



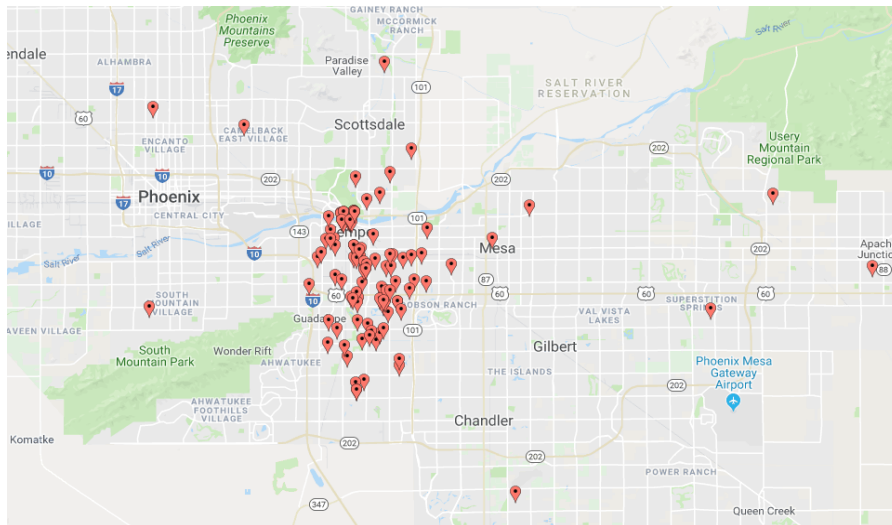
# Rio Salado and Beach Park Masterplan Survey Summary May 9, 2018 - May 18, 2018

## OVERVIEW

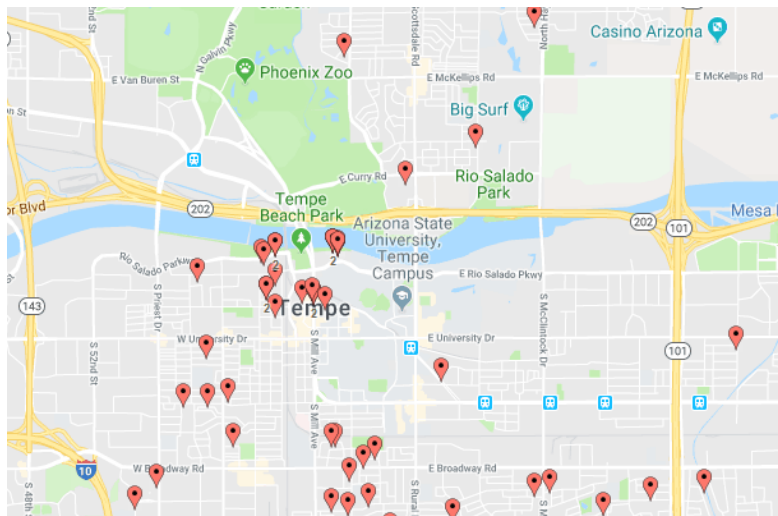
A stakeholder and a public meeting were held on May 9, 2018 to get feedback on the conceptual draft plan for the Rio Salado and Beach Park Masterplan. The invitation to attend the public meeting was distributed citywide. Twenty-nine people attended the stakeholder's meeting and eighty-five attended the public meeting. Surveys were available at both meetings and online on Tempe Forum from May 9 through May 23, 2018. A total of 115 survey responses were received; 10 at the meeting and 95 online.

## MAP OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS

All responses:



Project area:



## SURVEY RESPONSES

### 1. Please provide comments on the Conceptual Draft Masterplan.

1. Need to include more shade structures - with solar panels. Please do not build stages and docks into the lake because they would be hazards to rowers, scullers. Proposed pedestrian, biking bridge at east end is crucial link to bike trails leading east-west and north-south. The city should not wait 3 or 4 more years for federal funding. Make funding that bridge a quid pro quo for developers who want to build on southside. Need more bathrooms around/near the lake.
2. Great start. Glad there's a long-term plan. Focus on access via transportation. Integrate large project to pedestrian uses. Build another route across water. Like water taxi idea. Find area that supports water activities.
3. Residents of Hayden Ferry Lakeside condos have no place to store a boat.
4. Nice work! Very comprehensive and thorough. Great graphics and nice, very poised presentation. Thank you. While I appreciate the desire and need to bubble it out into zones, that feels a bit like an old school zoning map versus a more contemporary mixed-use approach. Same for the activities, they feel a little like plop art. Who's to say that art of a children's pond shouldn't be in the eco zone. Or, volleyball courts in the marina zone? Or to mix or overlap.
5. It seems pretty inclusive and shows a lot of thought has been put into it. Thank you.
6. I use the park weekly for bicycling and kayaking. The plan is very exciting. I'm all for it.
7. I like it and believe that it will get busier and used more, especially when more shade is in place. Love the idea of a water taxi!
8. Love the Riparian Habitats and ideas to conserve them as wild, uninterrupted areas that preserve the many species that migrate there. This is an amazing asset for migratory birds, costs nothing to maintain, and provides tourism dollars to local businesses, peace and beauty options for Tempe Residents and nature/Conservation opportunities for everyone. Please put the tic tac buoys BACK on the east end so boaters don't disturb large numbers of ruddy ducks who rest there along with buffleheads, canvasbacks, cinnamon teals, green-winged teals, and so, so, so much more. And thank you for your hard work!
9. I can't seem to find any wording on the masterplan, what's changing, etc. but wondering if any parking will be added?
10. I really like the boardwalk concept around parts of the lake. I would also like to see a designated beach area that goes along with the swimming area that is show on the north side of the lake. I would hope to see a continued emphasis on connectivity with areas around the lake/park such as Tempe Marketplace, The Grand at Papago Park Center, the future Watermark development, and the future Novus Innovation Corridor (from my understand they have plans to create a multi-use path along Rural Rd that would connect with the lake--I really hope this comes to fruition).
11. Stop over developing this area.

12. Some interesting ideas though it doesn't address my main issue with the current park use, that of large events in Tempe Beach Park that end up closing off the path around the lake and the few areas of grass and restrooms available. I would prefer a venue for this be moved to the West of the TCA. Do drunk revelers really care if they are near the water??? Not to mention these events cater to more people from outside Tempe than in. I understand the revenue model for this but I stopped using this area several years back due to the overwhelming number and size of events and no information online about how they impact access to the park or nearby area.
13. Looking forward on the progress to enhance Tempe Town Lake! Definitely a step up to bring in new revenue!
14. As a biologist and birder, I really like the inclusion of bird watching and the riparian area! I also like the pocket park idea. Could there be more features on the eastern end of the plan as well. I also like the idea of art and sculpture gardens and nodes. Or a sound garden. More shady gazebos or vined trellis structures. What about a rock wall like at Millennium Park in Chicago?
15. Would love to have tennis courts
16. Not bad. Need to make sure there's more shade.
17. Like the Riparian Areas on each end. One with entry and interpretive trails or paths. More Access from neighborhoods nearby, More consensus from residents living nearby. Public Park Not Theme Park. Recreation has to include Swimming Areas. Please allow entry to area below dam for Nature Walks
18. I've responded with a few suggestions once before. I think a simple fitness/exercise course would be great. Kind of a circuit training with pull up bar, step ups, push up bar, etc. I've seen them in other public parks. Thank you.
19. Looks great. I like that my idea of a bike overpass on the east end made its way through TBAG to the plan. I help organize a group of circus artists (Sunday Tempe Flow Jam group on Facebook) that use Tempe "Beach" Park every Sunday to practice and share our skills, including juggling and slackline. It seems there will be more small spaces for similar activities, which is great. Has anyone suggested an island with trees and access by boat and stairs down from the Rural Rd overpass? It would make a great nook for those seeking quiet. Bike access to the north and south shore trails could be improved at Mill Ave on the north side, and Rural, both sides and both North and South side; though Rural is far better at present than Mill. Need to add proper campgrounds between the 202 and Curry, Mill and College, along with naturalizing the canals in that area for swimming and fishing under the native trees. It could be so nice, rather than struggling with "cleaning the trash" "left" by homeless encampments. I for one would like a place in town where I could bike to and camp with my son on a weekend.
20. Overall, I like the conversion of vacant areas on north side into sports activities such as BMX or rock climbing instead of more condo. There is good separation from parks, swim areas, boating, events, and board walk to accommodate many and yet not in the same area. There is a lot to offer for families, single adults, or retirees including TCA on south side for culture influence.

