



# STAFF REPORT

**Agenda Item: 5C**

**Report To:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**Meeting Date:** February 7, 2023

**Staff Contact:** Nick Wentworth, Parks Projects Manager

**Agenda Title:** For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the draft Master Plan update for Mills Park. (Nick Wentworth, [nwentworth@carson.org](mailto:nwentworth@carson.org))

**Staff Summary:** This item is intended for the Commission and public to review the draft plan, provide feedback, and consideration of a possible recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

**Agenda Action:** Formal Action/Motion

**Time Requested:** 30 minutes

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## **Proposed Motion**

I move recommend approval of the draft plan as presented to the Board of Supervisors

## **Board's Strategic Goal**

Quality of Life

## **Previous Action**

N/A

## **Background/Issues & Analysis**

Carson City has conducted an interactive and inclusive process to gather public input on the future of Mills Park. This included meetings with stake holders, an online survey with more than 1200 respondents, an on-site public meeting, discussions with City staff in multiple departments and review of feedback from all who have responded to develop this plan with the help of a third-party design team. The public meeting was noticed to all adjacent properties, posted on social media, the City's website and at all City recreation facilities and the City's booth at BOOnanza. Notice of this meeting was sent out electronically to all interested parties at the public meeting, stakeholders and those that completed the survey.

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## **Exhibits:**

- Attachment A - Draft Mills Park Master Plan
- Attachment B - Public Survey Results

**Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation**

N/A

**Financial Information**

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted? No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

**Alternatives**

Do not approve the plan and provide alternate direction to staff.

**Commission Action Taken:**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

1) \_\_\_\_\_

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Aye/Nay

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# MILLS PARK MASTER PLAN DRAFT ATTACHMENT A





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# INTRODUCTION

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# INTRODUCTION

## PURPOSE & NEED

The famous Virginia and Truckee Railroad which was headquartered in Carson City went out of business in 1950. A Committee with the intention of locating property for Carson City’s first official park, identified a piece of V&T property currently a part of railroad magnate, Darius Ogden Mill’s Estate as having park potential. Upon receiving a favorable response from the Mills estate, the Park Committee initiated negotiations to obtain the acreage which was located at the eastern edge of the city and known informally as “Foley’s Forest”. In 1951 the Estate sold to the City of Carson”... for and in consideration of the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), lawful money of the United States...” approximately 50 acres for the park with the stipulation that it be known as Mill’s Park in honor of its benefactor, D.O. Mills. Today, Mills Park is Carson City’s primary regional park with more than 50 acres, the Community Center and Aquatic Facility included. Mills Park has an Arboretum

Master Plan that was completed in 2000. No other master plan for the park exists.

Much of the park is dated with many amenities like the western most pavilion and tennis courts aged beyond reasonable repair. One of the two playgrounds was removed in 2018 due to its age and lack of replacement components available. Two of the four tennis courts were renovated and turned into pickleball courts in 2020.

In early 2022, Design Workshop was contracted for conceptual images and creation of the final master plan package. Public and stakeholder surveys were sent out in June and July of the same year. Carson City staff sorted and compiled all results from the surveys. The community’s main concerns were the unhoused population, lighting, restrooms and a better police/security presence. The most popular improvements or additions to the park were a splash park, new playground, skate park expansion and more community-

based events and activities. Parks staff met with Design Workshop on site to begin putting together ideas for the conceptual layouts. The concepts were then presented through a public meeting and shared on the city website in November. Public comments and feedback were received at the meeting, through email, social media comments and through mail responses. The conceptual master plans were also discussed with stakeholders and city staff directly connected to Mills Park including Carson City Public Works, Facilities, Recreation, Sheriff’s Department and Fire Department staff. Direction was then given to Design Workshop for design of the draft master plan to be presented to the Parks Commission and the Board of Supervisors for final approval or additional changes.

The goal of the master plan is to preserve the park’s natural aesthetic and design, while creating a cohesive user-friendly park that responds to the concerns and needs of the community.



**Figure 1:** Existing Arboretum & Picnic Area



**Figure 2:** Historical photo of Mills Park, Ash Canyon Creek with V&T Engine House.



# HISTORY & BACKGROUND

## CARSON & MILLS PARK RAILROAD

For a number of years Carson City Railroad Association members hoped for a place to build and operate a live steam railroad. An opportunity came in the Spring of 1977 when the golf course near the center of town became a city park. CCRA contacted the city about their desires for at least an acre of the new park area where a live steam railroad could be built. CCRA worked to secure financing for the railroad. In June of 1980 they were successful. The club was awarded \$20,000 from the Fair and Recreation Committee to start laying track. Several thousand ties were ordered and delivered. 100 pieces of old Carson & Colorado Railroad 30 lb. rail were purchased in Lone Pine, California. In addition, another truck load of rail was purchased from the Silver Peak mining area. The name Carson & Mills Park Railroad was decided upon and the line was off and running. The C&MP's big day came on the Fourth of July, 1981. By this time a loop-to-loop, 1/2 mile railroad had been completed (phase 1). Also, by this time a "snow shed" had been constructed to house the train and protect it from the elements.



**Figure 3:** Historical photo of Mills Park, Wungnema House (1978)

## WUNGNEMA HOUSE

A family of Hopi stonemasons, the Wungnemas, built this 1,000 square-foot house, which was completed shortly after World War II. Burton Wungnema, Burton's father Earnest, who came to Carson City to teach masonry at the Stewart Indian School, and Burton's wife Pearl (Talas), built the house on what was then the eastern edge of Carson City. Burton and his wife met as students at the Stewart Indian School, married, and went on to raise their children in the home. Some of their descendants and relatives still live in Carson City. Although Burton died shortly after his twenty-ninth birthday in May of 1956, Pearl and her 8 children continued to live in their home until the 1970s when they moved to a larger house. Pearl passed away in 2001 at the age of 75. After nearly two decades of neglect, the house was acquired by Carson City, restored, and opened for a variety of public uses in December 2000. The Wungnema House is representative of the striking masonry work seen in churches, homes and other structures built by Burton, his father, and his brother around Carson City, Washoe Valley, Reno and Lake Tahoe from 1925 to 1955. The stone used by the family was

quarried locally from multiple locations in the area of Brunswick and Carson River Canyons, just east of Carson City; however, the exact location of most of these quarries have not been determined with any degree of certainty. The distinctively colored rhyolite used for their home came from those quarries. Of particular interest, inside the house, is the living room fireplace's façade, which contains a cut-stone representation of clouds, lightning, and rain, which together form the symbol of the Hopi Water Clan. The hearth was crafted from Kanab Wonderstone, likely procured from near the Hopi homeland in Arizona.

## VIRGINIA ORCUTT SKATE PARK

In September 1993, a private citizen, upset over a skateboarder breaking the window in her downtown business, asked the Board of Supervisors for funding to build a skateboard facility for the area youth. After much discussion, it was decided to begin the planning and site selection process. In June 1995, an outdoor site in Mills Park, next to Highway 50 East was selected and approved. An architect from Santa Cruz, CA was hired to design the facility and then met with many area skateboarders for their input. Initial bids for the project were way beyond the City's budget. Donations of materials and services were sought throughout the community with many citizens coming forward to assist. Construction began in March 1997 and finally opened on June 28th of the same year. The park was the first in Northern Nevada with many other communities building their own in the following 5 years. The facility is busy on almost any given day that weather and conditions permit and it was noted almost immediately that it should be even bigger. Bicycles were first allowed in 2009 and the facility now hosts several competitions every year through a partnership between local businesses and the Carson City Parks Department.



**Figure 4:** Historical photo of Mills Park, before golf course



**Figure 5:** Historical photo of Mills Park, golf course at current location of Mills Park (1978)



**Figure 6:** Historical photo of Mills Park, Golf course at current location of Mills Park (1978)







# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

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## WRITTEN RESPONSES FROM THE PUBLIC SURVEY

“I THINK A SPLASH PARK WOULD BE NICE AND EXPANDING THE SKATEPARK WOULD BE VERY GOOD. I SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE USING THE SKATE PARK, WHICH I THINK IS A GREAT AMENITY.”

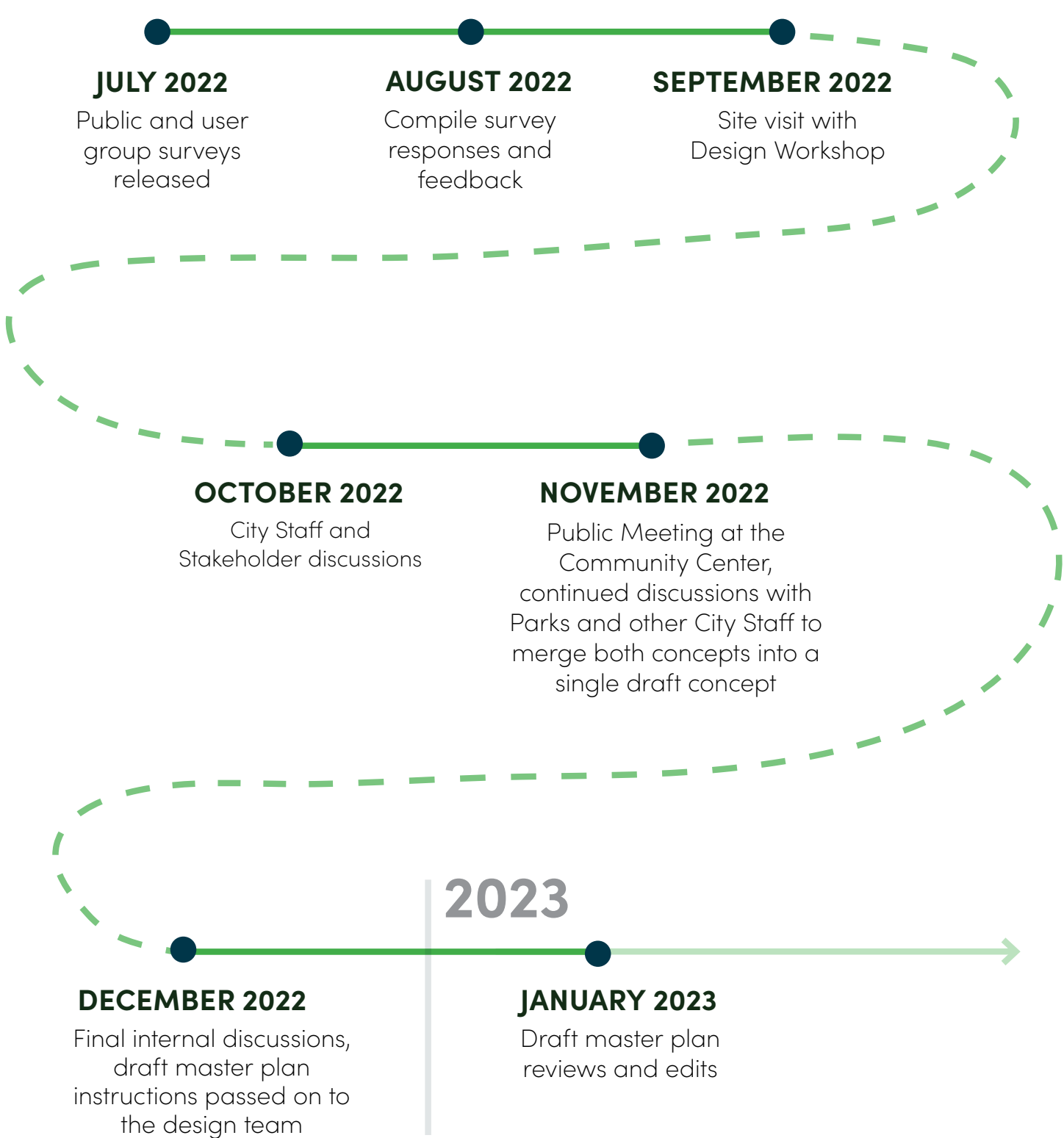
“A BIGGER SKATEPARK AND RESTROOMS”

“MAKE THE PARK THE HUB OF THE COMMUNITY.”

“BRING FARMERS’ MARKET BACK TO THE PAVILION”

“IF THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IS UPGRADED, AN OVERALL BIGGER SET WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. THE CURRENT ONE IS TAILORED TO MUCH SMALLER CHILDREN. AND A SWING SET OR CLIMBING STRUCTURE WOULD BE AWESOME.”

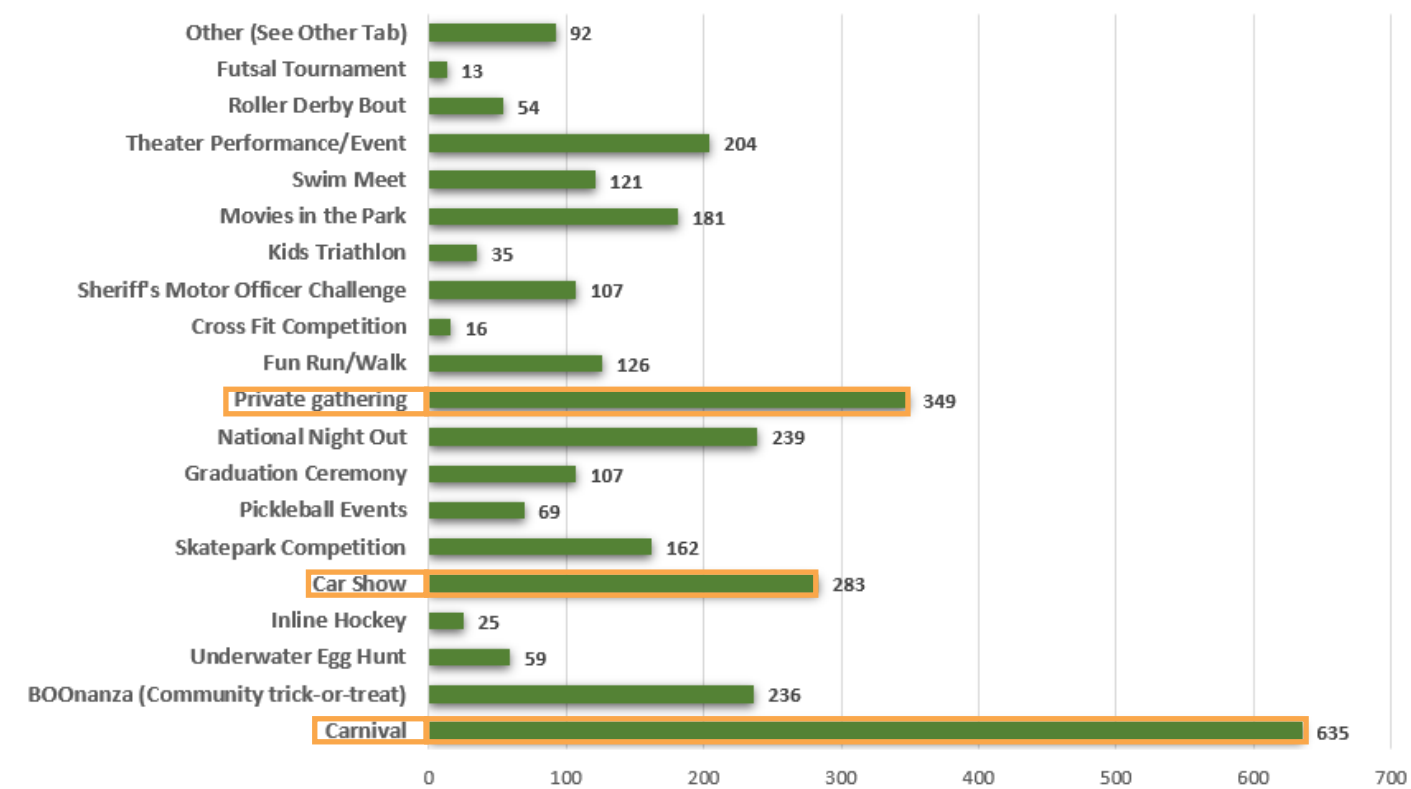
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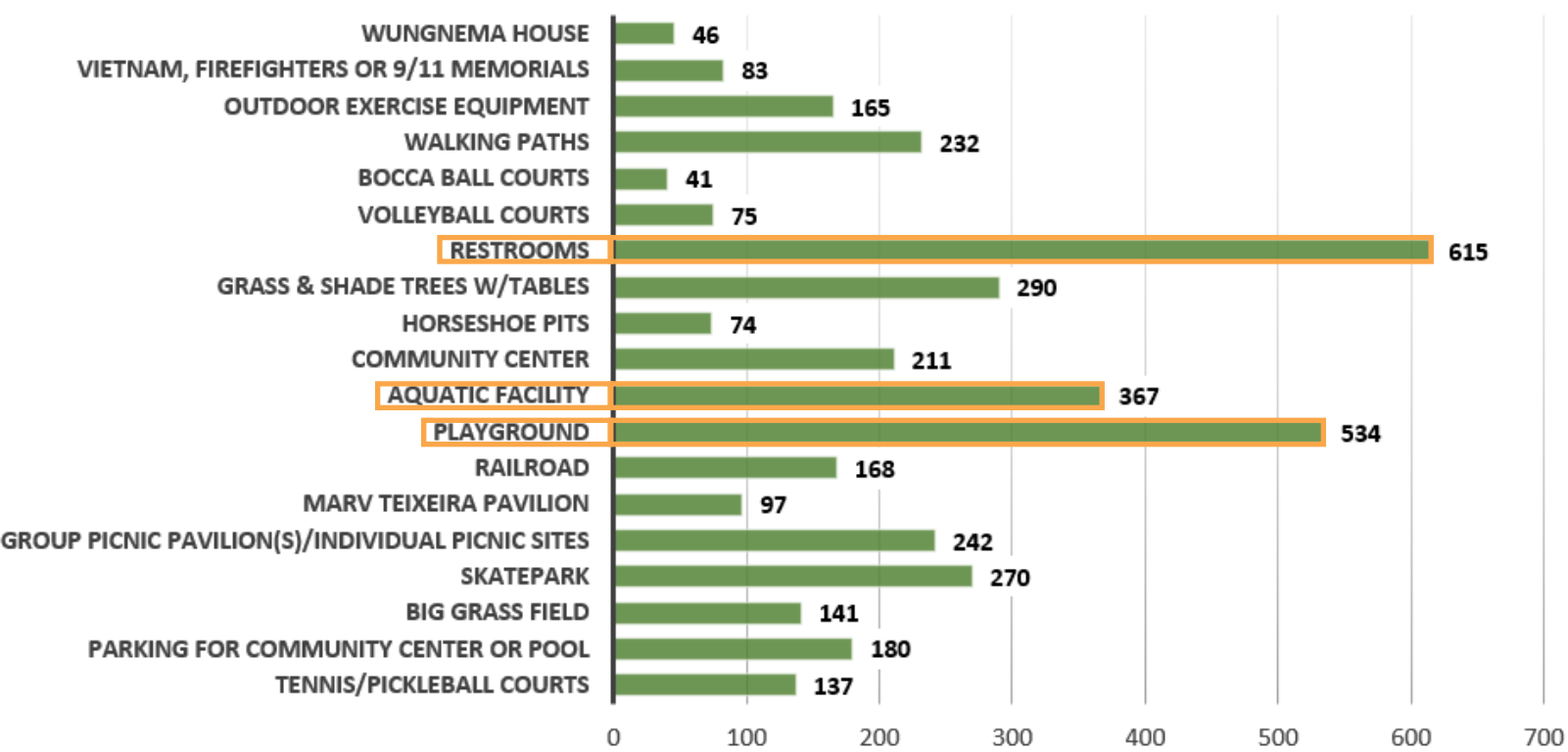


# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SURVEY RESULTS

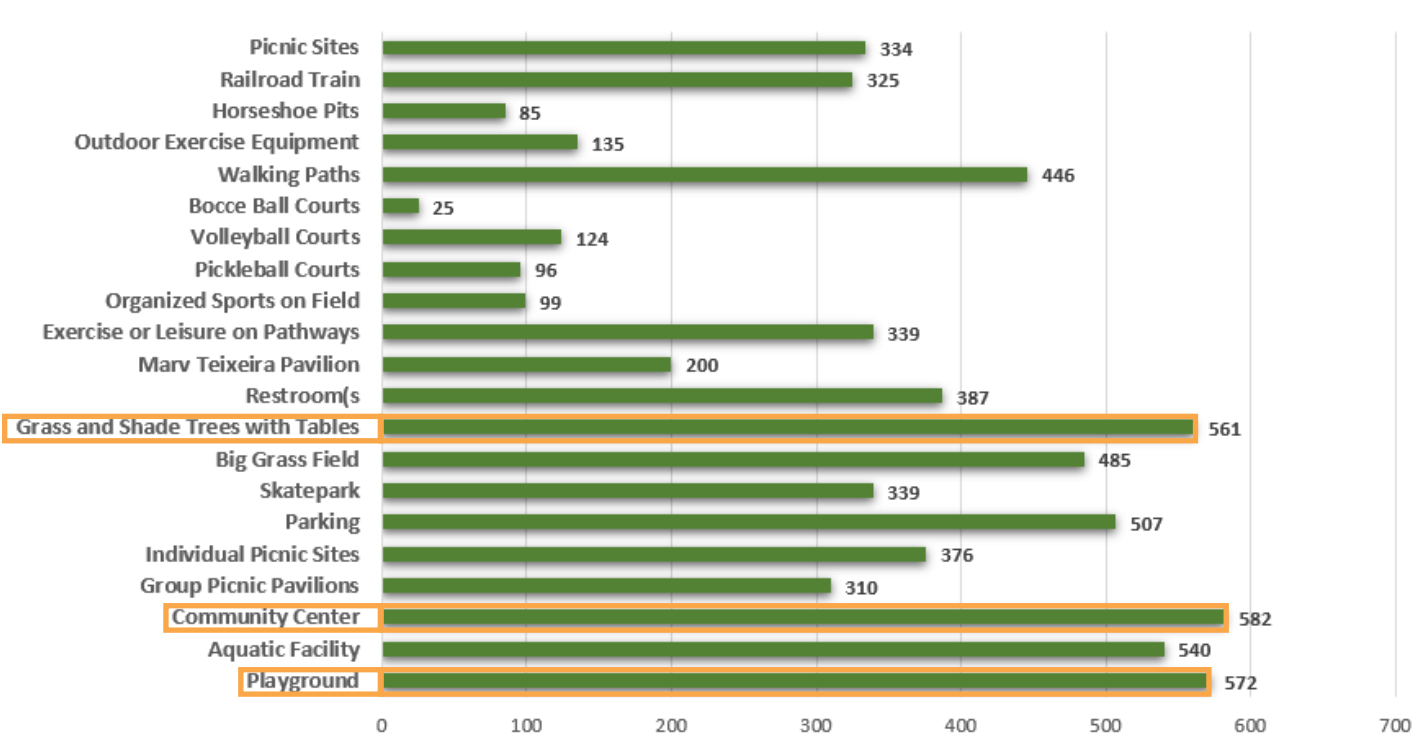
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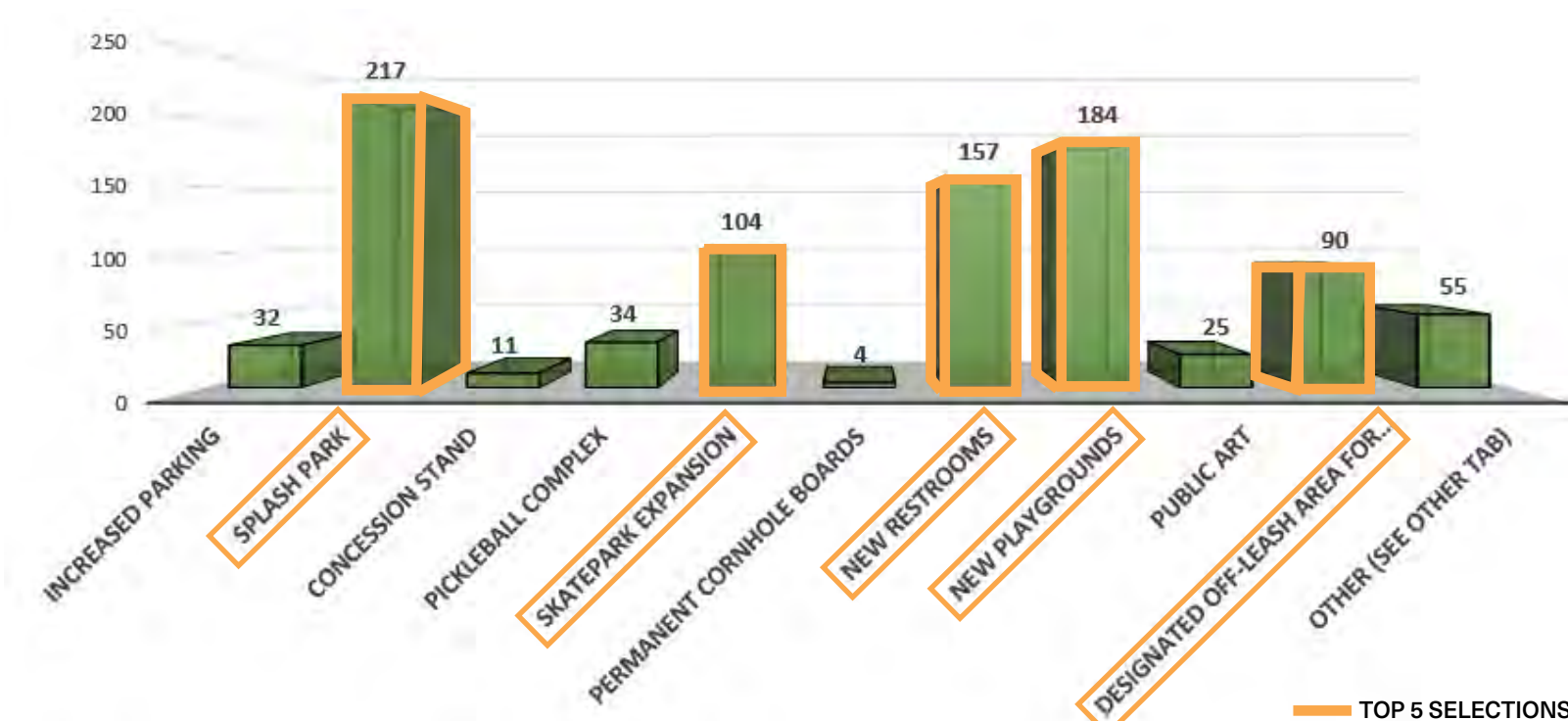
Q6: WHICH EXISTING FACILITIES WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO SEE IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO?



Q2: HAVE YOU VISITED MILLS PARK FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST 5 YEARS?



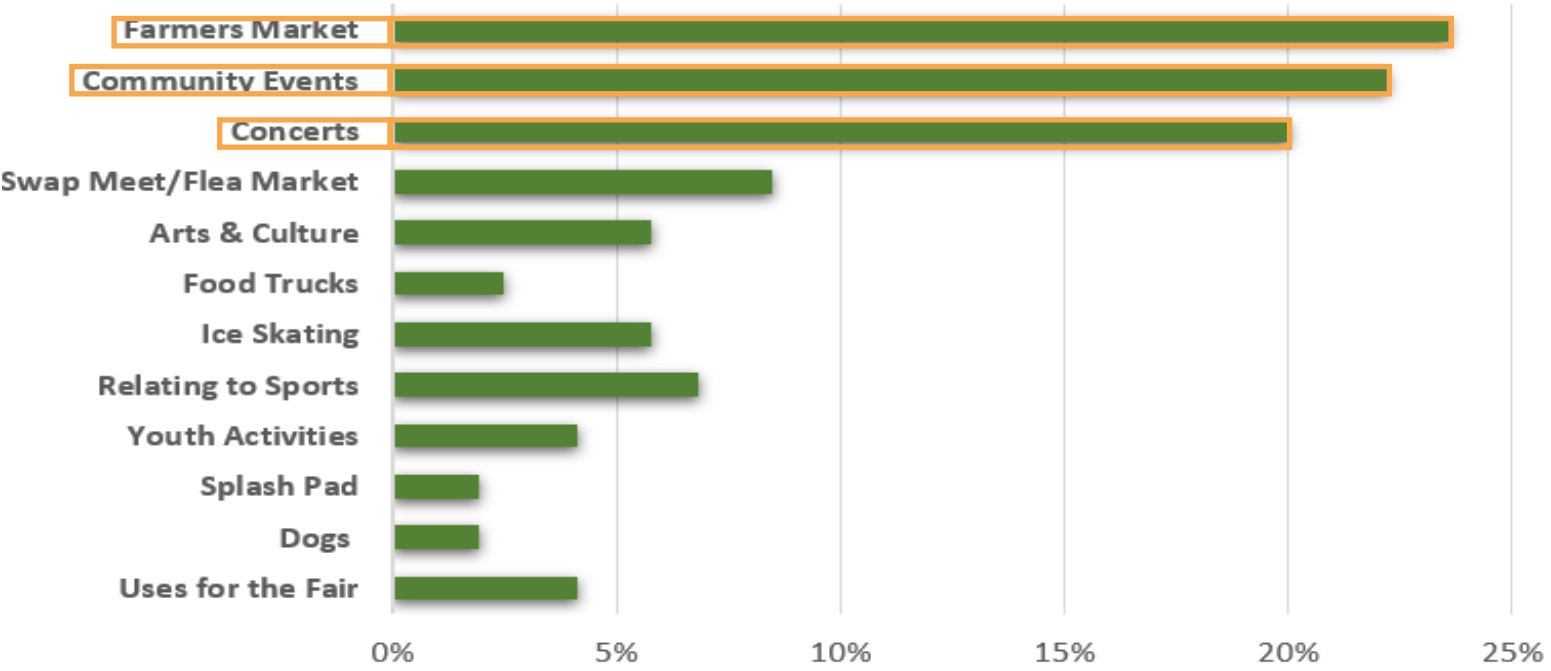
Q7: WHAT NEW AMENITIES/IMPROVEMENTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AT THE PARK?



