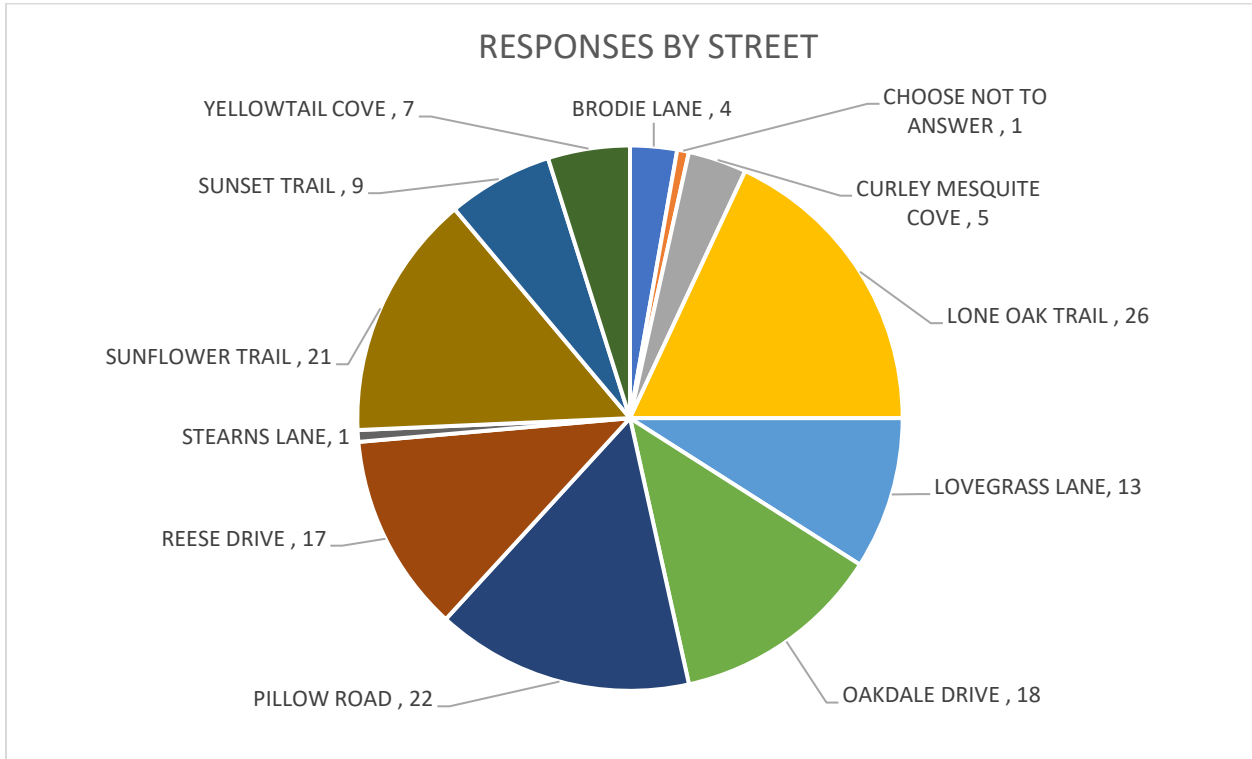




# **SUNSET VALLEY**

**Parks and Open  
Space Plan Survey  
Results-Residents**

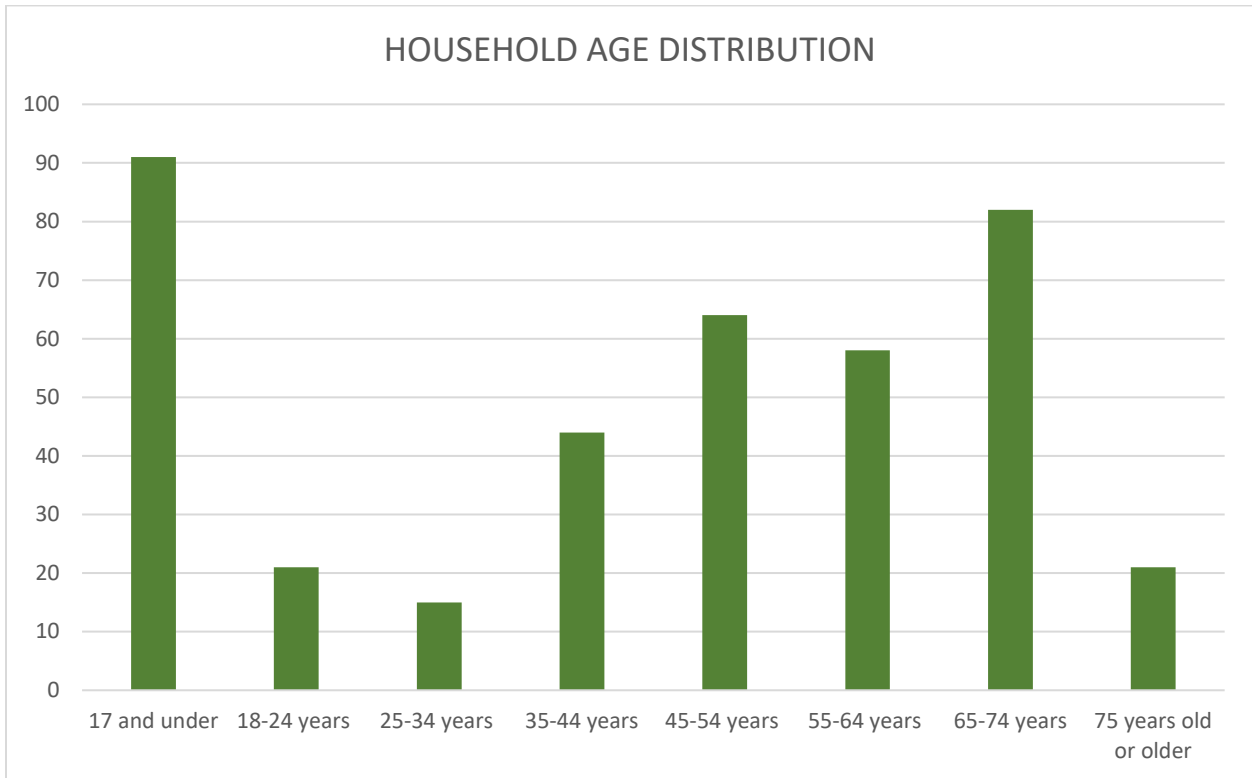
## Responses by Street



RESPONSES BY STREET*	
STREET	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
BRODIE LANE	4
CHOOSE NOT TO ANSWER	1
CURLEY MESQUITE COVE	5
LONE OAK TRAIL	26
LOVEGRASS LANE	13
OAKDALE DRIVE	18
PILLOW ROAD	22
REESE DRIVE	17
STEARNS LANE	1
SUNFLOWER TRAIL	21
SUNSET TRAIL	9
YELLOWTAIL COVE	7
TOTAL	144

\*Responses where no response was recorded past the initial question were not included in the totals.

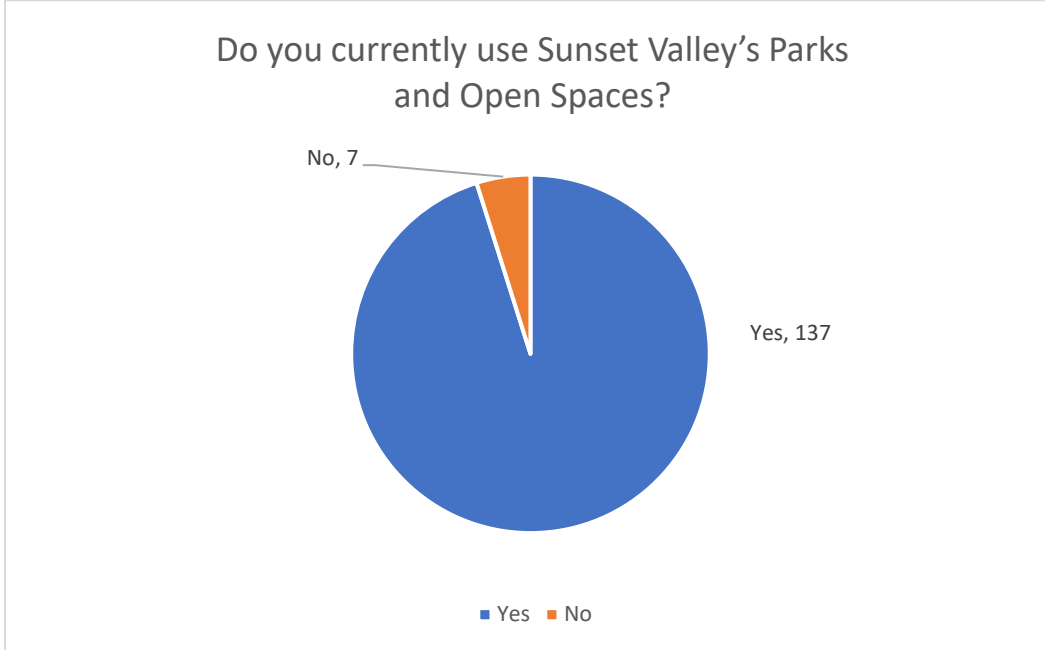
## Household Age Distribution



17 and Under	18-24 Years	25-34 Years	35-44 Years	45-54 Years	55-64 Years	65-74 Years	75 years old or older
91	21	15	44	64	58	82	21

Total Population Represented: 396

## Parks and Open Space Usage

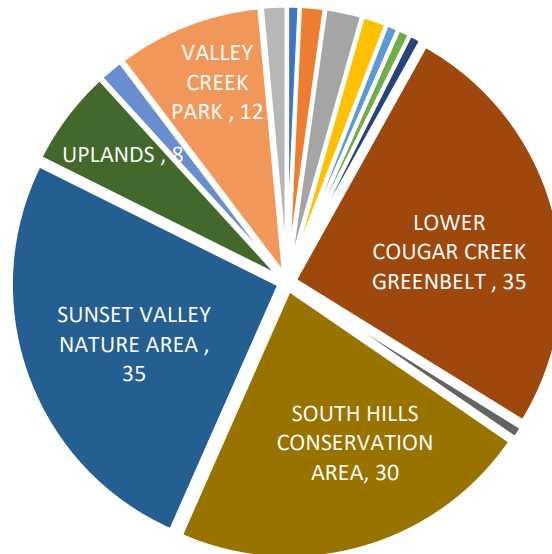


Do you currently use Sunset Valley's Parks and Open Spaces?	
Yes	137
No	7
Total	144

### Top Visited Parks and Open Spaces

Which three parks or trails do you visit most often?	Total
ALL AREAS	1
37 LONE OAK TRAIL	2
CITY HALL-Includes Communty Garden	3
GAINES GREENBELT	2
INDIAN GRASS PRARIIE PRESERVE	1
JONES AND ERNEST ROBLES	1
JONES AND SUNSET	1
LOWER COUGAR CREEK GREENBELT	35
PLAYGROUND AT HOMESTEAD	1
SOUTH HILLS CONSERVATION AREA	30
SUNSET VALLEY NATURE AREA	35
UPLANDS	8
UPPER AND LOWER COUGAR CREEK	2
VALLEY CREEK PARK	12
VILLAS PUD	2
TOTAL	136

