

Welcome!

Grand Meadow Neighborhood Park Concept Plan

Community Meeting #3



Meeting Agenda



- Who is APF?
- What are Park Design Services?
- Next Steps
- Survey #2 Results
- Proposed Concept Plan
- Survey #3 Overview
- Q & A
- How to stay informed?



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ENGAGEMENT



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PARK DESIGN SERVICES

Park Design Services

Offered by Austin Parks Foundation

Park Design Assistance



Detailed Park Design



Overall Park Planning



Overall Park Planning

Process guides Adopt-A-Park groups through visioning and creating an adopted Park Concept Plan

Estimated Value: \$100,000

Awarded:

- Once a year to neighborhood, school or pocket parks only
- Spring Application date
- Grand Meadow Neighborhood Park is the 2022-2023 recipient

Process:

- Year-long process
- Form Park Design Committee
- Conduct Site Inventory and Analysis
- Community Outreach including three public meetings
- Primary Outcome: Adopted Park Concept Plan by City of Austin

Roles:

Parks and Recreation

- Land owner
- Ensure process complies with COA standards
- Final decision
- Maintenance



Austin Parks Foundation

- Leading effort: community engagement and design
- Support parks in Austin
- Main point of contact during process



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Park Design Committee

- Official Adopt-A-Park Group
- Stewardship of the park
- Outreach for community engagement



Community

- Participation in public process to voice preferences in future park development

Friends of Grand Meadow

- Park steward organization building community around Grand Meadow Park
- Applied for Design Services Grant
- Conducted original survey
- Crucial for community engagement
- Passionate and knowledgeable about food forest and community garden



Project Timeline



March 7, 2023 - Community Meeting #1
Input on Park Amenities, open online survey

May 20, 2023 - Community Meeting #2
On-site meeting for preliminary layout options for public comment / input on phasing and layout, open online survey

September 26, 2023 - Community Meeting #3
Final draft plan presentation, open online survey for final comment and prioritization

October 2023 - APF to submit concept plan to COA PARD for official review and adoption
Incorporate final comments from Survey #3 into final plan

Beginning of 2024 - Anticipated Concept Plan Approval



Grand Meadow Neighborhood Park

Layout Plan #1

- A. pavilion (x1)
- B. community garden
- C. food forest
- D. wildflower meadow
- E. 1/3 mile natural loop trail
- F. natural play field
- G. nature play
- H. community art
- I. exercise equipment
- J. picnic area
- K. existing street parking
- L. bee hives



Layout Plan #2

- A. pavilion (x2)
- B. community garden
- C. food forest
- D. wildflower meadow
- E. concrete walk
- F. formal play field
- G. traditional playground
- H. central exercise area
- I. pickleball courts
- J. basketball court
- K. parking lot



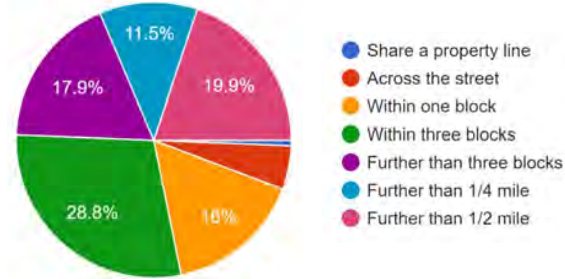
Survey Results - Demographics

(156 total responses)

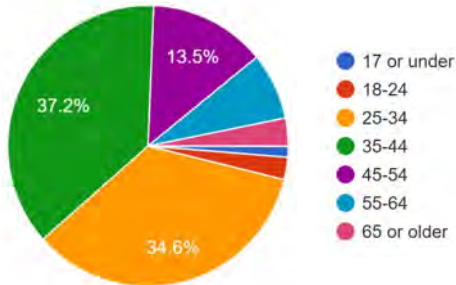
89% own a house or duplex:



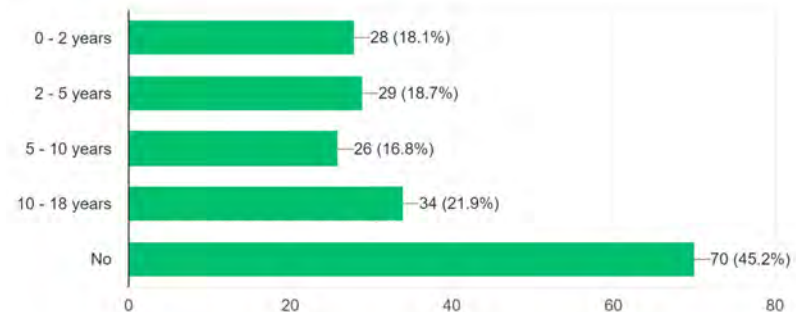
80% live within 1/2 mile of the park:



72% are between ages 25-44:

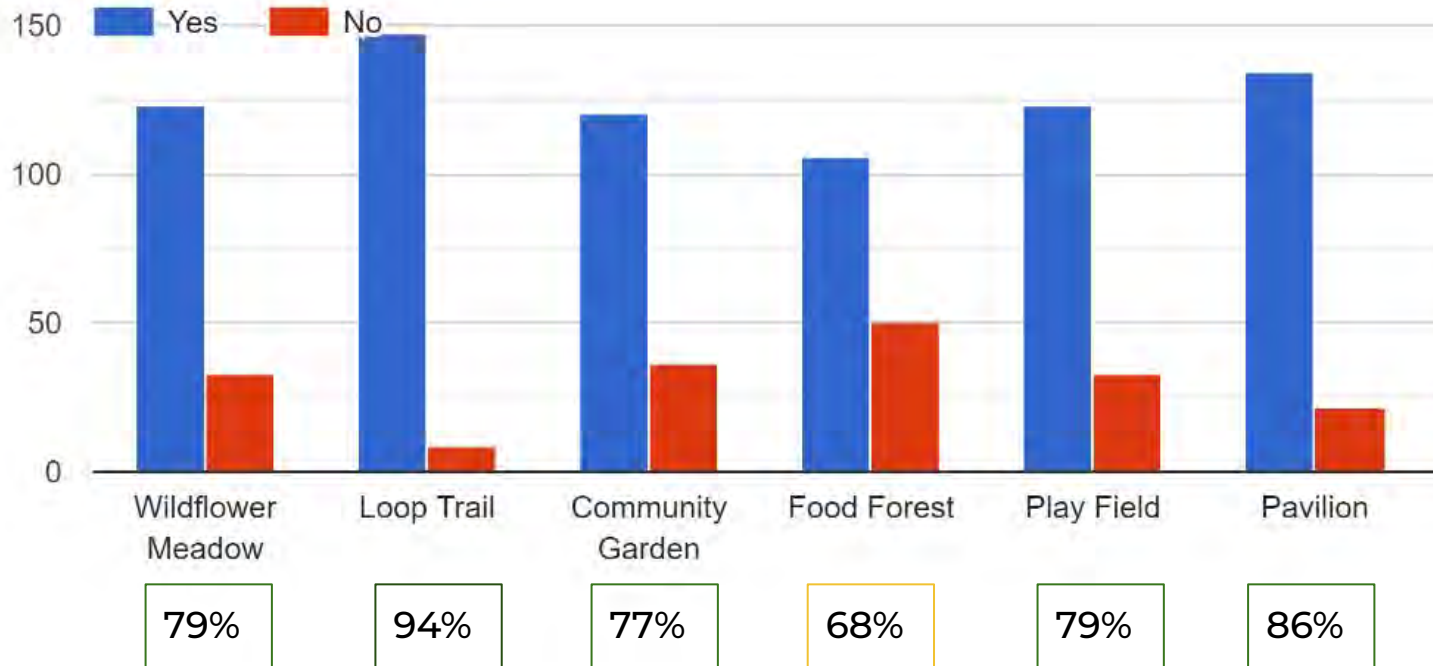


55% have children in their household:



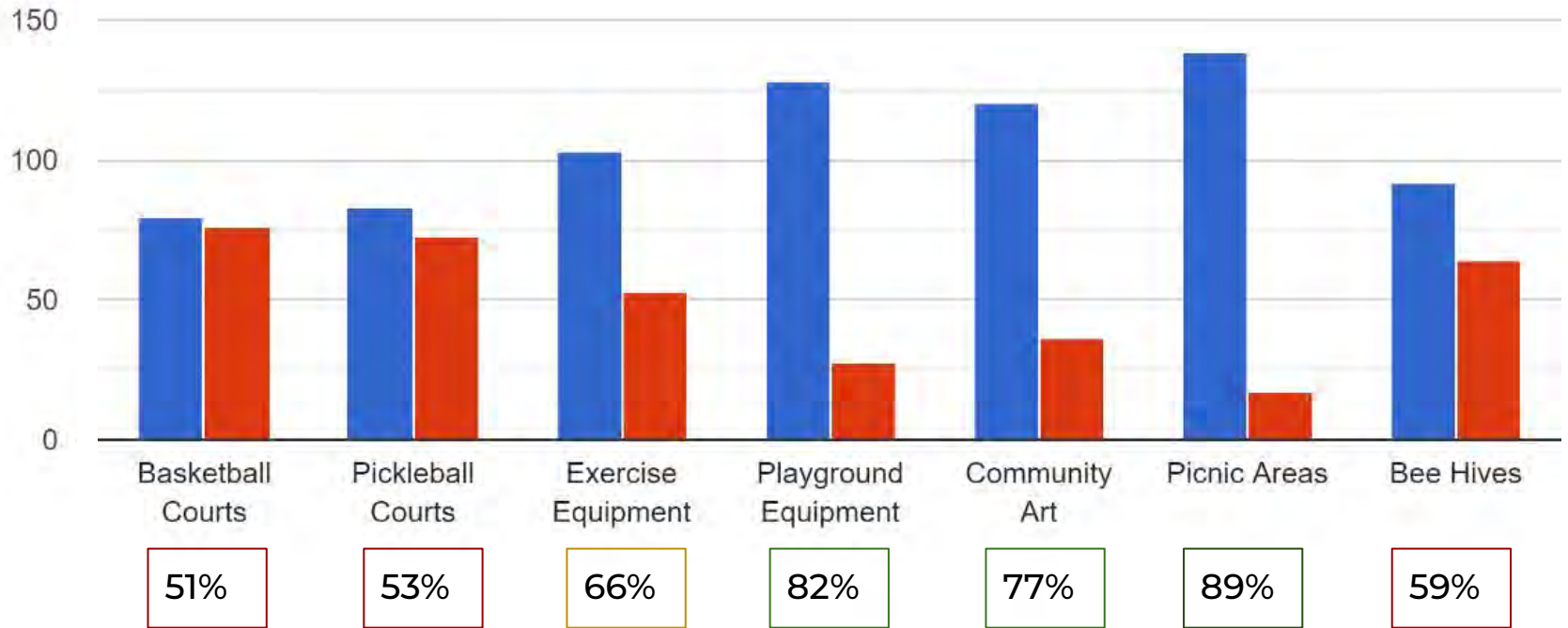
Survey Results - Features

Please check yes or no if you would like to see the following features at Grand Meadow Park:



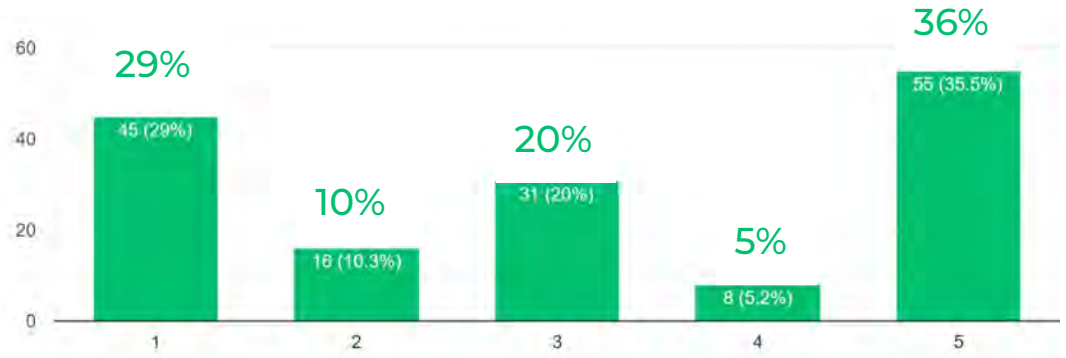
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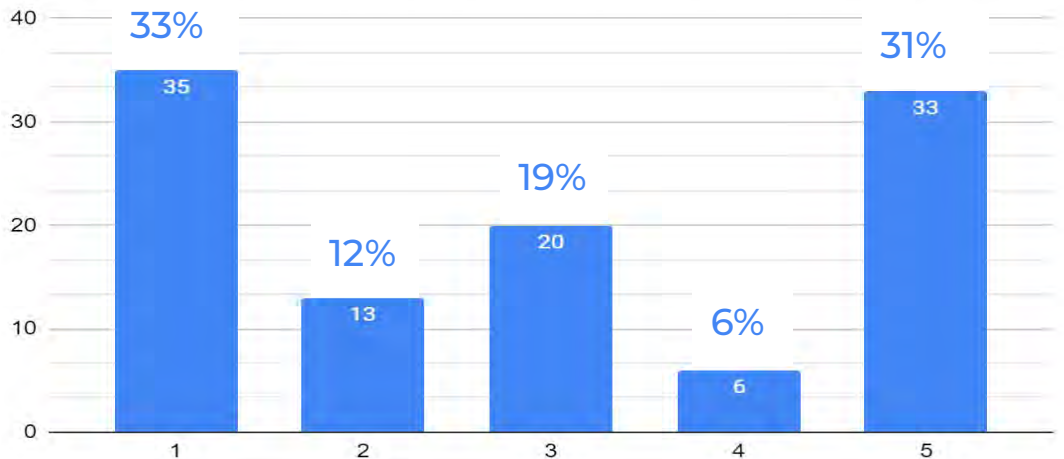


Survey Results - Dog Park

On a scale from 1 to 5, how interested are you in a dog park at Grand Meadow?