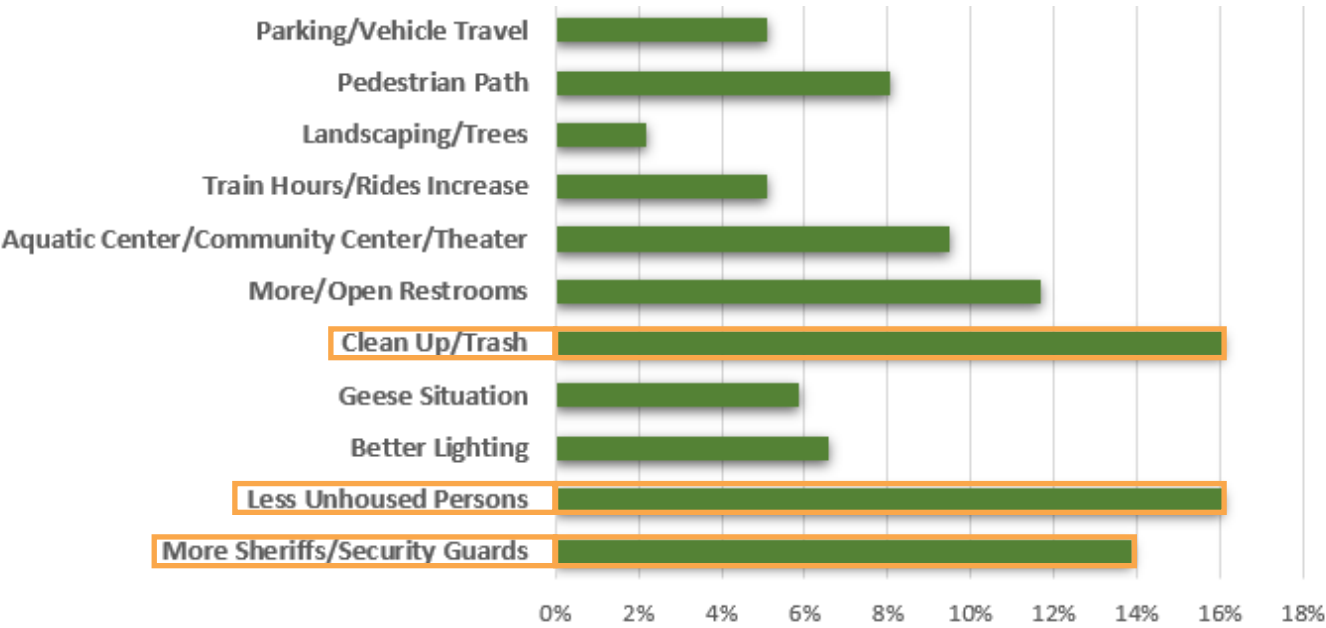


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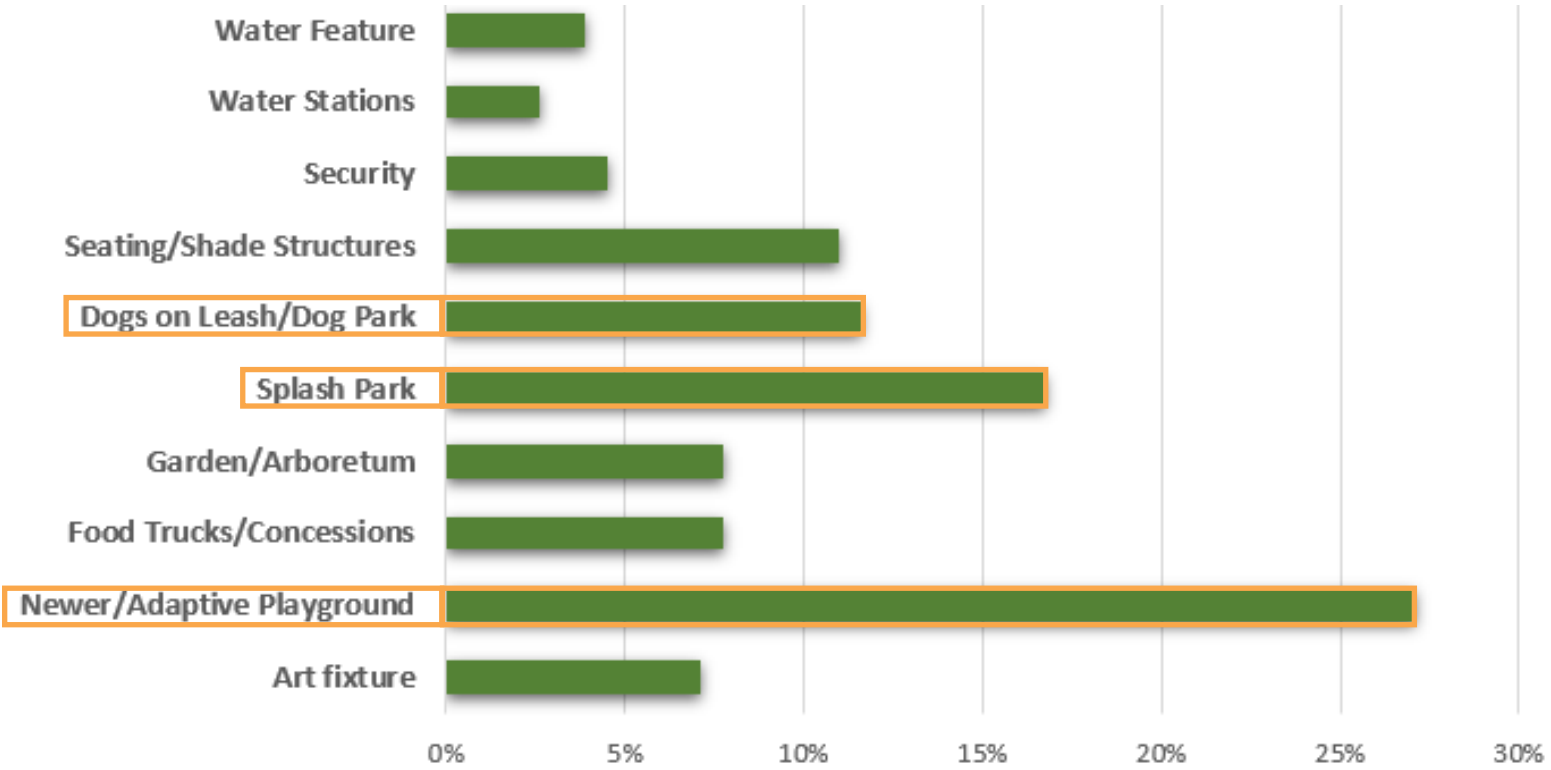
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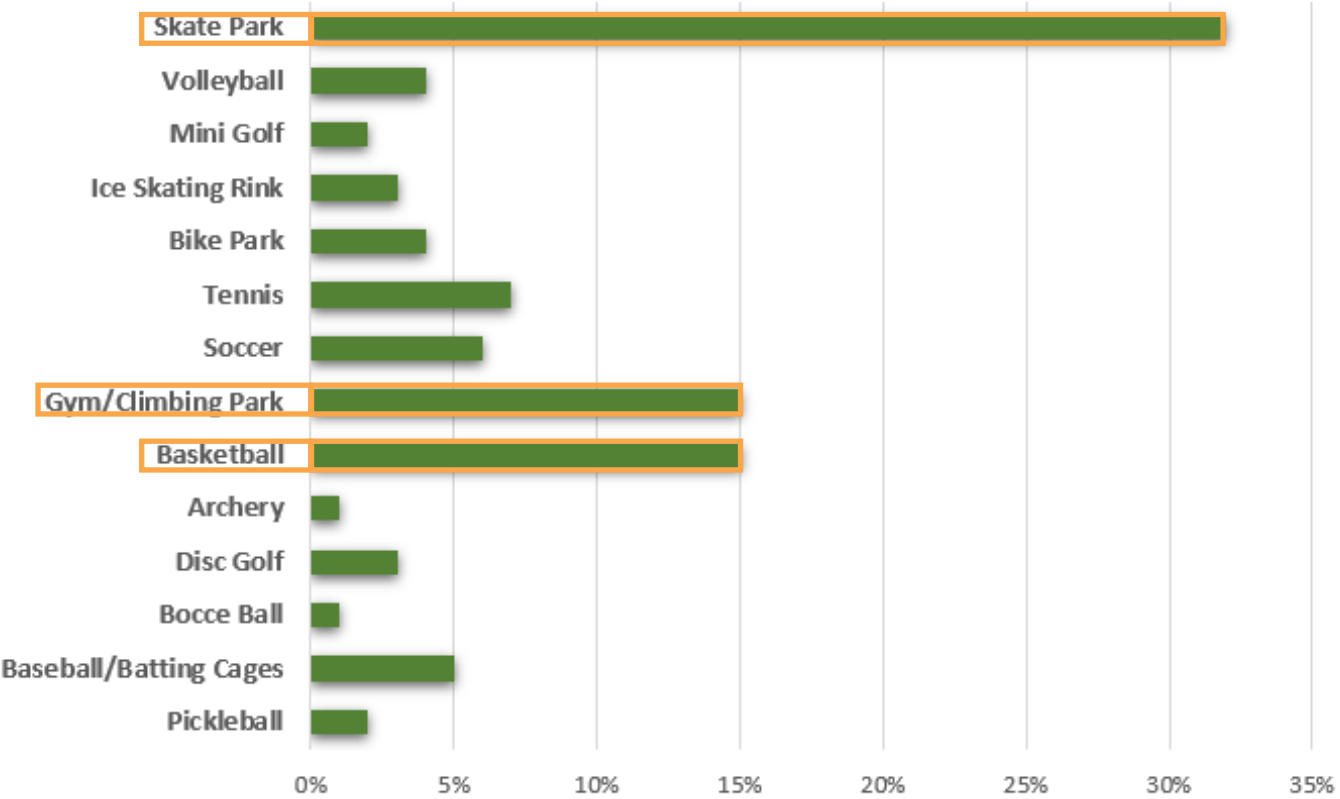
Q9: SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS TO MILLS PARK FACILITIES



Q9: IDEAS FOR NEW ADDITIONS TO MILLS PARK



Q9: NEW OR IMPROVED SPORTS FACILITIES





# EXISTING CONDITIONS & SITE CONSTRAINTS

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RAILROAD TRACKS & MAINTENANCE ROAD





DRONE PHOTO, JUNE 2022: CARNIVAL AT MILLS PARK: FIELD & SKATE PARK





DRONE PHOTO, JUNE 2022: MTP PAVILION & RAILROAD PLAZA





DRONE PHOTO, JUNE 2022: CARNIVAL AT MILLS PARK IN PARKING & PICNIC AREAS





DRONE PHOTO, JUNE 2022: ARBORETUM PROTECTION AREA & MTP





DRONE PHOTO, JUNE 2022: CARNIVAL AT MILLS PARK

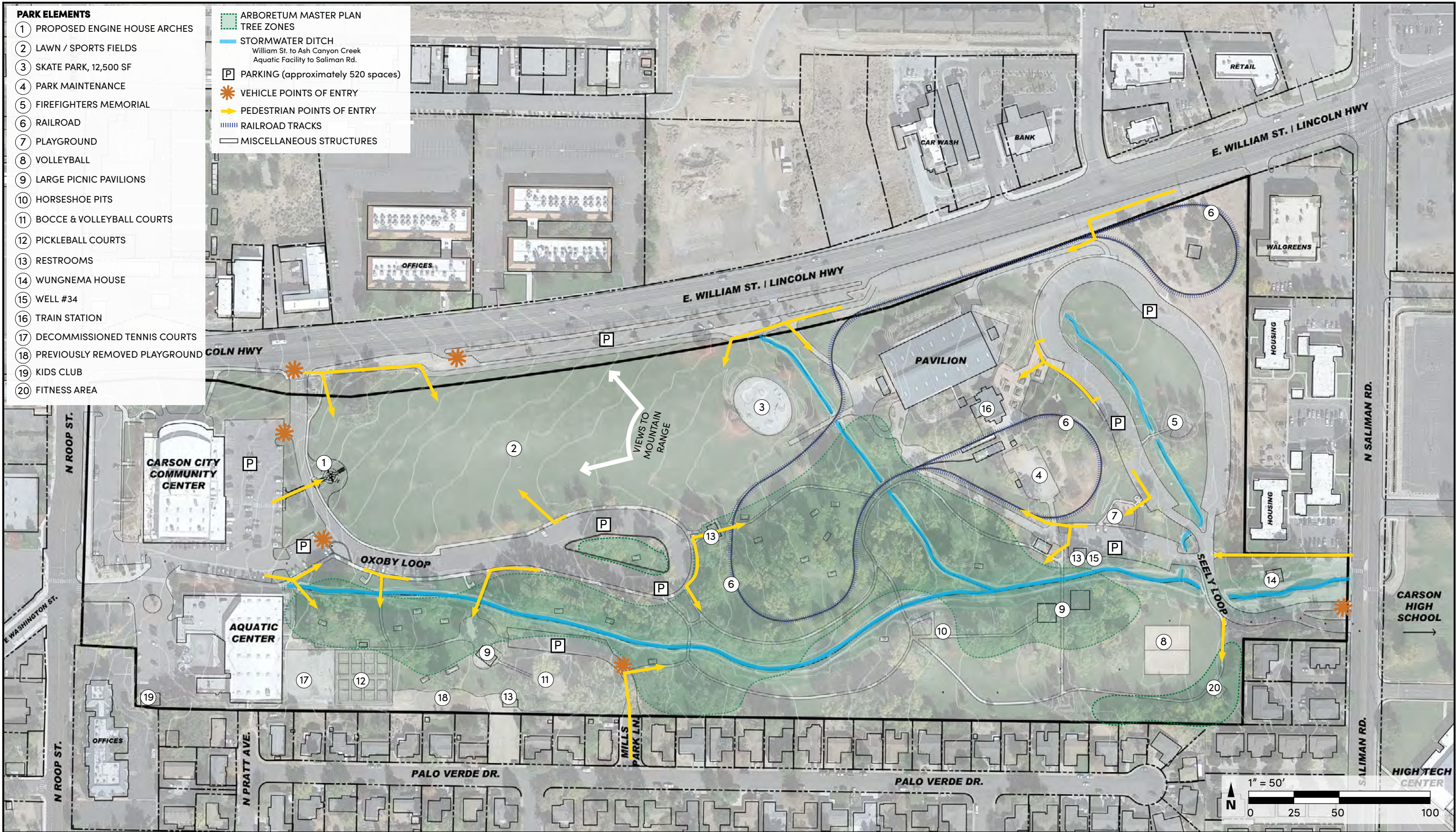


EXISTING CONDITIONS IMAGES





# EXISTING CONDITIONS SITE PLAN





# EXISTING CONDITIONS

- 1 PROPOSED ENGINE HOUSE ARCHES** – Carson City Public Works saved some original stones from the V&T Engine House that was torn down in 1991. The Redevelopment Authority funded project will reconstruct 2 arches side by side to represent the historic building at the western edge of Mills Park where original tracks once laid. The project’s civil and structural design were contracted to JK Architecture and the surrounding landscaping designed by Design Workshop. The project is expected to be completed by July of 2023.
- 2 LAWN/SPORTS FIELD**– The large turf area at Mills Park is utilized as a practice area for youth soccer as well as hosting carnivals, National Night Out and a variety of other large events. The vast open area currently measures approx. 6 acres.
- 3 VIRGINIA ORCUTT SKATE PARK**– Carson City’s original skate park was built more than 250 years ago. It was the first skate park in the area and is now due for expansion and a revitalization to keep up with the continuously growing sport.
- 4 PARK MAINTENANCE YARD**– The current maintenance yard is surrounded by a 4’ chain link fence and contains two small sheds. The space offers little to no security from vandalism or options for equipment and tool storage.
- 5 FIREFIGHTERS’ MEMORIAL**– Scheduled to be relocated to Nevada State Capital Grounds in 2023.
- 6 RAILROAD TRACKS**– Operated and maintained by the Carson City Railroad Association
- 7 PLAYGROUND**– The only remaining playground at Mills Park, located off Seely Loop at the east end of the park.
- 8 VOLLEYBALL COURT**– Rarely used
- 9 LARGE PICNIC PAVILIONS**– Pavilion A, located near the southwest corner of the park is not currently rented or available for reservation and in poor condition. Pavilions B and C are located between the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial and Well House 34 at the east end of the park. These are rented out on a frequent basis with a reservation. They are both in reasonable condition and are currently scheduled for some minor repairs to the vertical support posts in 2023.

- 10 HORSESHOE PITS**– 16 horseshoe pits with a 4’ chain link fence surrounding them. 3–4 pits are used on a very regular basis and partially maintained by park users.
- 11 BOCCE AND VOLLEYBALL COURTS**– Located at the west end of the park and rarely ever used. Bocce ball courts could potentially be relocated to their own location if new interest is shown.
- 12 PICKLEBALL COURTS**– 2 previously unplayable tennis courts were rehabbed with cracks filled, new surfacing and striping for 8 pickleball courts in 2020 by the Carson City Pickleball community through fundraising and volunteer efforts.
- 13 RESTROOMS**– Seely Loop, Oxoby Loop and MTP restrooms are currently in working condition but will need to be remodeled or replaced in the coming years. Palo Verde restrooms at the east end of the park are beyond their usable life span and need to be replaced.
- 14 WUNGNEMA HOUSE**– A historically significant home which is currently used by the Carson City Parks Foundation and several other local non-profit organizations as a meeting place.
- 15 WELL #34**– Carson City Public Works Water Division infrastructure asset
- 16 TRAIN STATION**– Carson City Railroad model train display and ticket window for train rides.
- 17 DECOMMISSIONED TENNIS COURTS**– 2 concrete tennis courts surfaces that are currently in unplayable condition with no remaining surfacing.
- 18 PREVIOUSLY REMOVED PLAYGROUND**– Removed in 2018 due to safety hazards, broken equipment and lack of replacement parts availability.
- 19 KID CLUB**– previously used by the youth program for pre-k and kindergarten activities. Due to lack of staffing and aging infrastructure, the building hasn’t been used in several years.
- 20 FITNESS AREA**– The existing surfacing was a poured in place soft fall material which is now deteriorated beyond repair. Equipment is dated and weathered.

## ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Both identified traffic congestion problem areas require a traffic engineer and careful consideration to help ease the flow of traffic at these critical points. During large events, vehicles are bottlenecked creating disruption to their ingress/egress.
- 2023 storm water project in the northeast corner of the park.
- Mills Park Arboretum Master Plan developed in 2000 defines various tree species areas throughout the park
- Flood Zone identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Any solid structures built within this flood zone that prohibit or alter the flow of flood waters will require a Conditional Letters of Map Revision (CLOMR) and can increase the cost of the project by up to \$100,000. Improvements such as playgrounds, fencing, sport courts or parking areas would not apply.



# SITE CONSTRAINTS SITE PLAN





# MASTER PLAN

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SKATE PARK





# MASTER PLAN





- 1 **REPLACE OR UPDATE RESTROOMS**– as funding becomes available. 1-2 restrooms scheduled for replacement in the next 3 years.
- 2 **FENCING ALONG E. WILLIAM ST.**– Decorative and functional 4’ fencing to help direct pedestrian park users to enter the park through strategic locations. In conjunction with a new crosswalk on William Street, this can help reduce pedestrians crossing the roadway which create safety concerns and conflicts with traffic.
- 3 **E. WILLIAM ST. STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS**– Funded by Federal Raise Grant, local infrastructure Tax, Utility Funds and the Redevelopment Authority, the project is currently in the planning and design phase throughout 2022. Construction is anticipated in 2024.
- 4 **PARKING**– Potential areas where much needed parking spaces might be added to accommodate large events such as voting, swim meets, carnivals, Boonanza, etc...
- 5 **VIETNAM VETERAN’S MEMORIAL**– Landscape planting should be thinned and cleaned up. Kiosks with images and local stories or photos following the signage master plan could be added to bring a tighter connection with the community.
- 6 **WUNGNEMA HOUSE**– A historically significant home which is currently used by the Carson City Parks Foundation and several other local non-profit organizations as a meeting place.
- 7 **PAVILIONS B AND C**– No major changes needed. Some minor repairs coming soon and potentially fresh paint in the next 5-10 years. A new parking area nearby could enhance the renter’s experience and provide better accessibility.
- 8 **BOCCE BALL COURTS**– potential new location marked in the plan but there are numerous small areas that may fit the need if a demand is present. **HORSESHOE PITS**– Reduce the total number of pits from 16 to approximately 6. Possibly a place for cornhole or other lawn games in the same vicinity.
- 9 **MAINTENANCE ROAD**– This area is already utilized by city staff and Public Safety Officers to get across the park. Shifting the location closer to the railroad tracks allows for irrigation modifications that will reduce muddy conditions and maintenance impacts. Gravel or road base surface is preferred. This will not be open to the public.
- 10 **PROPOSED ENGINE HOUSE ARCHES**– Carson City Public Works saved some original stones from the V&T Engine House that was torn down in 1991. The Redevelopment Authority funded project will reconstruct 2 arches side by side to represent the historic building at the western edge of Mills Park where original

tracks once laid. The project’s civil and structural design were contracted to JK Architecture and the surrounding landscaping designed by Design Workshop. The project is expected to be completed by July of 2023.

- 11 **RE-PURPOSED AMPHITHEATER**– Once the Firefighter Memorial plaques are removed, the space could be a great place for interpretive talks from Park Rangers, Open Space staff or a wide array of other creative and instructional uses. Little to no cost as no other improvements currently needed. Surrounding landscape could be improved upon for better visibility and safety.
- 12 **3,000 SQ. FOOT SHOP AND 8,000 SQ. FOOT SURROUNDING MAINTENANCE YARD**– Estimated construction spring/summer 2023.
- 13 **VEGETATION BUFFER**– 20’-40’ area adjacent to neighbors on the south and east property lines where heavier planting, additional trees and turf reduction can help reduce park use close to the fences, noise reduction and visual impact to neighboring residential properties.
- 14 **PICKLEBALL COMPLEX**– Currently funded \$500,000 through American Recoveries Plan for design and construction of 6 additional pickleball courts spaced to accommodate tournament play.
- 15 **SKATE PARK EXPANSION**– 10,000 square foot expansion to the existing footprint on the north and west sides. Local skate companies and skaters should be organized into a working group to play a direct role in the design process. Surveys and ideas from a wide range of users should also be considered. Most of the existing features can be incorporated into a much larger skate park that has design features for every skill level from beginner to advanced.
- 16 **OFF-LEASH DOG PARK**– Separate fenced areas for large and small dogs with a walkway buffer area between, shade trees surrounding both, double gated entrances and benches around the perimeter. Synthetic turf should be considered in design.
- 17 **FITNESS AREA(S)**– 2-3 separate locations with multiple pieces of equipment in each and spaced around the southeast corner of the park creates the opportunity for users to focus on specific muscle groups at one location or get a full body workout with short cardio intervals between exercise sets.
- 18 **PLAYGROUND**– A new playground at Mills Park should be the largest and most inclusive playground in Carson City with separate structures for all appropriate age groups and also incorporate several accessible features. A perimeter fence

will enhance parental supervision and ensure safety from the adjacent railroad loop. Trees, benches and shaded picnic tables between the fencing and the play area provide a relaxing space for parents and guardians to supervise play. Two entry/exit points leading to close parking and connectivity to the pathway system.

- 19 **CONCESSION PLAZA AND RESTROOM**– A new restroom to replace the current unusable facility at the east end of the park is a top priority for general park users and the growing number of pickleball players. A concession stand would be highly utilized for a frozen snack during hot summer days at the splash park, a cold drink after a pickleball game, a snack during soccer practice or any other countless big events. The concession stand may also be rented out to individual events such as a pickleball tournament.
- 20 **SPLASH PARK**– Playground like structures with water features incorporated. A fenced perimeter and low-cost entry to cover operating expenses creates an affordable option for a little relief from the heat during the hottest times of the year. Outdoor showers would be incorporated into the nearby restroom plaza to rinse off before and after use of the park. Pumps, plumbing and chemicals can be maintained by Carson City Aquatic Facility Staff next door. Soft fall tiles should be considered as surfacing in the play area in lieu of concrete.
- 21 **FOLEY’S FOREST LANE**– A much needed public roadway from Seely Loop to Oxoby Loop including several traffic calming methods like speed bumps or dips, center islands, crosswalks, public art and parallel parking pockets where space allows. To improve park connectivity, ease of use for park users unfamiliar with the site, reduce congestion when parking fills up at either end during large events, increase our Public Safety Officer and Park Ranger’s ability to patrol the entire park, increase maintenance staff’s efficiency and add 30 parking spaces.
- 22 **BASKETBALL COURT AND ADDITIONAL PARKING AREA**– Outdoor basketball courts are one of the most underserved activities in the Carson City Parks system. With little to no equipment needed other than a ball, a new court centrally located in town can offer 1 more free activity for our youth. An additional parking area here provides accessibility to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Fitness Equipment, Pavilions and a new basketball court.

**OPPORTUNITY ZONES**– Areas with no existing amenities that have potential for turf reduction and opportunities for small parking pockets, low maintenance landscaping, skateable features or other small amenities that are a better use of the space.



# PRECEDENT IMAGE BOARDS

## PICKLEBALL COURTS



## DOG PARK



## SKATE PARK





# PRECEDENT IMAGE BOARDS

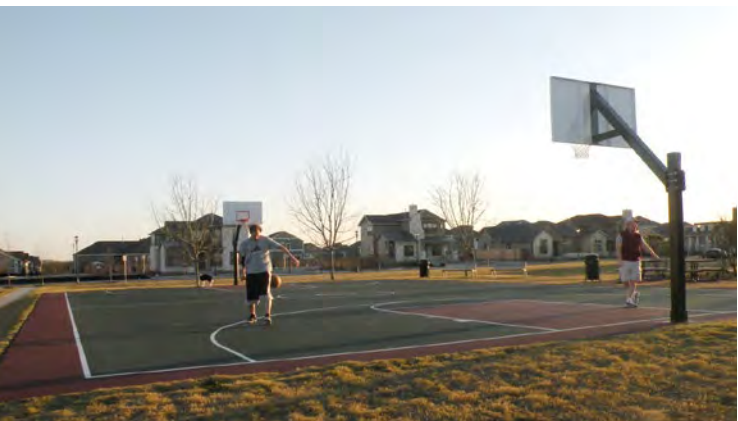
## SPLASH PARK



## PLAYGROUND



## BASKETBALL





# PRECEDENT IMAGE BOARDS

## PROMENADE & SPORTS FIELD



## PAVILION



## CONCESSION PLAZA



Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is a multi-disciplinary approach of crime prevention that uses urban and architectural design and the management of built and natural environments. CPTED strategies aim to reduce victimization, deter offender decisions that precede criminal acts, and build a sense of community among inhabitants so they can gain territorial control of areas, reduce crime, and minimize fear of crime. CPTED is pronounced ‘sep-ted’ and it is also known around the world as Designing Out Crime, defensible space, and other similar terms. Designing future improvements and elements into Mills Park that follow this approach can help bring more members of the community back to Mills Park, creating a safer environment for our citizens and a less desirable one for criminals.



# OPINION OF THE RANGE OF PROBABLE COSTS

The following pages show a range of probable construction costs, based on the master plan level design drawings in this document. This range is an opinion only and will need to be verified by a retained cost estimation specialist or by a contractor in the bidding and negotiation process after completion of construction documents.

