

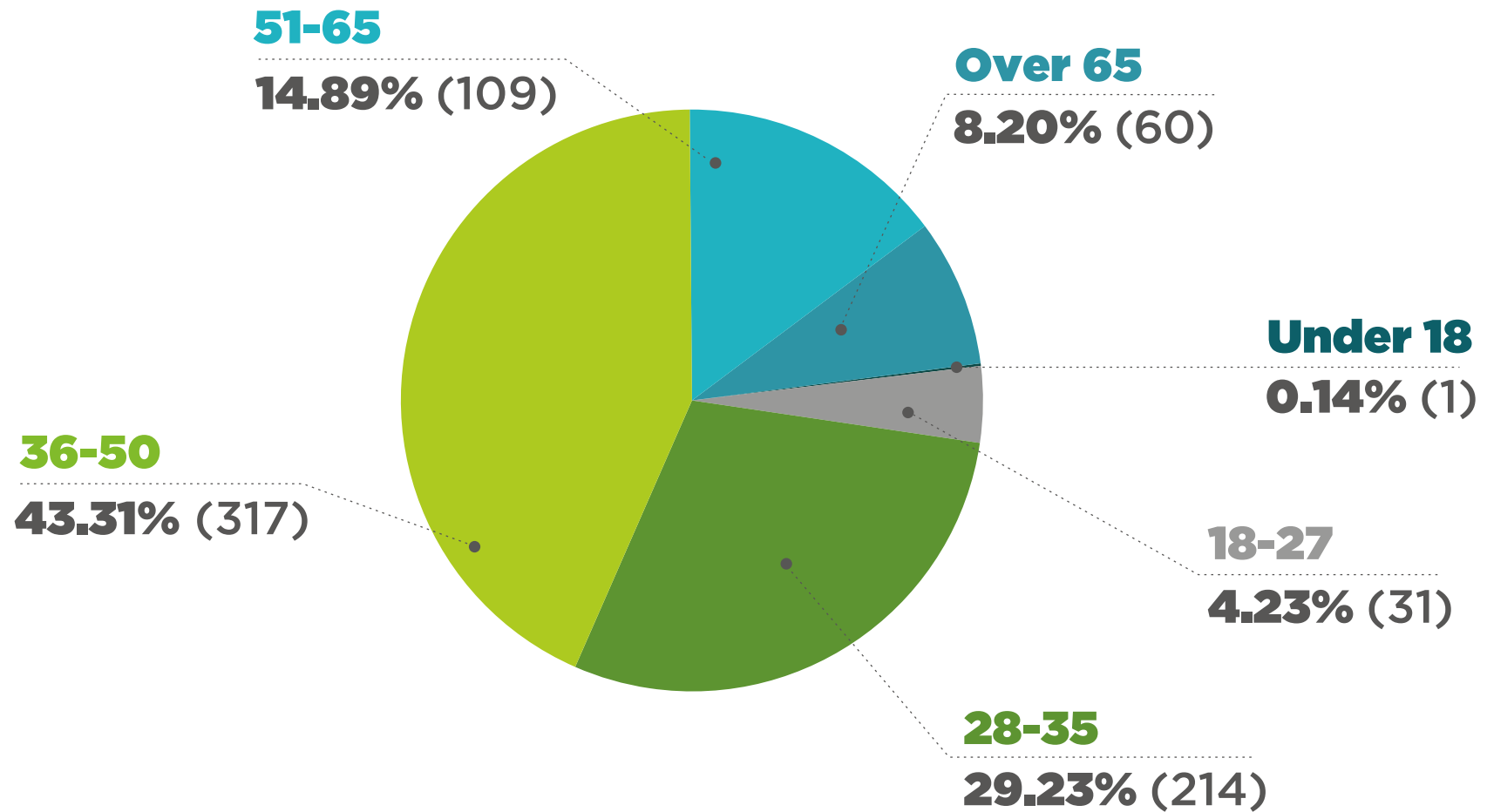


EASTERN MARKET **METRO PARK**

ONLINE SURVEY ANALYSIS

The design-build team (Keystone, MOYA and LandDesign) developed an online survey with the intent to get community feedback and engage the community in the design process and decision making. The online survey was open from December 13, 2018, until January 21, 2019. A total of **732 people**, both Capitol Hill neighborhood residents and non-residents, participated in the survey. The following types of questions, 19 total, were provided: check-all-that-apply, ranking, and fill-in-the-blank

WHAT IS YOUR AGE?



IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN, WHAT AGE(S) ARE THEY?

Survey allowed selection of multiple answers.

SURVEY RESPONSES	PEOPLE WITH KIDS					PEOPLE WITH NO KIDS
732	420					312
	Total kids					
	566					
	Age Groups					
	0 to 2	2 to 5	5 to 12	13 to 18	18 and up	
	147	160	130	49	80	
Percentage per age	25,97%	28,27%	22,97%	8,66%	14,13%	
% people w/kids vs no kids	57,38%					42,62%

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Answered: 732

HOW IMPORTANT IS RECREATION TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY?

Very
important



70.22% (514)

Somewhat
important



26.78% (196)

