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Special Parks Committee Meeting

October 27, 2026



Phelan Community Park Improvements Community Outreach

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Agenda

PRESENTATION

- Introductions
- Phelan Piñon Hills Community Park Overview & History
- Existing Draft Master Plan Presentation
- Community Outreach and Input
- Stakeholder Input-Equestrian and Sport User Groups
- Closing Remarks





District Intro

- Overview of past planning efforts and design work to date
- Motivation for Phelan Pinon Hills Community Park
- Hiring of Wallace Group to help lead effort for community outreach and masterplan design

Phelan Team

Building Better Parks Together.



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Landscape Designer

Dedication to Service

Suzanne Baird, PLA and David Jamesson, PLA
In Conjunction with: Steeno Design Group, TRLS Engineering

Objectives

- Provide Overview of Efforts to Date
- Receive Input from Sports User Groups
- Receive Input from Equestrian User Group
- Open Discussion

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Finalize Outreach

- What We Heard
- How We’re Incorporating Feedback
- Areas Needing Additional Input
- Guidance Moving Forward

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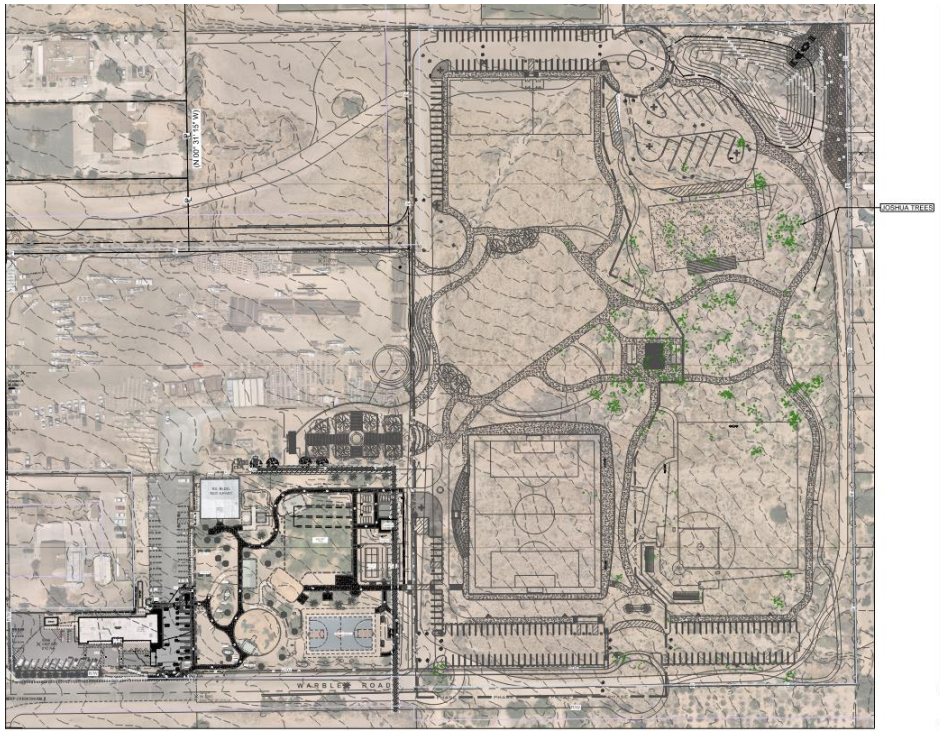


