

Rio Salado and Beach Park Master Plan Implementation Public Input Summary, October 2020

I. Background

The Rio Salado and Beach Park Master Plan provides guidelines that will shape the future of Tempe Town Lake, Tempe Beach Park and the surrounding Rio Salado desert park area. Last year, businesses and city staff submitted activity and amenity ideas for the six activity zones identified in the plan. A virtual public meeting, along with an online survey, will help the city formulate next steps to implement some of those activities and amenities.

II. Outreach

- Postcards inviting the public to attend the meetings or to comment online were mailed to the project area, the Northern city border to railroad tracks, Priest Drive to Price Road.
- A virtual public meeting was held on Sept. 2, 2020 with a total of 66 attendees.
- The topic was posted online from Sept. 2 Oct. 1, 2020 on Tempe Forum.

Below is a summary of additional outreach tools that were used to provide information to the public regarding the project, meetings and opportunities for input:

FACEBOOK

8/2720 – public meeting. Reach/Impressions: 13,068 | Engagement: 3,620 g/18/20 – online input reminder. Reach/Impressions: 6,000 | Engagement: 882

NEXTDOOR

8/26/20 – public meeting. Reach/Impressions: 2,811 | Engagement: 4 g/2/20 – public meeting reminder. Reach/impressions: 2,265 | Engagement: 0

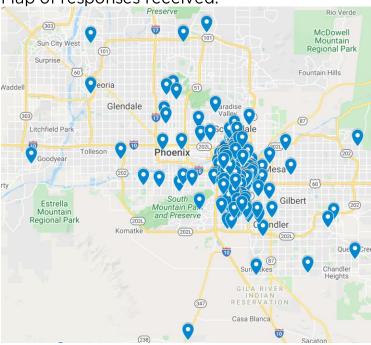
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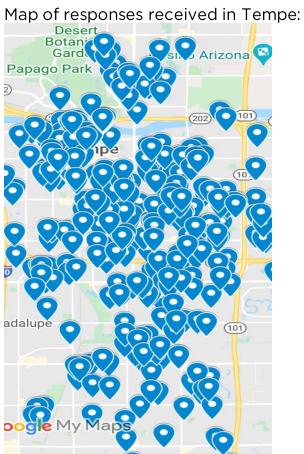
9/22/20 – Tempe Opportunities: 3,133 opens.

III. Survey Responses

A total of 728 survey responses were received.

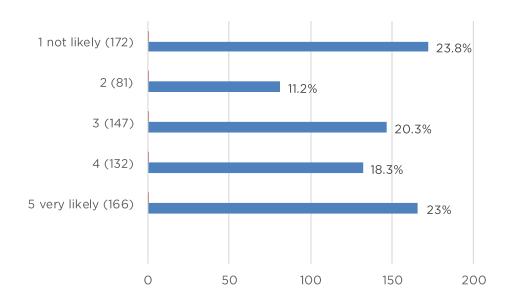
Map of responses received:





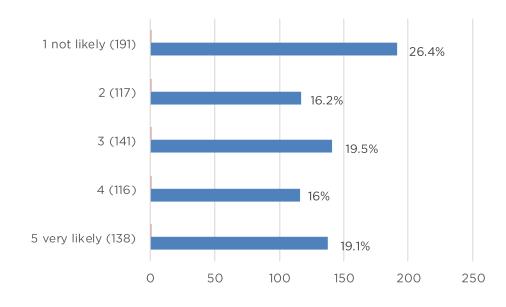
1. How likely would each activity below cause you or a family member to visit Tempe Town Lake and surrounding park areas? The number (i.e. L1) corresponds to the pictures in the link above. (1=not likely, 5=very likely)?

L1. Observation Tower

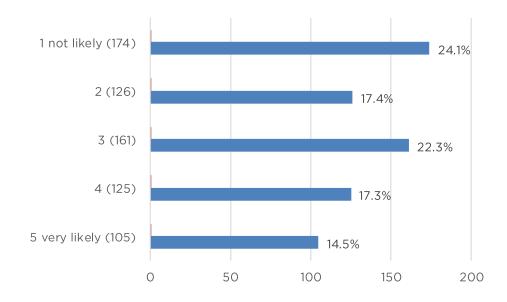


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L2. Rockwall

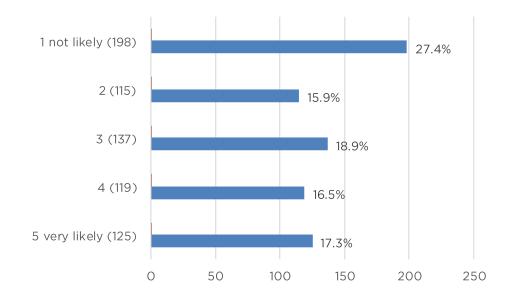


L3. Fitness Court

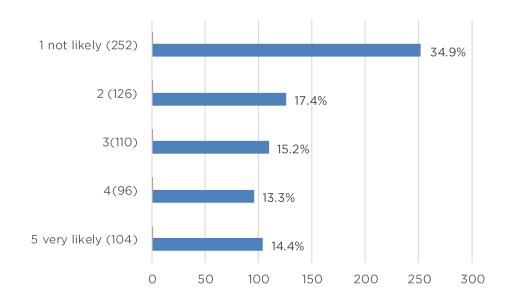


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L4. Skate Rink

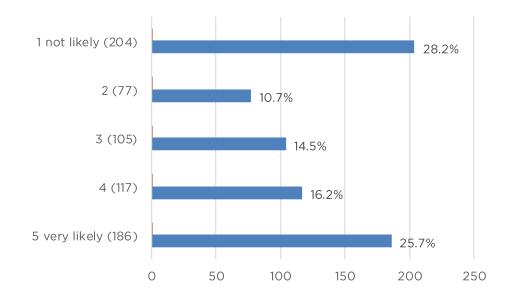


L5. Bike Ramps

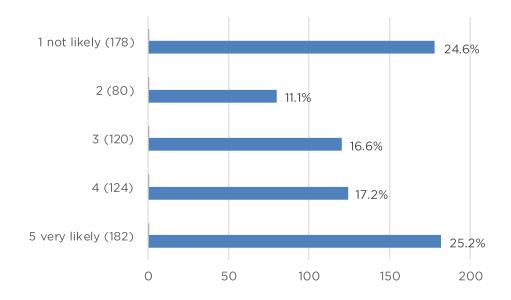


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L6. Playground

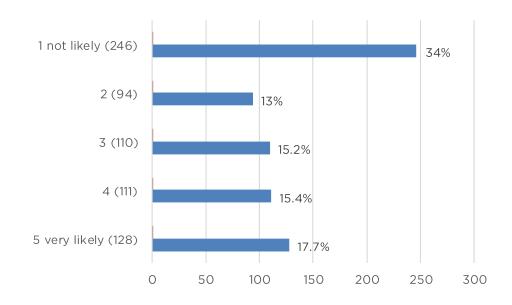


L7. Swings

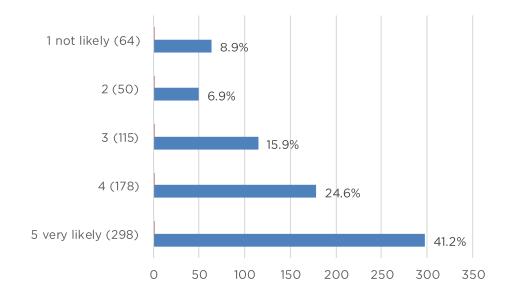


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L8. Carousel

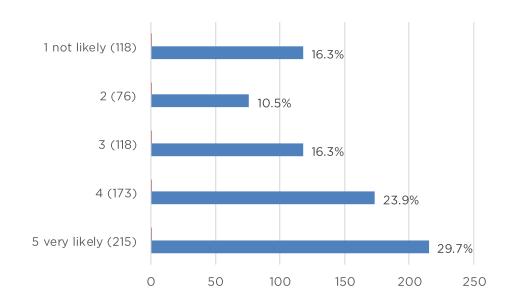


L9. Themed Gardens

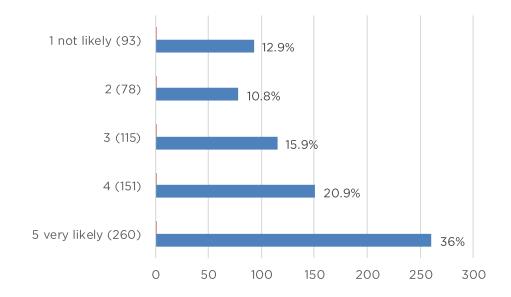


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L10. Museum

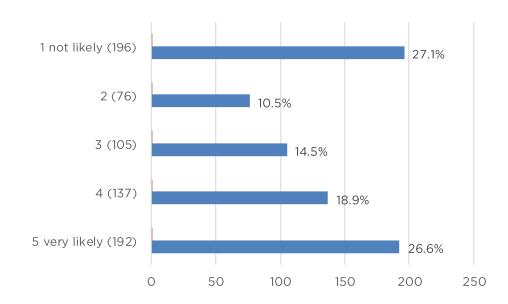


L11. Birding and Nature

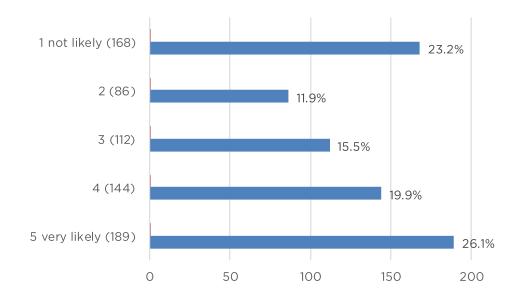


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A1. Zipline

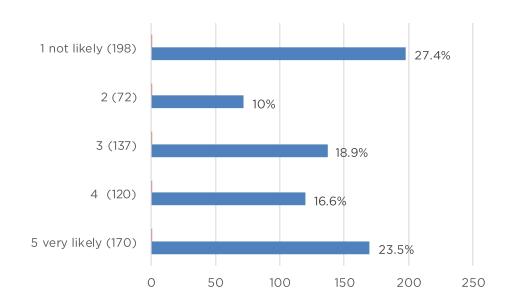


A2. Adventure/Challenge Course

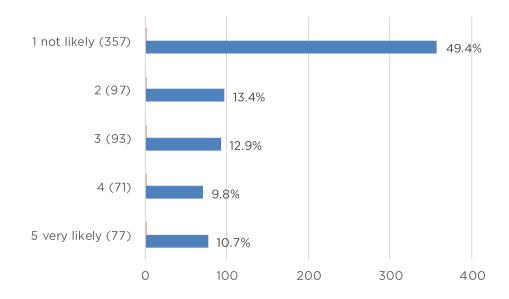


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A3. Sky Ride

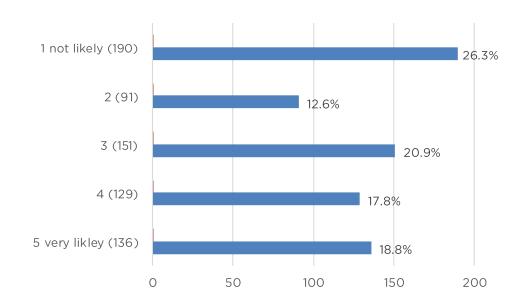


A4. Bungee Jumping

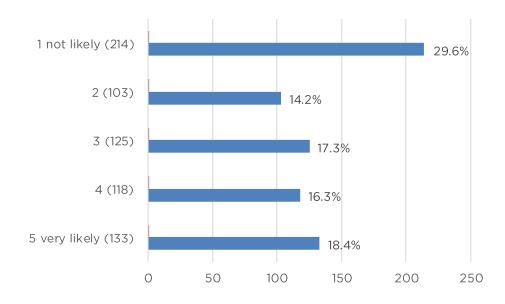


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W1. Obstacle course

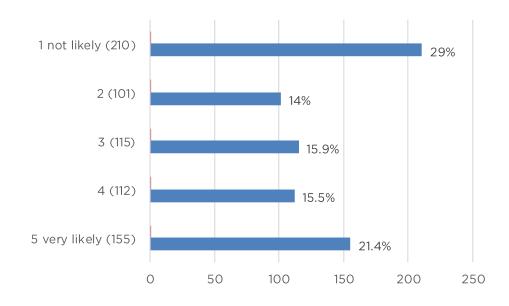


W2. Slide

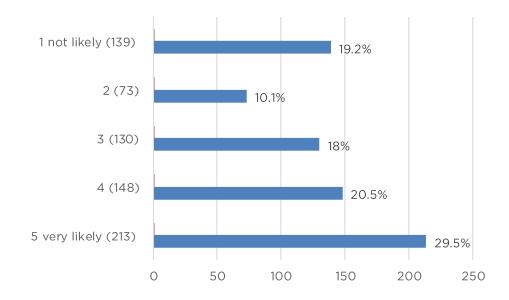


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W3. Cable wakeboard/Flowboard/Surf Pool

