically, I had attended Oktoberfest Tempe art festival Irish Festival remember attending salsa Festival
60. Tempe Arts Fair and the dog rescue event
61. TCA Events. Beach Park Events. Volunteer Events
62. Aloha festival
63. Rock and Roll Arizona, Ironman (both), Lifetime Triathlon, and usually the art fair thing, Pat's Run.
64. Oktoberfest, Fourth of July, New Year's
65. Fourth of July, New Years, Memory Field, TCA events & museum, rain events - storm water over the dam
66. I like the Aloha Festival, the Tour de Fat bike event, some of the concerts, charity walks and runs, the 911 Flags.
67. None at Tempe beach.
68. Oktoberfest, the Hawaiian festival, random things.
69. None
70. Oktoberfest, Tour de Fat, Hula Festival and other concerts.
71. Ballet, Fourth of July Fireworks, Art Openings, Tour de Fat
72. I used to attend Oktoberfest until you started charging for entry and got rid of all the good German beers to make room for Budweiser and Four Peaks. I attended the 4th of July celebration with my husband and was disappointed at the gauging prices for food and drink. I attended the concert after this year's Rock n Roll marathon. It was super annoying to have to get a wrist band to claim my free beer. And the poor quality of grass makes it less enjoyable to sit on.
73. As many as I can
74. Occasional race
75. Tour de Fat! Concerts

76. I've attended Oktoberfest, the Aloha festival and some 5k races.
77. Mill Ave Fest. Oktoberfest. New Year's Eve
78. Ironman 70.3. Tempe festival of the arts. Aloha festival
79. Tempe Center for the Arts events.
80. Dog walks
81. Oktoberfest and the Hawaiian fest
82. Concerts, Tour de Fat, Hawaiian fest, Oktoberfest, St Pat's, etc.
83. It varies.

10. Please share any other comments you have related to the Rio Salado + Tempe Beach Park

1. Walk in Wednesday needs to be outside on the lawn.
2. I'm glad that the city is looking into how to improve this area. I worry that most of the development is office space or residential, not retail, restaurants or attractions that locals and visitors can enjoy. At the Tourism Office Visitor's Center, people often think there should be a playground because we have a park nearby. This is disappointing to them. The homeless encampment in the park near Mill Ave. can be intimidating and keeps me from walking by myself.
3. As an employee of New Belgium Brewing I am very passionate about Tempe Tour de Fat. I think of the city of Tempe as a fantastic partner of ours to help us throw such a sustainable, safe and educational event every year. We have raised awareness on bicycle advocacy and raised over hundreds of thousands for Tempe non-profits. (1) I would like to see better connectivity to Tempe Marketplace. Re-purpose the parking lot on the north end of Tempe Marketplace that is adjacent to the water. Create an open green space area (similar to the landscaped area on the lake that is adjacent to Marina Heights) here that connects to the trails/paths heading west. (2) I understand there could be a Biomedical Campus built directly next to the Tempe Center for the Arts. Although I generally favor these types of developments, I would strongly prefer something else built here that would better complement the Tempe Center for the Arts. This area already attracts a large amount of pedestrians. It would be really nice to see a walkable "promenade" type of development in this area with shops, restaurants, cafes, open green space and more public art. I believe such a development would be well received by the community. I still support having a new Biomedical Campus in Tempe--although I would prefer it to be built in another location (perhaps further west--closer to Priest Dr). (3) Last but not least: re-do the Scottsdale Road Bridge--make it look cool like the Mill Ave Bridge!
4. Beach "Park" has become a noisy, dirty, congested, destructive, regional event space which has little to do with Tempe residents except to make their neighborhoods congested, littered and amplified. It gives Rio

Salado a bad reputation. The event producers are like gypsies, they could give """, recreation looks the other way, no real evidence of economic benefit which justifies the damage and inconvenience, the "park" doesn't recover or improve, city services are diverted from citizen services, nearby citizens are forced to pay in subjective costs and experiments with "character areas" and overlays like "urban core" and DTA (ASU after hours), etc. There good examples of "world class" parks in U.S. cities, follow their examples and remember whose park it is.

