



Meeting Minutes

CITY OF SHASTA LAKE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

Larry J. Farr Community Center
4499 Main Street
Shasta Lake, CA 96019

Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 5:30 pm

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm
Commissioners Present: Greenwood, Hewitt, Thompson, Smith, Zeller
Commissioners absent: None

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

3.0 NEW BUSINESS:

3.1 Discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to the City Council for possible renaming of Akard Park (currently under reconstruction to establish a dog park).

Staff was asked to bring the item back with options for names.

3.2 Discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the dedication of a memorial bench in the dog park.

MOTION/VOTE: By motion made/seconded (Hewitt/Zeller), and carried, the dedication of a memorial bench in the names of Robert and Betty Ferguson was approved. A recommendation will be made to City Council.

3.3 Presentation on the results of the Parks Surveys.

4.0 PUBLIC WORKSHOP:

4.1 Workshop to solicit public input for potential parks projects. Action on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to take place at a later date.

Members of the public discussed their preferences for parks projects.

5.0 CLOSING COMMENTS:

4.1 Commission Comments

4.2 Staff Comments

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

TONI M. COATES, CMC
CITY CLERK/COMMISSION SECRETARY



Report and Recommendations
Reviewed and Approved

Jessaca Lopez

City Manager

3.3

AGENDA ITEM

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioners

FROM: Whitney Zeller, Community and Economic Development Manager

DATE: May 26, 2022

SUBJECT: Presentation on the results of the Parks Surveys.

FILE NO.: New

RECOMMENDATION:

Review the results of the Parks student and household surveys.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the public outreach process to determine the community's parks and recreation needs, and prioritize potential projects for funding, the City released a household parks survey and a student parks survey. The household survey was open from March 23rd to May 13th and was advertised through the City's website, social media, Boomtown Festival, and through a direct mailer to residents. The household survey received a total of 220 responses. The student survey was facilitated through classrooms at Grand Oaks, Shasta Lake School, Central Valley High School, and Mountain Lakes High School. The student survey received a total of 322 responses.

At the May 26 meeting, we will review responses for both surveys, as well as combined results. A summary of the survey responses have been attached.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

There is no financial impact for receiving this information.

ATTACHMENTS:

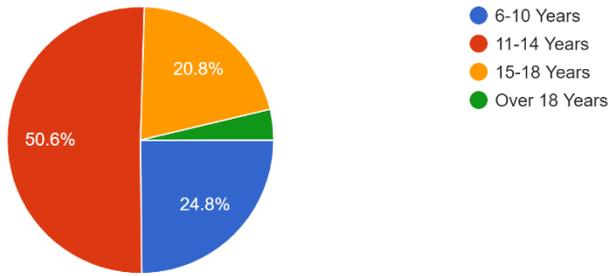
Summary of Parks Survey Responses

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Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

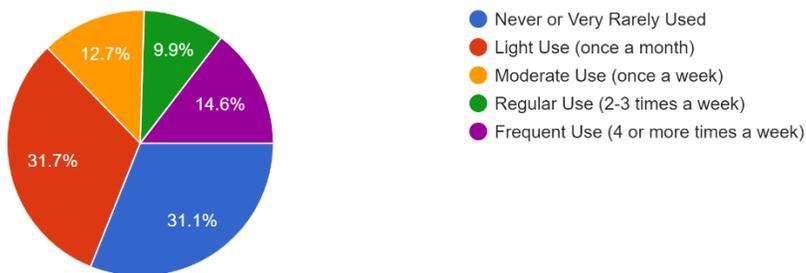
Student Survey Response Overview:

Total of 322 responses received

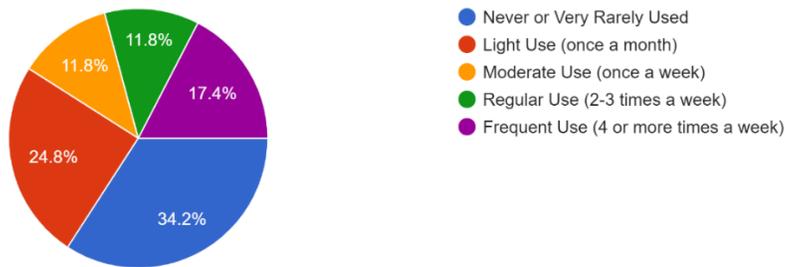


Most Used Parks

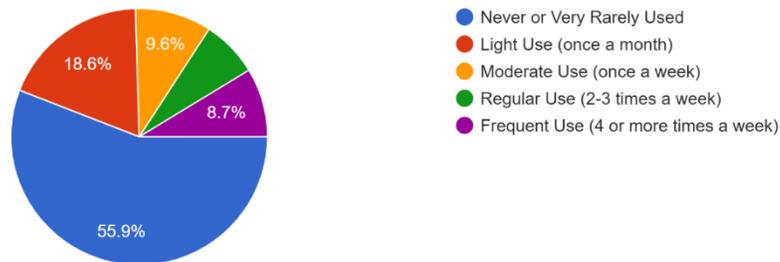
Margaret Polf Park & Boomtown BMX



Clair Engle Park and Skate Park



Bizz Johnson Ball Park



Most Used Park Facilities

- Playgrounds (56.6%)
- Walking Paths/Trails (43.8%)
- Sports Fields/Courts (42.2%)
- Picnic/Grass Areas (38.5%)
- Skate Park (most common “other” answer)

Student Interest in Potential Park Features

- #1. New Parks – 53% “Very Interested”
- #2. Walking Trails/Paths – 45% “Very Interested”
- #3. Water Features/Splash Pads – 43% “Very Interested”
- #4. Updated Playground Equipment – 42% “Very Interested”
- #5. Outdoor Exercise Equipment – 38% “Very Interested”
- #6. Picnic/BBQ Areas – 36% “Very Interested”
- #7. Upgraded Skatepark Facilities – 34% “Very Interested”
- #8. Basketball Courts – 33% “Very Interested”

What Students Like Most About Existing Parks:

- They have fun at the parks
- They enjoy the playgrounds (especially swings and slides)
- They like having a place to be with friends, family, and the community
- They like the trails and walking paths
- They enjoy using the skate park
- They enjoy using the sports fields
- They like the shade and open space

Improvements Students Would Like to See:

- Improved safety and reduced crime at parks
- Improved playgrounds (new equipment, more swings, more options)
- Splash pad or water feature
- New or improved skatepark facilities

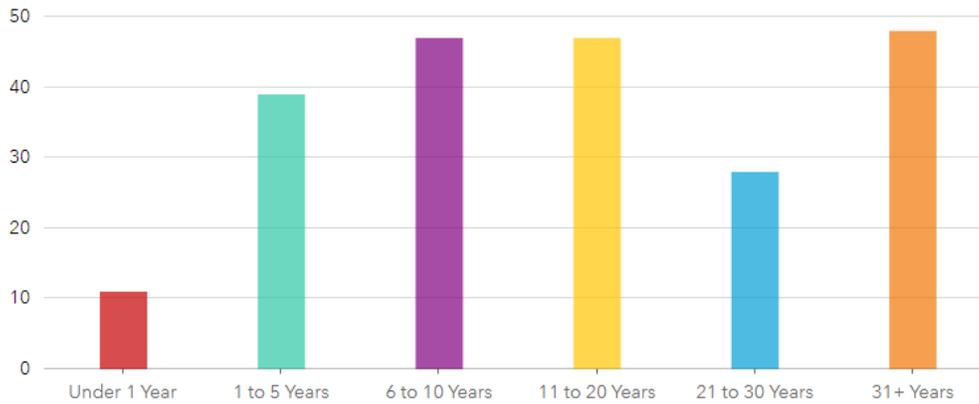
Household Survey Response Overview:

Total of 220 Responses Received

Shasta Lake Residents – 86.36%

Non-Residents – 13.64% (North Redding/Lakehead)

Length of Residency in Shasta Lake Area:



Household Overview

- 21% have children age 0 to 5
 - 24% have children age 6 to 9
 - 30% have children age 10 to 14
 - 20% have children age 15 to 17
 - 15% have adults age 18 to 24
 - 28% have adults age 25 to 34
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 - 40% of households do not have children in the home
 - 55% of households have at least one adult home full-time

Most Used Parks

Margaret Polf Park



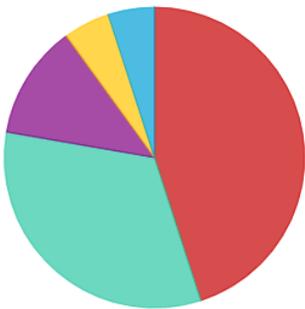
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- Moderate Use (once a week)
- Regular use (2-3 times a week)
- Frequent Use (4 or more times a week)

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Clair Engle Park and Skatepark



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Most Used Park Facilities

- Walking Paths/Trails (61.82%)
- Picnic/Grass Areas (50.91%)
- Playgrounds (48.64%)
- Sports Fields/Courts/Tracks (46.82%)
- Skate Park (7.73%)

Household Interest in Potential Park Features

- #1. Walking Trails/Paths – 64% “Very Interested”
- #2. Water Features/Splash Pads – 63% “Very Interested”
- #3. Updated Playground Equipment – 47% “Very Interested”
- #4. Picnic/BBQ Areas – 44% “Very Interested”
- #5. New Parks – 40% “Very Interested”
- #6. Outdoor Exercise Equipment – 25% “Very Interested”
- #7. Upgraded Skatepark Facilities – 15% “Very Interested”
- #8. Basketball Courts – 17% “Very Interested”

What Households Like Most About Existing Parks:

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- Households enjoy the trails and walking paths
- Households enjoy using the baseball and sports fields
- The parks have open space and are not crowded
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- Improved bathrooms (Margaret Polf Park)
- Dog park/dog friendly areas
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Combined Survey Response:

Most Used Parks:

- #1. Margaret Polf Park & Boomtown BMX
- #2. Clair Engle Park & Skatepark
- #3. Bizz Johnson Ball Park
- #4. Wynn Price Park and Baseball Field
- #5. Akard Park

Most Used Park Facilities:

- #1. Playgrounds
- #2. Walking Paths/Trails
- #3. Sports Fields/Courts
- #4. Picnic Grass Areas
- #5. Skatepark

Overall Interest in Potential Park Features:

- #1. New Park Locations
- #2. Water Features/Splash Pad
- #3. Updated Playground Equipment
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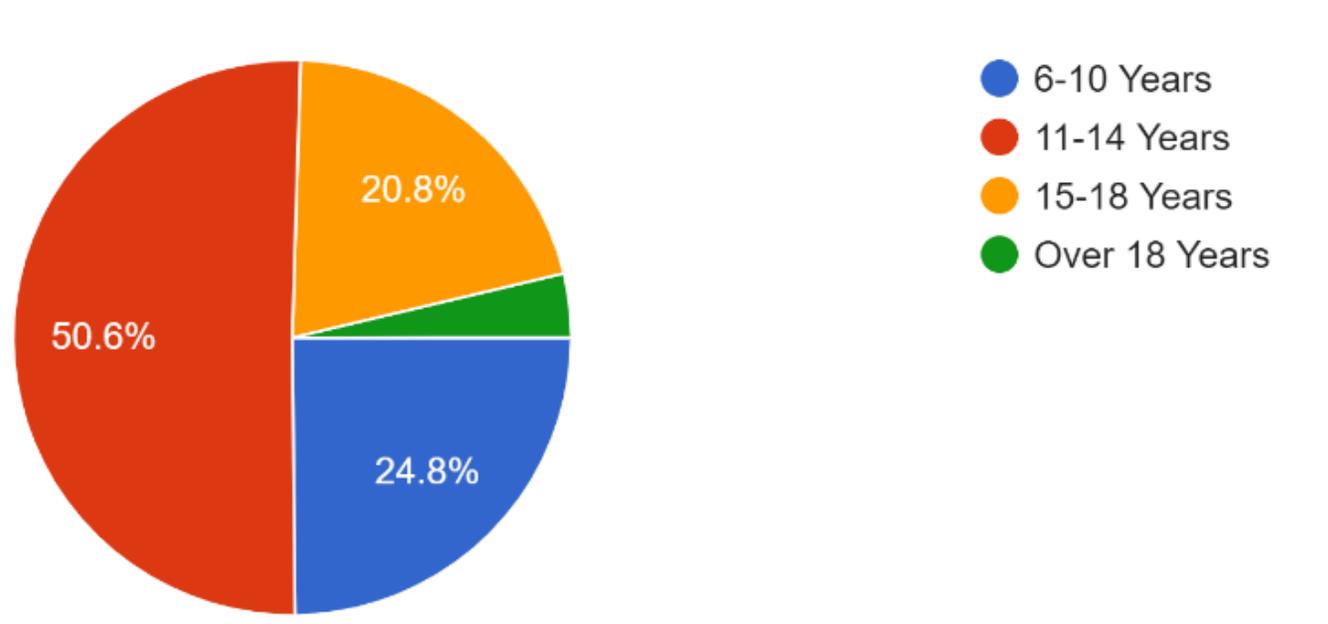
Parks Survey Results

Whitney Zeller
Community and Economic Development Manager

Background

- City released a household survey and a student survey
- Surveys were open from March 23rd to May 13th
- Household survey advertised through City's website, social media, outreach to local stakeholders, Boomtown Festival, and direct mailer to residents (220 responses)
- School survey facilitated through classrooms (322 responses)
- Total of 542 responses

