

MARGARET PARK IMPROVEMENTS



Community Meeting #1
October 5 , 2015

6-7.30PM

Saint Paul Parks & Recreations



DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION DIVISION



INTRODUCTION

Project Overview:

In 2012, the Margaret Recreation Center building had deteriorated beyond repair and subsequently removed. With the help of the Stewards of Margaret Park (STOMP), the City of Saint Paul has been successful in securing funds for park improvements at Margaret Park. These improvements may include:

- New restroom facility
- Ball field improvements
- Improved circulation
- Updated signage

Meeting Goals:

- Inform Project Scope and Design Process
- Review Site Analysis and Community Input
- Revise and prioritize Project Goals
- Provide guidance to City Staff on design recommendations and park's use.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Background:

- 2012 Rec Center Building Removal
- 2013 Stewards of Margaret Park (STOMP)
- 2014-2015 CIB Process

Current Programs:

- Food Truck stop
- Art mobile/Book mobile
- Mobile Rec
- Summer soccer programs (organized by neighborhood church)
- Volleyball



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

Pop-Up Stands:

- July 27, 2015
- July 30, 2015
- August 13 - at Police Summer Safe Picnic

Community Design Advisory Meetings:

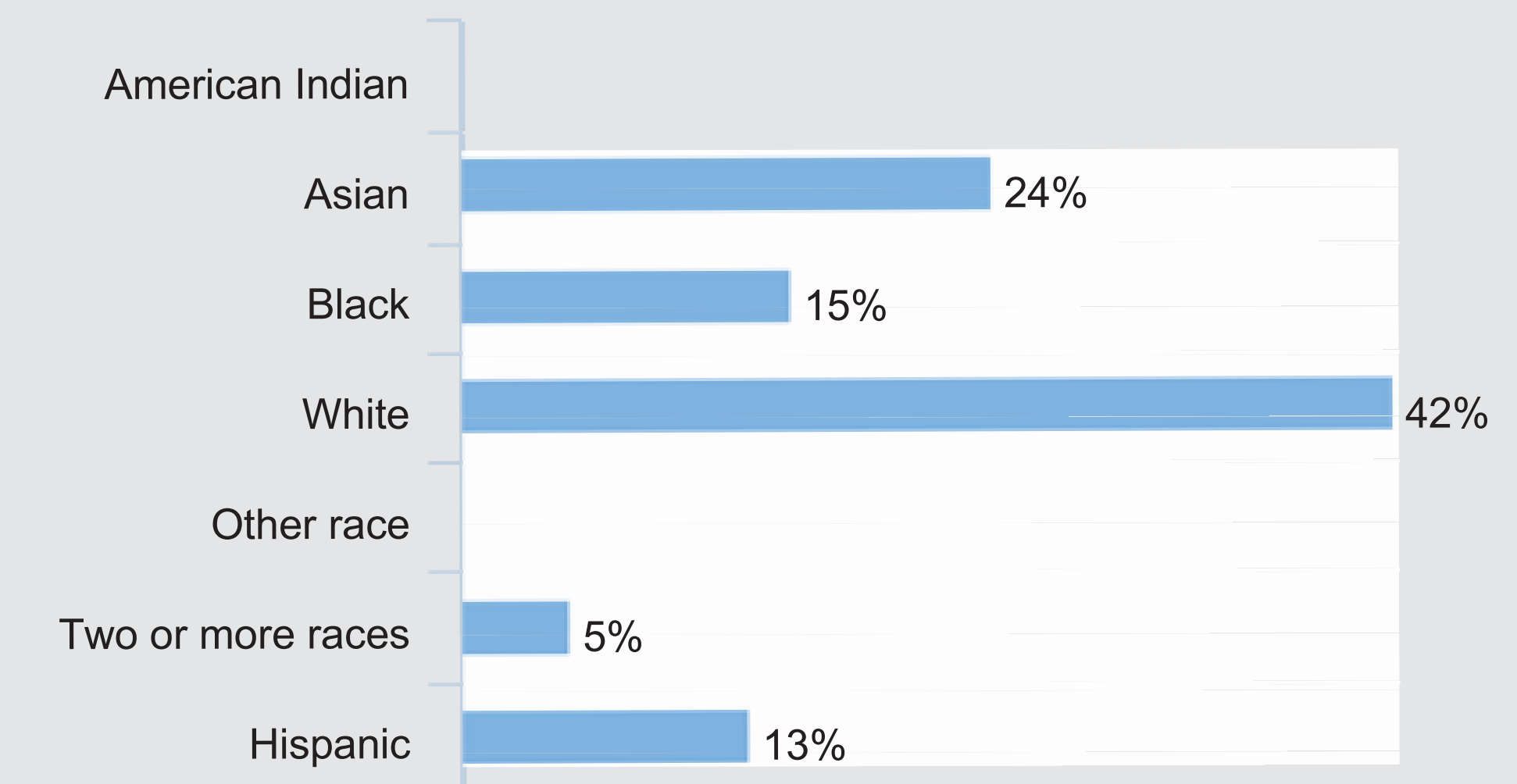
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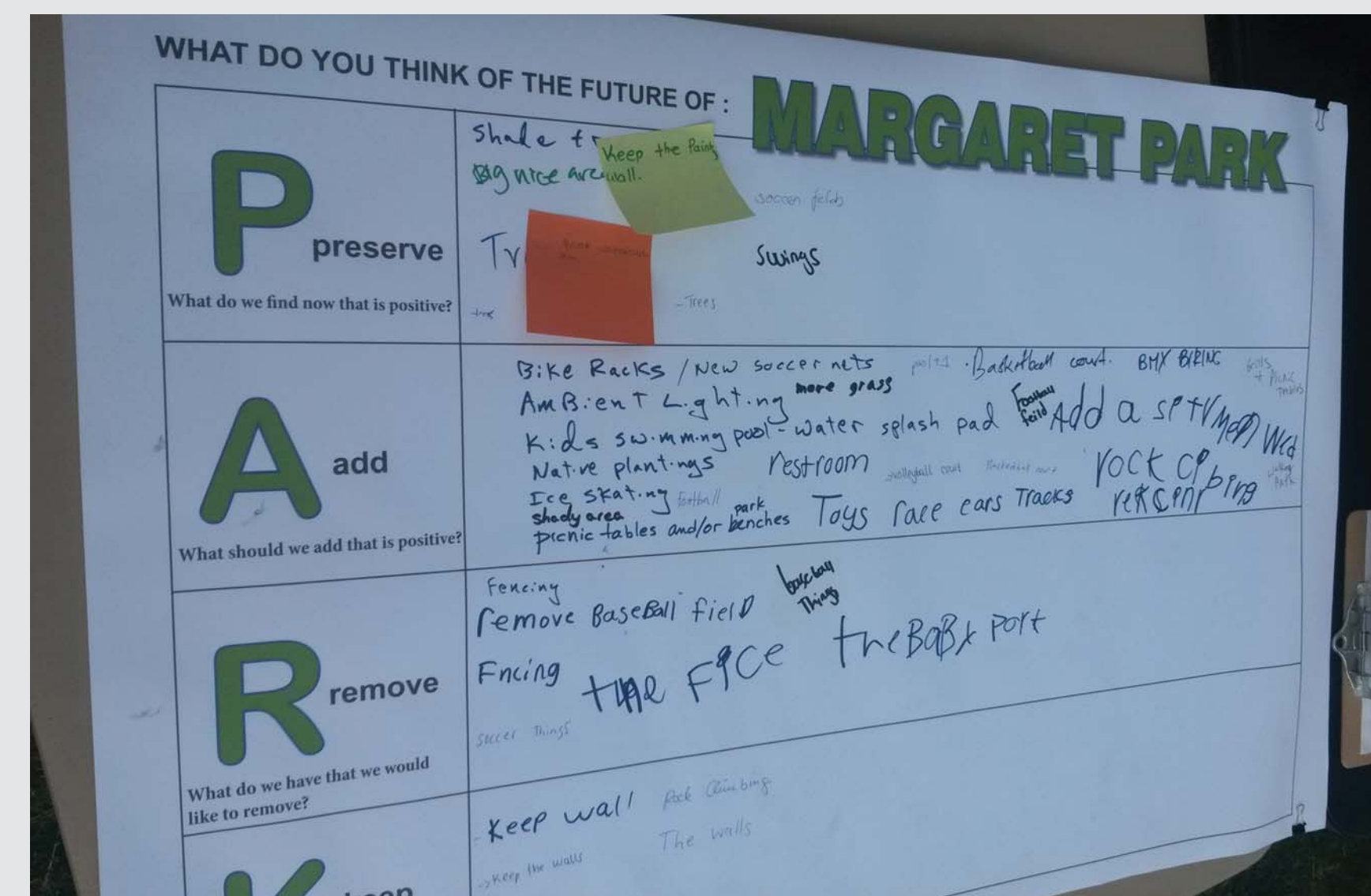
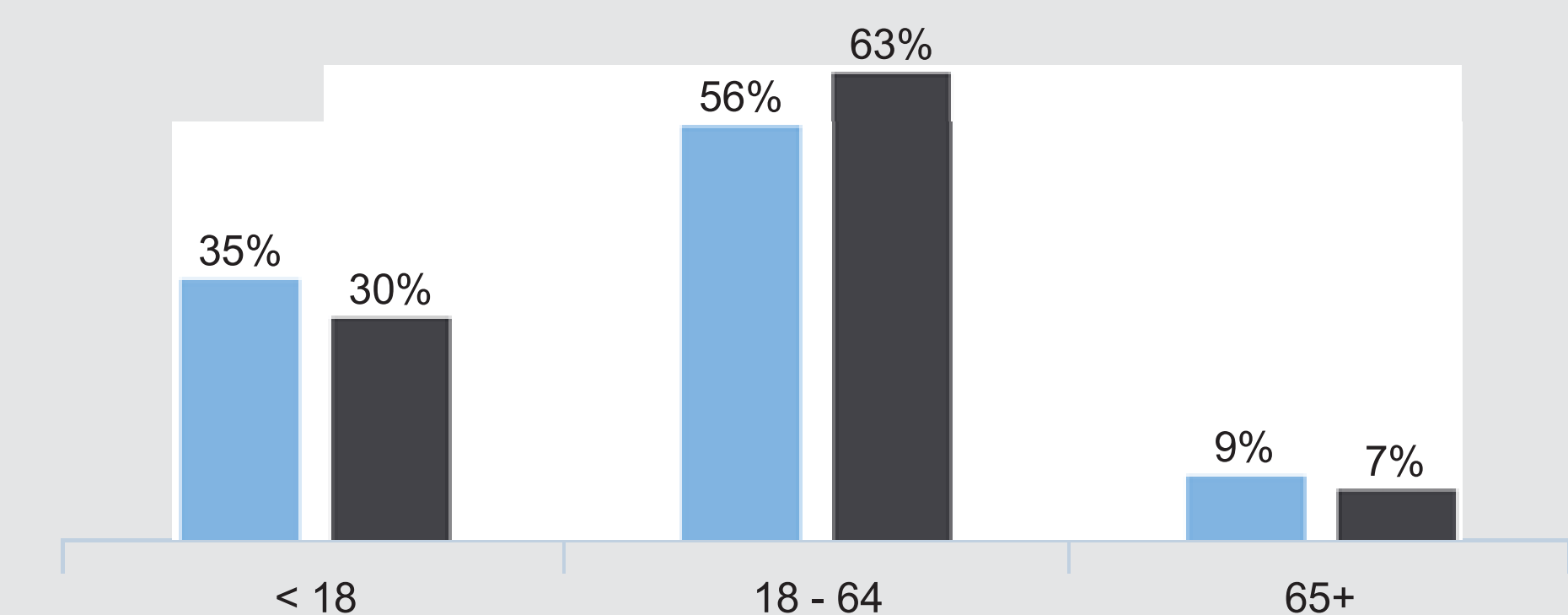
Meeting #2:

December, 2015 (Tentative)

Population by race/ethnicity, 2008-2012



Population by age group

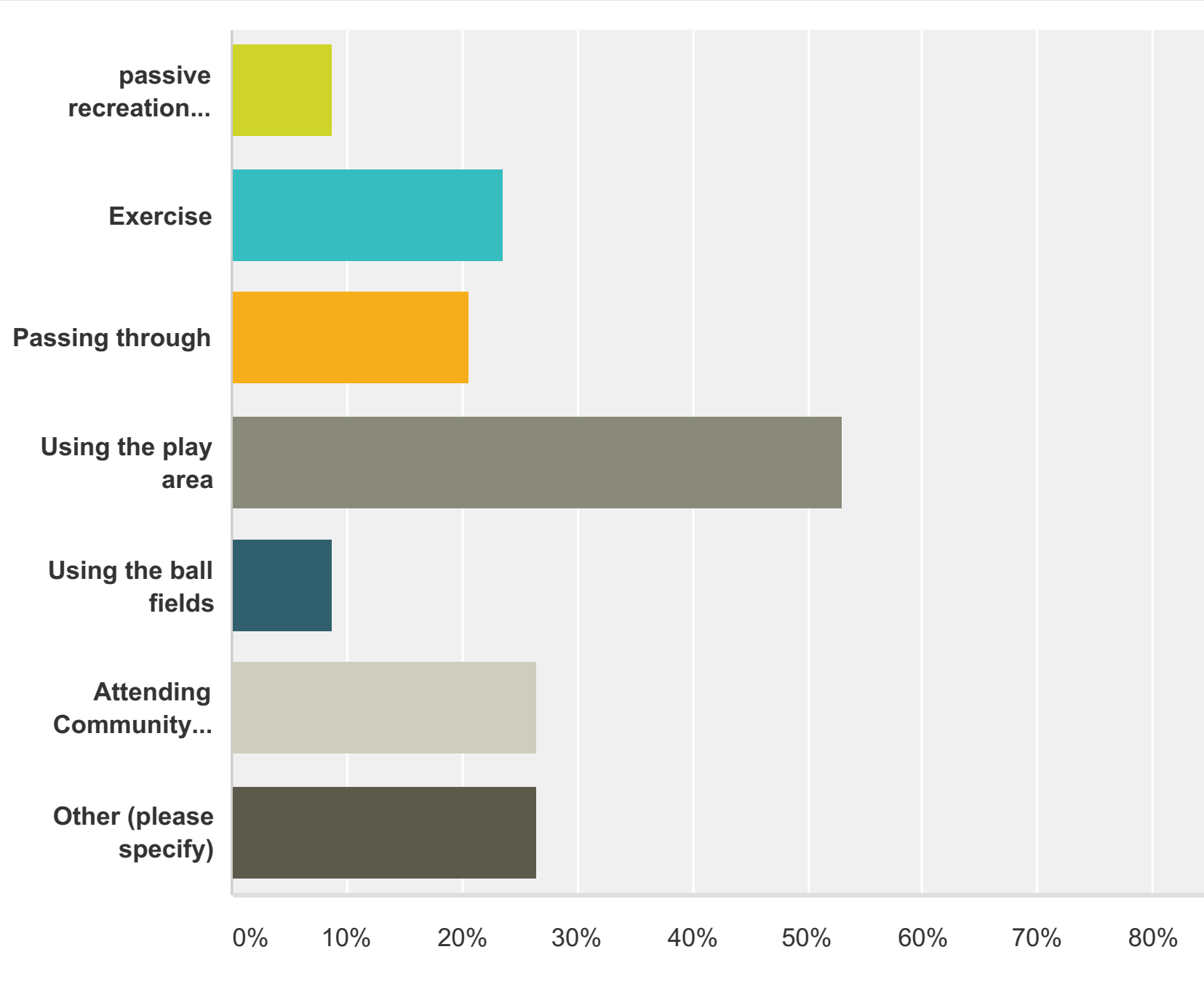


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