

(Phase 4) Memorial Park Specific Plan – Survey Questions for Round 2 Outreach

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

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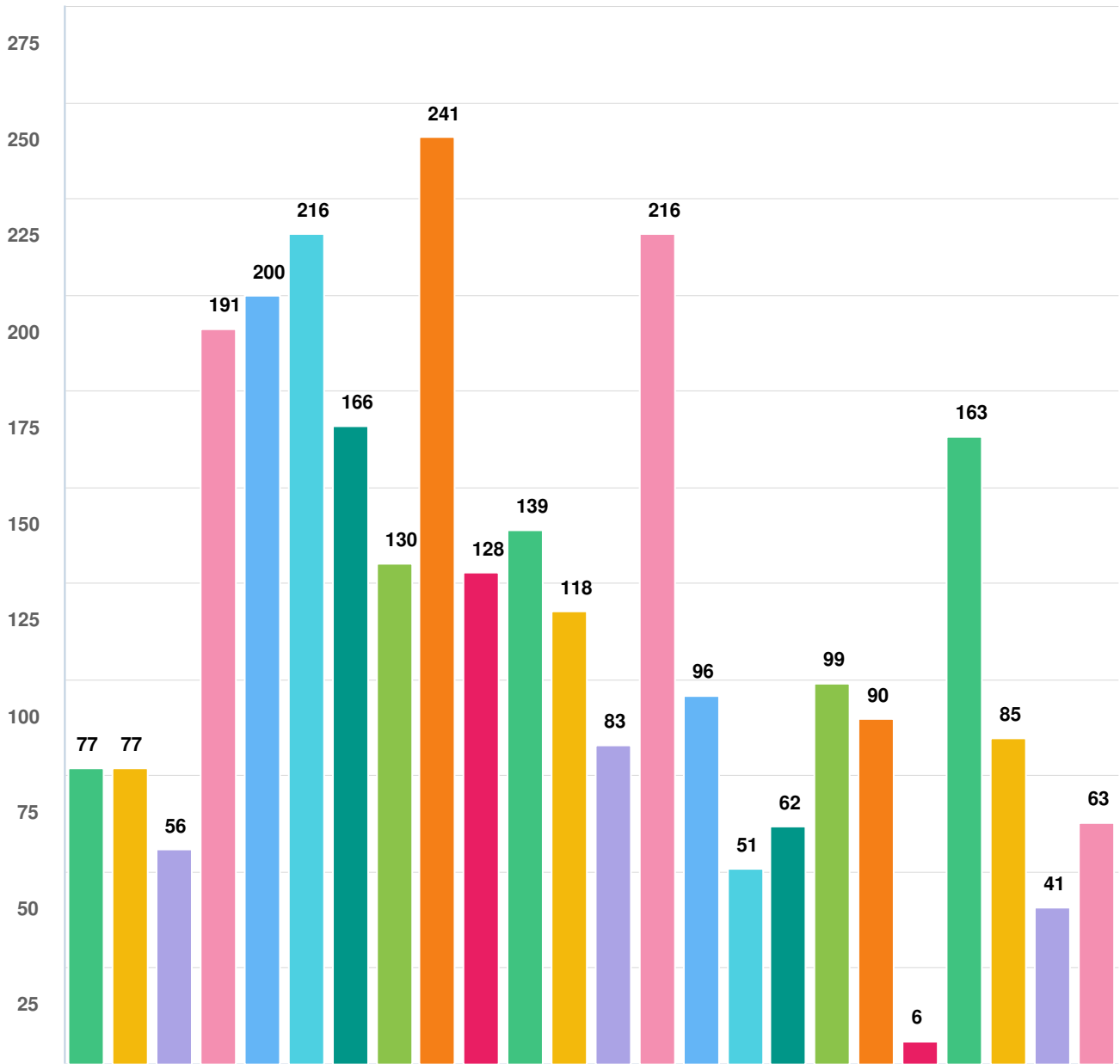
PROJECT NAME:

Memorial Park Specific Plan



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 Which features of Concept A do you like MOST? Select (3) three.

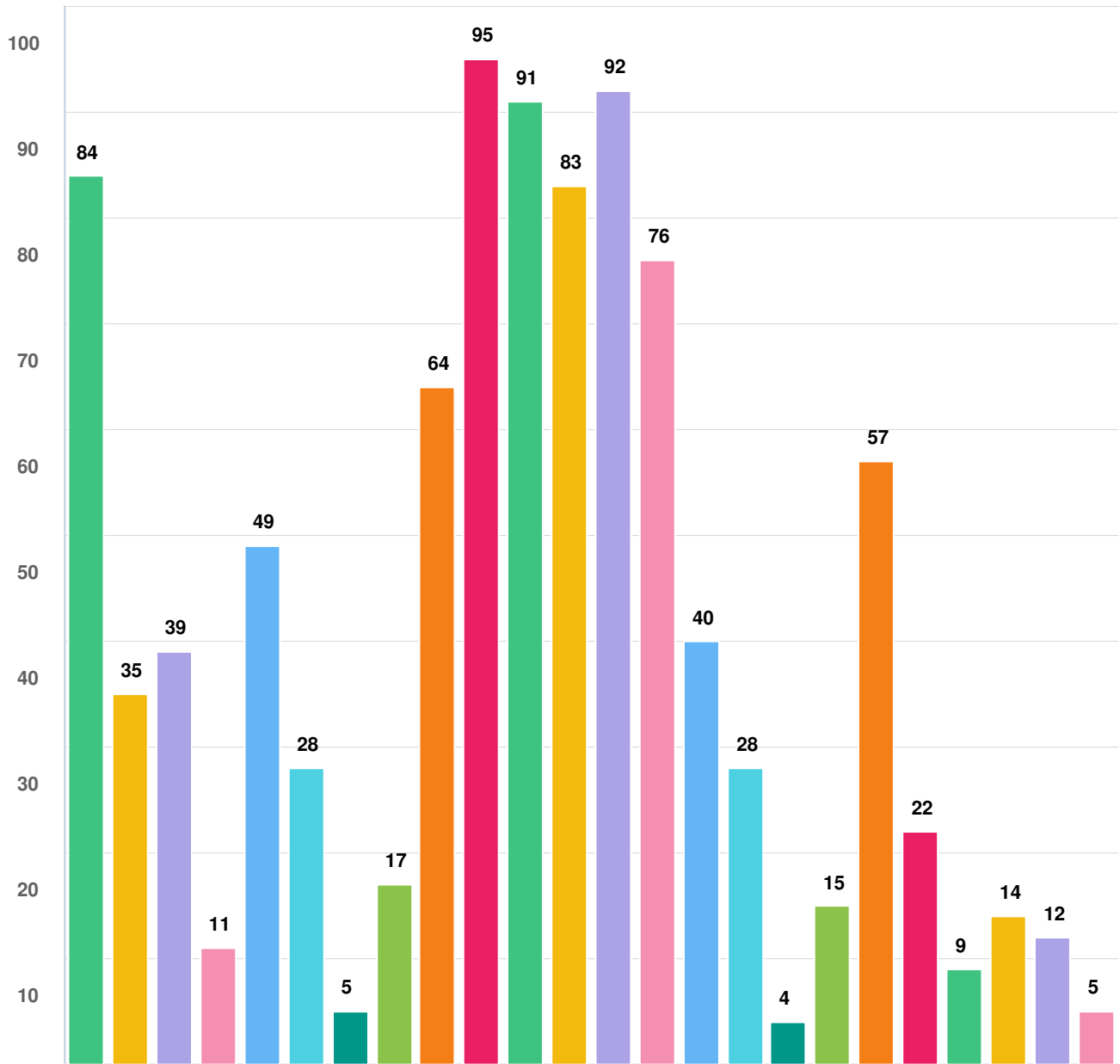


Question options

- Enhanced Entry ● Event Lawn ● Event Plaza ● Relocated/Upgraded Restrooms ● Upgraded Amphitheater
- Passive Garden Walk ● Picnic Area with Shade ● Group Picnic Area with Shade ● Relocated/Expanded Playground
- Bike Traffic Garden ● Fitness Stations ● Table Games (e.g., ping pong, chess, etc.) ● Bocce Ball Court
- Dedicated Pickleball Courts ● Dedicated Tennis Courts ● Quinlan Courtyard as Event Space
- Expanded Multi-Use Path Network ● Bike Connections to City-wide Network ● Additional Parking ● Drop-off Area
- Additional Trees ● Additional Cherry Trees ● Additional Planting Areas ● Trees (Existing)

Mandatory Question (975 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q2 Which feature of Concept A do you like LEAST? Select (1) one.

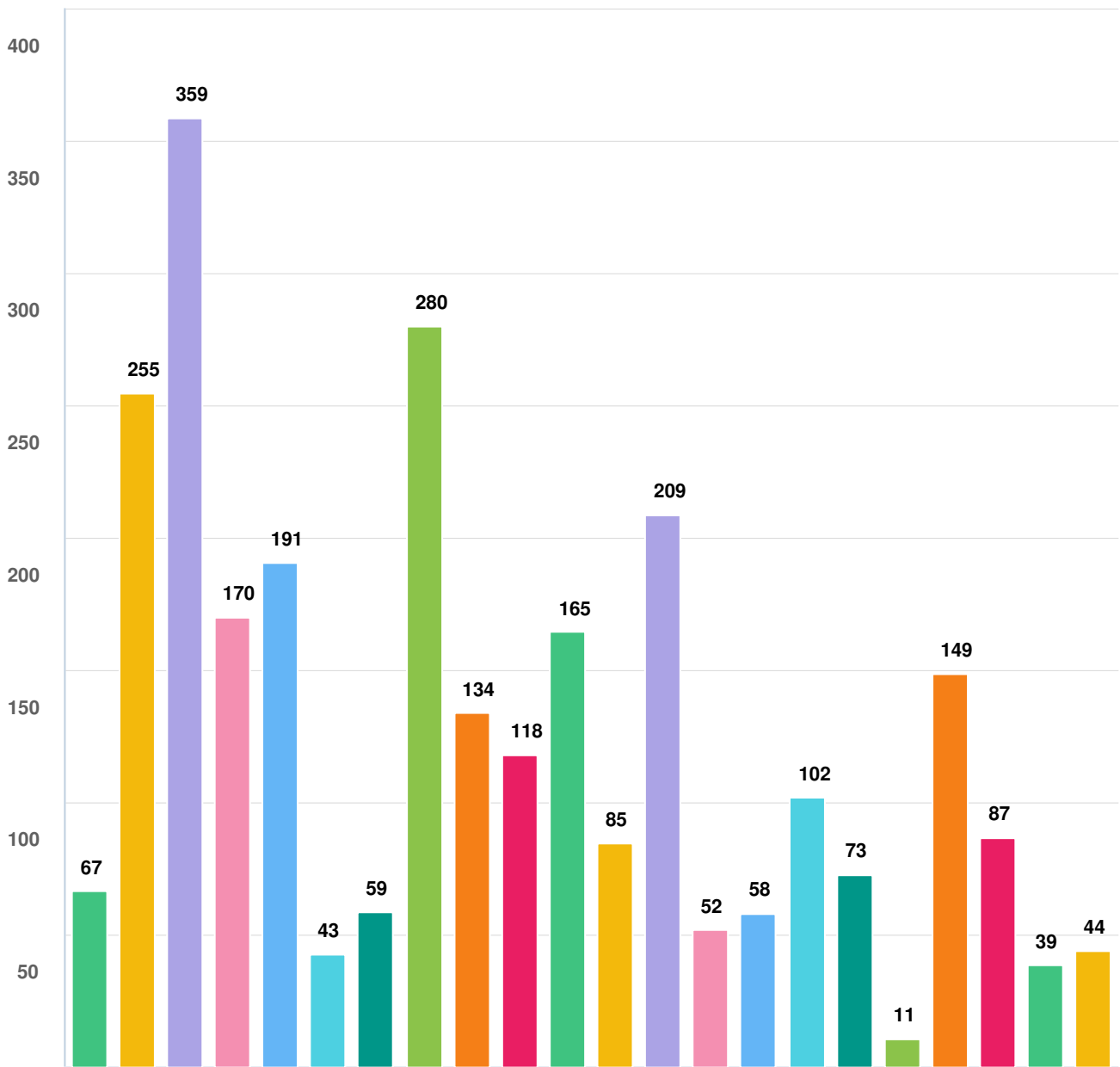


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Mandatory Question (975 response(s))
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Q3 Which features of Concept B do you like MOST? Select (3) three.

