



Parks & Recreation Master Plan Public Input Summary

Jan. 9-26, 2020

OVERVIEW

The City collected feedback on the research and input collected to date on the Park and Recreation Master Plan. The provided feedback will help inform the master plan to ensure it reflects the vision of the community.

Public meetings were held on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020 (11 attendees) and Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020 (13 attendees). The topic was posted online for comments from Jan. 9 – 26, 2020 on Tempe Forum. A total of 202 unduplicated survey responses were received, 3 at the Jan. 9 public meeting, 9 at the Jan. 11 meeting and 190 on Tempe Forum.

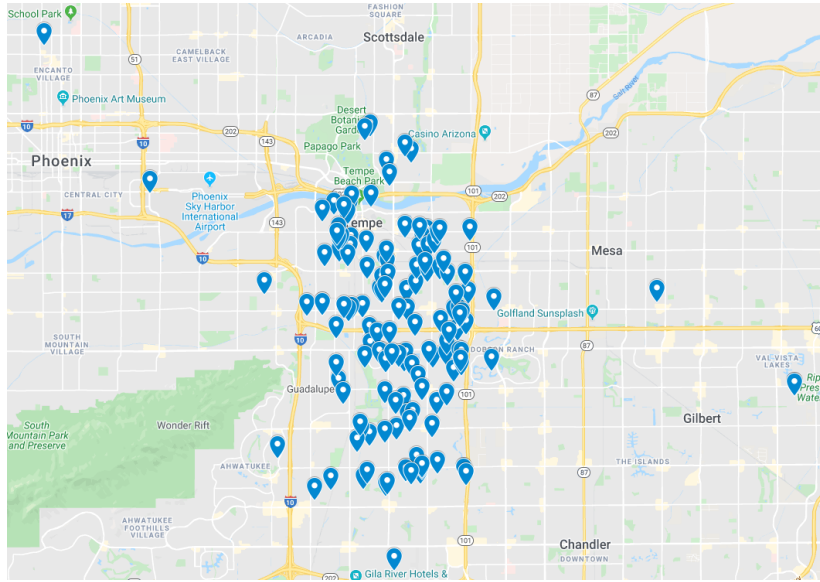
OUTREACH

Several methods were used to notify the public about the meeting and online survey.

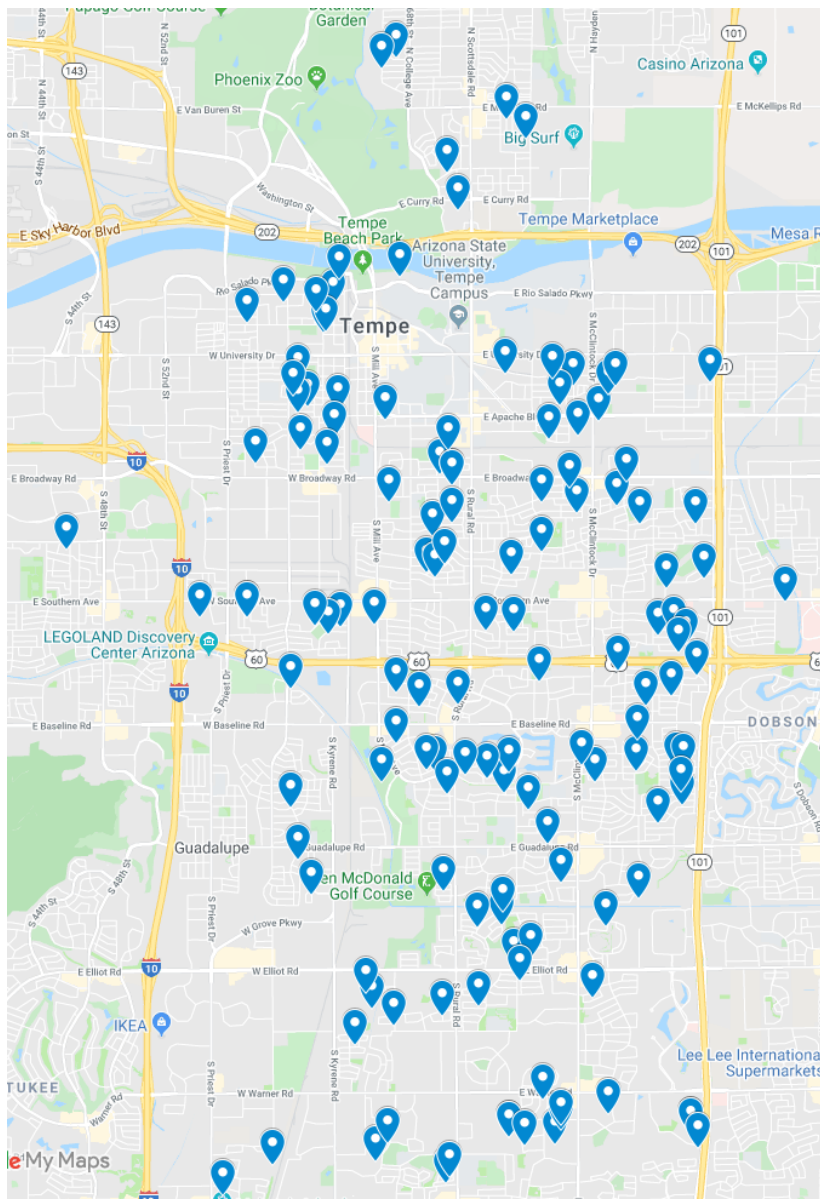
1. Press Release to local media
2. Social Media
 - Facebook post on , 2020 – 2,178 reach
 - Nextdoor post on Jan. 8, 2020 - 2,312 impressions
3. Email Notifications
 - City email notification – 1,735 opens
 - Neighborhood and Homeowners' Associations
 - Recreation classes list
 - Respondents to May/June 2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan survey
 - Tempe Forum subscribers
4. Direct mail postcard sent to:
 - respondents to previous surveys.
5. Digital reach screens and flyers at City community centers and on Tempe 11
6. Yard signs with meeting and survey information placed at various city parks
7. Project website – 260 web hits in December