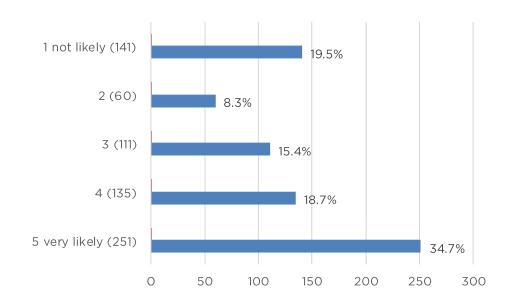


W4. Brew boat/Cycle boat/Tour boat

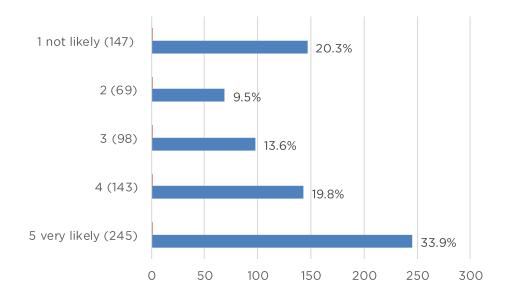


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W5. Lazy River

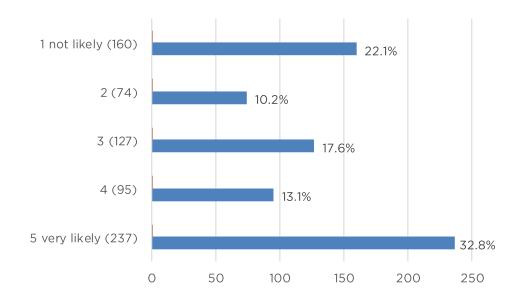


W6. Floating Movies



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W7. Fountain/Splash Play

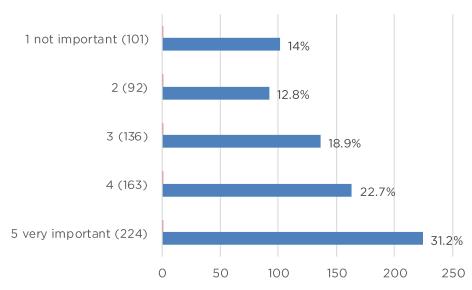


- 2. Please rank the three categories in order of preference for what type of activity you'd most like to see at Tempe Town Lake and surrounding park areas. Compiled in order of overall preference:
 - 1. Land
 - 2. Water
 - 3. Aerial

Responses: 698

3. How important is each of these support amenities to your experience when visiting Tempe Town Lake and surrounding park areas? (1=not important, 5=very important)?

Food

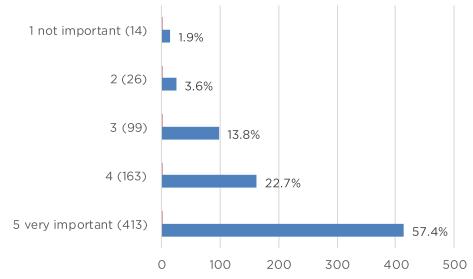


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Parking

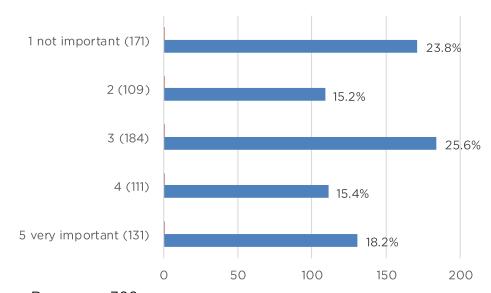


Restrooms



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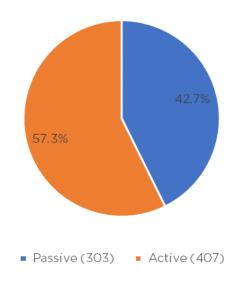
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4. Would you prefer to see more active or passive activities added to Tempe Town Lake and surrounding park areas?

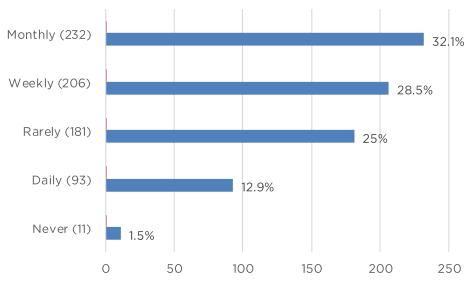
Active: Uses that are physically exertive and/or organized activities or sports (volleyball, baseball, runs/walks, etc.)

Passive: Uses that are not physically exertive (sitting, watching a concert, sunbathing, etc.)



Responses: 710

5. How often do you currently visit Tempe Town Lake or surrounding park areas?



- 6. Please share any other comments you have related to the implementation of the Rio Salado and Beach Park Master Plan.
 - 1. I would like more green space! Space to have picnics, and to exercise. I would also like to see a plan that considers the needs of bikers. I bike around Tempe Town Lake often and would like to see the path remain open to bikers during events at the Beach Park. I would also like to see monthly food truck nights at the lake!
 - 2. In response to the rockwall: I am a founding member of a local non-profit Central Arizona Bolt Replacement Program that ensures safe climbing equipment in the area. If you'd like to collaborate let me know!
 - 3. The sky ride and brew boat would further distinguish this destination from other competing options. Great ideas!
 - 4. These are amazing options to activate the area year-around
 - 5. I have seen the amount of visitors at the park grow over capacity increasingly with COVID-19. Many people bring their own activities to the park if they plan to be doing something active while there. I don't think the park should be a place that users stay for over two hours. It gets very crowded and can occasionally feel unsafe. I am quite skeptical of many of the proposed means to activate the park because I don't feel it is a need having lived within walking distance for years. Many users coming to the park are not looking to spend money and I think that many of the proposed options are paid activities which won't be of interest to regular users. The proposed ideas may be successful at attracting non-regular park users and visitors however, it will be at the expense of nearby residents and regular park users.
 - I think a large playground area and splash pad would be huge for bringing in 6. families. While these may be passive activities, these are people who will also spend money downtown. I think the sky ride is an inventive way to create transportation across the lake as well as being fun. This creates opportunities for leveraging parking on the north side of the lake. The cycle boat is a great option for friends, families, tourists, and companies and is completely unique in the state of Arizona. Because of COVID-19, the need for outdoor recreation and acitivities, both free and paid, due to the minimized risk of transmission outdoors, is huge. Now more than ever for all age groups. The demand in particular for boat tours has skyrocketed since April 2020 in areas that have bodies of water to utilize. With Tempe Town Lake being the most accessible body of water in the entire valley, I believe residents of the entire county would be ecstatic to have this opportunity. Many of the other proposals, such as ziplining, rock climbing, along with the others. would do much to enhance the appeal of Tempe to both professionals as well as tourists. It is a draw for people and dollars to the City of Tempe and a valuable investment.
 - 7. Tempe is forever young in its demographics with ASU and upcoming businesses and booming residential areas. I would strongly encourage the

- city to account for this when deciding on activities. Tempe is an active city and having some of the more active attractions would really take off and compliment the area.
- 8. Would like to see a walk/bike way on the east side of the lake, perhaps on the east dam abutments so you don't have to use Rural or McClintock to cross the lake when doing a loop. Those two crossings take away from the pleasure of the lake. A para-exercise course around the lake would be nice to use while running/biking, etc. Finally, it would be nice to have access to the lake for kayating, paddle boarding, parking, etc on the south side by McClintock Dr.
- 9. Very excited to see how this develops!
- 10. I traveled all the way to Sacramento to do a pedal boat brew tour for a bachelor party and it was a BLAST! It would be great to see something like this on Tempe Town Lake as I would love to do team building outings with my co-workers on the brew bike. I have always wished there were more ways to be on the water at TTL.
- 11. The area surrounding Tempe Town Lake is very congested. I am only interested in activities that don't draw huge crowds so that I can have a peaceful day by the lake.
- 12. Please don't over-commercialize. There will increasingly be more people at the park due to new construction nearby, and we all need a place for quiet and serenity and a place where children love to go. We also need easy access by Orbit to minimize car traffic and parking.
- 13. This is a gigantic mess. When the Rio Salado was proposed, it was supposed to be a community asset, something Tempe citizens could all enjoy. It is now just a bunch of big glass buildings, with very little thought given to how the community can use the space. Apparently, average citizens and citizens of modest means do not figure into this "activity" plan, which looks like a single-minded attempt to relieve the college students of their money. This is a shameful waste of public space.
- 14. I think that things that stick out like a soar thumb are not good at all. I look at these pictures and feel like it's some dirty overcrowded state fair or trying to be some place that doesn't have a "speciality" so to speak and just looking at trying to add all of these things for some reason and the majority is very concerning. It's our only real close in beautiful water and we have no water we are not CA, etc. this is really sad if it turns in to little activities that should be elsewhere such as zip lining rock wall things that ppl will do once a year and look horrible blocking all views and scenery and those should be left for lake pleasant or places that are dedicated and this needs to remain a calm and peaceful without high rise/ blocking views, all about pathways, and water and clean and not congested. That area is already so congested with all the towers that won't stop. You can't even see he mountain much anymore. The lazy river sounds amazing and paths for walking and running and learning and wildlife. This is not a place that should have those activities and when you live in south Tempe it's sad to see how the money is wasted

- and spent in that area when our area is empty strip malls and nothing exciting or pretty or water related and too many dirty streets and too many buses and bus stops that are sitting empty that cost needs to go away.
- 15. Activities such as rock wall, bungee jumping, zip line would require paid attendants to assist and supervise.
- 16. A suggestion of adding restaurants on the North shore.
- 17. Kid friendly attractions and free non pay to play attractions are best. Ziplines are cool but how often will residents visit for a \$20 a ride attraction.
- 18. We use the park primarily for fitness and walking our dog. Would love to see a swimming pool (including lap pool) at Tempe town lake. We currently use Tempe Town Lake for running and biking, but would love the ability to train for a triathalon all in one location. A lazy river also sounds amazing. Food options or pop up beer gardens would also be a great addition.
- 19. My boyfriend and I always talk about how cool a wedding boat would be on the lake. People could rent it out for wedding parties and could upgrade for fireworks over the lake! I also think that there needs to be an active restaurant space- specifically a beach bar would be awesome! I think it would be so cool to "put my toes in the sand"! I love Tempe and I would like to be more involved with this project.
- 20. Please be sure to include honest fialogue about Tempe's past to include that people of color were only allowed to use the public pools the day before they were drained. Also, please include information about the lawsuit in the garbage department. Tempeans deserve nothing less than full disclosure about its past
- 21. I love Tempe Beach Park and the more additions we can make to the park the better in order to draw more people with different interests.
- 22. I will never take my family to Tempe Town Lake due to the excess of homeless persons that are always there. Homeless isn't the issue.

 Drug/alcohol use, Mental instability, fights, assaults, rapes, theft, robbery are all dangers that are disproportionately perpatrated by chronic homeless persons. A disproportionate number of sex offenders are among the homeless. I won't take my children there. Needle Central.
- 23. as the climate warms it will be more difficult to participate in strenuous activities for most of the year, we need to adapt for extreme heat with plenty of trees, benches and cold drinking fountains. I don't want to make a wish a list but pertaining to the entertainment and activity zones, I suggest we activate the park as a family oriented destination Including a playground, splash pad and a fitness court for parents. it should be a kid safe zone, I feel the rock climbing wall and observation tower are redundant because many of us hike A mountain. Personally I want to see "beautification" and green infrastructure to hide the highway. I am more interested in the cultural and eco zones and would like themed gardens and butterfly waystations. Chicago's wild mile could inspire what the east eco zone might look like.
- 24. In the north and south eco area, I'd like to see recreational areas (tables, shade, grills, etc.). A place where people can go enjoy a little bit of nature in

- their backyard. Let the kids play in the small creek that flows through that area and fish or catch craw dads and bugs.
- 25. Saving the river has been the main objective for years -- & making it accessible was promised when Tempe residents voted to tax ourselves to create the current lake. ACCESSIBILITY HAS NEVER BEEN ACHIEVED because the City has approved all the high rise buildings & none of the parking promised has been provided. So, let's make that come true with the new plan -- & keep the focus on providing a relaxing place to see water in the desert. We don't need the insurance liability of having "fake" climbing walls, etc.
- 26. I've owned a condo at Farmer & 1st since 2005, rented it out since 2010. Improvements at the lake and in Tempe generally enticed me to move back and make it my home. Keep up the good work!
- 27. A beach boardwalk with shops, attractions, restaurants/bars, and actual swimming would be such a nice addition to Tempe, and would set us apart from neighboring cities.
- 28. Continue to keep motorized boats and other recreatinal aquatic vehicles off the lake. I think it is to small to safely handle with the speeds and horsepower people will insist upon using.
- 29. The Tempe Town Lake is a wonderful peaceful place to visit, walk, exercise and enjoy. This area should it be over commercialized and turned into an eyesore and an area that allows for enjoyment of the open space and natural beauty of the current area.
- 30. I feel bringing an activity/facility such as garden to enjoy or a small obstacle course or something that steps up the beauty that's already there that visitors can use at their leisure would be more useful than a hourly operated facility such as a water park, etc. We visit this area often because it's not overly crowded. Don't bring in something that will create a crowd and potential obstacles of crowding, lines of people blocking our paths and lack of parking. Bring in more nature representing Arizona.
- 31. I commend the entire city administration and parks department on this initiative as i strongly support the further development of this area. That said, as a nearby resident of the area the only concern I would have is to assure the city also has a plan on how to deal with the homeless/ drug addicted camp near by @ the corner of Curry and Mill as well scattered throughout PPG Park that could tarnish this outstanding development for Tempe.
- 32. Would also like to see better pedestrian crossing into Papago park from Mill/Curry intersection or easier access via existing 202 underpasses.
- 33. Parking downtown is difficult and expensive at best. Some sort of public transportation or dedicated off the road bike paths that get you to the lake area faster than by car would increase the chances that I would visit the area. It would also make it possible for people from all socioeconomic statuses would have access to the amenities.
- 34. Allow wading in beach area

