



Via Email Only

August 2, 2023

**Meeting Summary
Corn Palace Park**

RE: Virtual Community Meeting #2

Date: July 20, 2023

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Attendees: City of Sunnyvale (City):

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Community Members: 49 attendees

Three conceptual park designs were developed based on the input received from Community Meeting #1 and Online Survey #1, and the purpose of this meeting was to receive input from attendees on the designs. A formal presentation was followed by a polling exercise for community members to vote on the conceptual park designs. Attendees also had the opportunity to ask questions and share comments during the meeting. Results from the polling exercise and additional comments received are noted below.

Polling Exercise Summary

Each concept featured a different combination of park features in a different layout. Sixty percent (60%) of the community members selected Concept B as their preferred concept, followed by Concept C (36%) and Concept A (4%). Community members were asked to provide input on both the features and the layout for each concept. Most of the community members voted against the features shown in Concept A. For Concept B, most of the community members liked both the features and the layout. Community members were split on Concept C. Participants were also asked whether they preferred virtual or in-person community meetings, and 89% voted in favor of virtual meetings.

Community members were asked which features they wanted to add, remove, or relocate for their preferred concept. Write-in responses are organized by category for each concept, and the number of mentions is noted in parentheses.

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CONCEPT A

Play Area (1)

- consider adding a youth play area

Sports (2)

- prefer removal of the tennis court
- likes the basketball court as a place for teenagers

Layout (1)

- prefer a more curvilinear form

CONCEPT B

Shade, Planting, and Seating (17)

- prefer more shaded areas (9)
- prefer larger and/or additional shade structures spread out throughout the park (4)
- prefer reduction in size or removal of the shade structure (4)
- prefer locating the shade structure on the west side
- prefer additional seating areas, picnic tables, and benches
- prefer more trees along the perimeter pathway, drought-tolerant plants, and garden areas
- prefer removal of the pollinator garden

Play Area (11)

- prefer locating the play area towards Toyon Avenue and further away from Lawrence Expressway (4)
- prefer the play area to be located near Lawrence Expressway as shown
- prefer the play area to be located further from homes
- prefer sand play area
- prefer no sand play area
- prefer shade over the play structure
- prefer a farm-themed play area

Restroom, Safety, and Security (13)

- prefer no restroom as shown (3)
- prefer addition of a restroom (5)
- prefer a style of fencing that is nicer than a chain link fence (2)
- prefer a gate on the north side
- prefer addition of perimeter fencing

Water (8)

- prefer addition of a drinking fountain
- prefer addition of a decorative water feature in place of the shade structure
- prefer addition of an interactive water play feature for kids (2)

Sports (4)

- prefer the addition of a basketball court

Dog Park (3)

- prefer addition of a dog park or dog play area

Additional comments

- prefer locating the open turf space towards the east side
- prefer additional turf
- consider maintenance of turf during drought years
- prefer a less rectilinear form for the shaded walkway and the tree layout
- prefer a longer walking path and the addition of an emergency call box

CONCEPT C

Shade, Planting, and Seating (7)

- prefer Concept B, but without the shade structure (3)
- prefer addition of a shade structure with a picnic area
- prefer more picnic tables
- prefer more shaded areas
- prefer more trees, native trees, and native plants
- likes the pollinator garden

Restroom, Safety, and Security (5)

- prefer no restroom and no shade structure as shown (1)
- prefer addition of a restroom (3)
- prefer a restroom with a roof that mitigates heat radiation
- prefer addition of a gate
- consider fence aesthetics

Play Area (4)

- prefer addition of a youth play area (2)
- prefer the play area to be located in the southwest corner of Toyon Avenue and Lily Avenue
- prefer swapping the location of the play area with the picnic area so that the play area is further from Lily Avenue, a busier street than Toyon Avenue
- prefer locating the play area further away from Lawrence Expressway
- prefer the play area to be located towards the sound wall and further from the street intersection for safety
- consider a nature play area for older kids
- prefer play area to be accessible for people with physical mobility challenges
- prefer use of wood fiber surfacing over rubber surfacing for the play areas