PAY ITEM	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Extended Total Amount
	Skate Park Expansion				
1	Mobilization/Demob, Bonding, Insurance (10%)	1	LS		\$43,500
2	Temporary Fencing, Erosion Controls, Fencing (2%)	1	LS		\$8,700
3	Site Demolition (4%)	1	LS		\$17,400
4	Earthwork, Site Work Grading (5%)	1	LS		\$21,750
5	Utility Relocation and Connections (5%)	1	LS		\$21,750
6	Shade Structure Shelter	2	EA	\$80,000	\$160,000
7	Site Furnishings (Trash Receptacle, Benches, Bike Racks, etc.)	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000
8	Irrigation	1	LS	\$10,000	\$10,000
9	Landscape Planting	1	LS	\$10,000	\$10,000
10	Signage	1	LS	\$2,500	\$2,500
11	Skate Park Expansion	1	LS	\$250,000	\$250,000
	Subtotal				\$550,600
	20% Contingency (Includes Design and Engineering)				\$110,120
	TOTAL				\$660,720
	Pickleball Courts				
1	Mobilization/Demob, Bonding, Insurance (10%)	1	LS		\$45,000
2	Site Demolition	1	LS	\$29,040	\$29,040
3	Earthwork, Site Work Grading (5%)	1	LS		\$22,500
4	Utility Relocation and Connections (5%)	1	LS		\$22,500
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6	Site Furnishings (Trash Receptacle, Benches, Bike Racks, etc.)	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000
7	Lighting and Electrical	1	LS	\$60,000	\$60,000
8	Irrigation	1	LS	\$10,000	\$10,000
9	Landscape Planting	1	LS	\$10,000	\$10,000
10	Fencing	750	LF	\$50	\$37,500
11	Signage	1	LS	\$2,500	\$2,500
12	Pickleball Courts Complete (base and surfaces)	1	LS	\$264,000	\$264,000
	Subtotal				\$588,040
	20% Contingency (Includes Design and Engineering)				\$117,608
	TOTAL				\$705,648
	Restroom #1				
1	Mobilization/Demob, Bonding, Insurance (10%)	1	LS		\$128,000
2	Temporary Fencing, Erosion Controls, Fencing (2%)	1	LS		\$25,600
3	Site Demolition (4%)	1	LS		\$51,200
4	Earthwork, Site Work Grading (5%)	1	LS		\$64,000
5	Utility Relocation and Connections (5%)	1	LS		\$64,000
6	Restroom	1	EA	\$320,000	\$320,000
	Subtotal				\$652,800
	20% Contingency (Includes Design and Engineering)				\$130,560
	TOTAL				\$783,360
	Restroom #2				
1	Mobilization/Demob, Bonding, Insurance (10%)	1	LS		\$128,000
2	Temporary Fencing, Erosion Controls, Fencing (2%)	1	LS		\$25,600
3	Site Demolition (4%)	1	LS		\$51,200
4	Earthwork, Site Work Grading (5%)	1	LS		\$64,000
5	Utility Relocation and Connections (5%)	1	LS		\$64,000
6	Restroom	1	EA	\$320,000	\$320,000
	Subtotal				\$652,800
	20% Contingency (Includes Design and Engineering)				\$130,560
	TOTAL				\$783,360

PAY ITEM	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Extended Total Amount
	Restroom #3				
1	Mobilization/Demob, Bonding, Insurance (10%)	1	LS		\$128,000
2	Temporary Fencing, Erosion Controls, Fencing (2%)	1	LS		\$25,600
3	Site Demolition (4%)	1	LS		\$51,200
4	Earthwork, Site Work Grading (5%)	1	LS		\$64,000
5	Utility Relocation and Connections (5%)	1	LS		\$64,000
6	Restroom	1	EA	\$320,000	\$320,000
	Subtotal				\$652,800
	20% Contingency (Includes Design and Engineering)				\$130,560
	TOTAL				\$783,360
	Playground				
1	Mobilization/Demob, Bonding, Insurance (10%)	1	LS		\$100,000
2	Temporary Fencing, Erosion Controls, Fencing (2%)	1	LS		\$20,000
3	Site Demolition (4%)	1	LS		\$40,000
4	Earthwork, Site Work Grading (5%)	1	LS		\$50,000
5	Utility Relocation and Connections (5%)	1	LS		\$50,000
6	Shade Structure Shelter	2	EA	\$80,000	\$160,000
7	Site Furnishings (Trash Receptacle, Benches, Bike Racks, etc.)	1	LS	\$7,500	\$7,500
8	Irrigation	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000
9	Landscape Planting	1	LS	\$25,000	\$25,000
10	Signage	1	LS	\$2,500	\$2,500
11	Fencing	500	LF	\$50	\$25,000
12	Playground (Equipment and Surfacing)	1	LS	\$800,000	\$800,000
13	Paving - Pedestrian Concrete	1,000	SF	\$25	\$25,000
	Subtotal				\$1,310,000
	20% Contingency (Includes Design and Engineering)				\$262,000
	TOTAL				\$1,572,000
	Splash Park and New Parking				
1	Mobilization/Demob, Bonding, Insurance (10%)	1	LS		\$220,000
2	Temporary Fencing, Erosion Controls, Fencing (2%)	1	LS		\$44,000
3	Site Demolition (4%)	1	LS		\$88,000
4	Earthwork, Site Work Grading (5%)	1	LS		\$110,000
5	Utility Relocation and Connections (5%)	1	LS		\$110,000
6	Shade Structure Shelter	2	EA	\$80,000	\$160,000
7	Site Furnishings (Trash Receptacle, Benches, Bike Racks, etc.)	1	LS	\$7,500	\$7,500
8	Irrigation	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000
9	Landscape Planting	1	LS	\$25,000	\$25,000
10	Signage	1	LS	\$2,500	\$2,500
11	Paving - Pedestrian Concrete	1,000	SF	\$25	\$25,000
12	Paving - Vehicular Asphalt	22,000	SF	\$25	\$550,000
13	Curb and Gutter	900	LF	\$45	\$40,500
14	Concession Building	1	LS	\$400,000	\$400,000
15	Splash Park	1	LS	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
	Subtotal				\$2,787,500
	20% Contingency (Includes Design and Engineering)				\$557,500
	TOTAL				\$3,345,000
	Basketball Court and New Parking				
1	Mobilization/Demob, Bonding, Insurance (10%)	1	LS		\$45,000
2	Temporary Fencing, Erosion Controls, Fencing (2%)	1	LS		\$9,000
3	Site Demolition (4%)	1	LS		\$18,000
4	Earthwork, Site Work Grading (5%)	1	LS		\$22,500
5	Utility Relocation and Connections (5%)	1	LS		\$22,500
6	Shade Structure Shelter	1	EA	\$80,000	\$80,000
7	Site Furnishings (Trash Receptacle, Benches, Bike Racks, etc.)	1	LS	\$7,500	\$7,500
8	Irrigation	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000
9	Landscape Planting	1	LS	\$10,000	\$10,000
10	Signage	1	LS	\$1,000	\$1,000
11	Paving - Pedestrian Concrete	500	SF	\$25	\$12,500
12	Paving - Vehicular Asphalt	12,500	SF	\$25	\$312,500
13	Curb and Gutter	560	LF	\$45	\$25,200
	Subtotal				\$570,700
	20% Contingency (Includes Design and Engineering)				\$114,140
	TOTAL				\$684,840



CONSTRUCTION PHASE COST ESTIMATE

PAY ITEM	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Extended Total Amount
	Dog Park				
1	Mobilization/Demob, Bonding, Insurance (10%)	1	LS		\$50,000
2	Temporary Fencing, Erosion Controls, Fencing (2%)	1	LS		\$10,000
3	Site Demolition (4%)	1	LS		\$20,000
4	Earthwork, Site Work Grading (5%)	1	LS		\$25,000
5	Utility Relocation and Connections (5%)	1	LS		\$25,000
6	Shade Structure Shelter	3	EA	\$80,000	\$240,000
7	Site Furnishings (Trash Receptacle, Benches, Bike Racks, etc.)	1	LS	\$7,500	\$7,500
8	Irrigation	1	LS	\$10,000	\$10,000
9	Landscape Planting	1	LS	\$25,000	\$25,000
10	Fencing	1,200	LF	\$50	\$60,000
11	Signage	1	LS	\$1,000	\$1,000
12	DG Landscape Mulch	40,000	SF	\$3	\$120,000
13	Paving - Pedestrian Concrete	1,500	SF	\$25	\$37,500
	Subtotal				\$631,000
	20% Contingency (Includes Design and Engineering)				\$126,200
	TOTAL				\$757,200
	Promenade				
1	Mobilization/Demob, Bonding, Insurance (10%)	1	LS		\$26,000
2	Temporary Fencing, Erosion Controls, Fencing (2%)	1	LS		\$5,200
3	Site Demolition (4%)	1	LS		\$10,400
4	Earthwork, Site Work Grading (5%)	1	LS		\$13,000
5	Utility Relocation and Connections (5%)	1	LS		\$13,000
6	Irrigation	1	LS	\$10,000	\$10,000
7	Landscape Planting	1	LS	\$25,000	\$25,000
8	DG Landscape Mulch	14,000	SF	\$3	\$42,000
9	Paving - Concrete Unit Pavers	5,000	SF	\$30	\$150,000
10	Paving - Pedestrian Concrete	7,000	SF	\$25	\$175,000
	Subtotal				\$469,600
	20% Contingency (Includes Design and Engineering)				\$93,920
	TOTAL				\$563,520
	Foley's Forest Lane				
1	Mobilization/Demob, Bonding, Insurance (10%)	1	LS		\$150,000
2	Temporary Fencing, Erosion Controls, Fencing (2%)	1	LS		\$30,000
3	Site Demolition (4%)	1	LS		\$60,000
4	Earthwork, Site Work Grading (5%)	1	LS		\$75,000
5	Utility Relocation and Connections (5%)	1	LS		\$75,000
6	Irrigation	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000
7	Landscape Planting	1	LS	\$15,000	\$15,000
8	Signage	1	LS	\$2,500	\$2,500
9	Paving - Pedestrian Concrete	3,000	SF	\$25	\$75,000
10	Paving - Vehicular Asphalt	50,000	SF	\$25	\$1,250,000
11	Curb and Gutter	3,000	LF	\$45	\$135,000
	Subtotal				\$1,872,500
	20% Contingency (Includes Design and Engineering)				\$374,500
	TOTAL				\$2,247,000
	Fitness Loop				
1	Mobilization/Demob, Bonding, Insurance (10%)	1	LS		\$20,000
2	Temporary Fencing, Erosion Controls, Fencing (2%)	1	LS		\$4,000
3	Site Demolition (4%)	1	LS		\$8,000
4	Earthwork, Site Work Grading (5%)	1	LS		\$10,000
5	Utility Relocation and Connections (5%)	1	LS		\$10,000
6	Irrigation	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000
7	Landscape Planting	1	LS	\$10,000	\$10,000
8	Signage	1	LS	\$2,500	\$2,500
9	Paving - Pedestrian Concrete	1,200	SF	\$25	\$30,000
10	Fitness Loop Equipment	1	LS	\$150,000	\$150,000
	Subtotal				\$249,500
	20% Contingency (Includes Design and Engineering)				\$49,900
	TOTAL				\$299,400

PAY ITEM	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Extended Total Amount
	Parking Expansion				
1	Mobilization/Demob, Bonding, Insurance (10%)	1	LS		\$170,000
2	Temporary Fencing, Erosion Controls, Fencing (2%)	1	LS		\$34,000
3	Site Demolition (4%)	1	LS		\$68,000
4	Earthwork, Site Work Grading (5%)	1	LS		\$85,000
5	Utility Relocation and Connections (5%)	1	LS		\$85,000
6	Paving - Pedestrian Concrete	5,500	SF	\$25	\$137,500
7	Paving - Vehicular Asphalt	60,000	SF	\$25	\$1,500,000
8	Curb and Gutter	2,000	LF	\$45	\$90,000
	Subtotal				\$2,169,500
	20% Contingency (Includes Design and Engineering)				\$433,900
	TOTAL				\$2,603,400
	Maintenance Road				
1	Mobilization/Demob, Bonding, Insurance (10%)	1	LS		\$40,000
2	Temporary Fencing, Erosion Controls, Fencing (2%)	1	LS		\$8,000
3	Site Demolition (4%)	1	LS		\$16,000
4	Earthwork, Site Work Grading (5%)	1	LS		\$20,000
5	Utility Relocation and Connections (5%)	1	LS		\$20,000
6	Paving - Pedestrian Concrete	1,200	SF	\$25	\$30,000
7	Paving - Vehicular Asphalt	15,000	SF	\$25	\$375,000
	Subtotal				\$509,000
	20% Contingency (Includes Design and Engineering)				\$101,800
	TOTAL				\$610,800
	Repurpose Amphitheater				
1	Mobilization/Demob, Bonding, Insurance (10%)	1	LS		\$3,000
2	Temporary Fencing, Erosion Controls, Fencing (2%)	1	LS		\$600
3	Site Demolition (4%)	1	LS		\$1,200
4	Earthwork, Site Work Grading (5%)	1	LS		\$1,500
5	Utility Relocation and Connections (5%)	1	LS		\$1,500
6	Repurpose Amphitheater with Landscaping	1	LS	\$30,000	\$30,000
	Subtotal				\$37,800
	20% Contingency (Includes Design and Engineering)				\$7,560
	TOTAL				\$45,360
	Veterans Memorial Expansion				
1	Mobilization/Demob, Bonding, Insurance (10%)	1	LS		\$5,000
2	Temporary Fencing, Erosion Controls, Fencing (2%)	1	LS		\$1,000
3	Site Demolition (4%)	1	LS		\$2,000
4	Earthwork, Site Work Grading (5%)	1	LS		\$2,500
5	Utility Relocation and Connections (5%)	1	LS		\$2,500
6	Expand Veterans Memorial	1	LS	\$50,000	\$50,000
	Subtotal				\$63,000
	20% Contingency (Includes Design and Engineering)				\$12,600
	TOTAL				\$75,600
	Wungnema House Improvements				
1	Building repairs and updates per 2020 Carson City Facility Condition Assessment	1	LS	\$100,000	\$100,000
	Subtotal				\$100,000
	20% Contingency (Includes Design and Engineering)				\$20,000
	TOTAL				\$120,000
	Maintenance Shop				
1	Mobilization/Demob, Bonding, Insurance (8%)	1	LS		\$36,000
2	Temporary Fencing, Erosion Controls, Fencing (2%)	1	LS		\$9,000
3	Site Demolition (4%)	1	LS		\$18,000
4	Earthwork, Site Work Grading (5%)	1	LS		\$22,500
5	Utility Relocation and Connections (5%)	1	LS		\$22,500
6	Maintenance Shop	1	LS	\$295,000	\$295,000
	Subtotal				\$403,000
	20% Contingency (Includes Design and Engineering)				\$80,600
	TOTAL				\$483,600

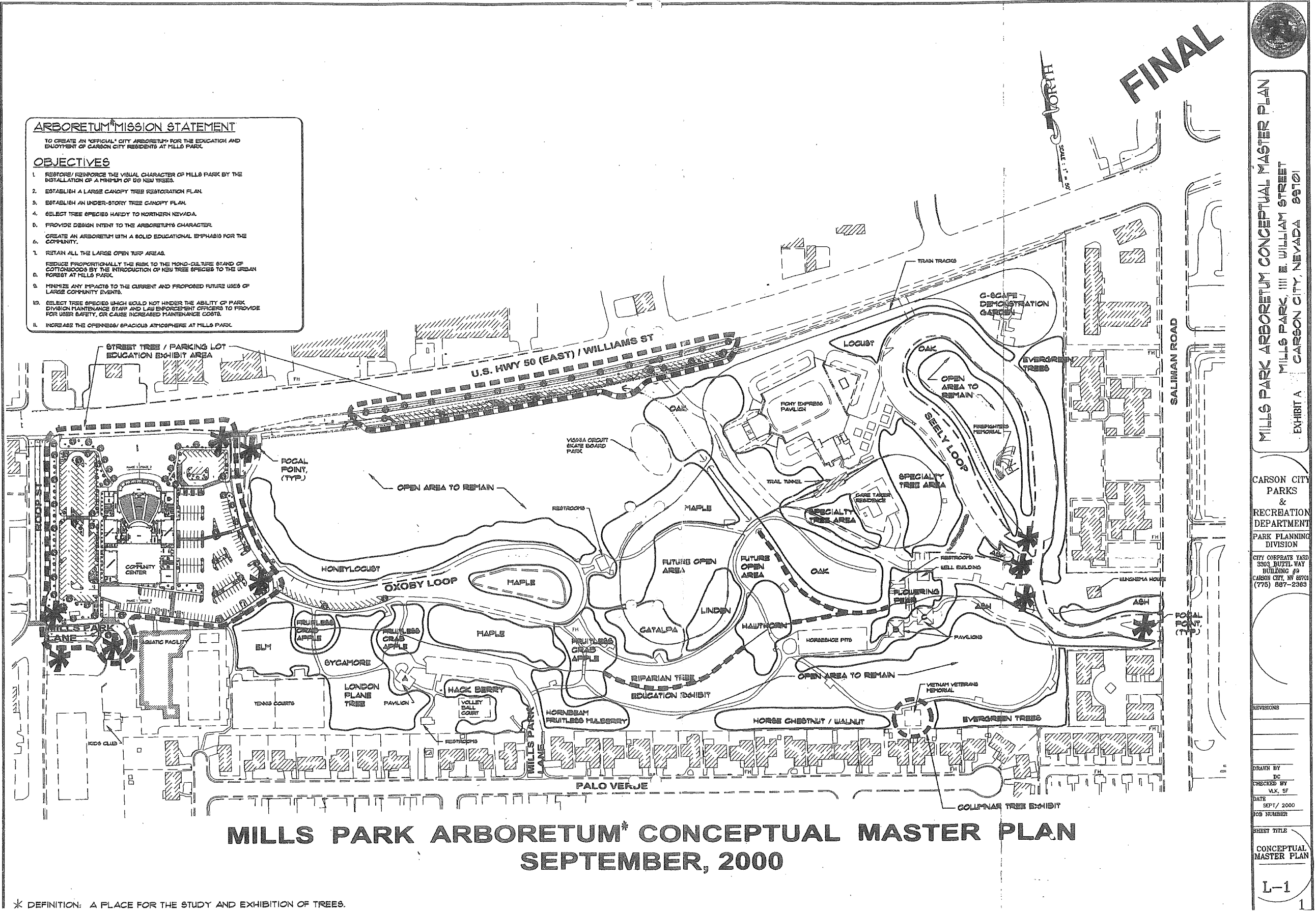




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MILLS PARK ARBORETUM CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN 2000





# SIGNAGE MASTER PLAN

## IMAGES FROM THE 2018 CARSON CITY PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE DEPARTMENT SIGNAGE MASTER PLAN



ENTRY KIOSK  
SINGLE PANEL - DOUBLE SIDED



ENTRY KIOSK  
SINGLE PANEL W/ METAL ROOF



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OPTION 1



TRAIL DIRECTIONAL SIGN  
OPTION 2



LARGE INTERPRETIVE SIGN



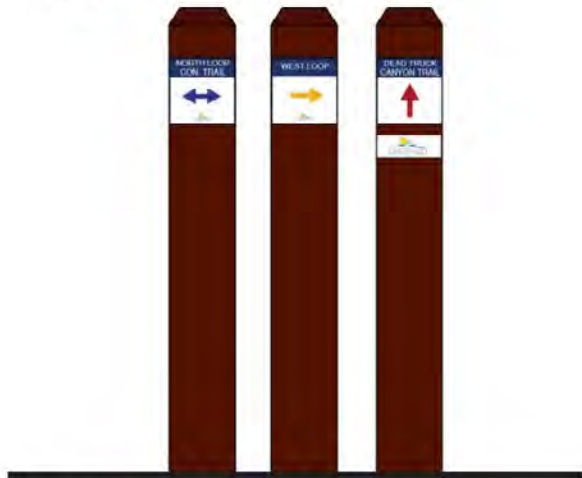
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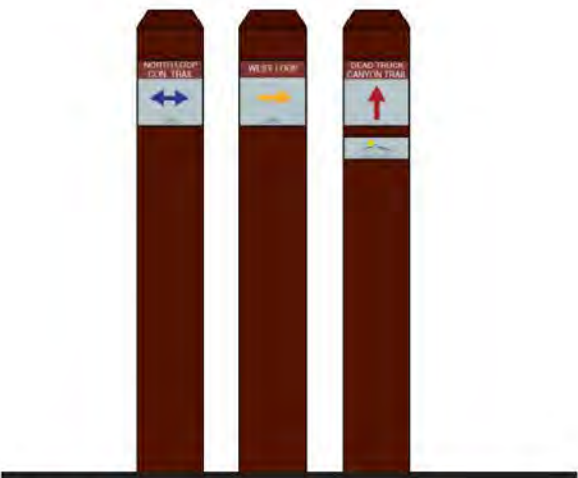
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6" POST - NAVY AND WHITE



ENTRY KIOSK  
6" POST - FIREWEED AND GREY



# PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN ALTERNATIVES OPTION A & B



## ALTERNATIVE DESIGNS

These alternatives were developed based input by Carson City staff on the needs and operations of the park, in alignment with initial feedback from the public survey conduction in 20220. The alternatives were then presented to the public on November 15, 2022. Feedback from that meeting was then taken and a preferred master plan was subsequently developed.



# PUBLIC MEETING NOTES

- Notes from talking with the public at the Mills Park Master Plan Public Meeting.
- The current exercise equipment area is in poor condition
- Would like to see an exercise loop with all inclusive equipment either along the loop or in a centralized area.
- Better bathrooms for use and changing opportunities. Some people like to exercise in the morning at the park then change to play pickleball.
- Lighting for skate park
- Add simple or “cookie cutter implements” to current skate park and hopefully larger one. – Simple implements like a stand-alone rail, steps, boxes, etc. located in area away from the main area to give users opportunities to be isolated from main group.
- Current bathrooms (portable restrooms) are terrible. Need to open up and improve on current closed facilities.
- Would like to see sidewalk from entrance at Seely loop into the park. Currently there is not one so have to walk in the roadway until they reach a sidewalk
- Sidewalk from MTP starts towards the playground to the south but dead ends into the lawn area. Have to walk either on the grass or in parking spaces to get to playground.
- Is there anything that is going to be built or take place in the empty lot off of Palo Verde?
- Large events create parking issues on Palo Verde and impacts residential homes. Increase parking in park to alleviate the issue.
- Like the addition of dog park. Would like to see the dog park to be grass or DG would be ok. Also would like to see sections for large dogs and small dogs as well as agility equipment.
- Don’t like additional road crossings across the railroad tracks. Would require a lot of security features for the safety of train, cars and pedestrians.
- Good to see turf reduction and water conservation with turf reduction. Would water conservation be the driving force for future changes?
- No dog park. Open Space + Parks + Rec added 4 more dog parks making 6 total in town which is already too many for a city this size, leave a few parks for people who don’t love or want dogs.
- I don’t see the multiuse path along Williams in either plan.
- Opposed to any vehicular access through park.
- I am not in favor of a dog park in the southeast corner. Nowhere near the homes please.
- Water waste/evaporation of splash park?
- Did OSAC approve dog park at Mills?
- Not enough parking
- Don’t like the road out to Hwy 50
- Parking on Hwy 50 along the multi use path
- Public road access through Park & safety. Prefer only accessible for safety and maintenance folks, not general access (both road options)
- More bathrooms
- Don’t like so many track crossings (RR)
- Needs more shade
- For- Promenade and support for events
- For- Lighted skate park and expanded skate park – x3 people
- Farmer’s Market at Pavilion and through the fall to support local farmers and ranchers
- Playground as large as possible – put where Firefighter’s Memorial is – Playground inside RR tracks a safety issue – needs to be close to parking (tot + larger kid areas) W/ SHADE
- For- Large skatepark
- Splash park – make as big as possible
- Add splash components & climbing walls & other amenities to pool – especially for winter (REVENUE)
- Promenade and emergency access
- For- Swings
- For- Lights @ pickleball courts







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## CARSON CITY CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPALITY

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**Date: July 7, 2022**

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**MILLS PARK COMMUNITY SURVEY**

(*Carson City, NV*) – Carson City Parks, Recreation and Open Space will be working on updating the master plan for Mills Park and is seeking community feedback.

Mills Park is a special place for so many, but the park's infrastructure is aging and due for a new long-term plan. With the community's assistance, the park space can be reimagined for the future. The survey will gather feedback on special events, community organization's needs, recreation amenities, and funding priorities. Please visit [carson.org/parksurvey](http://carson.org/parksurvey) to share your ideas on how to make Mills Park more enjoyable for locals and visitors to Carson City.

For more information on the Mills Park master plan, please contact the Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department at 775-887-2262 or visit [carson.org/parksandrec](http://carson.org/parksandrec).

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## Mills Park

The purpose of this survey is to help Carson City Parks and the design team better understand how Mills Park and all of its facilities are being used today, what additional events/activities could be held, what features or upgrades would be beneficial to the current user groups and how the facility can best serve the largest portion of our community possible going forward. Thank you for taking time to share your feedback.

### GENERAL PUBLIC SURVEY

1. Have you been to Mills Park for special events of any kind in the past 5 years? If yes, please select all the events you have attended.
  - Carnival
  - BOOnanza community trick-or-treat
  - Underwater egg hunt
  - Inline hockey
  - Car show
  - Skatepark competition
  - Pickleball events
  - Graduation ceremony
  - National Night Out
  - Private gathering
  - Fun run/walk
  - Cross Fit competition
  - Police Officers moto competition
  - Kids triathlon
  - Movies in the park
  - Swim meet
  - Theater performance/event
  - Roller derby bout
  - Futsal tournament
  - Other- (fill in)
  - None
2. Have you visited Mills Park for other activities in the past 5 years? If yes, please identify which of the following amenities were used during your visit (select as many as applicable)
  - Playground
  - Aquatic Facility
  - Community Center
  - Group picnic pavilions
  - Individual picnic sites
  - Parking
  - Skatepark



- Big grass field
- Grass and shade trees with tables
- Restroom(s)
- Marv Teixeira Pavilion
- Walking for exercise or enjoyment on the sidewalk system
- Organized Sports in the big grass field
- Pickleball courts
- Volleyball court
- Bocce Ball courts
- Walking paths
- Outdoor exercise equipment
- Horseshoe pits
- Railroad
- Individual picnic sites
- Vietnam, Firefighters or 9/11 Memorials
- Wungnema House

3. How frequently do you use the park?

- 1-4 times/year
- 5-10 times/year
- 10+ times/year
- Weekly
- Daily
- N/A

4. What times of the year do you use the park?

- summer
- fall
- winter
- spring
- N/A

5. Do you find parking adequate at the park?

- Yes
- No

6. Do you feel safe at the park?



## MASTER PLAN SURVEY

- Yes
- No
- If no, please explain...

7. Which existing facilities would you most like to see improvements made to?

- Tennis/Pickleball Courts
- Parking for Community Center or Pool
- Big grass field
- Skatepark
- Group picnic pavilion(s) Individual picnic sites
- Marv Teixeira Pavilion
- Railroad
- Playground
- Aquatic Facility
- Community Center
- Horseshoe pits
- Grass and shade trees with tables
- Restrooms
- Volleyball courts
- Bocce Ball courts
- walking paths
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8. What new amenities/improvements would you like to see at the park? Please select your top 3 in ranked order.

- Increased parking
- Splash park
- Concession stand
- Pickleball complex
- Skatepark expansion
- Permanent cornhole boards
- New restrooms
- New playground
- Public art
- Designated off leash area for dogs
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

9. Please share any additional ideas: (fill in)



10. If you would like to be updated regarding the Mills Park Master Plan update, including any future workshops or opportunities to participate in the process, please provide your contact information below:

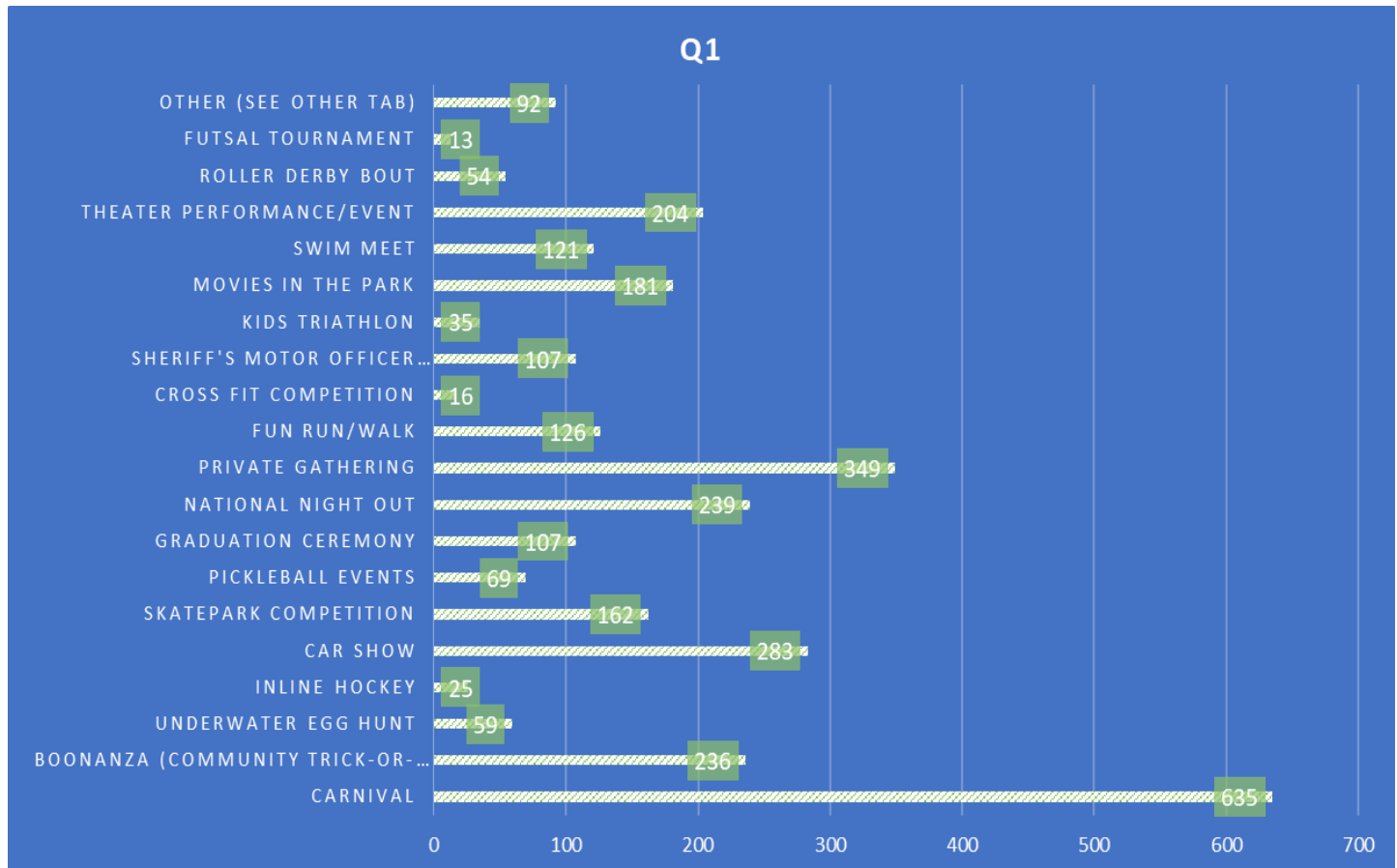
THANK YOU!

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**Q1: Have you been to Mills Park for special events of any kind in the past 5 years? If yes, please select all the events you have attended.**

Carnival	635
BOOnanza (Community trick-or-treat)	236
Underwater Egg Hunt	59
Inline Hockey	25
Car Show	283
Skatepark Competition	162
Pickleball Events	69
Graduation Ceremony	107
National Night Out	239
Private gathering	349
Fun Run/Walk	126
Cross Fit Competition	16
Sheriff's Motor Officer Challenge	107
Kids Triathlon	35
Movies in the Park	181
Swim Meet	121
Theater Performance/Event	204
Roller Derby Bout	54
Futsal Tournament	13
Other (See Other Tab)	92





**Other | Have you been to Mills Park for special events of any kind in the past 5 years? If yes, please select all the events you have attended.**

Fireworks

Walking or enjoying the trees

Movers n doers, youth programs

Rockabilly riot

Swim lessons, kids playground

Photoshoot

Fireworks

Train in the summer and for Halloween

Train

4th of july

State fair

Soccer

Halloween Fantasy Train Ride

Camp Carson

Civil War reenactments

Rendezvous

Kids day at the park, happened last month, Scoops was there.