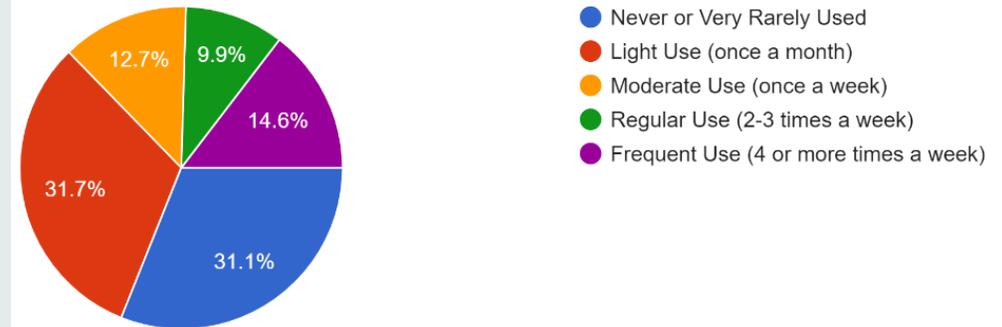
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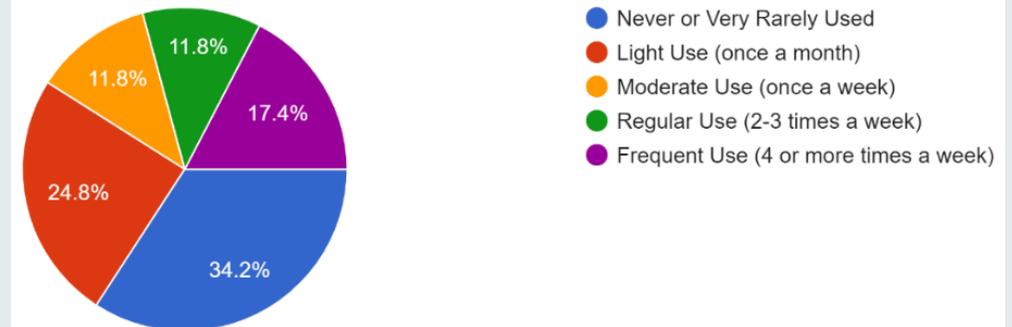
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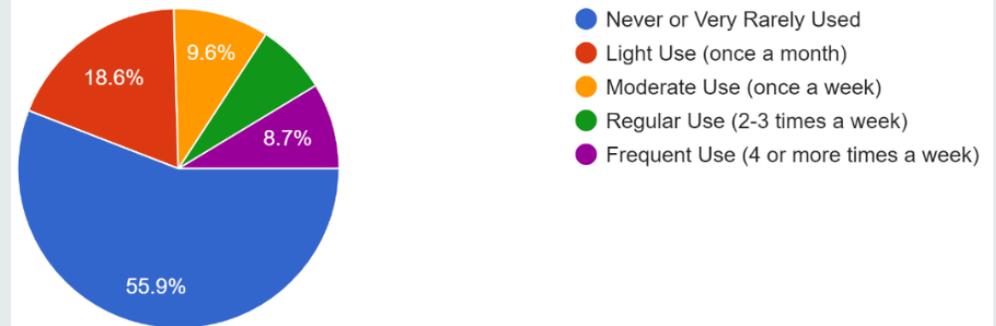
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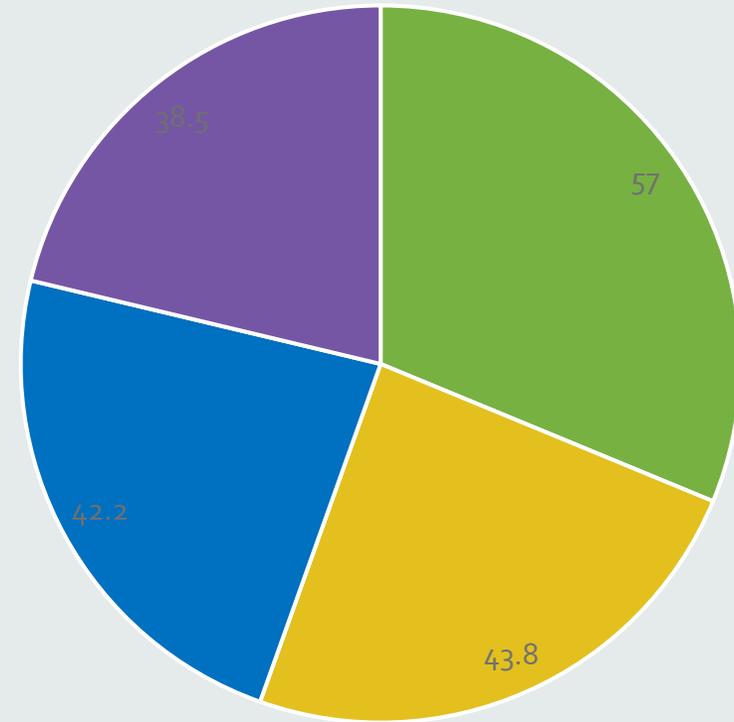
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Percentage