Game Area (3)

- prefer removal of game area (2)
- prefer game area to be located towards Lawrence Expressway to mitigate noise concerns

Dog Park (3)

- prefer no dog park as shown (1)
- prefer addition of a dog park (2)

Sports (2)

- prefers no sports courts as shown

Additional Comments

- prefer active uses to be located closer to the streets
- prefer addition of fitness stations
- prefer use of sustainable pavement materials such as permeable concrete or decomposed granite instead of concrete pavement

Additional questions and comments received

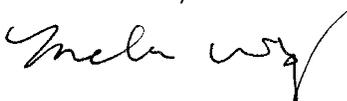
Input is summarized on the following page and responses are *italicized*. Comments received via email have also been included.

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- Can a shade tarp be provided over the play structure? The play structures can become very hot.
 - o *Shade fabric over the play equipment or trees around the play area will be considered based on the available budget.*
- What time is the park curfew and what is the City's policy for park cleanliness?
 - o *Public park facilities without lighted sports facilities, including this park, have a 9 PM curfew. Parks staff pick up litter daily and clean up garbage on an as-needed basis.*
- Will there be a gate between the Harmony neighborhood and the park? It will help with privacy. Will there be lighting? Lighting is good as long as it doesn't bother the neighbors.
 - o *No gate is currently proposed. There is an opening in the fence on the north side of the park at the pathway connection to the neighborhood. There are no lighted sports facilities proposed at this park, so only security-level lighting will be provided. The lights will be cut-off lights to minimize potential light intrusion into adjacent homes.*
- Will there be lights at night in this park? Can a dirt or otherwise walking/jogging track be provided inside the park?
 - o *Security-level lighting will be provided as necessary. Pathways will be included that connect to the public sidewalk to provide a walking path around the park.*
- Consider natural, sustainable materials such as permeable concrete or decomposed granite instead of concrete and wood mulch instead of rubber for the play areas. Consider native trees and plants and wheelchair-accessible play equipment.
 - o *The park will be designed to meet stormwater management requirements, which can be achieved by pitching the pavement to drain towards landscaped areas, using pavers, providing planted stormwater treatment basins, or through other methods. The pollinator garden will consist of many native plants, and there are many opportunities to include native plants within the park planting. Opportunities to include wheelchair-accessible play equipment will be evaluated.*
- Supportive of Concept B except for the shade structure. Recommend removal of the shade structure from Concept B. Recommend a fenced play area.
 - o *The concepts currently show fenced play areas.*
- Prefers more trees, no restroom, and no shade structures
- Prefers no artificial turf
 - o *The concepts do not currently show synthetic turf, and there are currently no plans to include synthetic turf at this park.*
- Likes the large turf area but concerned about turf maintenance during the drought
 - o *The City is held to similar water use restrictions as homeowners during droughts.*
- Consider a plaque or statues commemorating the history of the Corn Palace farm stand
 - o *A plaque has been fabricated and will be installed in the park.*
- Consider moving the play area towards the south away from the Harmony community due to potential noise concerns.

For detailed polling results, see Appendix A attached.

Submitted by:



Melinda Wang
Callander Associates
cc: All attendees

Appendix A

Polling Results

Corn Palace Park - Community Meeting #2

Current run (last updated Jul 28, 2023 4:57pm)

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Activities

49

Participants

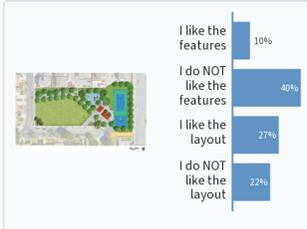
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Average responses



Average engagement

For Concept A, choose all that apply (up to 2)



Response options

- I like the features
- I do NOT like the features**
- I like the layout
- I do NOT like the layout