5. I would love to see it stay primarily the same in idea just updated in terms of amenities and options of things to do.
6. The restrooms were a boondoggle from the beginning..... prominently placed with striped roofs, they communicated the wrong message as to what they were ! Unisex was also likely doomed... waiting with men and women for one to be open....odd. The 1920's River Run Rock 'stadium' was treated as an afterthought rather than an opportunity. More interpretive history could be installed, but signage is often vandalized...well intentioned "public art items" are applied rather than integrative, and have a randomness that makes them silly and a visual "non-sequitur". Probably dogs should be limited to the north side or a special area.... ironically, our citizens dogs do things to other people that would not be tolerated by toddlers and small children..... our culture of "treating dogs as family" is finally out of hand. Maybe owning a pet should not be a public element...enjoy them at home, but don't bring them around to jump up on pregnant women or elderly people not wanting to cope with your aggressive pet. [Maybe I could ride my "comfort pony" in the park with the right permit? ha ha...]
7. would love to see a path from the pedestrian Bridge to the Central/Washington light rail
8. Too many events at park that restrict access to park. Please do not commercialize the park, I do not want to bike along the path and see vendors all along it. Keep commercial on Mill Ave.
9. I believe and love that Tempe is hearing what the public thinks. My take is shape it how the people want it. I would like the same area kept as is on the north end. There's a good mix of volleyball courts and non-netted sand.
10. Please don't surround the Rio Salado and Tempe Beach with high rise developments. They would turn the park into a lake in a deep quarry.
11. It's a great asset. I live just north of the lake and have concerns about the increase in traffic, and the timing of street lights during commuter time.
12. More parking
13. Bicycle safety is a concern in this area. I was riding my bike and about to make a turn from curry onto mill going east to head towards the mill

avenue bridge. I had the light in the direction I was headed. An Uber car slammed on its brake to avoid hitting me and the driver/ monitor appeared as surprised as me as we met eyes. I went on to Tempe Rio Salado park, shaken a bit, and have not forgotten the incident. I am reminded by what just happened to Elaine Herzberg near the same spot. I believe the Uber car had barely sufficient time to stop and neither it or the driver recognized an obstruction to its path made by a person on a cycle. Where Elaine Herzberg was struck, I would like to know how often an Uber car or any human driving a car experiences a near miss in the bike lane at this intersection that a car must merge into to make a turn. After this incident, I began checking and found that Uber has indeed had an issue according to the linked article. I often ride the same path as Elaine did and take walk my bike off the sidewalk, where Elaine did, but, unlike Elaine, I have not been hit but have had a close call.

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2016/dec/19/uber-self-driving-cars-bike-lanes-safety-san-francisco>

14. It would be nice if events at the park don't block use by residents not interested in a boozing, loud music type of event, but would like to enjoy the natural aspects of the lake. I have wanted to walk the circumference of the lake in the past and have been blocked from walking along the boat rental stretch of walkway because of event setup for as much as 3 days over weekend. If access is restricted this should be published on your website so I don't waste the drive from south Tempe to find out the park is closed.
15. It would be good to engage various stakeholders in open meetings to brainstorm ideas for improving the area. I also suggest sculptures in the water like the ones in Germany (but with Arizona themes like colorful Saguaros, etc.):
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16. I would attend more major events if there was more shade, but events held during the summer (4th of July etc.) are not enjoyable because of the HOT sun.
17. I think that the master plan needs to focus on the parks being a special event space. Parking is horrible during event weekends. Mill and Rio Salado gets closed during LARGE events. The park can still be green and pedestrian friendly in-between events, however, as a revenue generator for the city it should primarily focus on the needs of large scale events. Like Oktoberfest. Water, power, internet hookups. Natural vehicle barricades. aesthetically pleasing permanent fencing that allows events to provision off different areas instead of always needing to bring in a bunch of ugly chain-link. Think the fencing on the west side of

the Beach Park parking lot. Events generate revenue for the city, keep that in mind. The city has many wonderful other parks that are great for non-special event activities.

