Sheffield NW District Park Community Survey #3: Park Concepts

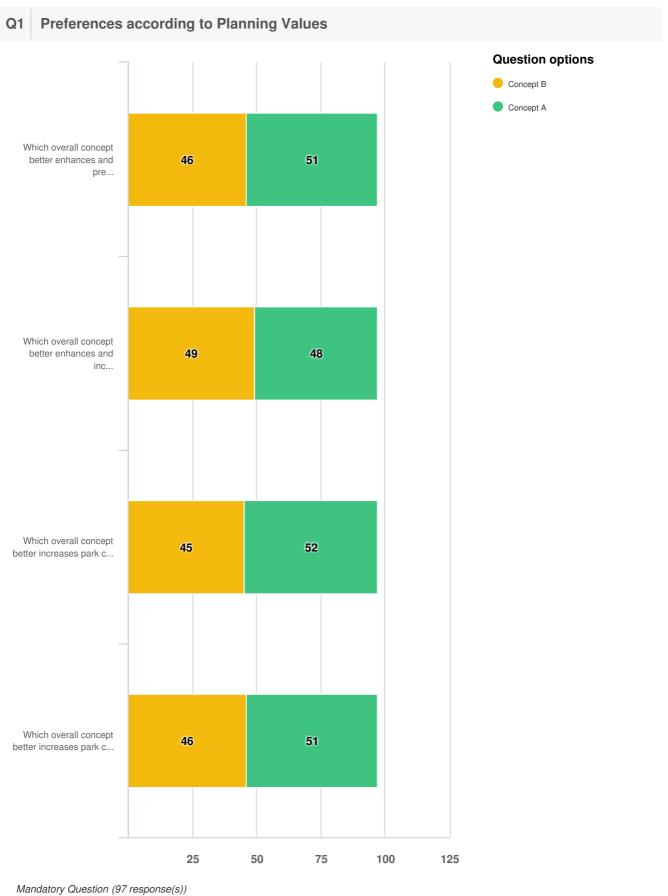
SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

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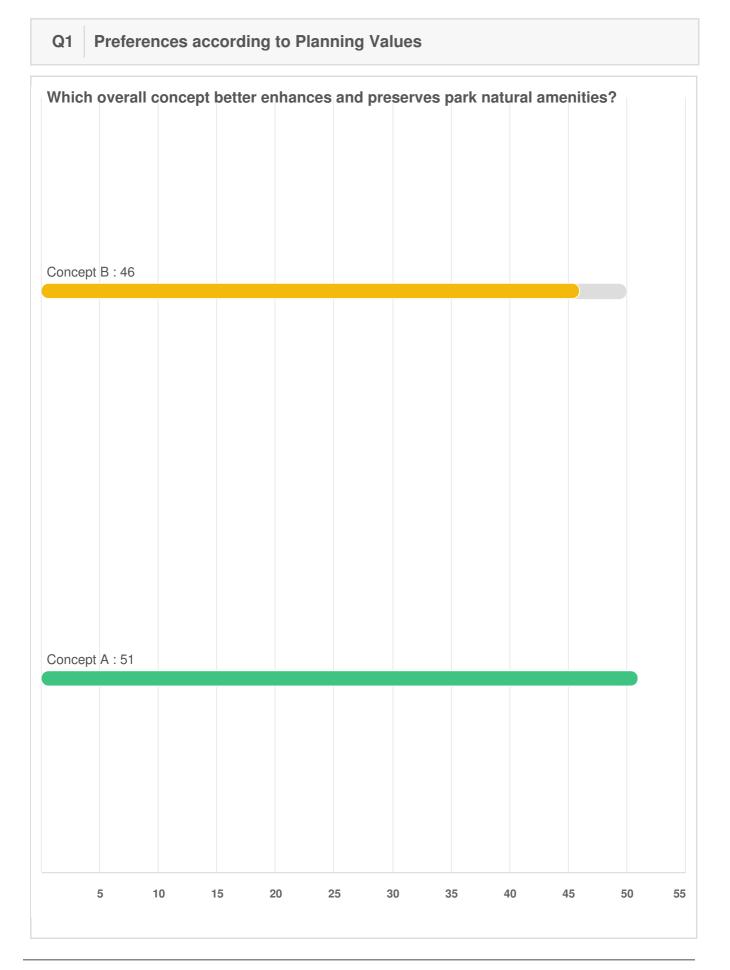
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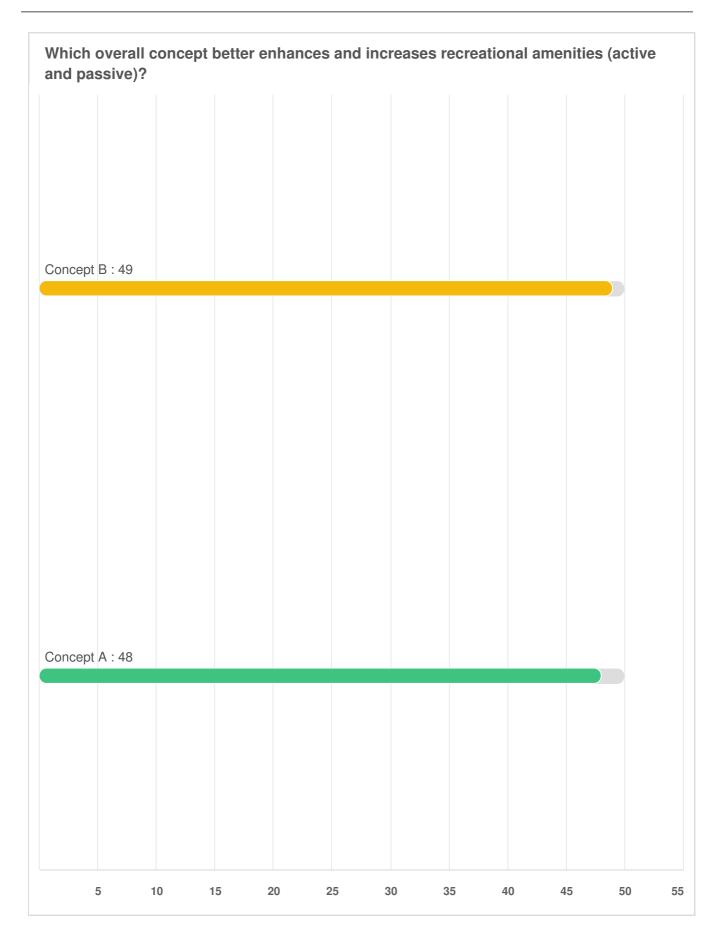