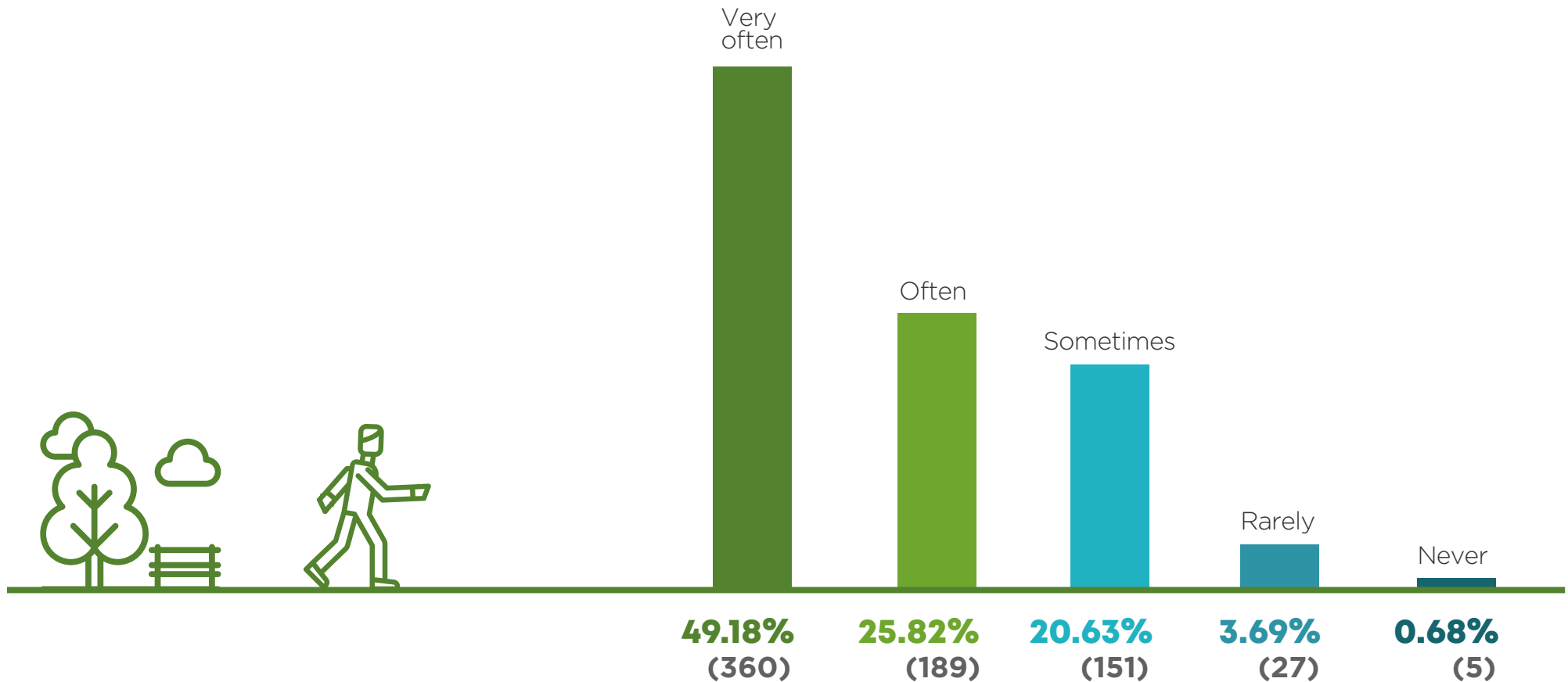
Not
at all

3.01% (22)

Total respondents: 732

HOW OFTEN DO YOU CURRENTLY WALK THROUGH METRO PARK?

Answered: 732

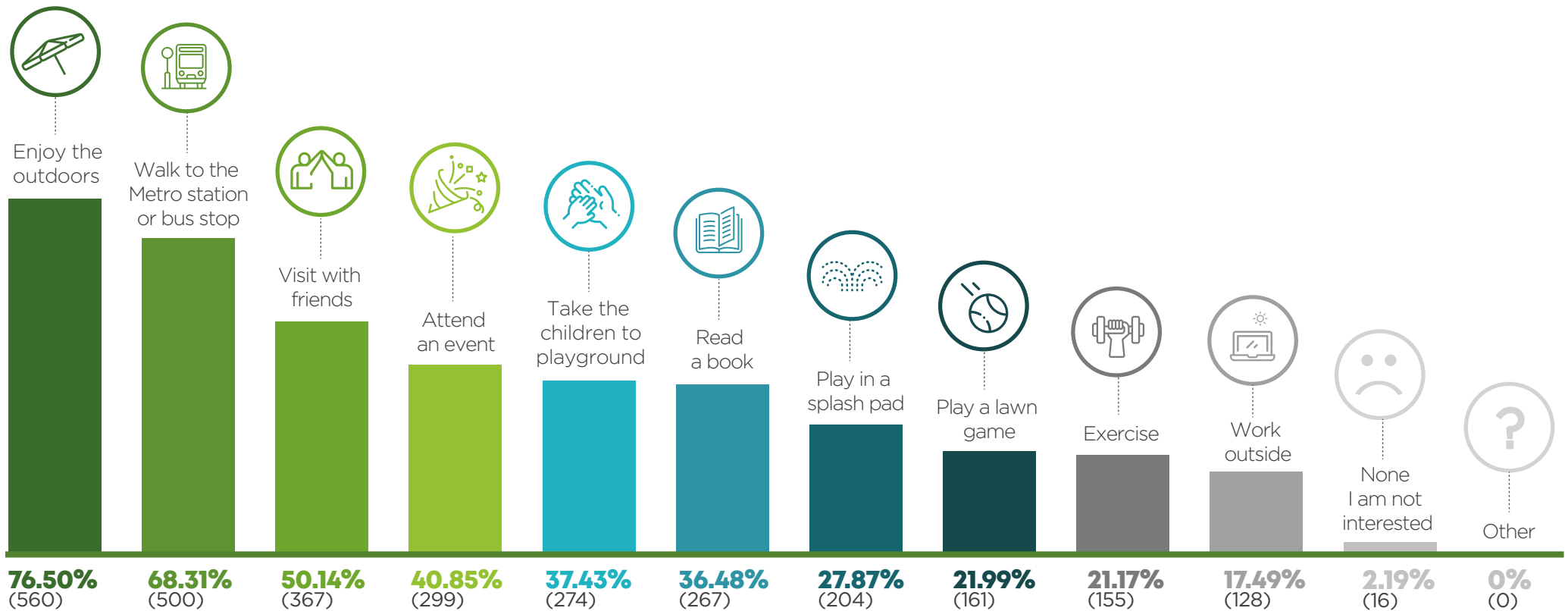


Total respondents: 732

WHICH ACTIVITY WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE ABLE TO DO IN THE NEW EMMP?

Answered: 732

Survey allowed selection of multiple answers.

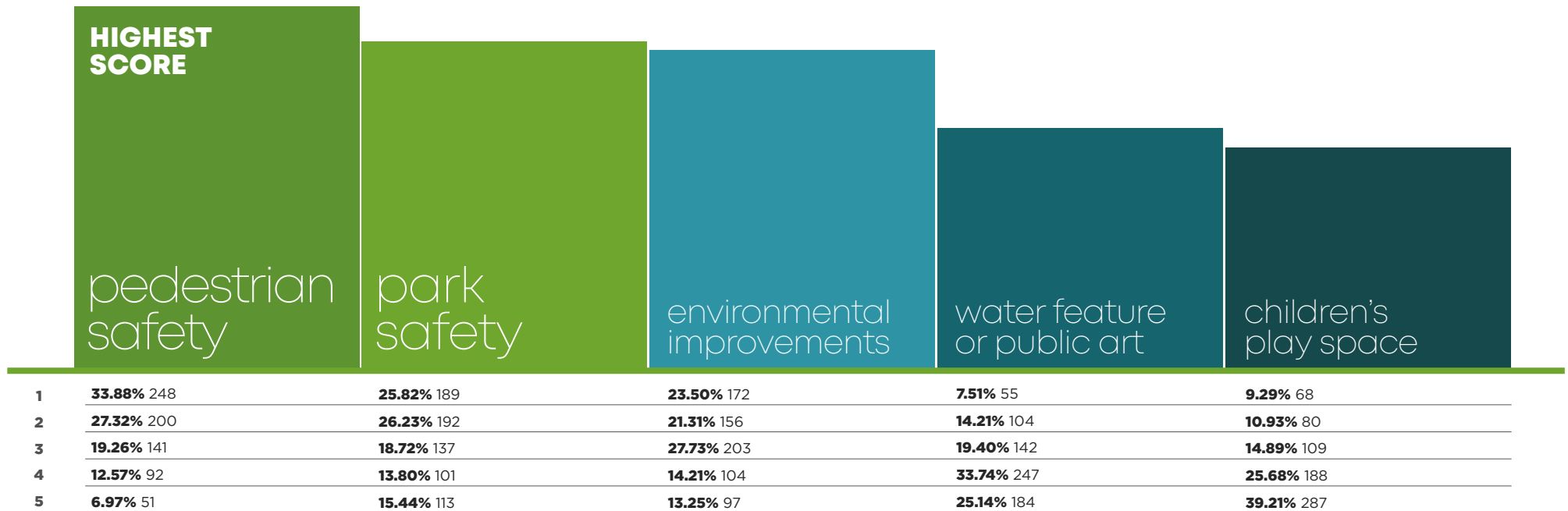


Total respondents: 732

WHICH ASPECTS DO YOU THINK SHOULD BE PRIORITIZED?