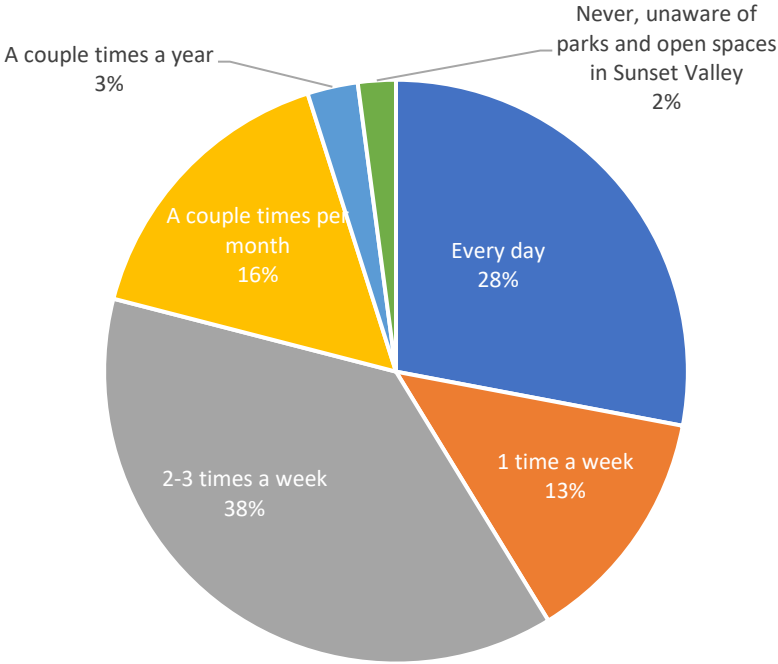
Which three parks or trails do you visit most often?



### Park and Open Space Usage

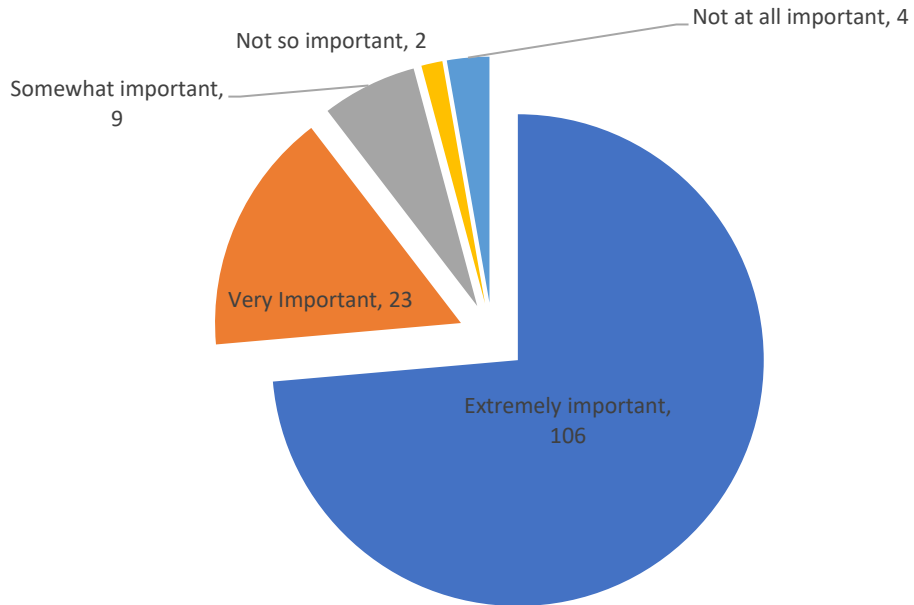
On average, how often do you visit parks and open spaces within the City of Sunset Valley?	
Frequency	Responses
Every day	40
1 time a week	19
2-3 times a week	54
A couple times per month	23
A couple times a year	4
Never, unaware of parks and open spaces in Sunset Valley	3

On average, how often do you visit parks and open spaces within the City of Sunset Valley?



## Importance of Parks and Open Space

Overall, how important do you think the availability of parks and open space is to the quality of your life?



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Extremely important	106
Very Important	23
Somewhat important	9
Not so important	2
Not at all important	4
Total	144

## Reasons for Not Using Parks and Open Spaces



None	78
Use parks/trails in Austin or other cities	3
Distance from residence	4
Parks/trails are not well maintained	4
Lack of amenities we want to use	15
Lack of parking	8
Do not feel safe using parks/trails	9
Lack of handicap accessibility	6
Not aware of parks or trails locations	10
Other (please specify)	13
Links	
Loose dogs are hazard	
leash laws not enforced	
Right now its too darned hot to be walking/biking. I mainly use the parks in more temperate weather. Also, I tend to get lost on some trails because they're not well marked.	



Benches and shade on Jones would be more enjoyable. Texas needs lots of shade and places to rest and chat!

Loose Dogs

I walk on the trails and enjoy the South Hills Conservation area.

We love all of the trails and open spaces! However, having a real playground would be so great for the all the young kids!

Lack of access/parking to green areas that are further inside neighborhoods

Extreme heat, no water stations

Lazy

I used to feel perfectly safe walking alone several times a week along the paths in the nature and conservation areas but now I'm afraid of being run over by cyclists who ride much too fast and don't provide any warning either vocally or with a bell when approaching, especially from behind. And, after several incidents during which my dog was attacked and permanently injured by unleashed dogs or dogs who escaped from their owners, I'm afraid of dogs, which I've always loved.

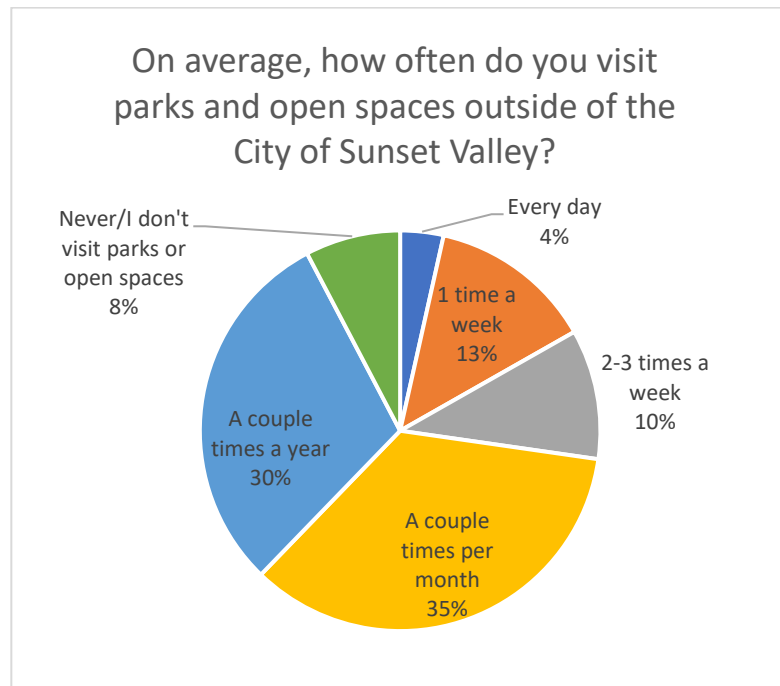
Afraid of the growing homeless population that might be there.

## Do You Use Parks outside of Sunset Valleys?

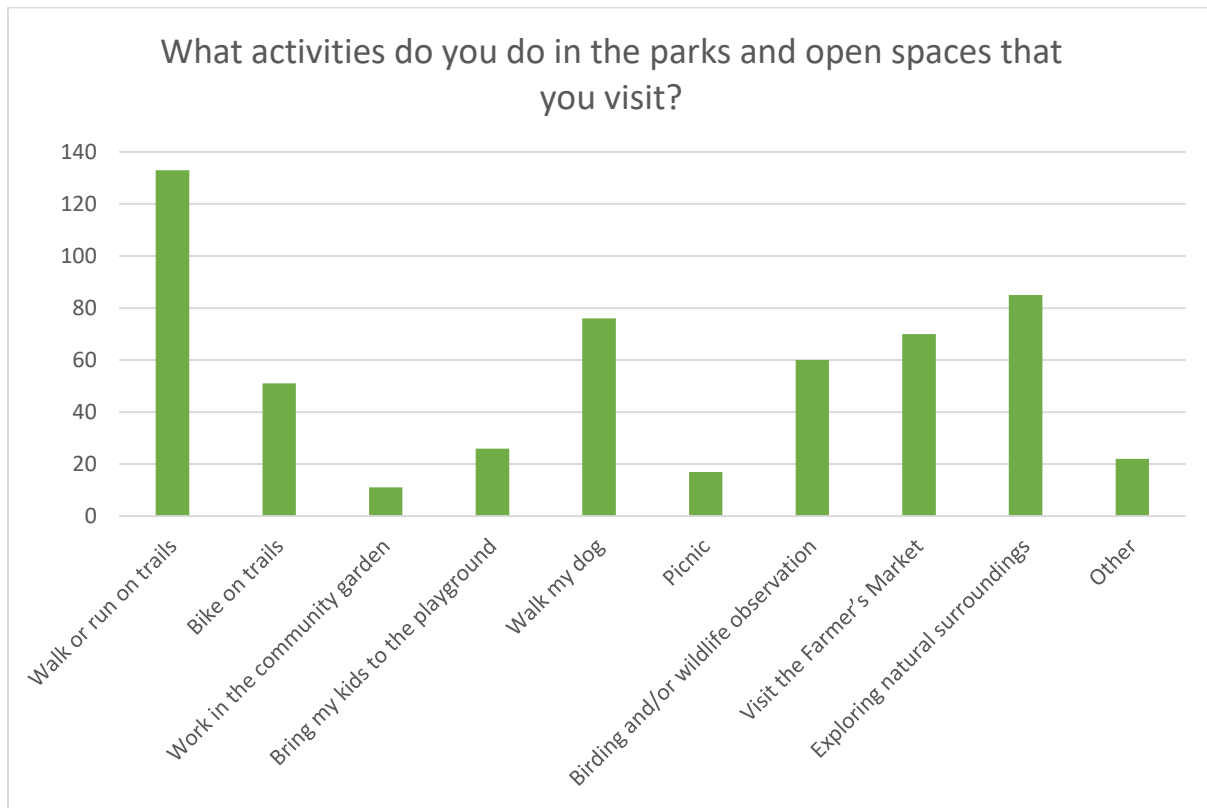
Do you use parks and open spaces outside of Sunset Valley?	
No	42
Yes	101
<b>Total</b>	<b>143</b>

<b>Popular Areas</b>
Zilker Park
Barton Creek Greenbelt
Violet Crown Trail
Lady Bird Lake
Circle C Park
Other Austin Parks
State Parks

On average, how often do you visit parks and open spaces outside of the City of Sunset Valley?	
Frequency	Responses
Every day	5
1 time a week	19
2-3 times a week	15
A couple times per month	50
A couple times a year	43
Never/I don't visit parks or open spaces	11