Count Percentage

8	10%
31	40%
21	27%
17	22%

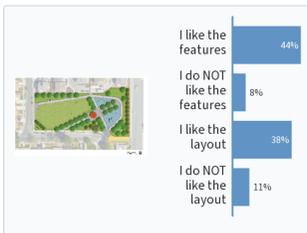


Engagement

77

Responses

For Concept B, choose all that apply (up to 2)



Response options

- I like the features**
- I do NOT like the features
- I like the layout
- I do NOT like the layout

Count Percentage

37	44%
7	8%
32	38%
9	11%

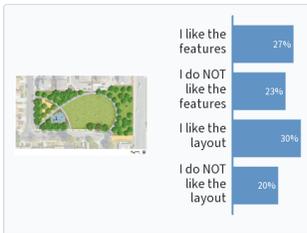


Engagement

85

Responses

For Concept C, choose all that apply (up to 2)



Response options

- I like the features
- I do NOT like the features
- I like the layout**
- I do NOT like the layout

Count Percentage

24	27%
21	23%
27	30%
18	20%

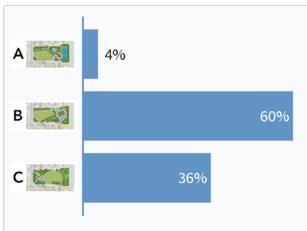


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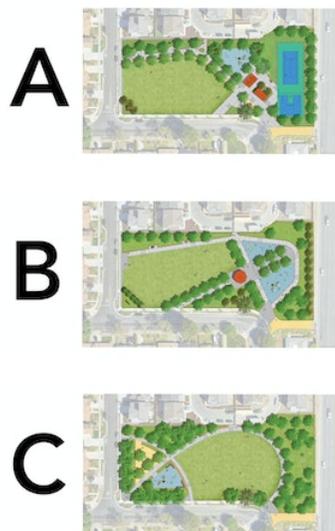
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Responses

What is your preferred Concept?



Response options



Count Percentage

2	4%
28	60%
17	36%



Engagement

47

Responses

For your preferred Concept, what features do you want to add?



“ B: water fountain ”

“ Exercise stations okay ”

“ Sand play for kids area ”



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98

Responses

Responses

- B: water fountain Exercise stations okay Sand play for kids area basketball court
- The pollinator garden is VITAL
- I liked Concept B, but can we not have the shade structure please? More kids playing area
- shaded area I think B would be fine if mirrored on the NS axis
- Shade structure for C would be great Raised flower beds
- Concept B is my preferred. I live on Toyon directly adjacent to the park. No need to add anything else. the quieter the better. please keep the play areas away from us. Allergic to sand
- A lot more shaded areas please Including the basketball area helps gives teens a place
- more picnic tables
- Please reduce/remove the shaded area for concept B for security reasons. The area might attract unsheltered folks or attract criminal activities. Please make areas as open as possible.
- C is noisy for those living right on the park. The houses are back to back
- For B, no shade. We need more sun Water stations Restroom would be a nice addition
- Why keep the palm tree? An emergency call box would be good too
- More shade structures shaded area C More 🌳 Water fountains
- Better traffic control for speeders on Lily and to ensure the crosswalk is safe.
- PLEASE USE NATIVE TREES AND PLANTINGS Make perimeter sidewalks tree lined
- dog park No picnic tables Remove the shaded area I love the curvier design of C
- Game table Shade area
- I voted for C I like concept B, but having kids play next to Lawrence where smog @ lead exposure from historic lead gasoline gives me pause.
- Larger shade area Don't like restroom in a
- playground should be handicap accessible for those w/physicla mobiolities
- youth age play area Decorative Water fountain (not drinking water) in concept B
- Sand play area I like B but do not add a picnic area
- I would prefer to have a youth play area in addition to the tot area.
- B as it provides more peace basketball court Would like to have a drinking fountain
- Preferred B concept with a themed park - Farm theme. Like the youth age has john deer tractor with corn and other produce theme
- For Concept C, kids play area in addition to the tot lot would be good. B is a good concept too, but would like to see the kids & tots area further from Lawrence Expressway (reduce exposure to toxins and noise)
- I liked Concept B. If we can remove shade structure it will be even better
- For Concept B, Water fountain, larger shade structure, dog park
- Shade over the play structure because it gets very hot restroom Water fountain
- restroom
- Playground surface should consider natural materials (iewood mulch) not toxic rubber surfacing
- Additional shade structures , maybe smaller than the hero one
- Would like to see additional shaded tables and increased planted areas with drought tolerant flowering plants.

