



## PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY – NOVEMBER 2021

### I. Background

The City of Tempe works to offer opportunities for play, shaded spaces, and comfort in our neighborhood parks. Towards that effort, up to two ramadas, upgraded lighting, trees, soccer field lighting improvements, and full rubber surfacing of the playground area are all planned for Goodwin Park. If there is not a majority support, in the form of written or online responses, for the addition of a picnic ramada, the city will explore additional shade in the park.

### II. Outreach

Several methods were used to provide information to the public regarding the project, meeting and opportunities for input.

- Two direct mail postcards were sent to 951 households in the project area, Warner Road to southern city border and Price Road to Lakeshore Drive. The first with meeting and survey information and the second as a reminder to provide comments.
- Email notification to neighborhood and homeowners' association contacts inviting them to attend the meeting or to comment online and share with their neighborhoods,
- Email notification to relevant Boards and Commissions inviting them to attend the meeting or to comment online.
- An open house was held on Oct. 16 at Goodwin Park with approximately 12 attendees and a virtual public meeting was held on Oct. 18 with 4 attendees. A recording of the virtual meeting was made available online.
- The topic was posted on the project website for input from Oct. 16 through Nov. 1, 2021.
- Project website was available.

Below is a summary of digital outreach that provided information to the public regarding the meeting, project and opportunities for input:

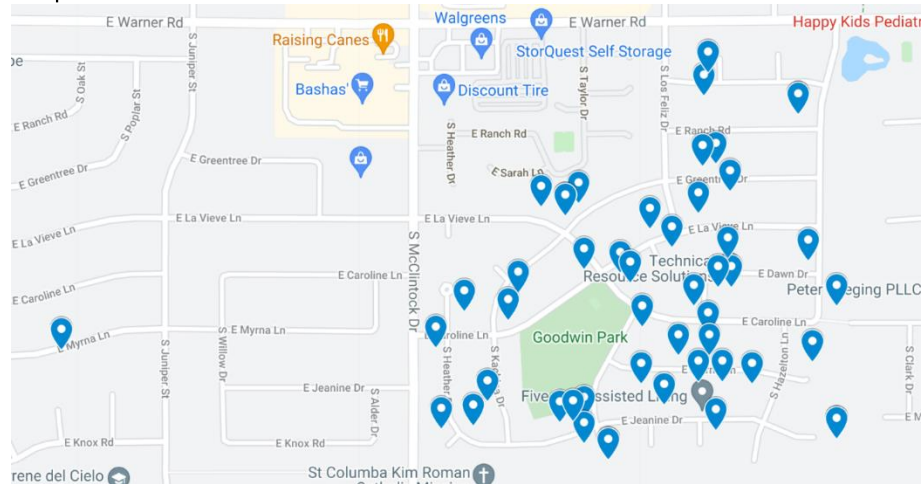
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10/15/21 – public meeting. Impressions: 54

10/28/21 – online input reminder. Impressions: 74

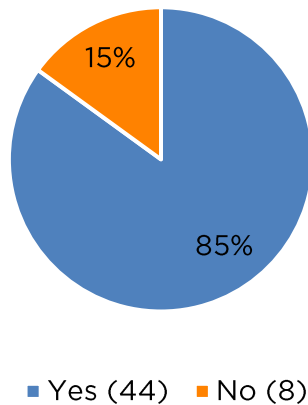
### III. Survey Responses

Map:



Total responses: 52

#### 1. Do you support the addition of a picnic ramada in Goodwin Park?



Total responses: 52

#### Why or Why Not?

##### Yes responses:

1. Adds shade and a place to sit.
2. Extra shade in AZ it's always a good idea.
3. I enjoy picnic ramadas at other parks and think they will add to Goodwin Park's good reputation. I like seeing the park full of people relaxing and having fun together.
4. It would be nice to have a shaded seating area to eat at throughout the day, as opposed to the current situation of unshaded picnic tables.
5. Because there is not one available now.
6. increase usability
7. Our park is used by many other neighborhoods so two covered picnic areas would enhance the usability into early summer.
8. I say yes because kids would like shade and would be a nice place to rest, have a picnic, and meet.
9. It would be a nice addition to the park.