21. I am very pleased to see a swimming area included! The plan looks great, better than I could have imagined.
22. The link gives us 5 images, with no textual explanation. I cannot comment with any confidence on images alone, without a discussion of what they mean.
23. The plan looks good but I'd like to see another pedestrian bridge on the East end. This bridge would connect the South path to the green belt path
24. I've noticed at Kiwanis Park that the multi-use areas for fishing and public ramadas can get really dirty, pretty gross, with fish blood and guts. It's disappointing that some fisherman are not the best stewards, but I wonder if a few cleaning stations might be considered to encourage disposal and appropriate clean up? Also, if you are encouraging fishing and birding, you might want to encourage and provide opportunities for proper disposal of fishing line as it can be very dangerous for wildlife. I'd like to see information on how to be good park stewards and how our trash and actions impact wildlife at the park in our new interpretive areas.
25. Overall the plan looks good. I don't quite understand the boardwalk concept. I think having concrete here in the heat of AZ works best. Maybe the concrete could be made to look like wood as they've done at Mesa Riverview. I really like the idea of developing the park at the west end.
26. It looks pretty good! Please plant as many trees as you can, along Tempe Town Lake: Fremont cottonwoods, Goodding willows, velvet mesquite, net-leafhackberry, velvet ash, Mexican elderberry....We need the shade and the beauty of the trees!
27. The Conceptual Draft Masterplan is hard to read because it does not include street names. It looks as though the baseball field at TBP is being eliminated. It would be a shame to lose this baseball field; my son has had games at the baseball field (I wish he played more games there), and it was a fun way to spend time at TBP. I'd also like to see a play area for kids that is integrated into the natural environment -- something similar to the play area at the Gilbert Riparian Preserve would be a wonderful addition. Right now, TBP and the surrounding area is not particularly kid friendly. A play area with a water feature would be ideal -- check out the kids' area at the Denver Botanical Garden: <https://www.botanicgardens.org/york-street/mordecai-childrens-garden>
28. Two areas concern me. First is the climbing wall under the 202. Seeing it as it is now, I rarely see anyone when I pass through there, so I worry about liability especially with children. Second it stinks even when dry and when it rains it is a mess for a sometime. Second is the swimming areas. Is that a pool? Hopefully not the lake itself! Either way you need some oversight. Do we have patrols on the lake now?
29. I like the inclusion of the riparian areas, would like more foot access to the areas with paths, not just viewing platforms. Please don't try and compete with Mill Ave, leave the restaurants on Mill Ave. Vending carts selling hot dogs and ice cream would be okay. And forget the water taxi concept, this is not the San Antonio river walk nor do I want it to become like that. Besides the boats would have to be motorized, fouling the water with their exhaust and fuel and oil spillage.

30. In principle looks interesting but more information is needed to make comments. Hopefully that information will be available in the near future. For instance, is there going to be water in the rest of the canal? If not, it would be nice to plant fruit trees and have places for family picnics, etc.
31. A splash pad would be a nice addition for kids. Additionally, whenever there is an event, you shut down the boardwalk and for those that are commuting work on bike, it takes 10 extra minutes to go around. Please give people the option to be escorted to the other side so that they can use public space for their bikes.
32. Rock climbing wall and other activity centers are a great idea! Programming needs to come with these amenities though. Will it be City led or private companies? Why new volleyball courts proposed? The new ones aren't used very often. I don't see much focus on connecting to Papago Park. This is a fantastic regional resource. It would be great to have connections to Papago Park. There are also paths that should be connected to - the Grand Canal and the Crosscut should be connected to. The more connections we can bring to Papago and the other resources north, the greater the access and less parking that will be needed. I didn't see anything about using street car to transport attendees to events at TBP. Perhaps a park and ride or some sort of staging area would be a good idea? There are a lot of residential proposed on the north side of Town lake near Scottsdale Road, but the connection to the south is not very good for pedestrians or bikes. Can we make a better connection that using the utilitarian Scottsdale Road Bridge? I've seen wakeboarding competitions at the Lake in the past. Why not allow people to do this at all times? The swimming area is a neat idea. Why is it just confined to one location? Water quality? Riviera south NEEDS a connection to the south for bicyclists that will use the new bridge. Please plan for this. McClintock is not a very good north-south road for bicycling and the bridge will connection Scottsdale-Tempe-Mesa - please provide good access to this regional connection. Why are we not encouraging to have restaurants along the lake? This would be a beautiful setting for a nice restaurant.
33. Love it that there is a swimming area, very much needed.
34. The inexperienced but intelligent user on this site just gets the run around. Is it not possible to make the plan readily available? If so, do it. Thanks.
35. I am looking for a safe pathway to Tempe Market Place.
36. A few aspects, like the bird observatory and the pedestrian bridge, will be terrific. But these docks are a disaster for anyone who uses the lake for rowing, dragon boat racing, or sailing. The lake looks crowded with docks and floating stages -- this is awful. Is the idea to kill any serious use of the lake by watercraft?
37. Because of the tall buildings around the lake, you have ruined a great beginners' lake for sailing. I think it is disingenuous for you to solicit private funds to build something then expect them to turn it over "for the common good" see plan for boat house!
38. Love the planned additional pedestrian bridges. This will tie Tempe to Mesa and provide continuity needed on bike path.
39. Looks good

40. Some nice aspects, seems like the uses may be a little too spread out to create a cohesive, active, and utilized park. Can there be a stronger link to Papago park? How about locating the riparian habitat next to the existing habitat area at Papago park? Pool seems isolated, and is it a good idea to place a public pool right next to a bird habitat ;) Skatepark would be cool between the two bridges like Burnside in Portland. Overall, the lake is a challenge given the lack of density, walkable streets and unfortunate surrounding developments - there's no boardwalk with shops and restaurants. Everything is too spread out from an urban planning / walkability perspective. The only reason to walk the lake is for recreation. Additionally, it lacks nature I was recently in Denver at their riverfront park and everyone migrates to the banks to hang out beneath the trees, to hear the running water, their dogs splash in the water - it's a great piece of nature - why not plant as many trees as possible along the banks create shade, nature and respite from our citizens - we can only hope they'll grow enough to cover up the glare from the glass boxes. Why so much turf, can we try not to waste so much water with the falling water level of Lake Mead? What's the future of the lake if we start having water shortages? Bring back the river, birds, and wildlife. Push back on APS, Flood Control, FAA. Think big, great cities are known for their great parks, and this could define Tempe, it could make people want to live here, it could connect us to Papago Park and Indian Bend Wash. There should be more reasons to go to the park - places to eat and drink, games, hammocks, firepits, barbeques, climbing hills, permanent sculpture, interactive art, placemaking, selfie ops, etc.
41. You need a real playground for kids! Not just a splash pad area! Please put in a playground!
42. Glad to see the city spending some effort to think ahead about the future of Town Lake and area.
43. Provide shade structures!
44. Until it can be affordable and the "lake" can be detoxified (currently nothing more than a settling pool for toxic refuse and garbage) I believe it should be a non-starter. As it only truly benefits ASU let the university pay for it out of their budget. This is a desert and the waste of water there is an affront and only a "feather in the cap: of political hacks needing validation..
- 45.....
46. Looks great but want to make sure the trails remain open for hiking and mtn biking.
47. Love the skate park and BMX idea as well as the new beach access. I think it's a great idea to attract more people closer to the lake even just to hang out. Better utilizes the space. The new parking garage is nice but since it's on the north end how would people be able to go between both sides? I'd want to make sure the boat rentals is still available since my family loves doing that in the good weather. I'm sure this will be part of it but I think lighting is VERY important to make sure everyone is safe at night especially in the underpass areas and more isolated parts of the lake if we're trying to bring more people into that north side. Addressing the homeless population will be needed because there are many who rely on the whole Tempe town lake area as shelter.