MAP OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS

All responses:



Tempe responses:



SURVEY RESPONSES

1. Please rank the below statements from 1 to 6, with 1 being most important and 6 least important, to tell us how you think parks could make your neighborhood or the city better.

Listed in order of priority ranking:

1. Provide places where we can be healthy and be active
2. Provide places to spend time with friends and family
3. Enhance neighborhood appearance
4. Offer a place to relax on my own
5. Reflect the history and culture of our neighborhood or city
6. Offer a place to “hang out” where there is something going on all the time

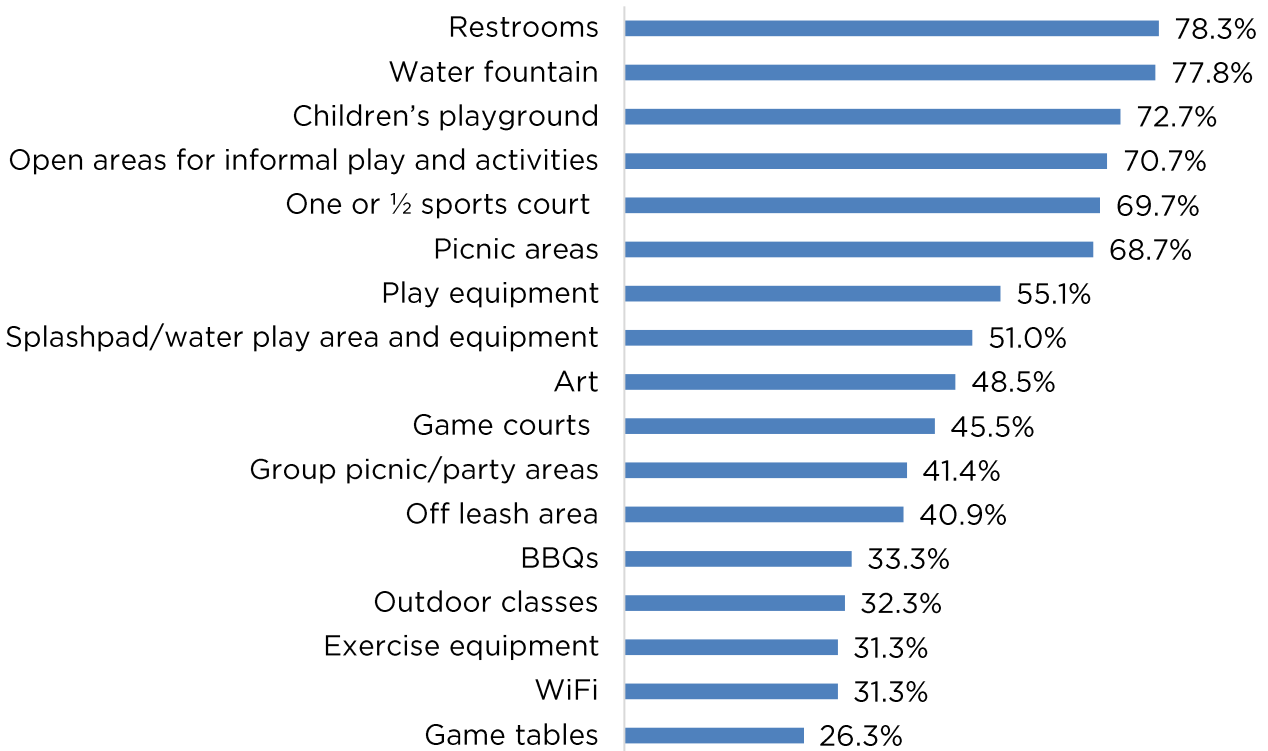
2. What would make you feel safer when you are in a park? Please rank in order of importance, with 1 being most important and 8 least important.