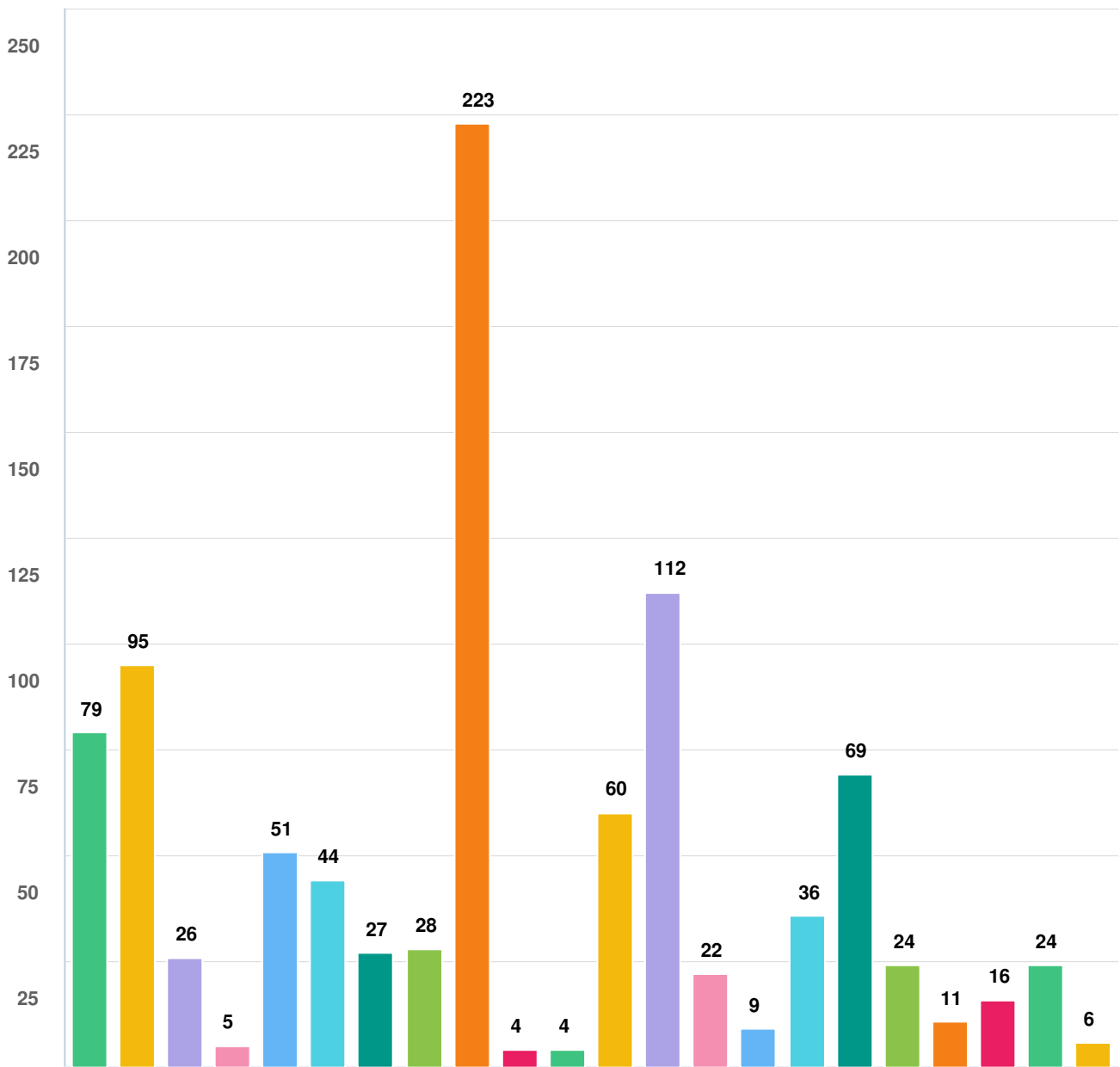


Question options

- Enhanced Entry ● Educational Garden Zone ● Nature Playground ● Relocated/Upgraded Restrooms
- Upgraded Amphitheater ● Event Plaza ● Event Lawn ● Passive Garden Walk ● Softball Field (Existing)
- Group Picnic Area with Shade ● Picnic Area with Shade ● Dedicated Tennis Courts ● Dedicated Pickleball Courts
- Quinlan Courtyard with Seating ● Expanded Multi-Use Path Network ● Bike Connections to City-wide Network
- Additional Parking ● Drop-off Area ● Additional Trees ● Additional Cherry Trees ● Additional Planting Areas
- Trees (Existing)

Mandatory Question (975 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q4 Which feature of Concept B do you like LEAST? Select (1) one.

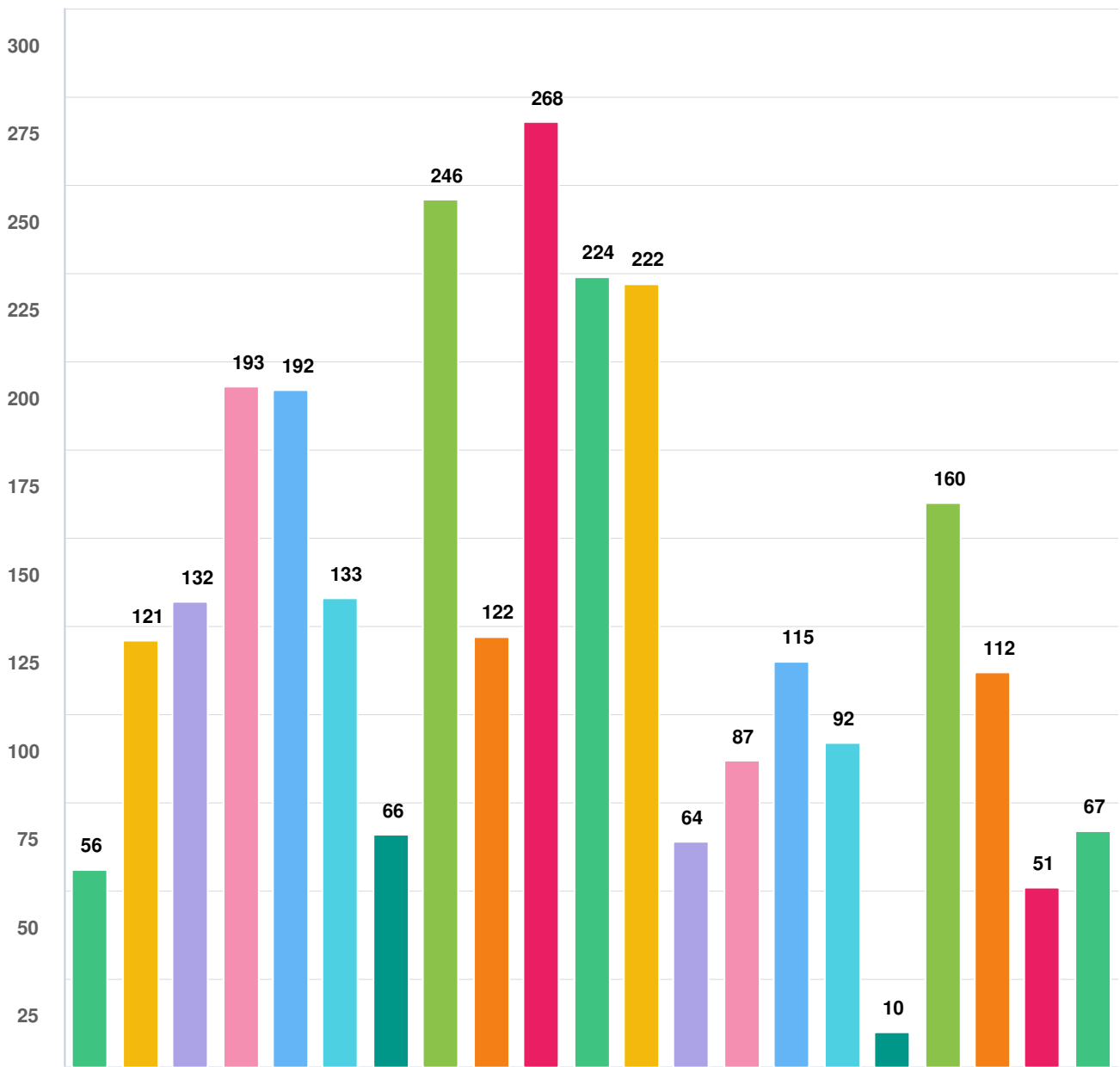


Question options

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- Upgraded Amphitheater ● Event Plaza ● Event Lawn ● Passive Garden Walk ● Softball Field (Existing)
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Mandatory Question (975 response(s))
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Q5 Which features of Concept C do you like MOST? Select (3) three.

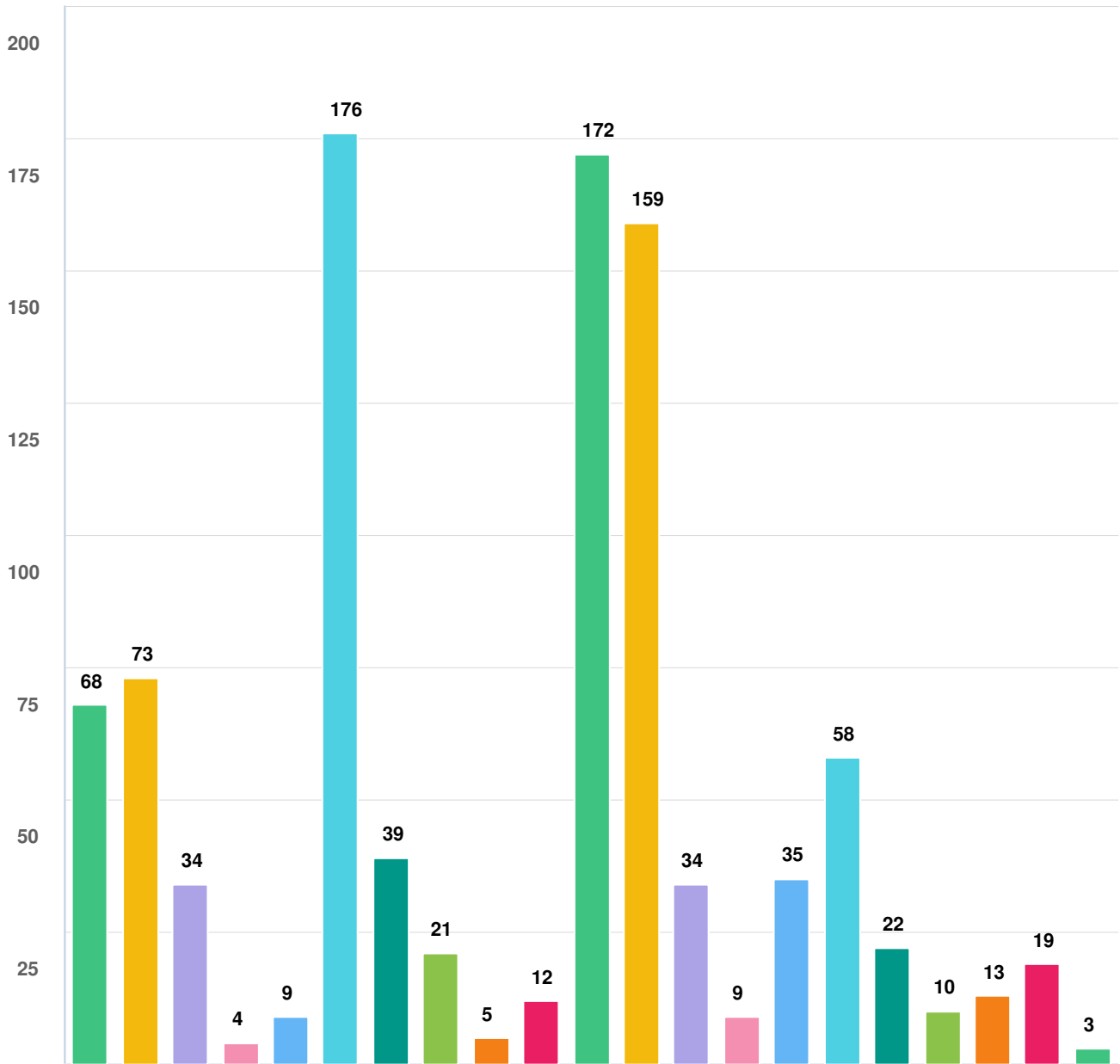


Question options

- Enhanced Entry ● Senior Center Deck as component of Entry Plaza ● Event Lawn ● Picnic Area with Shade
- Relocated/Upgraded Restrooms ● Interactive Cultural Exhibit Area ● Event Plaza ● Passive Garden Walk
- Group Picnic Area with Shade ● Upgraded Playground ● Relocated/Expanded Amphitheater
- Dual-use Tennis and Pickleball Courts ● Quinlan Courtyard as Plaza ● Expanded Multi-Use Path Network
- Bike Connections to City-wide Network ● Additional Parking ● Drop-off Area ● Additional Trees
- Additional Cherry Trees ● Additional Planting Areas ● Trees (Existing)

Mandatory Question (975 response(s))
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Q6 Which feature of Concept C do you like LEAST? Select (1) one.

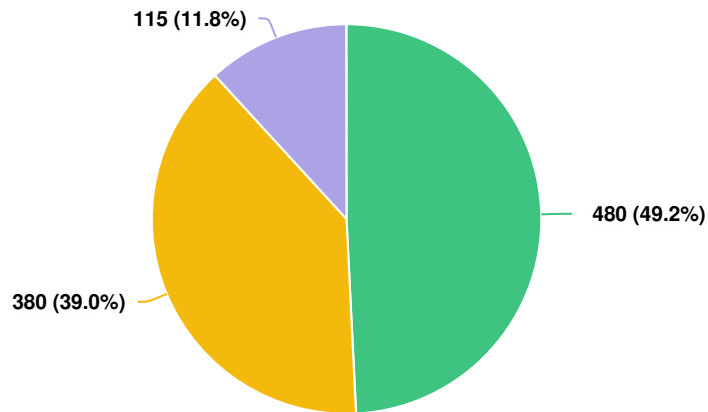


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Mandatory Question (975 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q7 What is your PREFERRED park concept? Select (1) one.

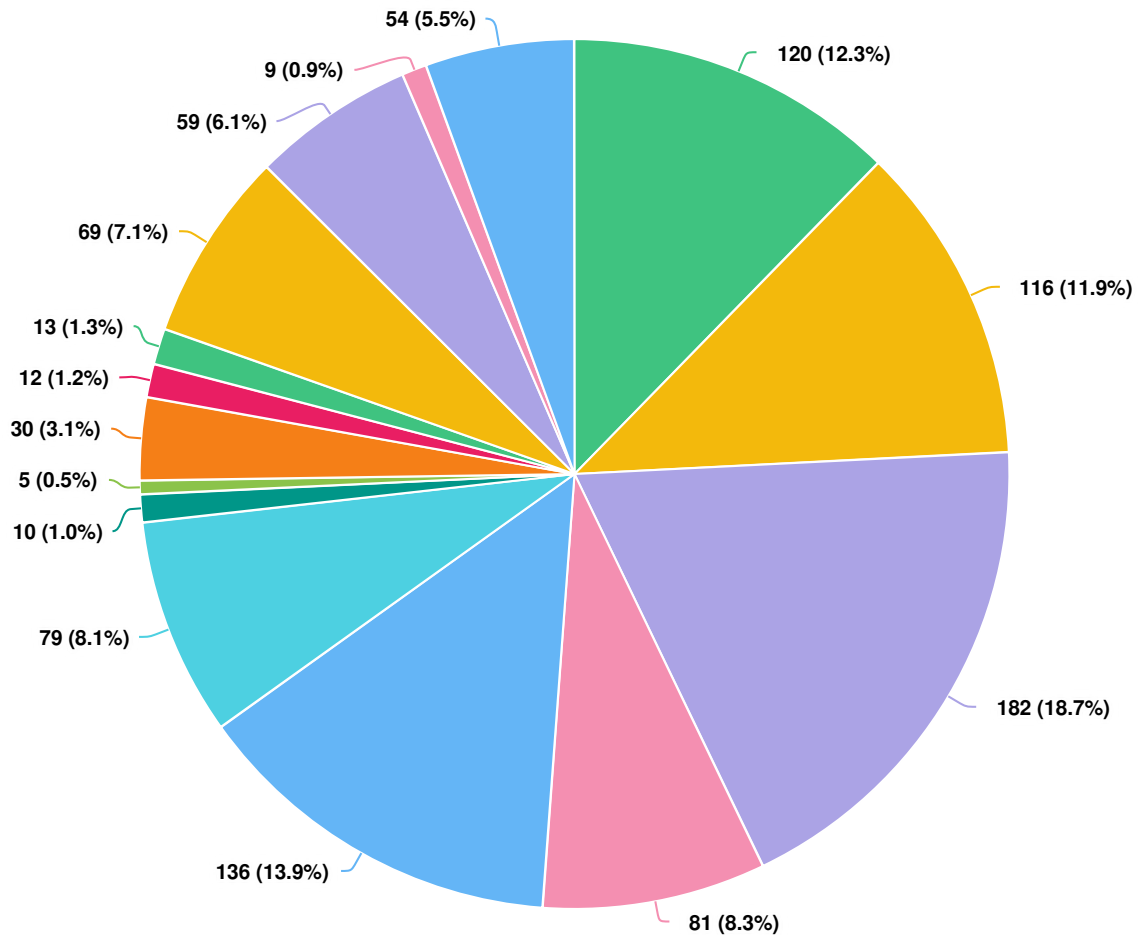


Question options

- Concept A: Community Focus
- Concept B: Nature Focus
- Concept C: Civic Focus

Mandatory Question (975 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q8 What do you like MOST about your preferred concept? Select (1) one.