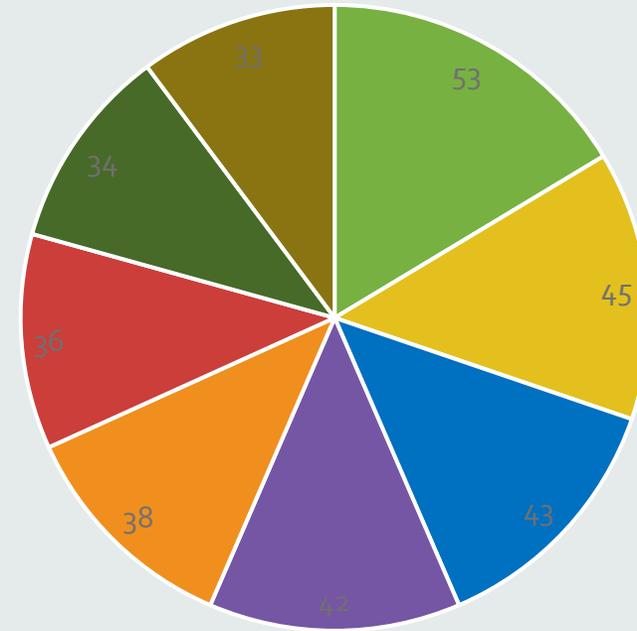
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*Most common "other" answer was the skate park

Student Survey Response Overview

Students Interest in Potential Park Features

Percentage "Very Interested"