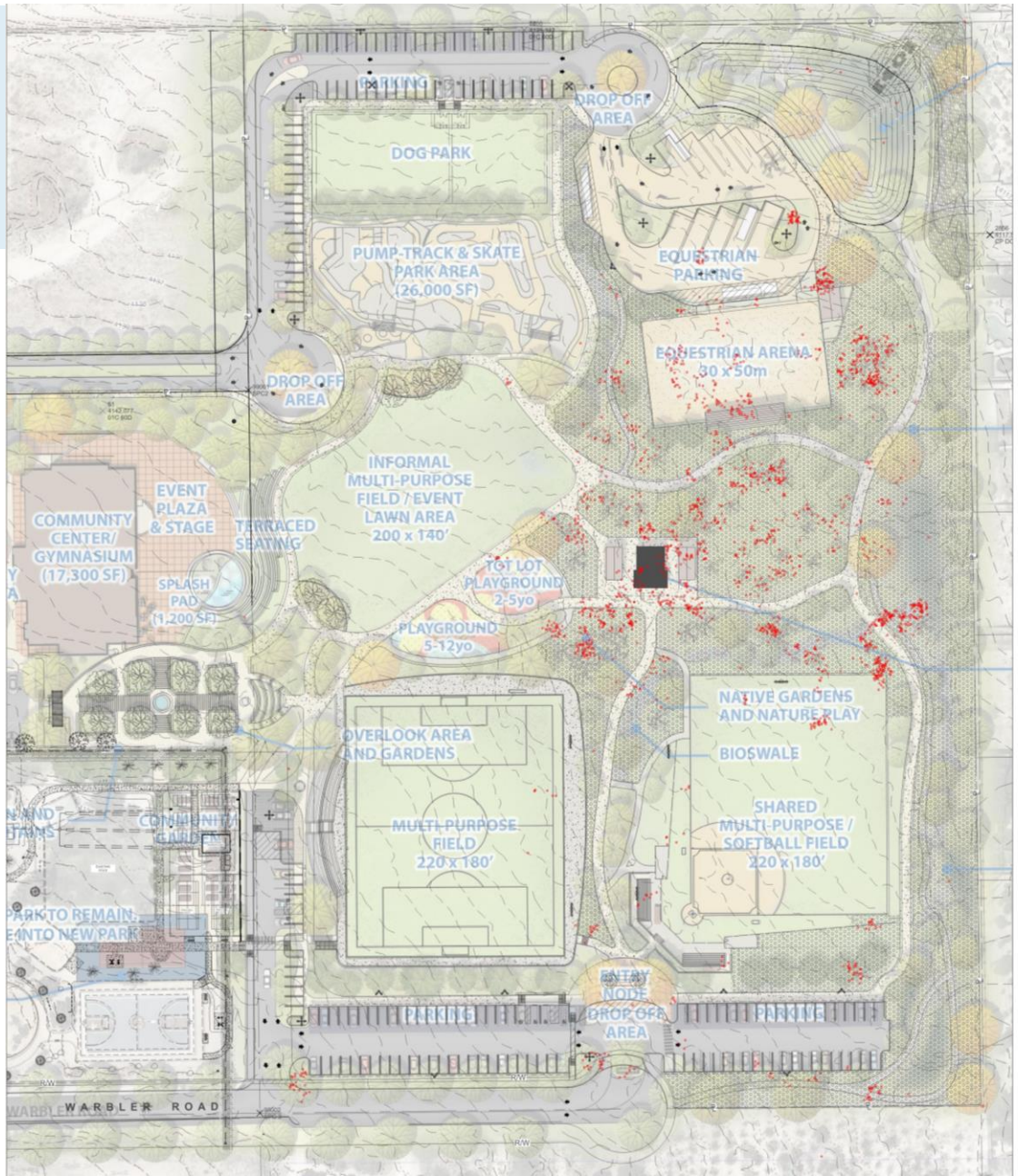
Phelan Community Park

Masterplan & Outreach

Existing Site Constraints & Conditions

TOPOGRAPHY & JOSHUA TREES





LEGEND

JOSHUA TREE PROTECTED AREA

JOSHUA TREES



PHELAN COMMUNITY PARK MASTERPLAN

Existing Draft Masterplan

AMENITIES

- Civic Center
- Community Center/Gymnasium
- Entry & Central Plazas
- Event Plaza & Stage
- Terraced Seating
- Informal Multi-Purpose Field/Event Lawn Area
- Native Gardens & Fountains
- 2-5yo & 5-12yo Playgrounds
- Splash Pad
- Nature Play
- Multi-Purpose Fields
- Softball Field
- Pump Track & Skate Park Area
- Dog Park
- Equestrian Arena

Community Participation

Please note that the survey is still ongoing & the following results are subject to change.

What do you like -
What don't you like
Interactive Boards



The majority of park visitors come from zip code 92371, with 28% visiting a few times a week and 8% visiting every day.

