

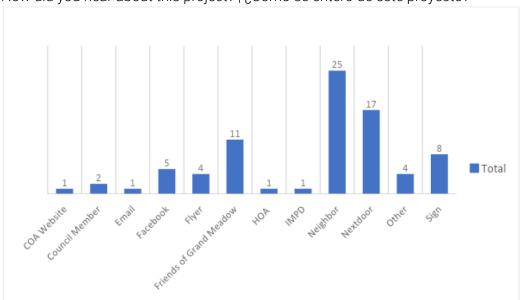
Survey Results of Community Survey #1

March 31, 2023

- The survey was introduced at Community Meeting #1 on March 7, 2023
- Community members could access the survey at <u>austintexas.gov/GrandMeadowPark</u> from March 7 March 31
- We received 82 total responses

Question 1:

How did you hear about this project? | ¿Cómo se enteró de este proyecto?

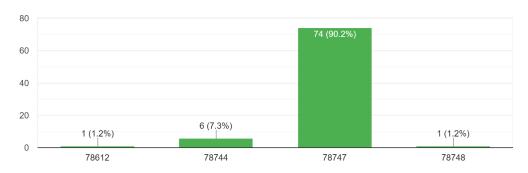


- Most survey participants heard about this project from their neighbors, Friends of Grand Meadow, or from the NextDoor app.
- The Friends of Grand Meadow group has been key in engaging the community. APF will continue to collaborate with this group and utilize NextDoor, Facebook, the COA webpage, and printed materials such as flyers and signage in future phases of community engagement.



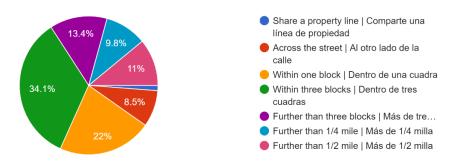
Question 2:

What is your zip code? | Cuál es su código postal 82 responses



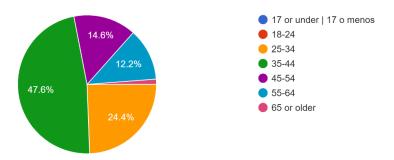
Question 3:

Where do you live in relation to the park? | ¿Dónde vives en relación con el parque? 82 responses



Question 4:

What is your age? | Cuantos años tienes? 82 responses

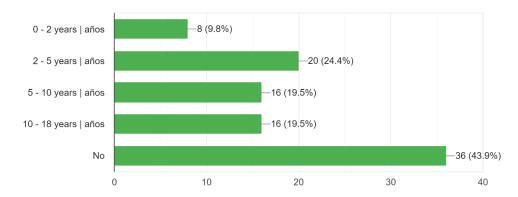




Question 5:

Does your household have children? If so, how old are they? | ¿Tu hogar tiene hijos? Si es así, ¿cuántos años tienen?

82 responses

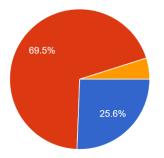


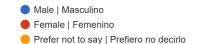
Key Takeaways:

- Approximately 56% of participants have children between the ages of 0-18 living in their households. Playground equipment and other recreational opportunities for children will be important to include in the park programming.
- Children between ages 2-5 years were the most common among survey participants.

Question 6:

What is your gender? | ¿Cuál es su género? 82 responses

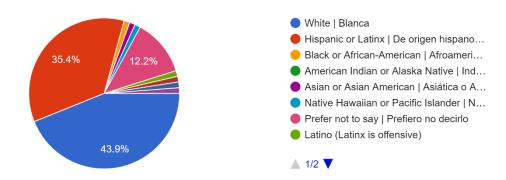






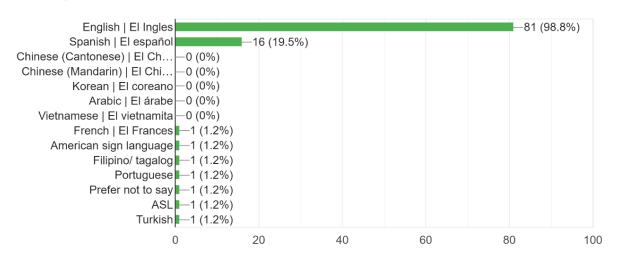
Question 7:

What is your race/ethnicity? | ¿Cuál es su raza/etnicidad? 82 responses



Question 8:

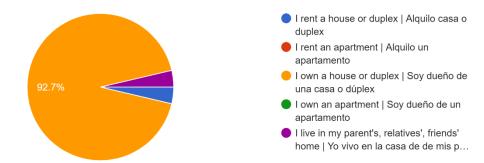
What language is spoken in your home? | ¿Qué idioma se habla en su casa? 82 responses





Question 9:

Please describe where you currently live? | \downarrow Por favor describe donde vives actualmente ? 82 responses

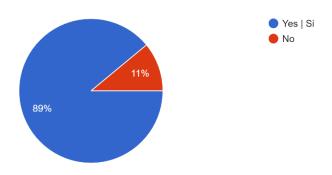


Key Takeaways:

- Over 92% of survey respondents own a house or duplex.
- The vast majority of homes in this neighborhood are single family. Many homes in this neighborhood have fenced in backyards.

Question 10:

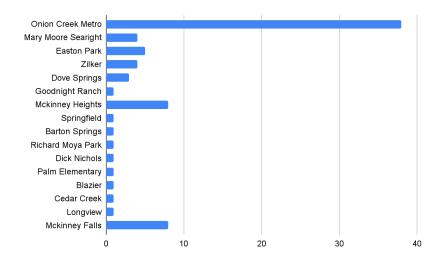
Have you ever visited the park or property? | ¿Alguna vez has visitado el parque o la propiedad? 82 responses





Question 11:

What other park does your family use the most frequently? | ¿Qué otro parque usa tu familia con más frecuencia?

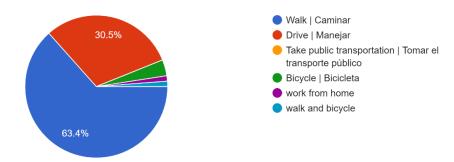


- Aside from Grand Meadow Park, Onion Creek Metro was the most popular park used by families in this neighborhood. Onion Creek Metro park is located within a half mile of Grand Meadow Park. It has a large trail system, open play fields, parking, and a soccer complex.
- Mckinney Heights Neighborhood Park is also a popular park option for neighbors. This park is within ½ mile of Grand Meadow and includes traditional play equipment and a basketball court.
- Mckinney Falls State Park, located just over 1 mile north of Grand Meadow, boasts trail access to Onion Creek and Mckinney Falls, camping facilities, bouldering rocks, and wildflower meadows.
- Since Grand Meadow Park is surrounded by other parks, creeks, and trails, the concept plan will need to utilize unique programming and respond more directly to the needs of the adjacent neighborhood. The results of this survey will be crucial in understanding which park programming elements are lacking in the neighborhood.



Question 12:

How do you get to the park? | ¿Cómo llegas al parque? 82 responses



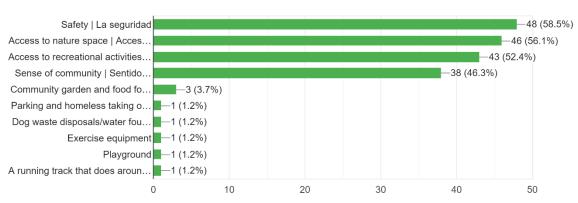
Key Takeaways:

- 63.4% of survey participants walk to the park.
- Safe pedestrian access to the park should be a top priority.
- Safety along Thaxton Rd. was cited as a concern during the Q&A portion of Community Meeting #1.
- 30.5% of participants drive to the park. There is currently no parking within the park, but there are options for street parking along Alum Rock Rd. and within the adjacent neighborhoods.

Question 13:

Which value is most important to you for the future park? | ¿Qué valor es más importante para ti para el futuro parque?

82 responses





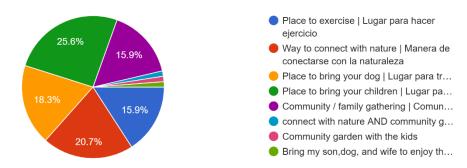
Key Takeaways:

- Safety was the most important value among respondents. Safe pedestrian access to the park and lighting will be top priorities in the design.
- Access to nature and recreational activities were also listed as top values.

Question 14:

What is the primary reason you think you will use Grand Meadow Park for in the future? | ¿Cuál es la razón principal por la que cree que usará S Grand Meadow Park en el futuro?