- 35. I'm all for adding things around the lake. From what we have been told, and structures must be made to be able to be removed within 24 hour notice by army corps of engineers in the flood plain/channel. I'm not sure how any private company could build something iconic with that as a requirement. Booze cruise sure, splash pad, movie nights, sure. The layers of jusidictional approval are very daunting.
- 36. Mostly I just think the beach park needs restaurants with outdoor seating overlooking the water.
- 37. Family oriented activities are favorable.
- 38. Considering that we are getting close to a food shortage, we should reserve a large spot for community gardening.
- 39. Shade and making the landscaping more interesting for runners would be awesome!
- 40. None at this time. Thank you!
- 41. I would like to see what space there is on the lake largely preserved for rowing and kayaking and sups. There are no other non-motorized lakes around and adding congestion to the lake would detract from this one space paddlers have in some sort of peace.
- 42. Don't make it an amusement park. We already love it the way it is.
- 43. More activities in the area for adults/teens would be a great idea
- 44. no new projects. maintenance only. what don't you get about overreach and a budget that needs cutting?
- 45. Where is everyone going to park?? Where are the "water" activities going to take place? In the lake? If so, gross! The lake is dirty! During the few times people are allowed into the lake, (during triathlons) the lake barely passes water quality tests that allow humans to come into contact with the water. Are people going to use a slide that drops them into the lake or some other body of water? Where is the water from the lazy river coming from? Any activity that would involve people coming into contact with the lake water is a bad idea.
- 46. A virtual tour of the entire area would be nice. Maybe at the entrances in a kiosk. Just a thought.
- 47. ALL of these options are great. Hope to see a large portion implemented.
- 1. I chose passive activities because I think our existing parks can support the activities you list in "active." I am an active 65 year old senior, so While I do like some of the more physical activities listed, I very much enjoy the idea of a museum and gardens. Places that would not be likely to attract kids. With all the Boomers, please do not forget us. We need some non-kid space. Much has been devoted to them. That said, I do think there are activities for several age groups. Thank you.
- 48. Please wait until the pandemic gets underway first. It's disappointing how shitty AZ has been with this and would like to see improvement in health before this but an observation tower would be AWESOME when the world gets better!
- 49. More parking.

- 50. Everyone wants to spend money, you should try saving it for a change. Fix things instead that are needed. Help the people!
- 51. We need more shade, trees or man made
- 52. Let us swim in the water!
- 53. We bike around the lake regularly and would like for that to continue.
- 54. We need skating rink or multi use space for skating with nice concrete and that can be used for other events like roller derby and speed skating etc
- 55. I use to visit monthly or more but with selling out to high rise developments and severely limiting parking, the appeal is just not there anymore. I don't think this is really a community space as a result.
- 56. I really like the idea of a sky ride connecting Tempe Town Lake from ASU Stadium in the North to Tempe Center for the Arts in the South.
- 57. We usually visit the Park when we attend events at the Tempe Center for the Arts. When it is cooler we will bike around the lake or hike up the A Mountain.
- 58. For all activities, would like to see some control on the number of individuals that can participate in each so the area is not inundated or over used and thereby creating a negative impact on our community.
- 59. Please keep it clean and provide lots of shade. Need areas for music and festivals. Misters would help.
- 60. Currently, there aren't enough amenities to draw me to Tempe town lake.
- 61. The current park needs better upkeep new amenities should be well kept and cleaned
- 62. I think a playground that is NOT just child themed would really play to the strength of Tempe as a town of University students and active residents alike.
- 63. Free public accessible parking Would be great
- 64. While providing more amenities and activities does provide economic and social benefits, it is very important to strike a natural balance with free forms of recreation and nature. For this reason, I highly approve of the planned inclusion of ecological and cultural sections, which maintains the historical balance and character of the riverfront. In considering the blend of amenities and activities I believe there is a great deal of benefit in offering a set of unique or custom attractions that provide a significant draw to the area. Ideas such as orienteering courses, floating theaters, fitness activities are among the most attractive ideas that bring added life without negatively impacting the flow of the waterfront with structural and human overcrowding.
- 65. I want to see more shaded areas and places for unhoused people to find shelter. I don't want the new plan to be the city's excuse for punishing people for existing in the park. Public restrooms, showers, and water fountains should be accessible to everyone at all times.
- 66. My number one concern is that the lake east of the TCA not be obstructed by docks or other protrusions. The rowers, sailers, paddle boarders, and kayakers use the lake heavily and need a shore that is as unobstructed as

- possible. In order to respond to these uses, a real boathouse should be constructed, with enough room to store city boats and nearby to house privately owned equipment (e.g. in the current storage area to the east of Mill Ave.
- 67. would love to have more areas for skating and biking away from pedestrians and flat areas to practice! soo important for navigating downtown tempe and asu if you dont have a car and a great form of exercise!
- 68. Every city in the US that has any kind or waterfront or riverfront has places to eat and drink close to the waterfront, except ... Town Lake. Our gleaming corporate buildings are impressive, especially from the level of an airplane landing at Sky Harbor, but somehow we have failed to implement what urban designers have known for centuries, and that is to place human scale buildings and amenities where people are walking. Yes there are a hundred restaurants within a mile of the lake but none anywhere near the water, where people will naturally want to congregate. Waterfront eating places are very popular, worldwide, wherever there is water. We have all been to such places and most are memorable. They can be on land, on piers, on islands and even on bridges. We don't even have a coffeeshop or even food trucks! Any cold drink can be had, but you have to leave the lake to do it. I can't be the first person to make this obvious comment. I don't know if the City is afraid of the litter, or afraid to challenge existing businesses, outlawed by the federal government or what. It seems like a gigantic oversight to me. We have armies of planning people who could work this out and we have shown ourselves eager to grant subsidies and tax breaks for all kinds of projects that we think would be a benefit to the City. Anyone who has organized an event knows that providing food and beverage is an important key to success. Lots of people are already using the lake for exercise or strolling. How much better it could be with a coffee, ice cream, snack, dinner or just a cold drink that didn't involve leaving the lakefront altogether.
- 69. You should create a public-private partnership with an amusement park company and build a lakeside amusement park. It would be a huge tourist attraction for Tempe and could be open year round.
- 70. Tempe to Austin, TX transplant. Lady Bird Lake here is very popular due to kayaking/paddle board rental. Bridges serve as vantage points. Additionally, a well kept gravel path surrounds a portion of the lake, allowing hundreds of individuals to walk/run/bike ride around the lake. Trees line the 6 mile path, which greatly reduces sun exposure.
- 71. More trees/plants: area (desert) appropriate and well managed (no depressing trim jobs). The giant cube-land structures that have been built in recent years are making the area HOT and not in a good way. We need more greenery and NO MORE OFFICE BUILDINGS or concrete. It used to be cooler by the lake...not any more. Also, I have seen some terrible landscaping practices on site, please hire people who know what they are doing if you are going to plant things, make sure they look good! Please for the love of god weed the edges of the paths heading west towards Priest Dr. They are

full of Stinknet/Globe Chamomile. Lastly, please hold the buildings that are allowed to a higher standard. These bougie over-lit structures are not an asset. One recent addition has the brightest blue lights along the edge of the building that shine along the path. It's jarring, ugly and unpleasant. I love Tempe Town Lake, I go there often, but the recent development clearly prioritizes money over the actual people who use it. Let's be more thoughtful.

- 72. Only reason I'm rarely there now is the number of people not wearing masks
- 73. Only reason I'm there less often right now is because so many people aren't wearing masks
- 74. As I have asserted time and time again.....we need shade trees or sail shades on the south side entertainment area desperately!!! I would love to see the council members or mayor sitting in the grass in the sun at our concerts and other outdoor events in the daytime.....won't happen....it's too hot. This is not a revelation. We live in the desert. If you observe one of these events (tour de fat, etc.) you will see people sitting in a straight line in the tiny bit of shade provided by a pole. The lack of shade greatly inhibits participation!
- 75. During my visits to TBP, I often recognize needs based on other users. Some of the people who get the most use out of the park are our homeless community. The city has gone some way to allow this, but we should go a step farther and think about enabling park features that help the homeless live better (which in turn enables new opportunities and should culminate in the chance to get back on one's feet). Very simple things would make a big difference. A public shower would be a great help, even if it's a very simple one like those found at most public beaches. The park could use more water spigots, a water bottle filling station with filtered water (unfortunately, as a biker, I find the water fountains questionable on water quality, but I'm also nervous how they're used by other patrons). Again, as a biker, a nice thing, and a potentially cheap thing to have would be a spray down station. My bike gets very dusty, as an apartment dweller I don't have access to simple things like a hose to wash my bike down, a station that lets boaters and paddle boarders spray down their equipment, but also accommodates bikers would be great. Permanent bike pumps and simple bike maintenance stations would also be great.
- 76. Amenities should be affordable for ALL (as in, as many FREE activities as possible). The Park should be open and welcoming to ALL, not just those with the resources to pay for entertainment.
- 77. Make it a destination. Spend the money upfront to earn it back in the backend.
- 78. A skateboard skatepark would be a perfect fit. Especially under the 202 off Lakeview Drive on the north side of the lake.
- 79. It sounds like many of the proposed activities come with a cost, which is not community friendly. I recommend family oriented activities that are accessible by all members of the Tempe community and surrounding areas. Building off prior comments, access to a bridge across the lake for foot or

- bicycle traffic would be a great contribution to the lake. I am also a bit surprised that this development is being considered when budget cuts to community art centers (e.g., TCA) have been proposed.
- 80. More big trees and features designed to help cool the city down
- 81. Add more shade along the paths. Please utilized more native vegetation especially mesquite and/or palo verde trees. Desert Willow is also a good choice.
- 82. Put in more ammenties for the growing homeless population. They are not going away and Tempe is failing their citizens by not taking care of them.
- 83. Please consider how the community uses the lake NOW instead of wasting funding on amenities. I would really like to see more easy-to-use and clean bathrooms and showers. Perhaps more water bottle stations with fresh/clean water. Perhaps a water spray pump for bikes/equipment/dusty feet. Even lockers to keep backpacks or whatever would be useful.
- 84. I would like to see more attention paid to the community as a whole. Perhaps better restrooms and showers that are easy to clean and maintain. Water stations to fill bottles. Showers could include spray down station for boaters, bikers, dogs, dusty feet, etc. lockers to put a bag in for a few hours. Cell phone charging stations.
- 85. Observation tower? Just climb A-mountain. If skate rink, roller not ice. We would visit playground but already have great large playground at kiwanis park. Carousel at zoo and AZ mills mall already. Bus Transport from our house not direct and relatively expensive considering short distance but long time to get to Tempe town lake, so we are more likely to drive or bike...have good bike lanes already!
- 86. I think there should also be more amenities. Like bathrooms/showers/changing rooms for people who want to wash up after being in the lake. Places to safely lock up bikes, with bike pumps for flats. Water bottle filling stations with filtered water. More bench and seating options through out.
- 87. Calm areas that incorporate support for wildlife (birds) are rare in Tempe.