Soccer, elections

Taking children to play

Nevada State Fair

State fair

I play bocce there weekly

Fireworks

Fourth of July

Covid testing

Kids park day

Fireworks

Dance performance

Special Olympics Bocce practice

Fair

Fairs



Train
Just to walk or watch kids play in park
Kids day in the park
Park play
Halloween Train
My marriage ceremony
Bring Back Ghost Train
Soccer
food truck
voting
Bigger skatepark
Trunk or treat
Family fun
NA Meetings
NV State Fair
4th of July
Fireworks
A simple walk in the park to look at the beautiful falls leaves
To play and enjoy the creek when water was rushing.
Skate comp
4th of July picnic and fireworks, dance recital at community center
Wheelhouse host comps
State Fair
I often just stroll the park in the early mornings
Soccer practice
Gun Show
picnics
4th of July
Carson rendezvous days :(
Reenactment
Private events
Dog park
Carson Rendezvous
Fourth of July
School Board

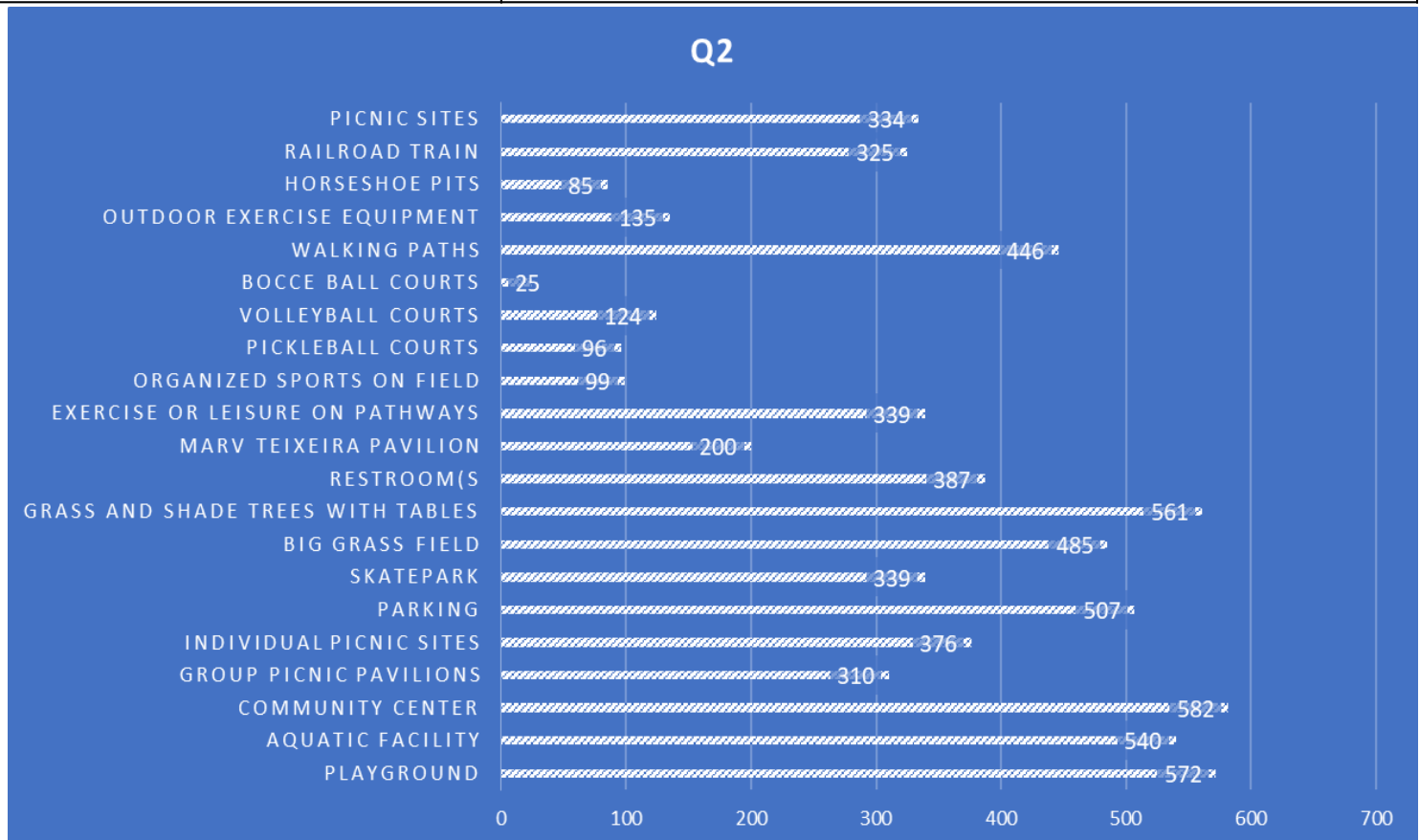


Lots of full court basketball hoops the Mac is too expensive
Disc golf
Halloween & whenever the Train is running!!!
Been going to this park for 25 years
Skate competitions
Coworker/office gathering
Civil war reenactment
play football and walk
Blinky Man
Food cart
election
bocce
July 4th RSVP event
Lets Go Brandon Rally
Fireworks
Fireworks
bicycling
New to town, so not yet...
Voting
With family
The train
Rr events
Pooch Plunge, Train
Fireworks
Carnivals, Rendezvous
4th of July fireworks



**Q2: Have you visited Mills Park for other activities in the past 5 years? If yes, please identify which of the following amenities were used during your visit. (select all that apply)**

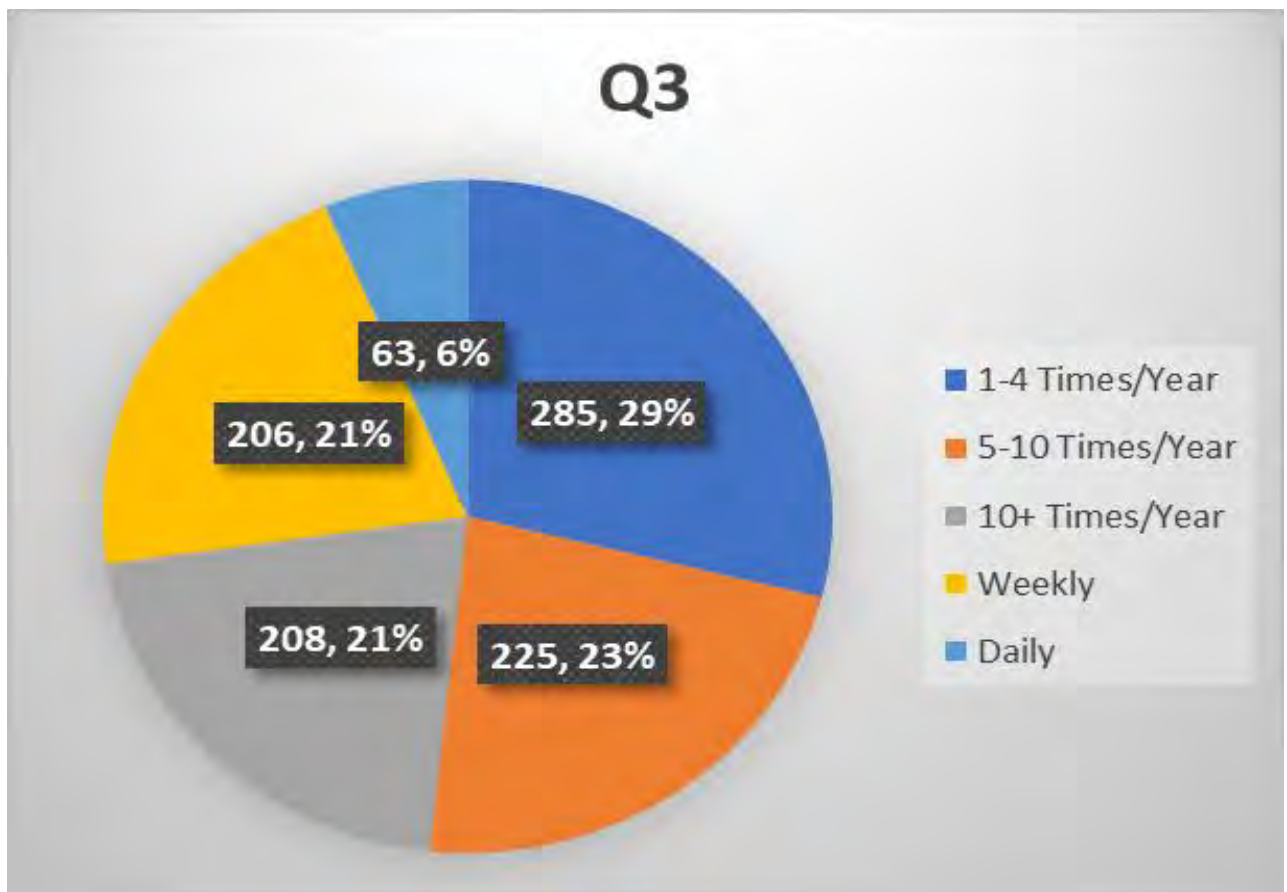
Playground	572
Aquatic Facility	540
Community Center	582
Group Picnic Pavilions	310
Individual Picnic Sites	376
Parking	507
Skatepark	339
Big Grass Field	485
Grass and Shade Trees with Tables	561
Restroom(s)	387
Marv Teixeira Pavilion	200
Exercise or Leisure on Pathways	339
Organized Sports on Field	99
Pickleball Courts	96
Volleyball Courts	124
Bocce Ball Courts	25
Walking Paths	446
Outdoor Exercise Equipment	135
Horseshoe Pits	85
Railroad Train	325
Picnic Sites	334





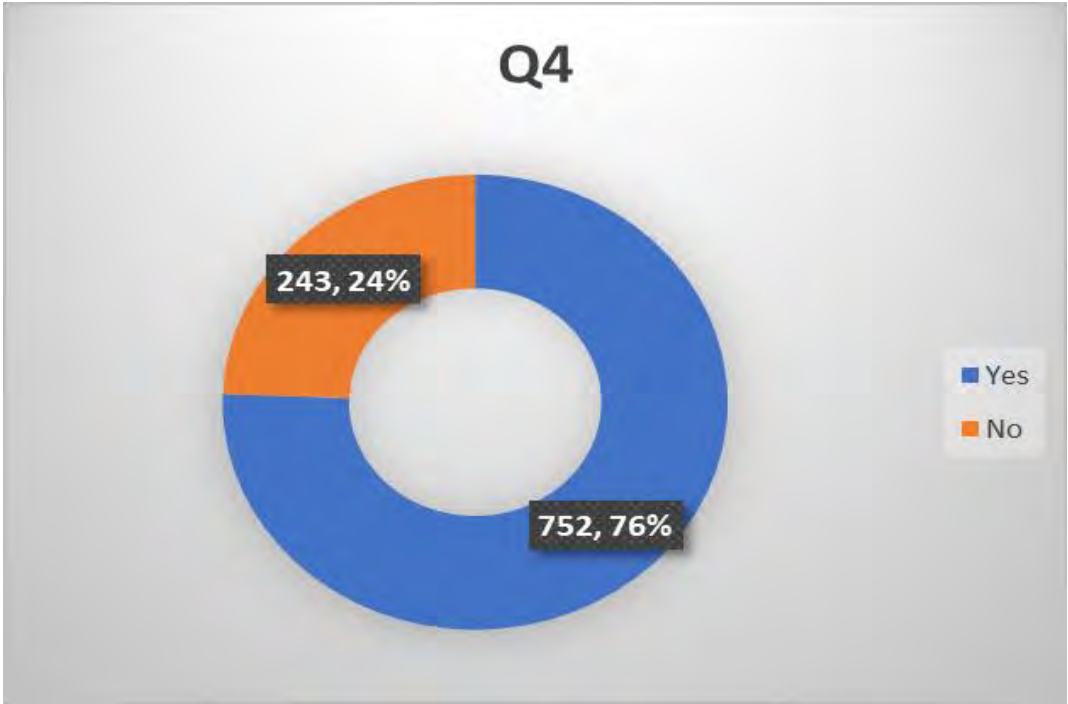
**Q3: How frequently do you visit the park? (select only one)**

1-4 Times/Year	285
5-10 Times/Year	225
10+ Times/Year	208
Weekly	206
Daily	63
N/A	



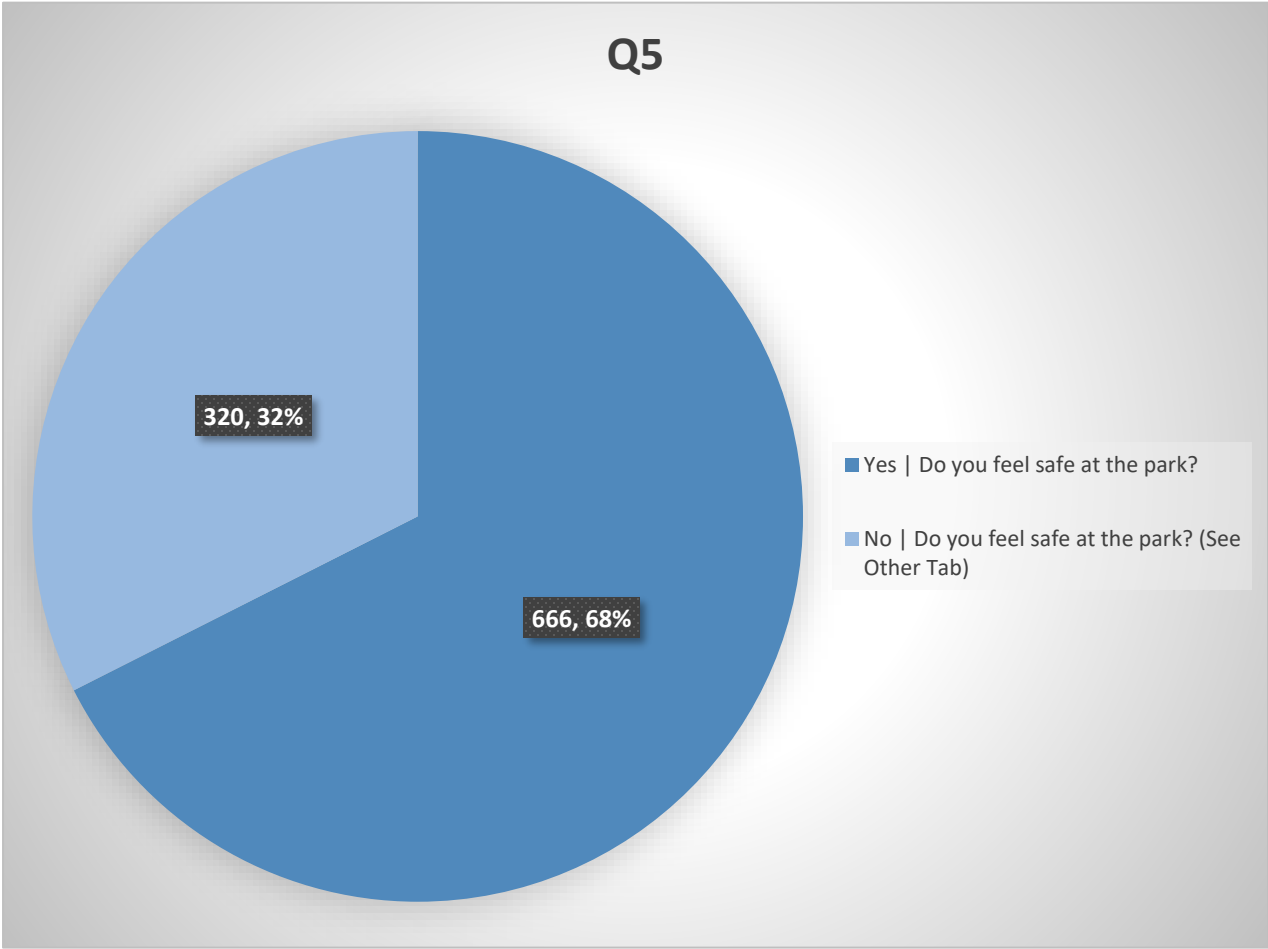


Q4: Is there adequate parking at the park?	
Yes	752
No	243





Q5: Do you feel safe at the park?		
Yes   Do you feel safe at the park?		666
No   Do you feel safe at the park? (See Other Tab)		320





No   Do you feel safe at the park?
Gun violence and homeless people
I do not feel safe because there are a lot of homeless people and drug use/drugs
Their are many homeless and drug attics around
To many homeless and drug dealers
I would like to see a regular presence of park ranger or staff on sitelf no, please explain...
I have found drug paraphernalia at the park, there are a lot of homeless who reside at the park and the last time I was there, kids were climbing on the bathrooms, jumping off the roof, with no response from the SO.
Too many homeless
Not all of the time. A lot of homeless and sketchy people sometimes.
Daylight, yes. Night time, no.
If no, please explain... Generally yes however after dark or during big events it is getting scarier
If no, please explain...I've been there when there were a lot of homeless there sleeping
The homeless hanging out by the playgrounds where the kids are, or they are near the bathrooms
If no, please explain...there a lot of transients who have made the park feel unsafe in past 3 years
I feel safe but I know a lot of people don't. There is drugs in the park at times. Police presence is always scary. Not always lit up.
Sometimes. I avoid areas with loiterers/transients and the skate park.
If no, please explain... there seems to be lots of homeless people or what looks like drug addicts walking around
If no, please explain...depends on the time of day.
If no, please explain...too much homeless people loitering
If no, please explain...
So many homeless people sleeping under trees, on picnic tables and camping out in their cars in the parking lot
Unfortunately, there are a lot of homeless in the area. But that's a bigger issue.
I see people shooting up drugs all the time. Homless walking around and sleeping on the ground everywhere
Lots of rifle Raf, homeless, and transients.
There is a lot of homeless people that can cause you to feel uneasy
Sonetimes, lots of homeless
There is usually people camping out, drinking, or smoking stuff.
Ever time I have been there with my kid homeless are everywhere. One day a drunk homeless man came at my kids and i
I just hear negative things about it. Drug use and bad people. No personal experiences.
Sometimes people doing shady things....
If no, please explain...too many vagrants
If no, please explain... homeless people, people doing drugs, the equipment is about to break.
There are homeless people all over and just is unkept
Homeless people If no, please explain...
I have come in contact with so many sketchy people. I used to work for Carson rec, and we had to ask people to leave so many
If no, please explain...homeless guys
Too many tweakers hang out there, leaving nasty paraphernalia for children to find.
It used to feel safe, but an increase in homeless people camping makes me nervous as a mom with her daughter
If no, please explain...not always. There are a lot of partiers and homeless on drugs.
Too many homeless, saw two people having sex by the war memorial, tired of the kids doing drugs there. If no, please
Depends on the event/day/time. Definitely not in the evenings or night.
Homeless like to hang out near the bathrooms and memorial areas. Some walkways should be redone and leveled out.
High homeless population frequents the park, bathrooms closed
On more than one occasion I have been approached by someone selling drugs.
A lot of homeless people



Not at night during carnival.
Homeless sleeping on grass and picnic tables. Will not use restrooms because of this
Too many homeless
Sometimes there are undesirable people roaming looking like they are up to no good and occasional homeless. .
If no, please explain...
If no, please explain...cut down on the drugs and vagrants. My kids don't feel safe there either.
If no, please explain...my son found a beehive and we all got attacked by bees. We ran into the river. We told the park ranger.
Too much drug obvious drug use and people sleeping in their cars. Feels unsafe with children
If no, please explain... stabbings during carnivals, drunks, homeless, needles, pickleballers, etc.
If no, please explain... its changed a lot in the last years. To be honest, it's not a place for kids and is a place for crime and
If no, please explain...
Too many homeless, too many drug attics, vagrant teenagers that are not being supervised by adults. Stabbings, the lighting is not sufficient. Certainly not a place I ever want to be once it gets dark and I'm fairly hesitant to be during the day unless I have
Too many fights, drugs, and homeless.
There seems to be a lot more sketchy youth and tweakers. I would not allow my kids there unsupervised.
If no, please explain... homeless and drug users are rampant during non event times.
Homeless, drug sells, stabbings
There is always homeless people hanging around and people who seem "shady" sleeping there or parked in the parking lot.
Lots of beat up play equipment and homeless people
If no, please explain...if im alone with my two kids im concerned about drugs and homeless
If no, please explain...Too many homeless people hanging around
If no, please explain...
Alot of riff raff If no, please explain...
Too many homeless people. Have found needles on the ground..
Homeless and drug use can be an issue sometimes.
Lots of homeless: have been approached
Not enough lighting
If no, please explain...homeless population, knives that we found lying in the grass .
If no, please explain...Drugs in the bathrooms, creepy people harassing others
The last few times I have gone to the park there has been quite a few homeless people there
lots of inappropriate behavior by teenagers and adults within view of young kids
If no, please explain...
Racist delinquents at skate park
.homeless hanging around
Not enough lighting and many homeless loitering
If no, please explain...homeless people.
If no, please explain... a lot of homeless people and drug addicts go there
Agressive panhandling
Lots of rough people hang out there.
If no, please explain... the homeless are always hanging around the bathrooms.
To much crime, creepy people stalking my kids, drug needles on ground, over all the kids are not allowed to be alone at the age
If no, please explain...
If no, please explain...lots of homeless people sleeping at the park and/or under the influence
Not always there's homeless people drinking alcohol if the picnic benches. I also see kids selling drugs around the skateboard
If no, please explain...night time is very sketchy lots of not very well lit areas for people to hide
If no, please explain...
Not after dark



If no, please explain... homeless creeps
If no, please explain... a lot of suspicious activities and people happening and walking around. Lots of homeless and drug
Remove the homeless
There are so many large open areas where questionable folks hang out - I do not feel safe there with my kids, alone.
Lots of transient people, garbage in the ground.
Weird people around at certain times of the day , not enough watch
Lots of shady people hang around. Have seen dangerous liter.
If no, please explain...I frequently see people that are drinking and/or using drugs when I walk during daylight hours.
If no, please explain...known for drunks and drug use
Homeless people and druggies
Not always. There are a lot of homeless and every parent knows not to let their kids go to the bathroom alone because drug
If no, please explain...
If no, please explain...transients are often making areas of the park feel unsafe. It doesn't seem there are ever LEO's canvassing the area unless it's for a specific large event.
Get rid of the homeless in the park!
Having the homeless makes me feel uncomfortable and nervous for myself and my kids
I wouldn't want my kids to be there without an adult because of the bums and would not go there after dark because of lack of
Sometimes no; a lot of homeless or strange people around
A lot of homeless and suspicious people, not sure if they are on drugs
homeless in the park harassing families
Most of the time it's fine, but we've been approached by men several times asking for money or rides and it's never happened at any other local parks which we visit weekly
If no, please explain...questionable people there at night
Needles and a lot of homeless people
If no, please explain...there are a lot of homeless people there constantly, doing drugs
If no, please explain...
If no, please explain...I feel the homeless and drug users have taken over during days when there are not special events
If no, please explain...there are bums at the park often and suspicious people
There seems to be a lot transient people and people under the influence.
Lots of people with dogs with no leash, people that sit in car by them selves and staring towards park for hours
Homeless & drugs
Not during special events
Seem like more crime is happening there
Sometimes there's people hanging around that seem to be under the influence
There are a lot of homeless people
If no, please explain...
Restrooms and needs patrolled more
A lot of homeless people sleeping or near restrooms
Many transients. Seen drugs. If no, please explain...
I don't feel my kids are safe at the playground because of how many needles I have found there. And the amount of druggie looking people that do go there worries me. I only go for events and not for her to play at.
There has always been homeless but it used to be only a few that we all recognized. It's now far too many and we need to bus
Too many homeless, I worry about bringing my children while walking past groups of homeless drinking or smoking
Lots of homelessness
Homeless& drug paraphernalia...
Sometimes there are homeless people or other sketchy looking people hanging out at the tables
Mills park seems to have gained the feel of being unsafe over the years, this is where we see some crimes being reported and



Homeless population, needles laying around, it's where I was attacked by a random dog
Community center inadequate
If no, please explain...too many homeless people napping on benches
Large homeless population at the park
If no, please explain...
Homeless and drug induced persons seem to hang around at mills
If no, please explain... too many homeless and drugs around.
If no, please explain...to many homeless and adults that look like they are on drugs. Very unsafe park. I have been once in 10 years. I have lived in Carson for 45 years. Carnival are not safe either. Park is just extremely unsafe place.
I removed my kids from the latchkey program due to the drug paraphernalia always found I. The park homeless population. There are many reports about crimes happening at the park in the restrooms and at events.
If no, please explain...lots of homeless sleeping in the park. Observed what appeared to be drug use going on in bathrooms
I've witnessed drug use and at one point homeless people took over one corner of the park making it an area most people would avoid. I'm aware there have been abductions there.
Carnival crime.
To many drug users and homeless these days. Not a comfortable park anymore.
Homeless and drug addicts
A huge branch almost fell on us last year and homeless people in the afternoons trying to talk to me and my kids
The homeless situation hanging out in the park and their vehicles make me leery of going with my children.
If no, please explain...too many homeless/transients
Homeless
When there's homeless sleeping and hanging out in the park its unnerving.
Lots of criminal elements known to be there
too many homeless
Vagrants, gangs, inadequate lighting after dark, no emergency alert systems
Typically feel pretty safe, but closer to night time, not so much. There is certainly a problem with less desirable elements that
In less populated areas of the park I feel unsafe. If the park were more inviting and offered amenities that would create incentives for visitors to spend more time at the park, maybe it would become less appealing to dangerous individuals.
Actually, I feel fairly safe but there has been a growing presence of homeless people during the past several years. I walk for at least 30 minutes every work day in the park (I work in an office nearby). Some of my female co-workers have stopped walking at the park at lunch because of the homeless presence. I routinely get approached for spare change from folks (mostly men) hanging out at the various pavillions or picnic tables. Over the years I have called the police 2 or 3 times to report drunk or
I probably wouldn't go by myself and my kids. Homeless and people using drugs are there frequently
Mills Park does not have a good reputation in the community.
Yes and No depends on the area
Homeless problem, park covered in goose droppings
Sometimes, I don't like the bathrooms. I feel there could be potential issues there.
Seems that it has become a hangout spot for many homeless people. Its also Seems like there needs to be a better system for
Predators frequent the park
I don't always feel safe going with my children alone. There is a homeless population there and we have seen drug paraphernalia on the playground including a pipe and needles.
Too many homeless.
Not enough supervision from authorities and sometimes there are suspicious people hanging around.
Not during large events as little security is in place and too many dark places for crime to take place. During the day with family it is fine. But still a lot of homeless and shady activities going on.
Homeless and gangs
drug use/ deals in the area



hang out for gang level people if no, please explain...
Sometimes
mostly I feel safe But more and more it's become a homeless shelter which is uncomfortable when you bring your children
People say its not safe, so gas me concerned to be there by myself...
Homeless people wandering
Has become rather run down, sketchy activity
If no, There is a lot of people who seems to be waiting for drugs. please explain...
Sometimes the homeless make me uncomfortable, however I know there aren't many places for them.
I feel ok. Too many homeless sitting at the tables and sleeping on the grass.
If no, please explain...no longer at night
There has been a lot of sketchy characters there lately because there are little to no places for the homeless to go during the
A lot of drug use takes place at this park
If no, please explain...
Not always. Homeless population is growing there. It can be unsettling.
There is a lot of homeless and drug use in this park I will not go there after sundown it is too dangerous
Too much gang presents with min Sheriff.
Not safe at night
Homeless people
If no, please explain...not at night
Too many drug addicts, homeless population, and unattended children/teens
Homeless camping and drug deals
Lots of homeless people around
The carnivals are not safe, do not have enough security and poorly managed
Bathrooms seem dirty and sketchy & homeless people around
Homeless people
Bathrooms have empty alcohol bottles, looks like homeless people stay there
Well...the stabbing last year for one.
Homeless
If no, please explain...lots of homeless, the portable restrooms often are very dirty and sometimes have what looks like drug
homeless were sleeping there last time we were there. We sent a customer there recently and he was harassed by people at
I go to mills to scooter, and the way our skatepark is built allows homeless and wanna be thugs to waltz right in to cause
If no, please explain...it's a pretty empty park due to the outdates. More people will push out the bad people.
A lot of sketchy looking people every time I have been
Homelessness
If no, please explain...there are people that are addicted to drugs and do drugs in the potty
Too many drug people leaving behind their stuff. Homeless people everywhere.
I do sometimes feel safe, but I have also
Too many transients, restrooms locked
Homeless people
The bathrooms are gross
homeless
If no, please explain...kids do drugs at the skatepark
During the daytime, I feel ok, but once dusk comes, I leave.
crazy people
Seems to attract homeless and drugs
Homeless people sleep in those open buildings that people use for events by the back.
If no, please explain...it's where many students go to fight and people lurk.



Evidence of drug use and no accessible restrooms
To many homeless people
Needs security. A lot of homeless/groups of people that look shady.
If no, please explain...there's bums
Too many homeless and/or strange people loiteringIf no, please explain...
More streetlights or light in general
If no, please explain...
Way too many homeless and sketchy looking people around
As a woman, in the morning on walks I wouldn't feel safe without being able to bring my dog with me on walks.
If no, please explain...
If no, please explain...lots of drugs and migrants, people chasing children, etc
Somewhat, more homeless and people that look like they are on drugs hang around the skatepark where there are a lot of kids
Excessive homeless
Hasn't felt safe for years!
Lots of shady people there and some areas feel too secluded
Homeless, find syringes, weapons, and pot smoking at skatepark
If no, please explain...
If no, please explain...too many weird people hanging around
If no, please explain...too many homeless people, some rough characters at skate park and I hear of gang activity there
Homeless (which is sad but wish there was a better place for them)
I have seen weird men there and vagrants sleeping.
If no, please explain... Lots of homeless people and lots of kids that do bad things only at the skate park
People.
I don't know how to describe it but as a woman and mother I've never felt safe at mills park without a group
Lots of transient people hanging around
If no, please explain... a lot of bums and not always kept up. At one point we found trash with a needle in it.
If no, please explain...this is the #1 reason my family doesn't go more. Between the homeless and those on drugs - not a safe place for me and my littles to go alone much of the time :(
There are so many homeless people and people doing drugs in this park throughout. I really really don't feel safe here. I would love to be bringing my kid here but there's always shady people hanging out and broken equipment
Not in evening. Need better lighting and make saferIf no, please explain...
If no, please explain...
If no, please explain...
If no, please explain...lots of drug addicts and homeless people.
Mostly. A CCSO substation would be nice there. Homeless population increasing, some problem people and growth will
Not all the time. Usually yes.
Graffiti, dingy, gross amenities from all the Homeless people and "shady" looking individuals everywhere. I do not come to this park without my husband as I don't feel safe if it's just the kids and me.
The park is a gathering place for homeless drunks and criminals I have personally found used syringes in the bathrooms
I would not go to the Mills Park during the evening
meth users make me feel car is unsafe, can't use entire park
Most the time yes, however sometimes no because of bums
Lot of drug use and people begging for money
.There are no security personnel, there are homeless, people drinking
The amount of drug use and homeless population
Lots of homeless and drug activity
many homeless, my friend got carjacked nearbyIf no, please explain...



Don't feel safe using the park restrooms, too many homeless/transients loitering around.
Rumors of individuals taking illegal substances there. Also threat of gun violence.
Most of the time but sometimes feel unsafe
Cannot use restrooms as people living in them
There are people sleeping in the park, rough and scary looking people, drinking, etc. .
If no, please explain... lots of people openly doing drugs at this park, even during events. I do not feel safe taking students to
There are a lot of homeless people hanging out around the playground area
If no, please explain...too many homeless
In the day yes, night has a lot of darker places and a lot more homeless people than before
HUGE amount of homeless wandering the park and especially concentrated to the horseshoe pits. Always finding needles and
way to many homeless people not enjoyable for me or my kids.If no, please explain...
Sometimes homeless people are there
There have been issues at the park recent l y and i would not leave my kids there who are teens. If no, please explain...
There are spots where people are vulnerable to attack and has happened in the past. Maybe a call station like the university
Homeless, not clea
Sometimes yes. But most of the time there is too much homeless. Lots of trash, old used drugs/needles. Would like a way for it
to be cleaner and safer for families to enjoy. Not just the homeless to sleep.
If no, please explain...it seems to be over run with gang bangers
Homeless population, trash especially broken glass
Mostly yes but it does seem to attract homeless, mentally unstable people, and drug users
Homeless frequently there, occasionally drug paraphernalia on the ground
Too many homeless there.
Homeless and drugs
I've seen drug use and drug paraphernalia at the park with the homeless community that is there.
Homeless population often resides throughout the park.
Sometimes there are a lot of vagrants and cussing teens close by the playground and makes me not want to bring my 4 year
old to the playground as much as I'd like to seeing as we only live a couple of blocks away from the park. If no, please explain...
What's to explain? At any non event you never know what's going on around the park.
If no, please explain...homeless and rumors of drugs and fighting
Depends on the time of day. Some of the homeless get aggressivelf..
Non safe individuals in the park.
Mostly on the east end of the park are where the issues with homeless are. The west side near the pool, community center
feel safer due to the amount of people around.
I feel safe everywhere in the park, but the outdoor bathrooms. I avoid them at all costs.
just stigma surrounding past news stories at the park....
During a soccer practice we found a large switch-blade knife, lot's of sketchy people laying around
If no, Homelessness and intoxicated people are commonplace in this park.
Angry democrats have taken over this park at times. Pro murder of children groups, anti 2A groups, Orange Man Bad folks
Transient population/drug use
If no, please explain...recently a lot of homeless have been in the park. My high school student doesn't walk through the park
There is an influx of homeless people makes me fear having my kids there tlbc they may pick something up. The park doesn't
make me feel safe either bc it's age germs and broken pieces. The shootings there and when I am there with two kids and see
homeless or dangerous people just hanging with a group of people, I don't if I should be there alone with the kids. We do not
I have witnessed drug usage and needles in the pavilion and restrooms. I play pickleball early in the day and there are
Too many hobos hanging out. Sketchy drug addicts hanging out.
Depends on the time of day.
In certain areas (such as the space closest to the Swim Center we do not feel safe. We also don't feel safe using the bathrooms.