82 responses

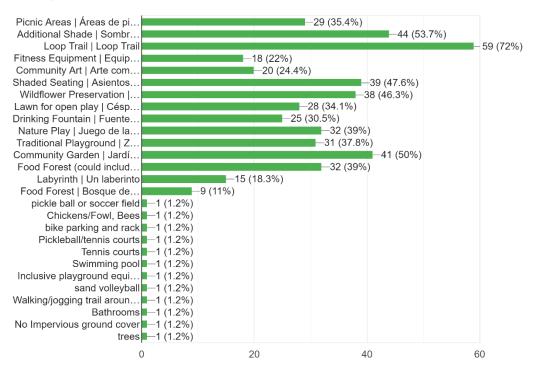


- Having a place to bring children and connect with nature were listed as the most popular reasons to visit Grand Meadow.
- Having a place to exercise, bring dogs, and gather with the community were also popular responses.



Question 15:

Which park elements would you most like to see included in the park? Check your Top 5 | ¿Qué elementos del parque te gustaría ver incluidos en el parque? Revisa tus 5 principales 82 responses

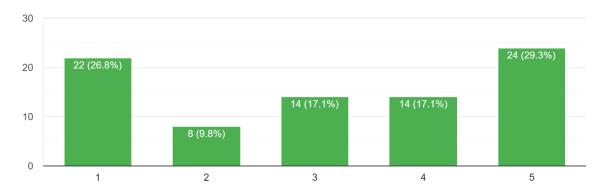


- A loop trail was the most popular option for park elements and will be studied during the next phase of work. The park is large enough to accommodate a ¼ mile or ½ mile loop.
- Additional shade, picnic areas, shaded seating, and trees were all popular responses. Since the park is so open and exposed, the concept plan should incorporate ample shade to keep the park usable during the warmer months.
- Traditional play and nature play were both similarly popular.
- Wildflower preservation was among the top 5 most popular park elements. Options for preserving this existing resource and important ecological asset will be studied in the next phase.
- The community garden and food forest were also among the top 5 most popular responses. Given the popularity and the passionate group of neighbors interested in this programming element, APF will study options for how to best incorporate this use among the other popular elements.



Question 16:

Many of your neighbors are passionate about a new community garden and food forest in this park. If built, could you see yourself making use ...ando en el mantenimiento de espacios comunes?)
82 responses



Key Takeaways:

- 46.4% of survey respondents saw themselves as likely to make use of a community garden or food forest at Grand Meadow Park. 36.6% of survey respondents saw themselves as unlikely to do so.
- A successful concept plan should incorporate space for a food forest and/or community garden while still providing recreational opportunities to community members who are uninterested in participating in community gardening.

Question 17:

What is your favorite thing about your neighborhood? | ¿Cuál es tu cosa favorita de tu vecindario?

- Quiet, safe, and affordable
- Great place to raise a family with nearby schools
- Diverse, friendly neighbors
- Great neighborhood for walking and in close proximity to parks and wildlife
- Access to trees and wildlife



Question 18:

Please provide any additional thoughts about the layout and amenity options you would like to see in the Overall Park Plan. | Por favor, proporcione ideas adicionales sobre el diseño y las opciones de infraestructura que le gustaría ver en el Plan Maestro del Parque.

- Many responses focused on safety:
 - o Remove thorny vegetation
 - o Adequate lighting for nighttime safety
 - o Fencing around children's play areas
 - o General protection from the busy roads and better connection to the bus stops.
- Desire for the park to focus on nature:
 - o Preserve existing wildflowers/support local pollinators
 - o Desire for more trees
 - o Explore the ability to have other types of animals in the park (chickens, bees, goats, etc.)
 - o Keep impervious cover to a minimum
- Popular recreational opportunities included:
 - o Fenced-in dog park
 - o Water fountain and water access for the garden
 - o Paved loop trail around the park
 - o Pavilion for additional shade, community gathering, educational space
 - o Bathroom
 - o Soccer mini pitch, sand volleyball, and pickleball courts
 - o Exercise equipment for adults and children
 - o Play areas for young children
 - o Plenty of trash bins



Question 19:

Do you have any other hopes or concerns about the development of this park? | ¿Tiene alguna otra esperanza o preocupación sobre el desarrollo de este parque?

- Project construction and timeline is quick
- Concerns that the community garden/food forest will cause conflict and be taken advantage of
- Increased shade. Planting more trees.
- Preserving wildflowers; promoting pollinators
- Maintenance of the park after construction. Plenty of trash cans, no illegal dumping.
- Nature play will promote future generations to respect nature and understand its conservation.
- Important to create a vital resource for the neighborhood.
- Additional lighting, fencing, and signage to keep the park safe.
- Drought-tolerant landscaping, permaculture, resilient native plants
- Parking- worried about people parking on the street.
- Need water for the garden.
- Improved bus shelter, bike racks
- Unique to Onion Creek.