 The use of the town lake area for people who live close is high. People who live further away need transportation and parking in order to also access this open area.
- 88. I'd like to see some history incorporated into this plan, ie, the architectural style.
- 89. Would love to see more public restrooms. Or maybe even put this money towards help for the homeless instead. Like showers or shelters.
- 90. Did we ever find out about the chemicals that were poured into the lake during the train derailment?
- 91. A dog park would be a nice addition to the area
- 92. I'm thinking of the community as well as the homeless who use the park so maybe showers and more restrooms built to be very easy to clean, more water bottle stations with filtered water, a spray down station for boaters, bikers, dogs, dusty feet, etc. bike pumps, a bike maintenance station. Lockers

- to hold a bag if you drive and want to change clothes, etc. cell phone charging stations, a food bank perhaps. Social work food trucks. Etc.
- 93. More space and support for rowing, kayaking and paddle boarding. Need launching and storage
- 94. We need to address the homeless situation in the area. The beach park is their camp/neighborhood. Also if you push them out of the park they will move into the surrounding communities. I don't feel safe when I find them in our pool and common areas at night/early morning. I live in Regatta Pointe.
- 95. I'd really like to see more of the natural habitat around I live right on Tempe Townlake and it just feels like a concrete slab. I'd love to see more of a natural habitat
- 96. Please put the money towards some thing that actually helps the community like helping the homeless!
- 97. Preservation of the small remaining natural areas around TTL is very important to me. Further development should be done with careful thought about how not to damage these existing natural areas.
- 98. Bathrooms, charging stations, bike pump stations, water refill stations, dock hoses, and increased shade seating all seem like better and cheaper ways to improve the area.
- 99. In the past we have especially enjoyed the wildlife attracted by the lake & dam & riverbed at the west dam, usually viewed from the south bank or the James Elmore Pedestrian Bridge. As a retiree, I am not interested in a Disneyland in Tempe.
- 100. Keep things family friendly and affordable to all
- 101. Please invest in improving the ecosystem and nature of the area. Tempe Town Lake is one of the few big green spaces we have in North Tempe. I'm really excited about the Eco zones, and I would love to have a bird area and some gardens and natural spots. I'd also love to see the water cleaned up so that you can go swimming I've seen a lot of dead fish the past few weeks. I'm concerned about how some of the activities will impact the tranquitility of the areaâ€"such as any motor boats or a wave pool, but I like the idea of having distinct zones so that you can still have your quiet, peaceful place in nature. Have you thought about having the eco zones including a place for meditation / prayer / reflection?
- 102. Frisbee golf! Bocce! Kids playground. Sand volleyball. More park activities like these can be added along the full length of the park
- 103. Clean the lake. The smell can make it hard to spend time at Tempe town lake some days.
- 104. as the climate warms it will be more difficult to participate in strenuous activities for most of the year and it will become more challenging to activate the park unless we adapt for extreme heat. pertaining to the activity and entertainment zones, I believe the best amenities are fitness court, playground and splash pad. parents can exercise while children are playing, this area should be very child friendly and safe. considering financial challenges I'm not making a "christmas wish list" I am suggesting to activate

the north side as a family orientated location where children can go wild. I feel the rock climbing wall and observation tower are redundant because many of us already hike A mountain. I am personally more interested in "beautification" to hide the highway and skyline. I want trees, green infrastructure, drinking fountains and benches in the cultural and eco zones. it would include themed gardens, butterfly way stations and more passive activities.

- 105. While I like some of the activities mentioned for the water; I would not want to spoil the ability to use TTL for kayaking. It seems like there are too many things being cramped into an already developed area that doesn't have enough parking. Also with the budget being very tight for the next couple of years, the timing for this project doesn't seem right. We can't even get replacement plants in the landscape area that the City is supposed to maintain. I understand the new federal monies with Rio Revitalization but it doesn't seem like adding more "entertainment" things to the TTL area is the right thing to do with the budget as stretched as it is.
- 106. Need more trees on north shore. Or more ramadas
- 107. Parking is always kind of not fun around the area. Definitly something to think about if more activities/attractions are being added.
- 108. Please, please, please encourage local businesses to open up cafes, restaurants, and shops along Tempe Town Lake/the beach park. I would *love* to have a meal or a drink overlooking the lake. Such a lovely view, especially at sunset! More water access and swimming options would be great, as well. I love the beach park and bike there all the time, but I feel like there are some major missed opportunities at the moment. I'm so excited that the city is trying to improve the space, though! Thank you!
- 109. I live down in Tucson, but often come up to Phoenix to visit friends and do work with clients. Excited to see the proposed changes and improvements!
- 110. My husband and I own stand-up paddle-boards, kayaks and bikes and use the lake frequently and absolutely love having it in our own backyard (we live in North Tempe). Watching the rowing teams is one of the highlights on early morning walks to the lake. We've ridden the south side bike path all the way to 19th Ave. in Phoenix and well past Hohokam Park in Mesa thanks for completing the underpass at Hayden! Since swimming in the lake is discouraged I'm surprised to see so many activities in your proposal that involve people being in the water. The popularity of the peddle-boat, kayak and SUP rentals on the south side has certainly increased during COVID even when they limited the capacity to 1 person per boat. Inexpensive family activities that get kids outdoors should be high on the list. Thanks for all of your efforts to keep improving the lake even if we have been trying to keep it a secret as our own personal playground! We love that it's a vibrant water attraction in the heart of Tempe.
- 111. I think having outdoor restaurants and bars right on the lakes edge would make it a destination like no other in the valley. Having venues like these would attract more people the way the San Diego sea port village attracts

- tourists and locals. people would flock to the lake and the money would follow.
- 112. Many of these items are extravagant with high maintenance costs. Tempe should not spend money on these. Make a park that's nice for residents to visit. Simple amenities go a long way: playground, lots of trees, walking and bike paths, rentable boats, etc. Avoid overbuilding the area, perhaps reduce the amount of pavement. Daley Park is the perfect example of being "over built", families no longer use the park because the homeless moved into the "amenities".
- 113. Consider a mix of activities that are multi-generational, promote different levels of physical activities, community building spaces, affordable and that benefit the resident more than the vendor. Water activities that are not too seasonal; I value our community space and if space is not available all year then not good. Accessibility is important so that no group of people is excluded and affordable or free to participate in. Safety and lighting is a priority, we don't want space to attract crime or other undesirable.
- 114. Let's start with, I've lived here for almost 10 years. More commerce! More shops more restaurants! Seriously lacking in this department. I understand you don't want to take business away from Mill Ave but maybe Mill Ave should start blending more into the lake area. More shops, restaurants and bars closer to the lake. Feel like locals have been asking for this for years and y'all just put up some more offices and apartments. Lakeside shouldn't be reserved for the rich enough to be able to live right on the water. Or those fortunate enough to work on the lake. If you don't live super close there's really not a huge reason to head over to the lake. It's getting better but it just feels lifeless still. It can be more than just a big path to work out on. Keep in mind ANY outdoor activity made is going to be pretty much empty 4-5 months out of the year due to the heat. Unless it's water related of course. More small commerce, small businesses. Things like the boat rental place are great but we need more usable things restaurants, bars, shops, small attractions stuff like that. (Opinions based in a world Covid is no longer a major threat to the public of course)
- 115. There needs to be more shaded areas. Plant more trees!
- 116. A short, easy disc golf course would be a really cool(and very low cost) addition. 3-5 baskets kind of an introduction to the sport that could build up use of the nearby Mouer park as well. Mesa's Laguna park is a great example of how this can be implemented in a relatively small area as part of an integrated park design.
- 117. I think more practical amenities would be nice. More plants, water fountains w dog bowls. Think central park nyc
- 118. There is a waste / trash / litter problem. Please keep our parks clean!
- 119. I would really like to see a public beach area that allows swimming. Also, for TCA, I suggest repurposing the EDGE Bar into a full service restaurant/bar with outdoor seating that overlooks the lake and pedestrian bridge.

- 120. An actual beach on the south bank, and make the lake swimable. A boardwalk with small shops/restaurants on the north Bank starting near the marina and continuing west. A place for water sports- jet skis, wake boarding, surfing (with a wave maker). Lastly, a Santa Monica style pier across the lake. The whole area has so much potential, and is highly visible from the many planes coming from the east and the 202. It would help build up the area, drive domestic and nondomestic tourism, and help attract more events and developers to the area. Additionally more green spaces, as well as dedicated and protected bike and bus lanes. Areas for events, swap markets/farmers markets, etc.
- 121. I will be able to enjoy the area if the environment is appropriate for families (i.e. I can attend with children without being concerned about substance abuse and safety).
- 122. The park should be a "common space" that works with multi generational audiences and people of all abilities with physical activity choices so that ultimately does not exclude. The space should be safe, promote community and is affordable. Vendors and public private partnerships should not lean to benefit a business over residents.
- 123. A Nature Center Museum would be a great addition. Nonprofit partners such as Liberty Wildlife, Arizona Herpetological Society, Fish and Wildlife, etc., could have demonstrations on weekends or with scheduled school tour groups. You could also combine that with retail, nature oriented gifts, hats, tempe logo water bottles, etc. and why not a restaurant as well!
- 124. I think implementing one or multiple of these activities will increase well-being to current residents and activate economic development in the surrounding areas. As an ASU student and a born and raised Arizonan I've visited the lake a multitude of times. I usually see it as a great passive and active space that brings people together and provides great natural elements with the built environment.
- 125. Outdoor activities will have to be adequately cooled (surfaces too hot to touch). Water is kind of gross, I don't think people will want to get in.
- 126. Be inviting to out of city and out of state visitors and snowbirds. Have plenty of shade in all areas for all seasons
- 127. Think there are plenty of opportunities to celebrate the cultural and environmental history of Tempe and the Salt River, reinforcing our local character and making it a unique experience for visitors. The emphasis should be riparian not 'piers' and nautical themes, it's cheezy and it's a bit disrespect to real community narratives.
- 128. I read an article with ideas of having an outdoor acoustic concert venue like the Hollywood Bowl or Greek Theatre in CA. And, to plant Palo Verde trees and create a Pale Verde Blooming Festival similar to the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington DC. I thought both ideas were super cool and would add lots to the community.
- 129. I read an article that had two ideas I thought were good. 1) To add an outdoor acoustic venue similar to the Greek Theatre or Hollywood Bowl in

- CA. 2) To plant Pale Verde trees and create a Palo Verde Blooming Festival similar to Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington DC. Both ideas would bring great value to our community
- 130. Think there are plenty of opportunities to celebrate the cultural and environmental history of Tempe and the Salt River, reinforcing our local character and making it a unique experience for visitors. The emphasis should be riparian history not 'nautical' like 'piers' it just comes off fake, we have such interesting landscape narratives and connections with O'odham heritage anyway. Also, important not to obscure the skyline of Papago Park buttes and the Tempe Butte, impacting the viewshed. More mesquite and native trees for SHADE!!
- 131. I have been pushing for a sculpture garden on the north side of the lake right across from the Tempe Arts Center. I was told it couldn't be on the south side because there are too many events that use that lawn. The city actually drew up plans for a sculpture garden on the north side. The city currently doesn't have a sculpture garden. This would activate the north side which is barren. That doesn't discount that you can have other activities around it but it should be an active part of the master plan and compliment the Center for the Arts. I can show you the plans if you like.
- 132. Need more parking a. Nd better access to the lake areas
- 133. Food and dining areas along the beach park
- 134. I'd like to see the city decrease water use. Some grassy areas make sense, but others are too steep to be used as seating or recreation areas. For example, grassy area just west of rural on the south side of the lake.
- 135. Make the Beach Park a destination for families. I ride thru at least 1x p/wk and it is an amazing space. Tempe Gov. needs to create a solution for transient population. We can do better than having people sleep in the park. Fully fund Tempe PD. Fully fund social services to aid the homeless.
- 136. Maybe consider having some restaurants/shops along the lakefront. Other cities have done this and it has always been a proven success with city revenue. Just saying.
- 137. Please do not over-commercialize a peaceful area.
- 138. I want to go visit but all the parking is blocked off and I have no way to get in. I went and tried but I was disappointed I could get in
- 139. As a resident of 525 Town Lake, the park is our front yard. We love TTL and its amenities but believe some of these things would make it look like a carnival. Also, there already are parking, traffic and sanitation issues at TTL. These would need to be further addressed.
- 140. We enjoy walking and biking there and bringing kids to do their scooters, etc. Open space and wide, long walkways without disruption -- and parking options! -- are what we value.
- 141. I'm not sure if the middle of a pandemic as the City keeps opening and closing things based on the number of infections and deaths is the prime time to survey the public about investing into future activities with close physical contact. The City of Tempe is investing far too much in this area and

far too little in the rest of the City. This area is terribly dense with little parking or an expectation to pay for parking, which makes it unwelcoming to the rest of the city. This survey is terrible, lacking both representation and integrity. Do we want to see active or Passive things? Hint: For the four months when AZ is 115F outdoors, we'd like to see passive things. In your activity list, be honest. Divide the children's activities from the adult activities, then give us an idea of what each will cost. Ask us if we want the City to invest heavily to fill the park with Children's areas. Add a question asking if you would prefer to see this all at the lake, or dispersed throughout parks in the City. Add a question for number of children in your household, then weigh responses according to percentage of households with children in the City.

- 142. How about some pickleball courts!
- 143. I sincerely hope the area does not become inundated with commercial activities.
- 144. I just moved from living in Tempe Town Lake and it is ALWAYS busy. I don't see the reason in adding fitness areas while everyone already uses the green belts and paths to do it. Tempe is a big city and a little space for tranquility would be nice. Also a dog park would be amazing- look at Cosmo Dog Park with the water- this at Tempe Town Lake would be incredible
- 145. Outdoor concerts, food truck events, and shop local sales (like First Friday in Phx) would be great activities to have.
- 146. I really think a ZIP Line across Tempe Town Lake would be great!
- 147. Please prioritize shade on the north side between Mill and the marina. The sun in combination of the freeway wall make that section very hot. Please look at ways of sound reduction/mitigation of freeway noise.
- 148. The efforts of making the lake primarily a venue for special events throughout the nice weather months, eliminates most opportunities for residents like me to enjoy the lake and surrounding walkways. I feel the benefit of local businesses and developers have been prioritized over the use of this area by residents. I stopped using the lake as a place to walk and run when for so many weekends it was closed for paid events only.
- 149. Whatever gets added, make sure the bike paths are still accessible!
- 150. My desire as a Tempe Resident for 22+ yrs is to finally see this area become more than just an area for Joggers, boaters, Kayakers and Apartment Dwellers.
- 151. The original Rio Salado Project which was developed from ASU involved turning the river into a real river not just for Tempe but also Phoenix with the end of the "lake" somewhere west of downtown Phoenix. I thought the original concept was great and would include a "riparian" look on both sides of the river. Obviously that has not happened and commercial interests have taken over the lake. I think that Tempe and Phoenix should consider using eminent domain to acquire the riverbed and adjacent flood plain now occupied by sand and gravel mines and other types of operations. Having a lake of that size perhaps even to Painted Rock Reservoir would enhance the

central region of the state and could help alleviate the water shortage issues that are on the horizon as an "emerging mega drought" is upon us. This concept is probably not in the Tempe Master Plan but it should still be considered as a way to be faithful to the original concept associated with Rio Salado and to be forward looking. Yes I am aware of past Tempe/Phoenix disagreements...been here a while. Thanks!