10. I would enjoy walking to the park and having a picnic with my family. If there was a shaded ramada, we would be more likely to make a picnic. I also think a ramada would be good for a small gathering, such as a birthday party celebration. The park has a great playground and basketball court, but the ramada is something some of us older or less active neighbors could enjoy.
11. Actually would prefer shaded area, not necessarily a ramada
12. There is not a lot of areas to have kid parties
13. I think having a ramada in the right place will allow families to gather and cook and eat together
14. Having shade for a picnic area is definitely needed. My family and many others like to have picnics in the park, but the lack of shade makes it too hot at times.
15. I think there needs to be some shade over eating/sitting areas for families. This park is used year round and would make it more pleasant during the hotter months.
16. A nice shade structure supports family gathering.
17. Great for picnic get togethers. Personally reminds me of where I grew up and we had many armadas in the park. They were great for birthdays, reunions, etc.
18. great playground so we can do birthday parties there. will there be reservation/sign ups for this?
19. More shaded seating is needed at the park.
20. More trees is always a plus. The rubberized play surface makes it safer for children. This updates two of the ramadas that we have to ones that will be used.
21. An additional seating area would be a welcome upgrade to the park.
22. It will make it more comfortable for family gatherings'
23. We need functional shade.
24. This would encourage more family picnics if there was more shade structures
25. Numerous activities would utilize a ramada.
26. Additional places to sit comfortably is always a good thing. Additional covered seating next to the playground for parents would be optimal, but it should match the existing shade structures... not the options provided. With the options provided... they should be placed away from the playground (A & C).
27. Shade is needed in Arizona for health
28. Children and adults need protection from the sun.
29. I think the added shading is a benefit to park.
30. Having shade and tables to sit at would be great for family picnicking or just sitting and socializing with neighbors.

**No responses:**

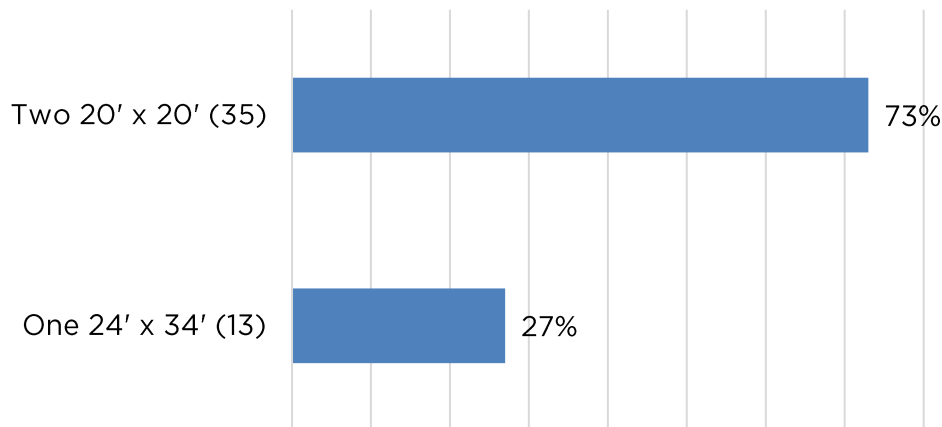
1. Ramadas are great for birthday parties and get togethers. However, I would prefer if it were a shade structure.
2. As a resident of Alta Mira and frequenter of Goodwin Park - why are we fixing what's not broken? We have a lovely, code-complaint, and pleasant park for all citizens to enjoy. Why are we using this money to improve things that are already great, while inconveniencing all the residents in the meantime? I would

prefer this money go towards something of greater need than our fortunate, privileged nook within the community.

