



# Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Public Input Summary: March 8 – April 5, 2021

## I. OVERVIEW

The city collected input on the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan, a comprehensive plan that will be used as a blueprint for future park projects and program offerings. The community was asked to provide feedback on proposed park amenities, recreation programs, sports fields and more.

The draft plan was provided as a PDF or as an interactive StoryMap and was organized into nine (9) sections. At a high level, the plan includes background information about Tempe and its parks and recreation system in 2020, what the future could look like and how we get there.

## II. OUTREACH

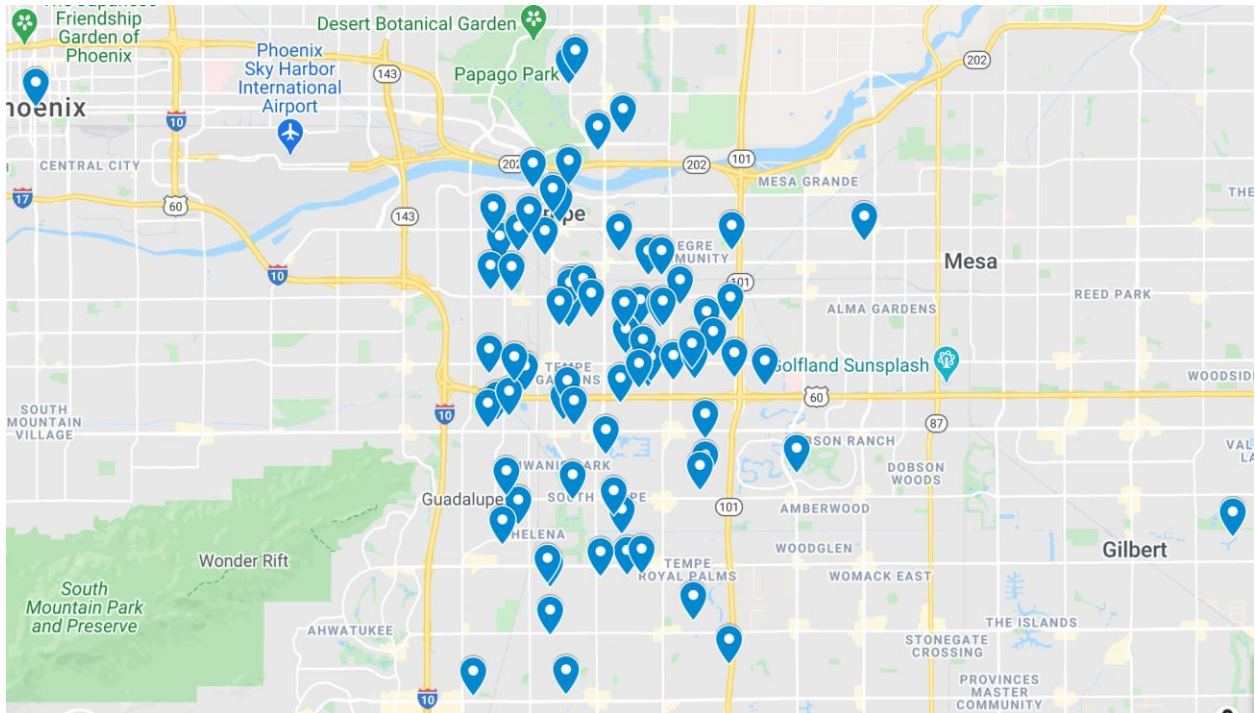
Several methods were used to notify the public about the public meeting to review the draft plan and the online survey.

1. Social Media
  - 3 Facebook posts – 6,335 reach
  - 2 Nextdoor posts – 1,288 reach
2. Email Notifications
  - 3 Eblasts – 4,389 opens
  - Neighborhood and Homeowners' Associations
  - Recreation classes list
  - Respondents to previous Parks and Recreation Master Plan survey
  - Tempe Forum subscribers
3. Direct mail postcard sent to neighborhoods around the Escalante, North Tempe and Westside Multi-generational Centers
4. Project website
  - A recording of the virtual meeting was available online
5. Information was posted via reach screens in community centers and on Tempe 11.

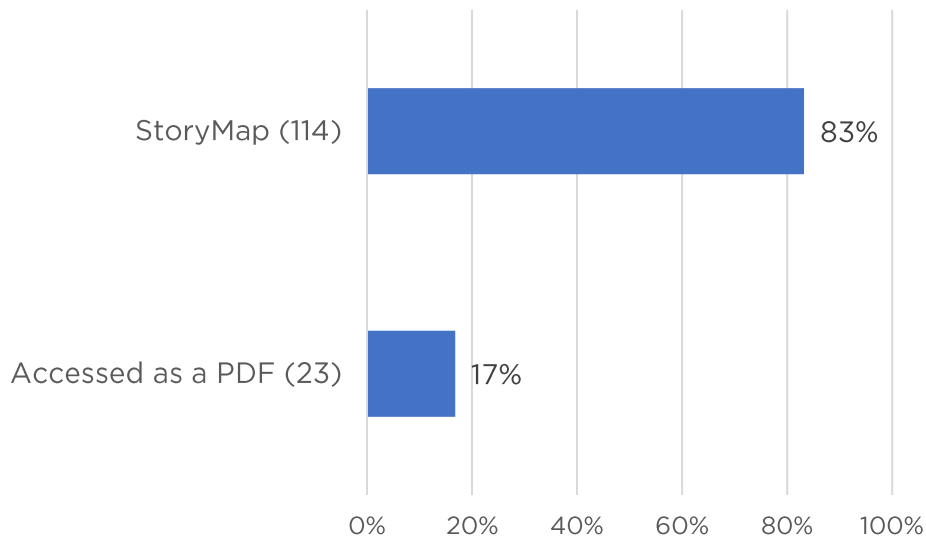
### III. SURVEY RESPONSES

A total of 139 survey responses were received.