- 152. I would love to see an outdoor gym area
- 153. Super cool to see this area getting some investment, we have two young kids and would love to bring them for a range of things they could do, mostly focused on nature and the outdoor beauty of the location
- 154. Clean the water and make it good enough to swim in! That would be huge
- 155. We live in South Tempe but enjoy visiting downtown. I answered the questions reflecting our enjoyment in watching our grandchildren and great grandchildren, at our ages we're not going to participate in more physical activities. Don't get too hung up on parking, that's going to be a high priority for most but we need to educate them that we can't use limited acreage for cars. With the new street cars and light rail there is no need to bring your car downtown.
- 156. Clean up the lake water so it can be waded into.
- 157. Tempe NEEDS more areas that support wildlife! The area would benefit from the planting of hundreds of trees. When we go to events we usually only stay for 30 minutes due to lack of shade, lack of seating, no where to really hang out. Food carts/huts, outdoor bistro areas, butterfly/hummingbird/wildlife gardens, farmers market, craft fairs, outdoor yoga, big fountains, activities for kids/families, etc. It is a horribly under utilized space!!
- 158. Please make a place where we can swim! We have no swimming available in this neighborhood.
- 159. please implement a plan to address the homeless at the park. Their presence deters the use of the Park and adds to safety concerns.
- 160. It would be cool if you guys added shops and restaurants to the shore, and made it almost like a City walk
- 161. The biggest problem with Tempe town lake is that it is out of the way for most people. There is limited parking, and the accessibility to it is generally really bad. But this I mean that for example, walking on Rural road, it is extremely annoying and challenging to get onto the trails that line tempe town lake. Additionally, the bike facilities are appalling. They need far better connections to the neighborhoods that surround the park and multi-use paths. For example, you can't even complete a full loop around the lake on the existing trails. Before the city thinks about installing what looks to be some expensive and unnecessary features, you should focus on making some vital connections and finish the loop around the lake. A matching pedestrian bridge on the eastern side of the lake would be awesome so that you could do that loop without needing to go on McKlintock. The other thing that would be great is some basic shading and landscaping along the existing trails. It'd be great if the city could actually finish what it started and make

that good before trying to add ridiculous features. I mean, really... why are you asking us about an ice skating rink for Tempe Town Lake.... You do know we live in a desert where it never goes below freezing... The only one of these ridiculous ideas that is even halfway decent is a zipline - and thats only because it would actually allow you to cross the lake, which right now is really hard to do (just kidding, sort of). The second problem I have with this are is what is being built along it. The buildings are perhaps some of THE WORST urban development that exists right now anywhere in the U.S. The lack of long term consideration for this area of Tempe is just very disappointing. To see all this new development have no regard for the surroundings, provide no environmental benefits, and be focused more on parking than on creating a welcoming urban environment speaks volumes about what Tempe cares about. 20 years ago when this master plan was first done, the entire land on either side of the lake should have been designated a regional park. This would have been a million times better than the urban development that now lines the lake and causes some of the worst traffic jams I have ever seen. It'd be great to think about things like allowing food trucks to park in the beach park or at a few locations along the paths. Right now there is literally nothing anywhere along the multi-use path for miles. allowing food trucks that have food and drinks would be great and could attract way more people to use the space than any of these other ridiculous and expensive ideas.

- 162. I would love to see a beer garden and food options that can be enjoyed while listening to live music.
- 163. Pickle ball??
- 164. I would like to see a "pump track" or bike park put in for more advanced riders maybe under the freeway on N shore. Electric bikes for kids are picking up VERY FAST and kids are starting to race at very young ages. A pump track or race track with a few bleachers would draw a regular crowd of parents and kids.
- 165. This is taxpayer money and should service the widest number of people possible, with an emphasis on children. Activities such as ziplining and bungee jumping exclude a large percentage of our society. Also the overall impression of the water quality in that lake is very poor, it smells disgusting. Any activities that take place IN the lake will not be well received.
- 166. Free Parking is the number one priority! as a East Tempe resident I refuse to pay any parking fees to go to the park and it will actively make me even less likely to explore the down town area. Down town is quite restrictive to anyone who is not an ASU student that lives in the area and it would be nicer to make the area more accessible to Tempe residents. Perhaps allow free parking to Tempe residents (maybe a special Tempe resident ID Library card that could be issued or showing a valid state ID with a Tempe address) and charge any outside visitors to park. If you really feel like revamping the town lake area make it more accessible to Tempe residents who don't live down town!

- 167. Excited for Dorsey to go all the way through to the lake
- 168. Do not overbuild amusement type facilties
- 169. The roller skate scene is coming back. If the skate rink could consider outdoor roller Skating that would be wonderful.
- 170. A small skateboard plaza with embankments curbs and a slope would undoubtedly be used. Many use the sloping sidewalk and circular concrete pad nearthe TCA for this now.
- 171. water related activities in the lake seem far-fetched, as the water has a reputation for being horribly polluted. i do not think the choice should be between active and passive- there should be a blend of both. I'm sure the city is planning for both. What I do not want to see is the entire park filled with activities, as this does not provide enough open area for other events (concerts, art fairs, etc) to occur, plus lots of people use the area to meet and chill out. We would not want to lose that.
- 172. I would like to know that whatever actions are taken they will not have a negative impact on the environment/flora/fauna of the Tempe Town Lake area.
- 173. Tempe Town Lake has so much potential with food concession stands around the lake; artist market, etc. Similar to the Cherry Street Pier and Morgan's Pier in Philadelphia and the Atlanta Beltline. https://www.visitphilly.com/things-to-do/food-drink/morgans-pier/https://beltline.org/places-to-go/eastside-trail/ and utilizing a empty industrial building around the lake for a similar project as the Ponce City Market https://poncecitymarket.com/
- 174. I believe incorporating opportunities to observe and preserve nature are of the highest importance. I also believe we should include a skate/scooter park. Some kind of brewery/adult use between the bridges on the south side would also be a great addition.
- 175. I would prefer the development area around Tempe Town Lake be less commercial development, and more "passive," outdoor enjoyment. I think the boathouse would be a terrific addition to the lake area: it would provide amenities for local use, and could attract interest in events and functions from outside entities.
- 176. This should not be any "Legend City" workaround. This is a city park and not a theme or amusement park for profit or private admission.
- 177. Please avoid noisy, visually intrusive activities. Don't turn it into an amusement park. Enhance and expand on what's already there water, land, and sky. Allow for plenty of walking, socializing, sightseeing, relaxing, and other simple, enjoyable activities that don't cost anything and don't require special skills. Don't turn it over to concessionaires catering to thrill seekers. Keep it peaceful, simple, quiet, and beautiful.
- 178. As long as cooling facilitation is included into this plan in significant ways, I am happy!!!
- 179. If the water was cleaner we could do more things in it

- 180. A variety of uses with all types of people in mind from physically abled to disabled. Something for everyone.
- 181. I think it's really sad how over-developed the area has become. Anything left should be preserved for nature
- 182. Traffic to and from local businesses is impacted by activities of the school and recreational activities. During sometimes of the day, activities should be limited or should be reserved for people working nearby to enjoy.
- 183. Parking is key
- 184. Consider adding a sculpture garden, an outdoor theater with a concert shell for music and performances. Art is what's missing from your list.
- 185. Family of four and we currently just walk or bike Along the paths at Beach Park. We would love to have more activities to do. Things that could be done year around would be great.
- 186. My grandmother use to come down to the river as a child and the current was too fast to swim. The Salt River has been a staple of Tempe for decades. It's been interesting to see the development of the area go from land fill to business and shopping complex then the addition of a lake. However that lake is still a part of the Salt River. Having activities that are related to the salt river is important. Arizona doesn't have enough activities for people to do year round. The ideas promoted for land and water use sound like they would fit into our community. These activities should also be easily accessed on foot or bicycle. The developers should also consider installing another foot bridge on the east side of the lake. This would help tremendously for those who want to use the pathways around the lake like a track.
- 187. Please put gardens with native, flowering plants and trees
- 188. The beach park should have resources for houseless people, such as showers, benches to sleep, ramadas, lockers, and accessible exercise. The park should not utilize city police for security and should not have limitations on usage.
- 189. I would love reasons to walk with my Grandkids to Tempe Beach Park.
- 190. Please make this accessible to everyone. Free activitA©s should be prioritized. This shouldn't be for profit, but for all people
- 191. I would like to see more shaded structures (preferably with seating) like the gazebo located near TCA. The area is much more inviting as a gathering place when people have the opportunity to relax comfortably, as well as participate in physically exerting activities. Public restrooms suit this need as well. Additionally, I think provision of food & beverages is important so that park-goers don't have to walk down to the Mill Avenue area or worry about bringing their own items. I think allowing food/beverage trucks in a designated area would create an additional draw. Tempe Town Lake should be inviting in a way that people can comfortably spend several hours there, should they choose to. These amenities all make that possible
- 192. More large concerts like pot of gold music festival!!!
- 193. I have been living across from Tempe beach park for multiple years now and run there almost daily. Most people I have witnessed utilize the park for a

physical activity or to simply relax at the park. I would recommend improvements in the entertainment section. People are still going to come to the park for physical activities and money would be best spent investing in a new category to draw people to the park. I strongly believe some of these smaller additions like a rock wall, skate park and physical activity additions will not a appeal to an audience that is already attending the park. I believe the city should think long and hard to come up with a astonishing infrastructure that would turn heads. Imagine an extension of an arts & entertainment district on the beach front. Possibly a clear bridge or sunset bridge would be a great as long it is truly something unique not just another bridge. A wine and dine experience combined with a show stopper piece of infrastructure would add a priceless experience that can only be offered in Tempe.

- 194. Need more easily accessible parking with quick access to the lake.
- 195. Enjoy all the ideas, providing more activities for people 21+ would be nice as well. I have seen cities have floating tiki boats in rivers where groups can go bring alcohol and food and relax. Similar to the biking bars that go around the city.
- 196. Don't remove the ball field, integrate it into the master plan.
- 197. I hope you will continue to have areas for fishing at the lake.
- 198. We would head to Tempe Town Lake more often if there were knew of all of these great things to do and there was EASY parking.
- 199. Disc golf please
- 200. Just north of the 202 near the Marina there is a small park, dog park, playground, huge field, volleyball etc. I've been looking at it for years and the spot between the dog park and volleyball, where some rainfall runoff collects (so could easily be diverted into cisterns), would make a great community garden location. I help organize a weekly community gathering at this location (Thursday Papago Jam) and we could surely also take on the Thursday evening care taking role if a community garden were approved for this site.
- 201. I have heard of places like San Antonio Riverwalk or the Milwaukee Riverfront where the restaurants and shopping literally open out to the river. This energizes the riverfront because people in the restaurants can watch the bikers and walkers, and vice-versa. Currently, there are no restaurants or venues actually facing Tempe Town Lake. Instead, it is private condos and office space that is often vacant or boarded up after hours on evenings and weekends. It would be better if there were some waterfront restaurants actually sitting out on a wharf, or with riverfront outdoor seating, where you could enjoy a meal or a beverage and watch boaters and bikers passing by.
- 202. It would be nice to have a balance of things that will attract people from other communities, tourists, etc, and those made more for the local community
- 203. Wonderful ideas

- 204. It's extremely important to consider having areas with ample shade, as our climate is sunny every day. Also consider areas that are appealing for commercial photography. I see lots of that every time I visit the park.
- 205. Just north of the 202 near the Marina there is a small park, dog park, playground, huge field, volleyball court, etc. I help to organize a weekly yoga etc. event at this location (Thursday Papago Jam), which has very active participation every week (pre-pandemic >100-150 folks, now ~40) all year. I would support a organizing a community garden in the small part of the field between the dog park and volleyball courts. The approximate address is 970 N College Ave.
- 206. What about developing a more permanent, inviting amphitheater? something with a bandshell and graded grass seating. The "playground" in Chicago's Millennium park is super cool and a good idea to follow. Also, how about more regular food carts, onsite food options pop up cafe
- 207. Whatever the city decides, I'd like Tempe Beach Park to be free of homeless camps and homeless people who may overrun restrooms that would inevitably be built to support new activities.
- 208. Better parking and more food
- 209. There's a bunch of punk kids trying to run a car club on the North suppose of Tempe Town Lake, punk kids trying to mow people down on their scooters, and sketchy homeless bike thieves who live in the ravine. I would appreciate just a couple cops stationed there.
- 210. I'd love to see more water activities within the lake however it is not currently safe or legal to swim in.
- 211. I row out of west storage. I haven't been hopeful that the boathouse will ever happen. Seeing the plans for the entertainment north shore make me quite nervous. I fully support more recreation and amenities at the lake, but am nervous about the impact it all may have on the sport I love and spend lots of money on each year (much of which goes to the City).
- 212. We love walking around the lake would love for it to have more pedestrian bridges or a safer second way to cross (maybe at Rural). The Mill Ave bridge is precarious. It could easily become easier to cross with a better ramp on both sides. We can't wait for more cafes and restaurants to open in the new development.
- 213. Include restaurants and leisurely walking and ferry's.
- 214. Dog-friendly areas; paths where they can relieve themselves, sniff and enjoy nature too
- 215. Lazy river is a great idea
- 216. Water (swimming, splashing) and shade are both top priorities to make it comfortable to spend time at the lake.
- 217. Having free or cheap amenities is much more important to me than cool ones (such as bunjee jumping). As a college student, I would never have the money for that, and would rather spend little to no money.
- 218. It really needs much much more shade trees! When it's nice out and 80, that sun is still brutal! Forget trees that look good on a landscape design page,

we need real shade trees. And it seems the open areas are more concerned about logistics of events and therefore there are no trees. There are many parks around the country that can work the logistics of an event around trees. This park should be an oasis. Every single day time activity I've been to there people are clamoring for the small amount of shade opportunities. You should fly over Tempe town lake and see tree tops and water, not vast open dead grass. You know how many people would go here if it felt like this garden oasis escape from the heat? It would be such a huge hit. And gimmick things like a zipline are for tourists who do it once. That's not for the community. The community wants a beautiful lush place to go. A park to get lost in and forget the urban heat. Trees, trees, trees!