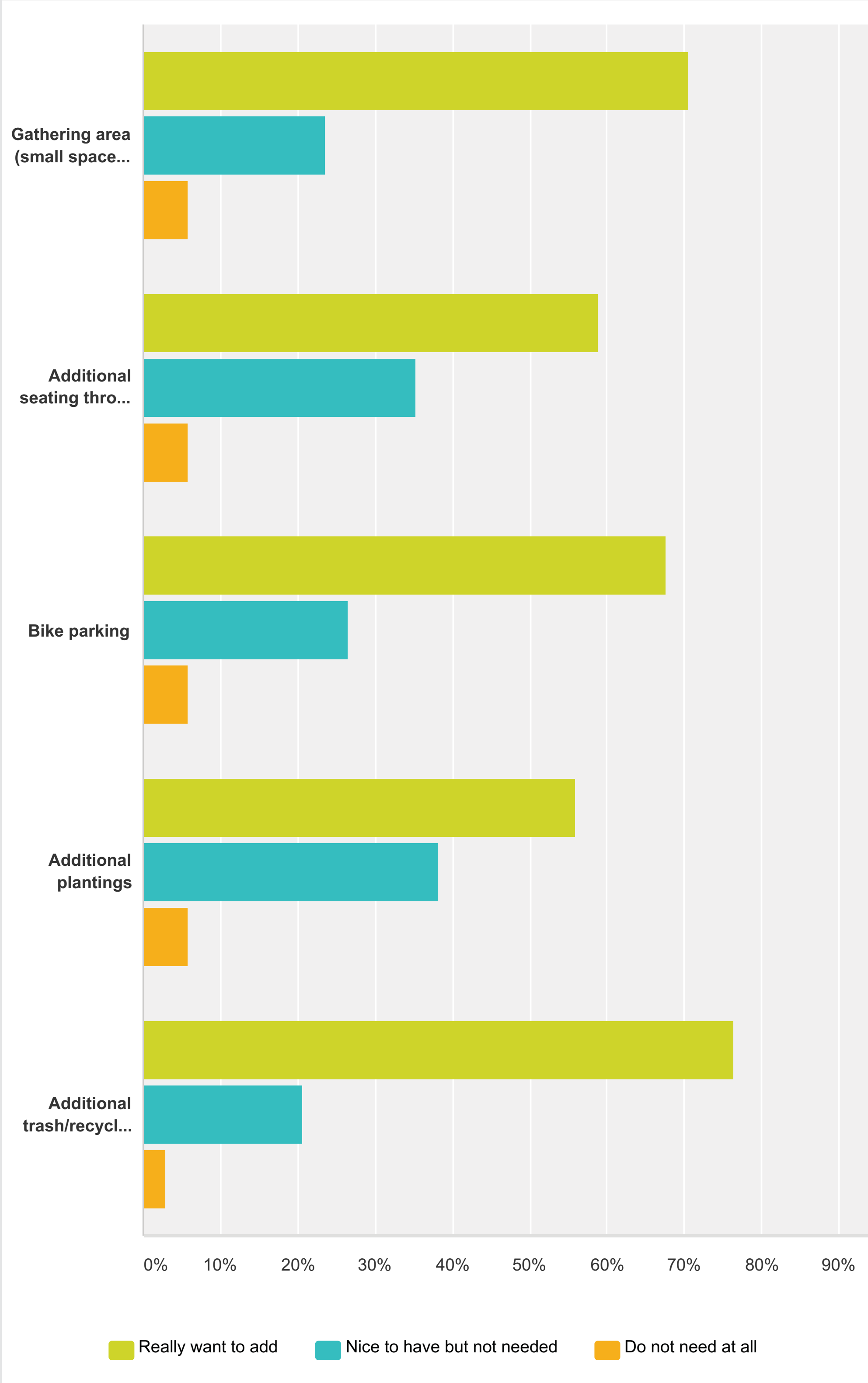
SURVEY SUMMARY

34 people have taken the survey up to Sept 30 2015

What are your main reasons for visiting the park?