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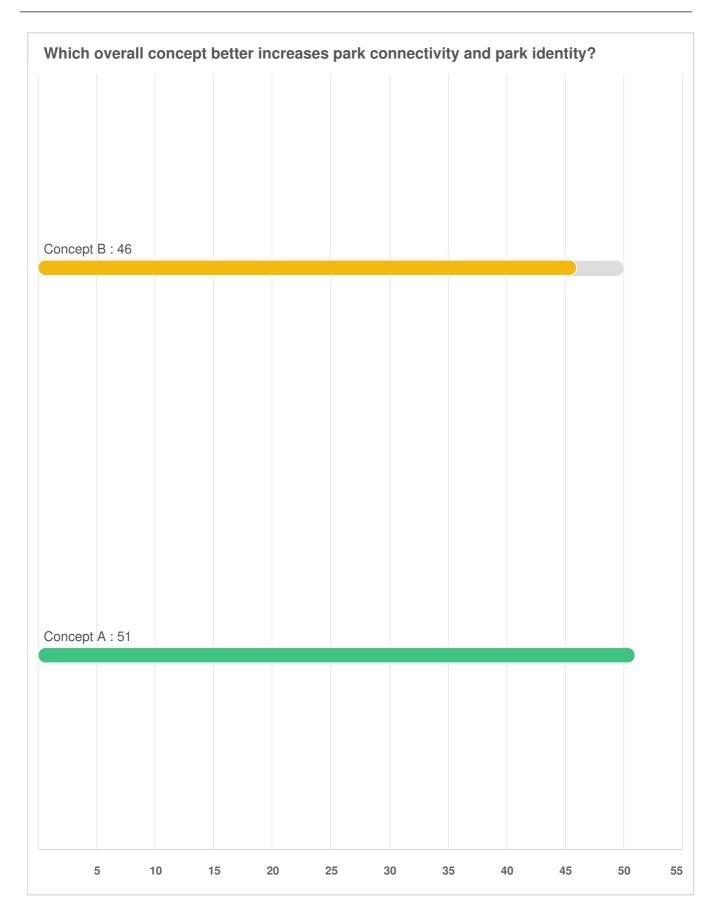


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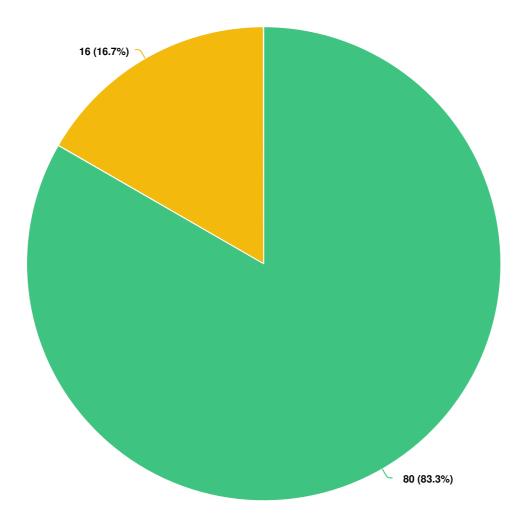








Q2 What is your path circulation within the park preference?



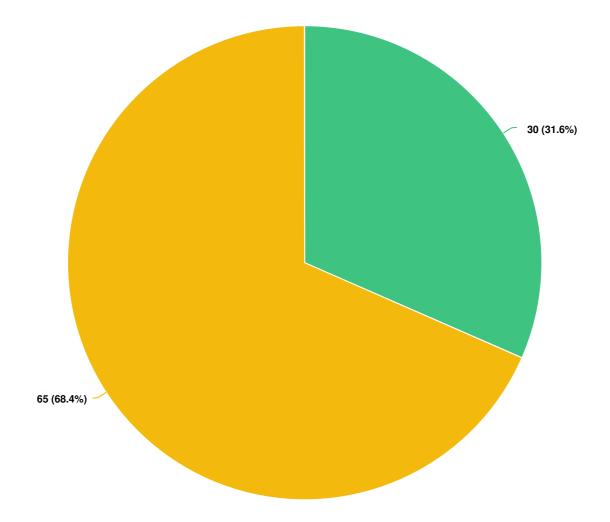
Question options

Organized circulation

Organic circulation

Optional question (96 response(s), 1 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

Q3 How would you prefer to engage with the pond?