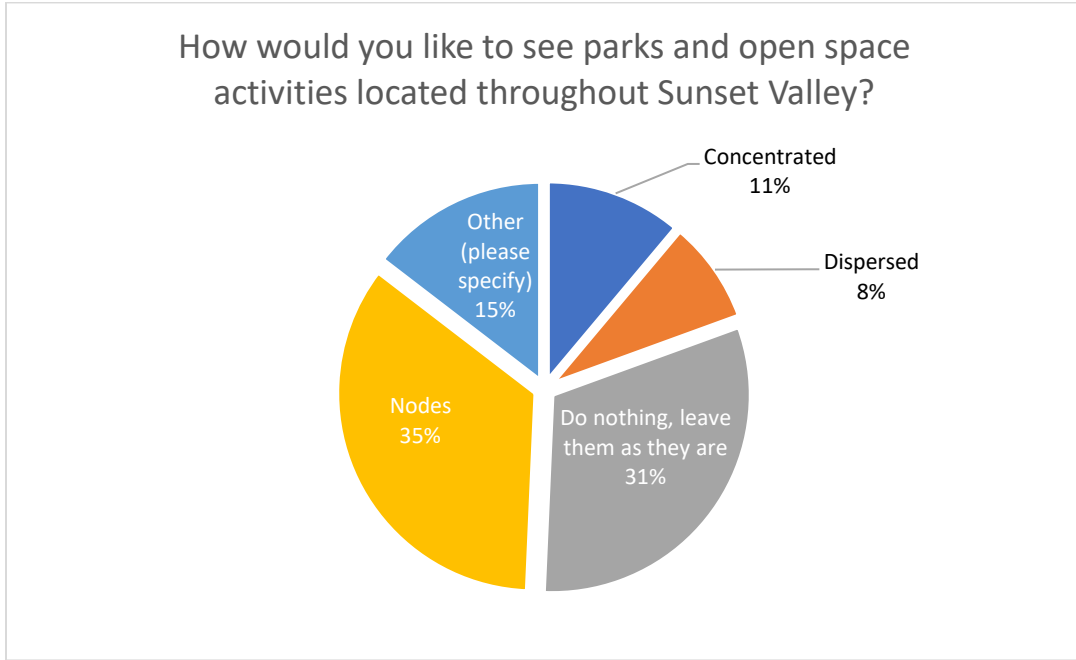
## Activities within Parks and Open Spaces



Activity	Number of Responses	Percentage of Total Respondents
Walk or run on trails	133	92
Bike on trails	51	35
Work in the community garden	11	8
Bring my kids to the playground	26	18
Walk my dog	76	53
Picnic	17	12
Birding and/or wildlife observation	60	42
Visit the Farmer's Market	70	49
Exploring natural surroundings	85	59
Other	22	15
MTB, horseback		
Enjoy the peace and quiet - observe nature		

If LoveGrass, Lone Oak, Pillow, Reese and Sunset Trail were all connected on the south ends I'd ride my bike and/or walk there to visit friends and get exercise.
Relax and Enjoy uncluttered nature and open space
I enjoy the PUD green space directly behind my home. This space is currently attached to the Villas neighborhood
Music and Art Festivals
Special Events Festivals
Meditation/stretching/yoga
Swim
Training for Athletics
Enjoying the biggest difference between Austin and our planned community.
Ride my horse
Ride horses
Don't visit
meditate, clear dead wood, pick up trash
Swim
Nature photography
Look for fossils
nature photography
Photography
Swimming. A resident city pool would be wonderful!
Relaxation and PEACE

## Activity Distribution



How would you like to see parks and open space activities located throughout Sunset Valley?	
Concentrated	16
Dispersed	12
Do nothing, leave them as they are	45
Nodes	50
Other (please specify)	21
Total	144
would like to see greater use of the uplands; leave trail areas alone (undeveloped and lightly maintained)	
not every green space needs to be modernized...let nature be	
not sure the difference between nodes and dispersed	

Open spaces and conservation areas were created to protect and preserve, or to mitigate ecological damage resulting from development both within this city and from sites upstream in our watershed. There is NO justification for turning these natural areas into high use 'recreational' venues for anything more impactful than hiking trails.

Issues like parking and access probably have a lot to do with choosing where to put certain activities.

There is a great need for benches, shade, native plantings as well as placemaking things like murals. Mostly, wild crafted nature space helps set SV apart and is in line with our mission statements and goals

Confusing question. Locate new activities behind city hall, in upper cougar creek or in uplands. Leave all other areas as they are.

Please concentrate activity area around city hall

I love the idea of having some new things around our city (Nodes) but I'd also love to see the playground on Reece added on to and expanded! It's such a wonderful area for a park but so tiny with not much to do.

Dispersed-Access for all neighborhoods and avoiding congestion is important. Keep natural and look for harmony with space purpose, residents, and cars.

Dispersed, but also protect each neighborhood from noise and traffic congestion.e

Leave existing as they are but provide a direct access to trails from Pillow Road.

The difference between nodes and concentrated is unclear. Without further definition, it's hard to choose. Overall I would like to see a few areas concentrated with activities with a focus of Integrating into nature/nice views we have and keeping large spaces of open land with minimal upgrades (more paved trails or signage)

Nodes - with a concentration in the Uplands. The Uplands is a great place for a public event center or outdoor amphitheater. Leave the rest as open trail space.

Re-wilding and removal of invasive species

re-wild open spaces, remove invasive species and increase biodiversity

Pickleball courts addition

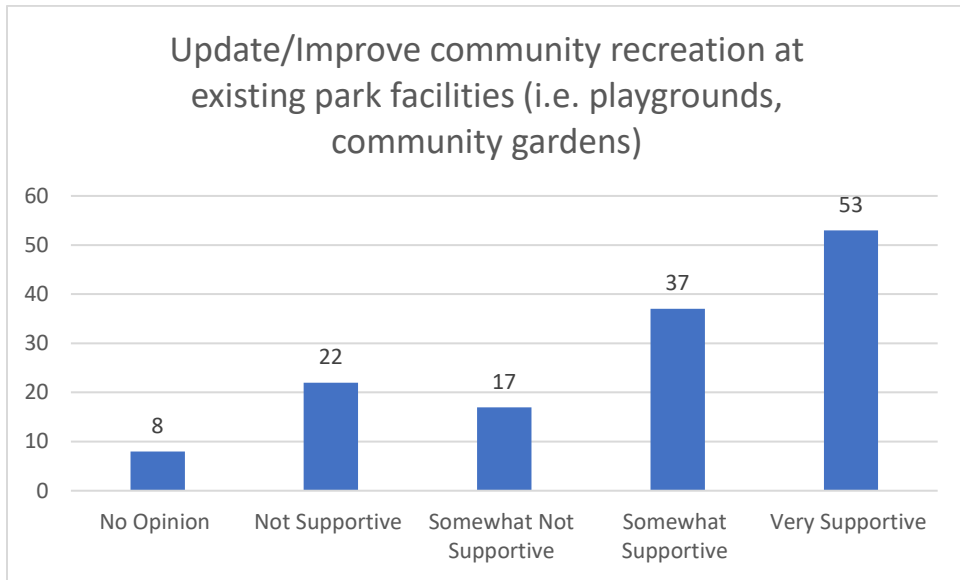
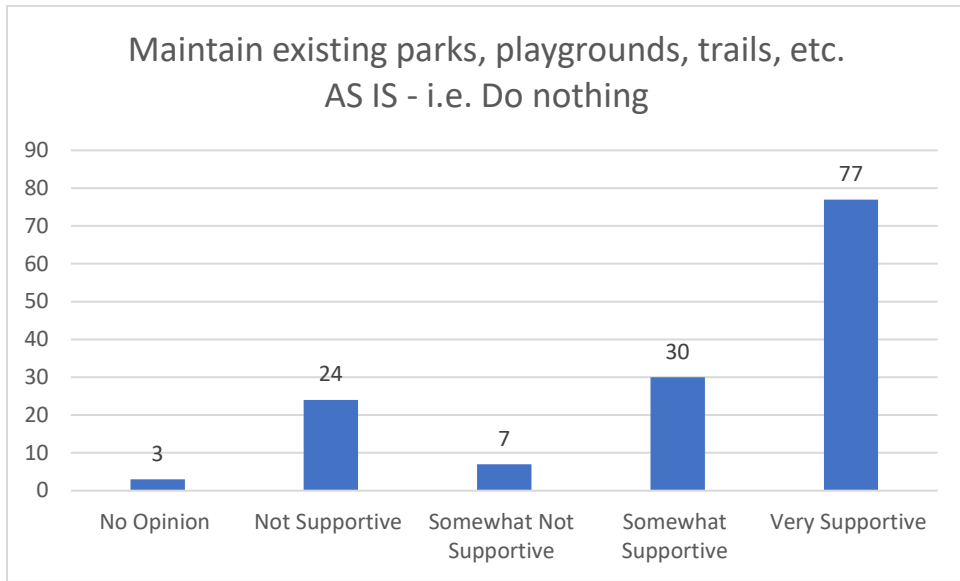
Omit bikers from from all but exact violet trail. Leave rest to walkers

Nodes or do nothing roughly equal preference

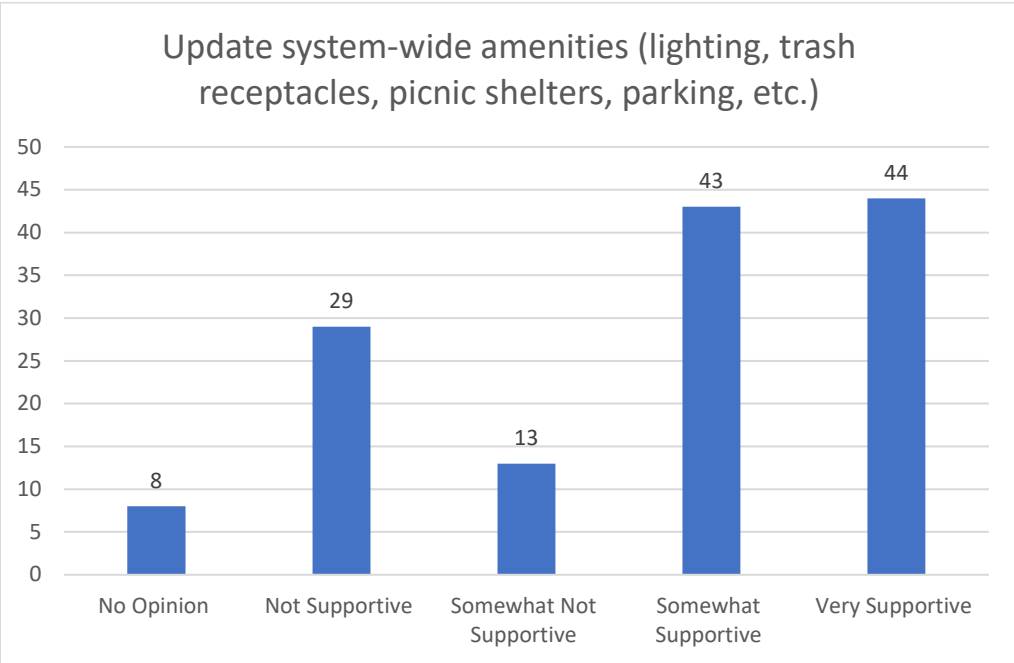
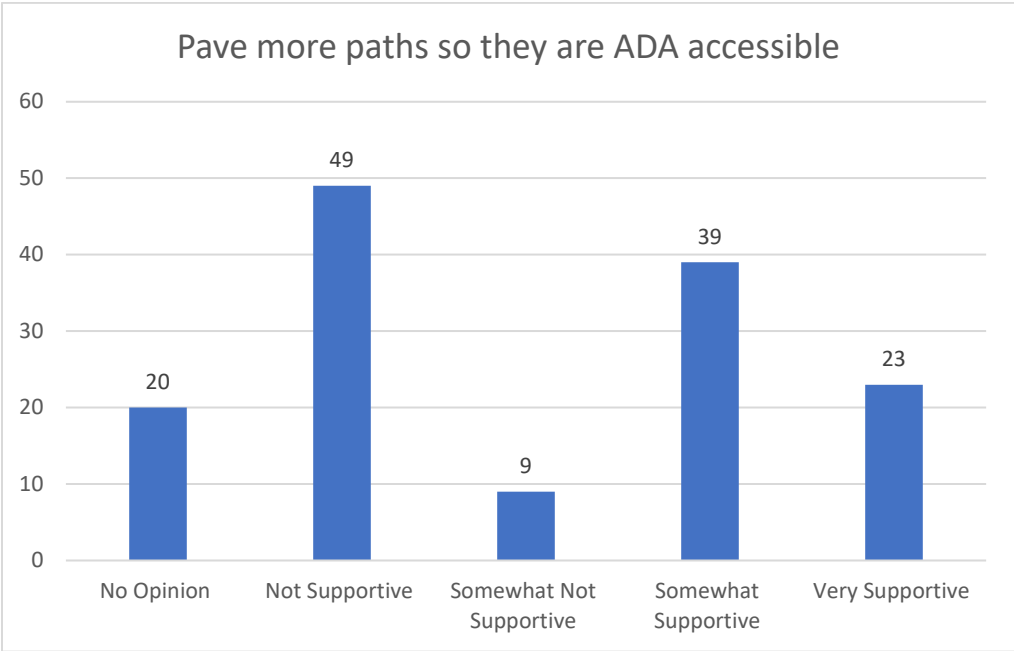
Question is not clear, what are examples of "activities"? I think nodes.