3. There are already picnic areas available and one of these is already shaded picnic table area. We don't want to loose more grass area.
4. Grassy area is more used/useful
5. I don't believe it's needed and would prefer to utilize the funding on different improvements.
6. We would rather have more shade over the existing tables instead of a Ramada. Please do not put full rubber surfacing in the park. Goodwin Park playground is most popular since we have sand. My granddaughters play in the sand every time that we go to the park. It is safer to jump off a swing or the zip line into sand instead of rubberized surfacing. They build tunnels, castles, towers etc. When we are at the park there are always children having awesome play in the sand. Please, please please keep the sand.
7. An additional shade structure would be a nice to have over some of the picnic benches, but I don't really want a ramada. They don't let rain through so the space underneath gets dirty and birds roost in them. Also, the low ceilings make the space feel much more closed off. For larger parks, like Kiwanis, ramadas make sense because people plan large parties there and the ramadas are big and probably more maintained. For a small park like Goodwin, it makes less sense, especially as the proposed ramadas are too small for an event anyways.
8. would like to preserve the open space of the park, less concrete and more green, please.

**Other comment:**

1. If the neighborhood community wants a ramada then maybe adding one ramada nearest the playground is okay. What I enjoy most about the park is the open grassy spaces and the trees.
2. If there is support from the neighborhood, Goodwin Park can receive one 24' x 34' ramada or two 20' x 20' ramadas. Would you prefer one large or two smaller ramadas?