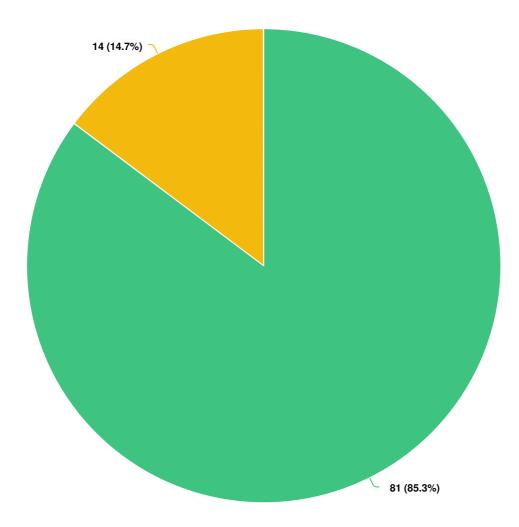


Question options

😑 Boardwalk 🛛 🔵 Overlook

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Q4 How would you prefer the pavilion layout?

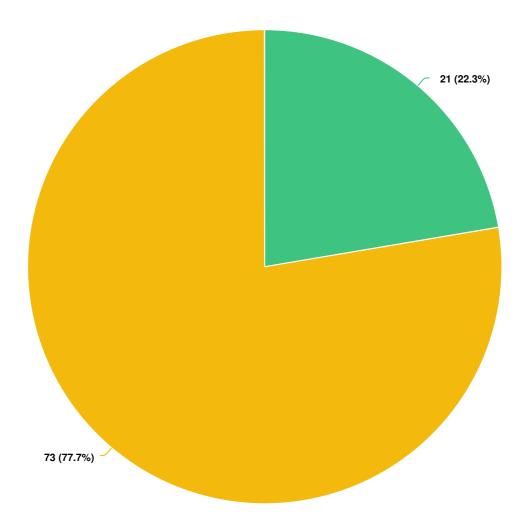


Question options

One large centralized pavilion

Multiple smaller-sized pavilions

Optional question (95 response(s), 2 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question Q5 Which style perimeter park circulation do you prefer?



Question options

Pedestrian-based (pedestrian paths, less pass-through park roads)

Vehicular-based (drop-offs, dedicated park roads)

Optional question (94 response(s), 3 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

Q6 Is there a planned amenity at the park that we are missing in the matrix?

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Less parking and electric car charging, ebike station. Recycling and waterless urinals in bathrooms.

No. Really like (1)the bike park and (2)better use of green space in B!

The list of amenities and the prioritization looks great. I'm personally very excited to see the upgrades to this park get kicked off.

splash pad, disc golf

Disc golf baskets. Activity rising in popularity, but underrepresented in this part of town.

Tennis court improvements, enhanced lighting, potable water access (fountain/dispenser)

better tennis court maintenance...additional space for pickleball courts...visible parking to deter the frequent break ins..

Can't tell on diagram - but fully fence off tennis courts

Not that I see.

What happened to tennis and pickleball courts?

I want to make sure there's bike paths in and around the park and plenty of spaces to park bicycles.

Splash pad Off leash area for dogs

More trash cans and dog poop bag

stations 6/18/2021 09:06 PM Anonymous YEAR-ROUND swimming at NW Park Anonymous The pool should be utmost priority. Anonymous This survey present two choices only, 6/23/2021 04:32 PM so participating it makes an implicit assumption that we approve of either choice. This survey is flawed from its conception, and inputs from it should not be used to determine the public's needs. Anonymous Secure bicycle parking. 6/23/2021 05:33 PM Anonymous I know the pool is a separate project through Aquatics, but it would be helpful to include updates to the facility as a part of this process as well. It is a huge draw to the park and greatly affects each aspect discussed as a part of this comment opportunity. Anonymous creek access for both choices 6/24/2021 04:37 PM Anonymous Covered basketball court, splash 6/24/2021 07:42 PM pad, sand volleyball court, More water fountains. Easier access Anonymous from intersection of Greenlawn and 6/24/2021 09:09 PM SCB Anonymous Swimming pool Food truck/snack area? Anonymous Swing sets in multiple places 6/24/2021 10:14 PM throughout the park. Not just in one place. Swinging under big trees is so

wonderful! More swings!

Splash pad

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Swimming pool

There are a lot of dog walkers in the park, especially in the mornings before any small kids get there. There are a lot of people who like to throw balls and frisbees to their dogs. Please have an area for them. Also, high school kids love playing frisbee/ultimate in the area by the baseball fields. Please keep an area for that kind of impromptu playing. I like that the field is not designated as a soccer field. The big field seems less territorial, if it is not seemingly dedicated to one particular activity.

Splash Pad

would love to have a water feature/splash pad

Running Trails!

More shaded benches on the tennis courts. Restrooms and servicing should be a much higher priority, public art should be lower. We have a hugs graffiti tagging issue and the city is not cleaning up tags. As everything else is happening the cleanup will fall The neighborhood

The Bike Playground would benefit of having a broader range of skill uses. For example, two pump tracks, plus a variety of "accessories". Recommend reaching out to the biking community for input.