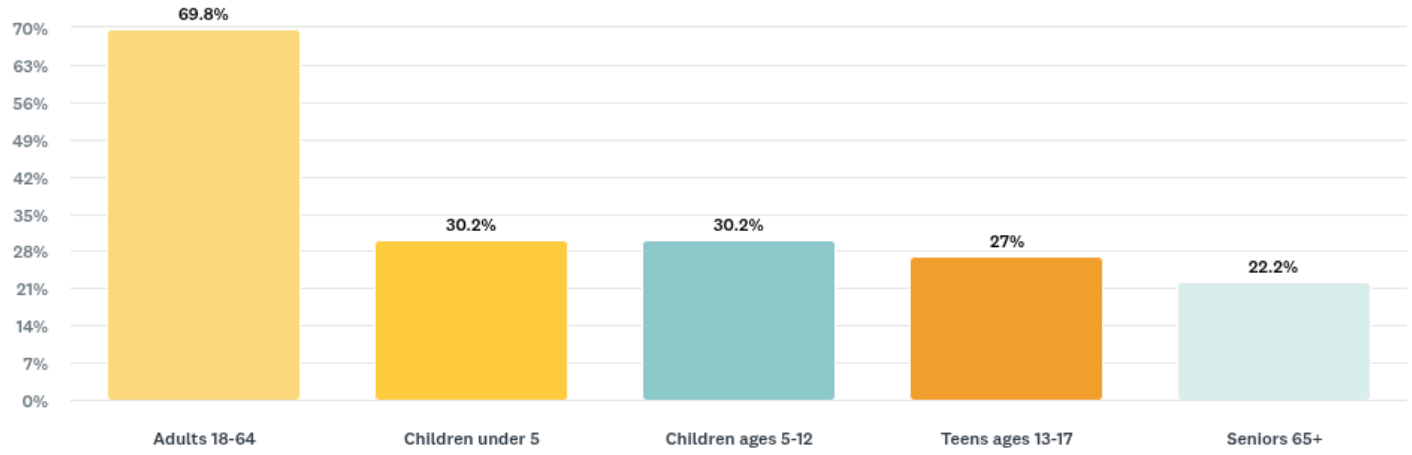


Survey Demographics

Total Survey Respondents **65**

56 English Language, 7 Spanish Language

Age Groups per Household



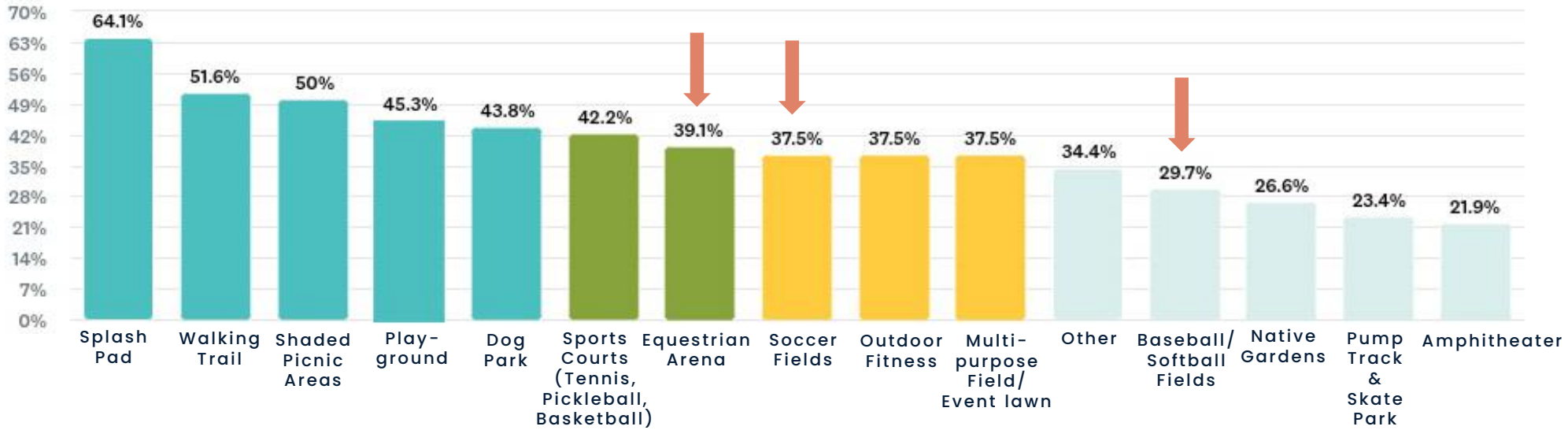
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We asked what types of recreational opportunities are most needed

TOP 5 FEATURES

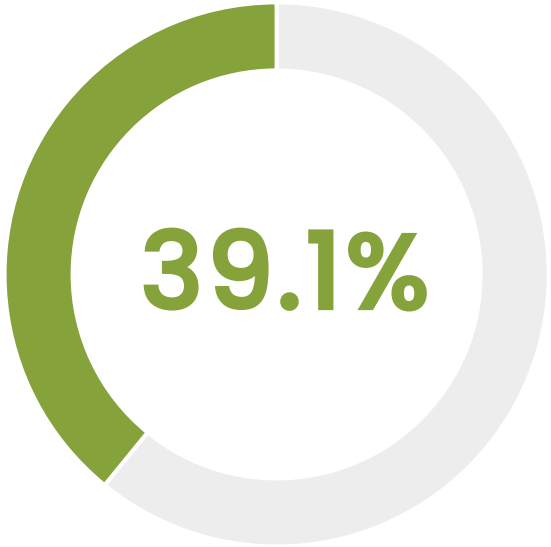
1. Splash Pad
2. Walking Trail
3. Shaded Picnic Areas
4. Playgrounds
5. Dog Park