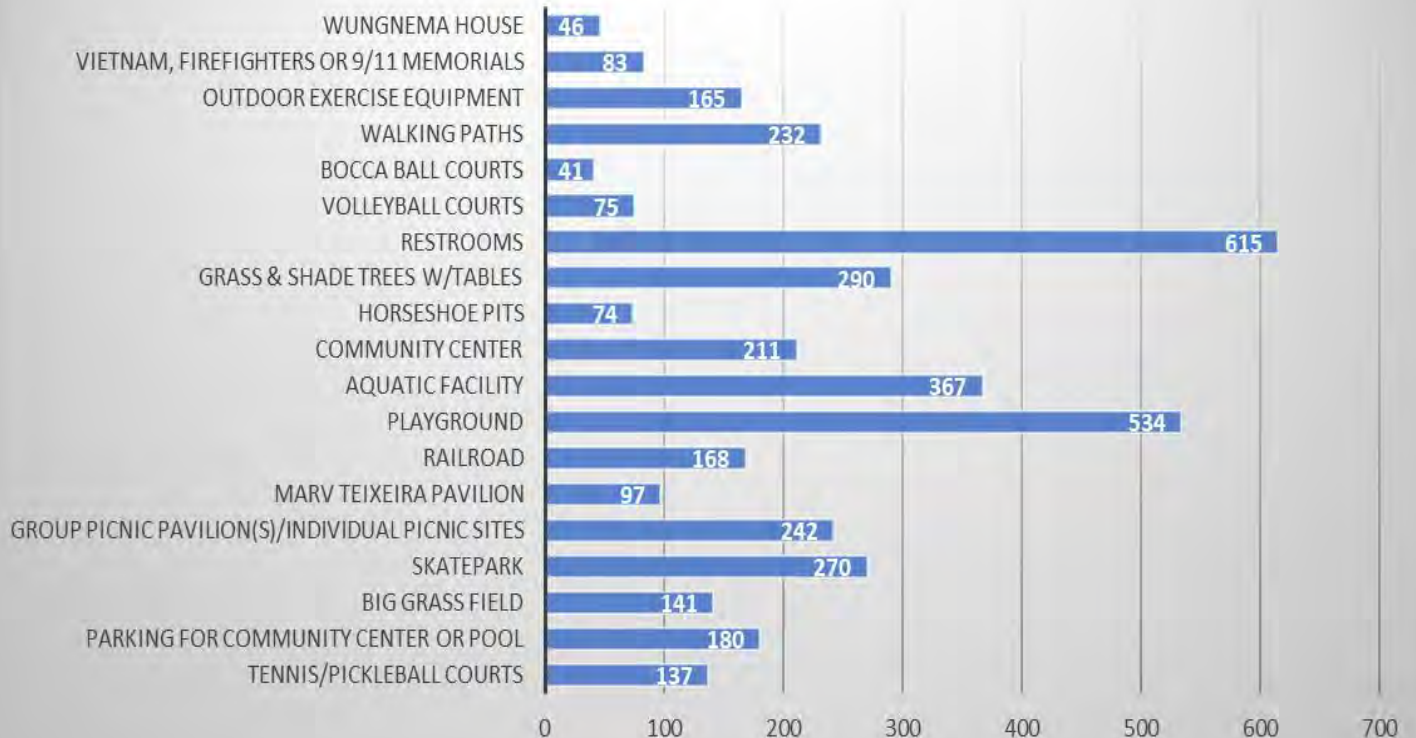
Safe during the day, sometimes raucous kids and transients loitering in evenings
Recently, no, there are homeless people there everyday. I haven't used the restrooms at Mills Parks for years because of not feeling safe. Even the aquatic facility does not feel safe to me.
Homeless and shady looking people everywhere
Homeless
too many dogs
I don't always feel safe while riding or walking through the park pathways with my small children and letting them too far away
Drunks and dopers hang out
I've gone to use the porta potties by pickleball & 2 adults went in before me. I believe they are homeless. May have been going
I've noticed a large increase in questionable characters in the park and have even talked with other moms about specific behaviors/people to watch out for. It is evident that many people in the park are using drugs.
Homeless population is not controlled. I have seen people using drugs out in public with no regard to children or other people.
early morning, transient people
Depends on time of day, but there are always lots of homeless. I have seen blood in one of the pavilions.
Bird poop everywhere. Salmonella danger
Increased homeless and the homeless getting more bold/aggressive towards users.



### Q6: Which existing facilities would you most like to see improvements made to?

Tennis/Pickleball Courts	137
Parking for Community Center or Pool	180
Big Grass Field	141
Skatepark	270
Group Picnic Pavilion(s)/Individual Picnic Sites	242
Marv Teixeira Pavilion	97
Railroad	168
Playground	534
Aquatic Facility	367
Community Center	211
Horseshoe Pits	74
Grass & Shade Trees w/Tables	290
Restrooms	615
Volleyball Courts	75
Bocca Ball Courts	41
Walking Paths	232
Outdoor Exercise Equipment	165
Vietnam, Firefighters or 9/11 Memorials	83
Wungnema House	46

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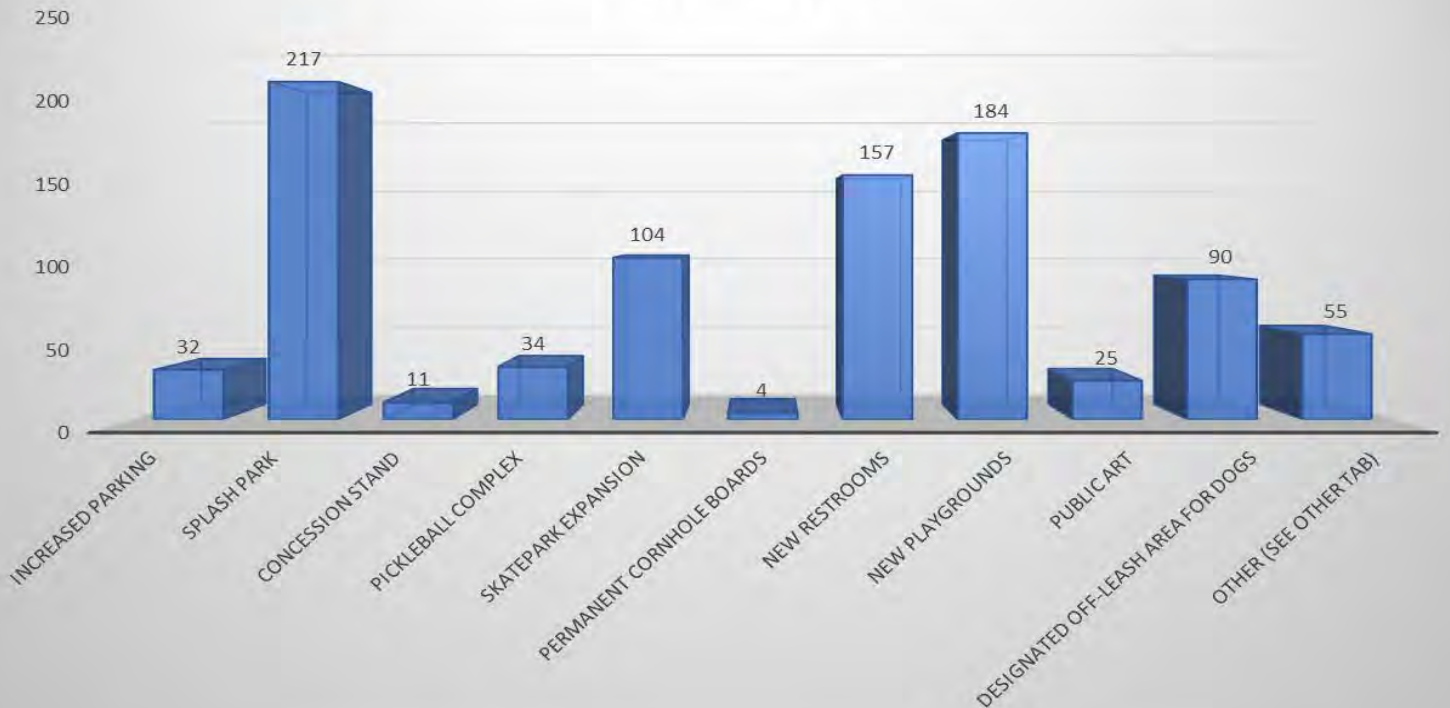




**Q7: What new amenities/improvements would you like to see at the park? Please select your top 3 in ranked order.**

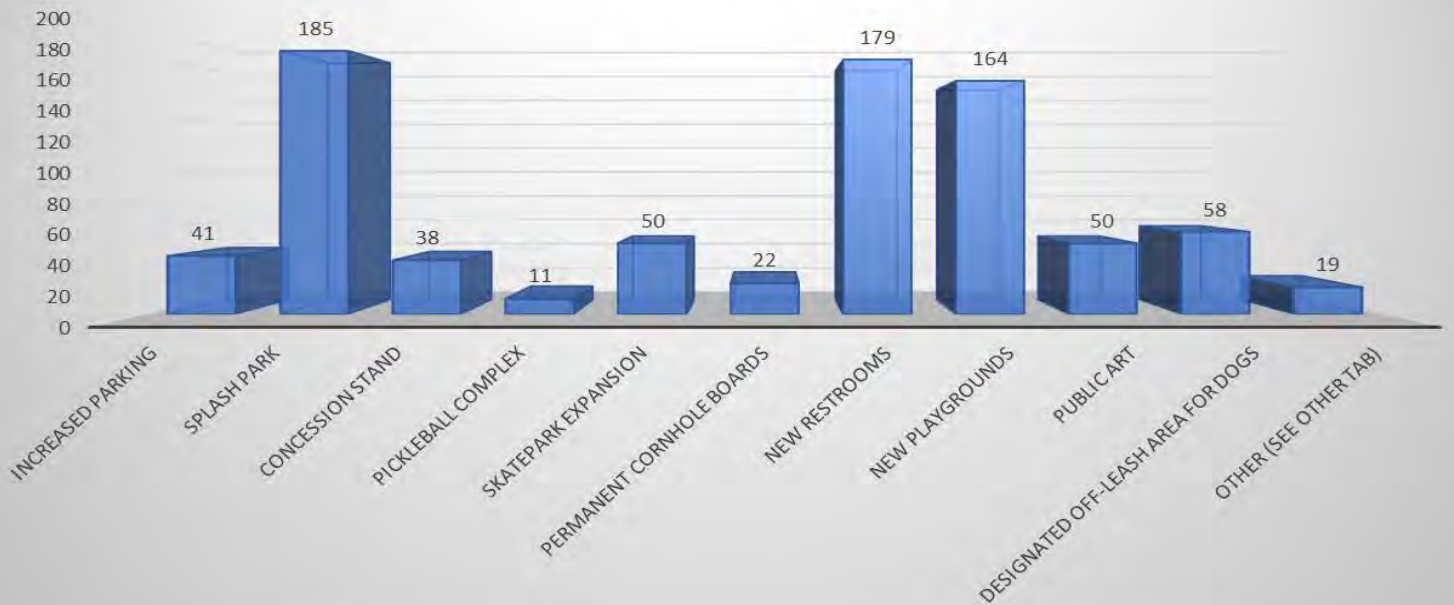
	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Increased Parking	32	41	41
Splash Park	217	185	158
Concession Stand	11	38	64
Pickleball Complex	34	11	15
Skatepark Expansion	104	50	63
Permanent Cornhole Boards	4	22	40
New Restrooms	157	179	128
New Playgrounds	184	164	98
Public Art	25	50	55
Designated Off-Leash Area for Dogs	90	58	79
Other (See Other Tab)	55	19	30

**Q7: PRIORITY 1**

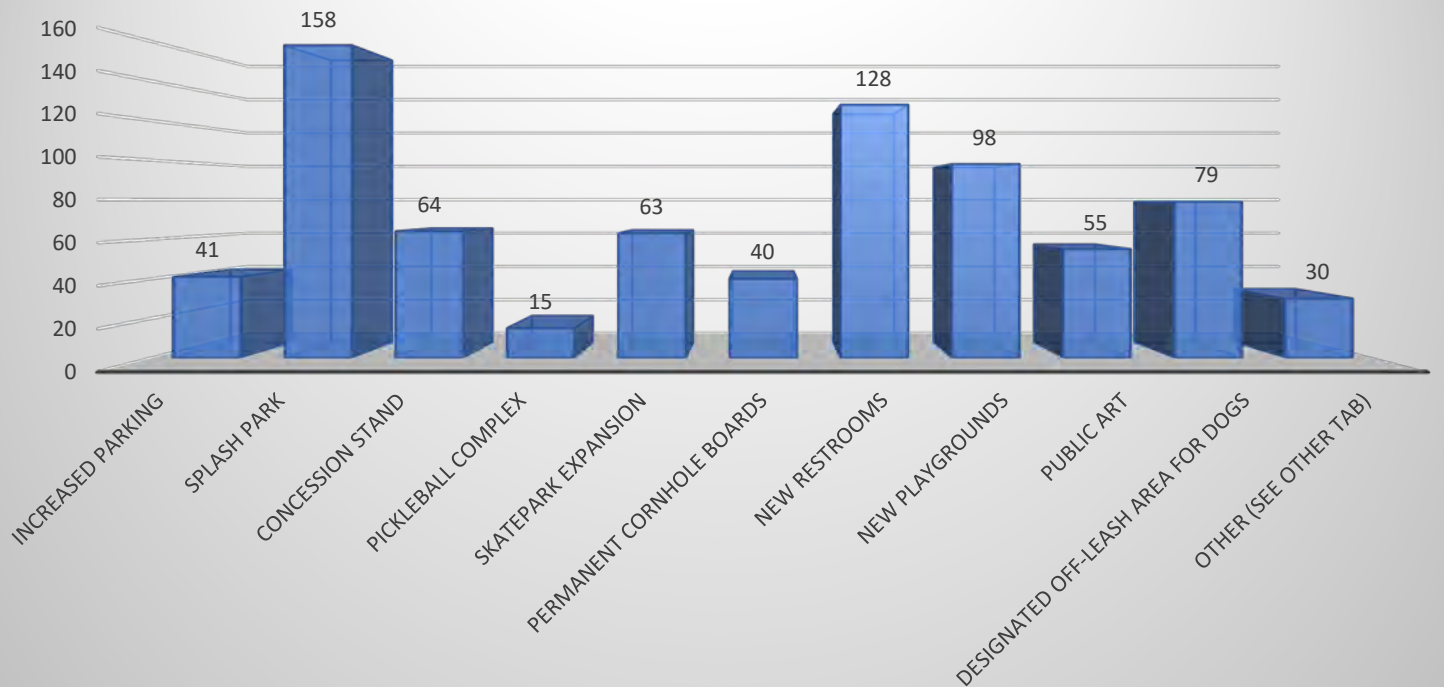




### Q7: PRIORITY 2



### Q7: PRIORITY 3





Other   What new amenities/improvements would you like to see at the park? Please select your top 3 in ranked order.
A more safe area 1
Tennis courts 1
2
1 Mini golf
Priority 2 aquatic facility to be updated (it's been the same for over 20 years
Priority 1 improvements to ALL outdoor sport activities. Volleyball, bocce, horseshoe. This will encourage people to do the sport.
1 the aquatics facility needs more activities for kids, look to minden pool for inspiration
1 railroad
Improve the kids railroad
1 no carnival
Horticultural garden area
1. ADA accessibility playground please!
Allow leashed dogs
Outdoor exercise 3
3
1
softer grass! crab grass is no fun to play on
Duck pond
Rebuild the bocce court 2
3
3
1. Allow dogs on leash
2
Priority 1, homeless population managed. It can be really scary to go there.
Priority 1 (pollinator garden)
None, they're fine. Stop wasting money. Cut the parks budget.



Priority 3 security & maintenance
Priority 2
Tennis court priority 1
Disc Golf?
Tennis courts, tennis courts, tennis courts
Make the pavilion more open. There is a place called The Shed at the Dallas Farmers Market this would be amazing for the farmers market and other outdoor events
none
disc golf baskets priority 1
Outdoor basketball court 1
2 enclosure of pavilion
Priority 3
1 Safety and Security systems
1 Walkable gardens with shade
Priority outdoor exercise equipment1, 2, or 3?
TENNIS COURTS
2 Basketball courts instead of tennis, teens need a place to play, some can't afford to pay at the MAC, everyday.
3
2 Expanded Pool similar to Douglas County complex
Priority 1, 2, or 3?
Priority 1, out door Exercise equipment
3 basketball courts
goose poop cleaning 1
Updated swim center like the Douglas Pool
Priority 1 keeping up grass and tree areas
Priority 1, 2, or 3? 3
Priority 1, 2, or 3?
Priority 1
3



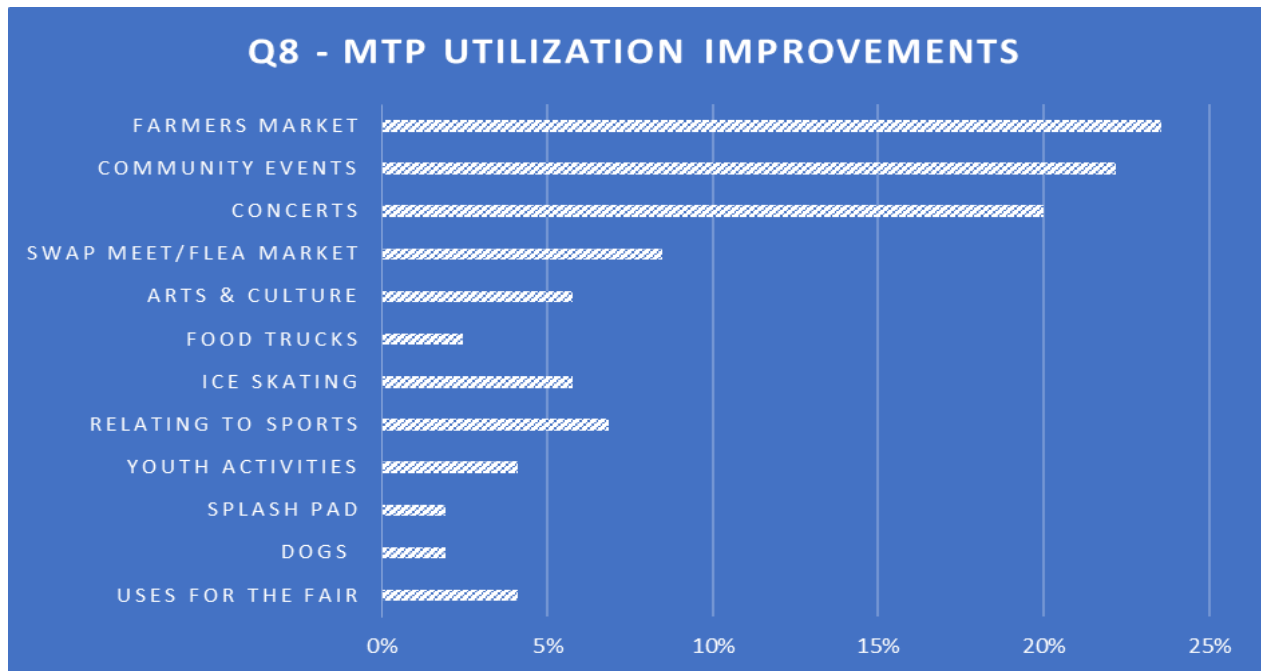
Playground with splash park 2
Playground with splash park 2
None
Existing bocce courts are not usable but could be a draw for adults, kids, groups, competitions if regulation quality and maintained
1. Outdoor salt water pool with nice setting like Douglas swim center, proper gym, hot tub, kids play center indoor and outdoor and staff that take admission.
Tennis courts 3
Priority 3, improved cleanup around park
Priority 1, 2, or 3?
None of the above
Priority 3
Better aquatic center 3
3
Priority 1, basketball courts no double rim
Disc golf course
Upkeep 3
Better picnic areas
1 More tennis courts
1 Basketball court
Outdoor music amphitheater
Security guards#2
Get different sand for volleyball ball, remove geese/make a habitats near park so they are gone, maintain water in the creek with fish, dog friendly zones, update Pavilion
Pool 2
Priority
Outdoor amphitheater 3
Outdoor Basketball
Water fountains.
Priority 1 we need a better aquatic facility. Carson residents drive to Minden for swim lessons and water play for their kids
Soccer fields improvement to play under the lights



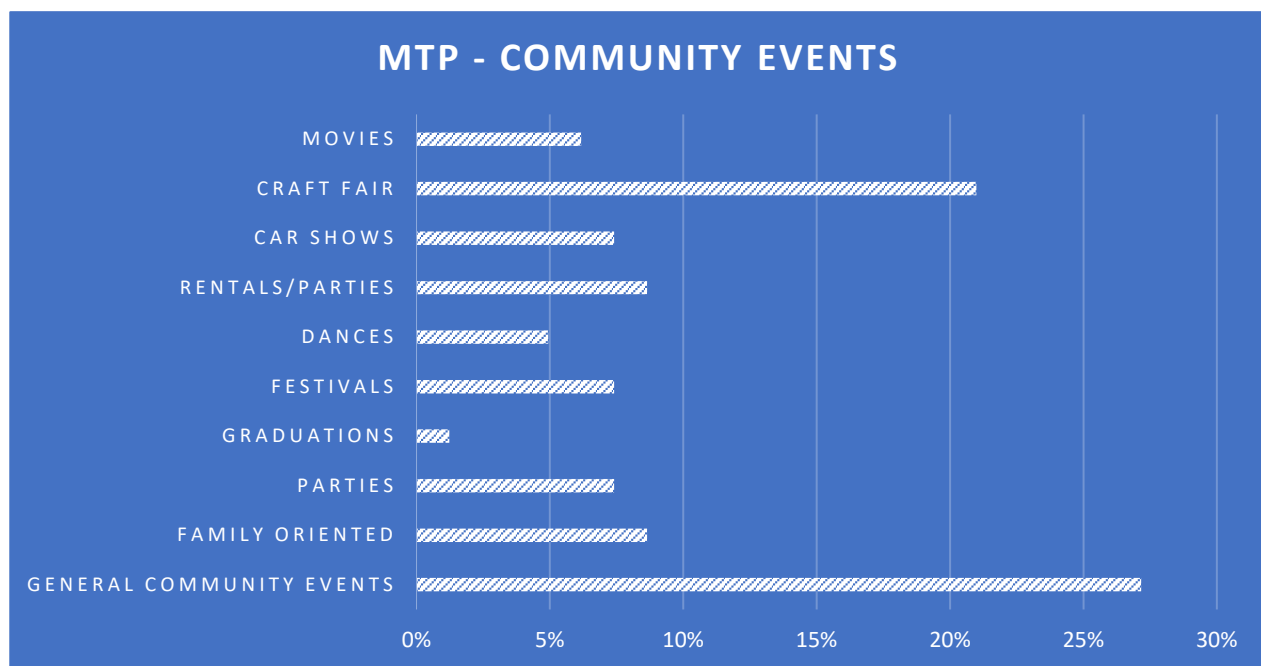
Priority 2
2 group picnic pavilions
Basketball court 1
Priority 1, skate pump track !
1 Tennis courts!
1 Boulder area
1
Fix the pavilion.
Put in a soccer field and or movable goals that several teams could access
Clean the geese poop. Cannot walk in the park without stepping on bird poop. Told the Supervisor 2 years ago but nothing happened.
1 better swim facility. Wish it was a place to take the kids in the winter. Water slides and splash park and fun
1 disc golf
More water fountains
Priority 1, 2, or 3? 1 remove geese. Bird flu is here
Priority 1, 2, or 3?
1, expanded model rr layouts
Priority 3 Outdoor Exercise Equipment
Priority 3 amphitheater
Perpetuate the arboretum
1. Wungnema House access.
1
3, out door train
1
None
1 Add basketball courts



**Q8 - Are there any additional activities or ways the Marv Teixeira Pavilion could be used to better utilize that portion of the park throughout the year?**

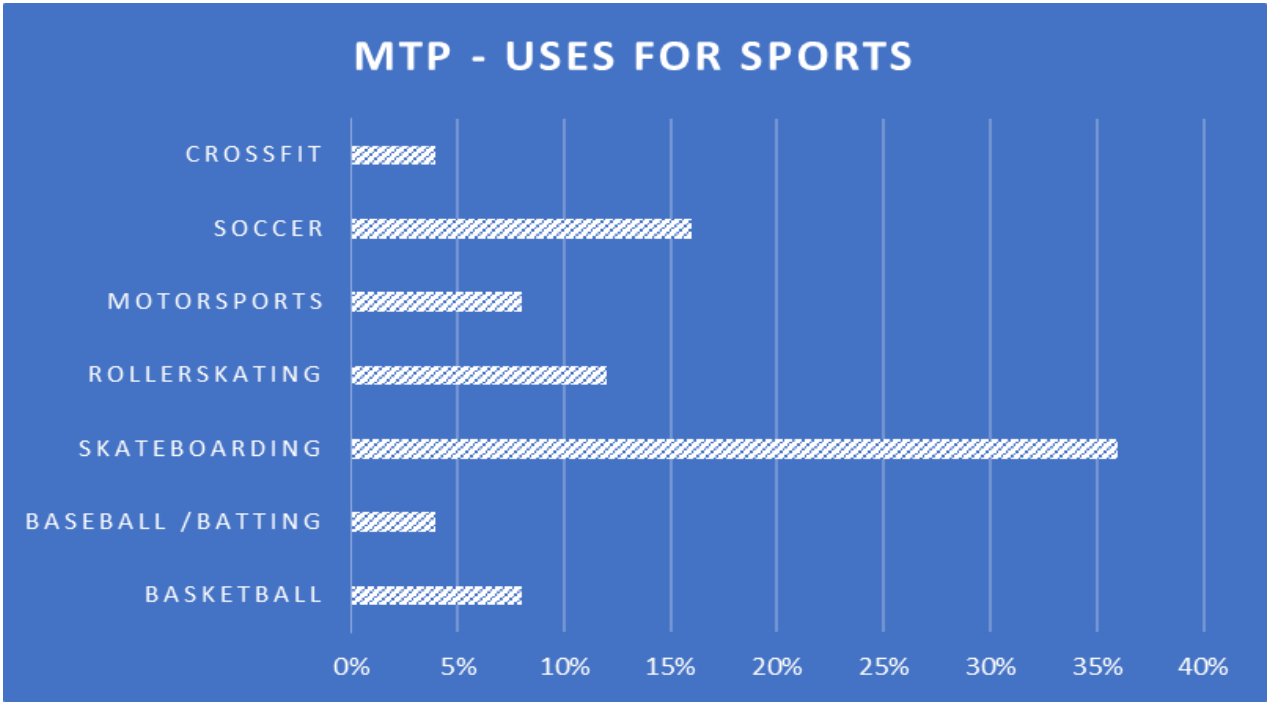


Uses for the Fair	Dogs	Splash Pad	Youth Activities	Relating to Sports	Ice Skating	Food Trucks	Arts & Culture	Swap Meet/Flea	Concerts	Community Events	Farmers Market
4%	2%	2%	4%	7%	6%	2%	6%	8%	20%	22%	24%

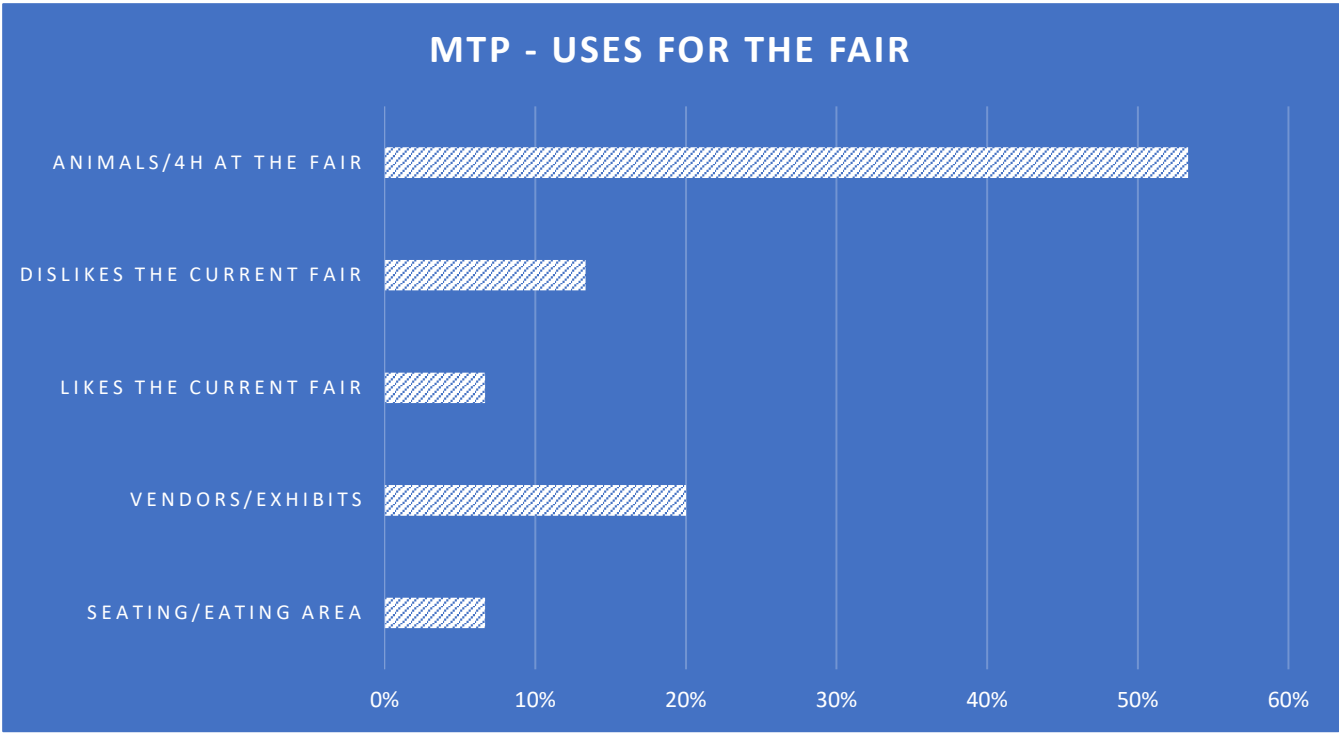


General	Family Oriented	Parties	Graduations	Festivals	Dances	Rentals/Parties	Car Shows	Craft Fair	Movies
27%	9%	7%	1%	7%	5%	9%	7%	21%	6%





BASKETBALL	BASEBALL /BATTING	SKATEBOARDING	ROLLERSKATING	MOTORSPORTS	SOCCER	CROSSFIT
8%	4%	36%	12%	8%	16%	4%



Seating/Eating Area	Vendors/Exhibits	Likes the Current Fair	Dislikes the Current Fair	Animals/4H at the Fair
7%	20%	7%	13%	53%



Responses: Are there any additional activities or ways the Marv Teixeira Pavilion could be used to better utilize that portion of the park throughout the year?
Solar Lighting
More activities for teens
Ability to enclose?
Soccer
Maybe a roller skate track, mini golf, batting cage, or something similar. I miss the farmers market, maybe use for rotating kids playground exhibits to replace the children's museum now that I'm never taking my kid there
Food truck fridaya
Live local music, book fairs, farmers market, swap meets
Farmers Markets
Rent it out to the community for "yard sales". There are people who live in condos or apartments who can't have yard sales. Maybe \$25.00 a table?
One way is changing the name of the Pavilion. Not many people like Marv Teixeira anymore.
Concert series, 4-h.family Roller skating nights
Water play
Community events hosted by community coalitions and businesses. Craft fairs, farmers market, outside concerts.
Not sure what happens there on a regular basis
Swap meet/ Flea market
Farmers market
Roller rink!!
Craft shows, vendor showcase, kids events
More events, farmers markets or other vendors?
Outdoor splash area, CrossFit obstacle
Modern events, music events, games, community garden.
It used to be a inline hockey rink.
Personal parties
Concerts or swap meets
Craft shows/events. Bring back farmers market (shade is GREAT for that)
Ice skating
Concerts/craft fairs/farmers market
Ice skating rink, big name entertainment
Flea market!
Swap meet every weekend
Concerts/LiveShows, STEM/Science Fair
None
Park or splash pad that could be utilized all season do you being covered!!
Community and multi-cultural events hosted
Farmer's market
Farmers market
No more weird ass carnival
Concerts? Events?
Splash park!