Answered: 732

Survey indicates to number the aspects from 1-5, "1" being the most important.

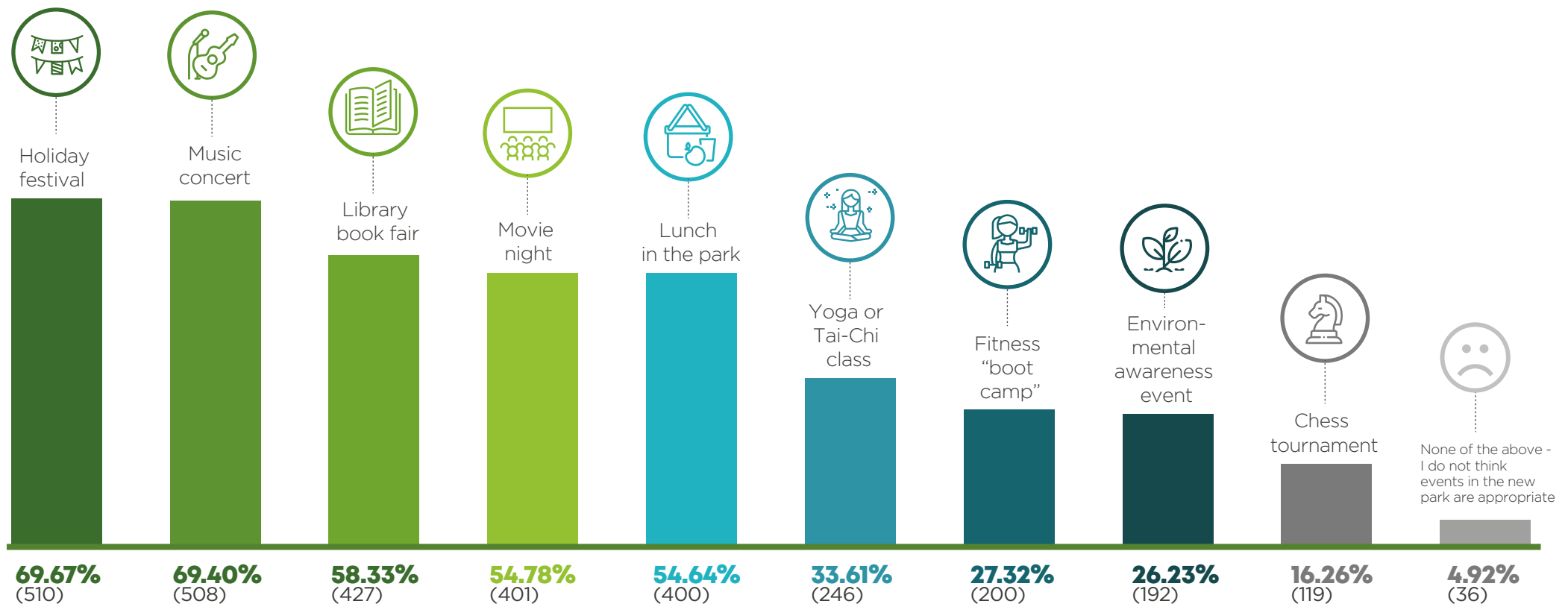


Total respondents: 732

WHICH EVENTS WOULD YOU BE MOST INTERESTED IN ATTENDING IN THE NEW EMMP?

Answered: 732

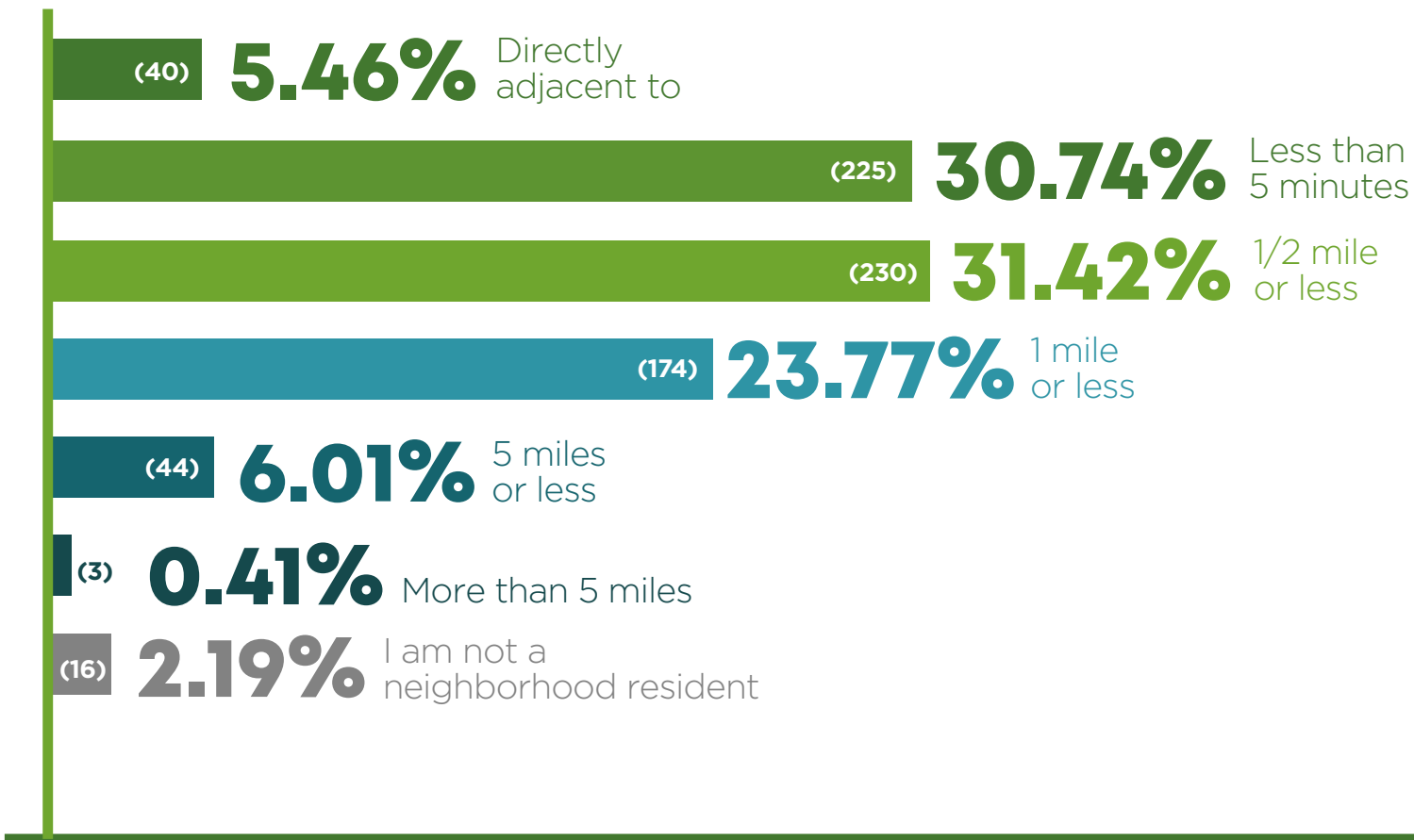
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Total respondents: 732

HOW CLOSE DO YOU LIVE TO EMMP?