Map of responses received:

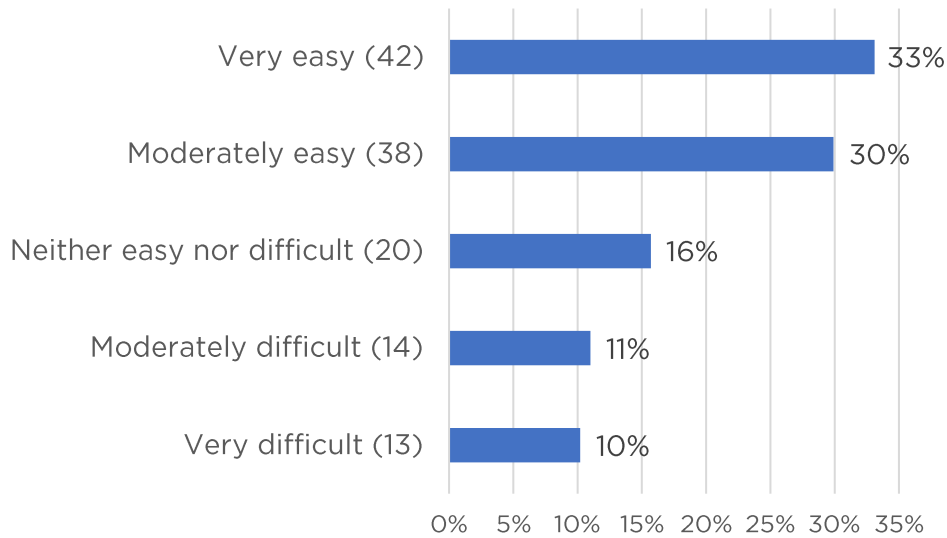


1. The draft plan was built in the StoryMap format, designed to be an interactive, online document. How did you access it?



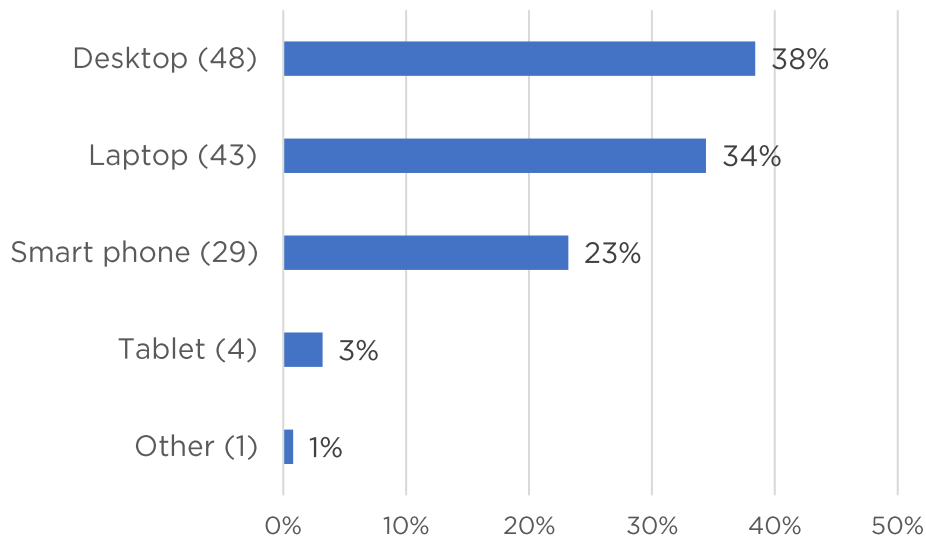
137 responses

If you accessed it as a StoryMap, how easy did you find the format?



127 responses

If you accessed it as a StoryMap, what type of device did you use to access the draft plan?



Other: the map is no where to be found!

125 responses

2. On a scale from 1 to 10, where 10 indicates you're completely satisfied, how would you rank the overall draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan?

Average was 7.13 over 136 responses.

Number from 1 to 10	Number of responses	Percent
10	28	20.59%
9	19	13.97%
8	21	15.44%
7	25	18.38%
6	8	5.88%
5	20	14.7%
4	2	1.47%
3	3	2%
2	1	.74%
1	9	6.62%

If not a 10, what would move you to a 10? Comments are in order from higher ranking (10) to lower ranking (1).

**Ranking of 10:**

No comments

**Ranking of 9:**

1. nothing's perfect
2. More bathrooms
3. more pickleball courts
4. I loved how thorough and detailed the plan was; however, it was long...I needed about 25 min to quickly read through and would need more time to dive into the details.
5. There were a couple of charts that were difficult to read.
6. More emphasis on pools. Scenario 3 is the best of the three choices, but I wish there were plans for two new pools, not one. There is economic and ethnic disparity in terms of who learns to swim. While splash pads are great, you can't learn to swim on a splash pad. Since historically there was a pool at Tempe Beach, that seems like a location to consider. A pool/aquatic facility with a view of Tempe Town Lake/the riverbed would be lovely.
7. more emphasis on security - horse, bicycle and foot patrols, homeless
8. I wish the specifics about the planned improvements to individual parks were developed, otherwise this was a very impressive and informative document
9. I would have liked more Legend Information with each map. I extrapolated as I coursed my way through
10. Navigation links within the Story Map
11. More information on managing noise