TOP CHOICE



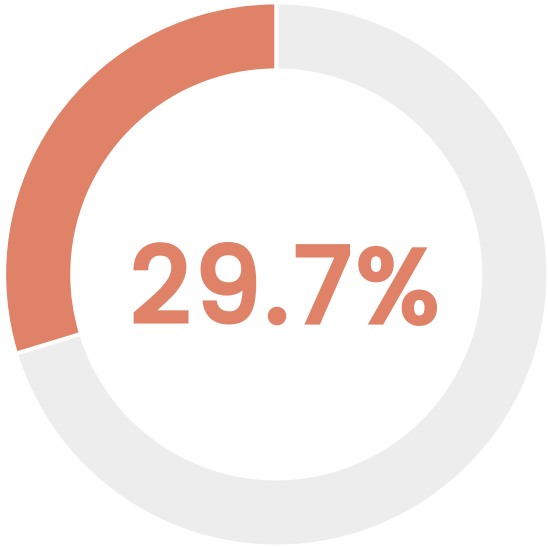
Key Findings

Community feedback indicates **the strongest demand** for family-oriented recreation, gathering spaces, shade, and walking opportunities.



of participants think an **Equestrian Arena** is needed

of participants think **Soccer Fields** are needed



of participants think **Baseball/Softball Fields** are needed

Survey Results

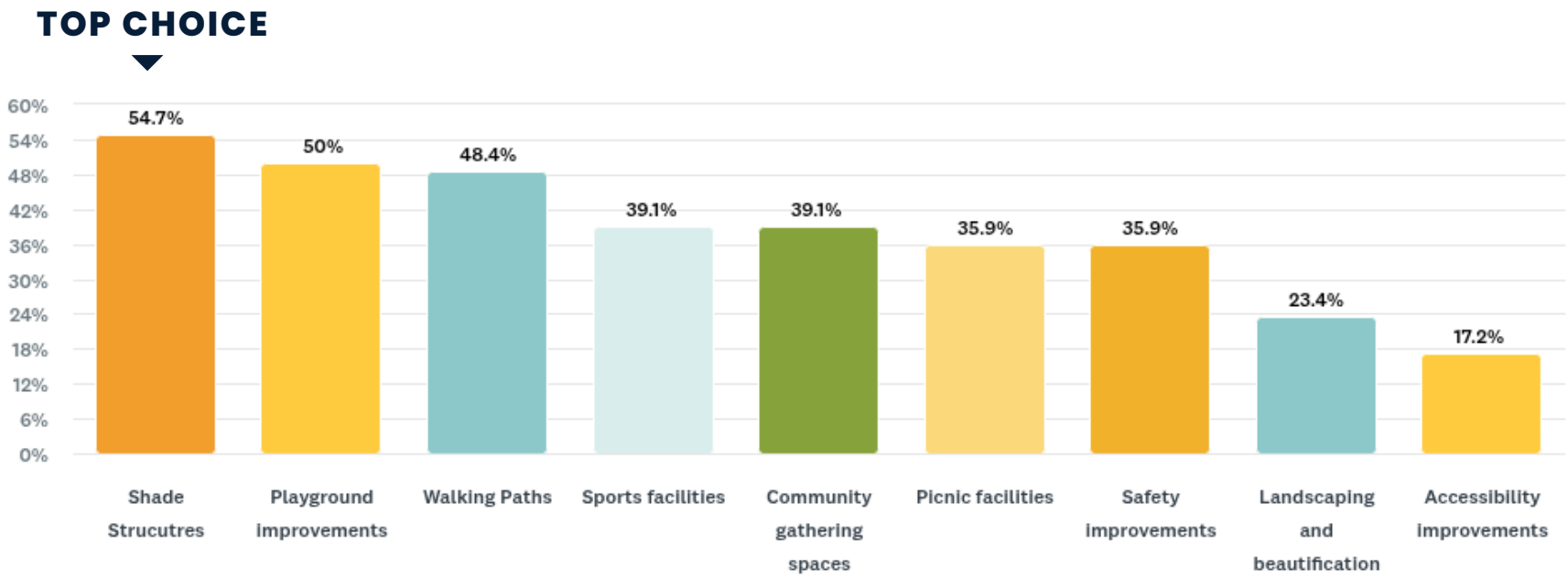
Sports and equestrian amenities received **moderate support** and may serve important user groups, but they were **not ranked among the community's highest overall priorities.**

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We asked which features are most important to you

TOP 5 FEATURES

1. Shade Structures
2. Playground Improvements
3. Walking Paths
4. Sports Facilities
5. Community Gathering Spaces



Key Findings

The survey identified shade, play, and walking opportunities as the **community's highest priorities.** Sports facilities received meaningful support, demonstrating their importance to many users, though they **ranked below the top community priorities.**