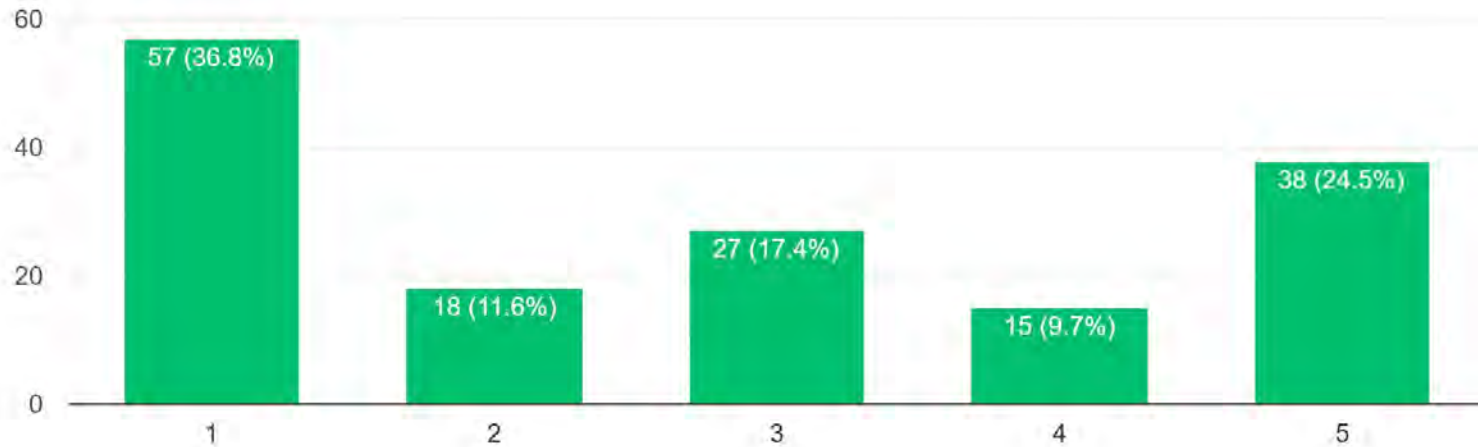


A dog park was slightly less popular among respondents who lived within 1/4 mile of the park



Survey Results - Parking Lot

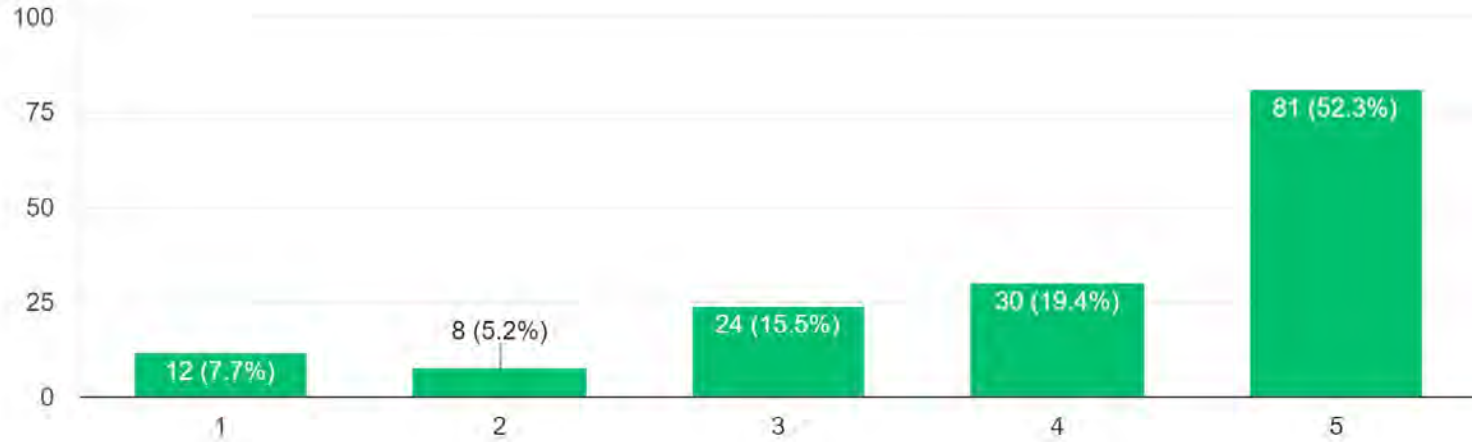
On a scale from 1 to 5, how important is it to you to have designated parking at Grand Meadow Park?



Because of the added project cost and negative impact of the impervious cover, a parking lot will not be included in the final design. Ample street parking is available around the park.

Survey Results - Lighting

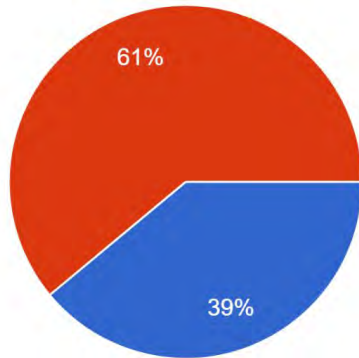
On a scale from 1 to 5, how important is it to you to have designated parking at Grand Meadow Park?