48. I'd like to submit a few comments on the Tempe Beach Park plan and Tempe Town Lake in general. My wife and I are Tempe resident and members of the Arizona Dragon Boat Association\* who spend three to four days a week on the lake. Even though I have questions about funding and maintenance of the overall Tempe Beach Park Master Plan, I do support development along the Rio Salado downstream from the west dam. It promises a new dimension for use and visual relief that would be a nice extension to the lake. Demand for week day and weekend water time by paddlers, rowers, sailing clubs, outriggers, SUP's and dragon boaters has put a great deal of pressure on both lake access and parking. Since we use the lake frequently I am already overwhelmed with the shortage of parking and clumsy access. Yet, the proposal shows the loss of some parking east of the marina. Tempe is encouraging more bicycle use, but when setting off from a work place, carrying gear and equipment, or hauling boats to the lake, simply leaves bicycles out of the question. Parking is already so congested that many are forced to use no parking zones or unsafe places. Additional parking space is much more demand than other parts of the plan. Finally, the idea of a motorized lake taxi or ferry conflicts with the growing use by non-motorized craft of many types. For example, recently there were 10 rowing shells lined up side by side along with two dragon boats all trying to practice without causing interference with each other. Mixing a motorized taxi into the traffic is a very poor idea. Thank you for the opportunity to express these thoughts.
- \*AZDBA: A nonprofit organization with approximately 350 members. Our beneficiary is Arizona Disabled Sports. Other local divisions include youth paddlers ages 8 to 14, an ASU team and a Breast Cancer Survivors team. Each team has at least 22 paddlers. AZDBA holds an annual Dragon Boat Festival drawing approximately 900 visitors to Tempe for the two-day event.
49. The information signs along the walkway have grammatical errors and misspelled words. These signs should be inspected and corrected.
50. Overall the plan is thoughtful and carefully stitched together with the site's key attributes. The strength is the idea of creating a loop that links the 4 essential park spaces (beach park, Scottsdale greenway, Papago park and the east riparian area) together. To make stronger, this loop should be connected to the private developments in a way that engages and promotes an urban edge. As the developments adjacent to the new loop manifest in the coming years, the city would benefit from some overlay zoning that established criteria for reinforcing the urban spatial relationships and promote mutually beneficial uses. Regarding the rio-loop park specifically, I believe the design team should add in one or two audacious or outrageous nodes or points of opportunity. Who knows what they could become - maybe an island with restaurants or a giant ferris wheel. Maybe a floating barge that could be ticketed and moved by tug boat during the 4th of July celebrations. This would be a place holder for an opportunity. Dream big everyone - Tempe deserves it.
51. You are not going to get the online involvement that you seek. There are security blocks and warnings to display the plan, and survey. People will be afraid to release the security on this page, even if it's City of Tempe.

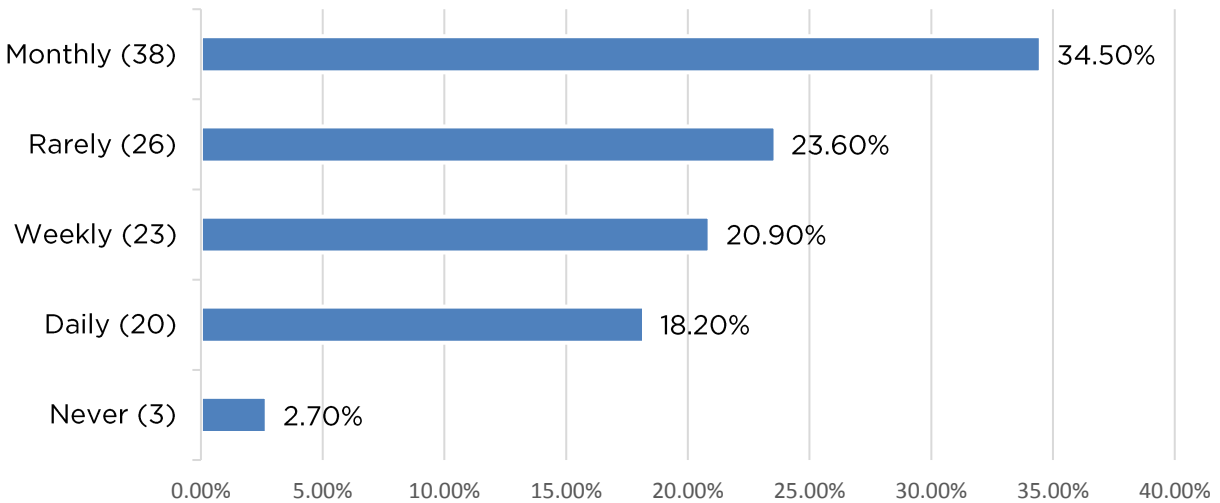
52. I am an active member of the Arizona Dragon Boat Association (AZDBA). The AZDBA and outrigger clubs currently store club boats and equipment in a secure area in the parking lot east of the marina, and use the large boat ramp to launch and land boats. The Masterplan proposes a parking structure on that site. Where are the boats supposed to go if the parking structure is built? Is the proposed new boat house large enough to house the dragon boats and outriggers? The large boat ramp appears to be missing. Will a comparable dock or ramp be built to accommodate the dragon boats and outrigger canoes? These boats are too large and heavy to be carried to side docks, as can be done with rowing sculls. The proposed "improvements" to the marina area do not appear to support dragon boating and outrigger teams. The AZDBA is more than just a local paddling group. We are a member of the Pacific Coast Dragon Boat Assoc., which is member of the United States Dragon Boat Federation - and which in turn is a member of the International Dragon Boat Federation. Arizona dragon boat teams train here to earn berths in international competitions, proudly representing our state and our nation. The AZDBA also includes a Breast Cancer Survivor team (my team!) and Team Blue, an adapted athlete team comprised of United States military veterans. Our BCS team will represent Arizona and the United States at the International Breast Cancer Paddling Commission Dragon Boat Festival in Florence, Italy this summer. That honor and opportunity would not be possible without the access to the lake, facilities and equipment that we currently have. Please continue to support the AZDBA as you move forward with the Rio Salado Masterplan.
53. It's great that a swimming area is being set up on the north side, but you need something water related on the south side, which is the populous side. Bring back the splash park. We have lots of tourists and families and there should be a way to cool off.
54. More bathrooms and need a dog park and there is no playground for the kids. Where are the benches and tables?
55. What is the green section in the canal bed to the West? There are ample parks with non-native flora in Tempe- we do not need a new large grass area to water and maintain.
56. Looks good
57. This is not just an area park to us...this is our front yard. We want to make sure green space next to TCA is maintained and not littered with additional benches, hardscape, etc. Things like public art or playground would be good. Better signage/entry to park area would be good, but not to deficit of the landscaping currently along Rio Salado next to TCA. As a rowing family, we want to make sure the lake is kept clear for the amount of boating traffic there already is -- piers/docks sticking into the lake just make it narrower.
58. Attended the 5/9 session at the arts center. Like my neighbor, the first commenter, I was disturbed by the lack of mention of the residents along the lake. We were regularly lumped in with the "corporate district", but we're very much (Edgewater, Bridgeview, SALT) a residential neighborhood, needing the respect of peace and quiet and appropriate uses. I had no specific alarms from the proposal and by and large things go very well now, but it seemed odd that a presentation so polished dropped a clanger on this issue.