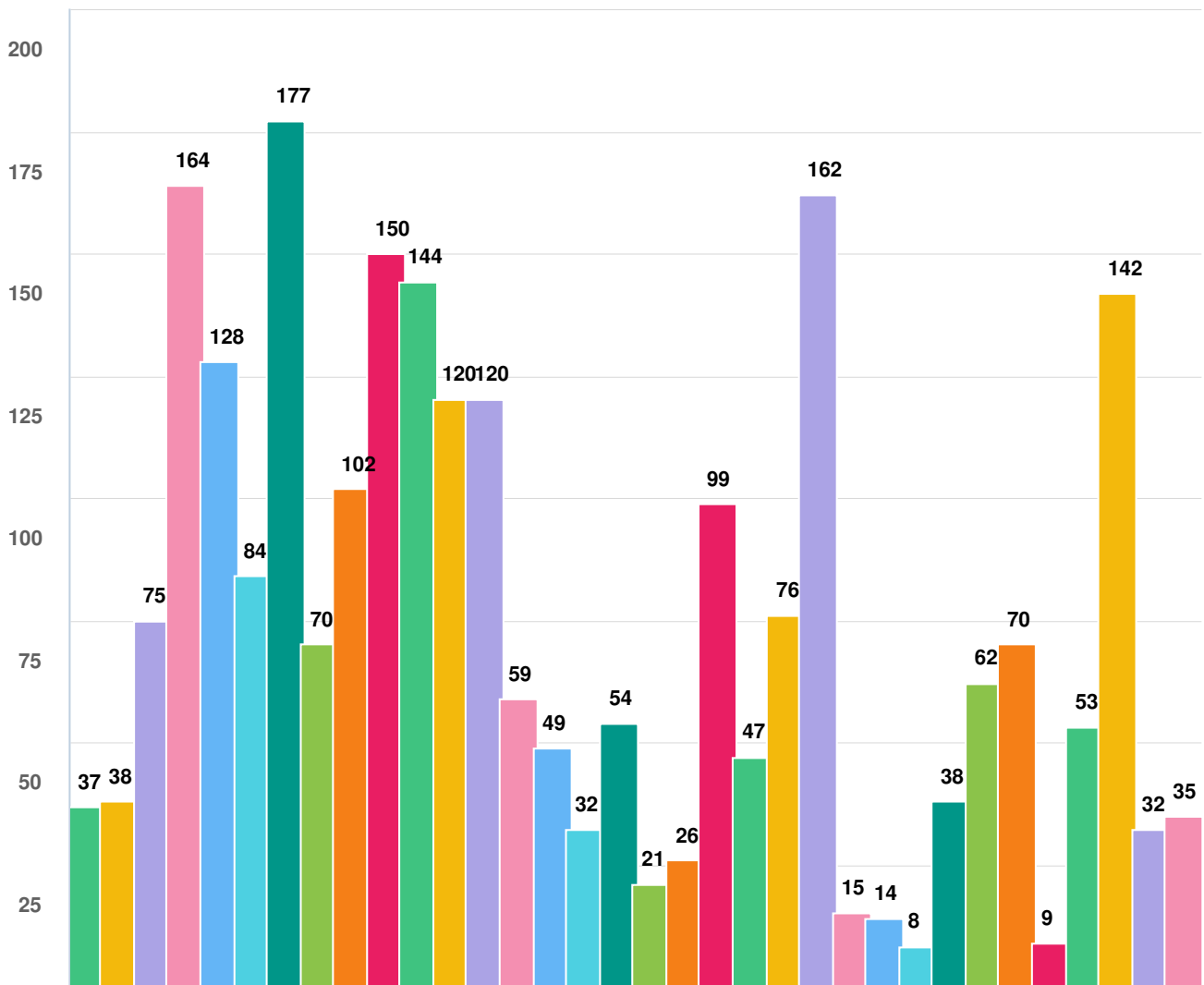


Question options

- It has recreation amenities I like ● It has play spaces and experiences I like
- It has recreation opportunities for all ages and abilities ● It has recreation elements the community needs
- It has the nature experience I'm interested in ● It offers desirable places to hang out and have fun ● It is bike-friendly
- It makes the park and its amenities easy to access ● It facilitates large festivals and events
- It represents the unique character of Cupertino ● It has amenities appealing to seniors
- It creates opportunities for social gatherings and community activities ● It has the best green space/open space features
- I don't like any of the concept features ● I like all three concepts and features a little bit

Mandatory Question (975 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q9 What do you think is MOST IMPORTANT to include in the final design? Select (3) three.

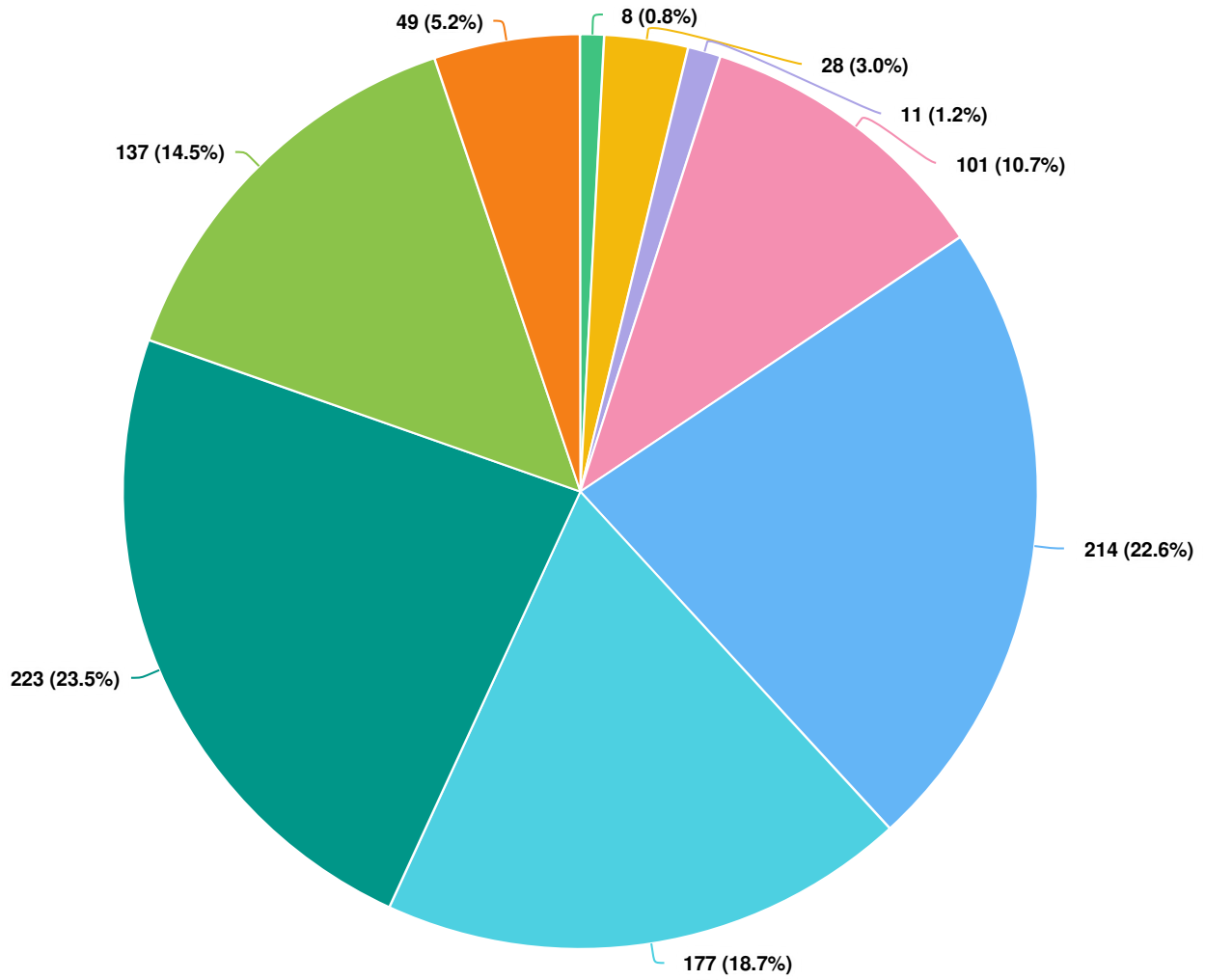


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Mandatory Question (975 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q10 Please select your age group: (optional)

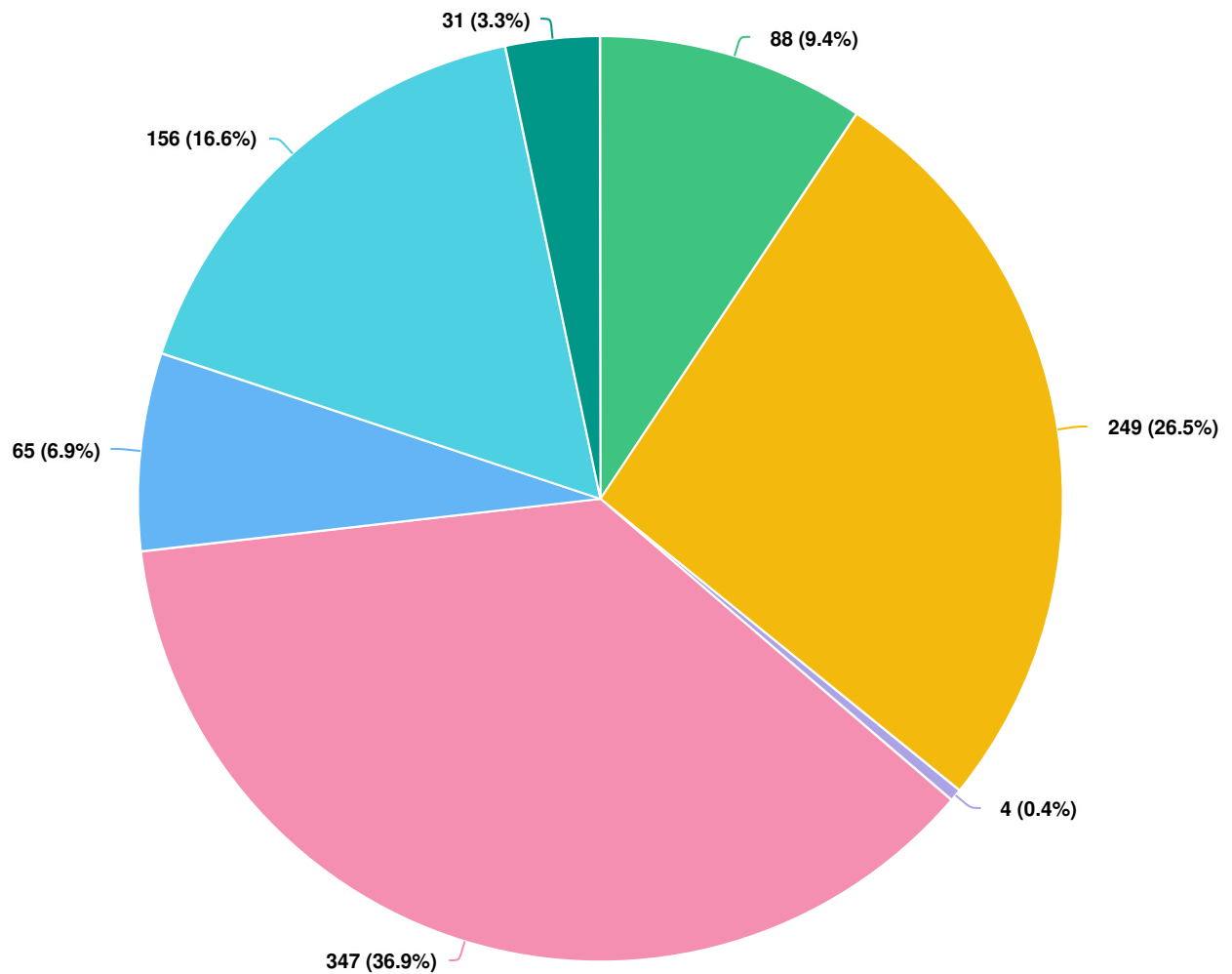


Question options

- Under 10 years old
- 11 to 18 years old
- 19 to 24 years old
- 25 to 34 years old
- 35 to 44 years old
- 45 to 54 years old
- 55 to 64 years old
- 65 to 74 years old
- More than 75 years old

Optional question (948 response(s), 27 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q11 Please select your household composition: (optional)