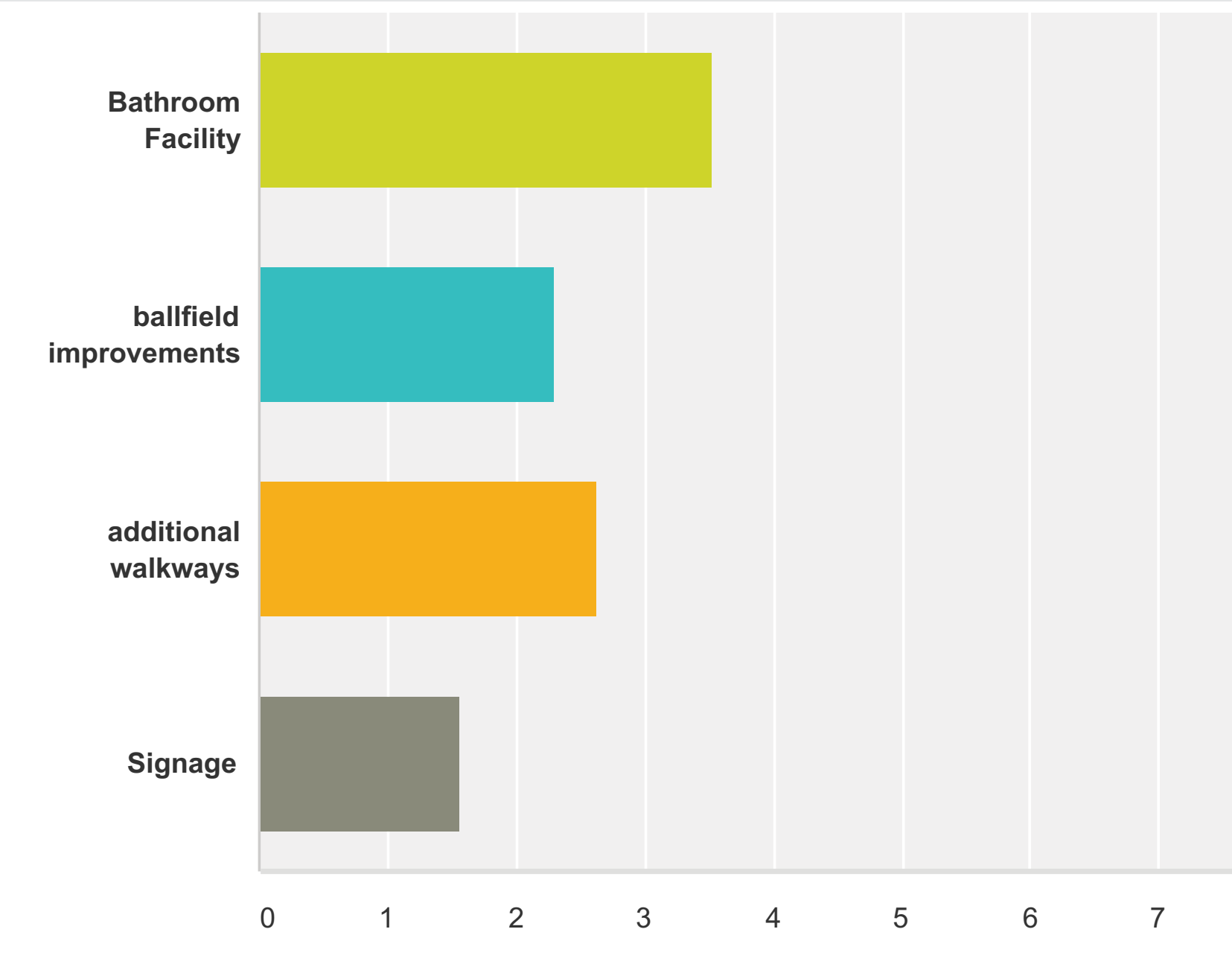
What are the additional elements the park should accommodate?



Provide three words that describe Margaret Park today:

Underused Run Dead Plain Trashy Unattractive
Dry Positive Full Rundown Hard Ground Kids Fun
Potential Poor Plain Sad Dangerous Heavily Used
Uninviting Unfriendly Broken Neglected
Bare Bones Sunny Unloved

In order of priority, what physical improvements would you like to see at the Park?



Provide three words to describe what you envision for Margaret Park's future improvements:

Friendly Welcoming Fun
Healthy Clean Safe

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COMMUNITY INPUT

PRESERVE

- Open field
- Retaining wall's mural
- Playground
- fencing

ADD

- Basketball Court
- Soccer field
- Space for volleyball
- Splash pad
- Ice rink
- bags for dog waste
- Water fountain
- Trash cans
- Winter activities
- Landscaping – garden –butterflies garden
- Lights for courts
- Ramp for strollers
- Soccer nets
- Native planting
- Rock climbing
- Toys race cars tracks
- Garden
- Benches
- Picnic tables

REMOVE

- Baseball field
- Stairs/concrete walls

KEEP IN MIND

- Traffic control around park corners, especially on Margaret and Earl street
- Neighborhood Kids like to bike down the hill.
- Basketball courts are noisy and could become an issue
- More programs for the park

RESTROOM

- Nice planting around
- Family restroom, changing table
- Blow dryers – no paper towels
- Hand sanitizer
- Garbage cans
- Water fountain
- Make them safe

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CONTEXT

Dayton's Bluffs Neighborhood District Council 4 Ward 7

Margaret Park lies at the heart of Dayton's Bluff neighborhood and in the middle of two regional parks

A new bikeway runs along Margaret Street and connects 7th street business corridor with Johnson Parkway and the Ground Round

Margaret Park could become a destination point and resting area between among other community services and recreational areas.

Close to places of worship that program activities in the park

Easy access to public transportation

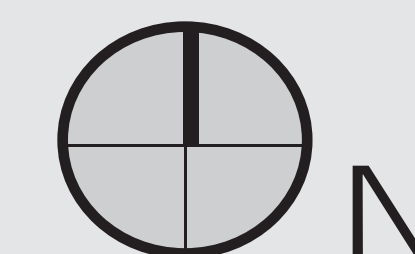
Serve a residential neighborhood with single and multifamily houses.