59. Check out the Sea Organ by Nikola Basic in Zara Croatia... wonderful public art/ public gathering space. Arts can activate the waterfront and be a destination. There is also a great solar LED play pad at that site. Might be a good way to find public private partnership with First Solar right here in TEMPE. Could be a great NODE.

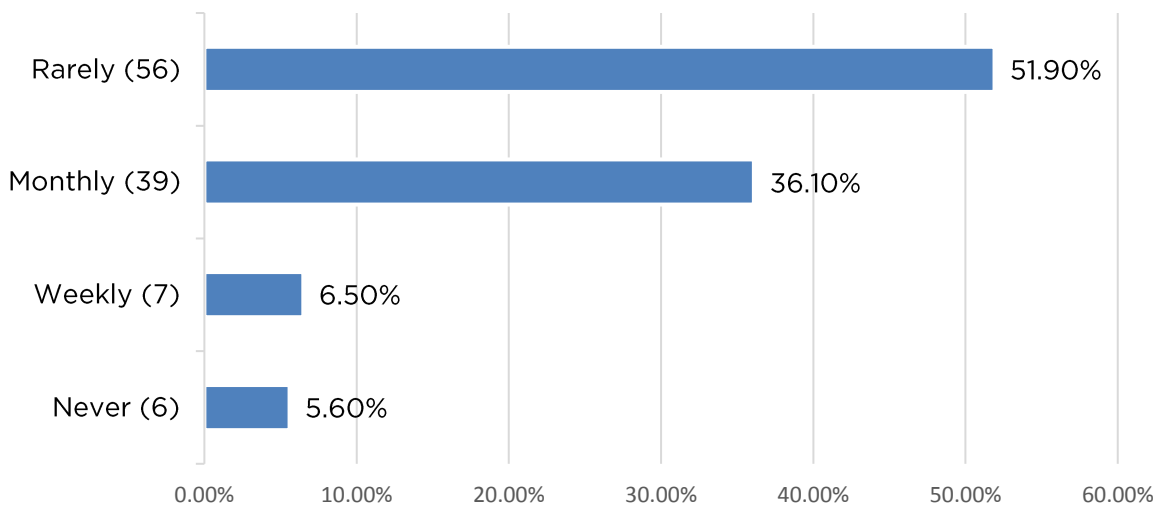
Please answer the following questions to provide input on programming, infrastructure, access, use of space and land/water activities.

### 2. How often do you visit Tempe Town Lake for recreation?



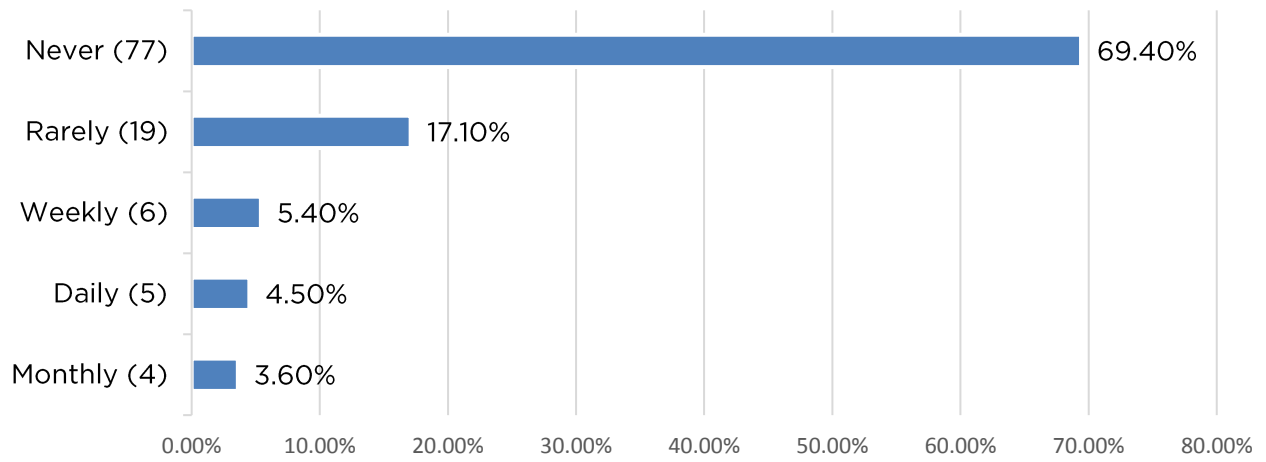
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### 3. How often do you visit Tempe Town Lake for events?



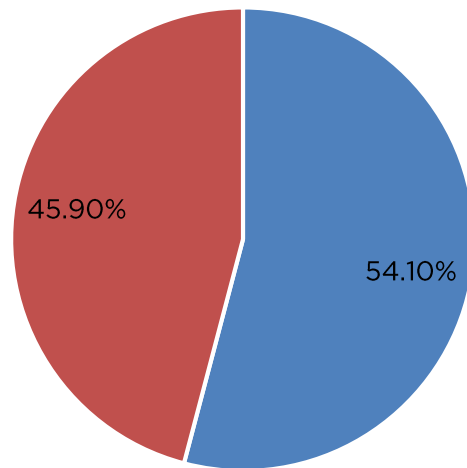
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4. How often do you visit Tempe Town Lake for work?



Responses: 111

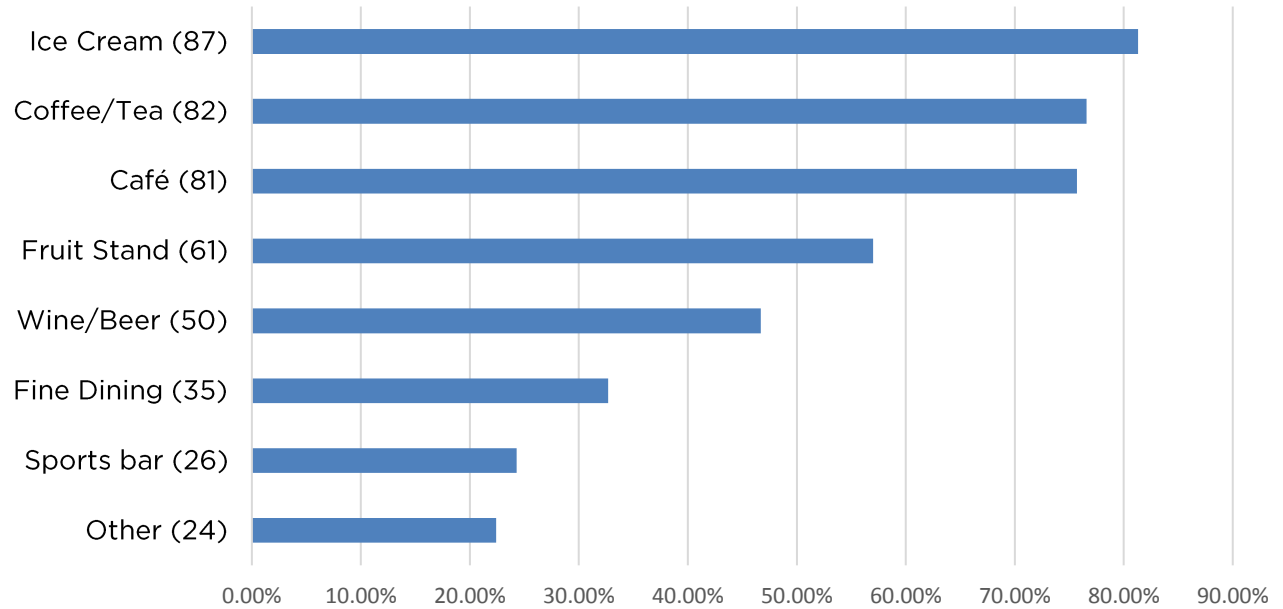
5. Should small retail shops be allowed in the park?