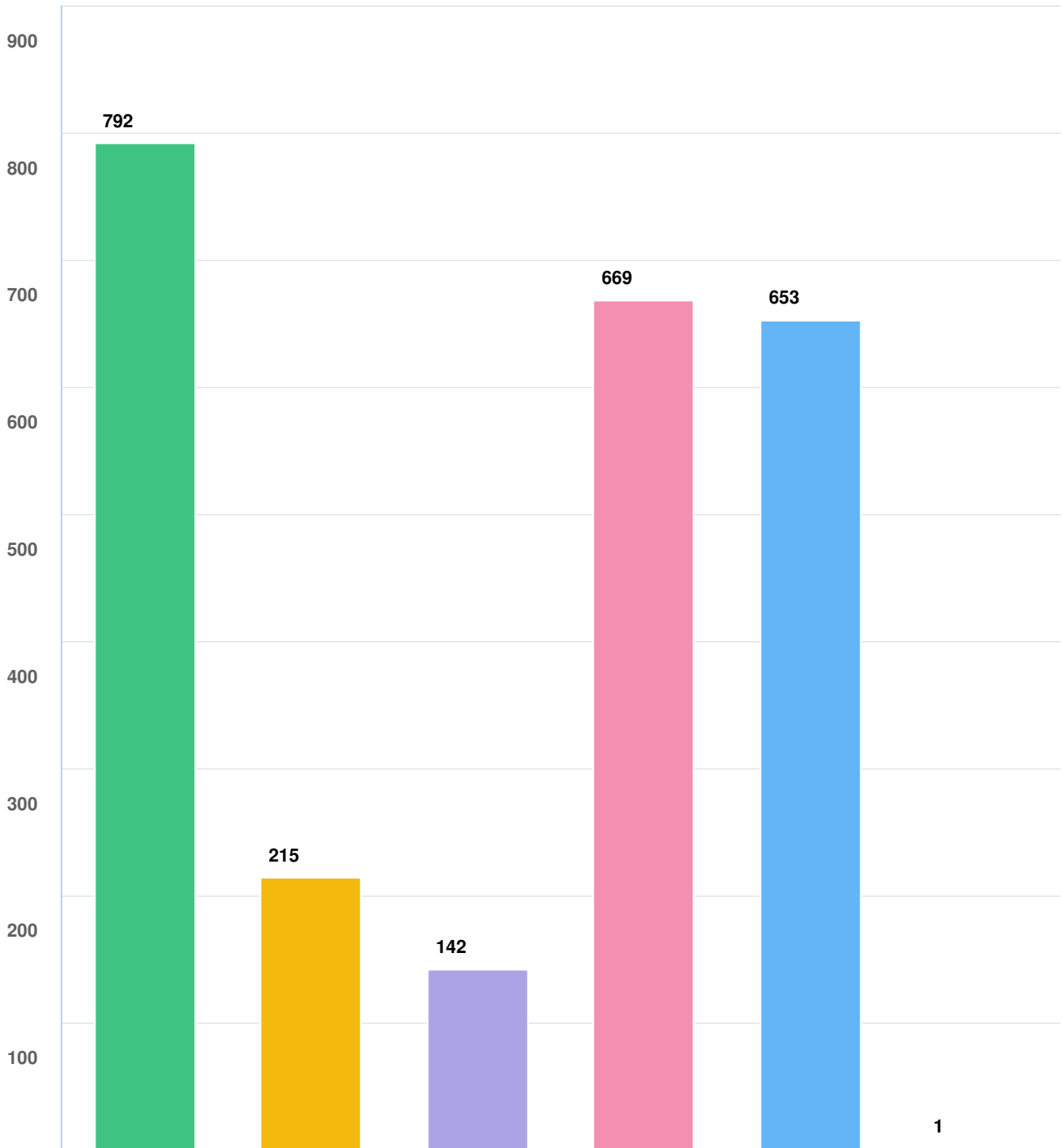


Question options

- Single
- Couple
- Unrelated household
- Family with youth under 18 years old
- Multi-generational family with youth under 18 years old
- Family or multi-generational family (all over 18 years old)
- Prefer not to say

Optional question (940 response(s), 35 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q12 Which of the following applies to you? Select all that apply. (optional)

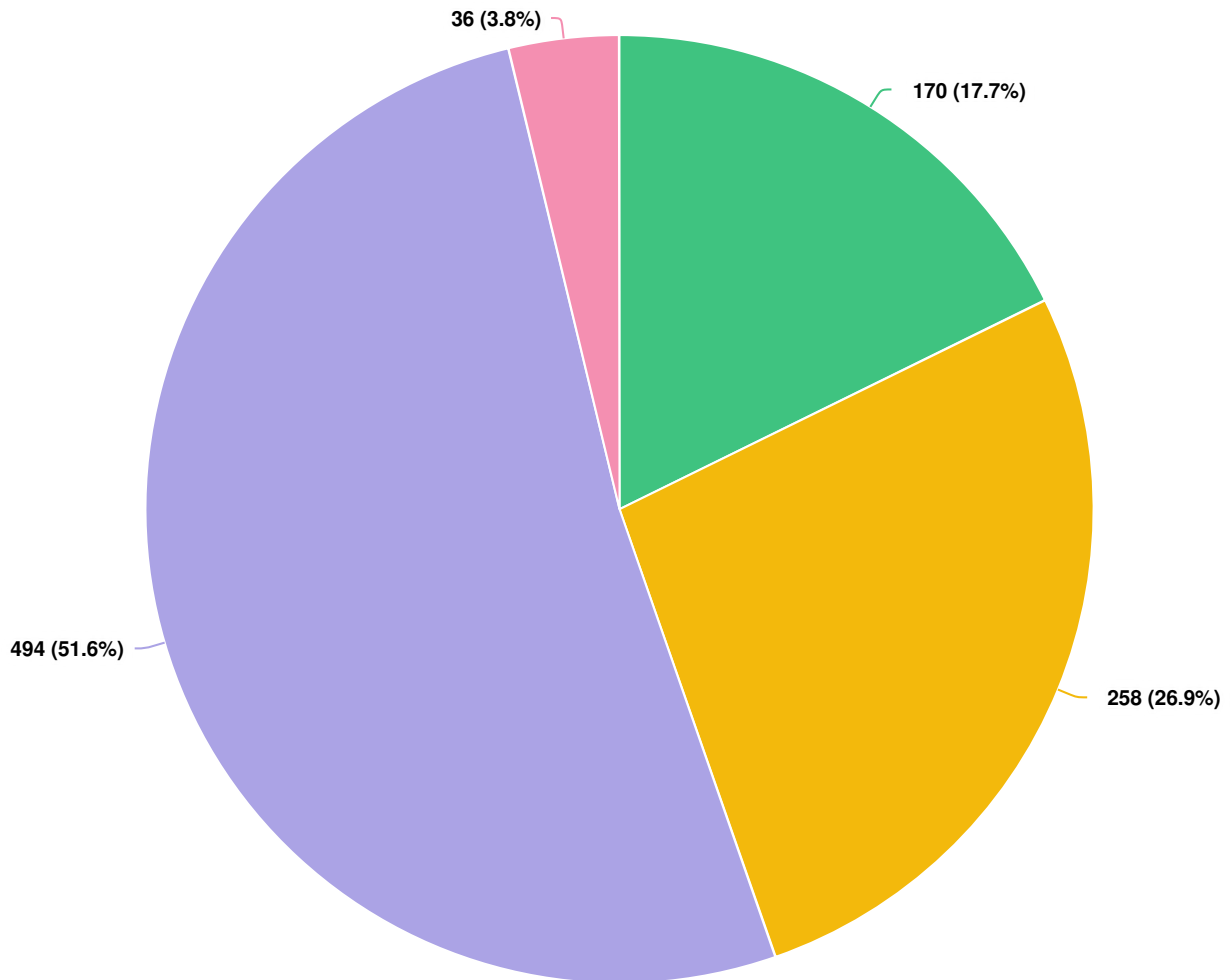


Question options

- I live in Cupertino
- I work in Cupertino
- I attend school in Cupertino
- I use Cupertino parks
- I visit shops, restaurants, and service businesses in Cupertino
- None of the Above

Optional question (961 response(s), 14 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q13 | How far do you live from Memorial Park? (optional)



Question options

- Less than 1/2 mile
- Less than 1 mile
- Between 1 and 5 miles
- More than 5 miles

Optional question (958 response(s), 17 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q14 | Anything else you'd like to share about revitalizing Memorial Park? (optional)

Please add more dedicated tennis courts

Add additional park benches along walking paths.

Please include more park benches and shade.

Memorial Park is great. I love the events, the theater performances, and most of all the tennis! Please do not cannibalize the tennis courts for pickleball. There is enough room to keep all the tennis courts as is and also build dedicated pickleball courts. Whenever I go to Memorial Park to play tennis, the courts are crowded. Thank you!

Don't put anti-homeless, hostile architecture.

Please plant more trees to compensate for the lost canopy during the other development projects such as the Oak Shopping Center and Marina Foods plaza. We need a lot of shade for 9 months out of a year for outdoor recreation.

Pickleball is a rather special social activity serving age groups that Park & Rec departments often ignore. It takes studies for outsiders to understand the game's significance and value as a recreation for the community.

Hi. We are excited for the revamp. What is most important is making both playgrounds accessible for all. So all inclusive playgrounds, especially in the biggest park we have that is used for the biggest community events. It's important to provide accessibility to all. Thank you

Please do NOT do dual striping of tennis and pickleball courts. Please do NOT add dedicated pickleball courts. Pickleball is a noisy sport and will ruin the peace and tranquility of the nature theme focus of the park and the ability to enjoy quiet time in the park.

Plan for trees for 50+ years

Making the park multi-generational should be the focus. Integrating the Senior Center, enhancing the amphitheater, including a multi-age playground and inter-connecting bike paths/footpaths to different points outside of the park that have been outlined in some of the plans will do this. Garden paths and large spaces for events are important but can be made a smaller part to allow for the other uses to shine. Get rid of the tennis/pickle-ball...there are many other parks that have them around the city, as well as the Rec center right next door! Same with the softball field... Put those spaces to work with activities you can't do somewhere else -- bocce is a great alternative idea.

With added housing being built we need more green spaces -this is an important project for our mental health

possibility of a future pool area with classes for the community

I like all the ideas, it's hard to choose. I think you'll be successful/ I'll be satisfied no matter which design wins

Just keep it citizen friendly....

More Restrooms

We come to Memorial Park with our two boys all the time. We would love to see the play structures updated. We also enjoy all the open grass space for running and playing. On Memorial Day each year, we visit the war memorial in the park and try to educate our children about those who have sacrificed for our country, so if you were to consider putting in some kind of cultural option, it would be nice if you were to keep it within that thematic realm. We really appreciate that monument portion of the park, and it is the specific reason we started coming to the park in the first place.

Please include a Designated Off-Leash Area (DOLA) for dogs and their owners to congregate. I didn't see a DOLA factored into any of the 3 concepts. This is absolutely essential as dogs are a huge part of our community and community-building efforts as well!

Please consider carving out an offleash dog play area. Memorial park is used by a multitude of people who walk and socialize their dogs.

1. All picnic tables and play spaces must provide shade (summers are only getting hotter) 2. Love the expanded amphitheater idea, but cannot locate it next to tennis courts due to noise interference (music vs. bouncing balls/outdoor voices) 3. Any way to expand the dance area in front of the stage would be great, other than of course locating next to tennis 4. Might it be possible to create an event space that includes shade?

Pls do not allow adult bikes inside the park. City already carved out dedicated paths in many, many street, please do not deprive pedestrians of their safety and peace of mind. What would be the regulations about pets? Pickle ball court can be controversial due to its noise concern.

Pickleball courts need to be separated from tennis courts

Please make sure it continues to be a good place for community events and festivals.

A large amphitheater—and we have been to many events at the current one—may be problematic for people living along Christiansen if it is moved there. We participated in the original Quinlan planning and felt the needs of both neighborhoods were listened to and well addressed. We no longer live near there but hope the improvements will be done with the same care.

Would like a dog park

Thanks for creating options and asking residents their opinions.

I use Memorial Park today to play pick up soccer games for my daughter and other girls in the neighborhood (7-8 yrs old). The biggest complaint we have about the lawn area is there is NO EVENING LIGHTING FOR ANY CUPERTINO PARKS. As soon as daylight savings comes around, it is hard to see and play in the dark. Other cities have soccer fields and lawns with evening lights to enable play all year round. Cupertino is severely deficient in this area for Memorial Park and Jollyman Park designs.

I noticed that none of the concepts kept the existing playground (Stevens Creek). I think it is one of the best in the city and it is close to Faria and Garden Gate Elementary. Why isn't it in any of the new concepts? If it ain't broke, don't fix it ... but we are going to remove it entirely? In addition, the city spent a lot of money removing the ponds and the new renovation is quite nice. Why spend more money and time on further construction? Thanks for the new pickle ball striping on Court 2. It would be better to have a few dedicated pickle ball courts than to have temporary ones.

Would like to see Dogs Off leash area in the grassy fields

BIG PICTURE: It is a huge park - take advantage of what you can do here that can't be done at any other park in the city, rather than chop it up too much. PERSPECTIVE: The park was an eyesore for years because the ponds were empty and much of the grass was dead. The ponds have been filled, and the park now has beautiful expanses of grass for playing and events (I know this is transitional, but as a Garden Gate resident, I wish something like this was done years ago!). The park still has its amphitheater, play equipment, sports courts, picnic areas, bathrooms, and community center/senior center access. What in these plans remain true functional gains? FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD: It has been a long time since this neighborhood had a beautiful park. Try to maintain as much function and beauty during the next stages.

Have softball leagues go to other parks or schools

Please include off-leash dog area. If there are concerns about dogs in the park, perhaps a fence/partition could be built.

We need diversity of recreation - we should keep softball and add

pickleball.

Geese make the park unpleasant

It is very important that we have dedicated pickleball courts. We have been chased off the one available dual striped courts by tennis players even when other tennis courts are available to play tennis on.

Please prioritize adaptation for climate change, plant lots of trees and build lots of structures for shade, minimize the need for watering, and expand parking.

I miss fountains in the park.. Such a great feature to lift up spirits. My kids have fond memories. They grew up with fountains. Wish there was at least one fountain feature in the park.