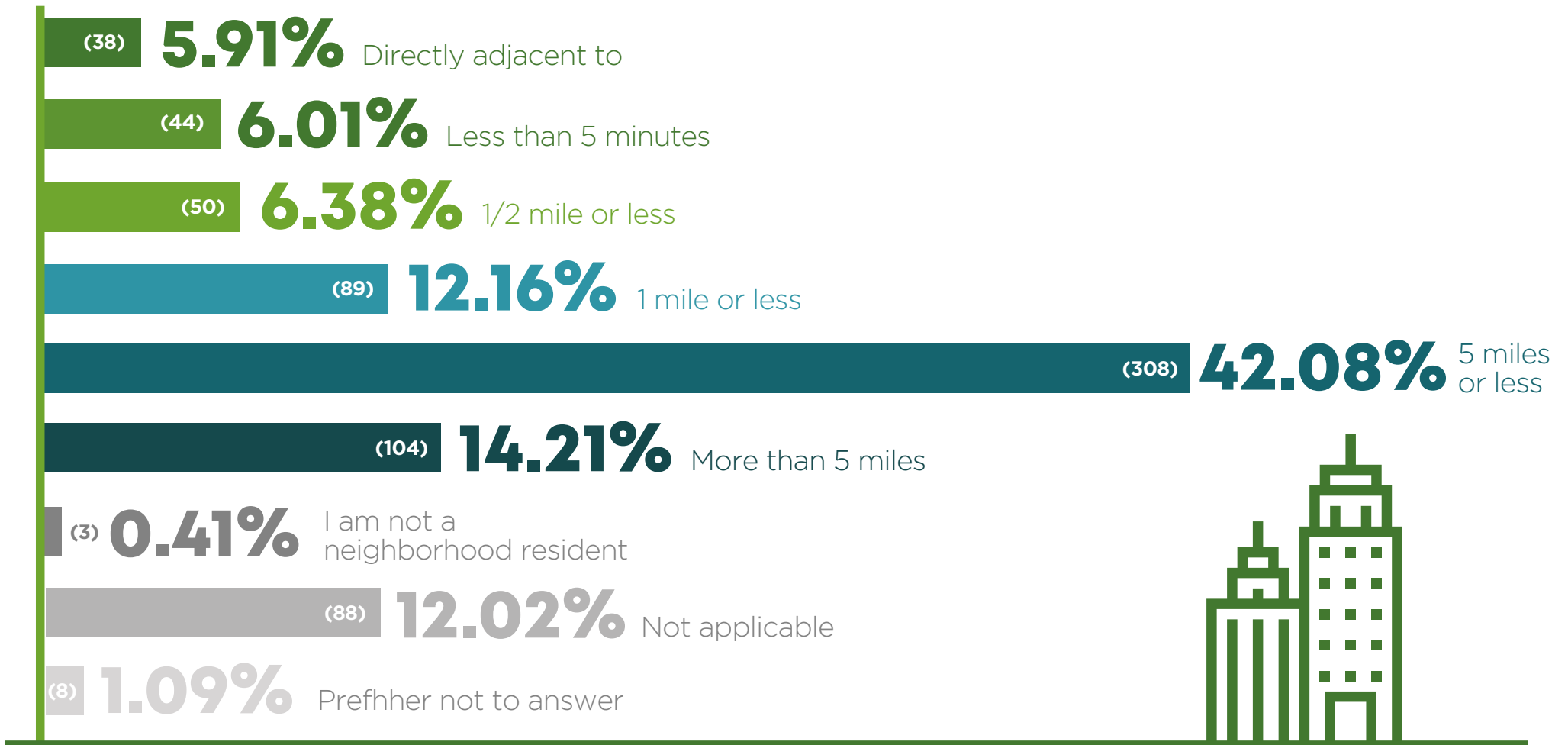
Answered: 732



Total respondents: 731

HOW CLOSE IS YOUR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT TO EMMP?

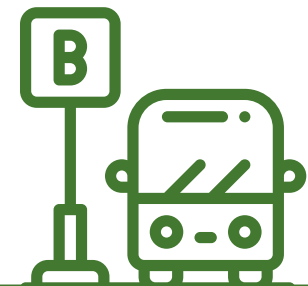
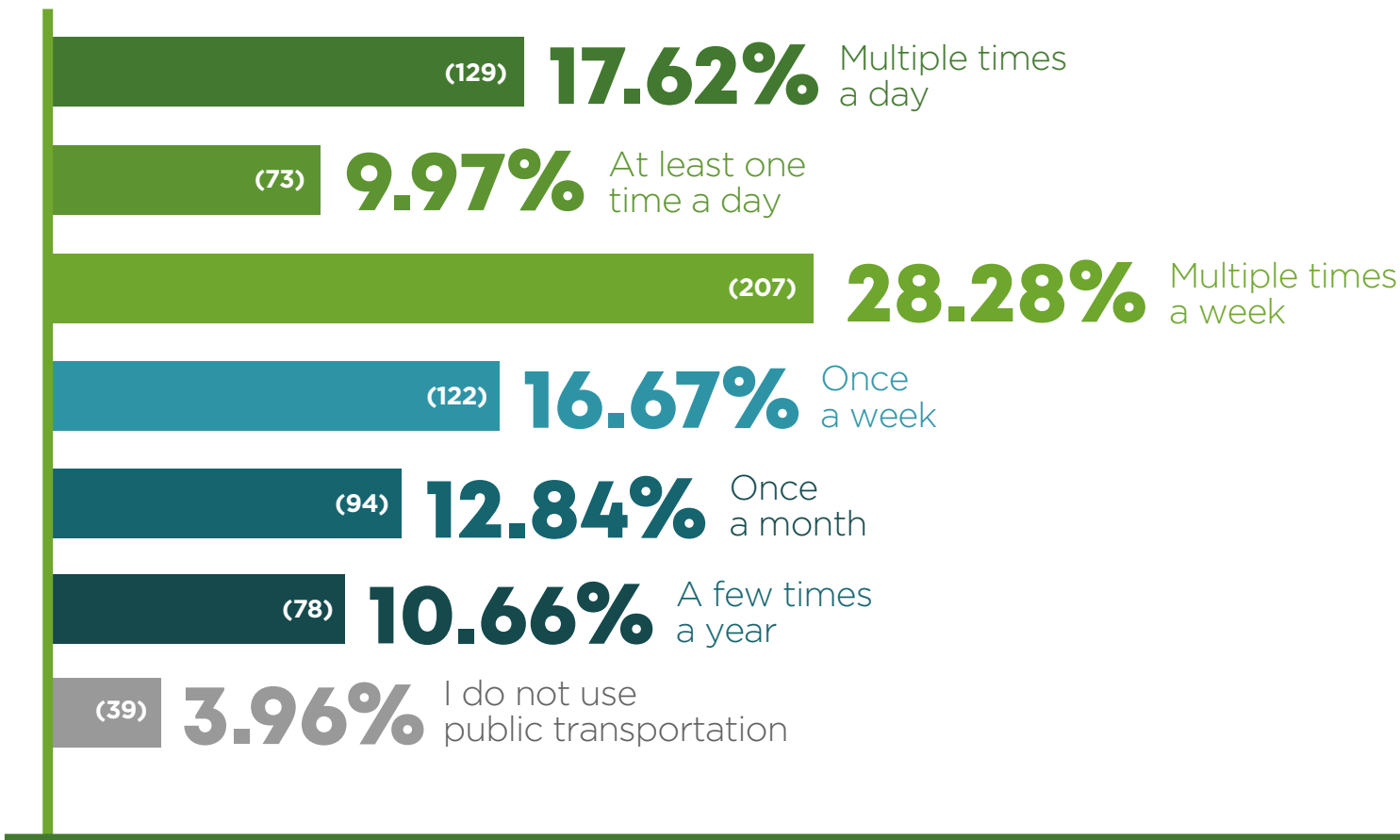
Answered: 732



Total respondents: 731

HOW OFTEN DO YOU WALK THROUGH EMMP TO ACCESS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION?