### Ranking of 8:

12. A one-page executive summary with links to each major topic. Also include comparison of the plan with what has been done in the previous ten years, i.e., is the plan a significant expansion of efforts or upkeep and maintenance to sustain the status quo, or a pulling back of investment in parks and rec facilities?
13. More parks in general
14. More specific detail by park
15. better graphics with better color coding and organization of data
16. More senior programs. (And btw, nothing, no-one, not even Einstein ever deserves a "10". Olga Korbut maybe, but that's it)
17. graphs are very difficult to read in pdf.
18. Make a food truck lit near Tempe Beach Park
19. Accurate information regarding tennis courts. It's a crazy stretch to say that there are 51 tennis courts in Tempe, when in reality there are FOUR that are truly accessible to the public. (2 @ Harelson + 2 @ Indian Bend)
20. Narrative to highlight changes more and in terms more meaningful as a resident. For example, we have "x" amount of softball teams or users of courts and given expected population growth and anticipated use ... or currently pickle ball is "...". also would like to know benefits to neighborhoods if park classification changes from neighborhood to community.
21. Slideshow mode
22. More focus on providing services and activities to encourage connections among residents. And services to support city residents.
23. Not appreciating higher taxes
24. More basketball and baseball
25. Perhaps a little more information on the items/issues that I am particularly interested in. However, I understand that adding my interests means adding everyone's interests and then the document becomes huge and unmanageable.
26. I believe there was only one mention of homelessness. This is a national problem that is getting worse, even in our city. These people need more than shelter, but also access to mental health/physical wellness/substance abuse services if we are to tackle this growing problem. Any master plan regarding our parks should make more than a passing mention of this.
27. more attention to needs of the aging population
28. More specifics on location of future planned activities. More effort in south Tempe where many families and significant tax dollars are derived.
29. I wish you had specifically addressed homeless people camping out in parks

## Ranking of 7:

30.simplification

31. Everyone in the feedback asks for more DOG PARKS, and yet you are barely adding more dog parks. Every park should have a dog park.

32. More committment to biodiversity conservation and making innovative change for inclusivity of groups easily marginalized in parks (e.g. women and disabled people).

33.adjust the hours to open at dawn

34.Fewer glowing generalities and more specifics.

35. The plan is data rich and very thorough. It is in desperate need of an element that will foster bold design.

36. Too many goals. While all valid items, it's possible that there will be too many objectives and this will lead to few being accomplished.

37. While interactivity is a great feature, I might have preferred a curated plan in PDF and a synopsis as an alternative that features links for accessing the relevant sections of the interactive plan could be more user friendly and intuitive.

38. The plan to expand the parks is fine but shouldn't the city first focus on maintaining the current parks? It appears that the multi-use sports fields have been neglected.

39. More pickleball courts, add striping & nets to existing tennis courts for multi-use, more disc golf

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41. More slow pitch fields with turf

42. I could read about the plan, but none of the visuals came thru. what I read was very encouraging!

43. More connectivity by trail

44. that inclusivity, resilience, flex /cont improve and sustainablity are measured and recorded

45. Cookies confusion

46. Didn't like the way the it was always a new tab and too hard to get back to the table of contents.

47. I would encourage you to include people who live on the riverbed and have lived in these neighborhoods for a long time to give feedback. With each change there are pros and cons for residents. Older neighborhoods are greatly impacted financially and be the increase in numbers of people in this area, which include more traffic and more crime. Somedays there's so much going on there's no traffic route to get out of the riverbed neighborhoods.

48. Greater access to public lap pools. I swam for 30 summers at McClintock Pool until it closed to public in 2010. When it finally reopened in 2018 the very restricted access hours made it basically impossible to use.

- 49. More emphasis on safety.
- 50. Easier to navigate
- 51. Clearer outcome plan

**Ranking of 6:**

- 52. would like to see population data overlaid (# and age)
- 53. Clear plan about actual changes and why in relation to master plan
- 54. Acknowledging that the current amount of disc golf facilities in the city are inadequate and the one park we have is so busy that it's difficult to get time and space to safely play a round. Wait times on the course frequently get upwards of an hour.
- 55. The city desperately needs more soccer fields. We are losing huge tax dollars to neighboring cities who attract teams from around the country because they have top complexes (i.e., Reach 11, Scottsdale Sports Complex, etc). In the last 30 years, Tempe went from hosting the largest soccer tournament in the U.S. to barely hosting anything. Youth sports are clean business and the demand is inelastic. Consider the recent influx of California, New Mexico, and Nevada teams to Arizona despite the pandemic; those teams leave millions in The Valley while Tempe misses out.
- 56. more water and bathrooms
- 57. Less minute detail, and a more strategic view for public consumption
- 58. My neighborhood does not have a park. The sports field at TAIS is not accessible to residents of the community for non-sports activities. The Parks and Recreation Plan may serve other neighborhoods very well. However, residents south of Broadway, east of Mill, north of Southern, and west of Rural Rd. do not have access to a public park without crossing a major street or driving. Green areas at Broadmor School are fenced off from public access. I would give it a 10 if residents in my neighborhood would get access to a green public space in the neighborhood.

**Ranking of 5:**

- 59. Not reducing the amount of basketball courts
- 60. It sounds lofty and inspirational, but doesn't provide much concrete info.
- 61. My observation is children do not use the parks sans adult supervision. How do we get parks where neighborhood families are comfortable letting their kids play by themselves?
- 62. Concern over enforcement of leash laws and safety (drug and homelessness)
- 63. Linear/connected parks are a must for the future that I believe is needed to address the challenges ahead. This plan should be more fully integrated with the other major planning processes in the city like bicycle infrastructure and the climate action plan.
- 64. I just do not have time to review the entire contents to judge.

- 65. It's just a bunch of fancy paragraphs with little details on where and when things will start happening. Too optimistic with no context of challenges and barriers that would issue workgroups to fix and address.
- 66. More information about what parks will look like, renderings of each park (existing and post renovations). I will support improvements if bonds are levied.
- 67. Too much useless information. News flash, parks and recreation areas have been open to all races and genders for the last 60 years. It's called the civil rights act. No need to address it in the story map. Just stick with the proposed plans.
- 68. too long, too much unnecessary information. people don't have time to read through all this
- 69. I wasn't always sure what I was looking at.
- 70. more open spaces
- 71. More easy info to look into the plan. Easy navigation and short explanations.
- 72. The average Tempe citizen has no use for the parks as the homeless now dominate their use and make it uncomfortable to even consider going to a park.
- 73. More defined goals
- 74. Tear down the horrible flour mill
- 75. Add something like The Lawn on D in Boston to Town Lake  
<https://www.signatureboston.com/lawn-on-d/about-us> , add a park to the pepperwood neighborhood, build an indoor or completely shaded walking path to the Kiwanis Recreation Center.