■ Yes (60) ■ No (51)

Responses: 111

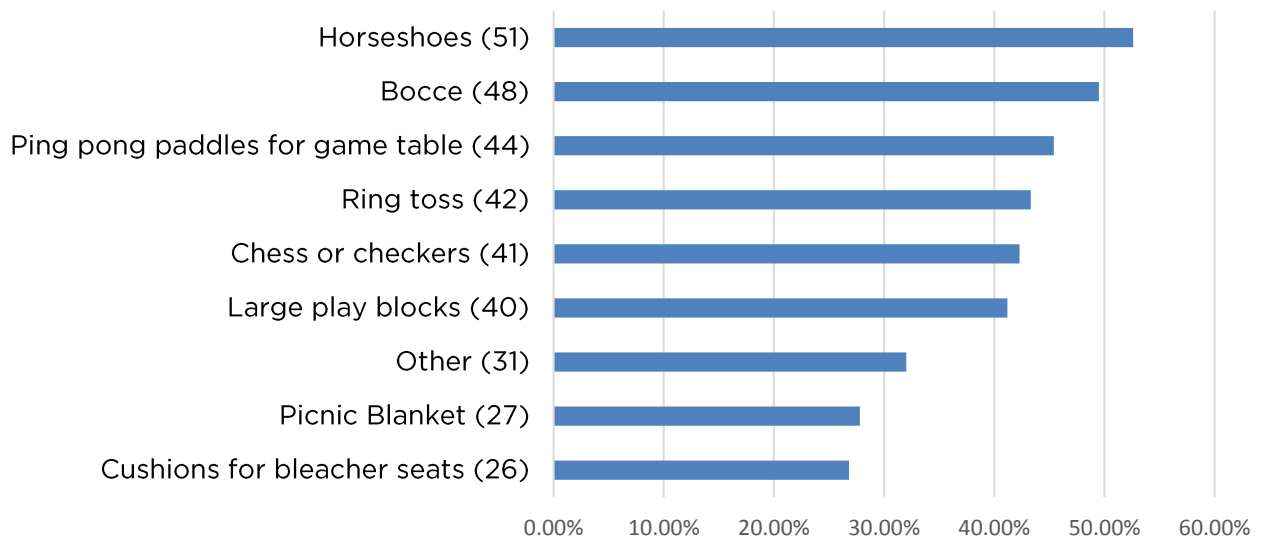
6. What type of food services would you like to see in the park? (check all that apply)



Other:

1. Grocer
2. Any
3. NO SPORTS BAR.
4. None!!!!!!
5. Paletas
6. Food Trucks, Street Vendors, Push Carts
7. Snacks
8. Permanent Farmer's Markets, especially under the north side of Mill bridges in the shade, or under the 202 by the marina there are 2 locations that link to Papago
9. Organic juice bar with smoothies & healthy snacks... and a Farm Stand or Farmer's Market area
10. I don't think any food services are needed in the park -- there are lots of food services nearby
11. Anything
12. Maybe some other appropriate picnic items, sandwiches, ices, smoothies.
13. Small venders like hotdog or ice cream carts
14. Casual dining restaurant with nice view
15. A splash pad would be a nice addition for kids
16. Things to grab and go - walk with
17. Food truck area (limited, rotating truck allowance)
18. Activity rentals (boat, bike, etc), fishing stuff
19. None
20. Designated Food Truck area
21. Food Trucks or Food Stands
22. Food Trucks
23. Shaved Ice
24. Does additional food service come with a hugely ramped up cleaning crew?  
Sounds fine, but it means disgusting overflowing trash bins absolutely guaranteed. Can you commit that cleaning crew for a generation from now?

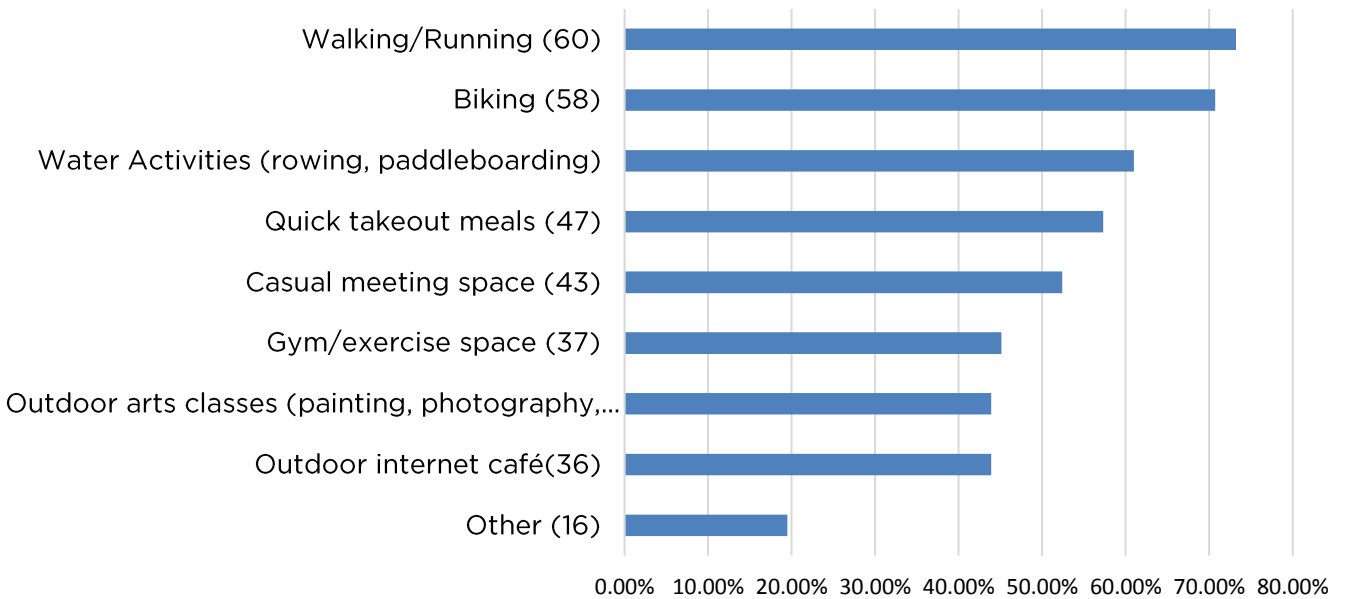
7. What items would you like to be able to rent at the park? (check all that apply)



Other:

1. Fenced dog run
2. bicycles, roller skates, horses, fishing gear, kites, volleyball equipment, etc.
3. water craft
4. Typical things you would need for the beach: flotation devices for the water, towels, beach chairs, umbrellas, etc.
5. Kayaks
6. Nothing
7. Dinner boat cruise.
8. Umbrellas or other shading or no rentals
9. These should just be provided, like they are in most cities with great parks, and unlocked with no closing hours.
10. SUP and kayaks or paddle boats
11. None `
12. Bikes, Scooters, Cornhole
13. Corn hole bags
14. More the better
15. umbrellas, fishing gear
16. umbrella
17. Mini-golf
18. Lawn Chairs
19. Picnic umbrellas.
20. Volleyballs, soccer balls, board games, frisbees
21. corn hole
22. bike, boat, maybe fishing gear
23. Shade, bikes, skateboards
24. None
25. Volleyball (to go with the courts), bicycles, SUP, Kayaks, small sailboat, windsurfer
26. Sailboat, kayak, fishing poles
27. kayak or canoe
28. shade umbrellas
29. paddle boats
30. Bikes, boats, table umbrellas,
31. nothing

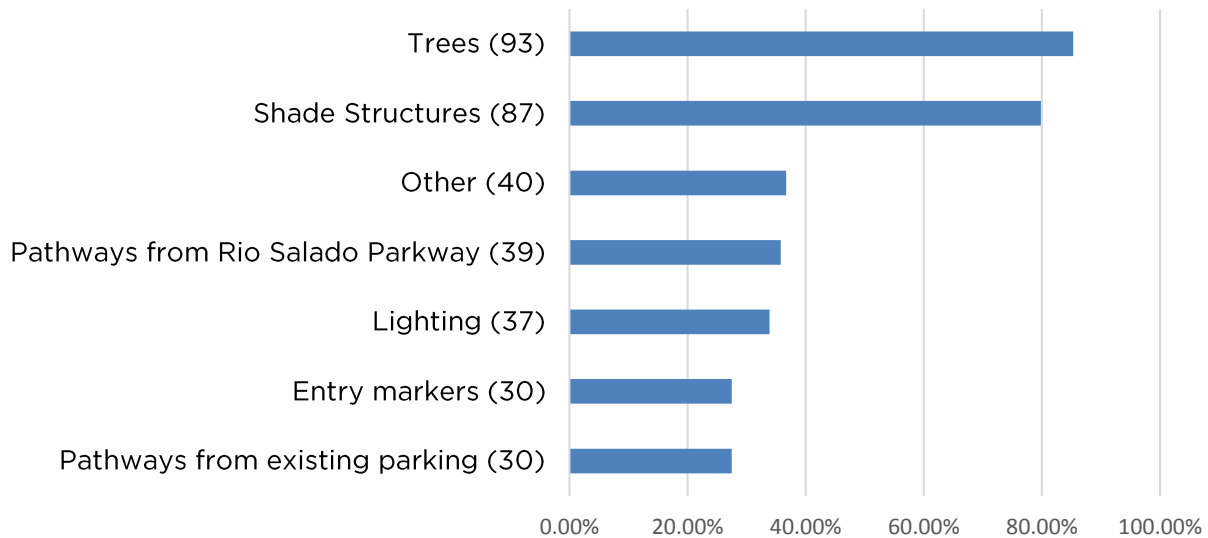
8. If you work along the lake or nearby, what would you do at lunchtime or before/after work? (check all that apply)



Other:

1. bird watch
2. Relax in a node
3. Meditation, Yoga Area, Chess Tables
4. Set up my slackline and juggle on it! Drum circles. More playgrounds and waterparks for the kids (my son misses the splash pad).
5. Sitting under a tree listening to bird song
6. Skating
7. All of it
8. Don't work
9. Soccer
10. Sailing would have been great but the tall buildings ruined the lake for sailing.
11. Frisbee golf
12. Let the businesses that rim the waterside provide for their employees
13. Tai Chi or Yoga classes
14. N/A
15. none
16. Yoga

## 9. Do we need more (check all that apply):



### Other:

1. bathrooms
2. large berm, sit view north and south.
3. Children's playground
4. seating, restrooms, playgrounds
5. Access to the water, small beach or floating garden
6. Wild untouched areas to view wildlife but not disturb
7. PARKING
8. Art light events on water.
9. Children's playground
10. Cool unique night lighting
11. Solar lighting
12. Boat/Board Launch South Side
13. Water sprays for hot days, like the coolers they have at some amusement parks
14. Free parking
15. Parking
16. lighting and completing connection of bike path at McClintock end.
17. Parking
18. Play area for kids -- <http://arizonakidsandfamilyfun.blogspot.com/2015/11/riparian-preserve-kids-play-area.html>
19. Pathways from Papago Park, Grand Canal, Crosscut Canal
20. more pathways and parking near the 202 N Priest for bird watching.
21. We need a skate park at the lake.
22. Trees instead of shade structures, shade structures don't cool the air - remove the parking they can use State Farm, make the developments pay for it
23. appropriate artwork/sculptures, informational signage and displays, both historical and relating to the natural landscape
24. Children's play ground
25. pedestrian bridges to the other side
26. Picnic tables, more benches or gathering places.
27. Casual eateries that look out over the water.
28. Playgrounds
29. Restroom facilities.
30. drainage - gets too wet & muddy from irrigation and infrequent rain especially near Marina Heights; also, potties
31. Play space for kids.
32. Responsible use of revenue toward other city infrastructure
33. Water stations. Restrooms.
34. Trails that are not paved and good for hiking, cycling

- 35. seating
- 36. Playgrounds
- 37. Areas to read
- 38. Benches, picnic tables,
- 39. none
- 40. Wayfinding

**10. What type of events are missing from the park?**

- 1. Boat docks
- 2. More family events like 5k, 10k, supporting local rescues and missions.
- 3. Would love more kid friendly events. More parades in Mill; like for St Patrick's Day
- 4. Is it possible to build a new splash park/pad because they removed it from Tempe Beach Park.
- 5. Swimming
- 6. Ferris Wheel. Small Shops and Market Stands. Street Performers (like in Vegas and the boardwalks of Southern Cali)
- 7. More water events - those existing are great. Max use....
- 8. Art fairs
- 9. Events that are held here tend to be huge (Aloha Festival, 4th of July, lighted boat Dec parade, Dragon Boat Festival). Something more community oriented like farmers market, local band/musician performances (maybe jam sessions?), food truck gatherings, movie nights.
- 10. None
- 11. Art for sale - Santa Barbara and San Diego beach parks allow artists to sell on the weekends in parts of the parks. I've enjoyed those.
- 12. Family events
- 13. Free music
- 14. Classical music, street artists.
- 15. The Innings Festival was the best event the park has ever hosted. Bring back The Tempe Music Festival! That event was one we looked forward to each year.
- 16. The kinds of waterfront amenities one sees on most boardwalks. Local trinket retail and light refreshments, such as in Seaport Village in San Diego
- 17. Concerts, more festivals
- 18. More casual concerts / movies.
- 19. Shade structures with tables for picnics, parties
- 20. We could feature more artists - similar to First Friday's in Scottsdale or a Farmer's market type of event where crafts and artists can showcase and/or sell their work. We could also do Open Mic nights on some of the stages. We could also add Segway Tours to the bikes and boats.
- 21. Sailing. Movies at the Park. Ice cream socials - old fashioned soda float parties  
Carnival, Tardeada, or similar quarterly.
- 22. Right now, food on the north side. Build a multi-purpose community center, 2 - 3 stories. Boathouse on the ground floor, patio, cafe, and meeting rooms (for weddings, events) on the second floor, and a small 3rd floor for administrative offices, storage, erg workouts etc.
- 23. Movies in the park
- 24. Cultural events like Shakespeare in the Park
- 25. An environmental fair.