Answered: 731



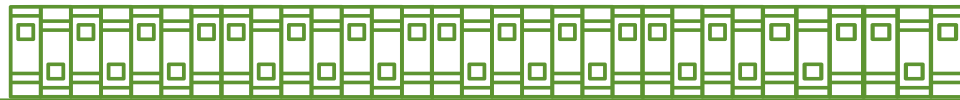
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE THE LIBRARY TO USE/ACTIVATE THE SPACE?

Answered: 731



10.94% Book club meetings

(80)



28.18% Story time

(206)



26.68% Educational activities

(195)



5.61% Game clubs

(41)



23.26% Book fairs

(170)



5.34% Other

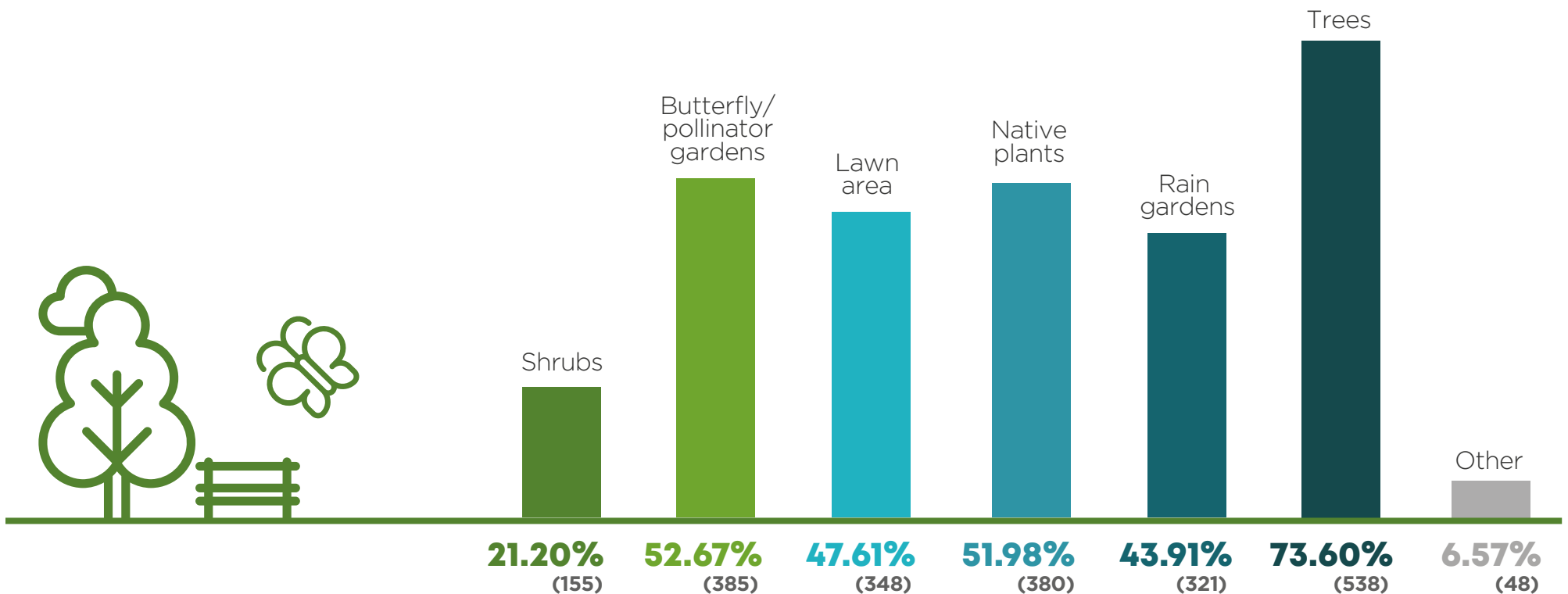
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Total respondents: 731

WHAT TYPES OF LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN METRO PARK?

Answered: 731

Survey allowed selection of multiple answers.



Total respondents: 731

PLEASE INDICATE THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN OF YOUR PREFERENCE

Answered: 731

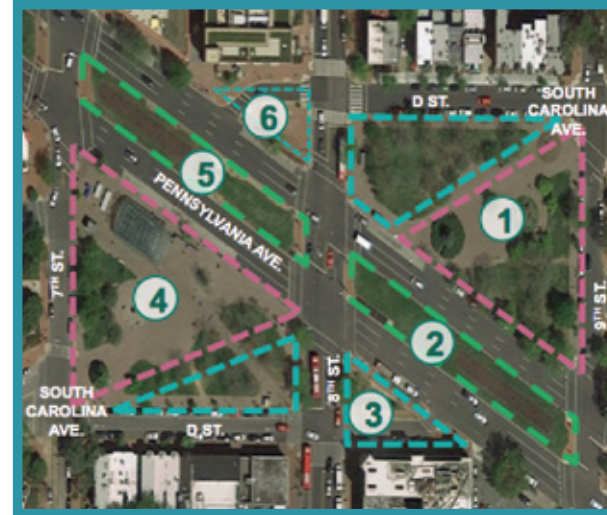
26.54%
(194)

Playground
focus



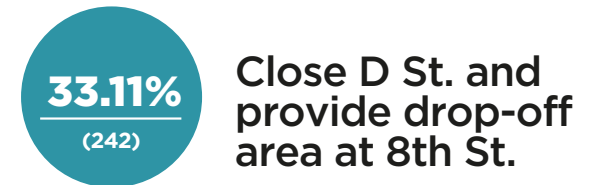
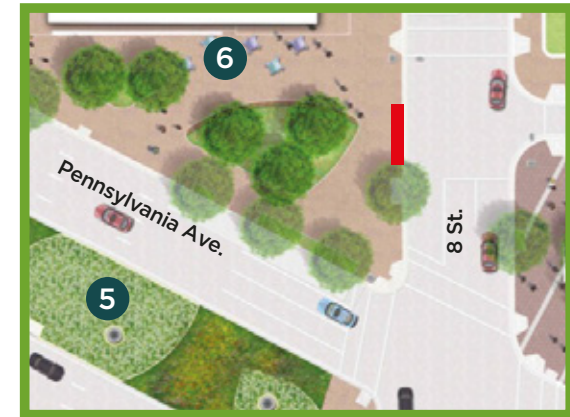
73.46%
(537)

Split
focus



PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCE FOR PARCEL 6

Answered: 731



WHAT TYPE OF THEME WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE FOR THE PLAYGROUND?



47.88%
(350)

Contemporary



44.32%
(324)

Nature
inspired



7.80%
(324)

Traditional
colorful

WHAT TYPE OF SURFACING DO YOU PREFER IN THE PLAYGROUND?