Resident input in earlier sessions had a lot of instances asking for pickle ball courts and I assume that means with dedicated nets like at

	Pan Am park. Maybe that could be
	worked into the design and, if
	possible, not take away a tennis
	court as there is usually a queue for
	tennis already with 4 courts (reducing
	down to 3 courts is my concern).
	down to 5 courts is my concern).
Anonymous	Pickleball courts - it has been
7/05/2021 08:03 AM	extremely popular for years and
	deserves some dedicated courts,
	away from the four tennis courts
	which are also usually full of tennis
	players
Anonymous	better lighting throughout the park,
7/05/2021 06:33 PM	Teenager/older children's
//03/2021 00.331101	unstructured activity area, and fix the
	baseball parking lot. This parking lot
	doesn't work well as a car park,
	serves as a drug dealers heaven
	because it is hidden from everything,
	and has mega potential as a pump track IMHO
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Anonymous	I can't think of any.
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Anonymous	Not that I can think of at the moment.
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Anonymous	Splash pad
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Anonymous	"Official" pathing connecting Shoal
7/06/2021 12:50 PM	Creek blvd area on the southside to
1/00/2021 12.30 F WI	rest of park. Currently, it is a well-
	trodden walking path that may be
	susceptible to erosion long term.
Anonymous	Splash pad.
7/06/2021 03:36 PM	
Optional question (39 response(s), 58	3 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q7 What other comments or questions do you have for the project team?

Anonymous 6/16/2021 07:15 PM	Could we please eliminate some parking to encourage walking and active modes? Permeable pavement in these areas please. Is it possible to remove the baseball field or make it multi use as it likely gets low usage and blocks the flow and use of the
Anonymous 6/17/2021 05:28 AM	park? Thank you Eliminate as much parking as possible. Narrower roads. Cars ruin parks. Otherwise looks really nice, thanks.
Anonymous 6/17/2021 08:55 AM	This could definitely be the best park in Central Austin if we could encourage funding and organization. Just excited and hopeful for the progress. Thank you!
Anonymous 6/17/2021 09:00 AM	I love aspects of both proposals - nice job!
Anonymous 6/17/2021 09:14 AM	I am a strong advocate for including kids bike park facilities. I have been working with the neighborhood to develop support for a bike park project for the last few years and am confident that it will be widely valued and utilized. Back in 2019 I posted a poll on Nextdoor to evaluate interest in a standalone pump track in the neighborhood and the poll received 226 votes with 66% of the votes supporting a project like this. Given the growing traffic activity through residential areas as Austin continues to grow, having a safe place for kids to enjoy bikes is a high priority for me.
Anonymous 6/17/2021 10:06 AM	Reduce vehicular parking, and increase bicycle parking! Concept A includes too many new parking spaces. This park has great potential to be a neighborhood-oriented hub of

activity, and handing over space to parking only reduces that potential. There is plenty of nearby on-street

parking for major events. The proximity and direct connections to the Shoal Creek bikeway and eastwest route on Justin Lane have positioned Sheffield to be a major cycling destination if properly designed. Beautiful design. I would love to take Anonymous the circular drives of B and add them to plan A. I also love the idea of a community orchard/garden, but I do wonder if there is a plan for maintenance. If a fruit orchard is planned, it definitely needs to be taken care of because it will attract bugs. Anonymous please don't over-develop this 6/17/2021 12:36 PM park...especially the pond. Many, many animals and birds are there...in fact, I was 5 feet from a green heron this morning, and a blue heron last week. The contingents of morning park-walkers love watching the hawks and owls. We're a little nervous that overdoing it will ruin much of what makes the park such a beloved oasis. Anonymous Love what you're doing! 6/17/2021 03:06 PM Keep the park feeling organic and not Anonymous 6/17/2021 03:26 PM over-designed or artificial. Anonymous more tennis, pickleball and 6/17/2021 03:28 PM security..... too many break ins... Anonymous Prefer to maximize greenery over 6/18/2021 08:08 AM any big cement lots due to parking, buildings, etc. Basically, trying to keep it as natural and nature-oriented as possible. Anonymous Please don't take away any tennis courts. COVID has only made 6/18/2021 12:17 PM pickleball and tennis more popular. Pickleball courts are smaller yet more

people play at a time (most people

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Anonymous 6/20/2021 10:44 AM play doubles pickleball). Currently 2 of the 4 tennis courts are lined with 2 pickleball courts each (people must bring their own nets and they do!) That means 8 players playing pickleball in the same space that 2 tennis players (singles) or 4 tennis players (doubles) play. You COULD layout 4 pickleball courts on one of the tennis courts that are currently built (going N/S vs. them being E/W right now). You would have to put a fence to keep the balls off the tennis courts. If all 4 current tennis courts were lined for pickleball (PLEASE!) and all were filled with players that would be 32 pickleball players. FYI I love the idea of a bike course for

kiddos shown in concept A. There are so many cyclists that ride through the park.

I like the concept of plan B better, however I would chose plan A based on parking alone. Yes, it disrupts the space, but the parking areas to playground in Plan B seem difficult to manage with small children. (I've parked in the larger lot east of the pool and had to wrangle a toddler and all his stuff before. It's doable, but I only had one kid. With multiple, it just seems like it might be too much hassle.)

More toddler swings added to the play ground right now there is 3 it would be great if there were at least 4 if not six and better shaded where the toddler and bigger kid swings were

Concept B cannot be viewed; the URL is bad.

Please consider enlarging the pool, heating it, and putting an enclosure

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over it in the winter to facilitate year round swimming.

Great work. Thank you! Mire granite sand and less impervious coverage ala Lady Bird Lake hike and bike trail.

Thank you for all of your support!