Listed in order of priority ranking:

1. Lighting
2. Cleanliness (less litter, graffiti and overflowing garbage pails)
3. People and activities in the park
4. Maintained landscaping
5. Equipment maintenance
6. Emergency call boxes
7. Areas that you can see and hear from the street
8. Signs directing me to park facilities and exits

This master plan will refine the current parks classification system by adding a new type of park called urban park. A park classification provides a framework for the types of facilities (for example: swings, fields, courts, and picnic areas) and activities or events that occur in a park. Urban parks are designed to be more compact and serve high density neighborhoods with limited open space.

3. What types of facilities and uses do you think would be appropriate in an urban park? Check all that apply



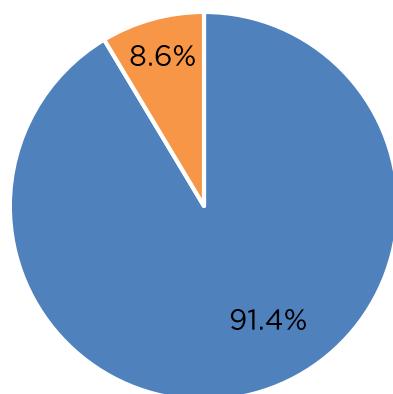
Tempe offers a wide range of programs and events for its residents and the region. Please answer questions 4 - 6 so we can continue to offer programs that meet your needs.

4. Please prioritize in order of importance, with 1 being most important and 7 least important, the age groups that you would like to see more classes for:

Listed in order of priority ranking:

1. Youth (5 -12 years old)
2. Teens (13-17 years old)
3. Toddlers/Parents (preschool/under 5 years old)
4. Older adults (64+)
5. Maturing Adults (50-64 years old)
6. Adults (25-50 years old)
7. Young adults (18-25 years old)

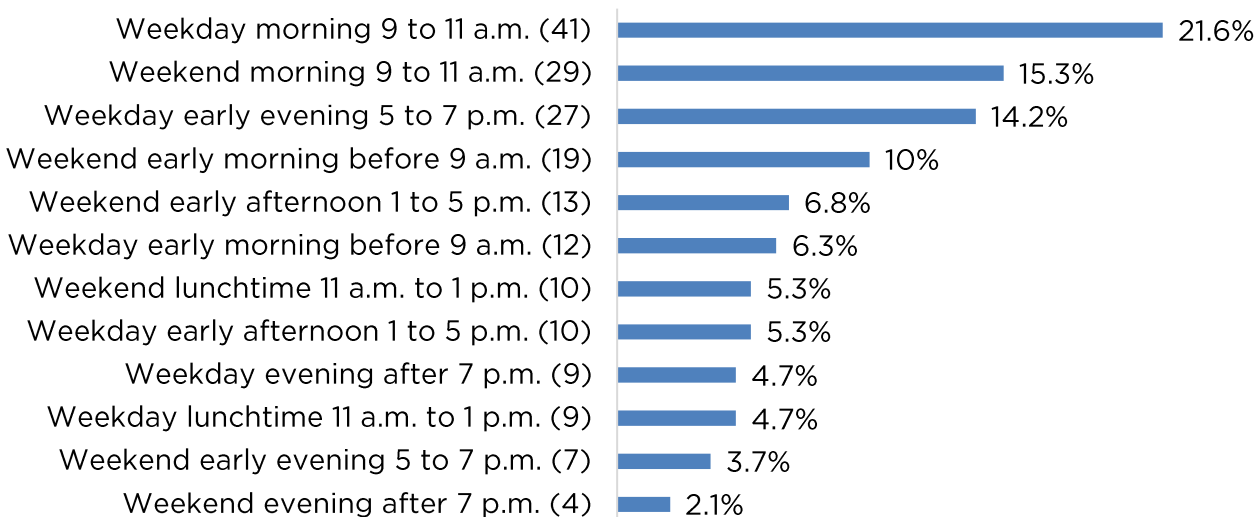
5. We are considering offering classes in parks and other outdoor locations. Assuming it was a class you were interested in at a time that was convenient, would you attend a class in a park or outside?