Answered: 731

44.60%
(326)

**Engineered
wood
fiber**
(mulch/wood chips)



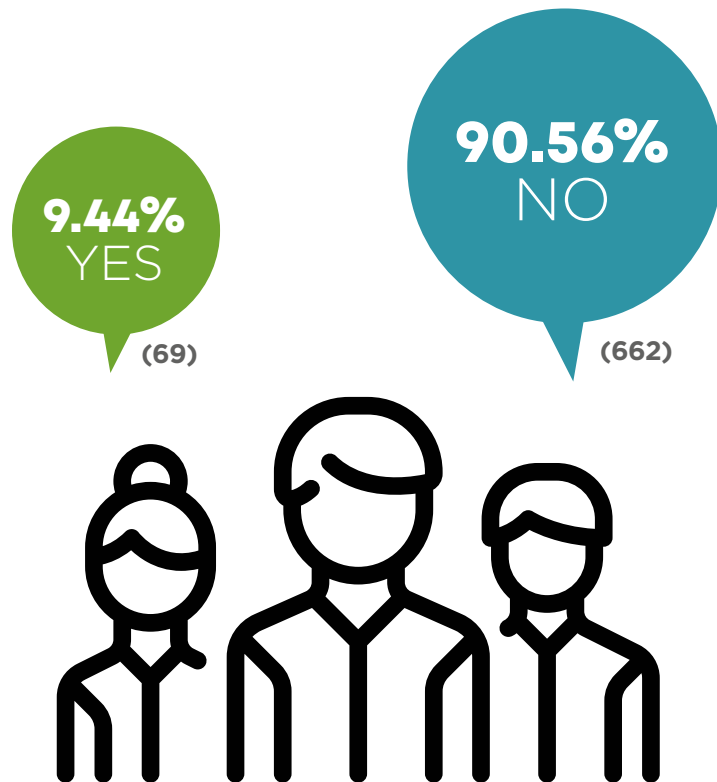
55.40%
(405)

**Poured
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rubber**



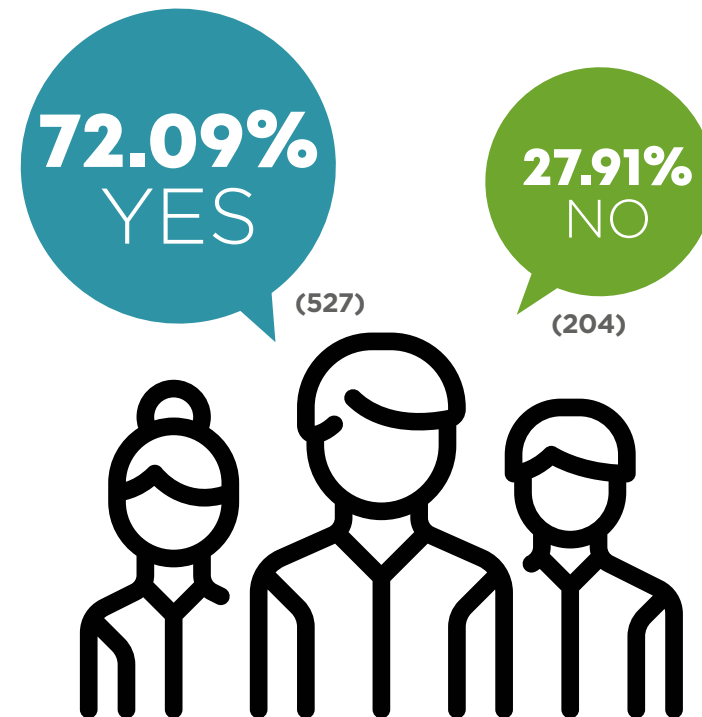
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**DID YOU PARTICIPATE
ON THE 2015 MASTER
PLAN?**



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**DO YOU LIKE THE CONCEPT
PLAN PRESENTED
AT THE DECEMBER 13TH
COMMUNITY MEETING?**



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE
FUTURE EMAIL UPDATES REGARDING
EMMP RENOVATIONS, PLEASE PROVIDE
YOUR NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS BELOW.**

Answered: 324

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	99.69%	323
Email Address	99.07%	321

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

GENERAL COMMENTS

I love the rain gardens and the reading room.

Offers diverse community needs and is environmentally sustainable/friendly

Well thought out.

Mixed use, modern/inviting look.

Focus on important priorities—library, playground, transportation, safety, and environment.

The open environment where everyone in the family could enjoy the park.

I think the plan focuses solely on families with young children and does not take the greater community into view.

The area could really use a dog park. Could it be added?

Dogs should not be allowed in this park.

City reps were looking for a false consensus and not listening to what people said they needed.

Multi-use space aspect, environmental concerns, rodent control.

Lots of good ideas; the photos look like something I'd love to have in this space; glad the library is part of it.

Plan is nice and neat and assumes users will walk where they are told to. This is an unrealistic assumption. Design must make it inconvenient for people to trample the flowers and grasses. Also, design must make it difficult for police cars and Metro vehicles to park on the plazas. Otherwise, the new park will end up looking as bad as the existing one.

Didn't take community feedback.

I don't want a "town square." I don't want to live in an outdoor mall. If I wanted a town square, I would move to Shirlington. I like the hodgepodge nature of Capitol Hill, which is greater than just the EM metro. I like that EM and H Street are so close but feel like different spaces. It makes the neighborhood less claustrophobic for someone who travels mostly by foot. And all these questions start with "strong community interest in a playground" but this "town square" justification sounds like it is something that the businesses on Barracks Row want, not the residents of the area. I also have strong reservations about the idea of putting child attractions in an area with so much vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

I liked the emphasis on FINALLY breaking ground.



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

GENERAL COMMENTS

There is supposed to be a dog park. Look at the combination child and dog park at 3d and L NE.

Looks like a more useful space.

I like the explicit focus on environment and resilient infrastructure, while trying to meet multiple competing demands on this space (cars, buses, commuters, pedestrians, wheel-chairs, bikers). I will miss the lines of cherry trees, but I really like the bioretention the new design will offer.

Balanced use (play does not dominate), town square emphasis.

The social nooks and mix of activities are nice.

Too many buzzwords.

Lacks placemaking impact and local context.

Where are funds for maintenance. Rat abatement? Safety lighting? Why do I have to have 4 items I want to do for #5, None of the other options interest me.

Biggest concern is homeless will be there all the time with their trash and drugs.

The plan is thoughtful in its attempt to provide for multiple uses and functions in a highly traveled and congested area.

I did not attend; this survey is badly designed & won't let me skip the question!

It seems well thought out.

The concept plan of the split focus vs the playground focus? The one where the bus stop is moved? I've seen too many plans and can't keep up.

There wasn't a plan presented the day I filled this out.

I'd prefer something more akin to the parks in NW like DuPont or in SE Garfield park or Navy Yard park.

I like all the possibilities presented.

I was not at the meeting, so this question is N/A, but leaving it blank wasn't an option for this survey.

More green spaces, less roads, enhanced safety for pedestrians = a nicer place to be!



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

TREES, LANDSCAPE, AND BIORETENTION

More space for sitting.

Not enough emphasis on encouraging trees and a natural environment. A park with trees is going to be a multigenerational attraction anyway! Too many DC parks have been filled with cement, at the expense of beautiful trees.

I do not like the decreased bioretention in the concept plan. I think more trees would provide beneficial shade and health benefits in all of the new park spaces.

Too much maintenance required.

Cutting down trees.