Dedicated pickleball courts open to public

Sufficient handicap parking Seating (benches) scattered and by playgrounds Keep mobility difficulty in mind -ADA accommodations for all ages/needs (as possible)

I'm happy with all of these concepts. Looking forward to seeing how the park evolves.

Memorial Park is the only big enough park in the city to host large community events. Do not remove that option from the park redesign.

Any new planting should hopefully focus on only plants native to our region

Dedicated Pickleball courts sound great!! Cupertino needs public courts like other cities in the area. We are far behind!

Excited about updated amphitheater! My favorite Cupertino events are the summer concerts in Memorial Park

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the US and accessible for all ages. I have to drive far to Palo Alto, Los Altos, and Mountain View to access public courts.

Make it nice but don't spend too much. Other parks need enhancements too.

A dog park here would be awesome! Also, we would book events here more if there was more shade/shelter from rain

We really need pickleball courts

PLEASE keep the veteran statues and plaques! Also, restrooms desperately need an upgrade!

Thanks for taking this seriously. The removal of the ponds last year was already a huge improvement. Cupertino is awesome!

Make playgrounds, picnic areas and clean restrooms the focus. What serves our littlest community members (children) serves our seniors too because our grandparents take the kids to the park all the time. Make it a high class, luxurious experience like Bill's Backyard at the Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose.

as a program coordinator and also having worked in the main P&R office, i think option one is most appealing and cover all uses/need of this park. From picnic rentals, to summer camps and events, to citizens walking their dogs. It checks all boxes for me :)

Please include playground updates! So important for the children!

Please do not waste money on making it look fancy with pretty entry ways. Also, do not put things that require cement in replacement of the grass. It is already a very busy park, we do not need it to be more busy. Bigger playground and a safe place for kids to have fun is most important.

I appreciate the attempt to incorporate and adapt to the mixed uses of the park. My kids are just barely adults now but our family used the park in a variety of ways over time.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the US, and is social, inclusive and can be played at any age. Cupertino needs DEDICATED pickleball courts. Dual use (tennis + PB) usually means bringing your own net and is harder to play on a dual-striped court. Please give dedicated PB courts serious consideration. There are too few courts for the growing number of players and popularity of this sport.

Providing more shade and nature elements to the park will definitely make it feel more welcoming and relaxing for families and their children to unwind and enjoy throughout the week after a busy day at work and school. While making it a location to gather with family and friends over the weekend as well.

Additional trees and drought tolerant plants. More distinctive facade along Stevens Creek

Make it a space where kids can play and families can enjoy (birthday parties). Make it appealing for strolling around w greenery and shade.

Thank you for giving this park the love it deserves and for making it so easy to give feedback!

I really want some water feature, either a water play area for children or a pond or water fall as part of a garden feature.

The only time we go there is for Shakespeare in the summer.

Please continue allowing dogs.

Add off leash areas for dogs

I love that these plans exist. I've always been sad that Memorial Park seemed underutilized relative to other parks that seem to have so much life. Like Mountain View's Cuesta park. It seems like it would be interesting to have some kind of retail stuff nearby. A coffee shop or something. I'm not sure what's going on in terms of the retail under construction, but even some nice vending machines like in Japan would be convenient.

Playgrounds are very important. I really liked the nature playground concept as it is unique, different from other playgrounds around the area.

I strongly suggest the program that ceramic class for senior in Cupertino. please compare the ceramic program of the Sunnyvale and Palo Alto community.

Please add a basketball court so I don't have to join sports center just to play basketball

I'm really excited about the revitalization work! All three plans look solid. The park is a great community resource, and I hope the enhancements make it even better for current and future users.

Please add a basketball court

Biking and parking access should be included in any plan that is chosen.

I and many of my friends frequently play pickleball but it is hard to find community places in which to play. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America and court demand has switched dramatically from tennis to pickleball. Our community space allocation should reflect the rapidly growing demand for pickleball courts.

Need a dog off leash area and timing

Having lived in Cupertino since 1964 I grew up using Memorial Park and think of it as the heart of our lovely city. Many family picnics and

events over the years have been enjoyed at this park. My hope is that whatever revitalizing is done it will continue as a lovely park and our heart and soul for generations to come.

I really like the addl trees & plantings, the expanded playground next to the shaded group picnic area, the beautiful passive garden pathways & the Quinlan event & conversation areas. I don't have an opinion on the athletic spaces but would love to see expanded decking/seating for the senior center as well as new event center with cherry tree plantings! Maybe use cultural & heritage art/structures as decorative entries but let the trees be the real entry structures.

Would like to see the bocce ball courts moved from Blackberry Farm to Memorial Park. Better access and easier to co-ordinate with Senior Center staff.

I host a series of popular summer bike workshops at the Senior Center. The workshops start off with a safety class in the Reception Hall, which is adjacent to the Senior Center Deck. During the class, up to 30 students and instructors park their bikes on the deck. One City staff member (often myself) guards the bikes so they do not get stolen during the class. This deck has been a great bike storage area, but would be even better if it was secure so a person doesn't have to guard the bikes. I hope the deck can stay as is. If the deck gets turned into the Senior Center Entry, please make sure there is an alternative space for up to 30 bicycles to park. If the bikes are allowed into the room where the class is taking place, this would be a fine alternative. Or if another paved outdoor space is created, that would also work. It would work extra well if the space is enclosed and secure so nobody has to guard the bikes.

Make it a pleasant place to walk and have community events.

I like the original water pond. It provides a relax environment. What happened to that?

It seems obvious that the highly used softball field should stay. I don't play, but lots of people enjoy it very much. In general, I see little value in proposed changes. We waited years for the existing park to be fixed only to find it's beauty ignored. This process has not achieved what I had expected or wanted.

Pickleball is such a popular and growing sport and we feel Cupertino needs more dedicated pickleball courts! The sport caters to all ages.

The community park concept could use one of the event lawns or the gazebo area to incorporate one of the ideas of the other models (interactive cultural exhibit, nature area/playground, etc). Not sure when we would need to have two different event lawns that are on opposite sides of the park. Also, the idea to break up one tennis court into 4 pickle ball courts is great, I would include that in whatever plan goes through.

Keep it green, keep it natural

Add benches scattered around park. Today the benches are concentrated near the Memorial.

Need a system for preventing groups from monopolizing the tennis courts for the entire day.

Maximize nature and create garden settings that can be enjoyed by all. Balance large public spaces with traffic concerns.

Please bring water features (a small lake or pond, fountains....) to the park.

My kid enjoyed that there were two playgrounds at Memorial Park. It is important to consider play value when designing a playground/play area. Kids like to climb and explore, slide and swing, etc. not just sit on a concrete mushroom or crawl through two unimaginatively arranged concrete 'logs' (as in Main Street Cupertino "park"). Themed playgrounds can be really neat, but I've never seen a truly fun nature-themed playground.

Great ideas. All are an improvement over the existing park.

If upgrading playgrounds, please add all-inclusive elements. For

bathroom renovations, please add only gender-inclusive bathrooms and family bathrooms that can accommodate children or an adult needing assistance and a care giver. Inspiration Playground in Bellevue, WA is a great example of an all-inclusive playground.

There should be some type of water feature such as a fountain or waterfall.

Please deter the Canada Geese!!!

The east/west bike connections/path look great. The north/south bike connections are not as clear - assuming biking through the existing parking lot, on past the tennis courts, and past the small auxillary building to exit the north end of the park will remain (and improve)?

My children are grown now but I like concept A best as it seems to provide a good balance and range of options for families, small and large group gatherings.

As a couple hoping to expand our family soon, I'd love to see the multiage playgrounds have something like a splash pad too!

I'm for removal of the baseball diamond and not in favor of an expanded amphitheater there. These very large spaces I believe would be getting less use on a daily basis, where other ideas appeal to a wider range of audiences at all days and times.

Only place in town for big festivals.

I'm sorry to see the pond go. It made the park feel more expansive than all these close-in elements.

Pickleball is gaining in popularity and is a sport that seniors can play well. With the senior center and adjacent senior housing in the site of the former Oaks shopping center, dedicated pickleball courts will be a highly utilized recreation resource for the city.

There needs to be more attention to pickleball. This sport is growing very rapidly, and all three plans do NOT pay enough attention to this growing need, especially of the aging population in Cupertino.

Please don't remove the softball field - more and more fields are disappearing, and there are fewer and fewer places to play softball, which is a sport that allows dozens of people to play at once, thereby serving a large constituency.

I think the goal should be a beautiful, casual space that has all the amenities needed for a fun or relaxing visit. Good restrooms, a play area that is geared to all ages & abilities, some quiet space to enjoy nature, nice walking area.

We love being able to walk to Memorial park to play softball through the city, and would be saddened if the field is demolished

Drop off and parking at Anton and Alves would be a traffic nightmare

The current memorial park is perfect after replacing the pond with grasses. We don't need any additional building or improvements. Save the money for the city and preserve the natural beauty of the park is all we need.

Keep and upgrade the softball field!!!

Beach Volleyball, grass volleyball courts

Please keep the softball fields! Softball is the only adult, group sport that many people can play. We use the softball fields every week and during the summer, spring and fall, it's multiple times per week. This is the only field that as adults over the age of 20, we have access to and there is a huge community of adult athletes that would be devastated by the loss of this field.

I really feel that the softball field should be replaced. It seems to serve a smaller portion of the community when compared to the space it takes up.

Dedicated pickleball courts are desperately needed in the area - much more so than additional tennis courts.

The park needs to be able to accommodate more parking. A 2+ story parking structure at: (1) @current location by Quinlan Center, or (2) at the proposed location, (corner Anton & Stevens Creek).

Please make it dog friendly. There's a lot of folks who walk their dogs in the park. I didn't see any enclosed dog park? The one on Mary is a joke. It's animal abuse...

I should include the caveat that I don't visit Memorial Park very often, as there are closer parks to my home which I prefer over Memorial Park. I think that all three of these concepts are a massive improvement on the current state of Memorial Park, and no matter which one ends up being chosen I look forward to visiting the improved park more frequently!

I was born and raised here in Cupertino and have always loved this park. I'm sad the ponds are gone and sad The Oaks is gone. Memorial is pretty amazing as it is. Please don't change too much!

A traffic garden, being so unique among neighboring cities, could be somehow shared (for revenue?) with Sunnyvale, Saratoga, Mtn View, for their school districts.

Please add dedicated pickleball courts to Memorial Park. The court at the Cupertino Sports Center is a mixed-use court for badmitten and other sports and there are too many different lines. The use of Court 2 for Pickleball is too infrequent and a net should always be available. Today, we have to drive to San Jose to play.

Please include free dedicated Pickleball courts!

Avid pickleball player hoping to see more dedicated courts which are much nicer than the dual tennis/pball with overlapping lines. Hoping to also see at least one tennis slab of the 6 tennis courts concerted to 2-4 dedicated pickleball courts (permanent netting/holders, one set of

lines, etc). Thnks

Nothing that is duck friendly.

As a pickle ball player, I would love to see dedicated courts. It's very confusing to have double-striped courts and you can fit twice as many pickle ball courts on the same room as a tennis court.

1. ConceptC: additional parking on Anton *will* cause accidents; 2. ALL: images chosen for illustration of new features show things that are too busy, ugly and have too much concrete (e.g. artificial shade for picnic spots, one big awful playground instead of current more intimate spaces, 3. Educational garden is TOO much for this park -- plus we have at McClellan Ranch and Rancho that do it better already. Don't fill up park with too much junk! 4. NO bikes paths cutting through park -- it is not a COMMUTING place, it is a park!

Please don't waste money on silly stuff like "enhanced entry." It adds zero value to the park.

2 bocce courts please. Cupertino senior center currently uses blackberry farms bocce courts which are less convenient. We have 12-16 players every week in the summer.

You must add a world class skateboard park and a world class BMX park. Do something for the teens/youth of this city! Get them outdoors enjoying the recreation they want! Your concepts serve adults and young children only. Also, too much use of the words "natural" and "nature". Memorial Park is a man-made park. It is not in any way a "natural" setting. Fremont Older Open Space Preserve, Stevens Creek Co. Park, Montebello Open Space Preserve, and the back country parks of Rancho San Antonio are "natural" areas. Memorial is not and never will be "natural".

keep it green

Please add more pickleball lines to tennis courts and dedicated pickleball courts. We have 20+ people on some nights playing pickleball and it is growing at a rapid rate where we'll see that much

per night and probably 30-40 pickleball players within 12 months.

Keep things safe for everyone and don't use Round Up herbicide which is linked to cancer.

Regarding additional parking space, utilizing the parking space of Cupertino Sports Center is good. Their parking space near North Stelling Road is empty, as it's not accessible from North Stelling but that is only the exit point, so most cars don't park there. If that parking lot becomes the parking lot for Memorial Park, then, that will become the entrance to Memorial Park, with easy access. 40 more cars?

Mature trees are very important. It will take decades for newly planted trees to reach a shade-appropriate size. Please add mature trees to the plan. Don't cut down any of the current trees that are there! Also, trees need to be surrounding the amphitheater. If you have ever been there during the day, people won't sit in direct sunlight to watch a performance. They are all hiding under shade (trees, of course)! I would like to see dedicated Pickleball courts. It is known that tennis players and Pickleball players do not get along and would not be able to share courts.

Love the inclusive and accessible ideas presented!

Keep the softball field

The more trees and nature would help the city and environment the most.

Over all a well managed park with shade and amenities for various types of recreation.

More trees, greenery, native plant areas, shade and walking paths. Less concrete than in some of the options. And definitely no parking/drop off areas along Anton. This is a short street, mostly next to homes, and more traffic/parking would disturb the quietude of the neighborhood, and cause inconvenience to residents. We are already inundated with traffic and noise from festivals/events, and adding parking lots on Anton would cause additional problems to people

living at The Commons, and detract from our park-like environment. The intersection of Anton and Alves is already an almost blind corner, and with more foot and vehicle traffic would become much more of a danger for both pedestrians and cars.

Please, please make dedicated pickle ball courts. It's the fastest growing sport in America, and there is a severe shortage of places to play. Consider making more, like a combination of A & B. Or, do the ground work for new courts, with the option to convert tennis courts to pickle ball courts in the future. And, thanks for all your good work and outreach. These plans represent lots of work and cooperation!

The nature concept appeals most to us as a multi-generational family with young kids.