**Ranking of 4:**

- 76. More common sense
- 77. Better future predictions of usage of recreational activities.

**Ranking of 3:**

- 78. It is not clear to me what is happening? Are more parks? Expanded parks? Improved parks?
- 79. The city has not attempted to measure usage of current park facilities or recreation programs. The LOS recommendation are not backed up by \*any\* data.
- 80. The plan is not clear. Too much background information before the plan

**Ranking of 2:**

- 81. Spend less money on all these free services; property taxes are ridiculously high, and make me want to sell my house to move to Chandler.



### Ranking of 1:

82. More bike lanes, protected bike lanes, safer places for people to ride their bike
83. Being able to see a SUMMARIZED version of the plan. This is WAY, WAY too long. I only care about the plan for MY park. Ip I
84. More parks and open space
85. nothing
86. maintenance only. no new wasteful egocentric projects.
87. There is no place to view the map, much less study to provide feedback.
88. Restroom facility need to be added to every park.
89. Equality in financing. Your lower income people pay for the recreation and prime real estate for students and corporations that don't live here.
90. The site was unusable. That platform is entirely insured to public involvement, and you should for whatever consultant did it.

### 3. The draft plan includes four (4) key guiding principles (inclusion, resilience, strategic and sustainability) that provide the framework for the current, near and mid-term strategies to put the plan into action over the next decade. Are there any additional strategies that should be added?

1. % complete ADA over time, a continuous improvement crew presence
2. Accessibility
3. adaptability for future generations
4. Allow an independent association run your sports programming
5. Calculate % of usage to close those parks overly contaminated with crime and difficult to police as well as those with little use.
6. cost
7. Design vision and boldness. Tempe is mired in a mediocre built environment.
8. Desire from the community
9. Eastern medicine
10. Economic stimulus through youth sports.
11. Education
12. Financial resilience. How do you leverage times of record growth to prepare for inevitable downturns that occur within any economy?
13. Fund climate action projects.
14. I agree with these four principles, assuming that QUALITY would fall under "resilience".
15. I know health/wellness/fitness was mentioned in the plan, but I'm surprised it's not one of the strategies.
16. I think ADA needs to be elevated to own category not under heading currently listed
17. I think it's fine

18. I tried to do this but it got really confusing. They need a toilet for the soccer players at the end of Kiwanis Park. Maybe you can get into this and put this in? I cant 1!! Hugs,
19. inspiration
20. Less city government spending.
21. Longevity, innovative, transformative
22. Maintenance
23. maintenance (might fall in resilience) and safety
24. My friend live in Tempe and has a problem using this site. Joanie want a bathroom by the soccer field
25. N/a
26. no
27. No
28. no
29. No
30. No
31. No
32. No
33. no
34. No
35. No
36. no
37. No
38. No additions. The guiding principles seem oddly worded. I understand what is being said, but the language is not well chosen to provide accessibility by all Tempe residents. Now that the plan has reached draft form, leadership might consider revisiting and editing the introduction and guiding principles so that a revision does an even better job of telling the story with enthusiasm, accessibility and an answer to the question "How can YOU help?"
39. No - infact, the city may want to simplify the principles and sub-topics so that priorites standout.
40. No - seems like plenty already.
41. No additional categories but more information on plans yo manage noise levels in partnership with AZ DOT and other agencies would be helpful- sustainability section, perhaps?
42. No, the four principles are all encompassing with their inherent adaptability. The principle "strategic" allows for evolution and manipulation of the plan to suit future needs making it fluid as opposed to rigid.
43. No. I think the four principles are good.
44. None
45. nope
46. nope

- 47.Nope, those cover it well.
- 48.nope.
- 49.Obviously much thought and hard work has gone into this plan. Well done, all!
- 50.PARcourse
51. population of areas served by parks and overall population breakdown (including growth projections)
52. Preservation
53. Preservation.
54. Quality
55. realistic guiding principles
56. Remarkable- Parks, like Town Lake can bring incredible notoriety if they have remarkable features that attract people. The Lawn on D type of space, food truck nights, More/better TCA programming, etc. Be bold and do something that makes everyone talk about and attract them there.
57. Safety
58. safety
59. Security
60. Security, safety
61. Spot on!
62. Stop with the buzzwords. More shade.
63. Take care of all the poor and the homeless--they need places to stay, other assistance
64. That old ugly flour mill is an embarrassment
65. The map is a mystery.
66. These are good guiding principles. What I don't see is that they have been adequately integrated into the plans themselves. It is one thing to name "inclusion", "resilience", "strategic" and "sustainability", but another to integrate them. Linear parks - or the concept of how we safely and health-fully can not only get to our own neighborhood park, but also get (on foot or bike) to the major community parks (Tempe Town Lake, Kiwanis, etc.) is critical to actually implementing these guiding principles. I don't see that in the plan as it currently exists.
67. Though the "sustainability" principle almost covers it, I don't remember any mention of accommodations for birds, pollinators, and other wildlife.
68. transparency
69. Usability, Value to residents,
70. User based fees. Residents already pay for State farms view . Now we have to pay for ASU student recreation ?
71. What about the homeless using it for camping.
72. Wouldn't mind starting a "make the fields green" campaign!