I would prefer to see more trees and natural spaces included in the plan. I see more "lawns" than I like. Lawns tend to become neglected and turn into ugly weedy areas. Plenty of tree canopy encourages people to lounge and relax. The trees will also provide a cool oasis, which will become increasingly precious in the years to come. I'd like to see this area become more of a natural oasis with room for children to play and adults to relax than a traditional lawn-and-playground-with-a-few-trees park.

Not a fan of the butterfly garden.

More places for relaxing/sitting/talking.

There is currently an informal path from 9th and D Street west to Pennsylvania Ave. Why isn't that kept? The plan doesn't show much imagination. The word "bosque" means forest—why not just use the word "trees?"

Focus on cohesion, storm water retention, and emphasis on trees.

Thought it was good overall, although I didn't think enough emphasis was placed on butterfly gardens and native plants. I also feel it doesn't address the needs of teens or young adults (15-17, 18-25, 26-35) very well. Particularly in nice weather, people in those age brackets would like a place to socialize outside; however, it's weird to hang with friends and be yourself when you're next to a bunch of toddlers and their parents. I would make sure that there is a place for young adults in the plans for the park, and emphasize the butterfly gardens—butterflies are dying at a staggering rate and it is crucial that we do something to help. Plus, it could be a big attraction for locals!



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

TREES, LANDSCAPE, AND BIORETENTION

I like seeing many more trees in all areas and more pervious green space. I think that MPD should be involved in planning as there is a significant amount of crime and loitering in this area.

More greenery—no rubber no artificial turf.

More trees.

Thank you for considering the sun path. Many parks are not aligned with sun/buildings and unfortunately have no shade in summer and little sun in winter.

More trees near the Metro.

The original concept showed many more trees. This park will be a brutal place if the number of trees is as skimpy as shown. Trees can be planted in paved areas so pedestrians and trees coexist. Structural soil or other means can be used to provide the soil volumes needed for healthy tree buffer the play area from Penn Ave., so the grandeur of this important view isn't compromised.

More plants and more permeable surfaces to produce more visual appeal.

More green space.

More trees and green surface, less paving; recognize the desire line path across Metro plaza to the library.

Needs less hardscape on Parcel 4.

We need more trees to keep the heat down over here!

I'm less interested in playground space and more interested in increasing tree cover and rain gardens.



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

THE PLAYGROUND, LAWN & LIBRARY CONNECTION / PARCELS 1 & 4

Please add a fenced in space for dogs! There is currently nowhere in the neighborhood for dogs to play.

Library expansion.

I was out of town on the 13th, but I am glad that the library is no longer expanding (Amy Weinstein's designs are not to my liking).

Liked the plan for Parcel 1. That parcel is in bad shape and really needs some investment, whether it's playground, park space or even just maintenance.

I particularly like the way Parcels 1 and 4 are being conceptualized.

Need to expand library under the park.

I don't like the idea of closing the SE Library, again.

I'm disappointed that expansion of the Southeast Library seems to have been dropped.

Needs dog park.

Playground close to STEM School—please retain a drop-off area for the STEM School.

Playground placement too close to Penn, and I don't favor the reversal of D Street.

A playground right by one of the busiest traffic intersections does not seem like a great idea.

Prefer less playground.

Liked the playground for two age groups. I would close D street with an 8th street drop-off.

Don't want a library.

It was a good start. Please reconsider park placement and possibly adding a dog park instead of the open grassy area in Parcel 1.

Prefer Option 4 with kids park to the north. Should also keep desire line to/from D St through the park to 9th. Need direct path from 9th & D St to 8th & Penn.

I like that the plan addresses the community's stated desire for a playground. Having a safe place to play is essential, particularly in a city as built as DC.

I liked the town square space, bosque, two age group playgrounds, as well as a common grassy area.



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

THE PLAYGROUND, LAWN & LIBRARY CONNECTION / PARCELS 1 & 4

Like the concepts for the distinct spaces—especially civic space on the SW side and playground on the NE side.

A D St. resident is **HIGHLY ALLERGIC** to wood mulch—if you put that in the playground, you’re going to have to send an ambulance every time he walks to the metro because he’ll go into anaphylactic shock. **PLEASE NO WOOD MULCH!**

I like the added green space and the playground aspects.

Playground too close to Pennsylvania.

Playground, pedestrian walkway. Needs a gated area where kids can play safely and keep adults out if they’re not there with their kids.

So much emphasis on playgrounds. I know I don’t have kids of my own, but I do love children have nieces and nephews and appreciate safe outdoor space for them. That said, we are surrounded by playgrounds in Lincoln and Marion Parks, both very close. This area doesn’t seem as safe for kids, with metro, buses, and some of the people who linger. I’d also like some ‘adult park space’ where we can enjoy the outdoors without being surrounded by children, and this area feels safer for adults than children, given aforementioned concens.

Regarding survey question 16, I am ok with either playground surface.

I don’t have strong feelings—my kids have been happy with the random plastic toys and the little trees and the grass.

I worry about a play space on such a major road, but I guess if the community input said people want it, they will take care of their children near the busy road.

I didn’t like the overemphasis on a playground or the closing of D St. There needs to be more grass and fewer hard surfaces, but it needs to be open and available to all, not busied up with playground equipment and excess shrubbery.

Playground should be on north side of Parcel 1.

I am a parent of three, and even I have to say it is such a shame that the city leaders cannot empathize with those of us who, living in a tight, urban setting, just want to give our children a chance to experience authentic grass and environmental surroundings without concrete or constructed equipment. Where have the days gone that climbing a tree or rocks were just as fun or natural as climbing the ladder to a slide? We have enough plastic and concrete in this world. Please, not all of us want this version of play. There are more than enough playgrounds in the immediate area—let this be more



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

THE PLAYGROUND, LAWN & LIBRARY CONNECTION / PARCELS 1 & 4

natural and greener and not so landscaped. What has happened to the concept of preservation? Will children ever be allowed to enjoy anything that isn't landscaped and plastic-ed and poured and molded in DC anymore? Do we always have to leave town to find that now?

I didn't like the colorful playground equipment.

Georgetown has a beautiful water feature in its riverside park. Could this be part of the playground? And do we really need 2 playgrounds?

You must put shade over the playground. There aren't so many unusable playgrounds that are scorching in the dead of summer. Please please please put shade.

It is deeply frustrating that you promised us a playground years ago and yet nothing ever happens. Enough planning. Build the playground you promised.

Playground focus, with a space for toddlers to confidently play. The area's current play spaces are geared to children in upper elementary and middle school, not lower elementary and toddler aged children.

I don't think a playground is necessary. I think an outdoor work area or garden area is better.

Children have access in the area to fill parks, being close to the metro seems like a safety hazard.

This seems very playground heavy considering the density of nearby playgrounds and lack of other outdoor/public use facilities. There are numerous playgrounds nearby, in addition to school playgrounds and other recreation facilities.

I liked the presentation, but I have some lingering concerns. Chief among them is safety. Right now, Parcel 1 is very unsafe. I live 1.5 blocks from there and walk through daily en route to the metro. The park benches and even the plastic playground is a gathering spot for drug users.