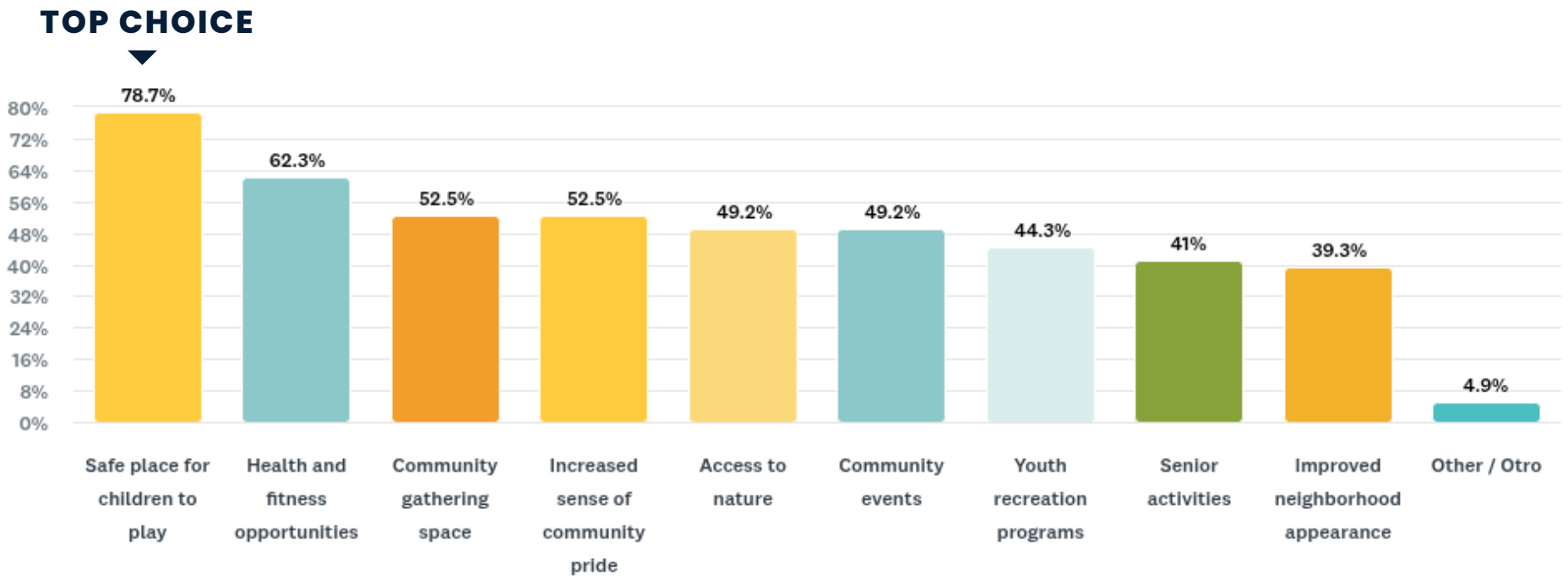
Results suggest residents place the greatest emphasis on amenities that support **daily use, family recreation, and park accessibility.**

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We asked how the park could benefit you

TOP 5 BENEFITS

1. Safe place for children to play
2. Health and Fitness Opportunities
3. Increased Sense of Community Pride
4. Community Gathering Space
5. Community Events



Key Findings

Safety, children's play, and healthy lifestyles emerged as the **community's highest priorities.** Parks are viewed as important spaces **for bringing people together and strengthening community pride.**

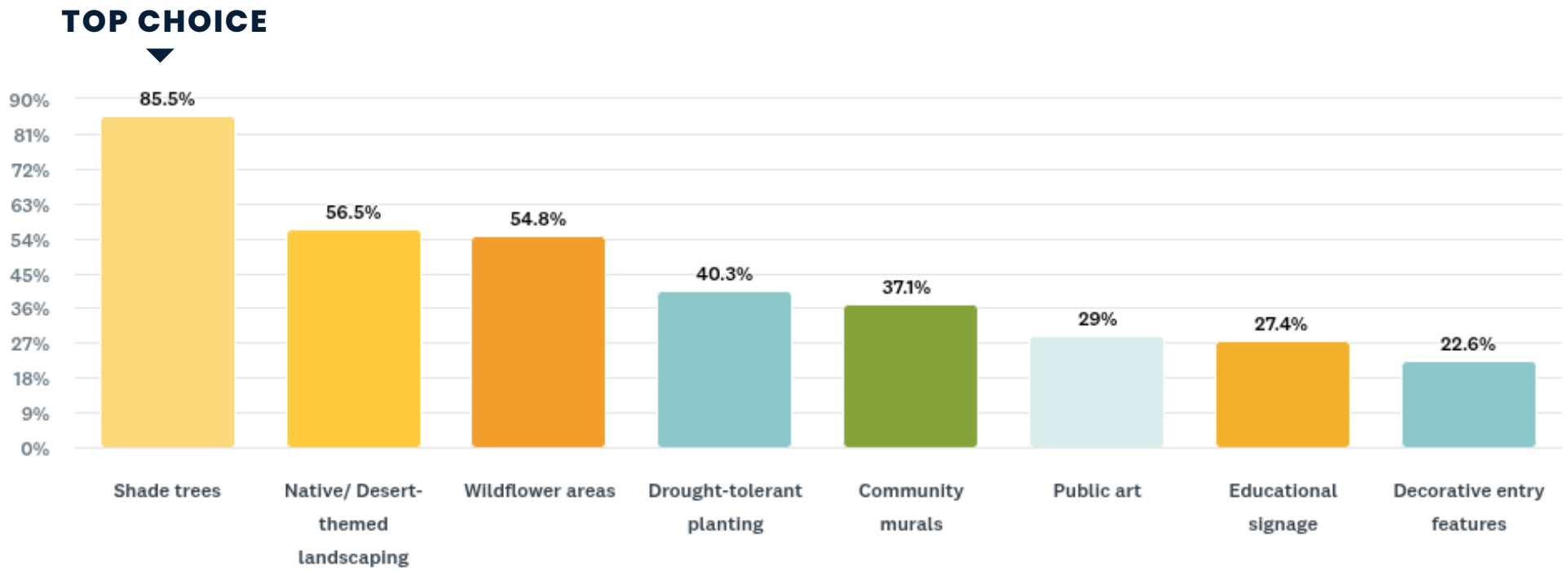
Respondents value a balance of **active recreation, social connection, and access to nature.**