Lighting was surveyed as very important to a majority of respondents and will be included in the final concept. Other gathering areas such as the pavilions will be lit to promote safety.

Survey Results - Summary

Which concept do you prefer?



- Preliminary Layout #1
- Preliminary Layout #2

Layout Plan #1	Layout Plan #2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Natural Feel- Loop Trail- Wildflower Preservation- Community Art- No Parking Lot- Small Play Field- Nature Play- Bee Hives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Community Hub- (2) Pavilions- Basketball Court- Exercise Area- Perimeter Fence- Traditional Playground- Dog Park

Final Layout Plan

- A. pavilion (x2)
- B. community garden
- C. food forest
- D. wildflower meadow
- E. ½ mile loop trail
- F. natural play field
- G. play area
- H. community art
- I. exercise equipment
- J. picnic area
- K. existing street parking
- L. bee hives
- M. sports court
- N. dog park



Loop Trail

94% of respondents would like to see a loop trail in the park



concrete walks



½ mile loop trail



community art



picnic areas



Play

53% preferred traditional play equipment, 47% preferred nature play

57% preferred an informal play field



sports court



exercise area



mix of traditional & nature play



informal play field



Community Garden

77% would like to see a community garden and 68% would like to see a food forest in the park



community garden



food forest



bee hives



Open Space

79% of respondents would like to see wildflowers preserved at the park

Many written responses emphasized the desire to keep the natural feel of Grand Meadow and to preserve the existing wildflower meadows



wildflower meadow
77% of site



informal play field
8% of site



Shade

86% of respondents would like to see a pavilion in the park

72% chose shade as a top priority for the park (Survey #2)



existing trees



new trees



main pavilion



garden pavilion



Dog Park

PARD requires a 300' from adjacent homes to the proposed dog park

Support for the addition of a dog park was split among respondents.

21 respondents wrote that a dog park was very important to them.



dog park



Take the Survey:

www.austintexas.gov/GrandMeadowPark

- Answer basic demographic questions
- Provide input on your top priorities for Grand Meadow Park

These responses will directly inform the future programming!

Open Until October 9th

Grand Meadow Park Community Meeting #3 Survey

Grand Meadow Park is currently in the planning phase with the Austin Parks Foundation and City of Austin's Parks and Recreation Department. This process will lead to an officially approved Concept Plan. We are seeking input from the community regarding the park's layout.

The survey below presents the concept plan for Grand Meadow Park. This design is based on information gathered through six months of community engagement and combines the most popular features from two distinct layout plans presented during Community Meeting #2.

In this survey, our goal is to collect any final feedback on the proposed concept plan, determine implementation priorities, and clarify specific programming elements.

Your input will directly influence the final Concept Plan for Grand Meadow Park!

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* Indicates required question

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Implementation Priorities

- Concept Plan as shown would cost **just under \$2 million** to implement
- Implementation is not currently funded, but APF, PARD, and partner organizations will be actively looking for funding once the Concept Plan is approved
- Provide input on your top priorities for Grand Meadow Park in Survey #3:

Choose your top five priorities for Grand Meadow Park from the options below:

Note: with overwhelming community support in the previous two surveys, the natural loop trail and picnic areas have been already been identified as top priority features.

- Dog Park
- Playground
- Community Garden
- Food Forest
- Exercise Area
- Sports Court
- Picnic Pavilion
- Community Art

Q & A

Stay Informed

For all project information, visit:

www.austintexas.gov/GrandMeadowPark

- Stay up-to-date with project information and Community Meeting dates
- Sign up for project emails
- Take the survey

Upcoming Community Engagement:

[Sign-up for project emails](#)

Community Meeting #1 (virtual)

Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 6 p.m.

[Register here](#)

