

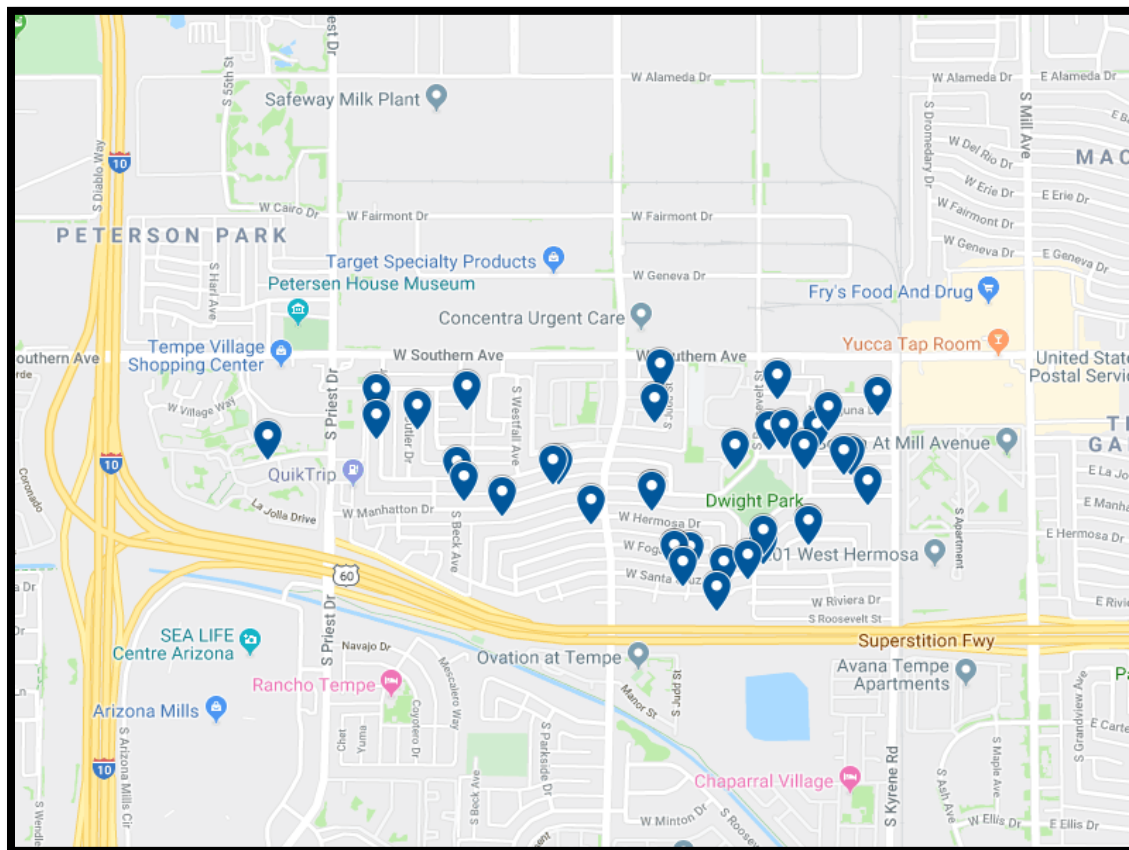


**PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY**

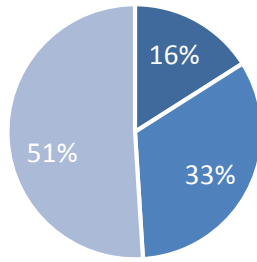
**Overview**

A public meeting was held on November 16, 2019 for feedback on planned improvements for Dwight Park. Residents in the area of Southern Avenue to the US 60, S. Kyrene Road to S. Hardy Drive (1221 households) were invited to participate in the process via postcard. Notices were posted to Nextdoor to 276 households in 2 neighborhoods directing residents to both the meeting and the website. Park signs were also placed in the park announcing the meeting. Nine people signed in for the meeting in the park. Residents were asked to provide input on ramada location, material, roof color, future enhanced amenities, and park hours. Surveys were available at the meetings and online from November 16 through November 30, 2019. A total of 39 survey responses were received; 8 at the meeting and 31 online, all from inside the project area.