Projector movie nights, local bands
Ice rink. Kickout roller hockey. The whole facility is on lockdown for a user group of 100 people that use it a few
Add roller skating and music for the spring/summer/fall. I miss farmers market being there!
Put an ice skating rink there during winter.
Unsure what its used for now
Live music venue or outdoor movies
Public art projects, contests, etc. family chalk art contest comes to mind.
Farmers market
The speed bumps are very vigorous and hurt to drive over
Why not have the farmers market here? Would be shaded
Being able to use it for horses threw-out the year for a limited yearly fee for up keep.
Better seating
Ice skating
Farmers market
Farmer's market, art show for local artists
Ice rink, dog training
More events
Entertainment, homeless housing in winter
Bring back the farmers market
Concerts
Farmers market
Better lighting. More kid friendly events
Farmers market
This could be used for farmers markets throughout the year
More car shows
More sporting events with better advertising
Concerts would be great.
Farmers market? Xmas wonderland? Beer garden?
Yeah, tear down that concrete eyesore (pavillion)
Kid shows
More fun stuff for kids
Fun things for the community to get together
Roller rink, ice rink, concerts
New in different playground equipment .b
Put walls on North, South & West sides to block the wind.
Bring farmers market back to the pavilion
Car shows,
Farmers market and concerts
Ice skate in winter
no
Concerts
Reduce homeless / druggies
Old fashioned "barn" dances, line dancing, more community events like chili cook off, etc.
Basketball court
Open to public for skating like a roller rink, have public art painting activities, more concerts even with local musicians or comedians, or put one or more of the farmer's markets there.
Concerts



Family events....music , dance , outdoor theater
Dances, swap meet! , movie night, sports completions, Pokémon go
Local crafters or even craft brew events
Private events, community meetings, Year round season events (Halloween attractions)
Concerts- maybe some high school garage bands
Would love to be able to walk my dog on a leash
Open for birthday parties
More parking near it
All for activities for the youth. I grew up here. There needs to be more opportunities to keep them busy!!
Yes open it so that during the fair people can go and sit in there to enjoy their food, or make that spot designated for clothes/toy vendors
Allow/move booth fairs under shaded structure. All ages lessons for various individual sports (i.e. rollerblades, skateboards, tai chi) if a new location was needed it would also be a good spot for the farmers market.
Just use it period, we are lacking so many events in this town
Food truck Fridays
Roller hockey, basket ball, farmer market
Concerts
No
Live music, activities for kids
I didn't realize it was used
Farmers market, movie in the park nights
Move the Farmer's Market there
Farmers market
Farmers market, craft fairs, local businesses coming together to network
Bring back the mid week farmers market
Rent for Parties at a cheaper rate, Soccer, basketball
Concerts
4 H
Dogs.
More consistent events like farmers market, or craft fairs.
Small flea market type event?
Use for motor sports events like Fuji park. Show animals during the state fair, concerts, festivals
Skating rink
Tennis courts
Clean it up. Open it up a bit. It's currently too small for the growing farmers market and it would be nice to have a cleaner larger more open space for such events.
Multi surface field
Farmers market
Do not get rid of the trees
Dog park
Ice rink during winter!
Concerts/festivals
Some sort of kids camp with activities or an art activity fir them
Rent it out for weddings,quincenas
swap meets, additional farmers market, regular food truck gatherings,
Dodgeball tournaments
I think it is a better location for farmer's market



Enclosure. Concerts.
Farmers market, concerts ect.
Concerts, movies, theatre performances
Skating rink, concerts, craft fairs
Allow hosted private party's
It would be the perfect location for a year long farmers market. It's shady, cool, covered by the elements, and there is plenty of parking.
Summer concerts or events
bring back the weeknight farmers market please
Make it to where multiple families can be there at once because sometimes when I get there somebody's already having a barbecue and I can't barbecue as well
Farmer's Market, real state fair exhibits (4-H, food, etc.).
Concerts? Art shows?
Farmers Market, Artist Market
Community Flea Market
Let wheelhouse put ramps and mani pad inside for street comp
We would go weekly if there were tennis courts.
Concerts - party rentals
Just better advertisement. I had no idea they do any events there.
Concerts
Concerts
I never go there so I'm not sure.
Concerts
Farmer's markets, flea markets, antique mall
Roller Skating Rink
Petting zoo, Farmers market, summer concerts, summer camp for kids filled with activities. Better vendors at the "State Fair" and concerts.
Farmers Market & Swap meets
This facility is so underutilized. There should be concerts, farmers markets, etc
none
No
Keep it open so I don't have to jump the fence.
Mini concerts
Food Truck Court
several competition cooking's throughout the summer,
Soccer tournaments
Bring WNC graduation back!
How about a fall Farmers Market?
Maybe food truck gathering
Movies in the park; community meetings
Flea markets, music festivals, family night skates, etc...
Revert this fiasco to grass
Keep the in-line hockey all year round
Bring back more farmers markets/ vendors selling items
More community activities
Activities for the young children And food vendors
Craft fair, farmers market



Farmers Markets, Craft Fairs, Bring back roller hockey
Move the farmers market here!
No
More car shows
Music space
No
A bigger park so more people can be apart of the wheelhouse and events
Ice rink
Let it open to the public indefinitely
Yes
The farmers market on Saturdays so it's not in the heat.
Idk
Do family activities
Put in a skate park in there for shade on hot summer days.
Concerts
make it more ampetheater like so it could be used more often. I don't understand why farmer's market or other activities are not there. If more people were walking through the park then maybe it wouldn't have
No
Winter farmers market
Make sure there no people doing hard drugs
During bad weather, open to the skaters. and music shows!
Craft shows, flea markets
none
No
host activities there more for the public
Farmers market
live music
Amphitheater for concerts, cafe/coffee/ice cream shop in the park
Turn it into a skate park
Farmers Market, concerts
Let the skaters have competitions in ther
More community events outdoors
skate park competitions
Skatepark competitions
Skate competition
Dog friendly
Farmers market
Bring back roller derby to the pavilion. Or concerts. It could be a great facility. Otherwise, tear it down.
Make it an actual community Ice Rink during the winter. This town needs that again.
Basketball courts
We could have community events outside of carnivals. A lot of kids don't go to those, because the parents can't
Indoor skatepark
We need to figure out how to organize more free/cheap activities for our youth.
Include that area with all events
Skating rink in winter
Splash pad
safe area for my family



No
Designated food truck days ex: food truck fridays - Reno
Allow wheelhouse to set up in there during the winter for skateboarding/scootering/bmx
Open area for more Roller Derby events
More community events
If it was a smoother surface, we could use it for roller skating more often. It would be fun to host skate nights
Farmers market, family get togethers, kids sports and holiday festivities
yes
No
Swap meet
Bring back the farmers market
Tear it down and expand the park
Clear the homeless out and have more upkeep
Concerts, year round farmers market
Winter ice rink, live music, Christmas festival, RC car races
Concerts, farmers market, sporting events, school events, co
Concerts & other entertainment
More outdoor events and activities
no
Food truck friday,funraising carnival
No
Open skate nights for rollerskateing for families. With music.
More Rodeo's
no
Farmers market,
Concerts. Ice rink. Occasional petting zoo. Roller skating. Small rodeo. Car show. Flea market.
Swap meets
Cover playground for kids
Personally I would love to see in the Pavilion by the train depot, an ice rink in the winter, roller rink non winter months, or a splash pad. Providing more activities for the kids.
Ice skating
Make it less expensive for groups to use.
put the cornhole here so it can be played year round
Basketball court
I don't even know what it's used for but always curious
No
Better skatepark
More design for skatepark
love that splash pad idea
Start with planning more community events. Music in the park for example.
Unknown
Use for weddings events
Agility course for dogs
Enclose the current Pavilion
Scout expo. Library used book sale
Hold a farmers market there
Farmers market, live music events,



Basketball court
Have covers over the playground due to heat
No
None
Downtown events to increase awareness and use
Ice rink, mazes, blow up obstacles course.
Parties or events
Make a new skatepark
if we don't get a new park it would be great if the community was able to have our own hand made diy
Concerts with headliner bands get a promoter and actually have real ticketed shows in Carson
Destroy it! Been worthless for years
Honestly I have never been there, I thought they only used it when you used to do the fruit and vegetable sales fairs, but many things can be done, dances, exhibitions, classes for adults and children, competitions,
Bring back the farmer's market
Skate ramps
Festivals: Cinco de mayo etc
It would be great to hold swap meets and community yard sale events, as well as craft fairs and art shows.
Biking paths
Lighted Pickleball courts
Move farmers market here for shade... or flea markets periodically
Cornhole
Concerts
farmers market
Live music
Basketball hoops, gathering place focused on mental health initiatives.
Farmers market, clothing swap events
Fathers market
Covered pickleball courts!
craft fairs
Move the farmers market back and not on sat
swap meet, food trucks
Ice rink- we drive to Reno for hockey
Farmers market
Futsal outdoor in the summer
Country Concerts
When that pavilion was first built, there used to be music concerts there. Not the best acoustics, but at least the building wouldn't be sitting empty all the time.
Host a national pickleball tournament
Host the farmers market there!!
Street food nights like idlewild in Reno. Farm animal shows or kid exposure to animals. Farmers market. Clothing exchanges. Craft and art shows.
Farmers market was nice under the shade in the summers. Any events like that to keep us out of the sun!
As a skatepark in winter
Music, swap meets, ANYTHING!!
Fútsol field
Not sure
Misters for the picnic stress



Pickle ball?
It would be a great place to host levity amp concerts and the farmers market.
Farmers market.
Concerts in the park
More events.
Walking/meditation paths?
A designated area for a dog park with lots of dog playground equipment and dog watering fountain
Farmers Market, concerts if accoustics addressed; exercise competitions
PickupPick up Basketball, Flea Markets, Equipment swaps to raise \$ for local leauges
Extend the roof over all of the stage. Treat the roof accoustically so it doesn't sound like a tin can. Have adequate fly points for sound systems and lights. Fill in the wall behind the stage to block late afternoon sun.
Demolish and make a performing arts center for shows like Shen Yen with 39 feet front opening to enable projector access. Seating of 1500.?
concert venue
Charging station for electric vehicles.
Put in an ice rink! We have no ice rinks in town
Concerts
It gets really hot for camp Carson, maybe the splash pad?
open to the public sometimes
Farmers Market, Flat ground skateboard events
music events, movie events, farmers market, skate board flat ground
It can be cleaned up and kept up.
Ice Skating/Roller Skating
Ice Skating/ Roller Blading
Climbing wall
vendor or craft faire
Permanent roller and or ice hockey rink.
Make it accessible & appealing for organizations to have events there.
Host more events, make rental easier for 501c3 use
Farmers market, 4h, a way to split it up and rent sections for private/community events
Farmers' Markets, music
Have not been there yet
Craft shows, food truck fridays, farmers market, flea market
it is a poor facility
Music venue for various events like jazz and beyond, art town, etc.
Protected Pickleball
If access were a bit easier, I think this would be a great location for the farmer's market. Perhaps the pavilion could be used for temporary public art displays, as well as small community forums.
am new to Carson...never have never seen the pavillion in use
Acoustics Bad. Farmers Market is good use
Farmers Market
Outdoor Narcotics Anonymous Meetings
Anything that can be utilized on a regular basis by kids
All weather pickleball courts;
Use as a public roller rink
Shaded area for farmers market and other trade shows
I loved the farmers market that used to be there.

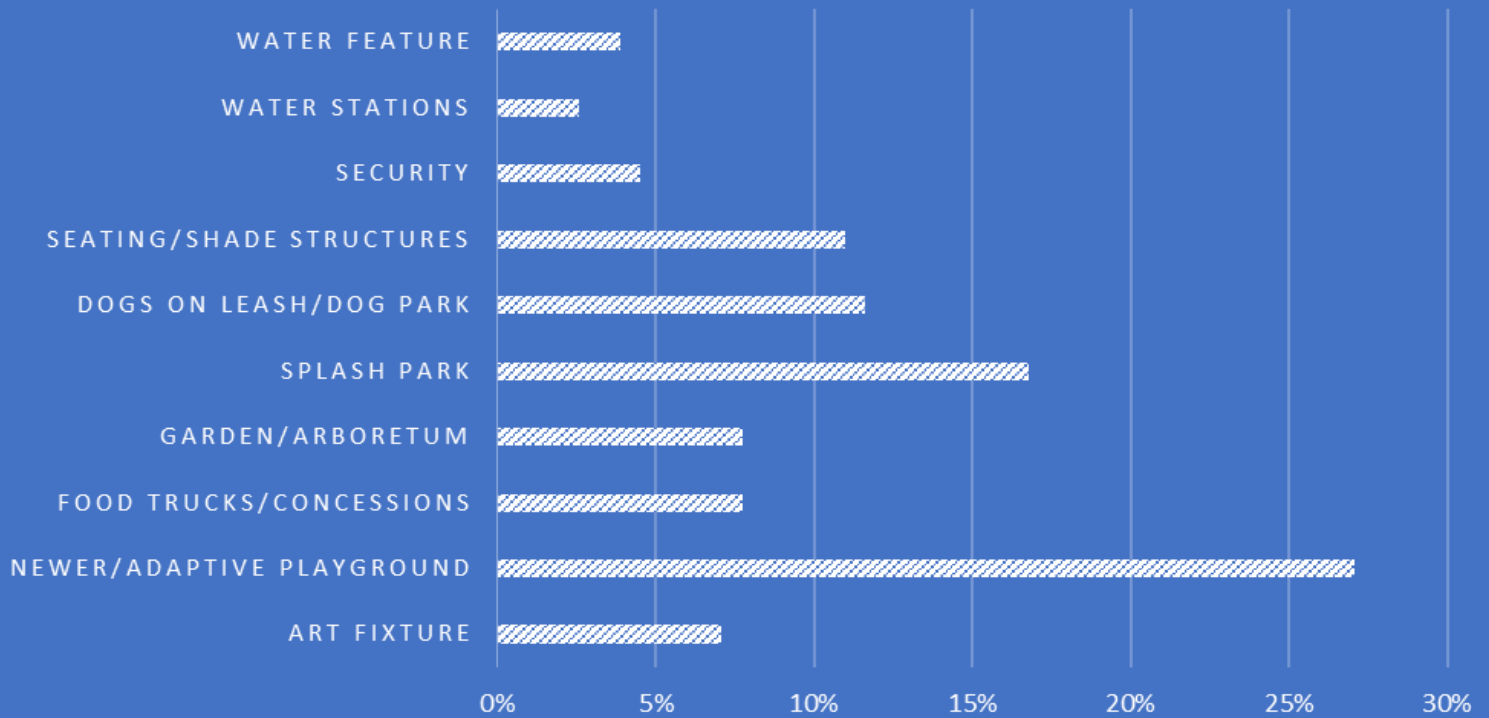


craft shows, concerts in the park
Incorporate the Community Award Wall (near Teixeira Pavilion) with the other Memorials.with the
Enclose to offer year round events.
Expansion are for pickleball tournaments using portable nets
Farmers Market
Maybe as an open flea market - I really have not been at any events there
concerts or plays
Yes
Performing Arts like Shen Yun, ethnic festivals
Tear it down and make a concert area
Music concerts
Not really by the design. It was built for a singular purpose which it is not used for.



Q9 - Please share any additional ideas: (fill in)

## Q9 - IDEAS FOR NEW ADDITIONS TO MILLS PARK



Art fixture	Newer/Adaptive Playground	Food Trucks/Concessions	Garden/Arboretum	Splash Park
7%	27%	8%	8%	17%

Dogs on Leash/Dog Park	Seating/Shade Structures	Security	Water Stations	Water Feature
12%	11%	5%	3%	4%



## Q9 - SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS TO MILLS PARK FACILITIES

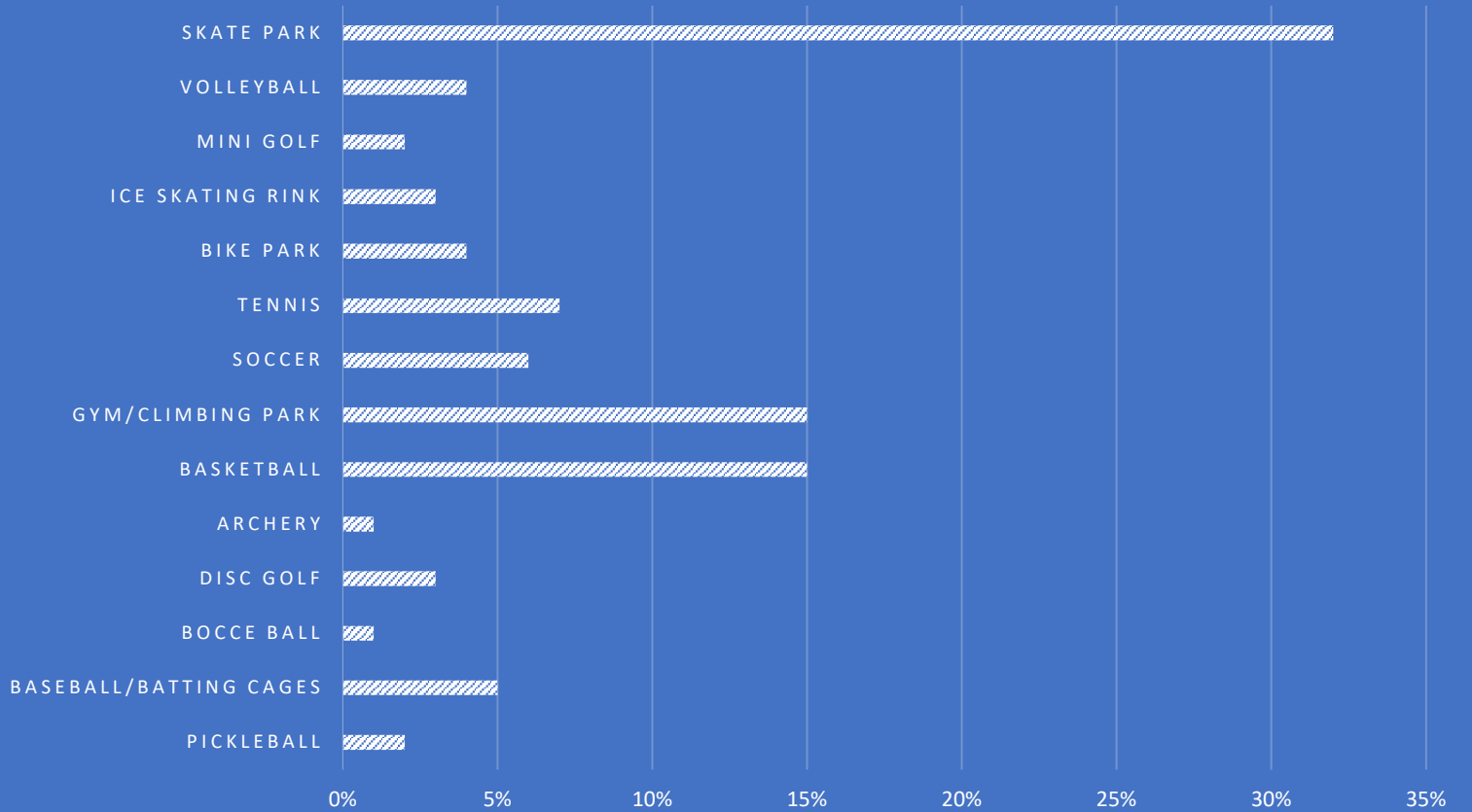


More Sheriffs/Security Guards	Less Unhoused Persons	Better Lighting	Geese Situation	Clean Up/Trash	More/Open Restrooms
14%	16%	7%	6%	16%	12%

Aquatic Center/Community Center/Theater	Train Hours/Rides Increase	Landscaping/Trees	Pedestrian Path	Parking/Vehicle Travel
9%	5%	2%	8%	5%



## Q9 - NEW OR IMPROVED SPORTS FACILITIES

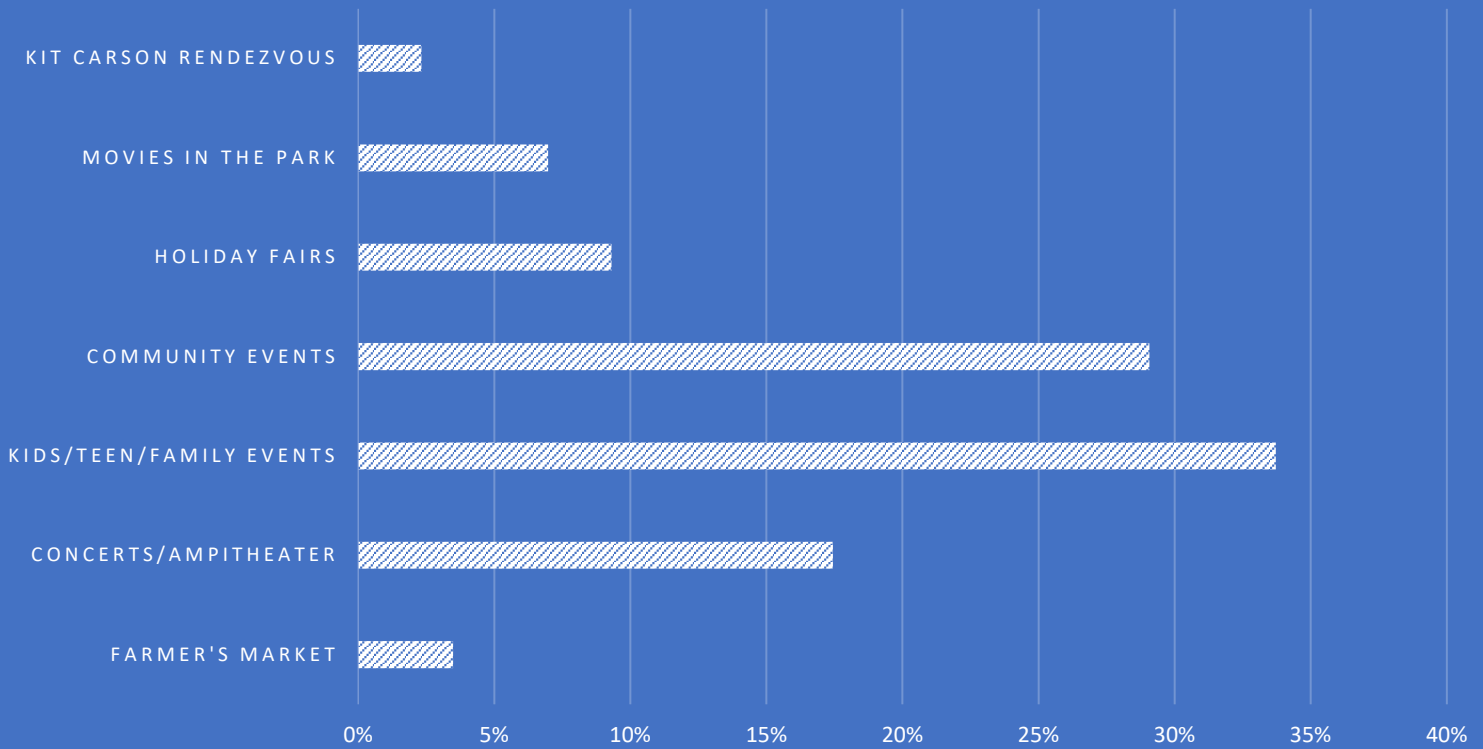


Pickleball	Baseball/Batting Cages	Bocce Ball	Disc Golf	Archery	Basketball	Gym/Climbing Park
2%	5%	1%	3%	1%	15%	15%

Soccer	Tennis	Bike Park	Ice Skating Rink	Mini Golf	Volleyball	Skate Park
6%	7%	4%	3%	2%	4%	32%



## Q9 - EVENTS PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED IN

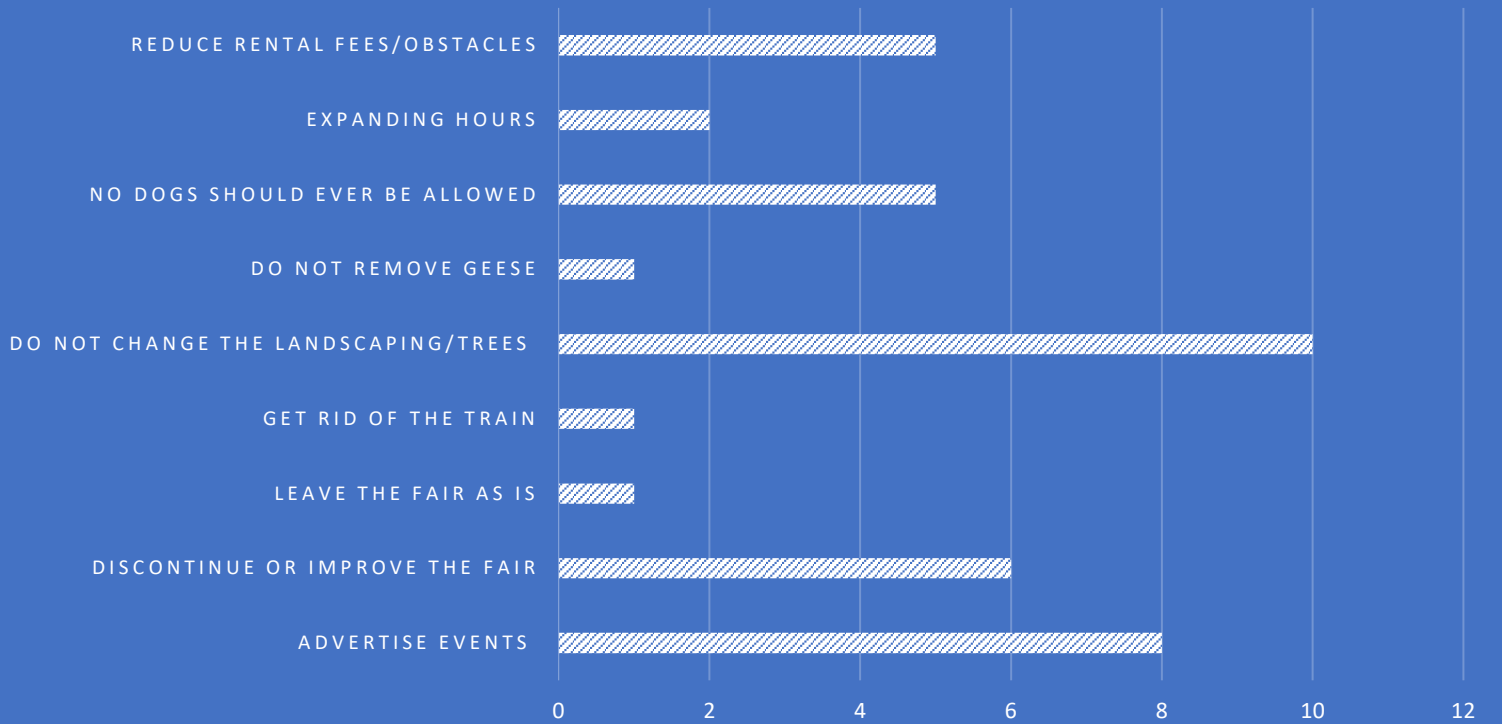


Farmer's Market	Concerts/Ampitheater	Kids/Teen/Family Events
3%	17%	34%

Community Events	Holiday Fairs	Movies in the Park	Kit Carson Rendezvous
29%	9%	7%	2%



## Q9 - GENERAL COMMENTS ABOUT MILLS PARK



Advertise Events	Discontinue or Improve the Fair	Leave the Fair As Is	Get Rid of the Train
8	6	1	1

Do Not Change the Landscaping/Trees	Do Not Remove Geese	No Dogs Should Ever Be Allowed	Expanding hours	Reduce Rental Fees/Obstacles
10	1	5	2	5



Please share any additional ideas: (fill in)
Advertise it so people know it's usages
Art centered things, learning how to skate or ride a bicycle, etc.
Community garden
Expanding the hours of existing amenities like the train and swim center would be nice. Maybe partner with the library to develop cohesive programming for kids and families for special events.
We need a weekly food truck event like reno
More and safer playground equipment
The fees being charged by the NEW parks department are out of line. these are taxpayer funded parks and big government over spending by is causing issues. Where did all the Covid funds the City received go?
Please have functional restrooms instead of the port a potties!!!
Please more activities for the children!
Mills Park does not allow dogs. It's on the website
I think a splash park would be nice and expanding the skatepark would be very good. I see a lot of people using the skate park, which I think is a great amenity.
To have constant police driving by to make the park feel safer for families with young children
Patrols to keep safe and free of drugs and homelessness
The playground needs a big improvement
If the playground equipment is upgraded an over all bigger set would be great appreciated. The current one is tailored to much smaller children. And a swing set or climbing structure would be awesome.
Add baseball/softball fields
I used to take my kids every week to walk, scooter and play at the park. We have not gone here this year because there is always an incident with homeless
I think it would be nice to have concerts on the grass. Brewery Arts is great, but it's a parking lot.
There isn't a great playground in all of Carson City. Mills Park has so much space that is underutilized. It could be an amazing place for kids.
Craft fairs
Community garden.
Bocce ball league!
The aquatic facility DESPERATELY needs an upgrade. This could be such a fun place for people in the area. So many people travel to minden for the pool down there because it is more kid friendly
More hours for train and longer rides
Love the mature trees and landscaping at Mills Park
N/A
Food trucks every weekend
please please playground and or splash pad. we miss the old playgrounds
n/a
Would be awesome to install play equipment for special needs children
More reservable affordable pavilion areas. We need more outdoor options to celebrate birthdays/important events!!
Food truck nights
Get rid of the geese
Batting cages, rose garden, little league field, disc golf
My family loves Mills park and we go all the time for events, the train, or just to spend the day at the park. The stream that runs through the park is one of the best parts. My son absolutely loves the train and we go many times a year to ride. The playground is dated and could use a new structure.
Carnival is ran by pedophiles



This should be a place we can take our kids to have fun along with be able to hang out with adult friends. Multiple update should be made to the park to make it a central area for everyone, young and old to hang out.
There needs to be security patrol there, cameras. Better lighting and removing the homeless druggies from the park.
Splash pad!
N/a
Ensure daily random police patrols
Archery
More Things to do for teens and kids
A splash pad would be a great addition to our community!
Splash park that has a public bathroom would be huge as one doesn't exist. Also the splash pad not being on concrete but the foam stuff that other cities use. Over concrete is so dangerous. Having restrooms open and working at all times. Something to deter drugs and homeless at the park so single mothers and little kids can go safely.
Arboretum, small body of water like Rancho San Rafael in Reno
Safety! Less homeless, more patrol
Would be great if the aquatic center had a big outside area to relax by the pool and more interactive kiddie pool like MInden
Increased security in the evening to keep illegal occurrences down.
More police patrol for homeless and other crimes in the park
Extend the lobby of the theater, and maybe hot tubs at the pool, suanas would be a good addition
Water play and bigger playground. Fenced dog park area
Food trucks, craft fairs, festivals, local bands
Amphitheater
Accessible playground
Name band concerts in the fields or pavilion.
Splash pad for kids, tear down the pavillion, run the train more often, bring back the Rendezvous
More toddler friendly activities
Something new and exciting for the playground like a pirate ship the kids can play on and slide down . Teeter totters something a little different than the swings and average slide .
Love the Nevada State Fair & Vendors.
Bring farmers market back to the pavilion
Increased funding for staffing of the aquatic center so that all areas can be open. Expedited renovation of outdoor pool at aquatic center
Make the park the hub of the community. It brings in money!
I would love to see additional security in the park.
Make the bathrooms more available and not leave them locked all the time. Definitely a new play ground for the kids on both ends of the park, swings but not only the kind for little toddlers, some public art would be really cool to see as well
lights for the volleyball courts/ for after dark
Needs to be cleaned up
Concerts in the park would be amazing
Mills Park has su h potential to be an amazing park. We need more community desire to hang out there, so it has to be desirable to all ages. Please consider thinking outside the box. Instead of basic playgrounds with 2 benches, consider other play structures that are more unique and have lots of seating all around for parents. Consider covering the play area. Freshen up the other areas. Make it a place people will love to be not just put up with because their kids want to go. Make the tiny playground closer to Saliman parking lot into the splash park with more than 2 spouts. People used to love playing in the water under the bridge. Involve teens in artwork decoration. Of course, none of the upgrades will matter if drug deals and homeless
Splash pad
Love the park for our community and especially for the kids!
Get rid of the homeless in the park!