Responses

Probably B | B: Couple more trees on NE side | restroom | Dog play section

Concept C with nothing additional | Basketball court - 2 half court or 1 full court

No shade. No restrooms. | More shaded area in concept B. | More picnic tables

restroom | B is good as is. Not A or C | B add basketball court

More sitting area or picnic tables for Concept B | No shade structure in B

Any gated access towards the housing community possible?

B is perfect. Please remove the picnic area. | dog park | Add a gate

liked B with no change. Don't like A with restroom and active area, and do not like C

youth age play area | concept B: adding more trees, | More shaded area

More picnic tables for B | dog park | No changes to C. | Water play area | Dog area

Interactive water feature for small children | Remove the picnic area. Do not add features

Kids interactive water feature (only in the kids area) in concept B

Please consider Reduce / Remove the shaded area of concept B.

Sustainable hard surfaces using permeable concrete or decomposed granite - no concrete!

Restroom | dog park | Dog park area | Longer walk ng perimeter. Picnic table.

Restroom | dog park | A gate on the north side towards vinemaple

For your preferred Concept, what features do you want to remove?



“ Flip B to the way C is ”

“ no rubber surface ”

“ Keep the kids away from the lead exposure ”

Responses

- Flip B to the way C is no rubber surface
- Keep the kids away from the lead exposure on the EAST SIDE. no concrete sidewalks
- Plan B is fine. as passive as possible.
- Concept B: please plant more trees / expand the garden area. Thank you.
- Should have put on previous question, but I would like to see a. Restroom with a cool roof. I am concerned about potential toxicity and heat radiation from rubberized surface
- no artificial turf More grass turf perimeter fencing ping pong table
- N/a, concept B is pretty good! remove games area in C, or stick to B concrete sidewalk
- pickle ball
- Plan B is fine. as long as kept clean. please keep play area near the highway area.
- Please remove the shaded area of concept B for safety reasons. Minimize the unsheltered folks living in the park. Thank you!
- A needs a lot of items to remove. B seems best. Remove the game area on the left in C
- No dog park. C: Trees taking up space prefer B concept B: remove dog park
- B - no restroom
- Nature okay for older kids is crucial. Let's consider a place where play under trees replaces a playground for older kids.
- Would want the view from the community to look nice. Can the fence be made nicer?
- pollinator garden Have a good looking fence
- Replace young kids playground with shade
- Concept A without the tennis court would be a decent choice.
- For B, please remove the shade, no restroom, no picnic area. B - no picnic area
- No courts of any kind. pollinator garden Add a gate
- Remove game area in Concept C I now prefer B more than C
- No chain linked fence please on the north end. A much nicer fence if that fits the budget.
- This isn't a comment about "removal" but I'm concerned about the amount of turf and it's maintenance during drought years
- Concept C with nothing removed Happy with B tennis court No restrooms.
- Don't need anything removed for Concept C pickle ball Nothing
- B - no restroom, no shaded area Can we remove the shaded area from B?
- Remove shade structure in Concept B No shade structure.
- Remove shade structure, no picnic table None The shade structure the tennis court
- For



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Responses

For your preferred Concept, what features do you want to relocate?