**Map of Survey Respondents**

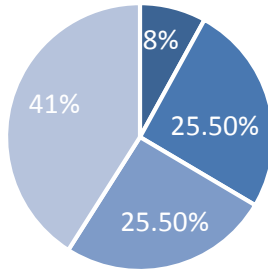


1. Dwight Park will receive a new 20'x20' picnic ramada. Please choose your favorite ramada location from the three options shown on the map:



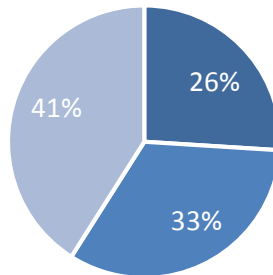
■ Location A (6) ■ Location C (13) ■ **Location B (20)**

2. The picnic ramada will have a metal hip roof. Which column material do you prefer?



■ Option B - Scored CMU (3) ■ Option C - Notched CMU (10)  
■ Option D - Stone Veneer (10) ■ **Option A - Metal Post (16)**

3. Which color do you prefer for the ramada roof?

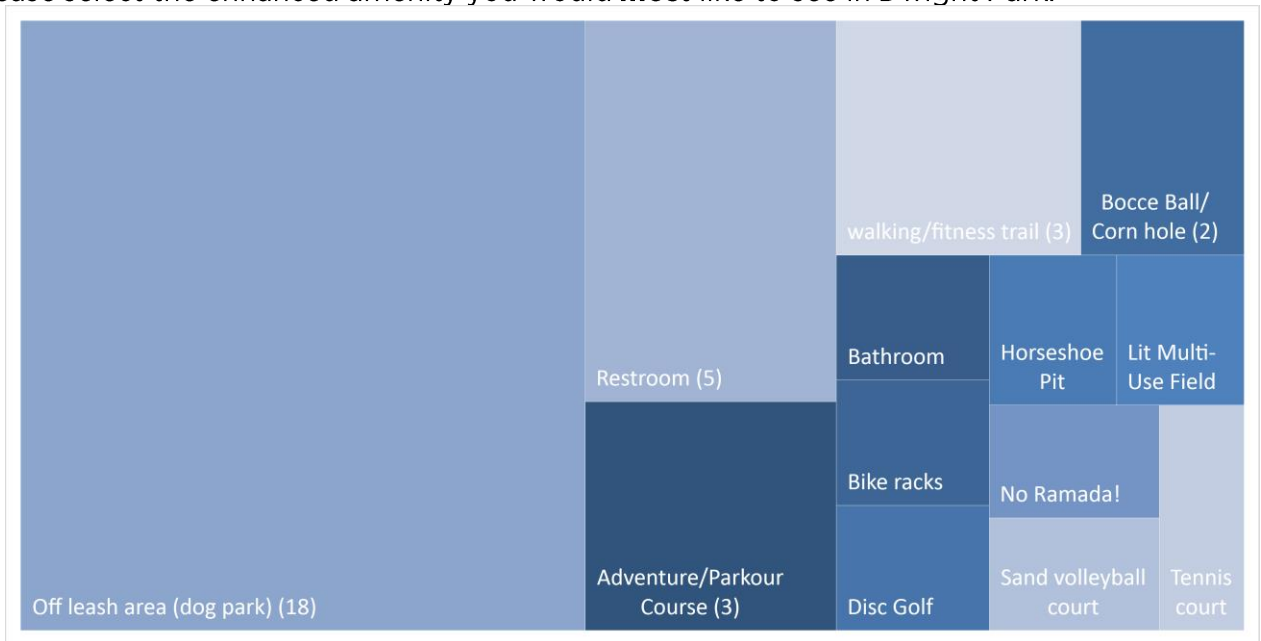


■ Terra-Cotta (10) ■ Old Town Gray (13) ■ **Tahoe Blue (16)**

4. In the future Dwight Park and other neighborhood parks could be eligible for enhanced amenities which would increase the recreational value of a park. The number, type, and size of amenities will be determined by size of park, cost of amenity, and fit. Examples could include, *but are not limited to*:

- Off leash area (dog park)
- Skate or BMX park
- Sand volleyball court
- Bocce ball/ corn hole
- Adventure/Parkour Course
- Horseshoe pit
- Disc golf
- Walking/fitness trail
- Fitness Stations
- Fishing Pond
- Multi-use concrete pad (soccer, football, etc.)
- Tennis Court
- Pickleball Court
- Restroom
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

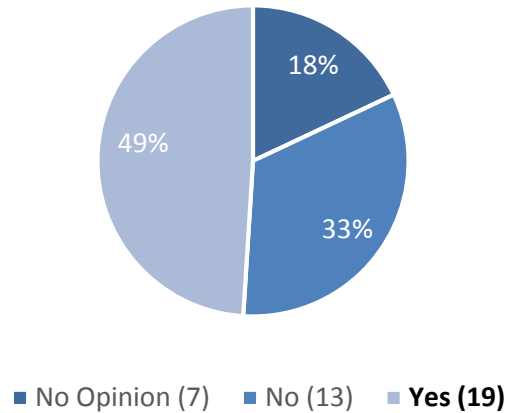
a. Please select the enhanced amenity you would **most** like to see in Dwight Park:



b. Please select the enhanced amenity you would **least** like to see in Dwight Park:



5. Currently your park sign states that the park is open from 6 a.m. to 12 a.m. Are you in favor of changing the posted park hours to 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. ?



6. Additional Comments:

1. A bathroom would be nice!
2. A restroom is very much needed. So many people used the construction porta potty.
3. Add restrooms for kids
4. Fitness stations would be good also
5. I find it really sad that the city does not understand that people should have choices for their neighborhoods and when the majority says they don't want a ramada because it is a welcome sign for our homeless, it messes up the Zen the park has, and unless you plan to put in a bathroom, ramadas are not welcome and neither is a surley parks department head telling us we have no choice, that this is a done deal because the CoT has determined this is a must have amenity. Well, you work for the citizens and taxpayers of the City of Tempe and you are supposed to represent our wishes. Unless you are going to have a 24/7 person picking up human waste, please do not put that ramada in because I am not going to pick up human waste Dog waste is quite enough thank you. Also, the site B looks like you are not taking into consideration that you just put in a picnic table there by the playground and now you're going to move it under the ramada? I DON'T THINK SO. Another error in this playground, another waste of our tax dollars. How many times does it take the CoT to get it right? Too many for my tastes. I will recommend that your department have an audit for the many mistakes you have made in our park and I have to assume in all the other parks as well. "
6. I think the city has done a good job with the improvements to Dwight Park over the last couple of years and I appreciate all the communication and resident involvement the city has given us in regards to changes. It's nice seeing the increase of use at the park since the renovations and I think the once tired old park has had new life put into it. Not sure if space would allow but a lot of the residents

around the park would benefit from an off leash area. There are many apartments in the neighborhood that would most definitely take advantage of a dog area. Me personally as well as many of my neighbors have gone to drought friendly landscaping and would love a place nearby where our dogs can run around and (*cont'd*) have a nice grassy area to play in. The park already has a dog friendly atmosphere and this would help make that community even stronger.

7. I would like a Restroom as well as the Off leash area (dog park).
8. I would like to see more trees in Dwight Park
9. Love the enhancements to the park.
10. More permanent trash receptacles
11. No ramada wanted
12. Please consider a lighter colored roof. This will help reflect solar radiation in the summer, keeping the park cooler. I am a researcher at ASU and this is my area of expertise. Please consider it. Thank you
13. Please do not put this Ramada in our community park. The city of Tempe has a huge homeless issue that they are not very aggressive about. A Ramada will attract those staying without an address to our park and could compromise the safety of our neighborhood. This is a small neighborhood park with little to zero parking. If someone wants covered dining, they can walk home. This is a horrible idea and the money can be spent elsewhere for improvements. I have lived in my home for 14 years and do not want to see further decay in my community. Please take these comments into consideration.
14. Sand Volleyball
15. Thank you for putting time, energy and money into our neighborhood.
16. Thanks so much for re-doing our playground. It's made a HUGE difference! So many more families spend time in the park now.
17. There are a couple of dark areas in the park still, so I'd love to see additional lighting added for those spots.
18. We need drinking fountains
19. Would like to know the plan the city has to keep parks from becoming homeless shelters.