- 219. Public restrooms are #1 priority. I don't go to the park as often as I want to because there is no restroom access.
- 220. The fitness court should be more like body weight stations in Venice CA or Miami Beach. Half of the equipment in the picture is useless. The skate rink should just be a circle to keep it simple and not take up too much space, you need the big areas for the heightened traffic that will come. Skate park and zip line would be a bad idea.
- 221. Would love zip line and obstacle course
- 222. More stuff for kids to do!! Especially in the summer. Bring the splash pad back.
- 223. I use to go all the time but not now it's too complicated to park
- 224. I like the different ideas listed. We cant please everyone, but it would be good to have some options for the different age range ie youth, adults, seniors, ppl w/disabilities. I'm sure we can have playgrounds for youth, museums & gardens for seniors, lazy river, floating movies, obstacles course for adults and ppl with disabilities.
- 225. It would be good to have cafes, bars, and restaurants so we can attract business people and faculty during the day and evening. Offering activities just for families with kids will bring people to the lake perhaps on the weekends. We need to make the area attractive to all types of families throughout the week. Also it would be good to take care of the lake so that people actually want to be in the lake. I took SUP and rowing classes but stopped once I started seeing all the dead fishes. For such a beautiful area, it's a pity for the water quality to be so low.
- 226. Over the years I have always wished there was much more to do there as an active individual and as a family. My favorite ideas: rock wall, biking, tour boat, tower, sky ride.
- 227. An area for concerts would be fantastic.
- 228. It would be nice to involve the indigenous communities in activities, given that this was part of their river for centuries
- 229. Water activities seem the lest obtrusive to the city view, however the water quality is a major detractor. Last spring I viewed countless dead fish and small birds floating on the edge of the water. Focus on cleaning up the water

- first and bring in activities that complement the existing structures and nature
- 230. I would like to see a high end lap pool. South Tempe has the Kiwanis Acquatic Center. Central Tempe has McClintock. It would be nice if north Tempe has a state of the art indoor lap pool along the north side of Tempe Town Lake.
- 231. Please include adaptations for families with disabled members.
- 232. Restaurants with patios at the lakeside, where you can kayak up and get a drink. That would be ideal.
- 233. The water fountains should be shaded .. the water is too warm to drink in the summer.
- 234. Due to restrictions of parks hard to state how often visiting. I like the walk way and the splash pad. Most of the year is too hot to use for play equipment unless it is shaded.
- 235. I love the idea of a museum, rides and food. Clean restrooms and clean drinking water are a top priority if you want to have families come down to the lake. Maybe the idea of a boardwalk with small shops and food places or even a spot for food trucks to park consistently would draw more people. Some sort of advertising the marina and rentals on Facebook, Twitter, TV and radio would draw more people.
- 236. The questionnaire is okay but it's the details that matter. For example, the observation tower. It should have a fantastic view of approaches, zoo, skyline, rocks, etc. Probably more than just one tower. The key is for these functions to be autonomous and safe without too much overhead that prevents the public from utilizing. Classes that can be conducted outdoors, especially now with indoor covid restrictions. Another aspect is how can technology be part of this? For example, Playsight, a video recording system of activities could bring good memories of the various challenges in the area. Partnerships with other city/state or private companies. For example, image the zoo offering weekly walking of people-friendly, tame animal (trained elephant?) around the lake? There are some many positive aspects of just that one event!
- 237. I would like public parking adjacent to Rural Road for access. Navigating to Mill around campus can be a challenge.
- 238. Is there a replacement planned if Gonzo Baseball Field is removed. Tempe is already short of Baseball Fields.
- 239. Have a swim area in the beach and keep the water clean enough to swim in.
- 240. Figure out a way to allow swimming.
- 241. I think a combination of thoughtful green spaces and activity areas would be best, plus some cultural experiences tossed in as well. Please be sure to treat for mosquitos, otherwise it will be miserable.
- 242. It will be exciting to see what comes of it. It's so sad to see that land along the Rio Salado looking so rough right now. Really takes away from the nice walking path. Thank you!
- 243. I'm glad something is finally happening. I've talking about this for years.

- 244. Being from Columbus (where the rockwall in the picture is) I can say they rockwall is the best idea!
- 245. Large (paid) parking structure with easy access to the 202 on the north side of the lake, coupled with a free Ferry to downtown.
- 246. Town Lake can offer so much for the citizens (residents), it has become a very living piece of Tempe. Changes made today need to be able to continue to evolve for future participants.
- 247. Most of those activities listed would be too expensive for me to afford. I barely make enough to cover bills. Speaking of money problems, have you considered homeless shelters instead of luxury recreation? We have a huge homelessness problem, because the cost of living is completely unsustainable. Crazy that we are thinking of more ways to make rich people's lives even more fun, when homelessness has increased by 11% last year, even before the pandemic.
- 248. Will any of these ideas need to be reimagined due to the COVID-19 pandemic? Would there be safety measures in place in case of a similar pandemic or public health crisis? What would the cost of entry to the above activities be, and would it take away from the walking/bicycle path currently in place? Also would love more shade on the existing path.
- 249. The activities sound fun but my more concern is access for everyone in the community. Will the activities be priced so that Tempeans can use on a frequent basis or will it become to expensive.
- 250. If no plans yet, I'd like to see some kind of weekly, bi-weekly or monthly group clean up all along and around the Tempe Lake. My husband and I love Kayaking there every weekend. We renew our permits every year. It's very sad and disturbing to see the trash all over. We have even seen razors (electric scooters and bikes thrown into the Lake.).
- 251. Rio Salado and Beach Park belong to the people. The visual views of the lake and serenity of the park should be considered above businesses building-up the area. The open views of the park (the part not built-up with tall buildings) is the best. It is difficult to find nature and beautiful open spaces in Tempe. The lake front is a rare gem and what is left, should be spared from commercialism. Consider how Chicago's rebuilt their shoreline years ago; open space and nature.
- 252. Designate an area for swimming. Put volleyball court on the south side. Ferry to transport from/to North to South sides or even from Mill to Tempe Market Place. Restroom is needed but it will be used by transient populations whom most likely will conduct illegal activity. Deal with excessive homeless populations. Have licensed food cart vendors on both north and south sides especially one with unique type of food.
- 253. looks like some great ideas. I have 5 grandchildren who would love just about all of the suggestions.
- 254. more shade, interesting features for kyakers and boaters
- 255. the lake is something no other city has so we need to activate it the best way possible and make this a feature only found in tempe.

- 256. All this sounds great but it there is no free parking it's not worth going
- 257. We do not currently visit Tempe Town Lake because of safety concerns due to the high number of homeless individuals at/around Town Lake, Mill Avenue, and the river bottom, and regardless of any additions/"improvements" to the area, we will continue to avoid the area until the homeless situation is addressed in a meaningful and significant way.
- 258. Please put in a splash pad, it would be fantastic
- 259. First, I so appreciate Tempe's desire to serve its citizens with activities, and its extra effort to include a public voice in urban planning. Thank you. My question to frame my comment is: would Central Park be so sought after if it had numerous water slides, zip lines, sky rides, etc.? This park area provides a green respite in an urban setting. PLEASE don't load it with structures and activities--allow people to walk, run, bike, row in a green area, not one filled with gimmicks. Frederick Law Olmsted, Central Park's creator, constantly battled to keep parks uncluttered, so people would have the opportunity to psychological bond with a place and experience "relief" from urban "harsh" lines. (more nature usually equals to more civic bonding and less crime) This area is already an urban canyon (and from viewing city plans it looks to become more-so)--I suggest you add more trees, a bit of wetlands plants (like you see upstream), a tad more desert landscaping. The ground level of some facing business buildings could have restaurants with patios onto the park area, other buildings could have top-floor restaurants with views over Tempe Lake. Some amenities could be blended (splash pads, swings, pop-up movie theatre at night, etc.) so that they don't detract from nature; this would make it a most sought-after destination and asset for the city, businesses, and citizens.
- 260. The graphics in this document were excellent. The writing was succinct and clear. On page 8, please add the Phoenix Zoo to the list. In terms of active vs passive, how about in the middle. Like outdoor fitness equipment for seniors. People use them at their own pace. Under funding, consider partnerships and grants with health facilities. Such as: https://www.americantrails.org/communications/awards/arkansas-rivertrail-medical-mile-project
- 261. Tempe Town Lake is a great part of Tempe that has a lot of potential. I'm excited to see there are plans to revitalize and improve the area! Easy access and parking are key. In addition, maintaining a clean, welcoming atmosphere... it seems like in the past some areas have become run down and overtaken by some questionable people.
- 262. it's a terrific place thank you for your planning and expertise
- 263. It would be really awesome if at some time an actual beach park would be considered. There is a great one in Brisbane, Australia where there is a sandy beach and lifeguards. It is run similarly to a public pool and I believe it would increase utilization of Tempe Beach Park by families.
- 264. I would have loved to see hot air balloon rides as an option. I love to be on water or looking at it, so activities that capitalize on viewing or looking at

- water are the biggest draw for me. I won't spend much time any place that I can't find a restroom (or hide in nature to "go".)
- 265. It really depends on the temperature. Summer temps are too high to be in the sun. More shading could change that.
- 266. Would love to have live music brought back where families can bring dinner and a blanket and enjoy a nice evening.. would be easier if parking weren't such an issue
- 267. The presentation is so vague it is difficult to comment. How will the areas be locked up at night? The number of drunk students at night falling off the tower and climbing wall at alone could bankrupt us in law suits. What are the eco zones? Are they unimproved wildlife preserve areas? Why is the photo of the proposed restaurant so fancy? People will be coming in wet, sweaty & dirty looking for a \$6 sandwich. How will you keep the homeless from living in the park? Will the ice rink only be open between December and February? Even then, what will it cost in evaporated water and power? What facilities will there be for the disabled?
- 268. I'd love more active options to do there especially like an adventure or obstacle course. My family loves visiting there together. Also, to continue Innings Fest!!
- 269. I run, walk, and bike at the Lake. I love the Lake as it is without much improvements. It would be nice if the Lake was currently taken care of by the city. For instance, the lights are left on during the day and today I had to fix two sprinklers that were watering the sidewalk, not the grass. Also, the city should install hands-free water bottle filling stations.
- 270. I hope the lake does not turn into a tourist trap with too many pay type of amenities. I believe the proposed pools/bungee jumping/etc. would destroy the peacefulness of the area for bird watchers and kayakers.
- 271. I love how creative these ideas are. I strongly support recreational swimming in Tempe Town Lake! Has your planning group considered the Tempe Climate Action Plan when deciding which amenities to install? It would be great to see Tempe incorporating their emissions reductions goals into this new park. For example, an ice rink would require substantial energy input to operate, and seems to run counter to Tempe's goal of becoming carbon neutral.
- 272. frequently parking is difficult to impossible. also, it would be helpful if the orbit route was extended to the park itself, especially for events.
- 273. House the Unhoused
- 274. I want to feel safe during my visit to Tempe Town Lake
- 275. Build on success and City's reputation for City run rowing/sculling/boating on our Lake. Expand on this for year around accessibility and programming. Bathrooms are important the ones near the TTL boathouse are well done.
- 276. Activating the space around the lake is needed. Bike/wheels park plus a skate park would help, especially with lights, tables and shade. Zip line would be amazing! A floating stage would be great to gain more space for events and allow people not attending to move around still. Please incorporate a