#### 4. Please share any additional comments on the draft plan

1. All our Parks should be adaptable so as the demographics change in a neighborhood, the parks, facilities, and equipment can adjust to meet the changing needs of new generations. How long did Tempe still have parks without awnings in Arizona where we have the hottest summer temperatures, and the concrete cheese slice with climbing holes with blistering hot sand before those were replaced and refreshed? Too long! As a native Arizonan, I recall taking my children to other city parks that had newer amenities state-of-the-art water features and clean playgrounds not available in my own thriving neighborhood. Fortunately, things have started to catch up but much too late for my family. As a growing and thriving city, we must realize the connection and impact those small decisions to leave our parks impact the flow of dollars in our surrounding communities. People visiting the parks visit stores and restaurants around our parks which brings revenue into the community. This revenue supports business owners who pay employees who in turn spend money in our community. If people are leaving our city to go to another park, then those other communities are capturing revenue that could have been here in Tempe.
2. All the plans are well thought out and make me proud to be a resident of Tempe! I would specifically like to see the removal of sand from all the playgrounds in the city. Sand carries diseases and acts as a giant litter box for neighborhood cats. I'd love to see it removed when you redo any of the parks. Thanks!
3. An Exec Summary would be helpful upfront.
4. Are we measuring physical and community resilience. If so, What barriers occur and persist in the tempe parks. Is safety and equity mitigation treated even handedly. And is a park's unique strengths or features recognized and included
5. Be conservative where budgets and spending are concerned. Get VERY aggressive with contractors and bidding. Be careful not to simply sign to get the project started and over pay. Do not allow the city to fall victim to collusion and public works overpricing which consumes budgets as well as tax payer dollars.
6. Bring Families back to Tempe. With the new Intel fabs being created, many more people will be moving to this part of the valley. Tempe has the school infrastructure in place, now greatly under utilized by lack of kids. Make Tempe a remarkable place for families and they will come. Parks can be a tool in that. A modern Kiwanis Recreation Center can help. See Provo, UT or the SLC county recreation centers as a model. Also, partner with Wood School to de-fence part of the new playgrounds so the community can use them. Why does virtually every neighborhood in the city have a public park except Pepperwood? Thanks.

7. comprehensive and forward thinking. More trees is a good thing.
8. Could not access plan
9. Entirely way to complex when the residents just want cleaner, safer parks and recreation. We want common sense unlike closing playgrounds for months while basketball courts are open. I want to bring my family to a playground and not worry about who will walk up asking for money or who slept in the slide the night before
10. Evergreen park needs to be more included. It large, serves a large population, and it always busy
11. Excellent, very detailed.
12. Fantastic to have urban forestry, shade structures that don't become heat emitting structures themselves, solar panel use as shade structures, use of cool materials, aquatics planning that recognizes underserved community needs, recognizing needs of communities to have facilities for heat relief. Also fantastic to see preservation and promotion of local natural flora/fauna in site preservation and development.
13. For the parks and recreation I strongly recommend in looking into having energy healers at sporting events to assist with healing the players. I'm happy to be a energy healer for the aba and have seen a major improvement in players performance and also healing from injuries
14. For those of you who think the flour mill is a historic site so is a landfill. That is the most disgusting ugly piece of crap I've ever seen and you need to tear it down
15. Great work! New to Tempe and thoroughly impressed.
16. How many times can you repeat equity and inclusion. Please specify what is meant by equity and inclusion. Are our current parks exclusive? How do you design a park to be inclusive? Inclusive of what. Very ambiguous language to use. Sounds good but has little meaning without context.
17. How will the new plan serve residents of my neighborhood if the only "park" improvement will be bathrooms at the McKemy Ballfields? Why do the residents of my neighborhood not have access to McKemy Ballfield when school is not in session? How about making even a small part of the ballfield accessible to the public as a separate mini pocket park with a couple of shade trees and some benches? Where can we meet for small informal neighborhood get-togethers? Where can we go for picnics or to take a break, sit on a bench with small kids or elderly relatives, or hang out outside our homes in a public space away from the street without having to take a drive to a different part of town? Why is my neighborhood excluded from from these normal experiences now, and why are there no plans to change the situation? Why is the only accessible public space in my neighborhood a hot, unshaded school parking lot without seating (Broadmor School)? What use are nice parks in other parts of town if they are not accessible from my neighborhood without a car?

18. I am so grateful to live in a city that cares enough to draft a plan like this. Implementation over the next few years will likely be challenging, but I believe our city can do it. Please continue to seek feedback from Tempe residents. They are a vocal bunch overall and they really care.
19. I applaud how thorough the draft is and how easy it was to understand. Job well done!
20. I appreciate the guiding principles and find the principle "inclusion" especially important and appropriate.
21. I liked that Urban Forestry was included in the plan. We need more trees.
22. I liked the strategy of sustainability. I saw it in assets and capital planning.
23. I love the idea of a spray pad at the library and a destination spray pad for pets. I also applaud incorporating art into the plan. While I read much of the draft plan, I confess that I didn't read it all, and directed most of my attention to aquatics as this is an issue I've been keenly interested in, especially in regards to the loss of the pool at Clark park and limited public access to the McClintock pool. My mantra in this planning continues to be shade and drinking water! I wish there could be a more natural riparian habitat area (like the creek in San Luis Obispo, CA) in the riverbed below or above Tempe Town Lake that would allow for exploration of wildlife, plants, etc. Anything we can do to mitigate climate change or adjust for the increasingly higher temperatures resulting from that is vital. Shade structures with solar panels, continuing to increase our tree canopy, and concessions to more after dark and early morning use of park facilities all seem good steps to continue or increase. As always, I appreciate our city's commitment to inclusion and sustainability. Again, my compliments and thanks to all who worked on this plan.
24. I play basketball in Tempe parks frequently. There are already some severe crowding issues and areas where courts are underused are usually simply because the hoops are in subpar condition and deter people from use.
25. I tried to do this but it got really confusing. They need a toilet for the soccer players at the end of Kiwanis Park. Maybe you can get into this and put this in? I cant !!! Hugs,
26. I was impressed with the mission as it was laid out. The analysis was clear and thoughtfully presented. I appreciated the rationale for proposed next steps and the solutions identified.
27. I was very impressed with the plan! I am new to Tempe and AZ, and was not aware of the planning that went into this. Thank you.
28. I would like there to be sidewalk on all four sides of Dwight park. Right now, there is a sidewalk (walking path) only on 3 sides. It would be nice if there was a full loop, so kids on their scooters or bikes don't have to turn around.
29. I would like to see a plan for how we educate the public on history, nature and reasons behind park and preserve ordinances, current and future.