■ Yes (180) ■ No (17)

Total responses: 197

6. What time would be *most* convenient for you to attend a parks and recreation program? Select one.



7. Parks can often define our city and neighborhoods. In less than 15 words, what innovations do you want Tempe parks to have 10 years from now?

1. 1 water feature at every playground, more shade and misters for parents, more risking playing like rock climbing and history of the park/playground
2. A park that reflects the desert we live in.
3. A place family/friends can meet.
4. A safe & inviting setting open to all demographics where everyone is welcome.
5. A way of keeping things green in the summer
6. Abundance of trees and green spaces.

7. Accessible inclusive for our blind preschooler and his SN friends, art/local artists, shaded summer.
8. Activities for adults who are blind/visually impaired.
9. Actually, there's a pretty good mix already, from what I've seen. I WOULD like to see a bit more control over late-night lighting in the ball parks, though. Sometimes the big lights are on long after everyone's gone.
10. Adequate lighting in all areas
11. All age exercise park like Gilberts Desert Sky Park
12. Areas for quiet meditation with art/sculptures/water features
13. Art and culture events, music, art, entertainment
14. Arts in the park for youth, Outdoor classes, WiFi, remodeled playgrounds (especially the old kids playground at kiwanis near baseline), nice indoor and outdoor areas for special family events
15. Attitude of trust and openness, allowing for individual community to have input on their neighborhood park.
16. Balance between sports facilities and recreation space, evolving spaces that stay fresh
17. Bathrooms at Hanger Park
18. Bathrooms with soap and stalls, more security.
19. Bathrooms, more shade, more trees, more water
20. Be flexible enough to respond to trends and desires of community.
21. become focal point for the local area to encourage neighborhood communities
22. better accessibility: time of day; to walk, bike, bus; for all ages; *and* ADA
23. Better restrooms, Ninja Warrior type equipment
24. better upkeep in equipment and landscaping - no homeless people camping in parks
25. Better Urban lakes and skate parks
26. bike fun for kids- obstical courses, skills areas, bike maintenance facilities, biking puzzles
27. Campbell Park to have splash pad.
28. Carbon Negative; Free services; Free Food; Many outlets; Weather Shelter; Learning; Events; Not anti-homeless
29. Clean needles zones and safety for our homeless neighbors.
30. Cleaner, more water fountains, better grass, more shade, less trash, more open bathrooms, more dog friendly
31. Cleanliness, grounds and bathrooms, lights and a feeling of a safe environment
32. Common areas for people to play sports/recreational activity
33. community gardens
34. Connectivity with one another via foot paths
35. Cooling off areas and safe bathrooms.
36. Designated urban camping areas for the homeless
37. Eco friendly features
38. Eco friendly sustainable and interactive art/sculptures. Family friendly yoga or nature classes
39. Employee managed recreation areas,e.g., climbing walls, and challenge courses.
40. enforce the leash law!