I do not allow my child to play there, and I avoid it at night as I have been harassed before trying to walk through. PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANY SEATING IN PARCEL 1, other than in the

fenced-in playground. With community connections across the street, any benches, tables or seating will only continue to attract the drug using community. I have never seen a resident of the neighborhood ever sit in one of the current benches. Please do not attempt any "social spaces" that just involve seating - this will not have the intended impact of gathering the neighborhood. It will continue the problem of drug users occupying the space and crowding out a residential area. PLEASE. This is really serious and is a major design flaw of the proposal.



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

THE PLAYGROUND, LAWN & LIBRARY CONNECTION / PARCELS 1 & 4

A fenced in children's park is brilliant and will draw families. Any other areas that provide seating in the open will NOT keep the park safe or vibrant.

Playground could be more adventurous—not just off-the-shelf product. See examples here:
<https://www.citylab.com/life/2018/08/can-risky-playgrounds-take-over-the-world/565964/>

I don't think this is a safe area for a children's park.

I don't have children, you need to change the question to include that.

Playground area is too small—the number of children in this neighborhood, plus the STEM daycare across the plaza will overwhelm it. I'd like to see the lawn area shrunk, and the walkway moved over, or the playground split across both parcels.

I don't want to focus on playgrounds. There are NEVER kids in the playgrounds now. And it's not because they're crappy. It's because kids go to soccer or football or swimming. There aren't enough children in the neighborhood to support it.

I don't think the focus of the new park space should be a

playground. One is not given to option above to state that a playground isn't desired.

Seems like there is an assumption that a playground should be put in place.

The jungle gym just strikes me as unappealing and odd given the area. I'd try to fit something into the architecture surrounding the area today.

I liked it for the most part, but I didn't like the open lawn space and I didn't see a way for pedestrians to get close to the butterfly or rain gardens.



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, CLOSURE OF D STREET, AND TRANSPORTATION / PARCELS 4 & 6

Liked the closure of D St. for more pedestrian space.

I like closing of D St. both on south side, but feel it also needs to be closed on the north side (near Trader Joe's) as well, to maximize pedestrian safety. Having D St. closed on the north side would give more room for bus commuters waiting for busses southbound on 8th St., (i.e., north side of PA Ave).

It looks the same as now. Closes too many streets that provide access to frequently used buildings (Trader Joe's and the nasty methadone clinic).

Relocating bus stops was touched on at the beginning, and I would prefer the bus stops to stay in place.

Could use a terminus at the end of South Carolina.

A clear path, pattern for bikes to navigate these intersections without interfering with pedestrians or getting hit by cars.

I would love to see this area developed, cleaned up and safe. I am not sure anything will be a great improvement as long as the city busses people in to get their methadone right across the street. There are constantly people Loitering In the park area. I do not feel safe walking through the park and will go around on D St. to avoid them. If something can't be done to keep them from hanging out there all day exchanging their-drugs then it is a lost cause.

I would like to see some consideration of seniors, (e.g. safe clear walks).

Need to close D St. Like the split focus.

I missed the presentation, but from online, I couldn't tell enough about the street realignments. My first and foremost interest is to ensure safety for pedestrians and bikers in the area, and this area's numerous intersections is always problematic. So, I like the split plan the best, but I can't figure out why it doesn't involve a South Carolina realignment too. If that area needs to be redone, which I agree it should be redone, it should be a focus of both plans.

I really like the idea of removing the D St. extensions on both sides.

I liked the improvements to pedestrian safety, for one thing, particularly closing the section of D and realigning streets.

On the NW corner of Parcel 4, there is very poor pedestrian flow because of the bike racks, and it needs to be addressed to provide better flow.

D street should be closed though Parcel 6.

Must move the bus stop.



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, CLOSURE OF D STREET, AND TRANSPORTATION / PARCELS 4 & 6

The current hardscape area around the current Metro entrance needs to be addressed at the same time as the parcel along 9th & D/Penn Ave

I still have some concerns about the design, (e.g., the columns are completely out of place). I am concerned that the bike racks will be inaccessible, and I also believe that it is important to keep the bus stops near the Metro station.

Not nearly enough consideration is being given to the effects of these projects on the flow of vehicle traffic. It will kill the neighborhood if that area becomes a point of congestion on a major transit corridor.

I like the idea to close D street access.

Bring back the 2nd library entrance. Focus on improving the Metro entrance area, which everyone uses, instead of the playground (only children of certain age use).

Enhanced "park feel" and reduced "blind spots" where people loiter.

My biggest concern is safety. Keeping the park well-lit is essential. All the streets are very dark, and I am always afraid of getting jumped by loiterers and delinquents.

I like it, except I see in slide 12 something about potential bus stop relocation. I think it would be a GOOD idea to keep the bus stops. If this is to be the "town center" of the neighborhood, why would we eliminate a public transit access point?

I work in the library. There is a worn-out lawn/dirt path from the Metro to the library because it is the most direct route from the plaza to the library/D Street. I'm concerned that the civic lawn will also have this worn spot from people cutting through. It is also dangerous to cross in the middle of the block (from the Metro plaza to the library/D St) between Pennsylvania and South Carolina.

Most important is doing something from people using drugs, sleeping, passing out in the park. It is awful and makes the space very unwelcome and unsafe. There are ALWAYS people passed out in the park. Regardless of how beautiful it is, if people are passed out in the park, I'm not going to sit and hang out there.

The street closures.

The short stretch of D St SE between 7th and 8th SE should be widened/doubled in size. Provide angled metered parking for Barracks Row and better traffic flow.



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

THE MEDIANS AND PENNSYLVANIA AVE. / PARCELS 2 & 5

We should close Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania Ave is too wide not to have shade trees in the median. Sight lines don't matter as much as transpiration, shade, and the sheltering effect of greenery.

Don't like designs for Parcels 5 & 2.

Emphasis on community and decreasing the impact of the commuter thruway due to Penn.

Please add a Metro entrance on the north side of Pennsylvania.

I would like to see minimal, if any barriers on parcels 2 and 5.

Prefer a central square, oval, or circle; Penn Ave bisecting the space keeps it from becoming a true place.

I like it all, but I would like to see provisions made for a cycle track down the middle of Pennsylvania Avenue, potentially as a bridge over bioretention.

Yes, folks should walk up to either corner to cross, but in reality, nobody does.

Definitely plant the PA Avenue median with substantial trees—flowering or otherwise.

Removing the trees from the median strips is a mistake in my view. They are beautiful and do not meaningfully obstruct vision.

I don't want to see trees removed from the Penn Ave medians.

It's too bad that Pennsylvania Ave has to cross this space at grade level: isn't there some way it can be depressed with the square built over it?

Early concepts had included an option to split or realign Pennsylvania Ave around the square to create a true urban plaza. There was a fair amount of community opposition to this concept, which I think led it to be shelved. But I feel that opposition may have been due to a fear of change more than an aspirational view of what could be. I propose a neighborhood preferences exercise: Bring members of the community to Stanton Park or Lincoln Park, and tell them that the plan is to run Mass Ave diagonally through the park. Obviously, no one would agree to that. Then why agree to it at Eastern Market? Keeping Pennsylvania through the plaza is unsafe, creates a dangerous and difficult-to-cross street that disconnects the neighborhoods north and south of Pennsylvania (and disconnects the Eastern Market metro from Eastern Market itself), and severely diminishes the potential benefits of redeveloping the Metro park. While I understand that there has been a lot of conversation and effort to get to this point, that does not mean we need to stay committed to an idea that will essentially amount to putting a band aid on it and not materially solving any of the problems that make the park such a terrible experience now.