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We asked how we could make the park more beautiful

TOP 5 ELEMENTS

1. Shade Trees
2. Native/Desert-themed landscaping
3. Wildflower Areas
4. Drought-tolerant planting
5. Community Murals



Key Findings

Shade is the community's **highest beautification priority** by a significant margin. Residents prefer landscaping that is **natural, water-conscious, and regionally appropriate**.

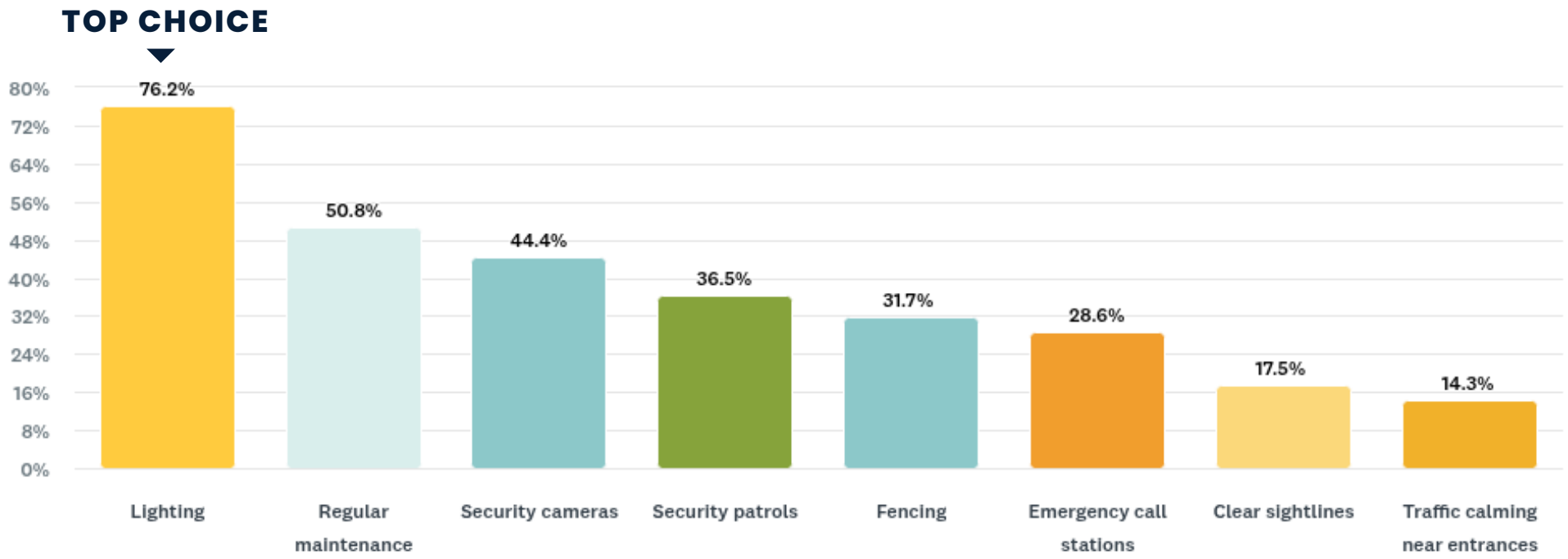
Beautification is valued not only for appearance, but also for **comfort, environmental benefits, and community identity.**

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We asked how we could make the park feel safer

TOP 5 SAFETY FEATURES

1. Lighting
2. Regular Maintenance
3. Security Cameras
4. Security Patrols
5. Fencing



Key Findings

Lighting is the community's **top priority** for improving park safety. Residents value parks that are **well-maintained, visible, and actively cared for**.