Please try to plant all (or at least mostly) native plants! It will make the park more drought-resistant and save on water use, and it will also be great for local wildlife and the environment! Plus, it will be an opportunity for passive education for those who visit the park, even if there's not really a budget for active education programs

Please have dedicated pickleball courts. This is the fastest growing sport and appeals to all ages. I would prefer a place I can go to regularly for exercise rather than the occasional event. Thank you.

I think the most important things for a park is having a spacious and interesting playground, bike trails, garden walk trail, lawn, picnic areas with shade.

Please do not remove any tennis courts ... they are hard to come by and heavily used.

Lawns take more water than fountains. I would love to see a more sustainable park with draught-resistant plants and lots of medium-large rocks to reflect our natural California environment (including surrounding areas).

Definiely keep softball field and expand the amphitheater for bigger musical events. Rest rooms certainly need to be upgraded.

It has been a great place to take our children, and have small family and group picnics. Also the Shakespeare in the Park has always been a favorite over 30 years. I really like walking around Memorial Park.

I am concerned about the noise generated from the implementation of pickle ball courts. I think one needs to ask will this be a sport that becomes as long lasting as tennis or just a passing fad? Both suggested and existing park entries need to have some sort of security, such as cameras or a park ranger. This just seems necessary with the current level of gun violence in our society today.

No pickleball courts. Neither dedicated nor dual use. No using park space for bikes. We don't want the nuisance of bikes in the park. We want a peaceful tranquil nature focussed park.

We should think from an upper level, such as a whole city's needs and every group of people's needs, not try to put everything inside one park. For example, does Cupertino have enough all-inclusive playgrounds for kids? (Currently, ZERO. One in the future) Does Cupertino have softball fields (Jollyman park has one, and not being occupied most of the time)? Does Cupertino have enough soccer fields? I believe so, and soccer is very popular among kids and teenagers. Does Cupertino have parks for event holding? We may need one for this, and having multiple usages is better. For example, people or dogs can use the lawn without an event. Does Cupertino have enough hiking trails? I think so! Let's think about this from another point of view. Does Cupertino have enough attractive playgrounds/amenities for kids? It seems not. Does Cupertino have enough sports fields (tennis, pickleball, basketball, soccer, etc.) for older kids or teenagers? I know there are multiple, so the number is in good shape, except for pickleball. Does Cupertino have enough amenities/places for people between 20-40? (hmm, hard to say. Maybe plenty of restaurants and shopping is good, especially if we will have Vallco mall rebuilt) Does Cupertino have enough amenities/areas for seniors? (parks, trails, classes, etc.) Does the whole city have enough trees and plants? For me, the streets are pretty bald compared with other nearby cities. Does Cupertino have enough bike trails? Is it safe enough? We should think from an upper level and design our parks and spaces based on the needs of the whole city. In my opinion, Cupertino doesn't have enough amenities/spaces/areas for younger generations, especially parents under 40yr with small kids. It's better to diversify the spaces/areas from the view of the whole city.

Please do not lose the softball field! MANY people, like myself, enjoy it multiple times a week. Also: less grass, more trees/shrubs! (Drought-tolerant!)

Please add dedicated pickleball courts. Thank you!

Memorial Park does not have to have a specific identity. Nature specific parks in Cupertino are McClellan Ranch, Blackberry Farm, and Linda Vista. Memorial park should be all blended with Concept A, Community, Concept B, Nature, and Concept C, Civic to meet all residents' interest. Memorial Park is the main park in the Cupertino. The Memorial Park should be for enjoyable park for everyone. It is a good concept that the least amount of interest Softball field becomes the multi age play area. However the playground is too small after removing the 2 existing playgrounds. It should be much bigger, safe, all inclusive playground for children for all ages and abilities. There are large population of aged group, but Cupertino should a little more focus on the families with children in order to avoid closing schools anymore. The current playgrounds are unsafe, not accessible for children with special needs. The playgrounds are full of families on weekends, holidays, days of events, and summer. Summer camp children at Quinlan Center go there during the break. Please more consider about the children. And the play area should be accessible with wheel chair and safe soft rubber ground rather than lawn or wood bark. There are still big fields for event behind the Quinlan Center and next to the Senior Center where events are always held. Amphitheater should stay at the current location for easy to load/unload equipment and music instruments from Anton and use the big truck entrance during performance and concert. Thank you.

Please keep the tennis courts and do not change the tennis courts or any area of the tennis courts to pickleball

Need gathering spaces, places to dance. Comfortable places for every age to hang out. Safe places/times to let the dog run off leash!

Memorial Park is not a local park but "the" community park for all Cupertino residents. It should be where major summer outdoor events and concerts are regularly held in the city. Its lack of parking and access are its major drawbacks. Forget making the park bike-centric. Stevens Creek Blvd is simply too busy and dangerous to attract

cyclist traffic (I say this as an avid cyclist). Plumb Memorial Park with recycled water to bring back water features and attractive green spaces.

New plantings should be California natives, particularly Oaks, as they provide food and shelter for all species.

No one concept is perfect. Difficult task but try and blend the best features of all concepts that serve a majority of cupertino residents. I like the idea of an expanded amphitheater for concerts and bocce courts, but most importantly, the park should serve families. Design should be maintainable financially by city and built with quality materials to last. Keep design flexible to meet future needs or desires. I played softball at Memorial but I question it's use now and space it requires. I really like the pickle ball courts idea. I think the lawn area is great but wondering if we can justify the water use unless recycled water is available.

Can we please add a golf putting green? There is so much open area near the senior center and the community and the folks at the senior center would benefit by having a putting green there. A golf putting green is a great excuse for Seniors and folks of the community to get outside and enjoy a low impact activity.

Cupertino has many small parks with lots of open green spaces, but is missing more active recreational and social gathering places. Those are included in the community plan.

The amphitheater feature I most like is some grass seating. Please try to keep some of that. I don't see any advantage to a grand entrance, I think the openness of the current layout is very appealing.

A natural park can grow nicer over time, requires little maintenance, water and gives hopefully a good example, what to do in backyards.

Too much parking is devoted to the senior center and is never used. It removes spaces that are much needed for everyone else and makes it more dangerous for little children who are forced to cross the street. A 3rd unconnected street entrance is not desirable. Parking lots should flow.

Creative ideas. I will applaud whichever design is chosen. Thank you!

Exhibit areas will be least useful as it requires additional continual effort to make it happen. Otherwise the space will be totally wasted.

Don't use park for tennis or pickle ball courts, bocce ball, softball, etc. These are available elsewhere. Make it more shady, open and kid and family friendly.

Please make expanding and upgrading the playground a priority. My other friends with young children always meet at parks outside of Cupertino (Sunnyvale, Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Santa Clara, Mountain View) because their playgrounds are better. We never go to Cupertino. We also never book Cupertino parks for birthday parties, going far outside the city to book because Cupertino's parks are so outdated! Please upgrade and show some love for the younger families and children. We are the ones that frequent your parks very often.

Playgrounds for kids and area for kids to bike

We love taking our dog here for walks

We need more shaded playground options as weather continues to go. It's nice to keep younger kids separate from older kids....we didn't see how one playground was going to do that. You have to balance the once in a blue events with more regular usage of facilities.

Upgrade the theater

The thing I love most about Memorial Park is Shakespeare in the Park.

Fitness stations are particularly popular in Asian culture, where seniors often exercise and socialize. It is a good way to provide an outlet for those members of our community who are not native English speakers.

If one of the tennis courts had basketball hoops on it, I think a lot of the kids would play. There aren't many parks with hoops in the area, and it's great physical activity, as well as a great way to make friends and play a team sport. Also, tons of people play grass volleyball at Memorial Park. Maybe a sand court would be very welcomed.

Playgrounds are our most important resource -- please go with Option A :-)

We need to make sure we fill most of the planting spaces with CA and Santa Clara Valley native trees and plants. How can we make sure most of the plants used in the design are CA and Santa Clara Valley natives? Also, we should not include a big lawn in the park, which goes against the mantra "make water conservation a Californian way of life". For community events, you can use all kinds of surfaces, not a lawn. Non-functional commercial turf is already banned in Southern California.

Please do not add more parking. Please add more protected bike trail connections. Please add additional native plant ecosystems, including planting new native trees like the California Buckeye.

More trees and shade please to encourage use of the park, upgraded restrooms are nice and consider the amphitheater siting in relation to the sun -- so warm in the late afternoon today!

Please do not build anymore condominium. We need more variety of restaurants here in cupertino or in Main Street like downtown Mountain View

Skeptical of public art, most of it tends to be weird or unmemorable. Consider pieces that are Instagrammable -- the apple sculpture at Main Street seems to be very popular (and usable as seating). I encourage you to keep a water feature in the park: the fountains and ponds were a very pleasant memory in my childhood. They keep things interesting, interactive for kids, and can be done with minimal water waste or waterfowl nuisance.

Please don't annihilate the natural feel of the amphitheater, maybe terrace it, but the feeling of sitting in a grassy hillside under the trees

watching Shakespeare is something I love. Also, maybe see if you can make any fitness equipment be a generator for charging your phone? I'dk, that's probably not viable.

Bike racks; as well as recycle & trash disposal throughout the park

I would love a mix of the civic and nature aspects!

I think too much lawn does not conserve much water, so we should minimize lawns, but it's important to have space for community events, fairs, etc.

Whatever is done, please make sure it is properly maintained!

Cupertino is seriously behind other communities such as Los Altos, Mountain View, and Sunnyvale when it comes to play areas for children. We regularly travel to other communities for their playgrounds and I've been a resident of Cupertino for 43 years. I own a business in Cupertino. My children go to school in Cupertino. Cupertino should stand above these other communities in at least one area. Let's make that our parks.

Thank you for using our tax dollars wisely!

I like both concepts of the nature and community plans, I feel that repurposing the softball field offers much more space for opportunities for community togetherness and play

Amphitheater needs to be state of the art with power, access, parking and better ability to handle larger audiences and more events.

Great that you are giving the park a refresh. We used to love the unique western style playground that was there even if it was a bit hazardous. Unique features make a park. Not too much cement is a good thing.

We need a softball field for adults in Cupertino. The next nearest softball fields are far away in Sunnyvale and San Jose.

Wish the ponds could make a come-back, but I see that none of the plans include those :((understandable with the drought, but still it is a loss...)

Including exercise equipment that elderly people can use. More elder residents in Cupertino currently.

There needs to be water features and hills and bridges between the hills similar to the islands that are being removed.

Maintain spaces for activities for all ages - should be a true community park

This is such an excellent opportunity to add a swimming pool next to sports center. Then membership to sports center can include use of pool. We need an indoor public swimming pool in our city so badly. So many would love to join instead of having to go to other cities for swimming. That is what we must add here.

Remove tennis courts. There are more than enough at Sports Center. Remove baseball field. It occupies a lot of land vs. its utility to the community.

Please increase the shade on the picnic area

I would love native plants in gardens, and maybe some kind of star gazing experience? where the park is open on certain nights but all the lights are turned off. maybe it could be a cupertino wide thing where everyone turns there lights off?

All three concepts are appealing and would represent a big upgrade to the current park design

I believe that this revitalization should not detract from the amenities currently available at the park (i.e. amphitheater, sports areas, event

space, picnic areas), while still enhancing Cupertino's ability to host community events. As a Resident of Cupertino for most of my life, I have used Memorial Park for children's camps, Girl Scouting, many sports, meeting friends, and attending theater / cultural events).

With a park of this size, there is a great interest in continuing to offer TWO separate playgrounds. There should be 'inclusive' features included. I suggest that one playground be an expanded and upgraded playground close to an area where there is at least some parking. And another playground that could be Nature Playground to offer variety. Two playgrounds for SURE. Events are nice, but infrequent, even with improved spaces. Playgrounds get everyday use and are valuable for children and adults alike. I do not want to see the softball field (lighted) replaced. I like the idea that it can double as a place for dog socialization and play when not used for softball or other creative uses that residents come up with. Kickball is a possibility - 'Free Play' kind of thing. Having a lighted area could help with event and park programming as well. Preference is for any suggested multi age 'play area' features to be gracefully dispersed throughout the park, not all in one location - Table Games (e.g. chess, ping pong) , Bocce Ball Court, Bike Traffic Garden and Fitness Stations. Locating something like a bike traffic garden near a Sr. Center deck could make for nice inter-generational enjoyment. Educational garden zone is very low priority, and I would prefer space to be put to better, more 'useful' uses. Cupertino already has McClellan Ranch Preserve, Blackberry Farm, Rancho San Antonio, etc, that offer a more appropriate space for this kind of thing. Enhanced entries likely carry an expense that should limit the number of them. There are 4 min, 6 max enhancements suggested depending on the concept. Please consider using something very minimal on all but one or two of the entrances. For example, plantings, upgrade finishes on the ground, small 'natural, traditional looking' arbors or fences. Modern, minimalist, metal structures seem very out of place. A drop off as shown at the corner of Alves and Anton would be a bad idea. That is already not a safe road area. Any 'drop off' would best be incorporated in an existing parking lot and take up no, or very minimal, area/space in the existing park boundaries. The drop off shown on Anton across from The Commons and Sports Center tennis courts is much better idea if encroaching on park space is needed. If there is to be an interactive cultural exhibit, keep it at a very minimum footprint. A better location would be at Cali Mill or City Hall. Please consider that this is a park, not a museum, and, based on experience, getting a citywide consensus on what cultural exhibits are appropriate could prove challenging.

Anonymous

There is much too much pavement in these plans; I would like to have

the concrete concession for this project. Please focus on more green space and less pavement, perhaps more native plants like the garden around city hall. Also, there are no indications that the playground re-do is going to include an inclusive playground. All city parks going forward should have all-inclusive playgrounds.

KEEP EXISTING AND ADD MORE TREES AS MUCH AND AS HIGH AS POSSIBLE. INCLUDE BIRD SANCTUARIES THAT CHILDREN AND ADULTS CAN WATCH AND ENJOY. INCLUDE NATURE GARDENS AND FITNESS ITEMS. EDUCATE. INFORM. IMMERSE IN CULTURAL AND ART EXPRESSIONS. MAKE IT MORE CALMING AND GROUNDING EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE VISITING THE PARK>in this day and age when people struggle to find peace such public spaces must become a sanctum for such and provide peace and joy, a sense of happiness and belonging so that it provides them enough energy and motivation to pick up and thrive! Parks can provide this meaningful experiences for anyone! We can do this together!

