



Via Email Only

May 30, 2023

Meeting Summary

Corn Palace Park

RE: Virtual Community Meeting #1

Date: May 11, 2023

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Attendees: City of Sunnyvale (City):

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Community Members: 52 attendees

The purpose of this meeting was to introduce the project, present existing conditions, and receive input from attendees. A formal presentation was followed by a polling exercise for community members to vote on preferred park uses and features. Attendees also had the opportunity to ask questions and share comments during the meeting. Results from the polling exercise and additional comments received are noted below.

Polling Exercise Summary

Community members expressed a strong preference for a park that supports primarily passive uses. An open turf area, a playground, and a pollinator garden were highly preferred park features. A majority of attendees did not feel splash play, a restroom, sports courts, and WiFi were important amenities to provide at this park. In general, community members envision the park to be a clean, safe, green, and relaxing space they can take their dogs to. (For detailed polling results, see attached.)

Additional comments received

Primary comments and concerns expressed by attendees included preference for a small dog park and concerns regarding safety, privacy, access, and parking.

Input is summarized below and responses provided are *italicized*.

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Dog Park

- Many community members in the neighborhood have dogs. Consider a small dog play area located near the soundwall to mitigate noise concerns.
- If no dog park is provided, will dogs be allowed in the park?
 - o *Dogs are typically allowed on-leash at all public parks.*

Safety, Privacy, Access, and Parking

- Will there be fencing around the park?
 - o *The existing perimeter fence is temporary and will be removed when the park opens. If there is a play area, fencing will likely be provided around the play area.*
- Will the park provide parking?
 - o *It was noted there is on-street parking available along Lily Avenue and Toyon Avenue. If it is determined that additional off-street parking is needed, it should be noted that it would come at the expense of park space.*
- Are the existing parking spaces for the HOA use or public park use?
 - o *Private streets in the HOA area include Public Access Easements and the street parking spaces are identified as "Guest Parking."*
- Can gated-access be provided where the park is adjacent to residences?
 - o *There aren't currently plans to fence or gate off any side of the park as this is a public park.*
- Existing narrow, private streets (Vinemaple Terrace and Valonia Oaks Terrace) may become through-streets for park visitors and become less safe for kids at play
- Increased foot traffic on narrow, private streets may impact residents' privacy
- Encourage people to walk to the park as there may be a parking issue if many people drive to the park
- A parking lot may not be necessary if the park doesn't provide large-scale athletic amenities.
- Consider trees or hedges as a visual screen between the park and homes directly adjacent to it

Additional Comments

- Can a historical plaque acknowledging the history of Corn Palace be provided?
 - o *A plaque has been fabricated and will be installed in the park.*
- The Harmony Community currently maintains the area between the sidewalk and the street on 3 sides of the park. Should this responsibility be handed off to the City?
 - o *Formal requests should be made to the City's property administration.*
- This site has been a location for illegal fireworks in the past. Can security be provided here on July 4th?
 - o *Requests should be made to the City's Public Safety Services department.*

The information above is Callander Associates' understanding of items discussed at the meeting. Callander Associates is proceeding with the project based on this understanding.

Submitted by:



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Callander Associates
cc: All attendees

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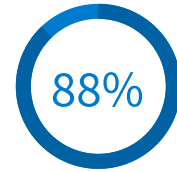
Activities

52

Participants

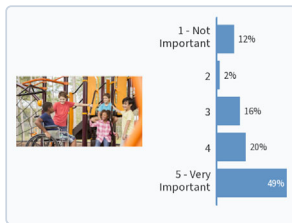
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Average responses