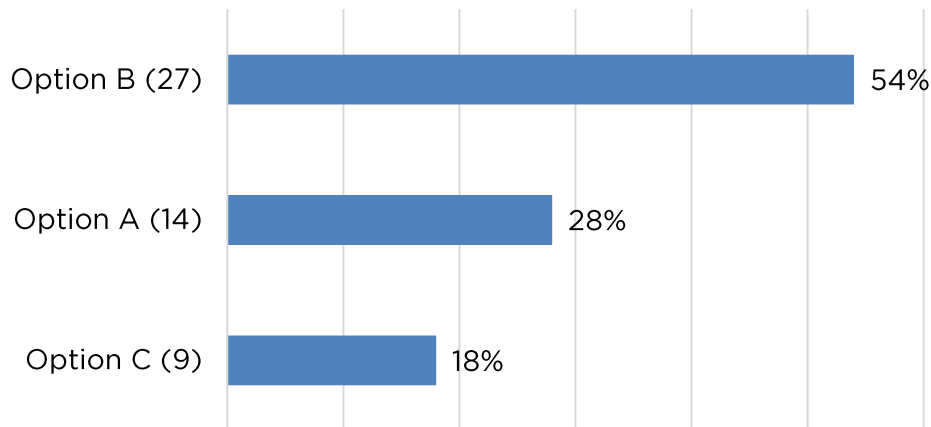


Total responses: 48

3. Please choose your favorite ramada location from the three options shown on the map:

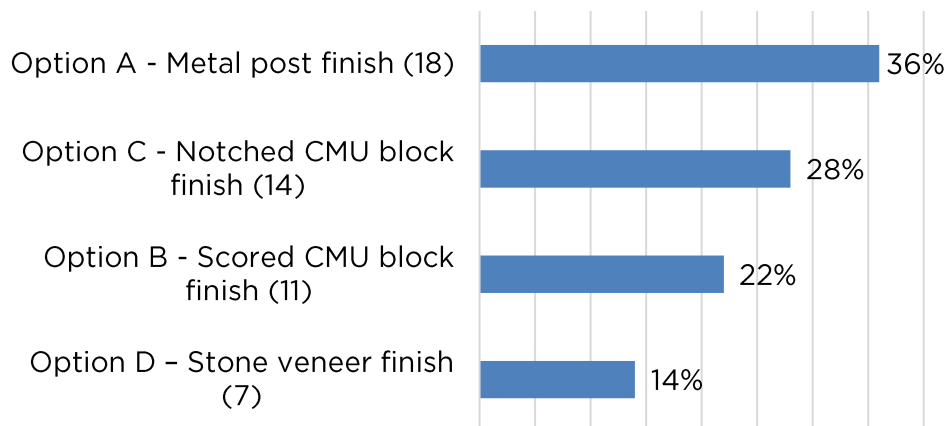


GOODWIN PARK SITE PLAN AND RAMADA LAYOUT LOCATION OPTIONS



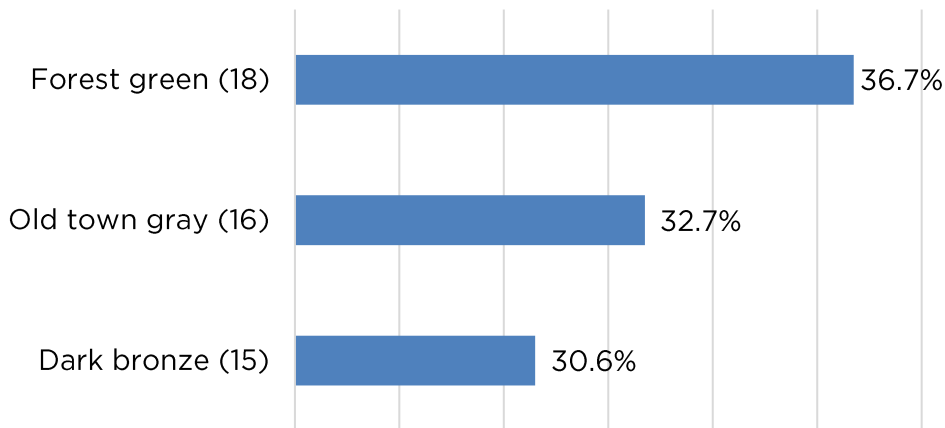
Total responses: 50

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



Total responses: 50

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

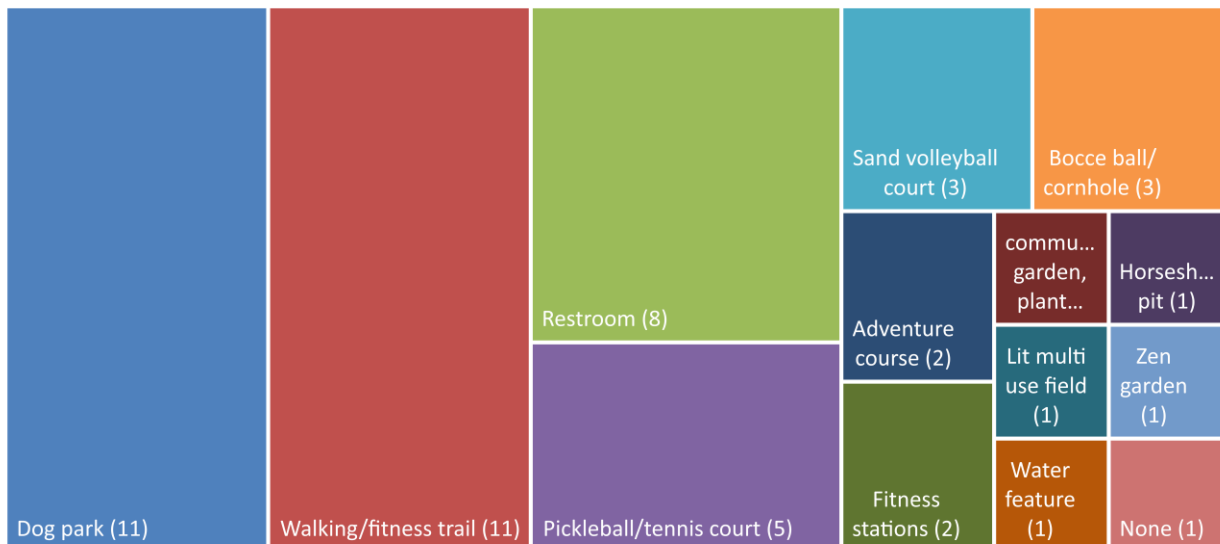


Total responses:

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

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

Please select the enhanced amenity you would most like to see in Goodwin Park:

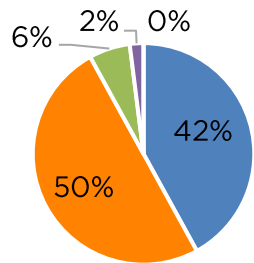


Please select the enhanced amenity you would **least** like to see in Goodwin Park:



7. Our objective is to provide clean, safe, and friendly parks. Please rate how we are doing on a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 means very dissatisfied and 5 means very satisfied.