- flaring pool per the master plan. Also an observation deck over the riparian zone past the dam would be a great educational tool.
- 277. Stop spending our tax dollars on this unnecessary rubbish and instead devote the money to providing housing for the homeless and financially disadvantaged Tempe citizens who currently camp out on the benches, under the bridges, and in the riparian area below the dam, or are looking for food and shelter around the highways and downtown. Tempe does not need these projects. There are already more than enough high rises around the lake â€"â€" I know because I cycle around it most days. The area around the high rises on the south shore is already a high West wind channel which I have to fight on my recumbent trike. I did not pay city taxes for building the lake so the shores could be filled with businesses and expensive apartments in view-blocking high rises, or the lake filled with "water activities". It was supposed to be a beauty spot with nature, eg. birds and trees and riparian areas.
- 278. These all sound fabulous please think through for access, crowd size, noninfringement ie not super crowded and thereby not enjoyable for all, it is so manageable as it is now. Respectfully don't wreck it please
- 279. There needs to be kid friendly activities such as playground or being the splash pad back!
- 280. If it is easy to park, the more likely we are to go.
- 281. The cable wakeboard is a great idea. A whitewater kayaking area would be excellent.
- 282. Plz don't ruin TTL by making implementing too many things. It is hard for ppl to enjoy it now. I remember that just a couple years ago when you could run, walk, or bike, and now that's nearly impossible because there's too much going on. It's not a carnival, a fairground, or sports complex. Let's keep things to a minimum so that everybody can enjoy it.
- 283. Two or three restaurants ON the lake would be really nice, with dining patios that hang out over the water.
- 284. Just build the lazy river please.
- 285. Please add more food amenities. I'm baffled by why there aren't cafes, ice cream stands, restaurants and bars along the lake. This is a feature of many similar areas in other cities, why not Tempe? Also more green and shade, less corporate office buildings. Add some indoor community spaces for the summer or have more daytime activities in the TCA.
- 286. Personally I prefer the water agenda but prioritized the land option because I think implementing all those would be a bigger draw. Incorporating a pool or water feature (outside of the lake) will increase summer use. Adding a zip line or sky ride would be great.
- 287. There needs to be some time of family water based option in Tempe Beach Park area. This is the area that is walkable for families. Removal of the old splash park means that there is no way for cooling off and the only water access is via paying for boat rentals. the planned swim beach/water play

- area is great, but not accessible via walking or light rail for most families living in the Tempe urban core.
- 288. I would like to see the second pedestrian only bridge built as soon as possible so that we can bike, walk, run without having to use street level bridges to circle the lake.
- 289. Bring back the food carts that used to be at the park. We could use a designated scooter lane around the park sometimes there are flocks of them that zip past people with strollers and older people and it seems dangerous. Some interpretive signs around the lake edge for birds, animals and plants would be nice. Much more could be done with shade and landscaping. These should be top priorities over bringing any more activities or features.
- 290. Pickleball.pickleball.Pickleball! Fastest growing sport in the United States. From young to old this is an active aggressive fun sport. Surely we can find a place to put pickle ball courts around town lake. If we don't do this we're missing the boat.... Love the zip line...a beer garden...activities. But also needed is a really first class restaurant preferably on the north side to view the incredible view to the south across the lake or roof top dining on the north side. Good job on the planning. Think big!!
- 291. Can we please stop building?
- 292. I recently started working in Tempe. Several of the activities listed in the survey may give me reason to visit Tempe Beach Park more often, and bring grandchildren.
- 293. I think it would be great to be able to include an edible teaching garden
- 294. Please make sure all playgrounds and exercise areas are wheelchair-, walkerand crutch-accessible. Cuts in the curb are not enough. Also, please be aware of sensory issues for people with autism, especially loud noises and video screens. Approximately 16% of the population has some sort of disability. This should be their park too.
- 295. We need to be able to have people actually use the water in the lake. No swimming is a waste of a precious resource in the desert. Getting people physically engage would be wonderful and attract a lot of spectators. A bungee jump, cable wake board, rock wall, and obstacle/adventure course would all have this wonderful effect.
- 296. As a tax payer some of these ideas don't have the ROI that I'd like to see my local government investing in, in particular the aerial ideas. With all the development ideas proposed the foot traffic at the park will increase, thus squeezing more people into the 8 foot wide existing multiuse path space. Currently the path is not wide enough, especially with all of the ebikes/scooters that are left on it. The path must be widened to accommodate abandoned scooters, walkers, skaters, and cyclists. Also a second boat ramp is necessary, besides the marina. As a sailor I can't use the ramp because the kayak rental business at the condos has their customers spread across the ramp, blocking access. There's a balance that needs to be

- met between balanced budget, the high end development of an amusement park, and accommodating those that want to experience nature.
- 297. There is a healthy population of Osprey around Tempe Town Lake. It would be nice to promote more Birding.
- 298. Please add Wind Surfing. It has a lot of advantages. You can use a section of the lake that is relatively undisturbed by other planned activities and you don't need to invest a lot of money to make it work. Basically just a beach launching area and permit parking place where windsurfers can load and unload their equipment. typically this is simply a longboard, a mast, and a sail. Windsurfers will be comfortable most times of the year in light wetsuits or even normal swim gear. Naturally, there will be days and even longer periods where conditions will not work. but this will allow for fitting in a mix of other activities in that designated area, such as aregatta or beach volleyball tournament. Windsurfing is a natural sport for the Lake.
- 299. Why not augment the existing amenities, such as being able to host larger concerts and festivals? Most of the concepts listed seem very expensive in terms of one-time and reoccurring costs. Many of the activities also carry a great amount of liability. Also, the City should focus on cleaning up the existing area prior to adding any amenities. Nobody wants to walk their children past aggressive homeless people fighting and using drugs in a public park to get to a rock wall.
- 300. There is a great need and use for an amazing dog park with a beach water access to let our furbabies cool down and have fun safely.
- 301. Tempe has lost its' way over the years. The cool, unique environment has left the building. Gone are the individually owned stores, nightclubs and restaurants to be replaced by behemoth office complexes, chain retail, the spectacular New Years celebration and anything that would attract me or my family and friends. Going to Mill Avenue used to be an event and here we go again. Take what was there, obliterate it and sell out. Please make an attempt to bring back something special. Something that makes top cities across the country a memorable destination. Portland (current state of affairs not withstanding), Seattle, San Antonio's River Walk and even places like downtown Kansas City. I went through there in July and was surprised at the mix of old and new that was done successfully. There are no zip lines or skate parks in sight. KC has built their entertainment district around a railroad depot and gorgeous historical buildings. Tempe ripped down all of their history. Remember the white stick debacle along McClintock designed to create bike lanes no one used? Millions to put it in and millions quietly repeated to remove the embarrassment. Please remember that disaster before permanently placing attractions. The horrible glass monstrosities already surrounding the Lake have already removed much of the potential charm that could have been part of a world wide draw. Look to cities like Denver that used their historical depot to create a central crown jewel. It's alive and vibrant. Tempe has simply looked for a quick dollar with no cohesive plan. There's still time to capitalize on what's left of downtown. The

Mill, a few original brick buildings and what could be a themed walk down to the park. Please look around like The River Walk and think about it before continuing on a path of bland.. I'm referring to other "plans" as well. Absolutely nothing happened with the "character neighborhoods" of a couple years ago. Where did that development go? I live in 85284 which has potential at every corner. There's a new Postinos at Rural and Warner which is a welcome addition. McClintock put in a chain chicken store and is considering an oil change place across the street. What is that? Please, please scrap the skating rink and focus on revamping the park for concerts, festivals and similar events. Put in more walking and bike paths with some charm and bring in some nature. Attract pubs and chef owned restaurants. It's time to look at what can be saved and capitalized upon and making Tempe a shining star among other US cities. There are no zip lines in the Charleston historical district. There are no skate parks in Minneapolis. They've remade themselves into an arts district. South Beach saved their Art Deco history. Focus on the railroad and depot. Look at the Mill. Im not usually this negative but Tempe is not memorable. Don't do it again. Even the Arts center is too small to bring in major concerts and fades into oblivion. It's another example of a failed project. There could have been a MIM type center or a concert hall to rival the ones in downtown Phoenix. A Mountain isn't used, the Mill isn't a draw, there are only a couple of restaurants with a vibe. No breweries or pubs worth a drive. We go to Chandler which has incorporated the old and new successfully. When I travel, which is about 30 days per year or more, and tell people I live in Tempe, AZ people look at me with a question mark on their face. I have to qualify my city by saying, "It's by Phoenix". There's nothing that differentiates it enough, which as a 19-year Tempe resident is kind of sad. Please consider what could be here and ditch the skate park. Think about families as well as tourists. Think about residents who aren't ASU students, although their voice is important. Focus on events like the boat parade. That could be more than a holiday event. Think of something to make Tempe a world class destination not an afterthought.

- 302. So many of these activities sound great, but are somewhat dampened by the cleanliness of the water. I'd be much more interested in going down to Tempe Town Lake, for any reason, if the lake itself was cleaner.
- 303. It would be great to add an area for senior citizens to do easy exercises and have outdoor activities for them to participate in.
- 304.Build some new hotels and put in a couple casinos. Add a theme park to town lake, rollercoasters and everything!
- 305. Another vote for wakeboard and/or SURFING!!!
- 306. Shade structures are a must
- 307. I am a regular runner along TTL and our sons have rowed on the Lake for 4 years. It is a wonderful, unspoiled natural resource but I am shocked to see a proposed master plan given how poorly the current stretches are maintained. Trash sits and piles up for days at a time. Rental bikes lay

- everywhere all along the current paved and unpacked trails. Discarded clothing lingers for days. Sprinklers shoot onto concrete, grass and trees look neglected. There are no lights between key stretches including along the route between Tempe Center for the Arts and Mill Avenue on the South side. Please use the money to clean up, illuminate and beautify naturally what is a beautiful unspoiled glimpse of water and nature right downtown instead of adding more junk, pavement and steel to an already long trail of man made stuff visible each day of the week.
- 308. I work a lot of event there since it was built. There are tow major issues. parking and cell coverage. Parking is getting to the point that there is no parking just for the lake. When big events happen, like July 4th, 5K runs, Festivals, ect. Parking is a nightmare and worst if Mill is having events. Parking garage closer to the lake should be thought about. Cell Coverage-during concerts and large gathering, cell service can not keep up. This has been huge issue in the past during the event there

 Wifi coverage would be Huge. Redoing the main stage are at the lake, getting rid of the simi circle and going with a straight edge, Make having larger events there easier. Get rid the ground Three phase cam hook up and put it above ground, Its very dangerous how it's now and I have had crew get shock we it rains. More shade for people through out the lake. I like all the ideas, I think this will really help tie that area together, but parking and cell coverage should be looked at
- 309. Good idea to expand with more activities.
- 310. It would be nice to gain a velodrome cycling track and an aquarium.
- 311. Safer bike trails with signs on the road for people to watch for bikes and pedestrians. A splash pad would be awesome a lazy river would be totally awesome a little food court would be nice.
- 312. A combination of amenities for residents and revenue generating amenities for visitors that funds future city development would be good. That also means a mix of active and passive activities is important.
- 313. Zipline is dumb.
- 314. Make the area a boardwalk ala San Diego's Mission beach. Add restaurants, carousels, etc.
- 315. Maybe another bridge connecting watermark and start farm across.
- 316. Please....SAND VOLLEYBALL COURTS! There are some already there. More will be used! The sport is exploding in growth.
- 317. Continue to have concerts and festivals. Better volleyball courts would be appreciated and real bathrooms instead of a port-o-potty in that side.
- 318. I feel like we are putting the cart before the horse a little bit here. In the climate of Arizona, the lack of shade at Tempe Beach Park is most certainly reducing daytime summer usage of the park. The humidity generated from the water in the lake combined with temperatures routinely getting over 110 degrees during summer makes the park almost unbearable during the day and into the night. I think the first priority should be adding shade in the form of trees or awnings along more of the pathways in the park. In addition

to that, there are several spaces on the pathway that are virtually unlit. An example would be under the railroad bridges. When I go for runs to the park at night (which I do at least twice a week), these areas are quite dangerous for me due to cyclists being unable to see me or other pedestrians until they are very close. lastly, I believe you should encourage more development on the north side of the lake. It feels considerably more desolate over there during all times of the day/night and much less safe. All of this is not to say that I do not love the lake or the park. I very much do and it is definitely one of the best parks of its kind that I have ever been to. Keep up the great work.