If the park could be cleaned more often and trash is disposed of. Every time I visit for a picnic the cans are full Every time.
I really wish there was more for our children to do!
Basketball court
Please allow dogs; it's a beautiful park to walk in
Playgrounds at both ends of the playground, maybe one for big kids and one for toddlers. Shade in or around the playgrounds would be great.
Add public art, please keep the beautiful memorials, get water in the river, splash area, basketball court!!!, out door gym
We have to take the grandkids elsewhere to play on playgrounds as there is never been a good playground set up here. Hoping you will spend a lot of effort for a better playground.
Expanding the playground
The park needs to get a better and bigger playground with more variety of playground toys, maybe even include a special needs section
The homeless that sleep there pee on the benches while laying. The cleanliness of the park should be priority
Weekly movie nights during summer, car shows, community school dances,
I think it would be great to have a large food truck Friday with a band. Reno does it and it's a big event
Miss there was a playground closer to aquatic center.
More Pickleball courts
Art park, add more shade trees and flowers for pollinators somewhere
Outdoor basketball courts, a few bleachers for the field, an outdoor climbing center (see columbus scioto audobon metro park) - put things that embrace activity. No one cares about the railroad anymore, embrace the current generations that will actually being money and livelihood into carson city
Love the splash park idea!
More water activities for kids on hot summer days. Basketball courts. Soccer goalie nets. Tether ball?
None
No dogs is stupid. Only reason I don't go there anymore.
Clean up the area around CVS. Better pedestrian/ADA access between the Station and the rest of the park
Hello, I would love to see more attention put to the skatepark. This is such a big gathering for the kids/teenagers and they are all out there having a great time learning a sport. I would love to see an expansion to the skatepark, on a busy day there's not enough space for all the kids and there various equipment. I think some shade trees and a water fountain or a station to fill waters bottles up would be such a great addition. I think this is so important because the kids are here to have fun and play a sport.
More community events, modernized covered picnic areas, Basketball/baseball, a large splash area with structure, updated and welcoming desert landscape around the perimeter.
Need full time security at park.
Why convert all tennis courts to pickle ball - this city needs tennis courts desperately
Bring Back Ghost Train with the High School
Dog park
There should be more community events, like outdoor theater, craft fairs, summer art classes, things that bring people to the park besides sketchy carnivals
I was inquiring earlier this summer about renting out the grass area for one hour per week to lead a yoga class. I was really disappointed to here that the fee just for one hour on the grass is \$110. The park is beautiful and central to Carson City. I would like to see it become more accessible for services like my yoga class.
Bike park and pump track
Please be thoughtful about the homeowners that live next to the park, they need space behind their houses where people cannot gather and make noise.
Dogs should be allowed park-wide on leash.
Carson horseshoe tournament



This park feels unclean and unsafe. If cleaned up, it has an ideal location for events and everyday enjoyment
would like to see more community center classes for kids
Improve acoustics in pavilion if enclosed
Please, no dogs, leave us a park that doesn't have dog poop and smell like urine.
More plants/vegetation, expanded "wild" areas
n/a
The park could be amazing if it were clean and safe. More benches and clean paths would go a long way to creating an environment where people would enjoy spending their time. Enjoying leisure in the park is increasingly difficult because every path and patch of grass is covered in goose droppings. Most everyone I know agrees which is why we don't frequent the park.
n/a
outdoor exercise equipment
something similar to foodtruck friday with music
Please change the sprinkler schedule during the warmer months. The park is heavily used by walkers and inexplicably the sprinkler system appears timed to come on between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in many parts of the park where the walking paths are located. Just dumb. Please change the watering schedule. Also, what happened with the second tennis court that was torn up but not resurfaced/replaced like the new pickleball courts? Seems like a waste for the tennis court space to sit
Carson City needs a large updated and fun playground for the kids. We don't have many splash pads here for the hot summer days and the parks are all mundane. We need something more fun for the smaller children.
I wish I knew more about the events going on in Mills Park. All I'm really aware of is the fair and I see soccer practice there occasionally
Nice, clean, safe restrooms. Porta Potties are for special events only. Dog off leash area could be where the horseshoes are. Wungnema House? Is it ever open? And maybe put something interesting in where that little bldg. is across from the big parking lot. Exhibits on native plants, xeriscaping, etc.
Basketball courts would be good , car shows too.
Tennis Courts needed!
There should be outdoor basketball courts. It's not fair that the only updated courts are at the MAC when many kids don't have access to that option. The courts at the College Pkwy park are horrendous and it's too windy at the Schultz Ranch court.
Basketball courts instead of tennis, teens need a place to play, some can't afford to pay at the MAC, everyday.
Long shot but it would be cool to have some sort stand open over the weekends. Even just some snacks.
Volleyball courts are used a lot through the year. Summer months it's best to play in evening. Should work on getting lighting
I do not want to see too many changes. I have lived here since 1978 and remember when the grass area was sagebrush. We have a beautiful park that can handle great activities and a lot of people.
Having the ability to walk dogs on leash in the park would be amazing. We live in the neighborhood behind the park and not being allowed to take dogs in the park seems so ridiculous. It's the largest park in the city and adding a dog park area as well as allowing on leash dogs to walk the walking path would open up the use of the park.
Outdoor fitness obstacle course
The State Fair has so much potential at this location and every year it gets worse. There has to be a better representation of Nevada than our poorly executed State Fair that is more of a summer carnival. How does Carson Valley days seem more of a State Fair than the actual event?! Get better resources.
The community center used to host Santa Claus events, Halloween events for the kids. There should be more security as there is a homeless problem at the park. If you take away the trees and grass the park would be less enjoyable.
walkways very dangerous to walk on due to tree roots. We won't go any more since I took nasty fall
splash area, update playgrounds
Put the soccer games some where else so there will be more room for different activities
More lighting for night events, and skatepark lights should lower the rate of crime and homeless persons sleeping in the park.
Lights around the volleyball court and new nets
Please don't cut down the trees



please do not Destroy the Lovely grassy green areas in trees and walkways that is what makes the park so beautiful and unique plenty of space to picnic walk it is beautiful do not replace it with a bunch of cement activities
More shaded areas
Clean goose poop off sidewalks
More family targeted areas - pool expansion would be nice, or water facilities
Please keep all the trees.
Music in the park
Disc golf short course
see link - <a href="https://www.sgcity.org/cityparks/thunderjunction">https://www.sgcity.org/cityparks/thunderjunction</a>
We drive all the way out to Lampe Park for the skate park. We need one that is equivalent to that
Arts and crafts activities throughout the summer
Please make the skatepark bigger
Second building for bathrooms on the opposite side of the park? Swings, newer, bigger playground.
please make a bigger skatepark
No more taxes to pay the cost.
fortnutaddict@gmail.com
Rails a spine and a half pipe
Concert stage
new skatepark
Bigger skatepark
Basketball courts
Water fountains, we NEED water fountains for adults, kids, and dogs
A bigger skatepark and restrooms
Please no off peas area for dogs. Kids are more important then dogs. Every park is being taken over for dogs and the kids are left with nothing
Allow us to take our dogs. Alot of us (the houses with backyards to the park) have dogs and can't walk them or take them
Idk
Maintenance barn needed
for the skatepark i think you should expand it a bit and add maybe a half pipe and also a couple of rails since that's what i feel is missing from this park.
More trash cans
*Splash park with a public bathroom and foamy splash park material (no concrete) * Move the farmers market to the park.
*Update Tennis Courts. *Update sizable playground for older children/special needs. *Use the pavilion for summer activities like concerts.
Make sure there no people doing hard drugs better restrooms better skate park build new park
n/a
expand skatepark
Please make the basketball courts open 24/7 please! Just add cameras so you guys know what's going on inside at all times!! Please!!
N/A
A good water feature.
It'd be nice if the business across the street were desirable too
Please fix the skate park
host larger skate meets in the pavilion
Keep the bathrooms clean and open
Keep the bathrooms clean and unlocked
More activities held at the park throughout the year



Please get rid of the ugly De Vincie sculpture at Roop and Williams St.
Give me a go kart track why not.
Basketball courts
We could put in a community garden, have a city employee work in it during the day, exchange volunteer hours in exchange for produce, have a harvest day event with food made from the garden, teach the community (especially the kids) how to grow and harvest their own food, and donate the rest to the schools and food banks. You can't reap what you don't sow.
Lights
Covered playgrounds to help prevent burns from slides. More playground areas.
I noticed the restrooms are always closed. A splash park/ water park would be amazing!!!
Restrooms always open!
New playground
Security
Splash pad
Clean up the park
WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE A NEW SKATEPARK. WE HAVE SUCH A BIG COMMUNITY FOR CARSON CITY AND ALL OF THE LODS AND GETTING SO HOOKED ON ACTIVITIES AT THE SKATEPARK
Indoor gym that can be rented for sports teams. Like the Mac, but that one is always booked.
Please leave Mills park the way it is, its one of my favorite parks ever, its quiet and lots of open space and numerous trees
It would be nice to have more dogs around to help keep the level of goose droppings down. The paths and grass can get pretty gross.
Larger playground that incorporates a splash pad with benches around it so parents can watch
Skate board Pump track
The trees need some safety management. It is hard to understand why some events allow camping there and some don't. Eg epic rides event
Keep the trees and habitat but more kid friendly
ice skating
Don't lock up the tennis courts, people want to use them
Street fairs
The skatepark hasn't been updated since built. With all the kids that use it, it really needs to be expanded
Aquatic facility to be more child friendly. More open swim hours during winter and open outdoor pool in summer. Was told the outdoor pool will not be open for the entirety of the summer due to staffing issues, as a local business owner who experiences high turn over this is an unacceptable reason to not open the pool, just about every teen at the high school would not hesitate to make \$10.50 hr life guarding and maintaining conditions. I have employed many of them.
Putt Putt golf!
Kids pump bike track and kids Strider bike track, train history splash park, outdoor amphitheater
Baseball/softball diamond?
Updated playground
please make the skatepark nicer
Lights, for the walking paths!
At times there are a lot of homeless individuals hanging out by the restroom
Repave the Pavillion floor. Fix the walikg paths very uneven and some poi to unsafe for walkers. Tripping hazards
I would hate to see the essence and Beaty of mills park changed too drastically. We live in a time of always having to modernize things and we should also rejoice in history.
no
More kids activities
Please, no more carnivals I hate seeing them in the park. Put them a Fuji park or in the state's big empty lots on Carson.



Skatepark is in need of an update. Compared to surrounding areas our is the smallest and most out of date. There's plenty of space for expansion. Please have community input on design of skate park.
More things for smaller kids
Roving security
NO NO NO to spending money on concession stand and public art
Basketball court
Beautification, large playground with glared equipment d
N/a
Expand skatepark
Put more effort in to events all ready put on at the park. For example food vendors for 4th of July. Or make the Nevada State Fair, an actual fair, and not just a carnival. Seems like there is poor and uninterested planning on the City's behalf.
Do NOT loose the train!!! Would love better understanding of operating hours and special events. Hard to find this information
Please get rid of the homeless people and drugs and monitor this better
Definitely want it to be more dog friendly
Playground in a shaded area
Any updates will be better than what's currently there now
I do like the idea of a concession stand and a off-leash dog park too. Maybe a nice tennis or basketball court.
Would love to see the aquatic center updated with reservable party areas and food offerings. Also update the outdoor slide
Please run the train frequently and regularly! We would be there all the time if the train were running and the creepy loiterers were kept off grounds.
Please expand the skatepark
More community and children's events
No
Can we make a meth-users camp area that is official and not in Mill Park? They need somewhere to camp if homeless but detracts here
Design a new parking layout, the whole area for parking is a cluster. Make it larger and easier to get in and out with multiple routes.
either take mills skate park out and re due the entire skatepark. would be great if the water fountains worked so mills locals can hydrate
Make skatepark bigger
I would love to have a beautiful park like the ones other cities in other states have, beautiful gardens, fountains, murals, being able to walk without stepping on dog poop, I love animals but I think that for them you have to make their own parks, that's how you walk or go for a run without the fear of encountering an animal that may chase or attack you.
Phase out some cottonwoods for other trees
New skate park
Hire someone to build us a good skatepark
It would be nice to have an amphitheater or stage for live music, movies in the park, etc. I like having spaces for outdoor lawn games and having more dog friendly areas. It's important for safety to have separate large dog and small dog runs.
Better solution for homeless people in the park
More clean SAFE bathrooms
I would love to see a rose garden at Mills Park. As far as I know there aren't any public rose gardens to walk through in Carson City.
Need bathrooms that are safe to use for families
Special events like Kit Carson Rendezvous were great. I loved going to the Kit Carson Rendezvous every year. I was very sad to not have it here any more.
Upgrades to playground is greatly needed.
Improved play ground/splash pad/family friendly picnic areas

None
would love it if we had a safe and playful playground this park is beautiful but really needs upgrades in the bathrooms, kids playgound, and of course NO HOMELESS!!
The Mills Park Pickleball group does a really good job maintaining the courts. It would be nice to have a large board attached to the fence for a single player practice?
See above
N/A
A rolling hills skate path throughout. For walking/longboard..
More local events like a kite festival, lavender fest, or onion fest, or Chinese New Year ,
Would just like it cleaned up more. A Our community center is extremely outdated that needs attention as well as our pool area. And having assistance with the homeless not being able to stay there so families feel safer to enjoy the beautifulspace we have there.
Outdoor soccer league
Love the park take my kids all the time. Love mills for our community
Skate pump track addition to the skate park.
Control the duck/geese population so the grounds aren't always covered in poop
Please allow dogs to walk in the park on leash to use the walking path.
Allow dogs on leash to use the park for walking. It's such a nice shady area that cannot be utilized by residents in the neighborhood with dogs.
Mills park needs a complete update across the board and it has been needed for years. A playground was removed a couple years ago and never replaced with anything in it's location. The current playground is very over due for an update and extremely small for the size of the park. A splash pad would be an amazing addition. The restrooms are horrible and never open. Myself and my 4 year are forced to use the few Porta potties that are there and they are always disgusting and most times are out of toilet paper. It's even more difficult when you are potty training. I would love to just be aloud to bring my dog with me on a leash when we walk to the park but current rules are no dogs aloud. Even though I've seen people walking their dogs, I was told by a park employee once when I brought my dog and no was around that she couldn't be in the park at all and I've not brought her back since but the rule does not make sense to me that you can't walk your dog through the park on a leash. The train is wonderful and any improvements to it would be great. We went to the Halloween event last year and it was very fun and there should be lots more like it. (see below cell for continued comment)



(continued from above) The Aquatic center could use a lot of improvements. For one it competes with the one in Minden and I know a lot of people prefer that one over ours just because it is newer and has more to do for little kids. When we visit my in laws in Utah we go to their community pool in Provo that is literally a water park inside and out with a full gym and lots of amenities. If we had anything like that here I would sign up for a yearly membership in a heartbeat which would then generate more revenue for the city. The 9/11 Memorial is very small and under utilized. I didn't even know it existed for awhile. The skate park is very much used and I think if it were updated and increased it would be even more used by more children and teens which then gives them a safe place to play and hang out and less likely to be in places they shouldn't be doing things that will get them in trouble. The vagrants have been steadily getting worse and needs to be better dealt with. If the park on a whole was updated and newer and more beautiful it would be frequented by more people using the amenities which decreases the amount of loitering by those doing unlawful things. There should be lots more events. It's a big beautiful park that is perfect for any type of event. The people of this city love going to outdoor events of any kind. The more our community comes together in fun and merriment the stronger, happier, and prosperous we will become. The outdoor fitness equipment is literally falling apart. Any artwork, sculptures, fountains, interactive art, historical pieces would be a wonderful addition to the park. Even something that changes from time to time would bring people coming back to check out what's new. The burning man art piece that was just displayed at the Library was amazing and wonderful. My daughter absolutely adored it. More of that and even that one becoming a permanent piece somewhere would be great. The food truck events should be bigger and more frequent. They are very popular and the city is not taking advantage of it's popularity for community events of any kind to generate business for them as small businesses and the city itself in fees for the trucks participation. The larger the event and the more advertising for said events the more people will show up and buy products which is a win win for all. Was very disappointed there was no carnival this year for the 4th of July weekend. The State Fair was slightly better this year but as far as State Fairs go it's very small and kinda sad. There are county Fairs that are enormous in comparison. I'm a proud Nevadan and would love to have a State Fair that shows other states how awesome and amazing we are. Plus a true fair has livestock competitions, pie eating contests, races, produce contests, things that our local farmers can show off and win blue ribbons. I haven't seen any of that at any of Fairs I've been to in the city.

If there was a good size dog park in Mills Park I believe all residential Parks shouldn't allow dogs. Small Parks should be for families and more for residents who live near them

Need to be able to drive all the way through the park without having to turn around and go back to another entrance

Just a lit splash park

We desperately need more lifeguards. It's pretty silly that a community of our size has to close the pool on Sundays - in summer no less. Would rather see salary increases for staff than more capitol improvements. Also, we really need more outdoor basketball courts and/or improve the few we do have in the city. Not everyone can afford the MAC or likes to play more swing sets :)

Community Garden to grow food with inflation as high as it is. People can barter or give away excess.

Encourage drug users to go elsewhere. It's not a family friendly park any more. I won't let my kids go there as it is today.

Place for kids. I am tired of driving to reno to find family activities. Tennis courts in town are all cracked and no lessons so we drive to reno. No ice rink, so drive to reno. No fun splash park/pool so drive to Douglas county. Make mills park family friendly and more to do

Levitt Amp series on the grass. DISC GOLF

A dog park would be amazing

fix the sidewalks and make a dedicated bicycle/skate path

With the bird flu here and wild birds carrying the flu it's important to remove any potential infections

An expansion on the current skatepark or a secondary place to skate like a skate plaza would help with how overcrowded the skatepark currently is. It would give people and kids a safe place to hang out.

The skatepark is crowded with a lot of scooters and younger kids, it would be nice to have improvements made to help resolve this problem and provide space for skaters of all ages

We have enough dog parks, this park does not need to be overran by of leash dogs. How do you keep it safe during the year??? Safety is a Big thing that keeps people away.

Permanent Soccer Nets
Permanent Soccer Nets
I'd like to see increased maintenance staff to keep above mentioned areas safe for children.
Main Bus stop moved from the current location Mills Park
city department fair - let the community know who and what your departments are - fire, sherrif, elections, roads, etc
I would like to see a toddler park or more safe activities for young kids.(fenced in for safety)
I am happy to volunteer my time as a Landscape Architect to help. Feel free to contact me. Please plant a lot of trees. At some point the existing trees will die and then there won't be enough shade.
Please provide more resources for our transient neighbors who live at the park.
Holiday Movie Night, Game Night, Club events, glow/dance party
The playground needs a shade over the slides. I see this in many other parks. When it gets hot the slides and play equipment need shade.
Regular security?
A splash pad is so needed in this community as even the outdoor pool isn't open anymore.
Free family music in the park
Do not lose actual park area to increase parking that is only needed during events
put up posters all over the park with a QR code to this form for greater community engagement
Connect the two parking lots.
You can work with the East William Street Project, Manager, Darren Anderson to coordinate the two projects.
More shade and spectator friendly amenities closer to skate park. Better bathrooms.
Art in parks is ALWAYS nice. Outdoor shower for splash pad. Snack shack/confessions for events. Basketball. Designated area for dogs, even if required on leash. We would not use an unleashed area as our dog is too small. Also, more community center facilities, like Douglas County. Playgrounds at both ends of park.
I'd rather this park did not allow dogs. It's bad enough avoiding the goose droppings without my grandkids worrying about avoiding dog feces as well. Leave dogs at other designated dog parks.
More amenities and recreational activities like basketball hoops
Move the maintenance yard to the north end of rail road loop
My first thought was "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" but I feel strongly that the plans do not include taking down ANY of the TREES. I would prefer you don't shrink down the open green space as so many groups use that land. I think it is important to have open green space for everyone to enjoy so I hope plans don't call for putting in a larger or additional skate park, etc. I love driving by and seeing all the geese and would not like them to be disturbed. The bathrooms need to be open and perhaps made larger. I don't really have a problem with parking except when I go to the community center to see a play - usually I park at the library and walk over. I would prefer this #9 block to have been made into a larger square for ease of typing remarks and so that I could proof my typing easier. I completed #10 so I hope to hear back from you.
Park Run
Farmer's Markets or outdoor markets/events, ice rink, concerts
Swap meets
The Pavilion is too small and out of date build a large concert area
Please give us a new skate park
Rock Wall



## Mills Park

The purpose of this survey is to help Carson City Parks and the design team better understand how Mills Park and all of its facilities are being used today, what additional events/activities could be held, what features or upgrades would be beneficial to the current user groups and how the facility can best serve the largest portion of our community possible going forward. Thank you for taking time to share your feedback.

### EXISTING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

1. How often does your group use Mills Park?
  - 1-4 times/year
  - 5-10 times/year
  - 1-2 times/month
  - 1-2 times/week
  - 3+ times/week
  
2. Select each facility you rely on for your activities/events
  - Aquatic Facility
  - Community Center
  - Tennis/Pickleball Courts
  - Parking for Community Center or Pool
  - Big grass field
  - Skatepark
  - Group picnic Pavilion(s)
  - Individual picnic sites Marv Teixeira Pavilion
  - Railroad
  - Playground
  - Horseshoe pits
  - Grass and shade trees with tables
  - Restrooms
  - Volleyball courts
  - Bocce Ball courts
  - Walking paths
  - Outdoor exercise Equipment
  - Vietnam, Firefighters or 9/11 Memorials
  - Wungnema House
  
3. Does your group feel safe while at the park?
  - Yes
  - No
  - If no, please explain...

4. Is there adequate parking for your groups' activities?
- Yes
  - No
5. Of the existing facilities that your group uses for activities/events, which facilities would your group most like to see upgraded or improved upon. Please select all that apply.
- Community Center
  - Aquatic Facility
  - Pickleball courts
  - Parking
  - Big grass field
  - Skatepark
  - Group picnic Pavilions
  - Marv Teixeira Pavilion
  - Individual picnic sites
  - Carson and Mills Park Railroad
  - Playground
  - Horseshoe pits
  - Grass and shade trees with tables
  - Restrooms
  - Volleyball Courts
  - Bocce Ball Courts
  - Walking paths/sidewalks
  - Outdoor exercise equipment
  - Vietnam, Firefighters or 9/11 Memorials
  - Wungnema House
6. Please identify your top 3 potential improvements in order of importance from the following list
- Splash park
  - Concession stand
  - Pickleball complex
  - Skatepark expansion
  - New playground
  - New restrooms
  - Increased Parking
  - Permanent Cornhole Boards
  - Public art
  - Designated off leash area for dogs
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_



5. What other improvements are needed to better support your organizations activities/events?

Electrical support, lighting etc. (fill in)

6. Please share any additional ideas: (fill in)

If you would like to be updated regarding the Mills Park Master Plan update, including any future workshops or opportunities to participate in the process, please provide your contact information below:

THANK YOU!

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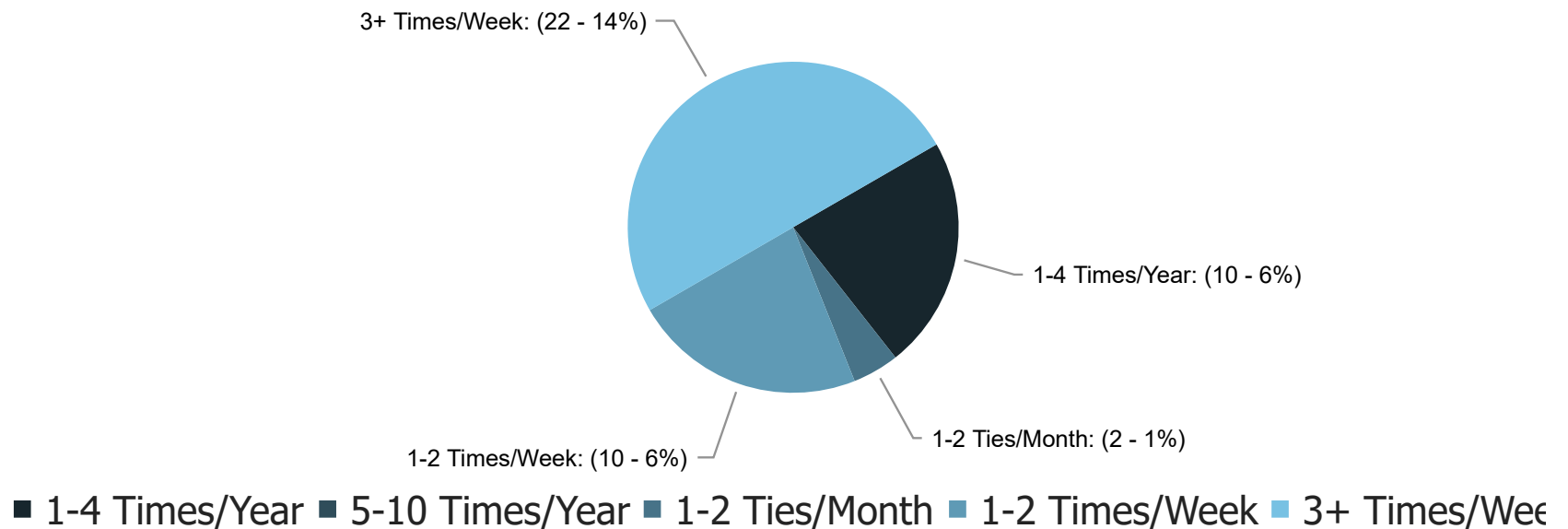
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## How often does your group use Mills Park?