Please use recycled water.

please leave the pond as is

upgrade existing playground equipment, add new plantings, gardens and shaded seating areas, limit parking along Anton Way, more trees and natural setting

I'd like as many shady areas as possible for walking and sitting. All 3 designs look great.

In concept A, I noticed that the parking lot next to the Senior Center would get remodeled to suit the need of the event lawn space next to it. If possible, please do not do this.

It is a wonderful park, where I spent much of my childhood growing up and using the amenities.

Please add dedicated pickle ball courts.

Why do two of the plans have the softball field getting removed lol.

Improving senior center access and providing a lawn for expanded exercise classes and events is critical, as well as creating as many spaces for events as possible. The amphitheater needs to be enlarged and relocated to improve ADA access -- it is too small. Cupertino's population will increase about 20% in the next 5-10 years. Plan for increased usage.

Add dog off leash area

Please add a Dogs off leash area to the plan - dog owners are the most dedicated users of the park 365 days a year two times a day. Do not do disservice to them

Keep a DOLA area

Hope memorial park transformation will enhance the community and recreation needs

Event lawn - is this going to be drought proof?

Anything other than concept B is a waste of money. Keep the softball field as they are used frequently by everyone of all ages and creates a a sense of team and community. Keep the tennis courts as they are. The park serves the community very well as they are. Stop wasting our tax dollars on consultants to put together these concepts! Just make sure the park is kept up and safe!

How about a Chinese garden?

Option A offers the two big fields which can be used by the most residents in the most various ways whether DOLA, informal soccer, softball, volleyball, frisbe, sunbathing, picnics, etc. Option B wastes too much field for a little used baseball athletic field. Option C wastes too much field for a tripled amphitheater primarily used for weekend

performances.

Option A offers the most flexible two big fields. Option B & C sets aside large spaces for rarely used softball/events.

More natural shade in the parks please (plant trees). Keep the softball field but upgrade the amphitheater.

It goes without saying the most important aspects of this park are the event spaces (for festivals, farmers markets), the amphitheater, tennis and pickleball courts, playground, restrooms and open space and trees. Not in favor of a lot of bike riding in this park. Please have bike racks so people can park their bikes and not be racing thru the park. Please have playground be All Inclusive. I like aspects of B and C but there was not given enough options in survey to indicate that. Like the ability to use park for community festivals (civic) and possibly relocate amphitheater but want to add to more trees and natural surroundings. Having areas outside Quinlan be walled off is not a good idea. Should have pollenating plants but do not need separate garden necessarily. Not sure how much soft ball field is used so if not that popular can use that space for something else. So many choices. Good luck!

Please do not change the Senior Center parking lot.

I need the softball field for my recreational needs. I also like the current location of the amphitheater, since it is centrally located in the park with different points of entry.

I like parts of each concept but would like the softball field to stay and be upgraded.

Could a outdoor basketball court be added to the side of the tennis courts next to court 6?

I know the survey is to not take comments about the parking lot but Concept A clear shows changes to the parking lot near the Veteran's Memorial. You should leave the parking lots as is if feedback is not wanted on this.

All the concepts are trying to incorporate too many elements. It is important to maintain the walking paths, green and calming natural space that is currently there.

Take the enhanced entry and upgraded amphitheater from Concept A or B, the softball field from Concept B, the upgraded playground (but place where the playground is in Concept B) in and event lawn from Concept C. Don't mess with the parking lot as shown in Concept A.

Please keep the softball field. You can add higher fences in the outfield to protect others in the park .

Lifelong resident of Cupertino here, asking you to PLEASE keep the softball field. It's a great amenity that already exists and is of great use to the community.

Thanks for upgrading our park.

Please keep the softball field for my husband !

Anything other than Plan B is excessive and doesn't serve the community. The softball field, for example, is often used by 20 or more people at a time. It brings people together and creates camaraderie. Why get rid of that? There is no other suitable softball field in Cupertino. There's no need for an expanded playground or amphitheater. Those at best used only at certain times of the year, and there are other nearby options.

Remember maintenance and life-cycle. Everything looks good when it is brand new.

Please keep the softball field.

The seniors implore you to keep the softball field. Thank you for your consideration.

I believe residents will appreciate a natural/green area in the middle of Cupertino. Cupertino has been going through urbanization, a green space is precious.

Retain the existing softball field !! I am a 10-year veteran of the 50+ Senior Softball program. There is no other field for this activity of the caliber of Memorial Park.

Losing the softball field would be a huge loss for so many people, including myself! I thoroughly enjoy playing there at least twice a week, all year round, as part of a very large but close-knit “family” of players, of all skill levels. PLEASE PRESERVE THE SOFTBALL FIELD!

I've been playing softball with the Senior Center class for 10 years. It's been a great, healthy activity & I've made lots of kind friends. Please don't remove the softball field.

I really like the nature and civic plans, I think trees and shade are important due to the high heat of Cupertino area especially if lawns are to be implemented and watered

Thank you for organizing this survey. It would be great to retain quinlan and its immediate surroundings as is - including the garden and walk area there. More trees would be great especially around the perimeter of the park and walking paths. Let the park stay a park - let's not create more built up structures. Open space to move and play is the best way to use community spaces.

Softball is important to me

KEEP THE SOFTBALL FIELD PLEASE! I've been playing and/or attending games here since about 1978(currently through the Thursday GEEZER's) and would hate to see us lose one of the few dedicated fields left in the area.

Include a DOLA park too

Thanks for giving us an opportunity to provide feedback on Memorial Park renovation plans. Concept A, B and C are very helpful. They well demonstrate and visualize different ideas. I live next to Memorial Park. I live here for 25 years. I visit Memorial Park every day. I drive on Alves Dr. and Anton Way every day. BTW, the survey should include an optional question about how often they visit the park.

Concept A: 1. Multi-age play area : It is too crowded. It looks cluttered with seemingly unrelated items. It would need more space between each other. Cupertino has many parks. We do not want to overload Memorial Park. -- "Table Games" (12): People may prefer to play chess or other board games indoors. If anyone really wants to play them outdoors, they could use existing picnic tables, but I have never seen anyone doing that. -- "Fitness Stations" (11): I would say you are in such a nice park, why not enjoy walking or jogging instead. You can always go to Cupertino Sports Center, located next to the park, for fitness stations. -- "Bocce Ball Court" (13): I wonder how popular bocce is. I suppose that the results of this survey should tell us about it. Stevens Creek Trail has some bocce ball courts. I used to walk there every day and I had never seen anyone playing there while I noticed near-by volley ball courts were frequently used. The bocce ball courts were covered with lots of fallen leaves and dirt. There was no sign of anyone having used them in the recent past. Cuesta Park in Mountain View also has bocce ball courts. I have never seen anyone playing there either during my weekend visits. 2. "Enhanced Entry" (1): The following 2 locations are dangerous places to be entry points. -- Corner of Stevens Creek Blvd. and Anton Way: It is too close to a busy section of Stevens Creek Blvd. People attempt to cut in to the right lane in preparation of entering Fwy 85/280 North from a junction 1/4 mile ahead. -- Corner of Alves Dr. and Anton Way: It is a blind corner. BTW some people use Alves and Anton to bypass the busy intersection of Stelling and Stevens Creek. They are often speeding. Concept B: 1. "Enhanced Entry" (1): The same comments apply as those in Concept A above. 2. "Softball Field (Existing)" (9): Some time last year or the year before the city put up a sign saying that the field is only for softball and neither baseball nor cricket ball is allowed. Until then, some people had played baseball occasionally and I felt danger as baseballs use very hard balls. I really appreciated the sign. There is one thing I felt sorry for, that is, those people that used to play cricket were also kicked out. They were using tennis balls instead of hard cricket balls. Thus, I did not feel danger at all. I think cricket games using tennis balls are even less dangerous than softball games using soft balls. 3. "Picnic Area with Shade" (11): I suppose that you mean to cut down the size of the "Event Lawn" (7) from the north and south sides to make space for it. That would make the event lawn much smaller. It would not be as useful for "Event Lawn". Big festivals such as Cherry blossom festival, Kids Fun festival, Indian festivals etc. used the lawn to host big attractions for kids to play. Kids attractions such as trampolines, train rides, inflated

bounce houses were very popular. As it is, the lawn is flat, rectangular, and of good size. It would be useful and handy for big events in the future as it has been. Also, since it is located next to the parking lot and has electric outlets near by, the location is convenient to set up attraction equipments. Talking about proximity to the parking lot, the south part of the “Picnic Area with Shade” (11) would be too close to the parking lot. After all, Memorial park is best, among other Cupertino parks, for hosting big weekend events, especially because De Anza College parking lots are available on weekends. Concept C: 1. “Enhanced Entry” (1): The same comments apply as those in Concept A above. 2. “Relocated/Expanded Amphitheater” (11): If you want to make the amphitheater bigger, you would not be able to hold performances on weekday evenings any more. The reason is parking. Even with the current location and size, the situation is chaotic. People are driving up and down on Alves and Anton looking desperately for available spots. The only possible solution would be to hold performances on weekends using De Anza College parking lots. If you make it too big and up to date, it may lose a casual and rustic atmosphere, which I think is one of the charms. Thanks for reading through my long comment.

Maximize contiguous canopy tree shade over aggregate ground. Please try to avoid a-lot of concrete pads for picnic tables since they radiate a lot of heat during the summer.

Good to have options. The softball field should be kept as the usage is pretty high. It can be somewhat reconfigured to allow for multi-use (Cricket or even fenced dog park).

Please prioritize incorporating native plants and water-conscious agriculture. Prioritizing sustainability and biodiversity are paramount to ensure quality of life for future generations. Cupertino can benefit from increased cultural, art, and historical pieces. I would like to see these areas prioritized in the revitalization of Memorial Park.

We should include some public art. (3d-not murals). Integrate it into any area. Rotate the art in and out occasionally.

I'd like to be sure that the City does not use any dangerous chemicals on the grass in all our parks, such as Round-Up. Unsafe for pets and children (and children at heart) who depend on our parks for their grassy play.

Since the ponds are closed, I think we need to provide water elsewhere for birds and geese who need a place to stop as they travel.

Whatever you can do to minimize the water fowl, I'm all for!!!

The kids bike park is a fantastic concept and should be incorporated. They are very popular across Europe and would be a huge addition to the community.

Please provide more tennis courts as folks are always waiting or can't find empty courts. Besides the only other park that has tennis courts is on Sara Park in Sunnyvale bordering Cupertino which is too far.

I'm so happy that you're doing this!

Please no pickleball courts. Tennis players don't have enough courts to play tennis

The space decisions should be based on utilization rates. For example, how many times and how many people use or will use the existing or proposed space. Like is the amphitheater used more than a handful of times a year? How often are bocce ball courts used in the other parks? Does baseball/softball seasons make the space worth retaining or does the city have enough alternative sites? I gave my preferences based on how my family would use it but there could be decisions made by how spaces are currently used by the community. Designing a larger amphitheater with the hope that more will use it is silly but if events are unable to occur then it should be heavily considered or a secondary site instead of moving it should be considered.

I think you should put basketball courts!!!!

We would love to spend more time in Cupertino on the weekends however we are missing a downtown vibe (and Main Street is not a downtown it is a strip mall). This park has the opportunity to be a city center where young families spend their time.

I like more nature as well as the art exhibits

be mindful about budget

Very limited parking available for non senior center use. Loved the cherry blossom trees!!

More open fields

Space for youth to play soccer

I like the spaciousness of the space. It would be great if the space remains free to use for anything after the renovations.

Please no more paving & cement. We need kids to be in nature. The paved playgrounds at the schools are enough for them to practice bike riding. No more cemented areas in memorial park please!!!

We love going to the park to attend fairs. Can they be more often?

Water fountain, compost garden

I used to love the water feature, but I can see how that's unsustainable in our weather. I really like the modernized designs for an event plaza, the upgraded amphitheater and the picnic spots. Very glad that something is being done about our favorite park. :)

A basketball court will be great to have, we have none in the vicinity.

What happened to having a full basketball court (lighted)? I feel that this facility would be best utilized at all hours instead of certain hours

for the other facilities

Add Basketball court and please do not move Softball field.

I like the bigger playground from concept A but would like to keep the softball field as my kid's practice there all the time.

Basketball court

It would be nice for the park to be a draw for as many people as possible throughout the day to encourage community. Softball fields, tennis, bocce - these all take a lot of room and serve a very small amount of people at one time. Space for groups - children, seniors - to be together in the outdoors would be a premium.

Shade for the audience in the any amphitheater would be very welcome.

Lightings for night time use

Cancha de futbol, mas juegos para niños

Minimize unwanted foot traffic. The festivals make the neighborhood unpleasant. Use DeAnza for commercial activities!

I chose the community focused one, but I love the idea of an interactive cultural exhibit, so I hope that stays in there.

Please add a outdoor fitness area (callisthenics)

Save the softball field

Please can you add a basket ball court as well.

Large ball fields are infrequently used, instead design the park for activities for other sports, basketball, volleyball, running track around the perimeter, etc..

So many tennis players are fighting for court time, please increase number of public courts. Please dont mix tennis with pickle ball, its a mess. Create separate pickle ball courts and we dont know for how many years people will keep playing it, it's a new sport. Dont disrupt tennis which has been there for decades

I'm particularly interested in the festivals held at the park, I think they enhance our city's offerings and contribute to multicultural sharing of customs, culture, food and relationships between citizens. For me, over the years it has been a wonderful place for my now grown children to play on exceptional equipment, run freely with friends and enjoy sports on the expansive lawns. It is also a great place to walk and reflect, offering peace and quiet, as well as hold group picnics and BBQ's at the group areas for this.

There should be a small skateboard park for kids. The closest one is north Sunnyvale.

Please consider adding special, nearby parking for families with small children and strollers.

If nothing then please bring back the fountains

Please add dog park with natural grass. This is the only this park which has not included a Dog park. Lot of people own dogs more than before. They need a dog park desperately.

Walkability and bike connections are vital to any functioning park, and should be prioritized over parking or car mobility options. Additionally, public bathrooms are important to any public space. Finally I think the larger and enhanced theatre is important because there really isn't this kind of outdoor space in Cupertino today

Please add a fenced in dog park with grass. Although there is one on Mary, it's gravel and non-community folks come there with untrained dogs.