Community Services

- 1 Skidmore Park
Community Garden
- 2 Twin Cities Academy
- 3 St. Michaels Academy
- 4 American Indian Magnet School
(greade PreK-8)
- 5 Parkway Little Leage
Baseball League - Neighborhood group
- 6 Church of Acts
Evangelical church
- 7 St. Paul Eastside Seventh-Day Adventist
Church They have Youth Soccer Programs
at Margaret Park
- 8 Bethelhem Lutheran Church
- 9 Sacred heart Catholic Church
- 10 Mounds Park United Methodist
- 11 People Inc Maghakian Place
Intensive Treatment Service -Mental
health
- 12 East Side Enterprise Center
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★ Margaret Park



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SITE ANALYSIS



ADDITIONAL NOTES:

- Consider removal of light post at base of the hill.
- Steep hillside complicates potential ADA accessible circulation within the park.
- Parking lot rarely used by park users. Used by Food truck during summer programs.
- Retaining wall with unfinished mural done by the Community. Consider for public art opportunity
- Consider parking lot retaining wall for public art opportunity
- Existing chain-link fence prevents sledding over retaining wall
- Existing chain-link fence along Earl Street protects active reaction from entering Earl St.



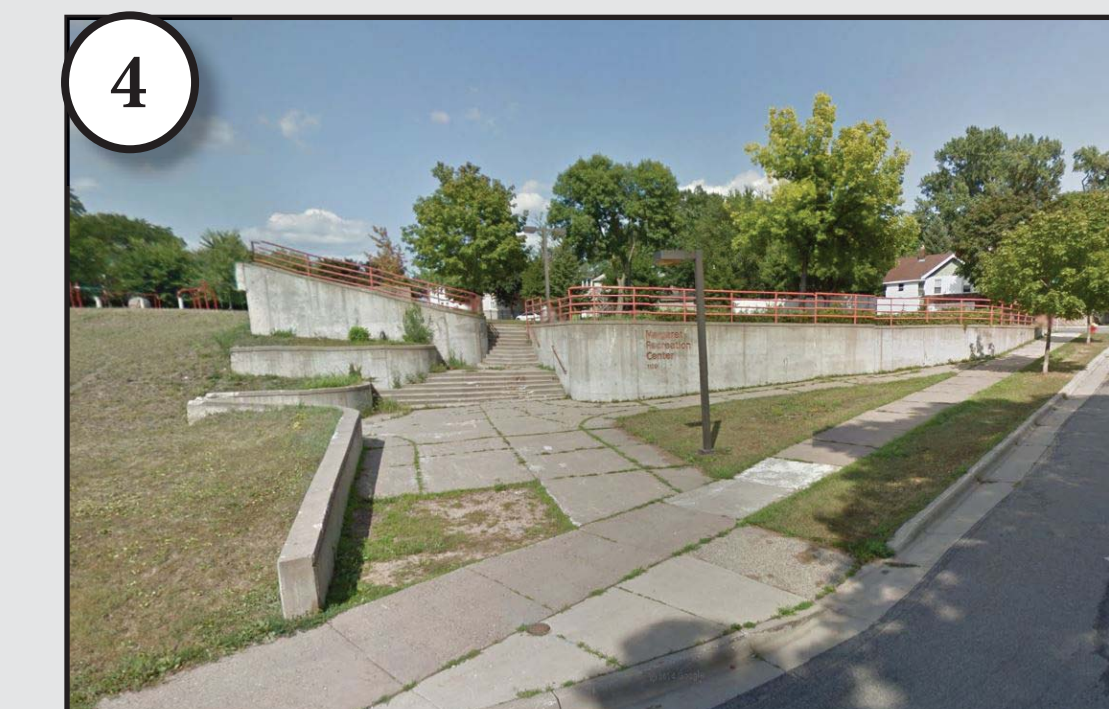
1 NW ENTRANCE - CONSIDER UPDATING EXISTING ENTRY SIGN. MAKE ENTRY LESS CONFINING.