**E-mail 11/19/2019 – \* Resident also commented in the survey**

Good Evening!

While I provided feedback in the survey, I sincerely want to address how much this park does not need a Ramada. Honestly. Every park in Tempe with Ramada's seems to have more "urban camping".

Please help give me guidance as to whom else is available for Ramada feedback? This is a small neighborhood park with no need for such an amenity. The sidewalk that was recently installed is an eyesore and this will only contribute to a cluttered appearance at the park.

I would appreciate any assistance you could provide.

**E-mail 11/9/2019 - \*Resident also commented in the survey and in the 11/19 email**

I am unable to attend the meeting on 11/16 regarding a ramada being added to Dwight Park. I wanted to voice my opposition to the ramada. We have so much trash now that neighbors maintain the park. Ramada will invite more trash, noise and possibly homeless seeking shelter. We do not have a bathroom in the park either; I find that necessary for someone setting up a party for a ramada. Use the money for homeless shelter or trees. Expand the playground. We have so many kids on the playground in the evenings and not enough swings to go around.

I own three properties across from the park and would like to “mark” all three in opposition of a ramada.

**E-mail 10/24/2019 - \*Resident also commented on the survey**

I personally do NOT want a ramada at all . If you put one then you'll have to put a bathroom too because ramadas bring folks who want to spend the night and without a bathroom, we have a serious problem. I pick up enough feces every single day from dogs whose owners could care less than to have to pick up human feces is just over the top. Not happening. Capiche?

Having a meeting at 8-9 am? Really? Give me a break. Clearly the CoT doesn't want anyone's input.

If you get consensus to have a ramada, then by the playground is the most common sense location, probably near the water fountain. If you put it somewhere else depending on the response from the neighborhood besides by the playground, expect a loud noise from me. Ah, expect a loud noise anyway. Tired of having stuff thrust upon us whether we like it or not.

Take care of what we have already and stop ruining our park. Your sidewalk to nowhere is absolutely horrifying.

**Comment 10/24/2019 - \*Resident also commented on the survey**

**From:** City of Tempe, AZ <[webmaster@tempe.gov](mailto:webmaster@tempe.gov)>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 24, 2019 2:25 PM

**To:** Tempe311 <[tempe311@tempe.gov](mailto:tempe311@tempe.gov)>

**Subject:** Feedback for City of Tempe, AZ

You have received this feedback from [REDACTED]  
for the following page:

<https://www.tempe.gov/government/community-services/parks/parks-capital-improvements-plan/completed-projects/dwight-park-ramada-improvements>

I would like to voice my opposition to a ramada being added to Dwight Park. There are no restrooms and only street parking and we have had many issues of people driving their vehicles into the park and leaving it there for their event. We have problems with park clean up after parties, people doing drugs and some homeless issues. Adding a ramada will be another place for homeless to seek shelter since Tempe is ignoring the homeless problem. The four acres is spacious enough for many to spend time playing sports; ramada will take away from that space. (I.e. if a soccer game is going on then there is plenty of room for someone to play frisbee, catch, practice on another portion of the land.) I live at [REDACTED] and have a beautiful view of the park. I do not want this view obstructed by a filthy and unkept ramada; it would reduce my home value. Use the money to get rid of the fire ants that have taken over the park! Or more trees! More playground equipment! Anything but a ramada when there are multiple ramadas available a half mile away at Kiwanis. Don't build unless you can maintain it daily.

**Tempe311 Inquiry 11/2/2019:**

i will be unavailable to attend the meeting, but it would be nice to have a walkway on the east side of the park joining the north and south sidewalks.