30. I would like to see more multi-use fields. As a parent of kids in a local sports club, we have found it difficult to get fields for practice in the south Tempe area. There are many different sports groups competing to use them.
31. I'll return to comment on the plan later now that I know it's available as a pdf. That info wasn't given in that incomprehensibly useless "map"
32. I'm excited to see the breadth of research and insights put into the plan in the text portions. As stated earlier, the visuals did not come thru on my device (laptop). I would like to access them at some point if this is a bug in the platform that might get re-released by the city.
33. In solar, we are past pilots. Stop calling solar projects pilots. Pilots imply you are testing them out. You've done enough testing. If you haven't decided that solar is financially viable (which they are - they literally pay for themselves), then hire someone who understands this basic characteristic. With that said, I am tired of seeing "when possible, practical and appropriate." You are avoiding commitment and actively impairing the achievement of our city solar goal.
34. It barely works on Android phone with firefox. Content: color coding of ring and bar charts could be improved
35. It sounds nice, but Tempe leadership has a history of ignoring the voices of residents and deferring to corporate interests, even after great expense and effort to pursue residents' input. It's hard for residents who have experienced this to not be jaded, want better transparency, and have questions, such as, "What are the actual plans? What should residents expect? Will the park in our neighborhood finally get some shade, picnic tables, and security so it's safer and less vandalized?"
36. It sounds to me Tempe.gov does not really want to hear any feedback,
37. Love seeing these kinds of improvements happening!
38. Love this work to maintain value for residents as the city population grows.
39. Make the fields green! Whomever is using them is playing on hard compacted dirt. It is less safe for those using it, increases the risk of allergies and lung problems and it does not present well for the city. The city also offers an adopt a park program. Is it possible to use this program to help maintain the fields?
40. Mid term goal "1a. | Distribute acres of parks per capita equitably within the city" needs to be near term. As the city continues to increase in density, room for parks will continue to become more expensive or difficult to obtain. A map was already included with the presentation and the areas with insufficient access to safe parks are clearly identifiable. Abundant data is already available from the Maricopa Association of Governments Maps & Data page. The city's focus for years now has seemed to be costly megaprojects around downtown Tempe. For example, in the park acres per capita slide, census tract 3187 has

118 acres of park per 10k. Meanwhile, there are at least 7 tracts in the data with less than 10 acres per 10k (mostly focused around the US-60 or Apache Blvd).

41. More turf diamond fields.

42. N/a

43. need to simplify the language so people who don't attend every city meeting can still understand and give feedback. regular citizens don't understand phrases like this: "Provide a critical link in the city's 20-Minute City network." I have no idea what the 20-minute city network is.

44. Needs a provision for citizen review PRIOR to committing to a change. (i.e. shrinking our arterial streets). We do NOT need to be sold a bill of goods that is already decided, signed and sealed. Notification for such review needs to be thorough, not an obscure notice on a website.

45. Overall, we need more shade provided at playground structures.

46. PARK HOURS: The city is pushing to close parks at 10pm instead of 12am, ignoring public input. Of the multiple individual park surveys that the city has done, roughly 1 resident wants to keep park closing times at 12am for every 2 residents that want parks to close at 10pm. Considering the varied interests and desires of park users, 33% wanting to keep parks open until 12am is a \*huge\* percentage. Yet, in a vast majority of situations, the city has disregarded the wishes of those 33% of residents, and restricted park hours. RESTROOMS: The Masterplan focus group highlighted the desire to add restrooms to all parks. The Masterplan focus group stated fields should be well lit and have bathroom access. 49% of survey respondents feel the parks need more bathrooms. 28% of survey respondents said the lack of bathrooms limited their use of parks. There is no mention in the facilities needs portion of this plan that parks need bathrooms. There should be. There is no mention in the facilities investment portion of this plan to build bathrooms. There should be.

MEASUREMENT OF PARK FACILITY AND REC PROGRAM USAGE. The city makes no attempt to measure or report facility usage or program use. This is unacceptable. Which park facilities are overused now? Who knows. Which park facilities are overbooked and unable to be reserved? Who knows. Which rec programs are most popular? Who knows. The city needs to attempt to aggregate that information. Some investment should be made in expanding the facilities and programs that are most used, but we don't know what those are. The city makes LOS recommendations and facility investment recommendations without any data to back it up. Where is the data that shows the city should invest in additional pickleball courts instead of bathrooms or additional park lighting? Where is the data that shows the city should invest in additional fitness courses instead of bathrooms or additional park lighting?

COMMUNITY PARKS The master plan lists restrooms as a requirement for a



Community Park. The city should not list a park as a Community Park or invest in it like a Community Park, unless it has a bathroom. The Community Park without a bathroom is just an overinvested Neighborhood Park. No bathroom makes it difficult get dropped off at a Community Park off for 2-3 hours. No bathroom makes it difficult to ride bikes with your kids to a park and use the playground. No bathroom makes it difficult to hold a sports practice. Bathrooms should be a priority (or a least mentioned) in this Master Plan, but they're not.

PARK AND FIELD LIGHTING Lit and unlit facilities should be listed separately in the LOS needs charts. We live in Arizona where half the year, facilities need to be lit to be usable. This is not reflected in this plan. For example, I don't find it credible that we have an excess of lit soccer fields. We may have an excess of unlit fields. Maybe we should light more fields. Park and field lighting should be analyzed in the master plan, but it's not.