**Cleanliness of Goodwin Park**



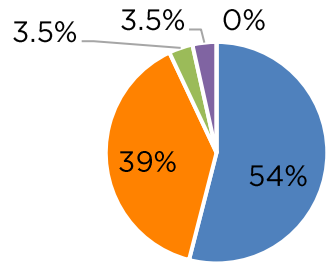
- Very Satisfied (23)
- Satisfied (27)
- No opinion/neutral (3)
- Dissatisfied (1)
- Very dissatisfied (0)

Total responses: 54

**Comments on cleanliness:**

1. There's dog feces along the trees and edges of the park
2. Need to check the trash more frequently; especially after a weekend
3. The garbage cans have been known to stink. I think they should be cleaned regularly, not just emptied.
4. frequent garbage and really smelly garbage cans
5. We try to pick up litter and clean up the sand area a bit when we're there to help.

### Safety of Goodwin Park



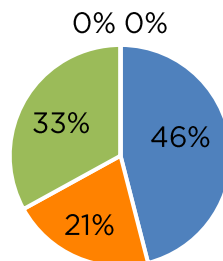
- Very Satisfied (29)
- Satisfied (21)
- No opinion/neutral (2)
- Dissatisfied (2)
- Very dissatisfied (0)

Total responses: 54

#### Comments on safety:

1. The most dangerous thing at the park is the dogs that are off leash, yet I do not want a dedicated place for off-leash dogs. I would prefer that people keep their dogs leashed.
2. sketchy folks at night; coyotes
3. don't know
4. continues to be source of mosquitos

### Friendliness of the park staff



- Very Satisfied (22)
- Satisfied (10)
- No opinion/neutral (16)
- Dissatisfied (0)
- Very dissatisfied (0)

Total responses: 48

#### Comments on friendliness:

1. Never met or seen any park staff
2. On the few occasions that I have talked with the staff, they have been friendly and took my concerns seriously.
3. I have never seen/met them
4. I haven't met one.
5. Dont' know
6. I have never encountered the park staff
7. never met anyone
8. no contact
9. Never see park personnel



## 8. Additional Comments

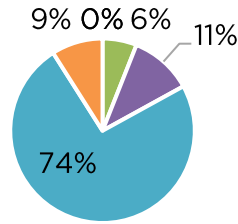
1. Could one of the two suggested ramadas be made into a shaded sand-play area instead of having picnic tables? I would not like to see a restroom at the park because it would change the character from a neighborhood park where Alta Mira residents can walk home to use their own bathrooms to a place that requires maintenance and vigilance; however, since Goodwin has turned into a soccer park for the city, those players and their fans likely need restrooms. I would prefer that the City not use our neighborhood park for city sports, if that is an option. I chose location A for the ramada because it is farthest away from the playground. In that way, the people at the playground would be less likely to hog the space, and it would allow for more private conversations for those people using it. I chose the metal posts because I think they would fit in best with the playground equipment, and they will make the ramadas look more open. The other choices looked too heavy for our light-hearted park.
2. Current lighting looks like a prison yard. It is too bright and on too long. Please consider light pollution. Lighting is available to light paths, not the sky.
3. DO NOT REMOVE THE SAND! I have lived in Alta Mira since 2006 and ALL the young kids love playing in the sand. I can't tell you how many hours I spent with my kid at the park...PLAYING in the sand!
4. For ramada locations, I prefer Location A and Location B. I have lived in Alta Mira 31 years. The addition of trees and covered playground equipment has been a huge benefit to us and surrounding areas. Please call me about an off-shoot of Cheyenne, Wyoming's Botanic Garden Children's Garden.
5. I am most interested in keeping the park as open and grassy as possible, minimizing any concrete that adds to the heat island. The grass has dirt patches that could be better maintained.
6. I love this park. It is well used by people in the neighborhood and outside the neighborhood. Many neighbors are concerned about sand vs "pavement". My only input is that sand provides important sensory activities for young children. It would be nice to see more things in the park that would attract tweens and teenagers. An adventure course might just do that, the current equipment is really for younger kids.
7. I really hope the city reconsiders removing the sand from the play area. All the kids absolutely love it - and you will change the entire nature of their play if removed. Bad idea.
8. I think you should add climbing equipment like Estrada Park and you should add a volleyball court.
9. I would like a large sand box area added to the park with shade I'd you and going to proceed with rubberized asphalt
10. I would like to have a good combination of rubberized play surface and sand in the playground area. I don't like the sand surface much personally, but my kids did when they were small and I know many families don't want to lose sand entirely.
11. I would like two 20'x20' ramadas - locations preferred are Option A and Option B.
12. I'd like to keep the sand!
13. Lots of ideas about the rubber surface vs. the sand surface. Please listen to the residents who utilize those areas.