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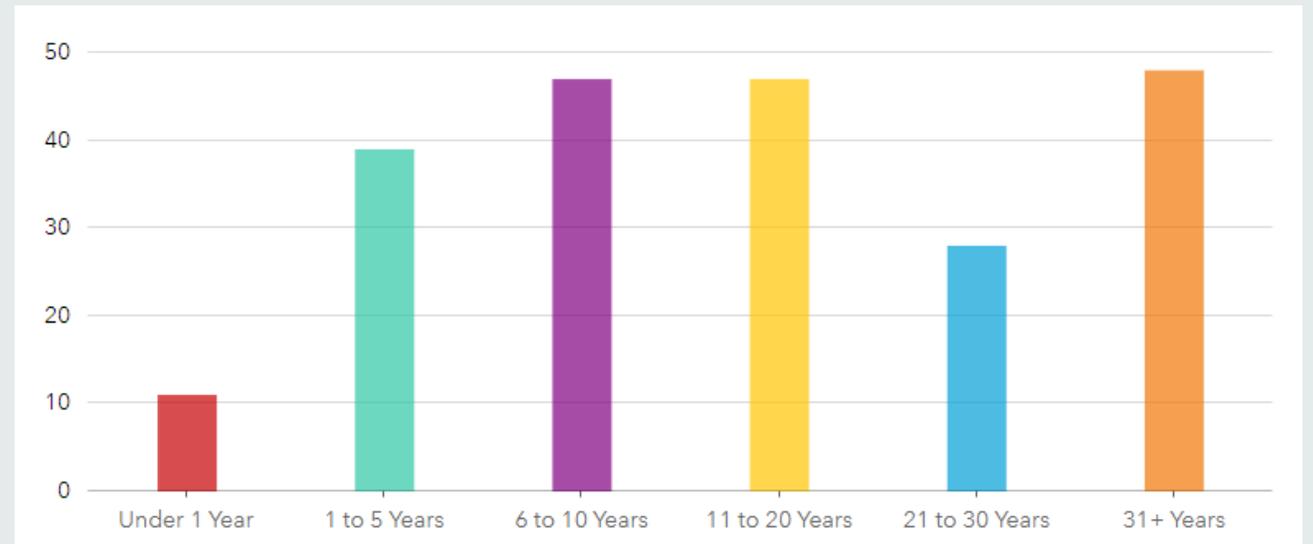
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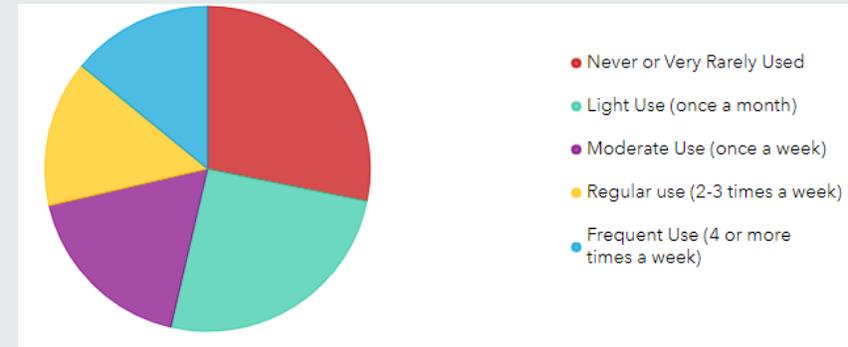
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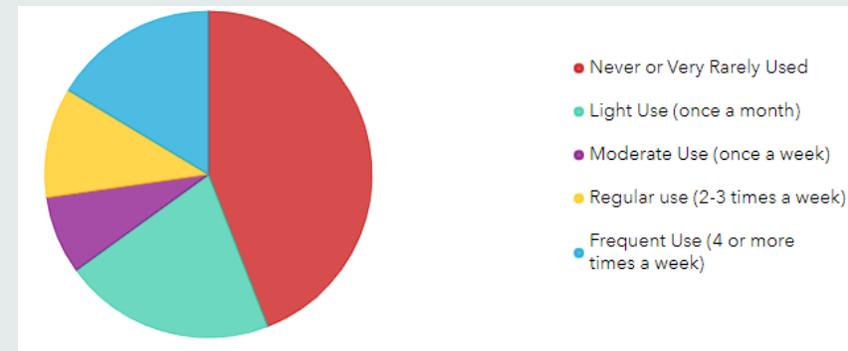
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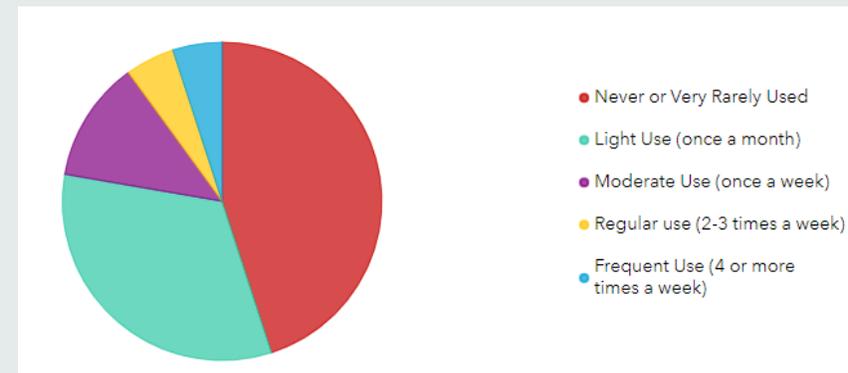
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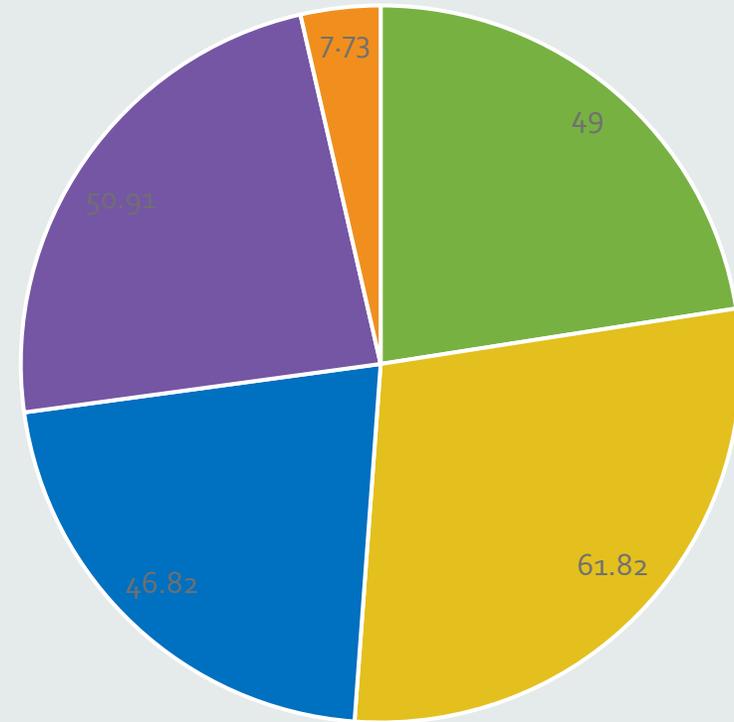
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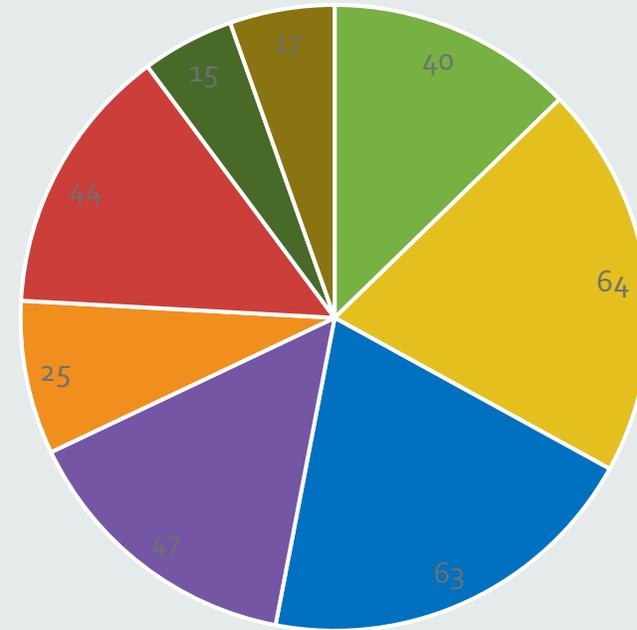