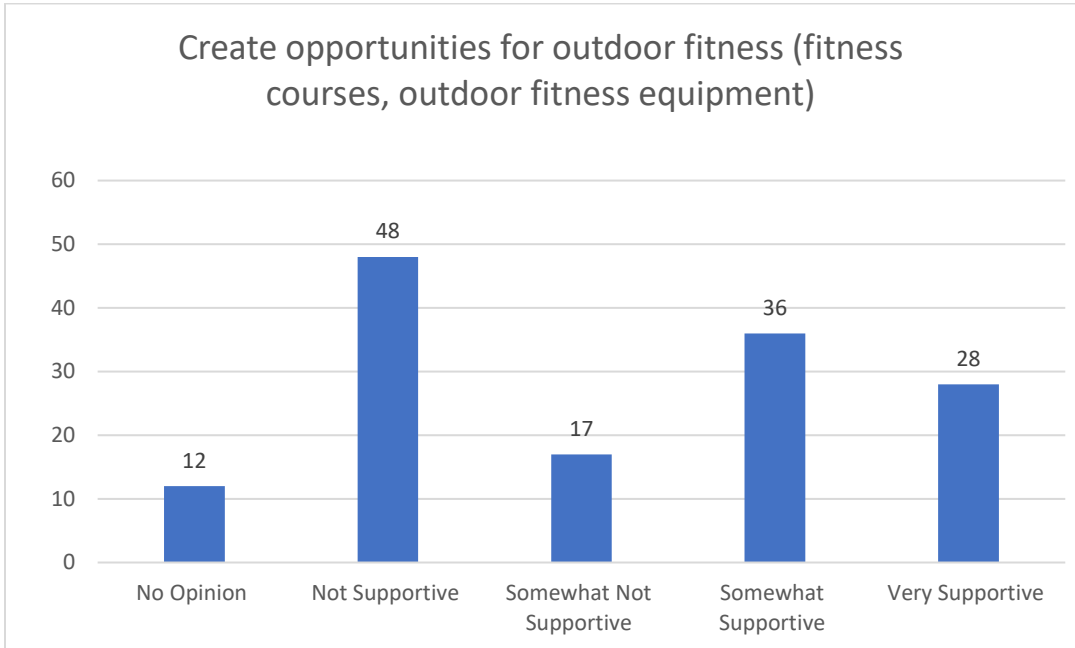
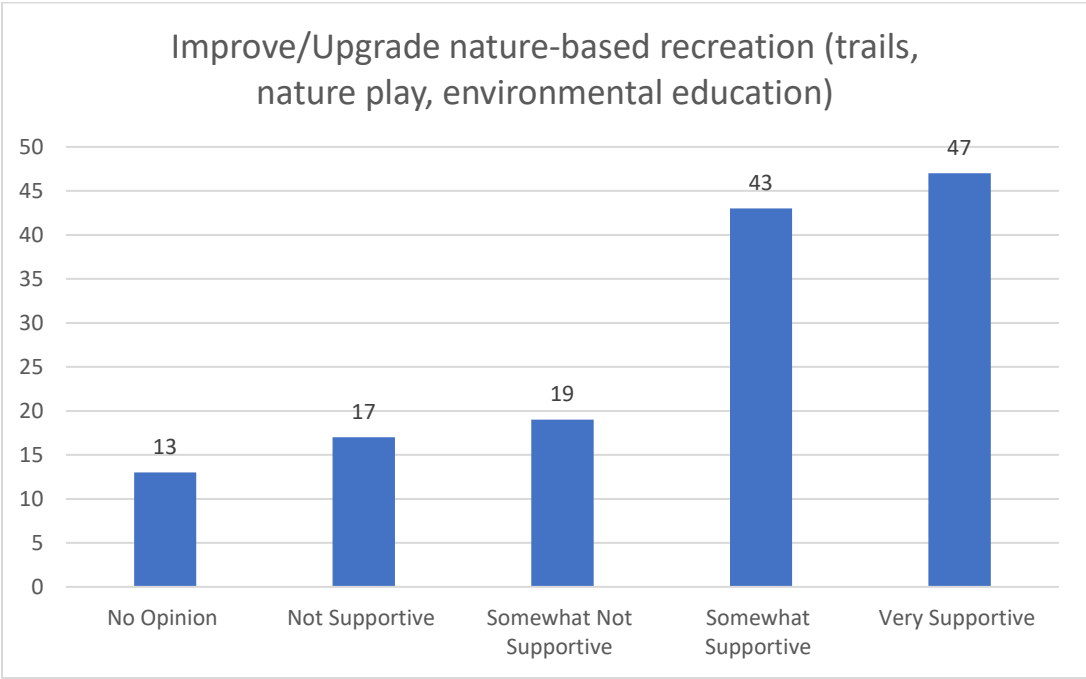
Build a pavilion in the highlands area for Farmers Market and resident use

## Attitudes towards possible Parks and Open Space Improvements

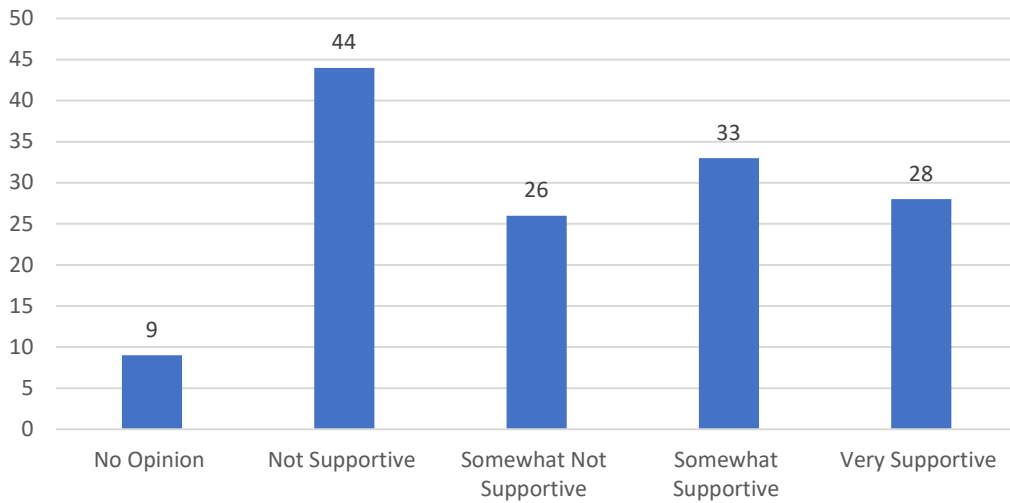




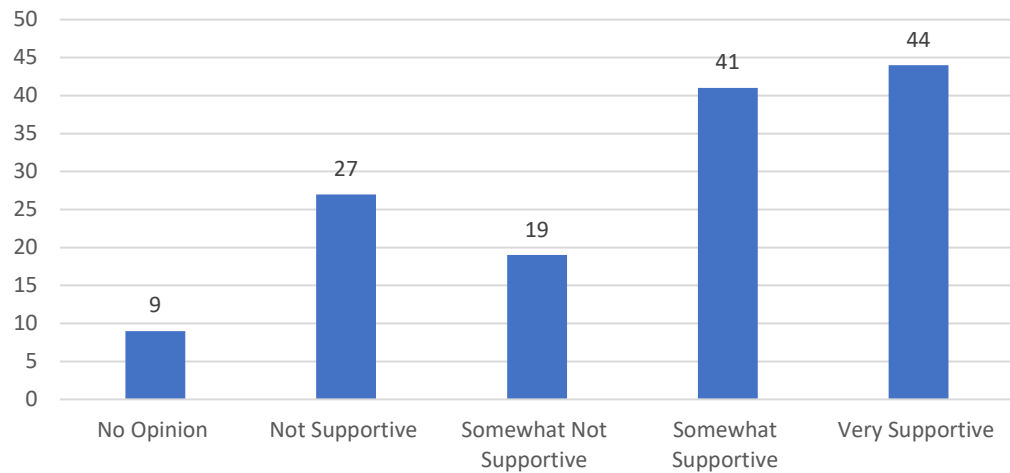




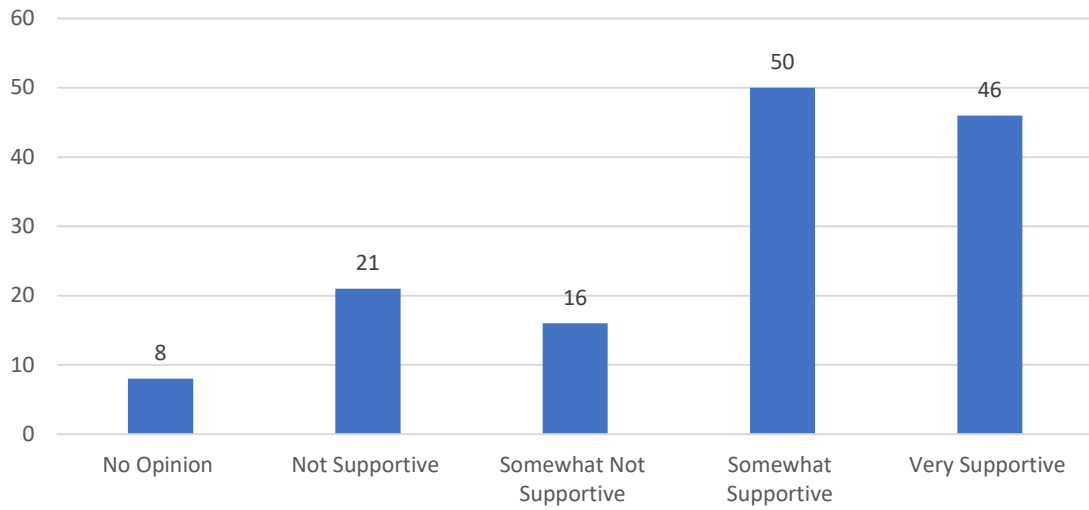
Add opportunities for outdoor leisure (corn hole, table tennis, picnic tables, hammocks, etc)