My wife, my dogs and myself are frequent visitor to Northwest Park. We walk the entire park. The changes proposed here are really, really, really disappointing. Please make minor tweaks to improve the existing park. The plans presented here are economically wasteful, and will decrease my enjoyment of the park.

My strong preference for Plan B is because I think the boardwalk idea for the pond will be disruptive to wildlife-- I have seen boardwalks executed well in much larger spaces. I think having people walk so near/ on the island will constantly cause turtles and birds to seek shelter where there isn't a lot of extra shelter to be found. I hope you'll reconsider this particular element if Plan A moves forward.

no dog park! They smell, are not kept clean and or not a good addition, especially next to the pond. This will lead to run off E. coli pollution, algae blooms and eutrophication/die off in the pond. Also, on concept B, we love that there will be creek access, but cannot see that marked with the number on the map.

There are several features/pictures of both designs above that look great, and I'm not sure the questions you asked allowed me to pinpoint what I like about them. I really like the option of an interactive music spot/playground for kids. The large sand pit and updated playground looks awesome. I also love a lot of the design elements of the kids play area that is near the Long Center, including the tunnels, adult porchswing type structures, and kids slides. Having shaded areas for sitting for adults would be much appreciated. I'm super excited about this project!

Add more swings to all your parks! Along trails and throughout the park space. Not just in one place by the play scape. Swinging is so relaxing especially under these big beautiful oaks in Austin. More swings for us adults who don't want to swing with the kids.

Please enforce off leash dogs. This is why the kids and I don't use the park anymore and we live next to it.

The current shade structures at the tennis/pickleball courts are very inadequate, and I can't see that they are improved in either concept proposal. I also hope that improvements will include resurfacing of those courts, new nets, and repairs to the fencing. While I appreciate that pedestrian-based circulation may help to minimize impervious ground cover and thus save some of the landscape, it can also hinder easy use of some of the spaces. For example, getting to a space for a chosen activity with carried items may require a longer distance. And, for someone with a mobility impairment, it might limit access to some of the park's amenities. A recent visit to a new park in Williamson County demonstrated that such a circulation

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implementation meant that a lot of walking was required to visit all the spaces.

As someone who overlooks the park and uses it and sees how it is used everyday, I like Concept A the best. It betters the current uses of the park, as well as adding some great items. I particularly like the boardwalk (there are more bird watcher than you would think) and the new bridge that is closer to the off-leash park across SCB. The kids bike area and the community orchard are great ideas in the underutilized sections. I could go either way with what y'all did with the parking area next to the pond. I think area in Concept B would be utilized more. It takes the place of the very used field in the front. I think you could incorporate a board walk into the Concept B area. It's hard to tell from the plan, if you are planning to enlarge the pond, I am all for that. I love our pond. Lastly, wildflowers! We love the wildflowers on the hillsides and the neighbors actively seed them. I would love to see areas of the native grasses that the parks department do not mow. Thanks!

Please make fixing the pool the top of the priority list. It is so needed in this area

Highly suggest not having the bathrooms right near the pond, those two areas should be separate. Dogtrot design is great just not placed at the pond. Also suggest the lighting even at tennis courts be hooded so that it does not cause unnecessary light pollution for the neighborhood. Thank you for this process, I know it is a big project with lot of diverse input for this beloved park.

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Anonymous 7/03/2021 10:23 AM	Too many parking spaces in both plansno one would ever design that much parking for this space if starting from scratch. We're anchored to the existing layout and that's what is driving the amount of parking in the proposed plans. 99% of the time, the parking lots at the park are mostly empty.
Anonymous 7/03/2021 02:21 PM	All bridges/walkways along and across the creek need to be wide enough to support 2-way ped and bike traffic (14ft+). As-is the bridge is way too narrow. Also why does a park in a neighborhood next to one of our best bikeways half a mile from the 803 stop need like 400 parking spaces, y'all do know the world is burning right?
Anonymous 7/05/2021 12:56 PM	POSITIVES: natural pond; native habitat; pedestrian & bike connectivity from neighborhood & throughout park; modern playscapes; shade; public art. NEGATIVES: restroom near pond; concession plaza; food truck court.
Anonymous 7/05/2021 05:52 PM	Nice work! Thank you
Anonymous 7/05/2021 06:33 PM	Concept A and Concept B are presented as mutually exclusive, but in reality, they are not. For example, the pump track could exist in both since concept B shows no amenity filling that southwest area. Likewise, the 2nd ped bridge is not shown in Concept B, but it should be in both concepts. Both of these amenities should exist in both concepts. BTW, Watershed protection has told us over and over that no structures can be built in the southwest corner on the creek west of Shoal Creek Blvd. because of flood risk - it seems disingenuous that Concept A places

the pump track here. Also, why did both designs not address the baseball parking lot? It is a muchunderutilized space that needs some TLC. I love the gateway entrance structures, the removal of parking, and love concept B's meandering footpaths. It is a difficult job the project team has tackled. There are no easy answers. I do feel the team did capture the desires of the community that spoke up. I am not sure that the desires are represented in the concepts.

Please do not allow food trucks. They make the park less natural and contribute to trash.

I do not like Plan B where a tennis court is eliminated. We need four tennis courts with two courts striped for pickle ball (with dark blue lines). We play pickleball in the morning and we greatly out number the tennis players. Last Thursday we had 17 players on two of the tennis courts (that's four pickleball courts). The morning tennis players mostly come and practice their serves by themselves or there will be a game going with 2 people. Last Thursday while we had 17 pickleball players there were only 3 tennis players. We play for two hours, the tennis players might play and hour. What would be best would be if we had our own sparate pickleball courts (at least four courts). P.S. On the question of how long I have lived in Austin, it didn't allow me to type in "all my life (68 yrs.), I was born in Austin".