26. The park has a good combination of artistic, sports and community events. It would be nice to better advertise these events in a single calendar for the entire year with a few annual signature events. It would also be nice if Orbit could go to Tempe Center for the Arts during the weekends.
27. Plenty already
28. Small community events, I don't go to the large events they're either not worth it (10 bucks for a bud light), overcrowded, or not authentic.
29. A place to swim, a beach
30. holistic health & wellness events, bird watching/nature events, classical music or dance, movies in the park....
31. Some type of community (citizen) science. Maybe a kiosk that gives people the opportunity to list on a check sheet any wildlife they have seen or any birds or butterflies they have seen that week.
32. Farmer's Market that offers fresh local produce
33. I love the cultural fests, especially the Aloha Fest. More cultural fests would attract me.
34. None.
35. Allow consumption of beer everyday maybe just in a certain area like the steps in Jerome.
36. Stuff geared towards kids
37. I believe we have a great array of annual events.
38. A calendar showing all of the scheduled events where the different areas of the park will be closed or high traffic, particularly for small group meetup planning with more advanced notice than last minute.
39. Circus events!
40. Free events. I have tried showing out of town guests the park but we have to pay to get in... no thanks. My taxes already paid.
41. Cultural or Major Technology Event or Demonstration/Projects co-op with ASU Science Tech. "Shakespeare at the Park" ASU, High School Drama Depts. or Renaissance Fest Kickoff. Science Demonstrations
42. More play equipment for children: slides, swings, etc.
43. More craft fairs
44. More free outdoor concerts.
45. Water/squirt gun "fight" outdoors in summer  
[https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&hl=en-us&q=water+fight+bangkok&spell=1&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwi855a-2JjbAhUI\\_4MKHSWtAAkQBQggKAA&biw=414&bih=622](https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&hl=en-us&q=water+fight+bangkok&spell=1&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwi855a-2JjbAhUI_4MKHSWtAAkQBQggKAA&biw=414&bih=622)
46. N/A
47. The great outdoors. All the condos and buildings are ruining this once awesome space.
48. None that's the problem, it's all about events and not about being a park where one can enjoy nature.
49. Nature tours to learn about plants, flowers, wildlife
50. Groups that meet regularly to walk, run and bike.
51. Not sure what's missing - but there seem to be enough events already that emphasize drinking and alcohol.
52. Evening concerts with food trucks



53. The one thing Tempe Town Lake is missing is a walkable “promenade” type area that includes restaurants, retail shops, cafes, etc. that could serve as a mini version of San Antonio’s Riverwalk. I believe the perfect location for this is the area directly to the west of Tempe Center for the Arts, as this area already attracts a large amount of pedestrians. I believe this would really complement TCA and would make it an even more popular destination.
54. I would also like to see more music festivals. The Innings Festivals was a home run! (no pun intended). I miss the Tempe Music Festival and would like to see that come back again. Also, the Red Bull Flugtag event was really cool. The last one was in 2006, so we’re long overdue for another event like that again.
55. Nature focused activities. Educational or interpreting activities. A Founders Day, a native American event, monsoon, flood watching, bird watching, spring, Palo Verde festival. Roller blading or a regatta. Community Camp-Out, Star Gazing Event.
56. Neighborhood gatherings, art shows
57. Food truck. Dolores Park in San Francisco Sundays!

**11. Describe something you have experienced in another park/city that might serve as inspiration for Rio Salado Park.**

1. Malaga Spain, popup artist space at an underpass adjacent to Guggenheim, adjacent to boardwalk with permanent carnival attractions, great shade structure there.
2. Tempe
3. boat docks
4. A dog park.
5. I really like the family events they have at the park, that brings our community together
6. I believe the City should build a public pool within the park. The old Tempe Beach Pool was a cornerstone of social activity back in the 1960’s and 1970’s. As the summers get longer, the City should provide more public pools, not less.
7. Lake Las Vegas has a “cable park” that offers wakeboarding, tubing, kneeboarding, and skiing for a fee.  
<https://lakelasvegaspaddleboard.rezdy.com>  
It is located at the far west end of the lake and is fun to watch and I’m sure fun to do.
8. Stanley Park in Vancouver is very well done as far as delineating itself from the city and having very clear signage
9. Exercise equipment - pull up bars etc.
10. Bicycle only paths to keep walkers and bikers separate
11. I haven’t seen anything in other parks, which Tempe does not do for theirs... great job!
12. Millennium Park in downtown Chicago has the best, water splash park that has serious and powerful sculpture seamlessly integrated. It is a mature urban moment. It most likely very costly, but worth every dollar.
13. Lake Geneva has cafes, ice cream parlors, a crepe truck and a fine restaurant alongside. Also, very nice plantings and trees - it is lovely to walk alongside.
14. There are also sometimes outdoor performances.

15. Baltimore's Inner Harbor has art events like Lighted Sculptures that last for a few weeks and attract tourists. Since they are longer durations, you don't get the huge crowds all at once. Japanese Friendship Gardens offers Tai Chi and Yoga classes - not sure how you do this since there isn't a ticket/gate office but maybe an on-line sign up/payment?
16. Sigh . . . must we ALWAYS look to somebody somewhere else for inspiration? Let Tempe be Tempe, let Rio Salado be Rio Salado and let Arizona be Arizona. If I wanted the San Antonio River Walk experience, I would go to San Antonio.
17. Lots of trails that are open to biking, cycling, running that are kept clean and provide a great urban outdoor experience.
18. Rental paddle boats/canoes (Kiwaniis park)
19. Tempe
20. Dog park, dog beach. Swimming, splash pad. Extended biking trails, beyond the park areas. Large grass areas for relaxing. The river bottom to the West of the dam would be ideal for this.
21. Too many underutilized or wanted items in the other parks that only are a waste of money.
22. Art for sale - Santa Barbara and San Diego beach parks allow artists to sell on the weekends in parts of the parks. I've enjoyed those.
23. Family/community events for free
24. more water features and play areas
25. Frankly, I used to go there often when there were play areas for my kids. I stopped because the little waterpark was never fixed.
26. Large art structures. This park is fantastic <http://maggiedaleypark.com/>
27. Cool public art, similar to Millennium Park Chicago, Central Park, etc.
28. dirt running path. The new concrete path is great, but old knees prefer dirt. there's plenty of space in most areas to accommodate a parallel narrow path for runners off the concrete.
29. Places to mingle and eat/drink right on the water.
30. Adult outdoor gym equipment including stations and instructions. Saw this all through a ware front park in Istanbul. Lots of visitors enjoying it.
31. Free concerts one night after work every week during the summer (would have to be spring or fall here) for people to unwind after work featuring local bands (drink and food available for purchase). The drinks were \$2 each and they handed out \$2 bills only so something sort of unique with the party would be good. It was only from 5 to 7 and it was always packed. I think anything that supports the local arts is a benefit. Plus people would go out after and support the businesses nearby as well.
32. Balboa park gathering places! Carousel
33. Fabulous multipurpose boathouse near Ohio State University -- widely used for events because it's lovely.
34. "Out of the water" sculptures, cafés and restaurants by the water
35. Shade
36. Armstrong park in NOLA, lots of art, info on area history
37. Tempe
38. Nature - Denver. Klyde Warren Park - Programming, Innovation
39. Minneapolis has swimming at a lot of its city parks where there are small lakes, it's really a nice feature. Here, with our heat, it would be ideal.