Safety is viewed as **a combination of design, maintenance, and security measures.**

Key Takeaways

1. Family-orientated amenities received the strongest support
2. Comfort and usability are top priorities
3. Walking, recreation, and health opportunities are highly valued
4. Safety remains a key priority
5. Sports and equestrian facilities received comparatively lower support than daily use, family recreation, and park accessibility



While respondents identified a variety of recreational interests, the highest levels of support were for amenities that provide broad community-wide benefits across ages and user groups.

Your Voice Matters

Take the survey.

Community Discussion

Housekeeping Rules

PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL, KIND AND CONSIDERATE

PLEASE LIMIT YOUR INPUT TO 2 MINUTES MAX

PLEASE WAIT UNTIL OTHERS HAVE A CHANCE TO SPEAK BEFORE SPEAKING A SECOND TIME

DISCUSSION

Equestrian Design Considerations

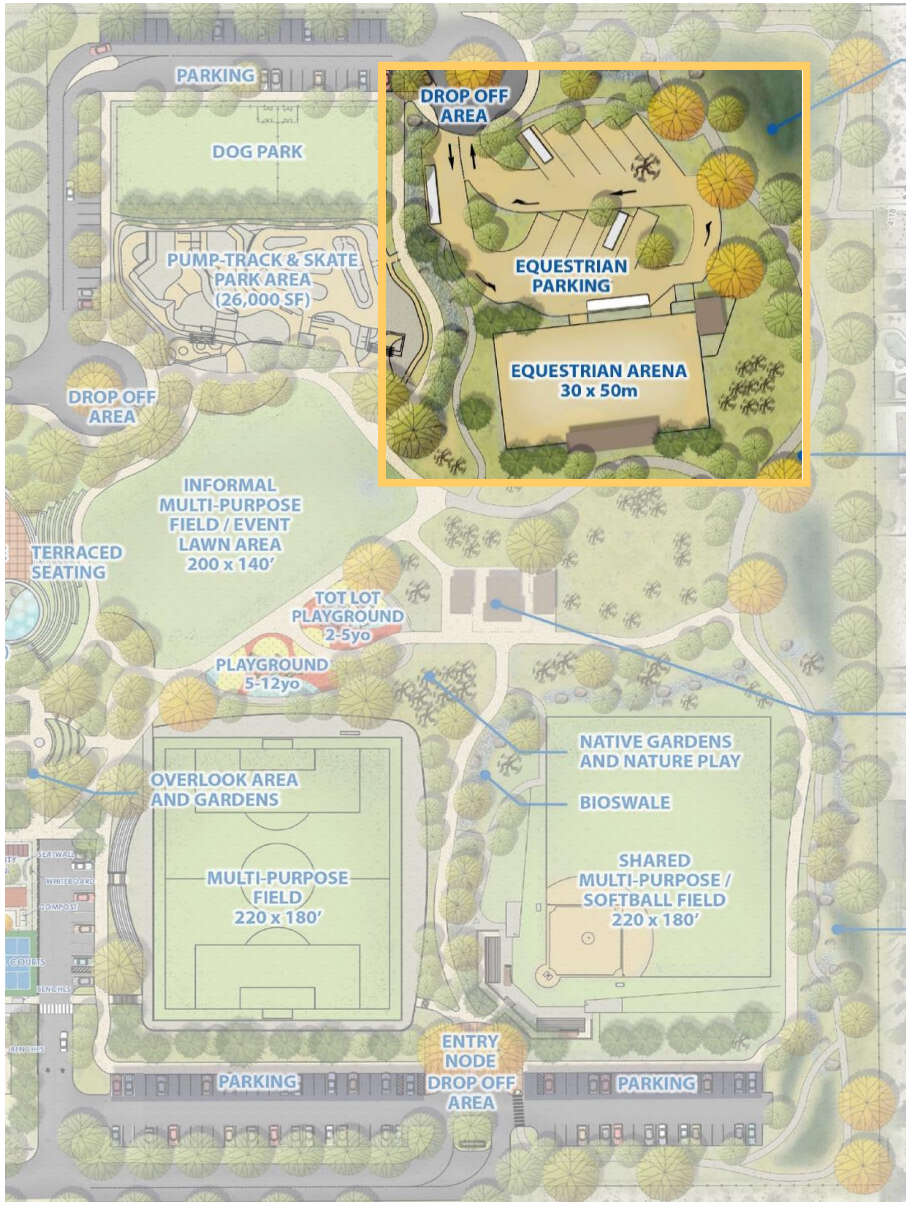
1. Is the **proposed arena size** enough for the equestrian activities you would like to see?