2 SW ENTRANCE - CONSIDER FOR MEMORIAL LOCATION



3 STEEP SLOPES ON THE HILLSIDE SEPARATE THE TWO MAIN PARK AREAS AND ARE POPULAR FOR SLEDDING,



4 WALLS REMAINING FROM RECREATION CENTER. CONSIDER SELECTIVE REMOVAL TO IMPROVE SITE LINES TO MARGARET STREET.

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CONCEPT BUBBLE DIAGRAM



NOTES:

- RESTORE ATHLETIC FIELDS WITH NATURAL TURF FOR MORE FLEXIBLE PLAYING SURFACE
- ABSENCE OF WALKWAY KEEPS HILLSIDE INTACT FOR SLEDDING
- RESEED HILLSIDE FOR EROSION CONTROL.
- NEW RESTROOM LOCATED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO PLAY AREA.
- RESTROOM LOCATION CONNECTED TO PARKING, PICNIC AND PLAY AREAS WITH ADA ACCESSIBLE ROUTES
- RESTROOM CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM ALL AMMENITIES
- NEW ENTRY SIGN AT NW CORNER OF PARK TO UPDATE EXISTING
- MEMORIAL LOCATED ON SW CORNER OF THE PARK TO COMMEMORATE ROGER TETU'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY

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PROJECT DISCUSSION

Project Scope (REVIEW)

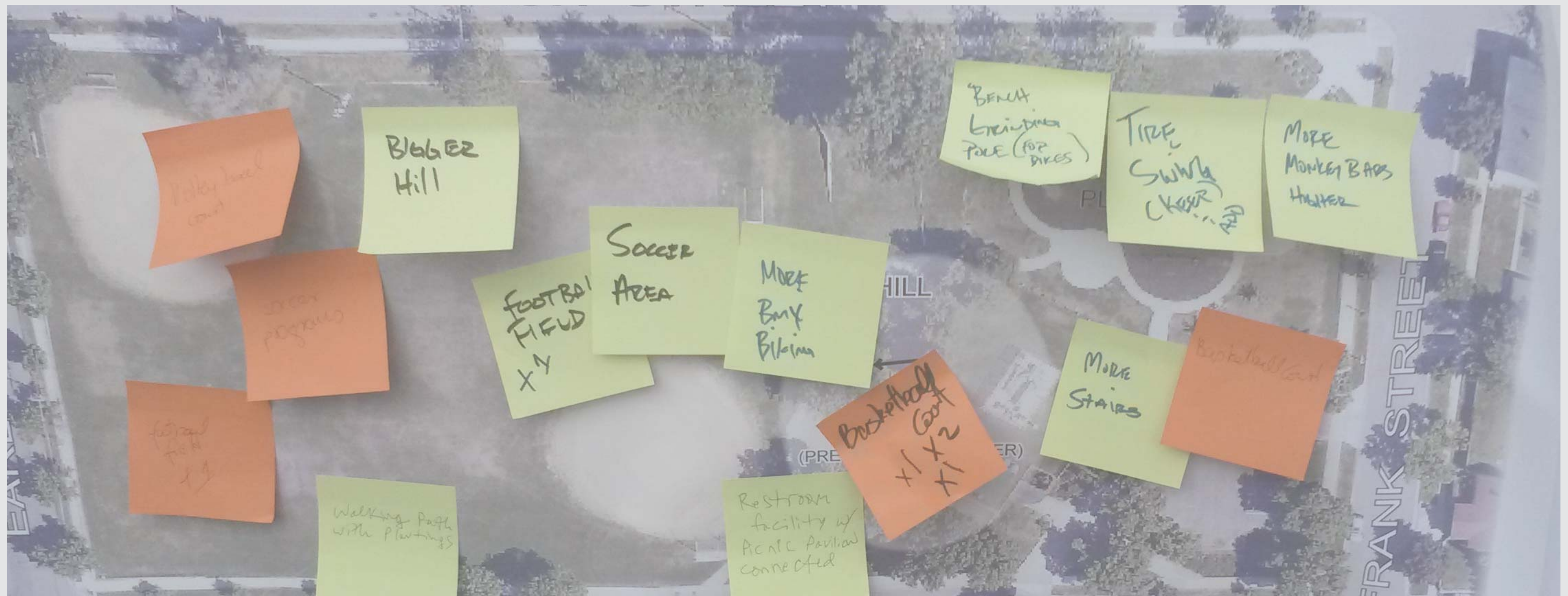
1. Add a restroom facility – 1 stall – ADA access – drinking fountain.
2. Remove part of the remaining building structure and retrofit the access through the stairs (if funding allows)
3. Stabilize slope and adapt it for winter activities
4. Renovate play field for multipurpose activities like soccer, volleyball and football
5. Add a new Park Sign
6. Add a memorial for Roger Tetu with landscaping
7. Add site furnishing: picnic table, benches

- Park Program
- Restroom facility location
- Public Art
- Memorial
- Other



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THANK YOU



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