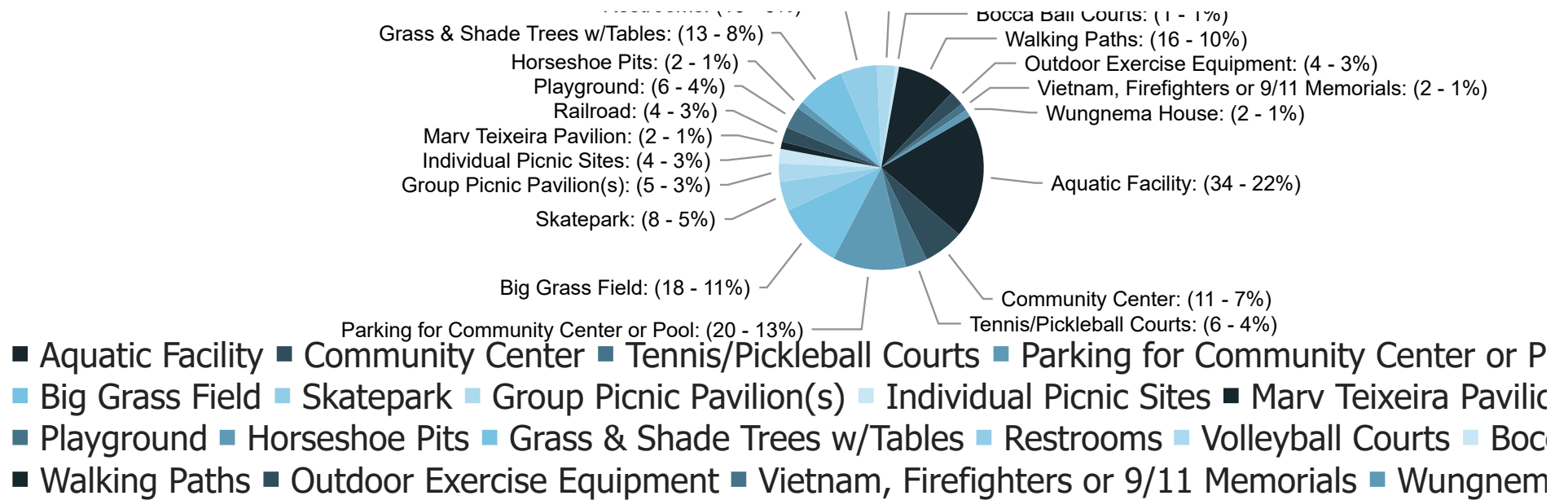


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## Select each facility you rely on for your activities/events

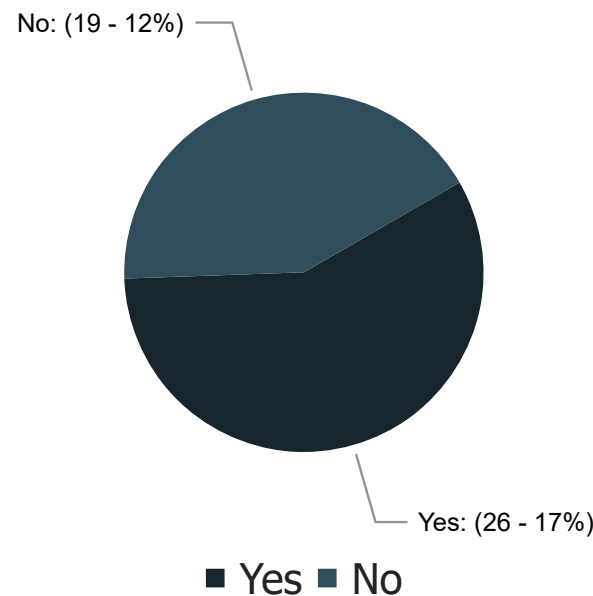
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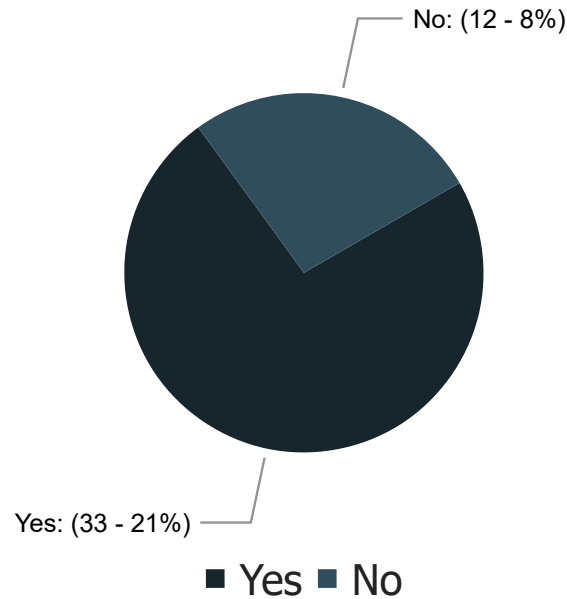
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## Does your group feel safe while at the park?



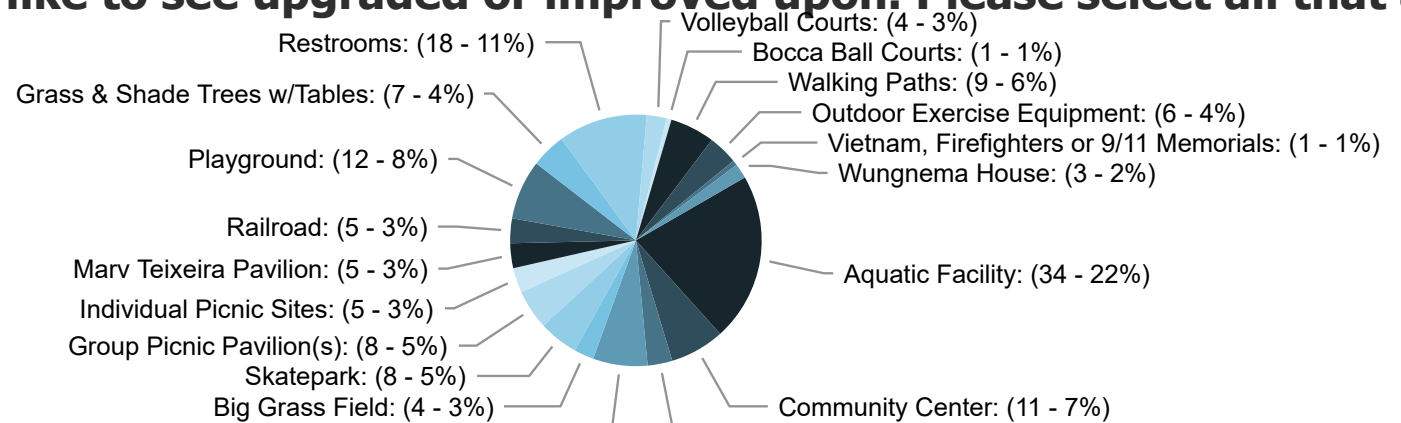
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## Is there adequate parking for your groups' activities?



Total Submissions: 45

## Of the existing facilities that your group uses for activities/events, which facilities group most like to see upgraded or improved upon. Please select all that apply

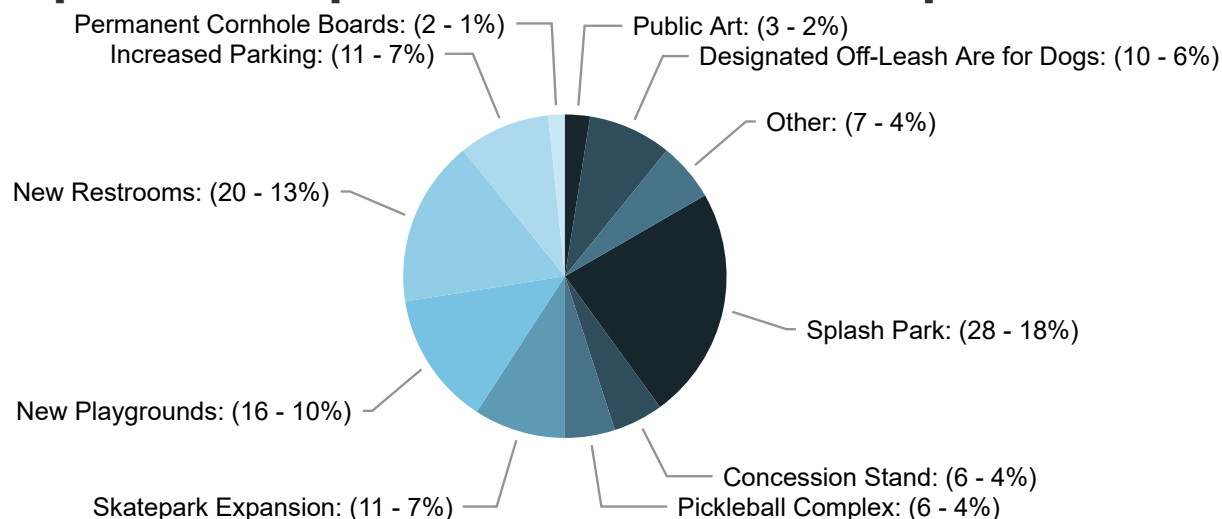




- Aquatic Facility ■ Community Center ■ Tennis/Pickleball Courts ■ Parking for Community Center or P
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- Playground ■ Horseshoe Pits ■ Grass & Shade Trees w/Tables ■ Restrooms ■ Volleyball Courts ■ Boc
- Walking Paths ■ Outdoor Exercise Equipment ■ Vietnam, Firefighters or 9/11 Memorials ■ Wungnem

Total Submissions: 157

## Please identify your top 3 potential improvements in order of importance from the fo



- Splash Park ■ Concession Stand ■ Pickleball Complex ■ Skatepark Expansion ■ New Playgrounds ■ N
- Increased Parking ■ Permanent Cornhole Boards ■ Public Art ■ Designated Off-Leash Are for Dogs ■

Total Submissions: 120

**No | Does your group feel safe while at the park?**

1. Not in inclement weather esp. due to access issues in inclement weather.
2. During daylight hours we're fine. But early mornings, especially Saturdays we're there at 7am, and frequently have homeless persons interrupting our activities. Several times the police have been called because of physical danger.
3. Drug use and homeless
4. Too any homeless to comfortably use the walking trails.
5. Homeless, weapons/drugs found,
6. Safe during the day, but aware. Not super safe at night; too high of risk for mentally unstable homeless, drugs, riff raff
7. we feel safe until early evening
8. This is more of a not always. The usual crowd at the picnic area is suspect. I would not go to the park in the evenings unless there was a big event.
9. With homeless population increasing and an increasing frequency of uncomfortable encounters with them, we have since decreased playground, walking path, and table use unless we are part of larger groups. I used to jog the walking paths while my kids were in swim.
10. There is often homeless people sleeping in the park. Sometimes they are drunk and stumbling around.
11. Homeless is a problem!!!
12. There are to many transients
13. not adequate lighting at night, homeless in restrooms

**What other improvements are needed to better support your organizations activities/events? Electrical support, lighting etc.**

1. lighting for the skate park when it's getting dark and throughout the park for safety
2. The Carson City Railroad, the station needs to be repainted. The trim is peeling. We would also like to have have use of the second half of the building
3. There has been a long-standing issue regarding access to the Wungnema House, one that exposes the city and the Foundation to an unneeded liability. The pathway/road used to access the Wungnema House by those using the house, and daily by students from the high school, is dirt and for all practical intents and purposes, unmaintained between the Seeley Loop and Saliman Road. This pathway appears to be one of the more heavily utilized pathways in Mills Park. Students regularly use the pathway to avoid traffic elsewhere, and we know of high school groups using the pathway to get to activities in the Community Center, which, we were informed, was in order to avoid having to use school buses. We have aged, and handicapped individuals using the house that have to stop attending meetings on which they depend, because of the difficulty they encounter accessing the house, a situation exacerbated by inclement weather, particularly when there is snow. The path, particularly between Seeley Loop and the concrete pathway into the house, can be a sloppy quagmire when wet, and when snow-covered, is dangerous, even for the fit. Some of our physically impaired users park in the pathway in order to access the house, and for the most part that has worked, except during winter when the unmaintained condition of the pathway has sometimes required all-wheel drive. The solution to this problem is, we believe, to pave the entire pathway from Saliman through to the Seeley loop. To keep vehicles from going all the way through to Saliman via the pathway, removable bollards could be placed midway along the pathway's "choke-point." In addition, the pathway should be widened along its north side, from the Seeley Loop to the



apartment complex fence/property line to allow for more accessible parking for those who need it. Lastly, some form of low impact lighting along the pathway, at least between the Seeley Loop and the gate into the house would enhance the house's usability and reduce another liability exposure.

4. Electric outlets, light posts
5. speaker system for events. Water fountains in warm seasons.
6. Lighting on grass fields for soccer
7. More sponsored group activities
8. Electrical support
9. More events more public parking new bathrooms and upgraded pool
10. I love the idea of public art too!
11. The gym in the aquatic center could use a refurbishment. Also, it needs to be cleaned regularly.
12. More parking to accommodate daily needs in addition to when larger events are scheduled at either the pool or community center
13. Anything that can stabilize the water temp of pool/showers
14. safety/ homeless people
15. Lighting
16. Restroom, changing facility, drinking fountains
17. Fix walking paths there are a lot of tripping hazards
18. More lifeguards for pool
19. EV chargers
20. lighting, designated soccer fields, more pickball / soccer tennis, repaved running path

**Please share any additional ideas:**

1. I was just recently in Seattle, they have a park set up just for disadvantaged and disabled kids. IE wheelchair basketball, splash pad etc. plus it's completely fenced in with a heavy gate and a special lock so the kids can't get out. That would be a tremendous asset for the park.
2. Shaded areas closer to the skate park and picnic tables or a more comfortable immediate surrounding area to spectate
3. Would like to meet to discuss long term needs for community awards, a.k.a., "The Memorial Walls" by the Teixeira Pavilion. -Parks Foundation
4. Basketball court
5. A large storage building for event users to use to house their stuff for the event, so they don't have to get there the day of with all the items .
6. Clean up the homeless or police present, kids don't feel safe
7. Playground are old and run down - new playground equipment would be great!
8. I would love to see a permanent Ferris Wheel in the park!!
9. Improvements to the park will be futile if people perceive it to be an unsafe place. The mature trees and copious grass would make it ideal for picnics but the geese (and their droppings) make it unpleasant.
10. More frequent sheriff/volunteer sheriff patrols might help
11. A few more large picnic areas would be nice.
12. I would love to see a splash park like the one in North Valley (Reno). Something for kids ages 0-13
13. Please address the homeless!
14. Consider Public Restroom Company. We are located in Minden
15. Bike path



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **MILLS PARK MASTER PLAN -PUBLIC MEETING on November 15th**

(*Carson City, NV*) – Carson City Parks, Recreation and Open Space is working on updating the master plan for Mills Park and is seeking community feedback.

Mills Park is a special place for so many, but the park's infrastructure is aging and due for a new long-term plan. With the community's assistance, the park space can be reimagined for the future. The public meeting will gather feedback on special events, community organization's needs, recreation amenities, and funding priorities. Please attend the public meeting November 15, 2022 at the Carson City Community Center in the Bonanza Room to share your ideas on how to make Mills Park more enjoyable for locals and visitors to Carson City.

For more information on the Mills Park master plan, please contact the Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department at 775-887-2262 or visit [carson.org/parksandrec](http://carson.org/parksandrec).

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## MILLS PARK MASTER PLAN MEETING NOTES

November 15, 2022

### NOTES FROM PUBLIC COMMENTS AT THE MILLS PARK MASTER PLAN PUBLIC MEETING:

- The current exercise equipment area is in poor condition
- Would like to see an exercise loop with all inclusive equipment either along the loop or in a centralized area.
- Better bathrooms for use and changing opportunities. Some people like to exercise in the morning at the park then change to play pickleball.
- Lighting for skate park
- Add simple or “cookie cutter implements” to current skate park and hopefully larger one.
  - Simple implements like a stand-alone rail, steps, boxes, etc. located in area away from the main area to give users opportunities to be isolated from main group.
- Current bathrooms (portable restrooms) are terrible. Need to open up and improve on current closed facilities.
- Would like to see sidewalk from entrance at Seely loop into the park. Currently there is not one so have to walk in the roadway until they reach a sidewalk
- Sidewalk from MTP starts towards the playground to the south but dead ends into the lawn area. Have to walk either on the grass or in parking spaces to get to playground.
- Is there anything that is going to be built or take place in the empty lot off of Palo Verde?
- Large events create parking issues on Palo Verde and impacts residential homes. Increase parking in park to alleviate the issue.
- Like the addition of dog park. Would like to see the dog park to be grass or DG would be ok. Also would like to see sections for large dogs and small dogs as well as agility equipment.
- Don't like additional road crossings across the railroad tracks. Would require a lot of security features for the safety of train, cars and pedestrians.
- Good to see turf reduction and water conservation with turf reduction. Would water conservation be the driving force for future changes?
- No dog park. Open Space + Parks + Rec added 4 more dog parks making 6 total in town which is already too many for a city this size, leave a few parks for people who don't love or want dogs.
- I don't see the multiuse path along Williams in either plan.
- Opposed to any vehicular access through park.
- I am not in favor of a dog park in the southeast corner. Nowhere near the homes please.
- Water waste/evaporation of splash park?
- Did OSAC approve dog park at Mills?
- Not enough parking
- Don't like the road out to Hwy 50
- Parking on Hwy 50 along the multi use path
- Public road access through Park & safety. Prefer only accessible for safety and maintenance folks, not general access (both road options)
- More bathrooms

- Don't like so many track crossings (RR)
- Needs more shade
- **For-** Promenade and support for events
- **For-** Lighted skate park and expanded skate park – x3 people
- Farmer's Market at Pavilion and through the fall to support local farmers and ranchers
- Playground as large as possible – put where Firefighter's Memorial is – Playground inside RR tracks a safety issue – needs to be close to parking (tot + larger kid areas) W/ SHADE
- **For-** Large skatepark
- Splash park – make as big as possible
- Add splash components & climbing walls & other amenities to pool – especially for winter (REVENUE)
- Promenade and emergency access
- **For-** Swings
- **For-** Lights @ pickleball courts

**COMMENTS SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL OR FORM AFTER THE MILLS PARK MASTER PLAN PUBLIC MEETING:**

1. After some sober thought, it looks like we are destroying the last vestige of open space in Carson City. Drive by Mills park and you will notice that the open space of Mills park is very comforting and calming. Connecting the Oxoby and Seely Loop for law enforcement would be a safety enhancement. Replacing the decaying tennis court and exercise area with the pickle ball court, would be a step forward. I have two issues with this renovation. One is, the city is very neglectful in maintaining its assets. Mills park is not maintained and looks run down. Two is the bird poop problem. After a walk through the park I had to wash my bird poop encrusted shoes as there was no place to step without stepping on bird poop. Fix these problems and we will have a park for all to enjoy. Less is more. This renovation looks like your throwing out the baby with the bath water. We need to focus on maintaining our assets and replacing them when they wear out. Look at the water slide by the swim center as another example of derelict city projects. Less is more.
2. Love the new concepts for the park! My favorite is plan B with the larger splash pad and larger skate park. Can't wait for my family to enjoy the new and improved park!
3. My thoughts...24 pickle ball courts is way too many; basketball courts would be nice. If there have to be that many, put them over by the train out of the way of the beautiful field. Also, doubling the size of the skate park is a nice thought but the drug deals and alcohol consumption will double, too. We live right here and it goes on all night. I appreciate the addition of a dog park. Thank you for your time.
4. In reviewing the drawings for the Mills Park Master Plan, it seems there aren't any basketball courts anywhere. Am I missing them? There's only 1 basketball court here in town that I know of and it's in super rough shape. (College pkwy) We need space for the YOUTH of Carson City as well. The MAC Center shouldn't be the only space available for basketball when not everyone has access to resources to pay for usage. Also, 24 pickleball courts seems excessive when there's already indoor courts available at the MAC as well. Parks should be for everyone, and I don't see that representation in these drawings. Please consider adding basketball into the mix.



5. I like Master plan B, but just wish that there could be basketball courts added over by the volleyball courts. The MAC isn't open on holidays and certain times of the day or for events. Having another option for those that still want to play would be huge.
6. I like the position of the pickleball courts. I wasn't sure at first, but after thinking about it, as a mother of 4, I feel if they were placed as they are in plan A that a lot of parking would be taken by the pickleball users and not leave much for family's around the splash pad. I am confused by the concession stand. When would it be open and why? Thank you for the effort being put into making this park a better place.
7. I saw the two master plans for Mills Park and as a member of the community I believe Carson would better benefit from option B. Here's my reasoning: -Larger Splash park -Larger Skate park \*side note I think this would be a major step forward for giving the Children & teens in our area more to do. I grew up here and there's always been a lack of activities for young people\* -playground would be near the train tracks (my kids and many others enjoy pretending to be a train on the tracks when it is not in operation. Also when the theater production does their Halloween train they could utilize the playground equipment for a scene) -I like the layout of the open sports fields as opposed to having pickle ball courts near Williams St. I think for events the wider layout makes more sense. I believe the people who participate in pickle ball might enjoy their "own area" located on the East side of the park! -I really don't see Carson City needing an improved amphitheater. I think taking the amphitheater out would be the best use of resources instead of putting money into something which won't be used often. -the public accessible road coming off of William street would be a great addition as well. I can't wait to see what happens with the future of Mills Park! It's one of my favorite areas in our wonderful town. I hope these opinions can be brought into consideration! Thank you!
8. "I vote for plan B because the skatepark is bigger" **x6 emails back to back**
9. Thank you for giving people an opportunity to share thoughts regarding the Mills Park Master Plan! Please consider the following suggestions... Please don't add a public vehicle access road. The focus should be to enhance the park, not vehicular access. Regarding the need for more parking, this can be addressed through the suggested additions to Oxoby Loop in Option A, Seely Loop in Option A, and Mills Park Lane in Option B. Fun to see that additional pickle ball courts are being considered, but I would suggest the number be reduced to 16 (two sets of 8). This would address the increased popularity of the sport while also maintaining available space for additional youth field recreational use, or the centralized fitness station. I believe the suggested location in option A is the best choice. Dog Park (2/3 - 3/4 acre) - I like the Seely Loop location because of easy access as for both residents and tourists. This location will also help keep dogs out of other areas of the park, (at least in theory). Kids Playground - I would like to suggest having the playground closer to the splash pad, perhaps where the volley ball court is located in Option B. This would allow for a really fun kid friendly area of the park. I'm not sure of why an outdoor showers/concession area is needed. Re the volley ball court, I think moving it to the s/e corner near the Bocce and horseshoe courts would make for a really fun activity area. Love the fitness loops! I know there will be lots of happy kiddos with a larger skatepark. I think the 25,000 SF Option A plan is awesome. It also works well with the recreational fields and pickle ball courts (hopefully 16 vs. 24) layout in Option A. **Biggest plea... please NO public vehicle access/parking road.**
10. Prefer Option A.  
**Dog park** – Hoping for separate areas for small vs. large dogs and for the addition of some agility equipment i.e. tunnel, jumps, tire jump, etc

**Pickleball courts** – The placement in Option A is more favorable than the placement in Option B. Option B is undesirable due to the east/west orientation. Much of play at the courts occurs in the morning and an east/west orientation would give too much direct sunlight for players looking east. Option A would provide less direct morning sunlight and make play easier.

**Fitness loop** – I am part of a small exercise group that meet at Mills Park 3x/wk. Our instructor plus the rest of the group prefer the fitness loop proposed in option A. We value the idea that we keep moving as a short break in between exercises. The concession and splash park sound like a good idea. I only hope that you are able to do the construction without cutting down too many trees... hopefully without taking down any trees.

11. Quite the plan. Both look so nice. I do like the Pickleball courts on the west end. Will there be lights? Is there really a need to drive through the park, my hope is the park will be pedestrian friendly. The dog park by the loop seems accessible for public use. Great job and looking forward to the final plans.
12. Thank you for the opportunity for public input. The promenade, expansion of the skate park and increased parking are good ideas. With those in mind it would also be nice to keep as much of the large open grassy area as possible. It gives the park a good impression. Dogs areas can be a problem. I can see people with dogs throughout the park not keeping the dogs secure. That could create conflicts especially during larger events in the park. Dogs are not allowed now, but that is ignored to a large extent. Also, a road connecting the western and eastern parking areas may encourage drivers using it for a short cut through the park. Since my main focus is with the Mills Park Railroad, I have some other concerns. Our insurance yearly asks us about safety and grade crossings. Now maintenance crossings are not a problem, but if a public road crossed the tracks we could see large increases in our insurance premiums. Finally, if we are still allowed to store some of our maintenance supplies in the new yard, I would request an access gate be place in the fence as near to the tracks as possible.
13. I wanted to express my comments as a frequent user of the park and as the Vice-President of the CCRA. I support development of a Master Plan and appreciate the Parks and Open Space Department reviewing the options and considering public opinion. Neither of the options shown are complete, and I see benefits and challenges to both. Perhaps a separate third option can be developed. My specific comments are:
  - Please eliminate all roadway connections through the park. Placing additional traffic though the park is inconsistent with creating a relaxed environment free of traffic conflicts and additional noise. If more parking is needed, please consider additional parking along William Street, or in existing parking lot areas.
  - CCRA is 100% supportive of the development of the Master Plan; however, as it relates to the proposed roadways, live traffic across railroad grade crossings of any kind is unacceptable. Please do not move forward with any new grade crossing of the railroad for public traffic. CCRA can support additional pedestrian only crossings with no issue.
  - Please consider keeping the pickleball courts out of the large grass field. The open grass area should be preserved for special events and large-scale activities. There are very few large public open spaces like this that are as easily accessible by all types of transportation. Pickleball courts can be constructed in many parks across Carson City, but finding a large open grassy field like this is difficult. Please preserve it.
  - Please consider a smaller dog park. I realize that a formal dog policy on this is still to be set, but dogs and dog activities are somewhat dissimilar to activities and events that regularly occur in the park. Recommend minimizing the incentive to bring your dog to the park.



- I am supportive of an additional play area in the location of the existing City maintenance yard. Additional fencing would be required to separate it from the railroad, but new or altered pedestrian crossing locations can be found. CCRA would be happy to coordinate with the Parks Dept on ideas.
  - The skate park should be expanded away from the tracks, not towards. We occasionally have conflicts between the train and the skaters. Keeping it farther away is a deterrent.
  - A more formal connection between the station platform and points west is needed along the train storage shed. CCRA often sees people walking with strollers and when they get to the end of the platform, the concrete ends and they are walking along a dirt road. A formal, ADA complaint pedestrian connection is needed.
  - Please provide a formal pedestrian connection to the northeast connection of the park. I believe there is a gap in fence near the Walgreens. This should be formalized into a new pedestrian entrance location since any people come in and out of the park from this area. Make it inviting, and tie it to the rest of the park.
  - Please coordinate with the William Street Project regarding other pedestrian access points.
- 14.** Add tennis courts, incorporate shade at the skatepark, make sure every fenced amenity (playground) has 2 entry/exits, promenade and pickleball ruin the ability to fly kites, swap pickleball and dog park locations, move promenade to the edge of the field instead of through it, unlock pickleball, add more lights and security improvements.
- 15.** I'm a neighbor, residing on Palo Verde Drive the last sixteen years. Often walking in and through the park, it's easy to see and hear the frequent participants: children in the play area, skateboarders in and around the skate park, families laughing, and usually one or two volleyball games in progress. Depending on the season, soccer practice or games are in progress and kites fly high. It's usually a quiet way to observe our changing seasons. Sometimes, special events add to the ambiance, noise, and/or traffic. Having spent a lot of time studying the 2 options offered, here are my preferences and observations: OPTION A (with a few additions from Option B) is my preference because:
- #1. Obviously the bathrooms need updating and/or replacing!
- #4. Parking has and continues to be a problem during special events! OPTION A has 120 more spaces than Option B!!
- #9. + #22. A Public Vehicle Access Road with parking would provide more spaces with safety patrol access as well as another access connector to Seely Loop. The addition of (Option B) from Oxoby Loop to Marv Teixeira Pavilion is an upgrade for both traffic and public safety access and should be included!
- #12. I strongly disagree with eliminating the Ampitheater! Why not repurpose it? It could be better utilized than it is now! Why not a small venue for concerts or ceremonies? That could be an additional source of revenue.
- #14. A vegetation buffer is needed along the South edge of the park, where a residential area has existed the past fifty years! This is needed especially during carnivals for sound mitigation! Our streets become overflow parking lots!
- #15. Why do we need 24 Pickleball courts and not even 1 (one) tennis court? If need be, couldn't a tennis court or two and a volleyball court be worked in somewhere?
- \*The biggest flaw in Option A is: NO VOLLEYBALL COURTS! I witness on my frequent walks through the park that there is the most-attended activity; maybe by the inhabitants of the nearby apartments??

[Even if those players do not respond to surveys (language barriers) their active presence shows a worthy need!]

#16. The extra space of doubling the skate park seems way over the top, unless there is a minimum size needed for tournaments.

#17. Having the dog park located with direct access to the parking lot makes more sense, and ¾ acre on both plans seems a reasonable size. Dogs should NOT be walked in and through the park on their way to the Dog Park. (Sanitary conditions are very important!)

#18. A Fitness Loop with Exercise Stations around the Loop is a great idea! (If it's placed as in Option B it will be used like a playground.) Health and Safety issues seem more prudent with a spread-out placement. It can be utilized by more people if it's spread out. (The current cluster-type station is rarely used for its original purpose and is often the site of vandalism of just lounging around.)

#19. The children's play area should be away from traffic and in a more secure location as in Option A. : )

The Promenade is an excellent addition to both options!

Thank you for viewing my input. Please let me know when the discussion regarding the final decision will be held. Call or leave a message on my landline: [redacted] or notify me by mail, please. I would like to attend to represent all the neighbors like myself who live nearby and frequent Mills Park on a regular basis.

#### **COMMENTS SUBMITTED TO MILLS PARK MASTER PLAN FACEBOOK POST:**

- Wonderful improvements that will make this Park THE city park to go to! Love the larger playground, splash pad, and dog park!
- I don't see any basketball courts for the community to use. 24 pickleball courts seems excessive when there's only 1 basketball court in Carson City Parks and it's in EXTREME disrepair. Not everyone uses the MAC center nor should they have to.
  - That's what I asking. How many people are actually using the pickleball courts now? 24 is a lot.
- If the playground is bigger please include big kid swings!
- If you need a parking garage than build one. You don't need to destroy a park and the peace of residents just to increase parking.
- Please save the grass fields for the migrating geese.
- Just don't lose the footbridges and the little creek.
- This one has good options but maybe less pickleball courts and adding some basketball courts would be better, is pickleball that popular?
  - this is a pickleball site so yes it's very popular



**In Attendance:**

Rob Fellows, Breanna Greenlaw, Kelly Norman, Jen Budge, Dave Navarro, Ron Reed, Darren Anderson, Nick Wentworth

**Agenda:**

- Public access road from Seely Loop to Oxoby Loop
  - Traffic calming speed bumps **and/or dips** , center islands and parallel parking pockets
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  - Transportation, pedestrian concerns?
    - **Cut through traffic concerns**
  - Public Safety, emergency access and response
    -
  - Design for Ash Canyon Creek and the flood zone
    - **Keep runoff in the park**
    - **Eliminate “creek” from the plan, it’s a storm water channel or ditch**
- Promenade, north/south across big field
  - Bollards and signage at both ends, 25’ wide drive aisle
    -
  - 15’ dg area on each side w/ 50amp, 20amp and hose bib locations
    -
  - Parking lot access in William St. design?
    - **Maybe, with bollards**
- Pickleball location in big field
  - Any concerns
    - Transportation, parking?
      - **Initially liked Seely Loop better for the parking, Oxoby expansion makes more sense**
    - Public Safety?
    - Flood zone, runoff?
    - Power?
- Dog Park location in Seely Loop
  - Any concerns
    - Transportation, parking?
    - Public Safety?
    - Flood zone, runoff?
      - **Ditch is internal, not PW**
    - Power?
    - Pedestrian access off bike path?
- Other Concerns?
  - Sheriff’s Department
    -
  - Transportation
    - **Bryan Byrne is currently looking into traffic flow issues at Carson High**

- Storm Water
  - New Storm Water line should be added to the site constraints exhibit
  - Basketball/fitness area of the park is a flood risk. Preference is to raise the entire corner of the park's grade to shed back towards the ditch. No walls or retainage just reverse the flow.
- PW Engineering
  -
- Facilities
  - In favor of the connector road (Foley's Forest Lane)