“ Play area towards lily and toyon ”

“ Move games area in c to the other side ”

“ Make trees in

Responses

- Play area towards lily and toyon
- Move games area in c to the other side
- Make trees in B more irregular layout like in C
- In general move active areas closer to streets
- Play towards lily and toyon. Lawrence is not zen to hangout
- Concept B: please remove eye shade area and put more green/ trees in the area. Could put a couple of benches for people would like to sit. Thank you.
- For Concept C, swapping the toddler area and the yellow area would put the kids further from Lily Avenue which is a busier street than Toyon
- B: water fountain better located in the now shaded area, move shaded area
- Plan C could work as long as the active area is closer to the highway and away from my home on Toyon. Please keep play areas away from our homes. Thanks
- Spread out shade structures will be nice so people can picnic a little further from each other
- Dog park in concept C or B
- Prefer Plan C if play area moved closer to soundwall - playgrounds on a corner are dangerous.
- rotate 180°
- Add shady picnic area in B to C
- Green space on Lawrence side
- The layout for B is good. No need to be changed,
- B is fine
- A sand box is needed near the toddler play area
- Like the pathway of trees from Concept A, both along the path and along Lawrence Expy
- B - keep the playground where it is
- Layout is good. Please do not break up turf area
- Would also like to see maximum trees
- Move Play structure to the south west corner on corner of Toyon and Lily on Concept C
- Add a fence on Toyon
- Make shade lane in B be irregular in shape not rectangular
- Shade structure on toyon side.
- Relocate the games area in C near the Lawrence as it creates noise. Otherwise B
- prefer B if you can put a restroom
- I like the current layout-- nothing needs relocating
- move both play areas as far away to lawrence expy as possible
- Play areas on the Toyon side.
- Concept C is fine as illustrated.
- none
- None
- None - i like the layout exactly as is

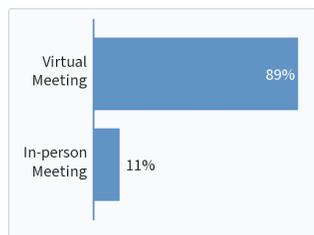
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Engagement

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Responses

In the future, do you prefer community meetings to be virtual or in-person?



Response options

Virtual Meeting

In-person Meeting

Count Percentage

39 89%

5 11%

90%

Engagement

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Responses



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August 28, 2023

**Online Survey Summary
Corn Palace Park**

RE: Online Survey #2

Date: July 28, 2023 – August 11, 2023

Number of online survey respondents: 195

Three conceptual park designs were developed based on the input received from Community Meeting #1 and Online Survey #1, and the purpose of this online survey was to receive input from community members on the designs. The survey was available from July 28 through August 11, 2023, and the results are summarized below.

Summary

Forty-eight percent (48%) of the respondents selected Concept A as their preferred concept, followed by Concept B (29%) and Concept C (23%). Community members were asked to provide input on both the features and the layout for each concept. Most of the respondents liked the layout of Concept A (58%), but respondents were split on the features. For Concept B, community members were split on both the features and the layout, with a slight majority in favor of the features (54%). For Concept C, the majority voted against the features (61%), and a slight majority also voted against the layout (53%). Survey participants were also asked whether they preferred virtual or in-person community meetings, and 92% voted in favor of virtual meetings.

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Input on Participants' Preferred Concept

Participants were asked which features they wanted to add, remove, or relocate for their preferred concept. Write-in responses are organized by category for each concept, and the number of mentions is noted in parentheses.

CONCEPT A

Consider Adding

Pickleball (29)
Picnic/BBQ (12)
Toddler Play (9)
Dog Park (7)
Benches (5)
Trees (5)
Shade (4)
Walking/Running Path (4)
Game Tables (4)
Water Feature (4)
Larger/Additional Play (3)
Volleyball (2)
Restroom (2)
Court Lighting (2)
WiFi (2)
Water Play (2)
More Lawn (2)
Tennis (2)
Additional Basketball (2)
Flat Lawn (1)
Restrict Street Parking (1)
Drinking Fountain (1)
Fitness Station (1)