Please add lots of cherry trees! I also like the amphitheater to remain where it is and be enhanced.

keep BBQ pits, get rid of pond/lake, add summertime water feature for the kids to run through to keep cool, keep amphitheater in current location with upgrades

My family, including two young kids ages 5 and 3, primarily use the park for the recreational playgrounds. We live within walking distance so we often visit the park on weekends so the kids can play. I'd love to see the redesign focus on more expanded/upgraded playgrounds as mentioned in option A to replace the softball field which I rarely see in use. The other primary use I have for the park is to play tennis. The tennis courts are almost always in use when I go which requires time to wait until someone finishes so I'd love to see more dedicated tennis courts.

DEDICATED PICKLEBALL COURTS PLEASE

What a great opportunity here. I'm a big fan of the Pickleball courts. Also, more shade for walking, sitting, and picnics. And I thought you might have an option to make the softball field also support cricket.

Dedicated Pickleball Courts needed!

Downtown Riverside has wonderful statues memorials dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Caesar Chavez and other great leaders, along with some of their most profound sayings. It would be nice to pay homage to our "spiritual" side as part of the park.

Either plan A or B with dedicated pickle ball courts will bring adult community to the park like basketball courts attracts teenagers. Pickleball is easy to play at various levels and more efficient in space use.

Please create dedicated pickleball courts for this growing sport that brings young and old together!

I do not like the "commercialized" events with commerce-related booths

MUST HAVE AT LEAST 6 DEDICATED TENNIS COURTS AND ZERO PICKLEBALL COURTS. IF DO ANY PICKLEBALL COURTS, THEN KEEP THEM AS FAR AWAY FROM THE TENNIS COURTS AS POSSIBLE. THE SOUND OF A PICKLEBALL BEING STRUCK IS ONLY SLIGHTLY MORE PLEASANT THAN HEARING A NEIGHBOR KID SET OFF AN M80 AT 11:00 O'CLOCK AT NIGHT.

Dedicated pickleball courts preferred but if multi use tennis and pb courts please post priority and day/times

Something for every age group will be great.

Please put in some thought of how the new design to avoid turning into a homeless encampment..... so that the community feel safe to utilize the facility in the park

since it is busy community activities area, I like a quieter park concept.

I doubt that exercise stations and tables for chess, checkers, etc would be used much. Keep baseball field and amphitheater in place to reduce costs. More areas for nature walks, gardens are desired as that is the major use of the park. I walk there every day and see many people doing the same so preserving it as a walking area is best.

There are lot of Birds and squirrel, can we have a little water spot for them in summer when it gets hot & dry

Strict rules on dogs not to be unleashed

Cuesta Park Mountain View is a good example of open space and

nature focus, with ample playground, tennis courts, grass fields. Add visually appealing trees or art along Stevens Creek to make Memorial Park stand out

Can we have more availability in softball sports. The softball is always waitlisted. Can we have a bike track or bike lane for our kid's to ride their bikes safely without disturbing the elderly

I like the playground and events.

Excited to see the park revitalized, thank you for the hard work in planning this out. Please plant more cherry trees and colorful flowers (tulips, ranunculus, cosmos, nemophila, lavender etc) around the park. The park should be beautiful, especially during Spring like parks in our sister city in Japan. Don't make it look too industrial by sticking to green/brown/steel colors only. See <https://blog.japanwondertravel.com/best-flower-parks-in-japan-22510>

I'm so happy the empty ponds are now more green usable area.

The current softball field is not well utilized and consumes a lot of space.

Needs more separate pickle ball courts

We've lived in Cupertino for 27 years. My husband and I look forward to the park being remodeled. We used to love the water elements there years ago.

Dedicated pickleball courts, similar to other cities

Pickleball participation has exploded and is now a sport that various generations are actively playing. While it is not going to overtake Tennis, the barrier to entry to start playing pickleball is very low. As a result, it is very attractive and appealing to people that would otherwise never consider Tennis. I am confident that the city should reevaluate the quantity of pickleball courts and perhaps reduce the

tennis court count by one so that you could increase the count of pickleball courts by as much as four. There is a social aspect to pickleball that is not common in Tennis. Pickleball is at its best when a location has multiple courts (not just 1-3 courts but 6-8 or more). Unlike tennis, a single game of pickleball may take 10-15 minutes and then people often circulate to play and socialize with different people. Please consider making Memorial Park a "Pickleball Location" that players will want to come to and spend time at your wonderful park socializing among the community. Thanks.

More parking closer to tennis/pickleball courts

please consider disabled adults in the playground upgrades - eg special needs swings etc

Pickleball attendance some nights are 30+ twice a week. Next year it will be 60+ due to the fun and social aspect! Please add more pickleball lines and dedicated pickleball courts as other cities like San Jose and Palo Alto have 10+ dedicated courts with an exploding pickleball population which connects to communities! Thank you!

Please don't remove softball park

Softball park is a must to have

Keep the gazebo!! It's my absolute favorite thing and my highschool did senior pictures there.

We love attending events at Memorial Park and the convince of being able to park at Deanza

Please keep the softball field. It is used by many people of all ages frequently - much more so than the playground or amphitheater. Plant trees beyond the fence area if there is concern of balls going over the fence.

All tennis courts should be striped for pickleball

It is the least cost effective to keep the softball field.

Pickleball courts

During the event, the residents nearby are deeply disturbed by illegal parking on "no parking" or "permit parking " or park in front of fire hydrant, double parking. Followed by littering after the events. City of Cupertino is hosting events with the cost of interference on residents and trashing the park.

Cupertino needs dedicated pickle ball courts

Nicer playground/structure would be nice

Make at least 8 or more dedicated pickleball courts as it is a sport growing tremendously in popularity that is good for fitness and fun for boys and girls, men and women. In fact, 8 dedicated pickleball courts only take the space of 2 tennis courts! Tennis enthusiasts would still have the remaining existing tennis courts to play on. Both pickleballers and tennis players can coexist and support the community.

DEDICATED pickleball courts would be FANTASTIC!!! We (Cupertino resident for 20+yr) currently have to go to Sunnyvale for that.

Pickleball paradise

These plans are all interesting and well thought out. Thank you!

Please add as many native plants, shrubs and trees as possible to restore the environment for native birds and insects.

The softball field is important as there are few nice fields in Cupertino, beside MVRC. Really like the upgraded amphitheater.

Have you considered a Magical Bridge type playground? Our children would really benefit. I as an adult have also enjoyed those spaces.

I think the park needs more shade trees but not flowering cherry trees. Non allergic trees that supply better shade.

I don't like the idea of extra parking but without adequate parking, fewer people can enjoy the revitalized Memorial Park without impacting the surrounding streets.

We need more tennis, pickleball courts, and fitness stations. No one wants more event centers and amphitheaters. People want to be active and outside. We also need a lap swim pool...

All three designs are great.

thanks for inviting me to provide feedback. I like the third choice.

Please upgrade the seating terrace to allow people with different abilities to be able to go up / down.

Bike locks

I love the nature concepts and would love to see more of that!

For those of us living close to memorial park, we look forward to the greenery with all the new construction in the viscosity. Building more buildings will deprive us of the greenery. Our whole family, including our dog, loves memorial park

Something lacking from all these plans is foresight and how this space will not only itself adapt and be resilient in the face of climate change, but how it will support this community as it faces the challenges of a rapidly changing climate. Urban green spaces need

to be multifunctional. And while all 3 of these plans provide some sort of social and ecological benefits, they do not go far enough. I did not see any of these plans specifically address stormwater management and was disappointed that there was no green stormwater infrastructure. In addition, while cherry trees are beautiful and hold cultural significance for many Cupertino community members, they are not native and therefore not as resilient or adaptable as native tree species such as Western Redbud, which too has beautiful pink blooms and provide ample shade from Their broad canopy.

The elements of the park should express nature and be composed of as much natural materials as possible.

Be sure to do a good job.

Use of QR code for cultural and /or exhibitions, with brief visual plates.

All concepts look amazing and I am excited about the plans that the city has for this park!

Pickleball courts please . In desperate need of more pickleball courts!

Thank you for continuing the upkeep of our beautiful city.

You need more pickleball courts.

I like the amphitheater the way it is. It kind of combines nature with the seating. The softball field seems well used by people (not myself so much), and would hate to see it go away. The current playground seems recently renovated and works well where it is. Event plaza and table games to encourage more people to connect in different ways seems ideal. While I love the idea of a garden walk, McClellan Ranch Park (and the Steven's Creek pathway) seem to have this concept well covered.

Need to control illegal parking in the neighborhood during event. The

design should facilitate, direct, encourage, and enhance event visitors to park at DeAnza College.

You don't need additional parking, just advise event holders to instruct their guests about parking at De Anza, and retain a high priority on that pedestrian access

Progressive, inclusive & thoughtful approach to redesigning Memorial Park. Kudos. In general I believe a park should be inclusive, and provide the community with opportunities to recreate, gather, and socialize. I prefer Concept A for that reason: its theme is "Community". Really love the idea that people can find new friends by going to the park, so ping pong and chess tables really appealed. As do the pickleball courts, which is inherently social because it's mostly a doubles game. As well as the picnic areas with shade, and event/amphitheater spaces. A note re pickleball: as the sport gain tremendous popularity very quickly (it went from 5M players to 36M in one year!) Memorial Park may see increased demand for court space. Staying flexible about sharing court time btwn tennis and pickleball play may be in the future regardless of which plan you adopt. Also there is already a dearth of parking spaces, so thoughtful planning on how to expand parking options is critical.

Please retain the softball field

With 36 millions tree lost in CA last year, it is vital for every community to plant as many trees as possible, at the same time use innovative approach that will speed up urban planting and growth. Please consider Pocket Forest idea which has implemented at school sites in Berkeley and all over the world. Creating such forest is a great way to engage community members from all age and take ownership of the park, reduce cost. See links for additional info. <https://www.berkeleyside.org/2022/12/08/miyawaki-pocket-forests-berkeley-unified-school-district> <https://www.sugiproject.com/blog/the-miyawaki-method-for-creating-forests>

Thank you to the whole team that has been working to revitalize this wonderful community park that myself, my family, neighbors, and friends all love! The park has been a key hub for so many people of all ages to gather, make connections, and build community. I am a tennis and softball player and have recently found pickleball...and see that this sport has been all-inclusive for the Cupertino community. I strongly vote for Plan A to have dedicated Pickleball courts and to

leave the Pickleball striping/lines & nets on tennis court 2 in the event that the tennis court is empty. Thank you!

please make sure to keep the softball fields as they are an integral part of the community park

Some kind of water feature would be very welcome. Also must have rules for dogs on leash because many people at various Cupertino parks do not follow dog leash rules.

Green with focus on nature will be good

I'm a scoutmaster and look for spaces to engage teen groups in the outdoors. Spaces that accommodate groups, seating and tables, located near lawns are great for teaching and games with groups of scouts. Places to have a campfire program are great too. I'm a big fan of having nature and teaching kids about plants. We need areas that don't cost money in which to be outdoors.

The park needs to be a place of nature and beauty, somewhere you want to spend time walking in and bringing your children and grandchildren with open ended play experiences. There is plenty of public art, tennis courts and softball fields so I would prefer to keep this open and natural as it is a unique space and at the heart of the city.

A dedicated pickleball courts

I wish you had not destroyed the Oaks Center. The new high-rise buildings look horrible and indicate what's coming once the "Westport Cupertino" is completed. I can't believe how someone could come up with such a plan. Please don't destroy Memorial Park.

My kids love the playground and climbers, please do not take it down; they love the natural amphitheater seats and running up and down them; we wish they could add exercise equipment

Safety from crime important

I've been playing softball at Memorial Park for 12 years. It's an important activity that I share with many quality players. It's good mentally and physically for all of us.

Best Mix and match: Concept A but with 4 pickleball Courts , drop-off and parking from b or C, instead of game tables have a separate enclosed playground for preschoolers and volleyball sand ct ,add some of nature garden to garden walk,

Please have dedicated pickleball courts, there is no shortage of dedicated tennis courts but with pickleball that's not the case. Most public tennis courts are used for private coaching, whereas pickleball courts have bigger turnout and used for recreational play by Seniors and youngsters which align with the social/community objectives. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport and Bay area has the worst pickleball facilities in the entire country. (No dedicated public indoor courts) Besides being easier to learn than tennis, pickleball is also slower paced and there's less ground to cover; you could almost fit four pickleball courts onto one tennis court, and most picklers play doubles. Some research suggests that it may be safer than tennis for people with heart issues, too. In one of the few studies that's been done on pickleball, researchers found that compared to walking at a self-selected pace for half an hour, people who played doubles pickleball for half an hour had 14 percent higher heart rates and burned 36 percent more calories. Another study from Western Colorado University found that picklers averaged a heart rate of 109 beats per minute and burned 354 calories per hour, which qualifies it as a moderate-intensity workout alongside hiking, yoga and water aerobics. The players also saw significant improvements in their cholesterol levels, blood pressure and maximal oxygen uptake, a measure of cardiovascular fitness, after playing for an hour every other day for six weeks. "Because the paddle's so small, pickleball is great for hand-eye coordination as well as neuromuscular coordination," said Heather Milton, a clinical exercise physiologist at the Sports Performance Center at NYU Langone Health. "You're moving in different planes, not just forward like you do when you're walking or cycling, which is good for your agility. And because there's rotation involved, you're working your core along with your upper and lower extremities." Less than a quarter of U.S. adults get enough physical activity, and that percentage decreases with age. One of the main barriers to exercising is a lack of social interaction, a big source of motivation. But while 50 percent of people quit exercising six months after starting, research shows that picklers keep coming back to the court again and again, primarily because the game is so social.

Pickleball can also improve your well-being: According to another study of picklers age 50 and older, those who were more serious about the sport tended to be more satisfied with their lives. The same researchers found an inverse relationship between “serious leisure” — in this case, playing pickleball competitively — and levels of depression.

There needs to be more of a focus on nature and less on people. We know from experience that people mess up things and therefore need less "human-friendly" designs for parks. People have more than enough places to gather.

Optional question (378 response(s), 597 skipped)

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