41. equipment
42. equipment that doesn't need replaced again
43. events (small concerts, shows, etc), expanded parks+rec presence to build community
44. Exercise equipment
45. Exercise kiosks, flowers, artwork
46. Family environment is priority, youth activities, make sure area's are safe, no drugs/needles/homeless encampments, better maintained dog park
47. Field access system to easily manage sports and fields.
48. Gardens and garden workshops for backyard gardening
49. Get people outside!
50. Green landscaped clean, safe open space for playing and for contemplation
51. Handicap accessible parking with sidewalks that lead directly to bbq area or activities court.
52. Have more non traditional play equipment. Allow for creative play.
53. I don't know
54. I want our parks to be used by people 24/7.
55. I want Tempe's parks to make the city the green, community-focused center of Phoenix.
56. I would like the parks to be a clean and welcoming place for our residents.
57. I would like to see the pool at Clark Park back. D.C. has a great program called Jazz in the Park. I would like to see something like that.
58. I would love to see natural parks in our areas with climbing trees *NO SAND* Disability kid friendly playground equipment
59. I would love to see the Arredondo park look safer and have a basketball court or have access to the courts at Arredondo
60. I'd like to see enough field space for ALL sports.
61. I'd like to see park development and enhancement prioritized in neighborhoods that have been underserved in terms of access to resources that enable active living and contact with nature. Explore amenities and programming that have multi-generational appeal. Keep growing our tree canopy. Be mindful of and accommodate the cultural preferences of the residents in the vicinity of the park. Ensure the accessibility of the amenities for users of differing abilities.
62. Innovations embracing our unique desert climate/ flora & fauna, sustainability and water conservation bringing people together
63. Innovations is not something that comes to mind with parks.
64. Innovations such as those at palmer park and splash pads everywhere. Located near bathrooms.
65. Just have good lighting so fields can be used
66. Less homeless people.
67. Lighted fields so teams have a safe place to practice.
68. Lots of water fountains and parking lots (in neighborhood parks)!
69. Love the idea of classes. More art, community engagement and sustainability initiatives like gardens and composting.
70. low-desert urban gardens (bird/butterfly habitat); use of natural methods to clean park lakes and address shoreline issues (e.g., thick rooting plants to prevent erosion; use of clay on lake bottom instead of plastic)
71. maintenance and weed killing

72. Make sure all parks are well lighted, safe, clean and have updated equipment
73. Many more trees, drinking fountains, restrooms, better maintenance, trash and recycle containers.
74. mature shade trees and water features
75. More athletic fields for lacrosse
76. More benches. More shade. Water fountains
77. More fields for our kids to play sports on
78. More good public art, more public transit.
79. More heat proof seating, with shade; drinking fountains with filtered water; exercise circuit
80. More lighted, fenced Pickleball courts.
81. Add 8 additional pickleball courts at Tempe Sports Complex
82. Add more pickleball courts. They are currently heavily used. Long wait times.
83. Considering pickleball growing trend, more pickleball courts.
84. Continue expanding pickleball court development and classes, starting with additional courts at TSC
85. More pickleball courts at TSC
86. Pickleball both indoor and outdoor. This would allow play all year long. Kiwanis indoor facilities were makeshift and very inconsistent times. The City should do better for this fast growing sport.
87. pickleball is a gathering of neighbors!!!
88. Pickleball! It's growing like crazy. The new courts are fantastic, but we should expand and add more!
89. The new pickleball courts are a big hit. More please! 8 more at TSC?
90. outdoor swimming, safe neighborhoods for walking, shaded sidewalks, measured walking paths, traffic control, cut thru traffic at rush hours, pickleball courts in central/north Tempe, bocce also!
91. More dog parks, more courts for 'ball games' (pickleball, basketball, volleyball), running tracks
92. More off leash dog park areas
93. Off leash Dog Parks with much shade including places to get wet/swim and Human restrooms.
94. Off-leash areas at all parks, more art, play equipment for preteens to adult
95. Restrooms and off leash dog parks with plenty of shade & water play areas(cool dogs).
96. more parks/fields are needed for our local schools and clubs with lower cost
97. More sand play areas. More interactive equipment
98. more solar panels; lots and lots of shade
99. More splash pads!! (Campbell park), covered equipment, permanent workout equipment, and water fountains
100. More sports fields with lights for winter
101. More sports fields, lighting, classes & experiences
102. Moveable shade structures that are solar powered
103. no new features. just maintain the weed filled lots for a change.
104. No plastic allowed and no motorized vehicles like electric scooters
105. No sand, wall art, a little water, and a cover on the playground for summer
106. no uplight or glare to help preserve dark skies, quiet areas where people can have solitude, reduce urban heat island effect, plenty of recycling bins and