2. Would there be **conflicts with pedestrians** using the same site?

3. Are additional **support amenities** desired?

(e.g. jumping courses, rodeo event space, horse staging areas, etc.)

4. Would you support having the **equestrian arena on another site**?



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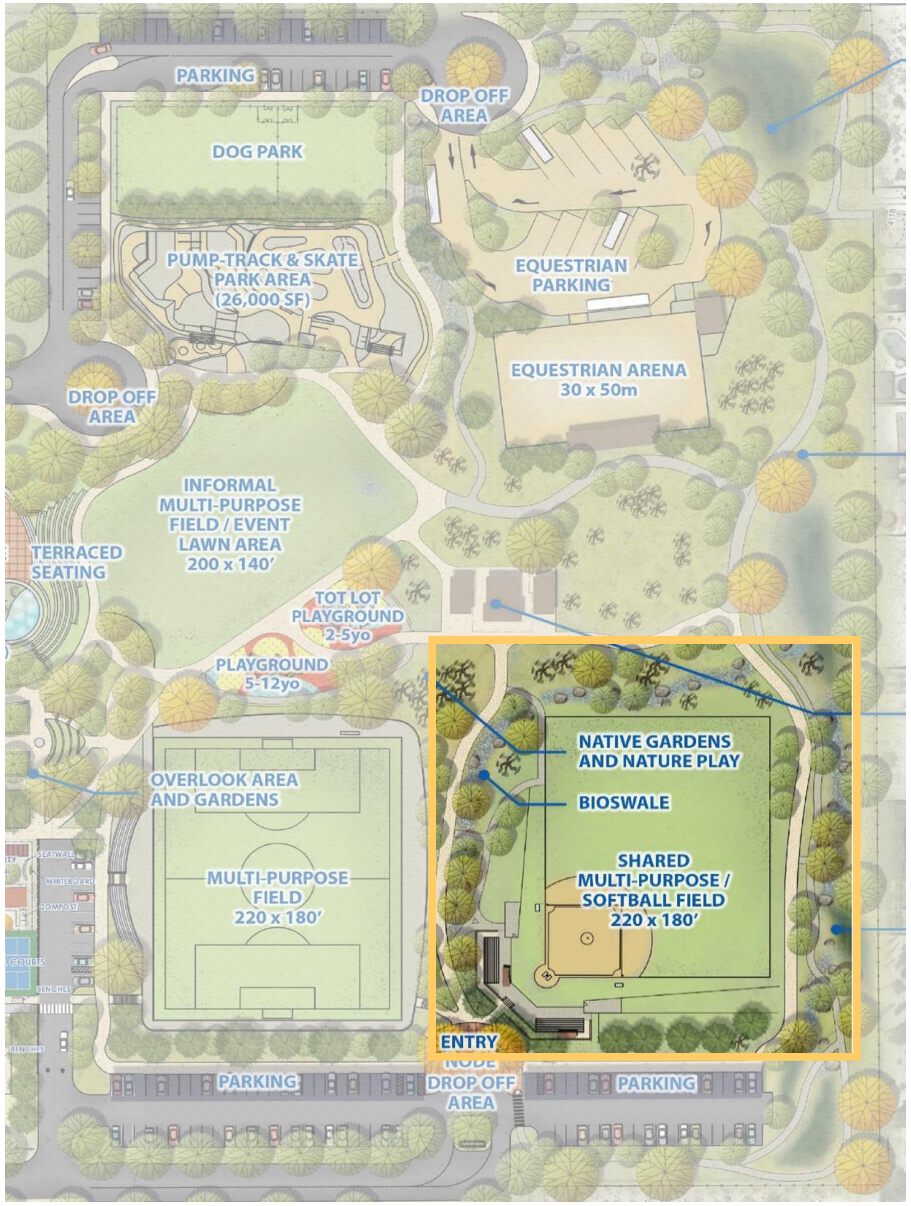
Baseball/Softball Design Considerations

1. Is a **formal baseball/softball field** with a backstop desired?
2. Is **one field** enough?
3. Are additional **support amenities** desired?

(e.g. shaded spectator seating, storage facilities, etc.)

4. What **field size** is desired?

(e.g. Shetland, Pinto, Mustang, etc.)



DISCUSSION

Soccer/Multi-purpose Field Design Considerations

1. Is **a formal soccer field** desired?
2. Is **one field** enough?
3. Are additional **support amenities** desired?

(e.g. shaded spectator seating, storage facilities, etc.)

4. What **field sizes** are desired?

(e.g. U9-U10, U11-U12, etc.)



Conclusion & Next Steps

1. Finalize the outreach process
2. Develop a revised conceptual plan based on input
3. Develop a rough order of magnitude cost for each amenity
4. Provide a recommendation for first phase improvements targeting grant opportunities