- 319. I love walking there in the mornings and hope that with the addition of all those activities the area doesn't get trashed or dirty.
- 320. This is the closest thing AZ has to actual beach volleyball. More, well-maintained, well lit courts with easy accessibility, reasonable viewing areas, easy online reservations with discounts for members or multi reservations returnees, reasonable fees would mean tournaments every weekend. Which brings families, who will enjoy food, drinks, and other activities while there. Sandia, Motherlode, Seaside, Saikley 6 man, Emerald Coast, The Equalizer, Hawaii Dinosaur, King of the Mountain, Pottstown Rumble, Vancouver Pro Beach Tourn., and Waupaca Boatride. Tempe has everything to put one of these great annual events on the map, especially weather. You could kick-off and cap season each year, which are always the most popular events. Everyone wanting to get started and get in the last one. Amateurs have pride, will care for courts and equipment.
- 321. Don't do something that is a gimmick, do something locals and tourists want to come back for again and again and really enjoy.
- 322. This being a college town the activities should be geared towards those activity that cost little or nothing for the people to come and take in. Daytona Beach has a band shell and free music once a month with live bands on stage all day through out the weekend. There is the Jazz festival in SD which again is free to attend. Quit being a mercenary with the use of the parks. Getting people out and building community is what the goal should be. Everything in Tempe is about money and ASU, not family or the people who actually live here.
- 323. I am ALL FOR these ideas! I have wondered for years why there aren't cafes and restaurants by the water. I would be much more likely to come to Tempe if there was more to do by the water. It's such a lovely space and these ideas the city has would make it wonderful!
- 324. eliminate the mosquito pond known by all as lake mistake.
- 325. I think it would just be nice to develop it more for biking, running, restaurants, gardens, walking paths with art installations, grassy areas etc. Just make it a nice open place to spend the evening that is kept up nicely. I feel Tempe is doing a pretty good job of it, but also notice what seems to be like a lot of deferred maintenance. I defiantly don't want kitchy things like carousels, water slides, rockwalls and ziplines. These things seem to wane in popularity eventually, have higher upkeep costs, and seem to fall into

- disarray easier. The big problem now though is just enjoying the park without all the homeless people living in it and loitering by the bathrooms and picnic tables. Its almost un-useable because of the quantity of homeless people in the park.
- 326. I am concerned with all the time and expense devoted to a "Master Plan" as the city of Tempe and its elected officials show an inordinate amount of ease with which they dispose of any existing master plan and "amend it" as in trash it for any developer that comes knocking at the door. To wit: See the Camden Hayden monstrosity of a project at Curry and College that has destroyed open space and park space for a 500 unit apartment complex.
- 327. I think it is exciting to look at the possibilities that may happen at Rio Salado and Beach Park. I just hope that whatever goes in, that it is affordable and equitable for everyone. Living close to the area has allowed me to see how important of an area it is for so many people especially during the week. The weekends however, are much harder for the general public because it has been leased out so often by private groups, i.e. concerts, races, festivals.
- 328. This plan has been well thought out. I would not want to see a pool there at all. Shade would be a priority no matter what else is put in. If you put too many things to do there will not be as much usage and lots of maintenance so I would say go with things that are easy for people to access and will use. I use Tempe Town Lake to walk around, ride a bike, watch a sunset, attend events at the Tempe Beach Park. I do think water events are popular. Food truck events could be great too around certain areas of the lake once we are done with COVID.
- 329. I love Tempe Town Lake, and we should implement all of these upgrades, if we can
- 330.I would love to see restaurants on the lake. I would love to eat dinner while watching the sunset on the lake.
- 331. Please don't turn this area into a theme park! Not interested in that. Tempe is a great community without resorting to gimmicks.
- 332. I am an amusement ride company and we have a waterslide that you can get wet or stay dry on. We have a great coaster that is not too noisy and fun for all ages. We also have Pool logs that can be used by all ages that is safe and can be used in a pool, pond, or a lake. check out our website at www.baileyrides.com or call me at 905 261-4397 Kirk Bailey
- 333. A place for classes near the lake would be cool! Rock climbing, frisbee, yoga, martial arts
- 334. GET RID OF THE HOMELESS. THEY SCARE ALL THE NICE PEOPLE AWAY.
- 335. Mayor Woods take notice:

The one area that I believe would be a huge economic tourist boost to Tempe Town Lake is to create a lake walk similar to the ever so successful San Antonio Riverwalk where there are tons of moderate to upscale restaurants lining the river to enhance people to eat, then visitors can frequent the new water and aerial lake features, unlike any other place in

- AZ. This future unique Tempe visionary will sell itself tri fold and will create an economic boom once Covid dies down. Face it, people live to eat, play and maintain their health. This catches all aspects. To have a free boat trolly running a cross the lake at bbn least every 10 minutes would be a thrill for locals and visitors alike to see and visit newly built decent restaurants expanded on the north side shore as well as along the south shore. and this could be just the beginning with lots of quality and fine dining all along the shores. This will keep the visitors there, along the fresh water and aerial entertainment, where today on a daily basis, there is nothing to keep people in the area. No "decent "food = no visitors.
- 336. Please add another pedestrian bridge that connects Watermark & State Farm buildings. This would be a great addition as it would be easier for people to come from an ASU football match over to the Watermark for additional food & entertainment.
- 337. The areas under the mcClintock over pass are creepy, feel unsafe.
 - Wish the unsightly power lines would be buried underground.
- 338. I was able to visit the Town Lakes area a few years ago. I found parking, on a weekday, abysmal at best. There are only about 60 spots at the beach park and no signs for other places. We parked at the center for the arts and wandered around but I see that whole area has been transformed into a business area. I would be interested in the boat rentals. You can do all the upgrades you want but if people can't easily park then you won't have people taking advantage of what you have to offer.
- 339. Town Lake needs to be taken care of there is always floating junk in the water that could be easily scooped up by park / marina personnel using the motorized are craft. The area around the marina and the parking lot and north boat beach (where the rowers launch) is also often littered with garbage.
- 340. Would LOVE to see more activities for families/children. Activities that allow me to take my grandchildren that allow them and me to all enjoy what the park has to offer.
- 341. Lazy river!
- 342. I don't think it should be turned into an "amusement park". Overcrowding could become a problem with to many activities.
- 343. PICKLEBALL needs to be added, such a fun sport for the whole family. We need restaurants with water views..we have a beautiful lake and need to have food and drinks. I would like to see larger trees for shade.
- 344. I would love the opportunity to take my daughter to Tempe Town Lake and participate in the active and passive amenities on this list however I don't see in your master plan (and I only scanned through it, so I could have missed it) a swimming area. Will there not be one?
- 345. the homeless and/or drugies are an issue down there, i feel the restroom are unsafe. I would not let my children or young family members go down there alone.

- 346. Waterfront dining, drinks, music, boardwalk. This is presently a huge miss.
- 347. Thanks for the concern and information.
- 348. I wish there were more sailboats on the water. It would look prettier.
- 349.N/A
- 350.I recently worked at Tempe Center for the Arts and being on the Lake was a highlight of the job. Any activities that bring people out to experience the lake is a win by me. A combination of active (for families and younger residents) and passive activities seems best. Thanks for asking...
- 351. Can you guys just leave the lake alone? Adding all of the above listed junk will just kill it.
- 352. Activities and amenities should be attractive to all ages. I would hate to see the lake become exclusively an adventure amusement park. It should also provide opportunities for enjoying nature, etc. It will also be important to provide enhanced security, something that is needed right now.
- 353. Build restaurants/bars along the lakefront with kayak/boat docking and outdoor patios (LIKE THE SAN ANTONIO RIVERWALK as originally planned).
- 354. Please keep it a nice green space with small areas for people to enjoy. Do not make this a circus.
- 355. Please make sure the heat is considered with whatever is added.
- 356. You need to protect the environment for all the residence that live there and not turn it into a carnival attraction that brings in so many people our ability to have quiet enjoyment of our homes is compromised.
- 357. Get rid of homeless, speeding dangerous bikers, marijuana smokers, derelicts
- 358. I think maximizing the water component for family and community events would optimize the point of Tempe Town Lake: beach, floating movies, etc.
- 359. When thing open back up I hope to have a nice clean area that with hold fun activities for friends and family
- 360. As a rower I see the incredibly value of preserving the lake for rowing, kayaking, paddle boarding and outrigger canoeing. These activities draw people from all over the valley and related events (regattas) draw people from around the world. There are only a handful of other venues in the Southwest with the ability to hold regattas and boating events like Tempe Town Lake can. We should take advantage of that and there will be exciting, dynamic activity at the lake every day, year around!
- 361. I row 3 days a week with Tempe Town Row and Rio Salado Row. Please include services and safety measures for the row clubs. Tempe Lake is the only lake in the state that has rowing and this activity is very crucial to the many rowers involved. Thank you.
- 362. I think the city needs to be aware of the current long standing programs successfully running on the lake. Rowing requires calm-ish water so any activities that would create waves should be restricted to certain areas and mitigation efforts should be made. Any kind of water cruise would be very slow since the lake has speed limits for motor boats. Even a few boats with

- motors make the lake significantly more difficult to safely row. Also, it would be nice to have more land areas to accommodate regattas on the lake.
- 363. The most important facility/activity to me is not mentioned: rowing. I advocate strongly for ensuring that 1) the planned boathouse contains enough bays, boat racks and equipment storage space for all four of the community rowing clubs now using the lake, as well as for the Tempe City boating programs; 2) traffic management of watercraft on the lake includes consideration of the needs and safety of swiftly moving rowing shells; and 3) the lake's sports events calendar includes rowing regattas, which will draw large numbers of attendees from around the country, all spending tourism dollars with local businesses on food, lodging and services.
- 364. Please keep rowing as active sport and the Desert Sprints Regatta. There a lot of kids who enjoy this sport and this is the only convenient place to practice this sport.
- 365. We need a BOATHOUSE to put all the rowing clubs together at the Marina. In the interim, improvement to the rowing clubs at the Mill/Washington area security, beach cleanliness, etc. As a parent of one of the kids that row out of that facility, it seems like the City of Tempe is more of a slumlord and this facility is an afterthought. Currently there is no room for growing the rowing programs new rowers on teams cannot even borrow or rent the barge. When it was procured, it was intended for ALL clubs on the lake not just Tempe Town Lake. Rowing should be one of the highlights of Tempe Town Lake
- 366. Make sure there is stuff for both kids and adults to do. I love the idea of including big, signature art pieces as well, such as The Awakening statue in Washington, D.C. that kids can climb on.
- 367. I have advocated to bring the beach back to "Tempe Beach Park." The site I explored with architects was on the south shore between Mill and TCA. The idea was to provide a sandy beach, negative edge pool that could permit picnics, concerts, special events in a clean pool that appears, because of the negative edge, to be a lagoon off Town Lake. It would be a signature project, could be a GREAT gathering place and honor the original Tempe Beach so important to both indigenous and Latino early settlers who swam, played and harvested a life here.
- 368. The marina and boathouse plans are not large enough for all the rowing teams on the lake. There needs to be a boat house built for the boats stored (temporarily under the freeway). There is a level pad on the north shore just west of the Rail Bridge, and access to a floating dock for launching.
- 369. I live north of Tempe Town Lake near College and Weber. Myself and friends in the neighborhood routinely walk our dogs together around Tempe Town Lake on both the north & south shores, usually several times a week. An ongoing discussion we frequently share is why there hasn't been more implantation of activities, features & business along the shorelines. I like most all of the ideas suggested in the lake redevelopment RFI but would like to

- stress that some onshore restaurant dining options would be of great interest too, not just fast dining from a kiosk/booth.
- 370. Historically, events and activities have been geared toward visitors or non-Tempe residents. I would like to see events and activities that appeal to residents and perhaps even give priority to Tempe residents, while still attracting visitors to our great city.
- 371. I am very interested in the improvement of the Rio Salado and Beach Park, but I have concerns with the operation and maintenance of such grandiose concepts, that include mechanical and electrical components (carousel, zipline, bungee jumping, lazy river, etc.) I imagine these concepts will require elaborate funding for the ongoing maintenance of mechanical and electrical infrastructure as well as operating personnel. I am much more in favor of low operation and maintenance concepts.
- 372. Rio Salado needs an improved boathouse facility. The structure should be able to accommodate the required rowing boats with equipment, a club house and indoor rowing tank and athletic facility.
- 373. Rowing is thriving on Tempe Town Lake and is not mentioned. Rowing and regattas should continue to be part of the development plan.
- 374. Something for little kids and families....a carousel or Ferris wheel and a playground/splash pad would be awesome...with some form of food would bring not only students but also many more families there!
- 375. My running & walking group visits the Town Lake area regularly. I love seeing the river habitat area to the west, and the more formal areas along Mill and going toward Rural. We have also walked/run east on the sidewalks into Mesa until it dead-ends. I like that it seems to be a safe place to go alone or with one or two buddies as well as for a larger group of friends.
- 376. Watching the boats (especially row boats) is a site of beauty. I would prefer the lake to be preserved for peaceful and calm enjoyment. The land area needs to be cleaned up and patrolled more often but a tower could add to the calm ambiance I hope Tempe plans. There is noise with the train and airplanes. Please don't add to it.
- 377. There should be food options, booze cruises, movies, small concerts as well as big ones. The park needs a shade canopy plan most of all. Program properly, the part can be revenue generator for the city.
- 378. Tempe Town Lake is currently recognized as a wonderful venue for rowing. Year-round rowing on near idyllic calm water conditions with incredible sunrises and sunsets! There are five groups, including three junior groups that row on the lake year-round. While other parts of the Country have rowers that hit their rowing machines during the Winter, those who row on Tempe Town Lake are able to do so year round. Many people guest row at Tempe Town Lake in the Winter months. Rowing clinics and regattas are also strong draws that bring a large number of visitors to the area. If any of the concepts mentioned here relating to Water Use are pursued -- it is essential that the incredible rowing venue, Tempe Town Lake, is not compromised.