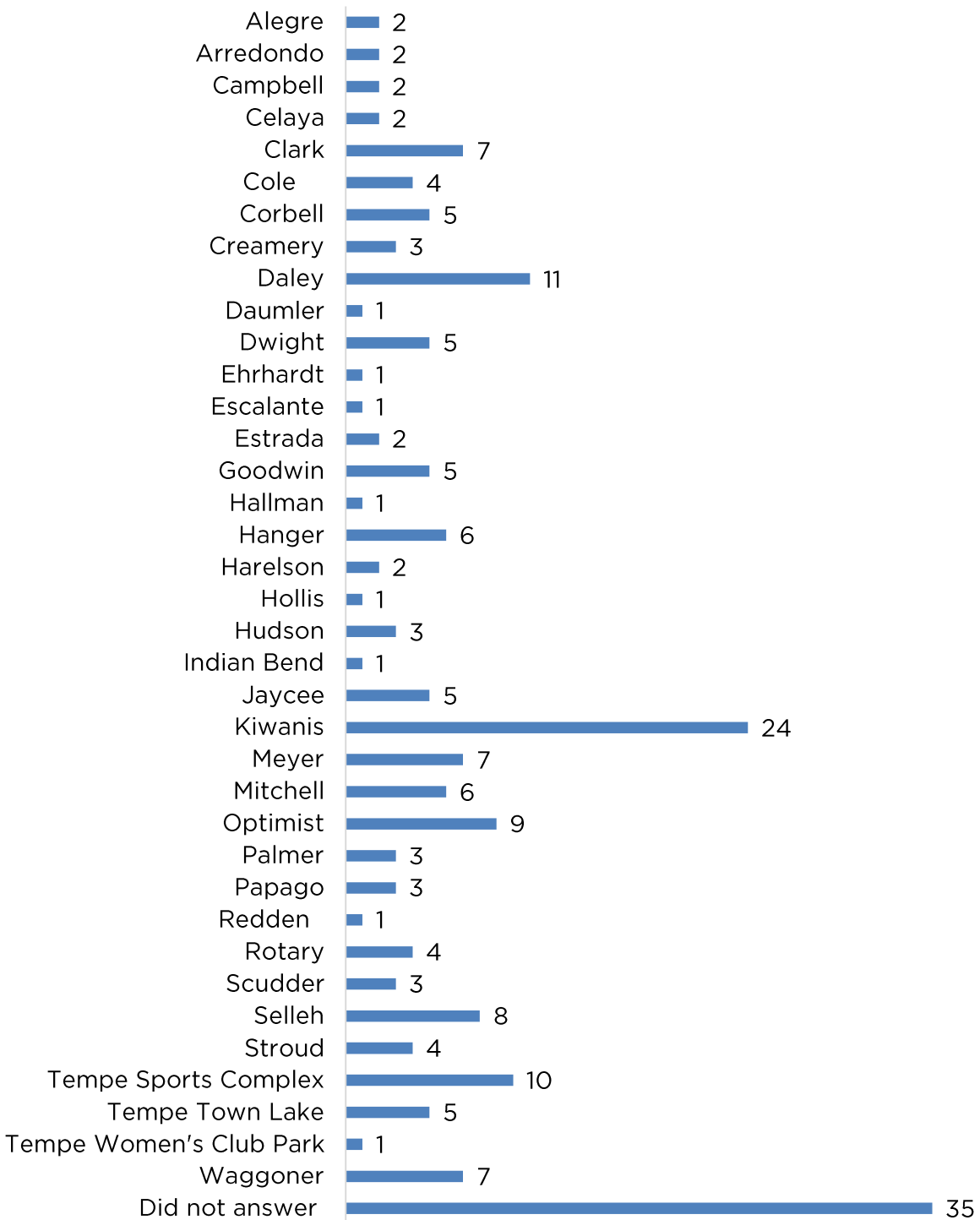
garbage cans, field trips, ways to meet neighbors, safety features and education, history signage, plant and animal signage, education programs, sustainability!! perhaps a way to grow native plants and then a program to harvest pods and such