40. more insight, information and appreciation of nature around us.
41. A restaurant on the water. Glass floor or similar over water.
42. See Denver Botanical Garden kids' area (neat for adults too):  
<https://www.botanicgardens.org/york-street/mordecai-childrens-garden>
43. See Gilbert Riparian preserve kids' area (neat for adults too):  
<http://arizonakidsandfamilyfun.blogspot.com/2015/11/riparian-preserve-kids-play-area.html>
44. Beautiful, small sitting areas designed to be meditation spots are great.
45. The Gilbert Riparian area might be good inspiration as a public accessible but bird friendly Riparian area.
46. Orchestra outdoor concerts with picnic seating- French style.
47. Waterfall that serves sort of like a "splash pad" for children and adults. A similar concept is Keller Fountain Park in Portland Oregon.
48. Maybe in the winter we find a way to set up an ice rink for the public outside from Dec-Jan.
49. See how Dolores Park in San Francisco, or Cheesman park in Denver, or the Boulder County Farmer's Market in Pearl St. Boulder, Colorado, are used. Huge quantities of folks in many clusters doing all sorts of activities.
50. Splash pads, shaded playground equipment. Additional Seating
51. As I mentioned above, an exercise course would really fit in well.
52. Norfolk VA "Bike in Movies," New Orleans Jackson Square. Mesa, AZ Riverview Park Playground. St Petersburg, FL Sunken Gardens
53. Free live music on the lawn when the weather's nice.
54. Rock wall in Millennium Park (Chicago). Zen gardens in Golden State Park (San Francisco).
55. In Germany they have really cool water features for children to play and explore with. Water wheels and mini canals.
56. Farmers market
57. Ability to reserve a space. Re: Ramada or picnic table.
58. Lighted lantern festival. Mayan water festival.
59. Small lighted marquee at TCA...PowerPoint showing upcoming events. Visible to pedestrians near/@ TCA/pedestrian bridge area
60. Contemporary shading structures
61. Trees. Nature. No commercialization or selling of stuff people don't need.
62. San Antonio's Riverwalk (see above answer).
63. Ramadas and more places to BBQ/have a picnic.
- 64.? Signs
65. Lane markers for bikes and pedestrians; San Antonio Riverwalk
66. A strong sense of place (parks in NYC and Paris), peace and quiet (Paley Park in NYC), connection to nature (many places). Rio Salado Park is becoming too general.
67. Rose garden, botanical garden, memorial park - see engraved pavers or monuments
68. Points of interest, Balboa Park.
69. A boathouse for long rowing boats could have a second floor with a coffee shop, meeting room space, deck for viewing, community center.

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

1. Please do NOT build docks or stages out into the lake because they would be a hazard to rowers, dragonboats, kayaks. The lake is often crowded with boats, rowing teams, and rowing classes. There should be no new obstructions in the lake.
2. East end dead zone. Improve east connection around lake. Ground too flat, create community hill. Linear parks, make strips for recreation. Improve people access to water such as small stream 2 to 3 feet wide.
3. As a lakeside resident, traffic is already a nightmare. Something must be done to move traffic. I walk my dog at night. The city needs to resolve the large homeless population that takes over the lake at night.
4. Big future. I'm concerned that the park, open space aspects are being overtaken by the economic development aspects. Already, there's a wall of suburban, quality steal and glass cutting off the community, our main campus, our other major open space elements like Hayden Butte Preserve and our neighborhoods from our primary reason for being character defining open space. Connections are an afterthought and unless we establish the standards now, the future of the Rio Salado will just bring more of the same Mesa influx.
5. The small info kiosks/artwork imbedded in the wall along the lakeside are nice. Utilizing spaces under the bridges is a great idea.
6. 1. At least some kayak access into the eastern riparian area would be very welcome. 2. Please continue to prohibit power watercraft from the lake - All the region's lakes are over-run with power boats; it is nice to have a quiet lake to kayak or row. 3. I love riding a bike along the lake. Completion of "the loop" is a top priority for me.
7. Really dislike the bikes littering the pathways (Limebike, OFO, etc.). Multi-use path needs striping center lane for pedestrian traffic flow. Watermark construction has a paved path from Rural bridge to Northshore but it's always locked.
8. Keep
9. I'd like a fitness area on the north side of the lake by the rock wall like they have outside in San Francisco.
10. One more thing to add--as a nearby resident I don't have any issues whatsoever with traffic or street closures from the various events at the park.
11. I really enjoy festivals at this park
12. Let the park be a park, not a rock arena. Smaller athletic events are great, but the Iron Man that shuts down the whole area is an inconvenience to Tempe residents. I can't tell you how many times I attempted to use the park only to find it was closed to residents due to an event or event setup days in advance. I finally stopped considering going there during decent weather months. Time to think about year-round residents, not just snow-birds, tourists and businesses. If you don't, then please pay for it with event fees only!
13. I am outraged that you are taking away the parking lot at the Tempe Center for the Arts.
14. Perhaps more involvement from ASU design

15. First Friday Art walk along lake walkway. Tents/easels/tables open to local artists. Art projection mapping
16. You need to let people bring their own water and food to events. The first 4th of July event was a disaster. Long lines for water in brutal heat is just plain money grabbing and not cool. Especially because we live in a desert. Think!!!!
17. Taking out the historical baseball field and rock bleachers is just wrong.
18. Don't compete with Mill Ave Businesses or Restaurants. Need connectivity to new Papago Preserve and to Papago Park. Staging Center for Tour de Fat and new St Patrick's day Parades. Not Legend City Lagoon with Sky Ride or Big Surf
19. Please do something to get rid of the "urban campers that hang out and leave trash all the time. There is usually a lot of them that hang out by the restrooms at Tempe Beach Park.
20. I would love to see fire dancing and circus events for the community
21. More areas with intentional 24 hour access. Especially for bicycle commuters and folks seeking a late night stroll. I get around by bike 90% of the time, and having this area completely separated from vehicles is great. I'm glad to see more bike connectors in the plans.
22. The reason for not approving retail shops along the lake is the impact it would have to all local merchants on Mill Avenue, surrounding nearby area, and Tempe Marketplace. There is more than ample retail in the immediate area. Let the park be for outdoor activities, quality time with family/friends, exercise, and relaxation.
23. You can take light rail to 3rd street but would be nice transportation option to other parts of the Town lake, e.g. along Rio Salado.
24. In so much as the questions suggest, I am opposed to any extensive commercialization of the park. Retail should not be there.
25. I know this is bigger than the plan for Tempe but are you thinking of connecting the path on the south side past the 143 and connect with the Phoenix paths to the wetlands? that would be outstanding
26. I love the ideas but I'm most excited for the development of a healthy riparian area with opportunities to bird watch and use a trail. This has been sorely missing from the river.
27. Please preserve the baseball field and add an area for kids to explore/play in a natural environment
28. Access to the park, parking, and traffic congestion are real issues that should be addressed. Using the street car, light rail, orbit, pathways, and other alternative modes should be incorporated into the plan in order to minimize space allocated to parking and impacts to the traveling public.
29. The BMX and Skate parks are an excellent idea!
30. Don't hold back, forget about cost, show people something amazing that everyone will get behind. With the large developments occurring along the lake there should be plenty of funds for this. Or for the cost of the proposed street car - we could have a world-class park instead. Cheers!
31. This is an ambitious plan. It will be interesting to see what is prioritized.
32. It would be nice to combine this online survey with community meetings to brainstorm and discuss ideas and projects

33. Very little input has been requested from the residents that live in the area, I live in Riverside, the original and only strictly residential neighborhood that borders on the lake. why hasn't this been pushed out to our neighborhood association? Please don't try and turn this place into Disneyland. Enough with the Palo Verde trees, they don't give much shade, they are pruned incorrectly and snap because of the way they are trimmed. Why don't you put back the cottonwood trees that flourished before the lake? Stop closing off park access to the lake side when there is a major event, leave at least a path to stroll along the lake. The promoters can pay for the extra fencing to separate us tax paying residents from their event. Add tables with game boards inlaid on top so people can bring their own checkers or chessmen to play, and make sure they are under trees so they are shaded. I would like to see the boat ramp by the TCA opened so residents on the south can launch without having to drive all around the lake. The tic-tacs can be moved closer to the dam. more toilet facilities are needed on both sides of the lake and I don't mean port-a-potty type