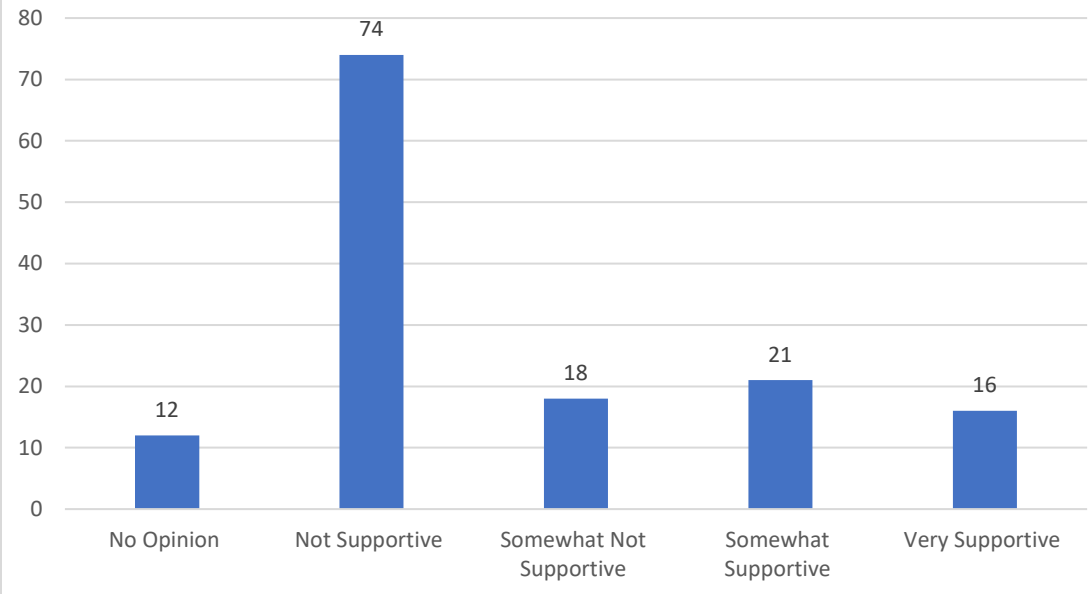
Build/Plant more community gardens and/or food forests (native trees that bear fruits and/or nuts for the community)



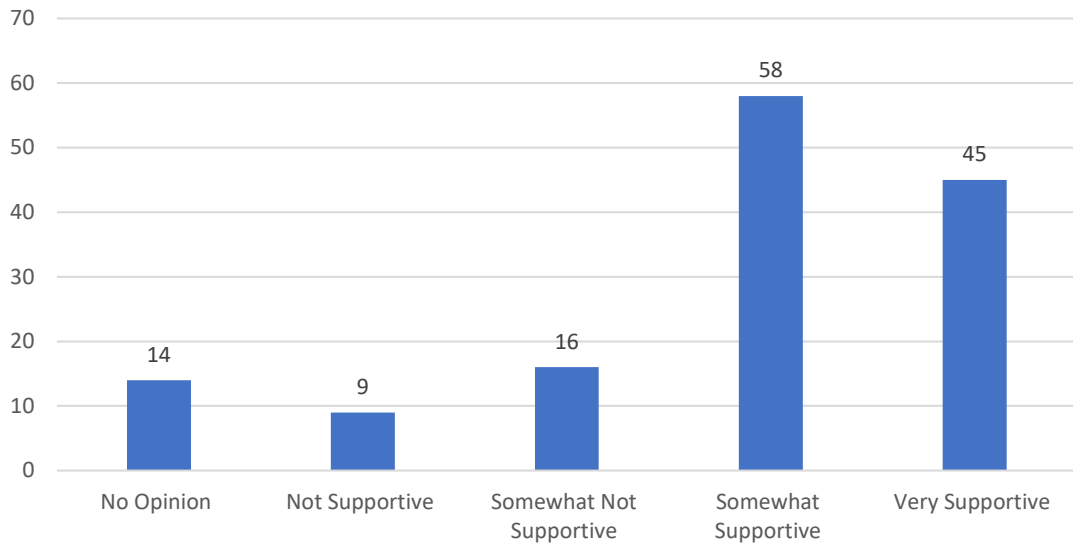
### Add more wayfinding and environmental educational signage along trails



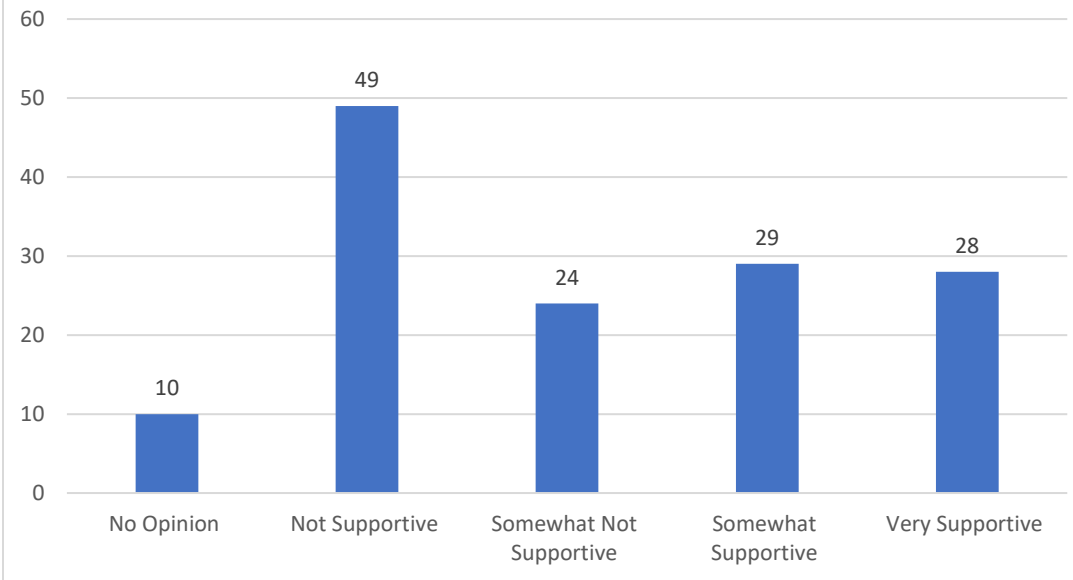
### Develop opportunities for adventure activities (bike parks, pump tracks, bicycle playground, skate parks)

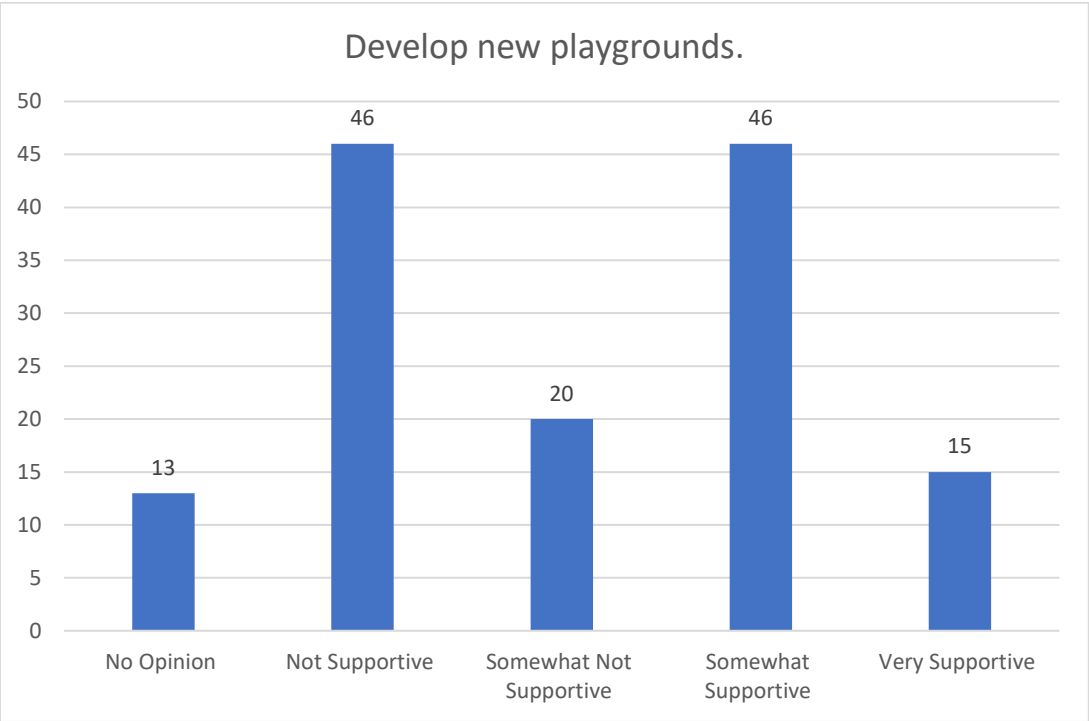
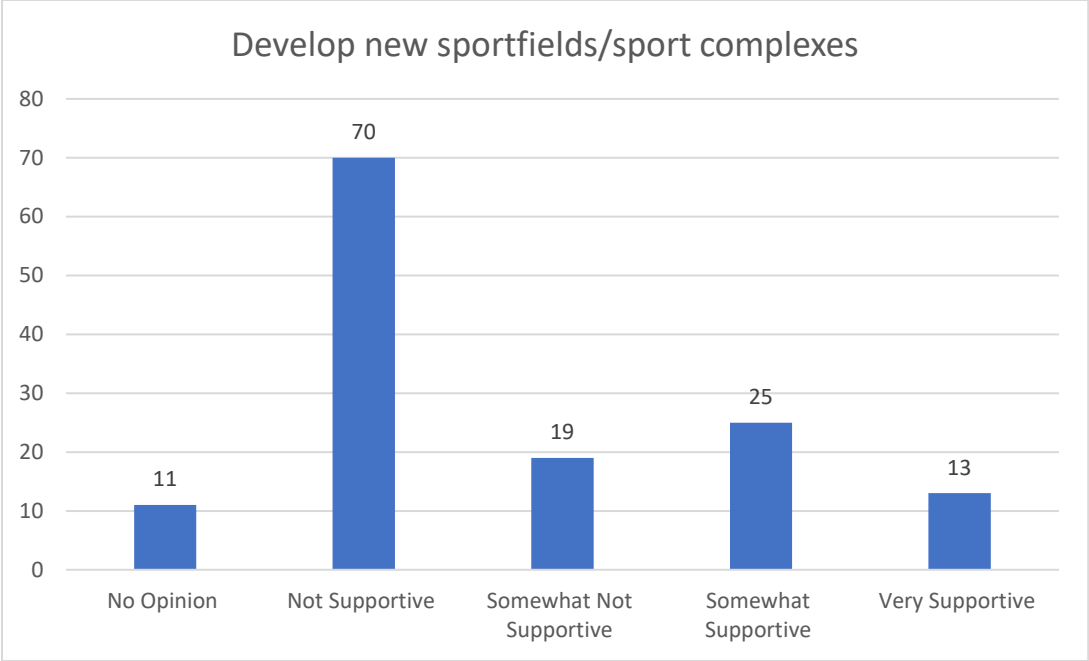