Average engagement

Playground



Response options

Count Percentage

1 - Not Important

6 12%

2

1 2%

3

8 16%

4

10 20%

5 - Very Important

24 49%

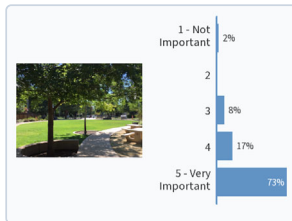


Engagement

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Responses

Open Turf Area



Response options

Count Percentage

1 - Not Important

1 2%

2

0 0%

3

4 8%

4

8 17%

5 - Very Important

35 73%

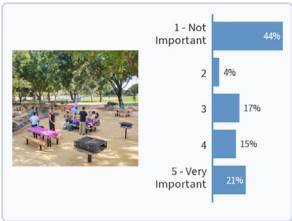


Engagement

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Responses

Picnic Area



Response options

1 - Not Important

2

3

4

5 - Very Important

Count Percentage

21 44%

2 4%

8 17%

7 15%

10 21%

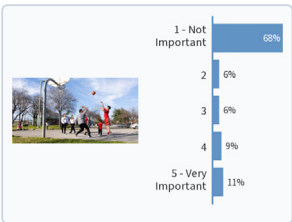


Engagement

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Responses

Half Court Basketball



Response options

1 - Not Important

2

3

4

5 - Very Important

Count Percentage

32 68%

3 6%

3 6%

4 9%

5 11%

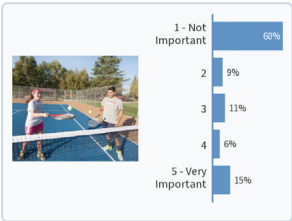


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Responses

Single Tennis Court



Response options

1 - Not Important

2

3

4

5 - Very Important

Count Percentage

28 60%

4 9%

5 11%

3 6%

7 15%

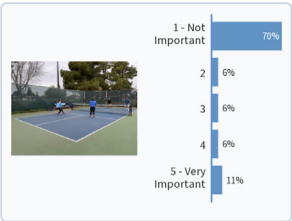


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Responses

Pickleball



Response options

1 - Not Important

2

3

4

5 - Very Important

Count Percentage

33 70%

3 6%

3 6%

3 6%

5 11%

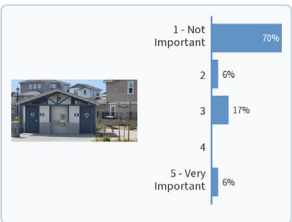


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Responses

Restroom



Response options

1 - Not Important

2

3

4

5 - Very Important

Count Percentage

33 70%

3 6%

8 17%

0 0%

3 6%

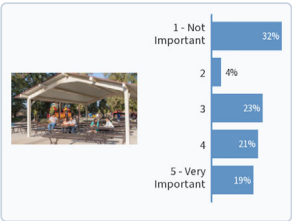


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Responses

Shade Structure



Response options

1 - Not Important

2

3

4

5 - Very Important

Count Percentage

15 32%

2 4%

11 23%

10 21%

9 19%

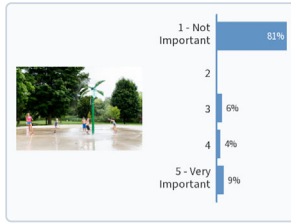


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Responses

Splash Play



Response options

Count Percentage

1 - Not Important

38 81%

2

0 0%

3

3 6%

4

2 4%

5 - Very Important

4 9%

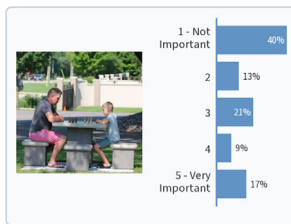


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Responses

Game Tables



Response options

Count Percentage

1 - Not Important

19 40%

2

6 13%

3

10 21%

4

4 9%

5 - Very Important

8 17%

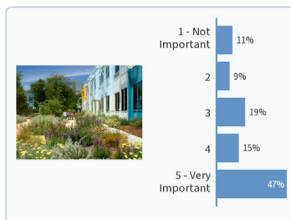


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Responses

Pollinator Garden



Response options

Count Percentage

1 - Not Important

5 11%

2

4 9%

3

9 19%

4

7 15%

5 - Very Important

22 47%

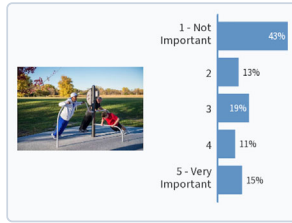


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Responses

Fitness Equipment



Response options

1 - Not Important

2

3

4

5 - Very Important

Count Percentage

20 43%

6 13%

9 19%

5 11%

7 15%

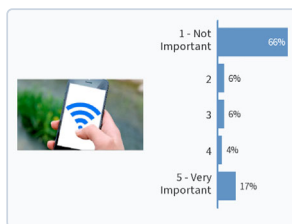


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Responses

Wi-Fi



Response options

1 - Not Important

2

3

4

5 - Very Important

Count Percentage

31 66%

3 6%

3 6%

2 4%

8 17%

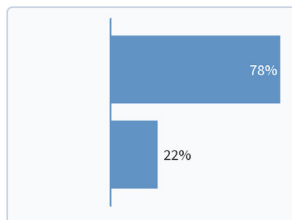


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Responses

Intensity of Use



Response options



Passive Use

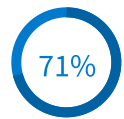


Active Use

Count Percentage

29 78%

8 22%



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Responses

One word to describe how you envision the park!



Responses

Safe safe greenery No dogs Safe

open Treesssssss clean Safe

bathroom welcoming plants green

green walk space trees friendly Zen

Stroll child play area green Peaceful

bright open Clean secure Dogs

Green Quiet Kids open clean

children quiet SoundBuffer/break warm

Garden clean relaxing clean

hahaha-moreDOGS drug-free friendly

dog History Green space safe clean

children family Peaceful green

Trees+green, open, clean! Sound buffer/ breaks

Safe Dogs clean safe

History of Sunnyvale - peaceful Safe family

safe Dogs clean LOL more dogs Dogs

Waterfalls

child play area , kid friendly, green walk space, bathroom

Nature Trees! relaxing Kids

Green, peaceful, educated Inclusive peace

community Kid safe Stroll Green

Serenity, meditative Nature Dog-friendly



Engagement

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Responses

Responses

paradise

Clean

serene

Small open park with a nice kids play area

resting

open

relaxing

toddler-friendly

Nice afternoon stroll with my dog.

dogs

Lovely

Oasis

Relaxing

Welcoming

Unplug

relaxing

Social

Serene

Families

Relaxed

YIMBY

clean and safe

Zen

Relaxing

relaxing

Nature

Chill

dog parks

dogs

clean

Gathering

Meditative