I prefer concept A because (1) it makes the pond more accessible for the handicapped, by having parking closer; (2) it doesn't have the food truck area, which I fear would increase litter; (3) it adds a bridge to

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Shoal Creek Blvd. across the street from the path to the dam, which makes another nice walking route; and (4) it adds a play area across Shoal Creek Blvd. from the entrance to the baseball field parking. I don't understand the function of the shade structure along the path behind the tennis courts. I would omit that from concept A. In concept B, I don't understand the function of the overlooks. I would prefer that the park become more wooded and shaded rather than more open. For the same reason, I wouldn't devote space to the "great lawn", which would require more care and wouldn't have enough function to compensate.

Love the boardwalk idea but otherwise prefer B

Please leave open space for in-park activities of the user's choosing.

I strongly oppose a bike playground or any type of bike ramp or playground that is suggested in the area in Concept A. Any bike ramps or playgrounds should be moved inside the park. This area suggested is not directly connected to NW Park. It is a very small plot of land outside of NW Park on Shoal Creek Blvd, a VERY busy road. In addition, this small plot of land has very little (if any) parking and is surrounded by houses. In addition, the creek runs behind it and a child could easily fall in. This area is a HORRIBLE and DANGEROUS area to have bike ramps or a playground. Cars and bikes go very fast down Shoal Creek around the blind curve next to this land. With little parking, people will have to park across the street in front

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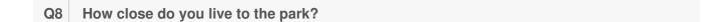
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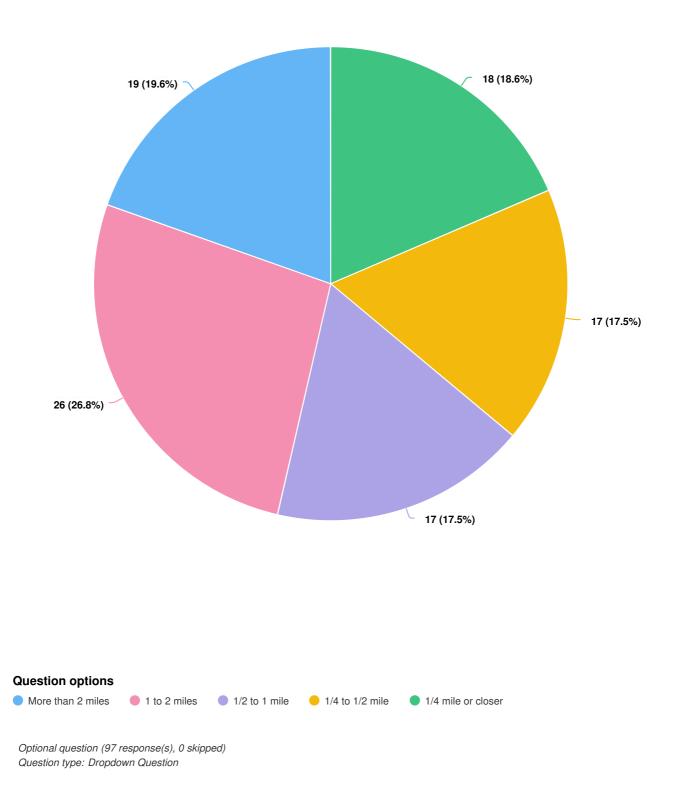
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of houses and cross the road. Very dangerous. And the owners of these homes will likely oppose the extra people, noise and traffic that a bike playground or anything else will bring. Leave the bike ramps and playground out of the Shoal Creek Blvd neighborhood street and instead put them inside NW park itself.

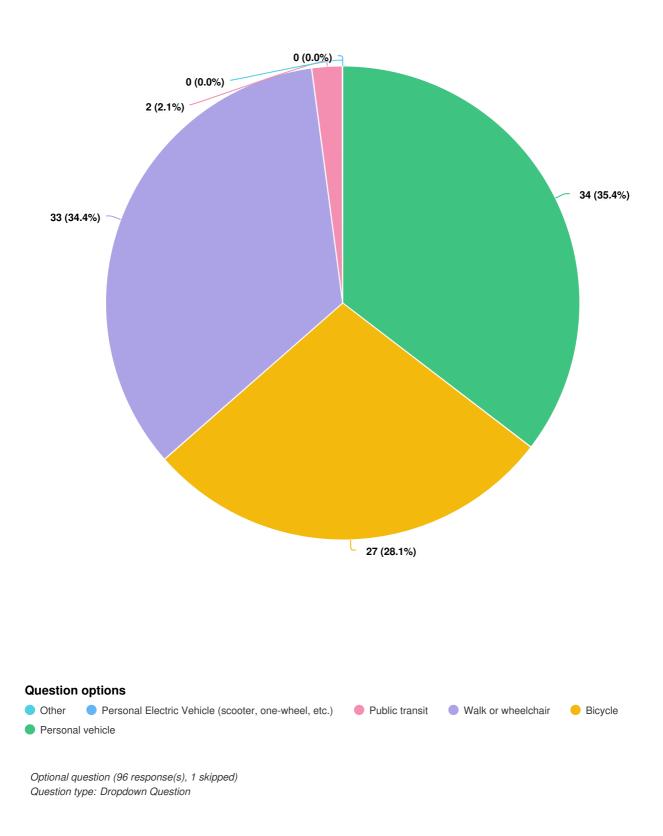
Anonymous 7/06/2021 05:22 PM Please keep the park as green, natural and shaded as possible. Allow visitors to experience nature without worrying about vehicles; it should be a respite from Austin traffic.