Planning more parks and open space programming, such as volunteer clean-up days, festivals, and events

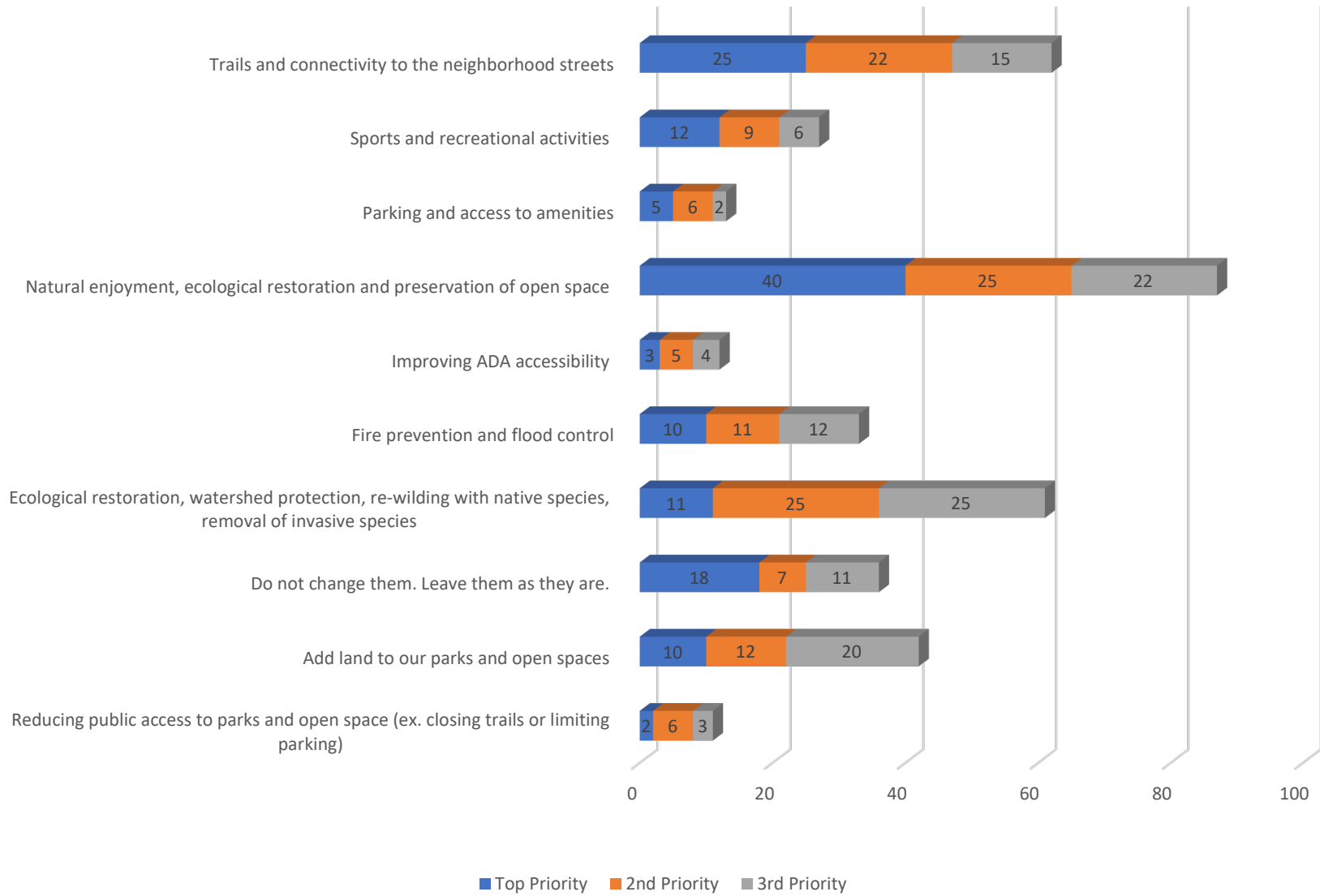


Develop additional paved walking and biking trails (veloway), greenways





## Overall Priorities for Parks and Open Space Planning



What other ideas should be considered in overall parks and open space planning?
Please keep things understated and natural
Not spend a lot of money, if any at all.
Starting with the default of preserving ecology and natural enjoyment of our parks and open spaces, especially the ones further away from the retail areas. We don't want to pave paradise and put up a parking lot, so to speak, because of a desire to develop or maximize ROI. The Uplands is ripe for better usage - would love to have a permanent home for farmer's market, amphitheater, and other ideas we've discussed in the past.
Cedar management. They are invasive and water hogs.
Basketball court; Splash pad; picnic tables
Please consider protecting our open spaces and quality of life. Greenspace is one of the reasons we love Sunset Valley.
The cost!
We had discussed a pavilion on PEC last year near the uplands or Upper cougar creek. That would be a great value add, especially if we had access to food vendors, a pool, or splashpad/upgraded playground.
Stop letting bullies dictate and rule. Like whoever made city spend money on signs to keep people from parking on PUBLIC road to access one of the best trail entrances on lone oak. Create committee of residents to give input on trails- suggestions as to clearance of trails for MTB or horseback (how wide trails should be, tree/hazard removal, etc) not clearance for equestrians safety and width for safe MTB.
Do not change the trails; leave them as they are. Do not alter. Do not sell to developers.
Open spaces should be kept natural...they should not be turned into recreational areas/parks which require more maintenance and upkeep. If you want a park-like setting, we have Valley Creek Park, or develop ONE in the "potential" park areas listed in the next section....keep it small and limit the amenities. There are many parks in the surrounding areas for large gatherings/high traffic.
remove the old fencing at 37 lone oak trail
Pickleball courts! Off leash dog park would be great. Keep the homeless out
Do not create programs/events/publications that draw higher traffic into our nature areas. There are more than 100 venues for 'recreation' within the route of the Violet Crown Trail which runs through Sunset Valley. This gives our citizens a direct link to every conceivable recreational amenity that can be desired. Our city does not need to duplicate or mimic existing venues. Citizens should also consider the maintenance and upkeep costs of every amenity. Public Works staff, Police Department, and Administration will all be impacted by addition of new venues that draw people into our small community.
It would be lovely to make this a wonderful walking and biking community. Connecting the residential areas to the shopping areas, via paved trails would bring residents together. We'd walk past each other and perhaps have conversations, as opposed to driving by each other in our cars.



<p>Sunset Valley likes dark skies and that is part of our charm. Trees and re-wilding of SV is something that keeps us special and helps create our sense of place as well as helping fight climate change and improving our soils. Urban trails should have fun quirky art, lots of interesting signature type benches, trash cans and SHADE!!!</p>
<p>More signs saying dogs must be leashed!! I am tired of going for a walk with my leashed dog, only to have an unleashed dog and their human run us off the road and make us have to walk a different direction. If we need officers to patrol and ticket these careless humans then let's do that too!</p>
<p>Reduce parking on neighborhood streets. Enforce leash laws on trails.</p>
<p>No tennis courts or swimming pools-add mass plantings that will nurture and attract hummingbirds, butterflies and bees and remove nandinas and other invasive species in nature areas. Keep trails well mulched.</p>
<p>Not committing to ongoing maintenance dollars being spent on pet projects</p>
<p>Please continue to protect our open spaces and prevent development from encroaching. I will continue to vote for council candidates who want to conserve our land and protect our natural beauty.</p>
<p>Have a community swimming pool, tennis court, basketball court, pickleball court in the parks areas.</p>
<p>Dog park</p>
<p>Fenced in Dog Park!</p>
<p>The trails are very rocky and difficult to walk on - it would be nice to mulch them.</p>
<p>I'd like to see reforestation to as much of our open spaces as possible while keeping wildfire risks in mind. I'd like to see the ROW removed from North Reese and have that developed into an approach to The Uplands</p>
<p>I would love to see the playground at the end of Reese be added on to &amp; improved and/or even have a new playground built in another part of our city!</p>
<p>Love the new reese drive access. "Secret" resident access should be at the end of every street. I think only pillow is lacking now.</p>
<p>Bring back parking on the south side of Lone Oak!</p>
<p>A better maintenance program for open spaces</p>
<p>I would consider making question 15 a short answer because I found myself agreeing with one or two words and not others. My priorities are respecting each neighborhood's quality of life- plenty of green space, natural habitats for wildlife, and protecting our watershed. Limiting traffic is important not just to residential quality of life but to maintain our healthy commercial district. Instead of focusing on concentrating in one area next to one neighborhood, we should disperse parks, recreation, and activities so that we collectively enjoy and bear the impact they may have. We also need to lessen the potential negative impact of traffic. We have limited space and even more important very limited impervious cover. Keep things green and plant trees. Instead of breaking more ground, consider the spaces that are already built to build upon-Uplands and underutilized City Hall Building for sports/recreation/play/events (taking advantage of parking at Burger Center). Beautification. Please be forward thinking - trends in building in now may be impacted by all kinds of variables including climate change.</p>