14. Love the idea of the rubberized flooring on the playground.
15. Please do not remove the sand for the park and replace it with rubberized material. The sand is a play option just like the rest of the play equipment. One of my children has major social anxiety and allowing her to play in the sand with other children (even if it's just parallel play) allows her to relax and sometimes even speak to one or two of the other kids doing the same thing she's doing. Please don't prioritize money over social development.
16. Please don't take away the sand!!!! We all love it and so do our kids. Our whole neighborhood has been upset about this and no one really cares about adding Ramadas.
17. PLEASE DON'T REMOVE THE SAND FROM THE PLAYGROUND AREA. It is our favorite feature of the park and well used. The kids fall off the equipment all of the time and bounce right up without a scratch, where as rubberized pavement is really hot, scratchy, and less malleable. Also, the sand is so well liked, that not only do the neighborhood kids play in it as it is a huge collaborative space and sensory stimulator, but folks in the area come to our park because of the sand. If folks need or want a paved park, Estrada is really close, so they absolutely have options. I can appreciate that it is difficult to push a wheelchair through sand, which is why I am really delighted to think about maximizing everyone's experience by adding additional sidewalk around the curved part of the playground, adding play equipment that non-walking folks can enjoy, and including sensory experiences that can be enjoyed by folks with mental disabilities. I want everyone to be able to enjoy a sand playground, and paving it targets a very limited part of accessibility, diversity and inclusion while creating a poorer experience for everyone else. Seems like the wrong mindset. On a different note, I think the idea to create a walking path around the park where it meets the houses is really good. There are several folks that like to walk laps around the park, so making it a circular path rather than a U shape makes a lot of sense. Also, it opens up the area for some base model bleachers some day, so folks have a ready made spot to watch the sports practices and games instead of always bringing camping chairs. A walking path there would also invite wheelchairs into the tree lined, quieter area of the park, thus making the park more accessible. For other future improvements, I think some creature comforts might be nice additions to the park. It is a small park and folks really like the open grassy areas, so probably best not to add too many large amenities. Instead winter grass (with less thorns), a unisex bathroom, additional water fountains, and more seating (like the aforementioned bleachers) would be pleasant improvements. Goodwin Park is very special to the neighborhood, as it is a real community space where I am grateful to enjoy socializing with my neighbors. Also, I am delighted that it hosts nightly basketball games and field practices for the community. Thank you for all of your work maintaining and improving it!
18. Please leave an area for sand for the children to play in.
19. Please leave the sand in the playground as it is. Our kids love playing in it. A rubberized playground seems to rigid. Don't you remember being a kid and how much fun the sand was to play in? I know it's not concrete but who wants a "concrete jungle" to play in. We don't have the luxury of going to the beach to build sandcastles as a land locked state. Also, if it must be a ramada, it would be

better to have the one with the poles because the column designs are always riddled with pigeons and bird poop. The poles look like less ground for the pigeons to land on.