18. The current state of the park is garbage. Nobody ever goes there. Why would they? It's not a park at all. The grass is killed. There are no trees. It's mostly concrete. You can't swim in the lake. The homeless people want to snatch up your children. My family and I drive to Mesa Riverview park for the lake, the palm trees, and Genesis Tower. Please find a way to make Tempe Beach Park a swim-able family friendly lake.
19. Slow Traffic over the bridges, focus Mill Ave on Ped/Bike and alternate transport
20. I would like access to the park without having to go up Mill or cut through campus. Using rural or Crossing Rio Salado and accessing the park safely on bicycle is an issue. -The north side of marina heights is desolate. - the auto centric development of Tempe Marketplace and connection to the park is a disaster.
21. I would like to use more. Am interested in knowing more about volunteer patrolling. I do not live in Tempe at present, I live in Gilbert. I do own a condo in Tempe.
22. Ban on drones taking off and/or landing on City property
23. Let it be low key. Don't load it with stuff, buildings, teaching opportunities, man-made recreational opportunities or equipment, places for events of every sort. It will always attract people because of its spaces and the water. Please don't create more chaos for our town. It can be revitalizing and unique to our area -- as it was originally intended. I question your choices of images accompanying the plan, because they look like somewhere else and I suspect you of trying to influence our responses and desires. Please don't do that anymore. It is not worthy. Thank you for this opportunity.
24. NO MORE buildings, NO MORE housing, more boating opportunities
25. Keeps getting better. Very happy overall as long as we are mindful of budget.
26. increase public transit options from South Tempe. We are not the "core", but still use Tempe facilities. We would attend more community activities if it was easy to take public transit to Tempe town lake.
27. With the loss of the splash kid other kid friendly areas are needed.
28. It would be nice if the project paid for itself so prices on parking, etc. don't go up.
29. It is a really pretty park, and is really nice to sit and people watch and is a great venue for events.
30. I appreciate the vision that was manifested by those ASU students years ago to turn an ugly and neglected river bottom into one of the most notable man-made creations in Arizona.

31. Critical to have walking/biking/skating/etc. paths around the entire lake (e.g. no development directly on the shore line).

Lots of dog walkers use the park - so maybe a water station for dogs (or even a doggie splash area). Lots of parents with strollers and small children, so a playground area would be great (as long as the equipment is shaded and not too hot).

32. I've never looked into it, but it seems that there is very little parking on the South shore. The buildings are beautiful for a city, but it would be nice if the lake was in more of a natural setting. I realize that this might be impossible because it's a flood plain, but an island would be awesome!

33. They are a drain of resources and funds... there are more important issues needed to be addressed south of Broadway Road in this city. Streets where weeds grow in the cracks as an example...

34. I really enjoy the Beach Park and think it is a valuable asset to Tempe. I'd like to see it continue to be and improve being a place of play for all ages.

35. Free parking is essential to getting folks there and allowing them to stay as long as they like

36. There is probably more popular facilities that could replace the baseball field and broken splash pad. If you add any playground equipment, please consider shade

37. Recent development is overwhelming in scale and unrelieved architecture.

38. The reason I moved to 85281 area, but needs safer access into the park. More activities are needed to constantly activate the park and generate revenue for the park. Make it the world class amenity it has the chance to be.

39. Would love to see it a little more urban, not solely a running path

40. Love to see another pedestrian crossing on the Eastern edge. More shade! Shops and snacks, bars and restaurants in close proximity to actual lake. Places for fisherman to get supplies, bike shop for rentals and supplies and tours. Possibly more entertainment opportunities to attach other users like skate park, splash park, jungle gym and parkour course.

41. Would be nice to see a parking lot or spaces that were designated for Tempe residents.

42. Sorry to be so negative, but isn't this a forum for years ahead? Weren't we supposed to give suggestions for years ahead or did I read this wrong?