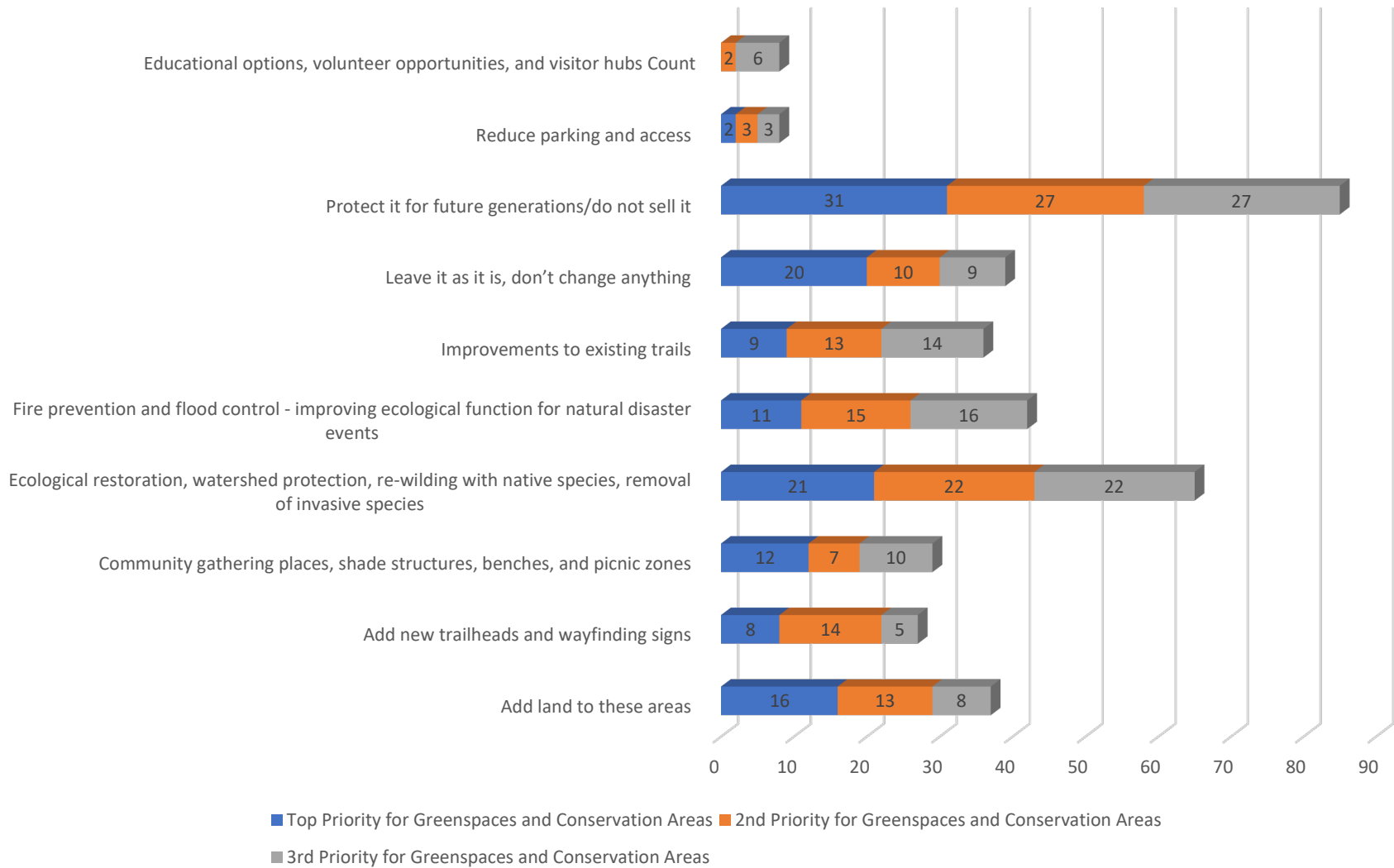
<p>The City needs to respect the legal agreement that designated the green space behind the Villas neighborhood as a PUD, not a park or greenbelt. The PUD should be left in its current state. I'm opposed to any changes in the current parking and traffic pattern on Ernest Robles, as well as any increased noise and traffic that would impact the Villas neighborhood. Given the increasingly extreme climate, Sunset Valley needs to invest in fire prevention, protection of the current habitat, and create more opportunities for shaded walking areas, and conservation-wise water features so that citizens will be able to enjoy them in the future.</p>
<p>Improve or better maintain walkways, pathways across from the farmers market.</p>
<p>Add Music Pavilion, water/electricity, and meandering trail for Farmers' Market, ARTFEST in the Uplands. Remove paving at far end of Horrigan to connect Triangle to Uplands.</p>
<p>City of Sunset Valley Farm. We pay for a farmer to farm 37 Lone Oak. CSA. All residents who pitch in and help farm get free boxes of food each week, others can pay a fee to get boxes of food. True food independence. First city in the nation to move forward on this concept.</p>
<p>Greenspace is one of the most important amenities offered by Sunset Valley so protecting and preserving the current ones and purchasing any available land and protecting it as a conservation area is most important priority for me.</p>
<p>Swimming Pool</p>
<p>Clean up trash, litter and deadfall from creekbeds. Enforce no overnight camping throughout park and trail system.</p>
<p>We do not support a public swimming pool.</p>
<p>Pickle ball</p>
<p>I support turning the Uplands into an area for the Art Festivals and Other outdoor events. I am very opposed to its commercial development due to the traffic, noise and pollution of this track of land</p>
<p>Community pool-this would be a game changer. Accompany this with a mixed use structure (think Miraval spa barn) built to capitalize on the feng shui of our existing land and environment. This structure could encourage a place to gather and host mindfulness activities /local music &amp; arts/ local small businesses vendors/ and fitness and drive income for the city. Also having an area dedicated to supporting more local small businesses for dining/drinking/creating (still keeping the farm to table feel of sunset valley). Holiday or events highlighting nature (<a href="https://www.wildflower.org/field-of-light">https://www.wildflower.org/field-of-light</a>)</p>
<p>1) Pool, please!! This would be life changing. It's extremely hot and water access would improve quality of life immensely. 2) Add more food truck areas for local dining and drinking (coffee, beer/wine) options and work to attract vendors to them 3) Outdoor Stage for music and arts performances 4) Trail of Lights</p>
<p>Strengthen policing of the green belt and parks. Homeless activity and drug Elements are impacting neighbors.</p>
<p>We need more streetlights. Walking and jogging in the early morning, dusk, twilight and evening is very dangerous.</p>

<p>Before we spend any money or time on park development, we need to invest in clearing out the extremely dangerous dead wood throughout our beautiful open spaces. They're tinderboxes!</p>
<p>prefer resident only access or resident and guest access</p>
<p>Trails on the south side of Jones Road, connecting the sidewalk that starts on one side of Pillow Rd. with the gravel trail on Ernest Robles--making it safer, easier, and more convenient for residents and those from outside of SV to walk/run/bike down Jones on either side without having to criss-cross the street, especially at night.</p>
<p>Splash pad for kids. Community pool.</p>
<p>Community pool for residents</p>
<p>Maintain, but do not change.</p>
<p>We need to develop the uplands as an outdoor event center. Amphitheater and meeting space, also a good place for weddings and gatherings like that. Done in a way that minimizes ongoing costs and maintenance. Keep it simple. it would also be the one place in the City for us to have public restrooms. LeAVE THE GREENSPACES AND cONSERVATION AREAS ALONE - do not develop them - EXCEPT TO ADD TRAILS AND CONNECTIVITY TO OTHER STREETS OR GREENSPACES.</p>
<p>Soooo many people have invested in becoming members of our unique community. The number one comment I hear from visitors and folks seeking a home here is how different it feels to pull down one of our streets versus being in the City of Austin. This is by design. There are some mercenary types here that look at our hard earned greenspaces as piles of potential money to sell off only to stuff the bags of gold in some bank somewhere... not benefitting anybody but the broker and the bank BUT those of us that planned all this know that the greenspaces serve us everyday with potential to serve us even more. They buffer us from COA noise, provide localized and regional flooding mitigation, opportunity for fire control management and enhanced healthy livability for todays citizens and their families.</p>
<p>Allow for parking - many trail users park along Oakdale on private property where there are not any "no parking" signs.</p>
<p>Community Tennis Courts/Pickle Ball Courts near City Hall would be great. Also, we love the trails. We don't use or see how the uplands tract is used as open space given that it is so disconnected from the residential area of the city.</p>
<p>Some way for our police officers to patrol our open space.</p>
<p>Our woodlands and trails are very special. They provide people a place for quiet contemplation and meditation, as well as a sanctuary for our diverse wildlife.</p>
<p>Increase pollinators, amend the soil in the community gardens, make things better for the bees, and plant more colorful flowers citywide!</p>
<p>Stop letting bullies control, like those arrogant parking signs at end of line oak, public street and trail access area. Enforce dogs on leash- they approach and scare people (especially if they have their dog), dangerous to bikers and horse riders</p>
<p>Would definitely support a pool and tennis courts if it could be limited to SSV residents.</p>
<p>Nothing</p>
<p>n/A</p>

<p>You did not have 4 priority. I do have a 4th, all being equal. Remove fire fuels. Oakdale Dr needs a shelter/picnic table plus parking at Manley Tract.</p>
<p>I support putting any developments near city hall where there is already parking and other infrastructure. I would enjoy Pickleball courts.</p>
<p>Fire prevention and flood control (tall grass prairie for flood control)</p>
<p>First priority is to not throw the baby out with the bathwater. We have a special natural environment that was hard fought to create. Be very careful with various Council member schemes to monetize our lands with sportcenters, concert stadiums, etc. The worst thing we can do is create suburbia instead of rural atmosphere and make commercialization a high priority. There are lots of towns and villages like this already including Austin and it is not special. Our environment was created for the protection of the environment/water quality and to create a natural amenity for residents and their kids that provides a high quality of life.</p>
<p>Provide more benches for people to rest and stop to enjoy nature.</p>
<p>The city's Dept of Public Works seems to struggle to maintain their current assignments, adding more to their plate would not help.</p>
<p>Develop space for festivals, events and social gathering</p>
<p>Parking</p>
<p>Pickleball courts addition</p>
<p>splash pad</p>
<p>More single track for mountain biking</p>
<p>We live on one acre lots that afford us significant recreational activity without the overhead of city owned and maintained parks and playgrounds. Experience has shown that those types of spaces in SSV are underutilized, and the population distribution does not support additional development. There are many recreational areas in the surrounding communities that we can take advantage of.</p>
<p>Remove dead trees and limbs near trails to prevent injuries and possible lawsuits. Keep creek clear of debris to help avoid flooding. Remove dead trees and limbs from as much green belt as possible to help control a possible wildfire.</p>
<p>It would be wonderful to have a community-based area that has a pool, playground &amp; exercise equipment and possibly even a cafe with healthier food. Creating a community area based on community connection, fun, health &amp; exercise would be a huge asset to our community.</p>
<p>I love our open spaces. Please do not remove any of them!</p>
<p>Use of the Uplands space as previously considered for a park and farmer's market location. Possible community pool for the city!</p>
<p>It all depends on money. I think it's a bit unfair to ask for wishes without providing the financials that undoubtedly accompanied the wish.</p>
<p>The parks development over behind docs backyard would be great</p>
<p>Limit biker areas. Keep them to Violet crown trail</p>
<p>Flood and fire prevention</p>

Consider Wildlife preservation; balance of forest and prairie for ecological diversity; reside or repurpose already paved areas for sports like pickle ball or work with AISD to use facilities during off hours instead of converting green space to sports or hard scapes.
Making our community beautiful and a desirable place to visit
The uplands need to be developed as a park and recreation space
Do not let the developers buy our green space!
Favor more paved trails because of the mud when it rains.
No more parks to serve one private business rather than the community at large (e.g. Doc's).
Playgrounds for children
Maintain and improve what's best about Sunset Valley - our semi-rural nature, commitment to ecology and open spaces, and sense of community. Invest in parks, public infrastructure, and art to enhance our community
No comment
Build a pavilion for farmers market in highlands area

## What activities should be considered by the city for your use in the Greenspace and Conservation Areas?



What activities should be considered by the city for your use in the Greenspace and Conservation Areas?
Habitat conservation and protecting against sale or reduction of these areas
None.
Same - honor "green" commitment that is central to SV. That includes formally converting Lone Oak property to greenspace/conservation (whatever has the lightest footprint consistent with current usage). Keep trails well-maintained, but consistent with green/natural principles.
Yearly updated trail maps mailed to every household. Maintain boundary fencing. Patrol daily.
Team with some organizations for nature walks. For ex : with Central Texas mycology to observe Texas mushrooms or morelles.
Please keep these areas protected from development and protect our property values.
The cost!
definitely need shaded picnic spaces paired with other amenities that will draw visitors and for residents.
Education of those implementing work. Reduce hazards for MTB, equestrians (clear low branches, take trees down at or below ground level, width of trails for begin mtb - handle bars get clipped on trees in some areas). STOP LOOSE DOGS,
Do not change the trails. Leave them alone, please!
Walking
NONE...I go there to escape the masses and enjoy the fact that on most trips
pickleball courts
Maintain the existing trail system. Do not pave portions of it. Do not expand it. We have 7+/- miles of trails in the city according to information from staff. Add to that the beautiful streets and shopping areas, plus access to the Violet Crown Trail that gives us 30-miles of free access to Zilker on the North and beyond Buda on the South.....WHY would a city of 650 people need more? Are our citizens aware that we do not have accurate USE data on the trails we have because this survey format and previous efforts can be easily falsified? As a result we undertake expensive projects without the most basic data needed.
Biking, walking, shade structures with benches and tables
hiking, bird watching, bee keeping, nature observation, low impact on nature or nature enhancing activities.
Enforce leash laws on trails.
Maybe add more benches along trails. Perhaps some picnic tables with trash/recycling receptacles
The beauty of living in Sunset Valley is the greenspace and conservation areas and this should remain as a natural buffer to development already here.
Please continue to add native plantings and removal of invasive species. Consider planting trees along city owned properties to create shade and cool areas - not structures.
See my responses in the Greenspace & Conservation Areas top 3 priorities.
Dog walking
Definitely prevention for natural disasters first.