47. Parks are important. People need space to be outdoors. The space should be safe from conflict.
48. Parks need security oversight. They're becoming unusable, particularly for dog walking. Unleashed dogs are becoming the norm.
49. Petersen Park is incorrectly named on the map as Peterson Park. It is important to note that the beautiful Victorian House to the west of the park was built by a Danish immigrant, Niels Petersen who with his wife, are also buried in the park. The Petersen House is part of Tempe's Historic Museum thus the park is an ideal stop before or after a visit to the Petersen House itself. (Currently the Petersen House is only open for special occasions such as the Danish Christmas each December and for special requests. Hopefully, it will be open each week during the year as it was in the past.)
50. Please be sure that the comments I provided in a Google Document in the Chat during the Sustainability Commission meeting are included in the summary of comments on this draft.
51. Please build more pickleball courts. The few courts currently in Tempe are in high demand. Wait times for courts seem to be increasing and are often long as this sport is gaining popularity with people of all ages and abilities. To save costs, existing tennis courts could be converted to pickleball and new pickleball courts could be added by extending existing courts. (Plenty of space is available at the Tempe Sports Complex). Please help to keep Tempe families, neighbors, and visitors healthy and happy by providing more courts for this fun sport. Added bonus: Tempe tourism would get a profitable boost if Tempe could advertise plentiful pickleball play.
52. Public safety is important or people won't use the park. As climate change increases we need more splash pads and places where people can cool off.
53. Rather than thinking about recreation, why not act on the needs of the growing homeless and poor population in Tempe. It is heartbreaking to see

people in such need: facilities to care for them, training programs, shelter-- those are the real needs in Tempe. Those who want to have "recreation" improved have the resources to access the multitude of sites available throughout the greater Phoenix area.

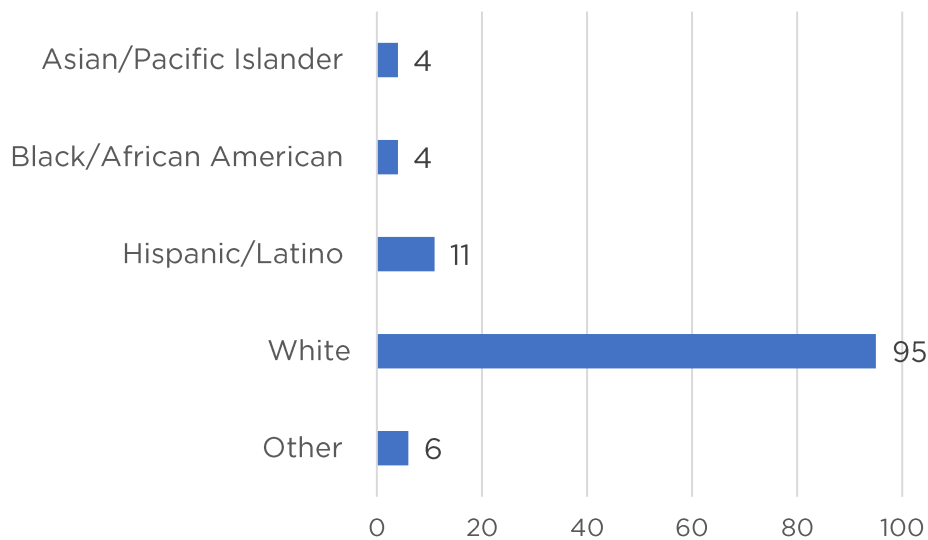
54. Regarding comments on noise, our specific concerns are with the parks surrounding Tempe Town Lake and noise levels with the 202. The constant roar can be deafening now and with the projection growth scenarios described in this plan, it can only get worse. We would like to see sound barrier walls (or something similar) be erected as has been done in many locations around the greater Phoenix areas.
55. SE Tempe is largely ignored in this plan. Perhaps due to limited citizen input because we feel ignored. Definitely need more year round, affordable entry public, all day access public pools.
56. seems thorough and reasonable recommendations
57. Shade. Shade. Shade. 2020 was ridiculously hot. Anything to mitigate heat and help keep people cool.
58. Sliding fee for permits/fees or discount for income or other special populations. Fees for Ramada use waived for users who live in neighborhood. Explain Park anticipated use as part of decision criteria used (impact) when new developments/builds or other that increase density be used. Is there a formula, for every x amount of population added then x park infrastructure contribution by developer? Increase population by geography must contribute or provide park infrastructure. Density impacts park use and therefore neighborhoods. The plan addresses density but this needs to be elevated in narrative. How does master plan overlay with general building or density growth planning (maybe some visuals). Developers need to be part of park infrastructure needs.
59. Sports like disc golf have an extremely low barrier to entry for new players as they require almost no specialized equipment. The fact that you can get started with a set of discs for less than \$20 makes it one of the most inclusive sports out there. Not to mention that disc golf courses are one of the most sustainable sports facilities in existence, they integrate readily with the existing plants, terrain and wildlife of an area and requires no additional water and little to no maintenance. The nature of the sport makes the players inherently vested in the care and stewardship of the course. Disc golf is a community sport that helps knit groups of people together across economic, political and age gaps adding to the resiliency of the overall community by bringing people together in a way that encourages them to talk and listen to each other.
60. staff should resign or pay attention to citizen needs.
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63. The graphics-intense Story Map format was pretty, but the information density was low. I would have appreciated a text-based alternative.
64. The interactive story map is extremely well done! Congratulations for making it work seamlessly. Again, I'm disappointed that officials seem to believe that there is an overabundance of tennis courts available to the public, when in reality it is quite the contrary. There are FOUR tennis courts truly available to the public, and they are at the far ends of town - two at Harelson on the South border with Chandler, and two at Indian Bend on the North border with Scottsdale. Those four courts have a very high level of productivity, and there are always people waiting to use them. Kiwanis Rec is a great facility, and it could become a solution to the lack of accessible courts, but unfortunately the mission for them at the moment seems to be exclusively for clinics and such.
65. The master plan needs an element that prescribes innovative and bold design solutions that respond to all of the data and design principals. We have far too much bland, ordinary elements and overall mediocrity in our built environment. The plan should dictate this type of design leadership.
66. The metric for prediction of future usage of recreational areas is quite off. For instance, pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America and the Tempe courts are wildly overcrowded every weeknight and morning. This is not reflected in this plan. The anticipated courts needed to be built are shockingly low for community demand.
67. The plan could use a search feature and a means of accessing all content within the plan as a single PDF document for more easy reference. If those are available I was unable to determine how to utilize them after spending quite a bit of time trying to.
68. There are a few important things to consider for your discussion of Natural Areas - (1) they additionally provide unique landscapes, connection to place, and community pride. (2) I don't like them being classified as "unmaintained." Tempe's natural areas have been denuded by use and a lack of habitat connectivity. They need to be actively restored and maintained with use of ecological knowledge and native species. Your Sustainability section also takes a very weak stance on anything related to biodiversity conservation. I only found 2-3 action items related to it and both had "consider" as their action word. Please commit to providing habitat and habitat connectivity. The system is not sustainable without a healthy, native environment.
69. There are massive amounts of information here. Do you expect me to review the entire documents on my spare time? Since there are massive amounts of information, I may have missed it but am not sure how the disparities between the areas with more and less access to the parks and recs facilities are addressed in the plan.