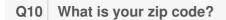
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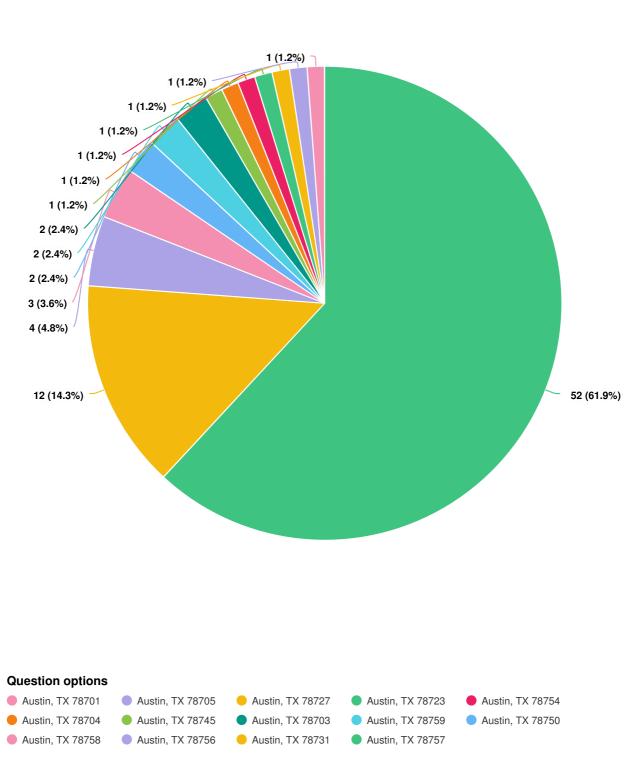