107. No-glare lighting. Street lights are currently too bright all over the city, creating deeper shadows and unsafe conditions.
108. Open space, green, shade
109. Open spaces for kids to play and connect with nature. Water!
110. Outdoor active spaces, neighborhood points of pride, NOT left over landscape areas in the urban form
111. Parks that better embrace the beautiful Sonoran Desert in which we live (e.g., lower water use, more native plants)
112. Parks that feel safe, are clean and well maintained, security checks, organized play and classes, trails and paths with nice landscaping.
113. Performance spaces for music and plays. Skate park is missing.
114. Permanent bathrooms that are not scary to walk into.
115. Permanent security force; no more urban camps
116. Play equipment for the age group 10 to 16.
117. pocket playgrounds, no one should have to drive to get to a playground
118. Pool on west side (at Clark Park). Art classes at sites other than Library complex.
119. posted and maintained info. on city/country services for homeless and low income people because homeless people may live and pass by parks.
120. Recreation that brings everyone outside, even in the summer.
121. Restaurants/programming in Tempe beach park (see discovery green in houston)
122. Safe and clean
123. Safe clean attractive open available facilities geared to the local demographics
124. Safe community spaces
125. Safe cycling, jogging and walking paths (separate) for summer, ie shaded or misted outdoor circuits.
126. safety
127. Safety and security is key. Cleanliness. Ability to be an "activator" in the neighborhood.
128. Safety first, particularly for kids. Parents need to know their kids are safe at our parks
129. Safety, community garden, better outdoor water activities, shade, outdoor youth classes, farmer's markets
130. Sculptures - shaded picnic tables (with a view) (by the water?) and shaded playground equipment, tennis courts
131. Security and less homeless people camping in them
132. Shade
133. Shade, public art
134. Shaded areas, Fountains, Lots of benches, Childrens learning areas, on duty park supervisor
135. shading, well-maintained landscape, safe environment, tai chi classes outdoors, meditation classes and garden

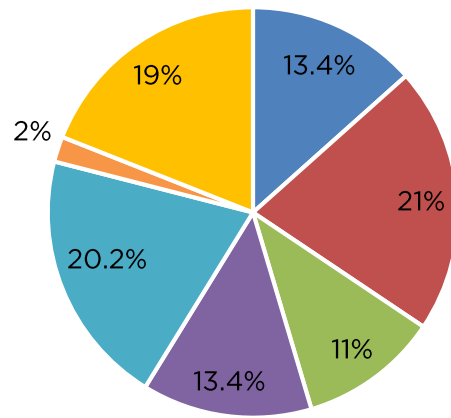
136. shady, cool, trees and ramadas, active, retreat, going green, energy saving, efficient, keep Kiwanis Pool!
137. shady, green, active, greenery, no vampire energy (no wasting energy), keep Kiwanis Wave Pool
138. Solar power, water saving toilets, resident key cards to access certain facilities, splash pads for adults
139. Something for everyone.
140. Special events, artist markets on small scale to interact with neighbors more
141. Sports fields
142. sports fields
143. Still taken care of and not overrun
144. Sustainability, recycling, green space and animal habitats
145. Tempe has a great parks program
146. Tennis Courts that are free. Better sports fields at our smaller parks. Restrooms at every public park. and working water fountains.(Also, a 15 word limit is ridiculous). People should be free to express and comment on this topic in as few or as many words as they want.
147. Tennis courts. We only have Kiwanis and high school courts right not.
148. There needs to be more fields for sports teams to use. There isn't enough availability for Tempe sports programs to practice on.
149. To be safe and clean so children can use them and no vagrants after dark, more park patrol.
150. Trails and Trail connectivity to other municipalities, parks as hubs (water/shade/directions/parking) for trail users,
151. Trees
152. Trees, shade, green areas, places to walk dogs and spend quiet time reflecting and de-stressing.
153. Updated equipment in all parks!
154. updated playground equipment, safety
155. urban "areas" to relax, exercise and meet up
156. Urban gardening safety. I question doggie parks for cleanliness
157. Walking/exercise paths
158. city wide wi-fi
159. Wifi
160. WiFi and exercise equipment
161. wifi more dog areas
162. Wifi would be a great enhancement. More art can continue to make Tempe stand out
163. Wifi would be nice, also a high density of trees per acre, continuous shade and varied age class of trees.
164. WiFi, solar panel shade, water harvesting, interactive art experience
165. You need to have more Shade in playground areas. Very HOT in the summer!!

So that we are able to better understand your park and recreation needs by area of Tempe and keep you updated about the process, please provide the following:

Nearest park:



Age:



- 18-34 (27)
- 35-44 (42)
- 45-54 (22)
- 55-64 (27)
- 65-74 (41)
- 75+ (4)
- Did not answer (39)