43. I really like the park except after nightfall doesn't feel it safe.

44. Whatever development happens, emphasize the historical elements like the bridge, flour mill and Mill Ave

45. Please see my notes about what is missing
46. After attending a recent Arizona Forward (formerly Valley Forward) meeting, there is plenty of talk about expanding on the idea of the "Rio Salado - like Tempe has done..." Tempe is 'the' role model for the Valley when it comes to this idea of 'transforming the Salt River' - it seems that it is an opportunity for Tempe to continue to build on its identity as a leader in sustainability and guide the development for Tempe Beach/Rio Salado more towards a stronger awareness of its position in the desert, its environmental history as a desert riparian habitat - there are so many exciting opportunities to be creative and innovative in this regard from supporting more native tree canopy installations to engaging more native plantings - not only will it be more cost effective in the long run but will nurture a unique visual experience for tourists and residents alike.
47. Make this park a fun tourist area for weekend gathering. Every Saturday the park and road along the Esther should be full of street performers, people selling stuff, food trucks, etc. make it a fun downtown Saturday event. Create more entertainment. Perhaps a zip line? A water show similar to Vegas Bellagio? Outdoor high adventure park?
48. My family loves it. No complaints. When we lived closer in Tempe, we were there several times a week. Now living in Gilbert, it's less frequent, but we go whenever possible. Most places outdoors in Arizona involve the desert. Even though TTL is gross, it's nice to see grass and water. And have a safe place to run and exercise at all hours. We always see people we know there. It's a great meeting spot.
49. I think it is a wonderful part of Tempe
50. Park needs to engage many more stewards interested in adding to the vibrancy of the park - pop up restaurants, cart vendors, food trucks, equipment rentals, impromptu gardening, small concerts, individual musicians, face painters, artists and art classes.
51. I love the lake and park. I'm concerned that someone enjoying the park, and crossing Rio Salado on foot, is going to get killed by a reckless speeder. Between the light at Ash/Rio Salado and going east and west to Hardy, it's a constant drag strip of Corvettes, Challengers, Mustangs, etc. going as fast as they can through this area. They slide around the curve under the bridges, and go as fast as they can all the way to Hardy. The same going east as well. I have pictures of 4 accidents on the curve, and lots of the residents in this strip have complained, but we never see any enforcement. What is it going to take, someone enjoying the park to get killed?
52. Instead of selling land and neighborhoods to ASU or other highest bidders. it would be so nice for Tempe to grow backbone and PRESERVE its history and historical buildings houses and neighborhoods. My family like so many others were born and raised

here in the downtown area for over 100 years as my family is from the Ruiz family.

53. I can't wait to see this park get updated with a sustainable design to highlight its history and uniqueness.
54. None
55. I also love the old ball field at Rio Salado and Ash. Please try to incorporate this element into the development plan. Just north of the ball field there is a continuation of the seating, which could be used as a piece of a new playground or skate park.
56. I do not attend Oktoberfest and avoid any large concerts. Way too many Gasoline Powered Boats used by organizations and groups.
57. The transients are a real problem. They destroy the public bathrooms. I don't see as many rabbits as I used to due to the reconstruction of the walking bridge, sad.
58. Where are the people? it should be crowded with people running and walking and biking. I do wonder if the small walkway is not dangerous with people and bicycles combined. I've seen some bikes run off that sidewalk and do a pretty awful crash. There needs to be a walking and running path separated somehow from the bicycles.
59. I am at a loss as to why the City is spending so much money on so many projects, but can't repair the road in front of my home. It is a feeder street to an elementary and middle school, with both Orbit and school buses plus cars going to and from the 101. The road is cracked, pot holes and weeds growing in the cracks. When I inquired about when they might fix it 2 years ago I was told it was scheduled to be repaired in 4 years. Tempe needs to focus on repairs of our infrastructure.
60. Overall, it's a great park and there's activities for people of all ages and abilities.
61. I LOVE San Antonio River Walk. We are losing public traffic by having few amenities. When friends get together and bike, we have breakfast and leave because there is NOTHING left to do!!!!
62. I love the park but hate they took the splash pad out.
63. It is developing so quickly that great care is needed for the remaining lakefront, especially on the narrow north bank. The overlooked areas are the upstream, toward the Indian Bend wash, and the 101/202 interchange potential.
64. I know if there was something really nice like this I would go all the time. Unless there is an event going on, right now you can go to a shack and buy an ice cream sandwich, not really my idea of a great time.
65. I love driving by it. It looks like civilization has reached Arizona.
66. Need more shade and vegetation. I realize homeless people have to exist somewhere. I'd support a tax initiative by Tempe to create mini-houses (or micro-houses) for them on a vacant piece of land nearby, but not in the floodplain.