70. There is a very noticeable lack of shade at many parks, in addition to inadequate safety patrols and lighting. I have read reports about this from third-party observers in addition to noticing it myself.
71. There's a section about inclusion, but then later you show a plan without explanation on reasoning where you show plans for cutting facilities that people of color overwhelmingly use. It's a bad look.
72. Very well done!
73. Where appropriate I would add a PAR course or some PARcourse stations to as many of the parks as possible. They are low maintenance and can be enjoyed by the old as well as the young. I noticed there are seniors from our neighborhood getting exercise by walking the perimeter of Palmer Park daily. Some have aides that assist but having PAR stations to stop at might be helpful as exercise stops brain shrinkage usually experienced by seniors.. If the Evans field is not going to be used anytime soon why not incorporate it into the park until it is used? Even just a few stations would be helpful.  
<http://parcourse.info/>
74. While the economy is strong now, we have seen many booms and busts in The Valley. The city could attract millions in economic impact through youth sports by improving the existing complexes (i.e., Benedict, Tempe Sports Complex, etc.). I invite the park planners, the economic development folks, and elected officials to visit Reach 11 or Scottsdale Sports Complex on most weekends to observe thousands of people come to these venues while leaving millions of dollars in hotels, restaurants, gas stations, and more. Even a pandemic couldn't stop these economic engines.
75. You are trying to make something that should be fairly simple as difficult to understand as possible. Typical of this city to try to fool people that you are actually doing something for residents. What a bunch of bs.
76. Your core Master plan was voted on by 11000 residents and passed with only 5000 votes. It does not represent anything other than the city's problem in advertising major votes. This P&R plan caters to ASU and developers and brings nothing for the residents. North tempe is essentially unusable with these demographic differences. The north holds the part time rich students that won't be here when school is over and homeless that pitch tents at QT. Now you are proposing older taxpayers pay for the recreation of students that won't be here 4 years from now . The preamble is full of racial connotations and demands for equality as you raise fees on the working class and give developers tax free admission for 8 years. It is the same as building glass and concrete building for miles and then sponsoring a global warming march. It presents itself as propaganda for developer profits. There are now studies pointing to an uninhabitable metropolitian in a very short time. Your RFPs did nothing for the environment , nothing for climate change and was a negative financial hit on the working class. The city's current construction plans

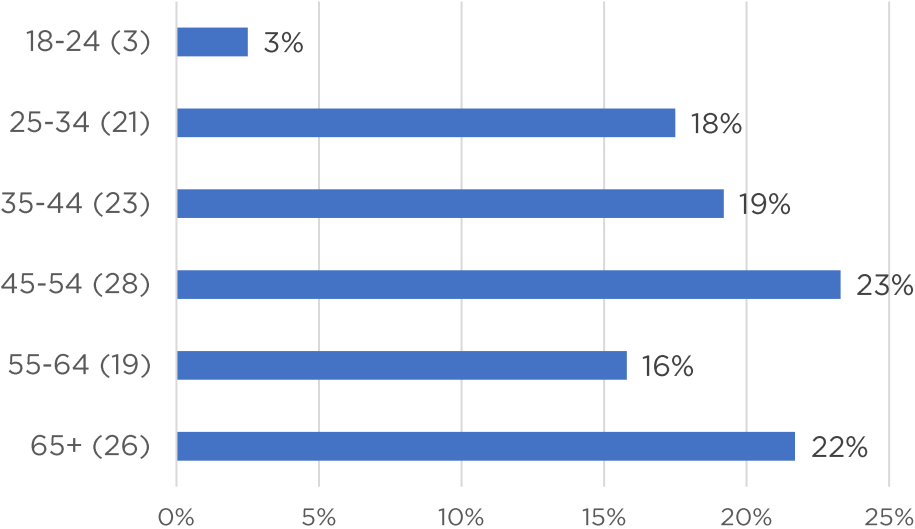
destroyed quality of life for residents for the last 5-10 years and the upcoming  
broadway curve is at least 4 years long. For current residents , the city  
sacrificed our taxes and our quality of life at the demand of outsiders. Mill ave  
was a major route from north to south tempe. It's now unusable. Rural road is  
a major temp corridor and the north has been built into unsustainable density.  
The removal of lanes on McClintock was done the same way as this P&R plan.  
Increase traffic and density to build a bike path because of a couple hundred  
comments on media. Now north tempe gets all the money and south tempe  
will pay for it. They get Whole Foods , we get jack in the box, 15 burger joints  
and grocery shopping at your own risk. Somehow I miss the equality in these  
moves. This is classic south africa or chicago and it's a failed plan. Invest my  
time and 1000's of my dollars in property taxes in something that works,  
something I can use. I find it odd that your plans cater to increased density  
after one of the worst pandemics in our lifetime. None of this makes any  
sense. But it's not proposed by anyone that's from here. That is clear when  
you out in ship shaped building at tempe town lake in the middle of the  
sonoran desert. Now we add zip lines for students , trolleys for developers  
and increased fees for little people Statistics showing we are the youngest  
demographic in the metro area followed by high density disabled residents  
makes no sense. These comments change nothing. It's a big club and we ain't  
in it .

5. Race (select all that apply)



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6. Your age group



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