Consider Removing

Tennis (23)
Restroom (9)
Basketball (6)
Mounds in Lawn (4)
Lawn (3)
Decomposed Granite (1)
Less Pavement (1)
Concrete Pavement (1)

Consider Relocating

Play (9)
Sports Courts (5)
Tennis (4)
Basketball (1)
Pollinator Garden (1)
Lawn (1)
Trees (1)
Restroom (1)

CONCEPT B

Consider Adding

Wall/Fence (9)
Picnic/BBQ (7)
Shade (5)
Trees (5)
Benches (5)
Restroom (5)
Security Cameras (4)
Fitness Station (3)
Drinking Fountain (2)
Water Play (2)
Additional Play (2)
Flowers (2)
Game Area (2)
Swimming Pool (1)
Senior Facilities (1)
CA Native Plants (1)
Walking Path (1)
Tennis (1)

Consider Removing

Shade Structure (10)
Picnic Tables (3)
Bioretention Area (2)
Lawn (2)
Tennis Courts (1)
Toddler Play (1)

Consider Relocating

Play (9)
Shade Structure (5)
Trees (4)
Benches (2)
Walking Path (1)

CONCEPT C

Consider Adding

Trees (9)
Restroom (7)
Picnic/BBQ (6)
Toddler Play (5)
Shade Structure (4)
Fitness Station (4)
CA Native Plants (3)
Tennis (3)
Shade (3)
Additional Walking Paths (2)
Drinking Fountain (2)
Basketball (2)
Gated Entrance (1)
Park Sign (1)
Dog Park (1)
Pollinator Garden (1)
Bike Racks (1)
Benches (1)
Flat Lawn (1)

Consider Removing

Picnic (5)
Lawn (3)
Game Area (2)
Restroom (1)
Concrete (1)
Water Fountain (1)
Ornamental Fence (1)
Bioretention Area (1)
Rubber Surfacing (1)

Consider Relocating

Play (2)
Game Area (2)
Picnic (1)

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For the detailed online survey #2 results, see Appendix A attached.

Submitted by:

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Melinda Wang
Callander Associates
cc: All attendees

Appendix A

Online Survey #2 Results

Sunnyvale Corn Palace Park Survey #2
Give your input on three different park designs

Summary Of Responses

As of August 14, 2023, 1:00 PM, this forum had:	Topic Start	Topic End
Attendees: 268	July 27, 2023, 8:37 AM	August 11, 2023, 11:59 PM
Responses: 195		
Hours of Public Comment: 9.8		

QUESTION 1

For CONCEPT A, choose all that apply (up to 2). See introduction for links to all three concepts.

		%	Count
I like the features		48.7%	95
I do NOT like the features		51.3%	100
I like the layout		57.9%	113
I do NOT like the layout		42.1%	82

QUESTION 2

For CONCEPT B, choose all that apply (up to 2). See introduction for links to all three concepts.

		%	Count
I like the features		54.4%	106
I do NOT like the features		46.2%	90
I like the layout		49.2%	96
I do NOT like the layout		50.3%	98

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Give your input on three different park designs

QUESTION 3

For CONCEPT C, choose all that apply (up to 2). See introduction for links to all three concepts.

		%	Count
I like the features		39.0%	76
I do NOT like the features		61.0%	119
I like the layout		47.2%	92
I do NOT like the layout		52.8%	103

QUESTION 4

What is your preferred Concept?

		%	Count
Concept A		47.7%	93
Concept B		29.2%	57
Concept C		23.1%	45

QUESTION 5

For your preferred Concept, what features do you want to add?

Answered	152
Skipped	43

QUESTION 6

For your preferred Concept, what features do you want to remove?

Answered	113
Skipped	82

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Give your input on three different park designs

QUESTION 7

For your preferred Concept, what features do you want to relocate?

Answered	96
Skipped	99

QUESTION 8

In the future, do you prefer community meetings to be online or in person?

		%	Count
Online Meeting		92.3%	180
In-person Meeting		7.7%	15