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Questions?

Public Workshop

Goal

To have an open, productive conversation and determine feasible projects to prioritize for funding with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds (\$2.39M)

Things to Consider

Current/Anticipated Projects

- Dog Park (Akard Park) – construction in progress
- Wynn Price Improvements – City will be replacing the lights on the baseball field, replacing netting and re-painting the facilities.
- Bizz Johnson Improvements – The City is working with Little League to construct new batting cages, replace the bleachers and update the concessions stand.
- Teen Center – City is currently working with Pathways to Hope who operate the Teen Centers in Anderson and Redding and anticipate this project being fulfilled.
- Windsor Neighborhood Park – Will be funded with developer fees collected. Two sites were set aside as open space for a park to be built within the neighborhood. The City will conduct additional outreach with the Windsor neighborhood as the park space is developed.

Things to Consider

One-Time Funding

- This is flexible one-time funding that the City has received through the American Rescue Plan Act
- Great opportunity to implement a project that would otherwise be difficult to fund.

Things to Consider

Capacity (Staff and Funds)

- The City currently has 45 acres of developed park space
- 2 full-time parks maintenance staff that manage parks, street landscaping in right of way, and the City Hall Campus
- How can we make the greatest impact with the amount of funding received?
- What projects can we fund that can address multiple priorities of the community?

Questions for Discussion

- After reviewing the survey results, what projects do you believe should be prioritized?
- Some of the park features that survey respondents were interested in included new park locations, water features/splash pads, updated playground equipment, walking paths and trails, and picnic and BBQ areas. Ideally, where would you like to see these features located?
- What factors do you think are important for the City to consider when moving forward with design/implementation of the selected project(s)? (i.e. themes/color, shade, accessibility, multi-functional, safety)
- What are your thoughts on developing the space behind City Hall/the Community Center as a park space (i.e. amphitheater, community gathering space, new skatepark facility, covered picnic area)?
- What is your highest priority for the selected project(s)? (i.e. space for the community to gather, a safe place for vulnerable populations (youth/seniors), better access to existing facilities, a unique feature for residents and tourists)