20. Sprinkler timings are not maintained or adjusted per season or time of day. For example, sprinklers are on in the evening when the park would be mostly used.
21. Thank you for upgrading these parks. It makes living in this area a real community.
22. The LED lighting over the playground is too harsh/bright. Not necessary for crime prevention. Lower level illumination would serve to keep things safe and make the night time use more aesthetically pleasing.
23. Two ramadas allows two groups to have a picnic at the same time. I prefer options A and B for the ramada location. B allows another shaded place for parents to watch kids at the playground. C would be a bad choice since this space is not part of park's contiguous grassy area used for all kinds of play; this area would be ideal for any future park additions like a volleyball court. That leaves A as the second-best ramada location: near the soccer field and the surround trees prevent the ramada from breaking up any of the park's game-play areas. The western corner of the park would also be a good location: near the soccer field and surrounded by trees - there is already a picnic table there. The metal post finish would match the other shade structures at the park. The posts and roof should match the blue and white colors of the other shade structures. My two children say the sand is used at least as much as the playground equipment for play. PLEASE do not rubberize the playground area. Any sand area must be shaded to be useful or it will only get used during the winter months. For future amenities, please add playground equipment targeted at older kids, like a climbing wall. The playground is currently targeted at younger children.
24. Very happy with our park.
25. We have lived in this neighborhood for over 35 years. We have seen the wonderful improvements to our park. They have been great! The playground area is wonderful as it is. Please do not change the sand to rubberized surfacing. Everyone we talk to comes to our Goodwin park playground since it has sand which is very friendly for young children. I am a senior and I walk carefully and do not fear the sand. Please let the children continue to have their sand play. Please leave the sand!

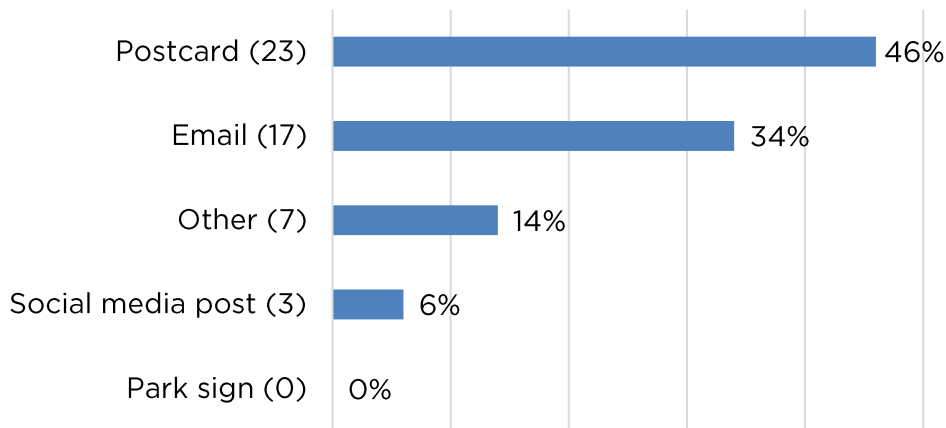
26. The following question is voluntary. If you choose to respond, please mark all that apply. Race/Ethnicity:



- American Indian/Alaskan Native (0)
- African American/Black (0)
- Asian/Pacific Islander (2)
- Hispanic/Latino (4)
- White (26)
- Other (3)

Total responses: 35

27. How did you find out about the Goodwin Park project?



Other:

- I live in Alta Mira
- Neighborhood association
- Neighborhood email
- Neighborhood Group email
- Neighborhood list serve
- postcard AND park sign
- Website

Total responses: 35

#### IV. Emails

1. **October 11, 2021** - I am writing to you regarding the Goodwin Park updates. I am so upset to hear you will be changing it to a full rubber surface. My children and I live just down the street from the park and play there a lot. They LOVE making sand castles and playing in the sand. It is always nice that when they run and fall they fall into the sand. We have been to the new park just North of Goodwin Park and though it is nice my kids always end up with scraped knees from running and falling on that surface. I hope that the city will leave some parks with sand, Goodwin being one of them so the kids still are able to play in the sand for fun and as a sensory stimulation. Thank you for taking a community member's input. I do hope that if you do take out the sand you still make an area with sand so children can still play in the sand. I know that with the park being changed we will most likely find other parks to drive to that do have sand which is unfortunate when it is down our street.