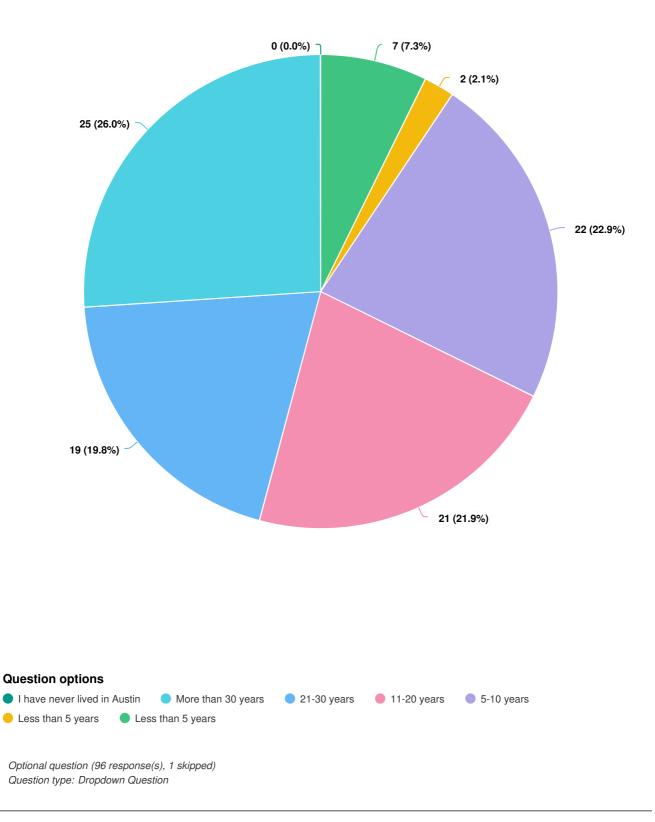




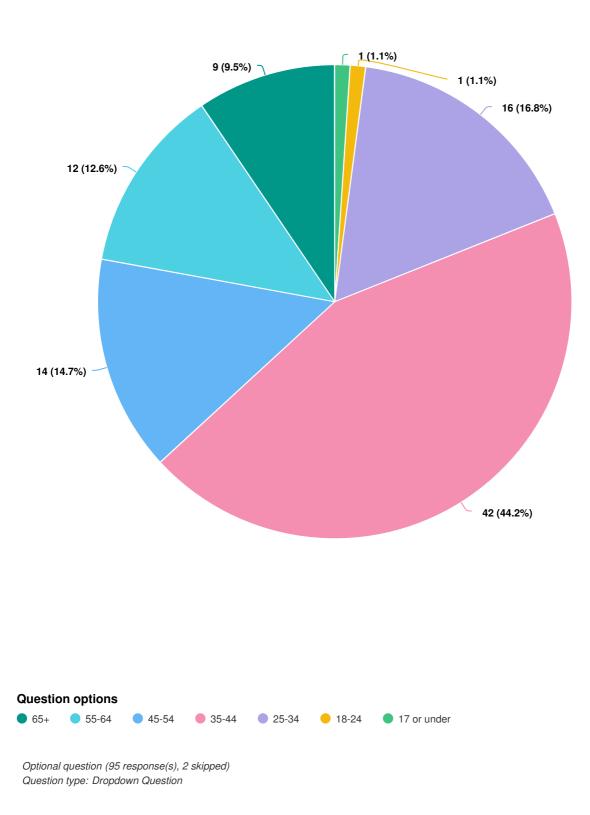


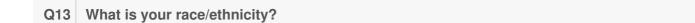


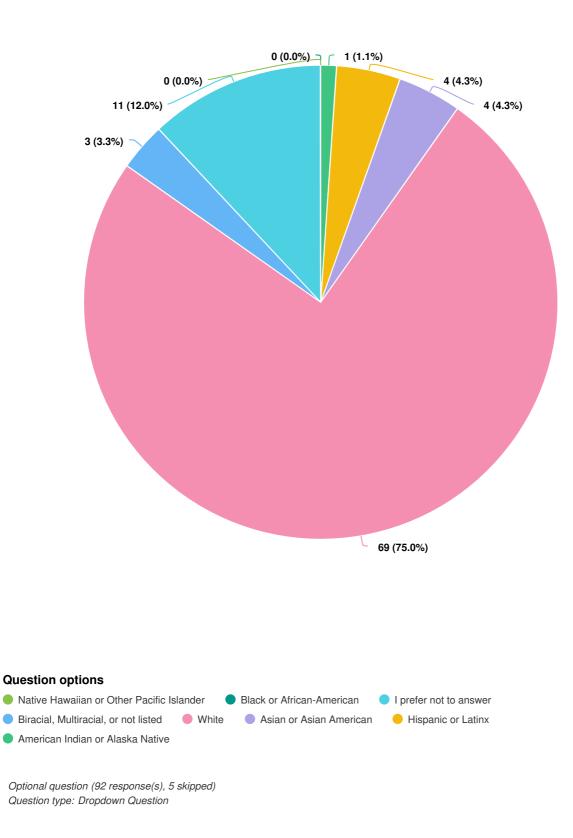
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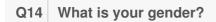


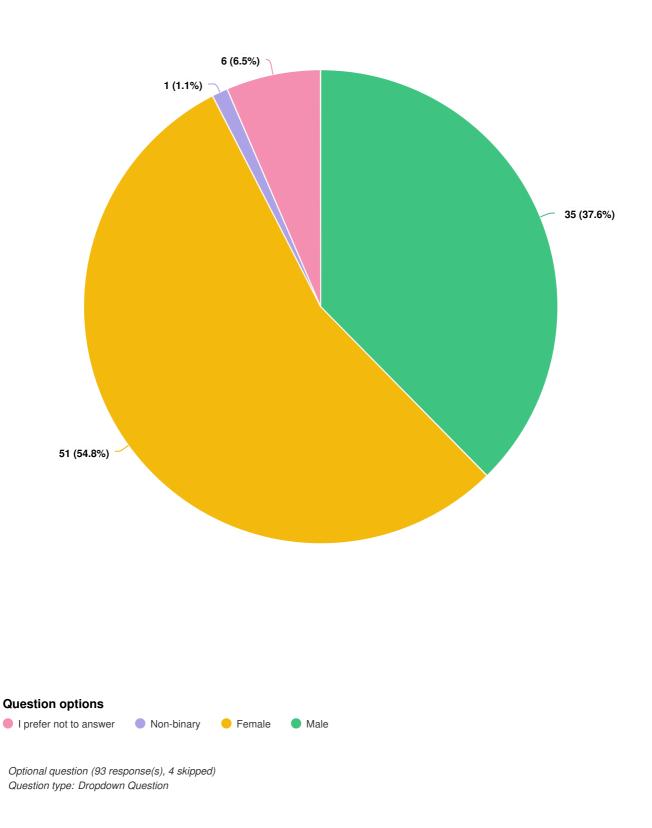




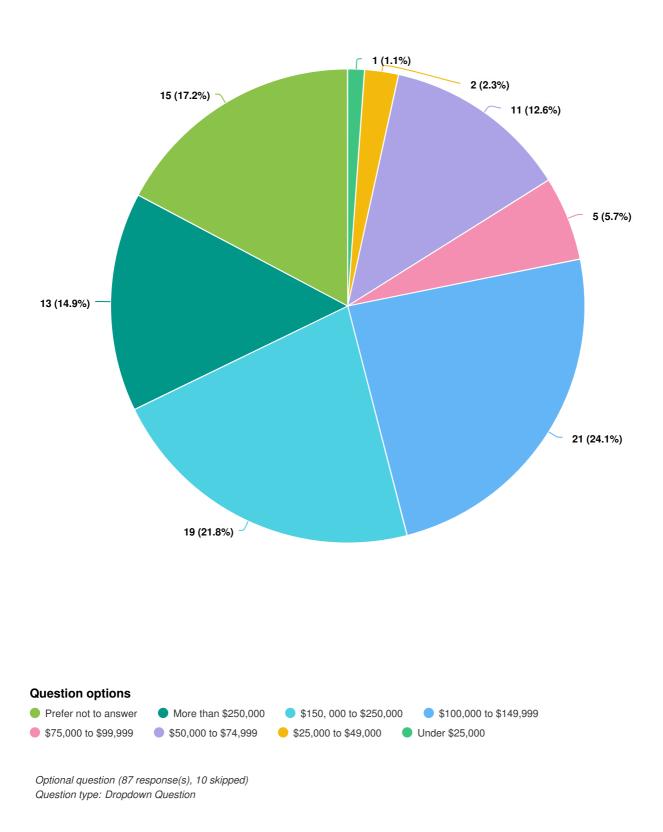








Q15 What is your approximate household income?



Q16 What language or languages are spoken at home?

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