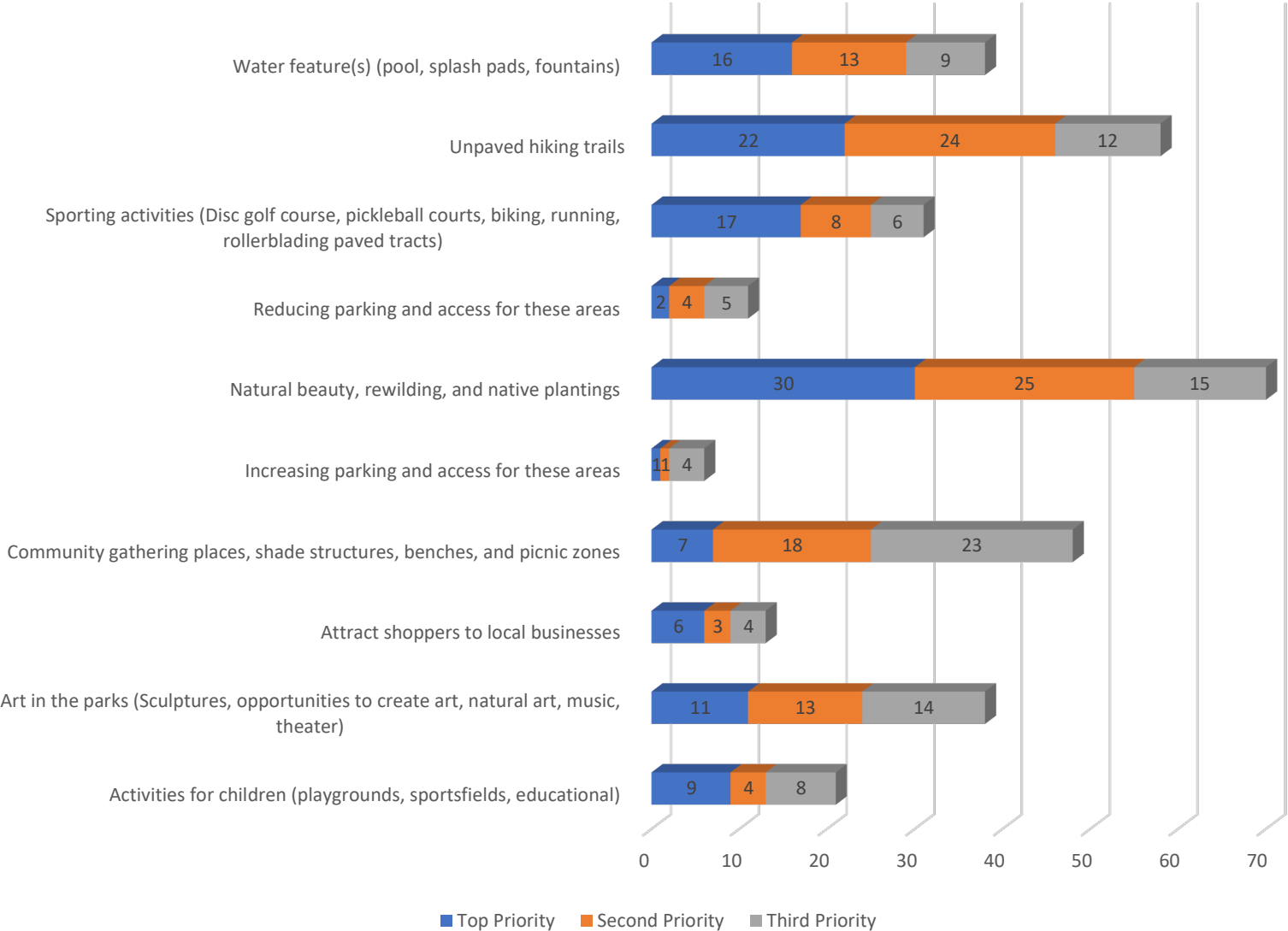
<p>On Halloween, plan a hayride for the local kids through the woods, with creepy music hidden in the underbrush &amp; volunteers in scary costumes jumping out of the bushes. Maybe have carnival-type games, food in the parking lot/elem. school</p>
<p>Greenspace and Conservation Areas should be kept as that. Maintain the trails, but the point of those areas is to be conserve nature.</p>
<p>Passive use. Hiking walking</p>
<p>Take care of the natural environment of the different open space areas.</p>
<p>Better Maintenance and fire protection.</p>
<p>Ensure existing areas are well maintained and ADA accessible, but do not embark on further expansion at this time. Prioritize spending on projects/items that are designed to meet the challenging climate that we will be living in now, and in the future. The current design of parks and trails and green space management may need to change significantly, and water conservation-wise development will be even more important.</p>
<p>Form nature walk groups, Resume concert series, build outdoor amphitheater. Plan outdoor picnic, summer Olympics- water balloons, etc.</p>
<p>Provide parking into perimeter of these areas so residents quit their damn complaining of street parking.</p>
<p>Our greenspace and conservation areas are one of the most important amenities offered by Sunset Valley so protecting and preserving the current ones and purchasing any available land and then protecting it as a conservation area is most important priority for me. We need to maintain and increase our greenspaces so we provide for future generations of citizens of Sunset Valley what past generations provided for us. When paving paths for accesibility, pave those nearest to City Hall and along Jones and Ernest Robles. Add a few more benches in the conservation and greenspace areas. I use the benches in the Uplands to rest and to look at the beauty that surrounds me.</p>
<p>running, walking, picnicking</p>
<p>Trash and litter control. Removal of invasive species. Removal of deadfall from creekbeds/wildfire and flood control.</p>
<p>Better access to trails from all residential streets.</p>
<p>Passive activities that do not disturb the natural environment ie. hiking no biking bird watching educational programs</p>
<p>Biking, creative gathering for the arts, gardening classes, outdoor classes, encouraging the growth and preservation of wildlife habitats, bee and butterfly habitats (benchmark with LBJ wildflower center), community chickens</p>
<p>Hiking/biking, picnics, wildlife habitat, education/events (see: <a href="https://www.wildflower.org/event">https://www.wildflower.org/event</a> for ideas)</p>
<p>Fire Prevention</p>
<p>I would like to see SV have a dedicated mixed use space with a pavilion, for sculpture walks, art fairs, ARTFEST, music events etc. NOT tied to expanding selling opportunities in the shopping areas, but rather to natural, conservation oriented and artistic enjoyment of residents. Pickle ball courts, Splash pad, swimming pool for residents etc.</p>
<p>More and easier options for walking/running/biking, both for exercise and for non-vehicle transportation. Would LOVE for the end of Lone Oak to connect directly again to Curly Mequite Cove.</p>
<p>Walking, running and protecting wildlife</p>
<p>Hiking and biking ONLY</p>



Improved low impact accesses. Fire breaks and extension of wildfire hydrants in key areas of brush truck access. Vegetation management. Combining cedar management with passive water detention (overland flow) recharge ponds. Retrofit infiltration water quality areas on greenspaces close to streets. Partnering with ag programs high school and university level for education and best practice input. Regular scheduled tours to sign up for for current and future conservation ranger picnics etc. Public education on benefits: financial (property values), family life enhancement, flood and fire mitigation, healthy living and wildlife protection.
Play areas for children
Add some large plots for food production to grow and give away..
Enforce dogs on leash. Stop allowing bullies to get their spoiled ways like signs at end of line oak regarding parking on public street at trail access. This is perfect access location now tainted by greedy immature grown babies thinking they have control to fit their whim
Passive use, more protection of wildlife (habitat construction/plantings, food sources, remove invasives). Get cycles off South Hills please.
None. They are fine as is.
Fire prevention and flood control - improving ecological function for natural disaster events.
It works fine now. Don't start paving paradise and put up tacky facilities that are driven by a financial motive. We have income surpluses now and if we stay away from expensive schemes and are frugal, we will always have adequate money to meet the expenses of services for our small village.
removal of invasive species, re-wilding, zoning these areas for conservation and expansion of these areas
Add benches along Home Depot Blvd.
Leave areas alone, most/all of the residents have large lots that are/can be used for activities of their choice.
places to sit in the shade along the trails
More single track for mountain biking
None.
Walking, nature observation
Walking and Biking
Accessibility
I don't I don't support things that will attract people from outside the city
Keeping it natural. Cultivating wildlife keep it peaceful and as low key as possible
I have easy access and enjoy the trails as they are. Paving/improving the trails would take away from their natural enjoyment. No additional games or equipment wanted.
Preservation for future generations
I also like the idea of improved signage and educational opportunities; I just didn't have enough boxes.
Add more Interpretive signs

Resume community volunteer trail clean up days since we are now in the endemic phase of the pandemic
Consider establishing an orienteering course.
Running and hiking
Trails to hike. Public art. Gardens and food forests
No comment
No ideas

### What are your THREE priorities for Sunset Valley's Parks?



What activities should be considered by the city for your use in the Park Areas?
More interesting and offbeat play areas, such as at Valley Creek Park. Not sanitized plastic play structures. Get some ideas from Fortlandia at the Wildflower Center. Enough of us parents will volunteer to help build. Also fort-building toys there.
Natural Basic Rewilding and simple paths Keep it natural Quiet Under the radar so that it does not become trampled or congested
Would need a better understanding of restrictions on these areas. I do like the idea of a splash pad near the retail area. Many previous good ideas for the Uplands have been discussed in the past, but Upper Cougar Creek seems to have been given a higher priority lately.
Planting diversity of trees.
Movie nights during summer
More family based areas
None
Water fountain that has dog bowl at Reese dr park and other areas that have water lines.
Add more swings for older children and adults at Valley Creek Park. Currently, 3 of the 4 swings can only be utilized by infants due to the infant seating on 3 of the 4 swings.
Walking
Unpaved trails, periodic rest bench, limited 'covered benches' to access in bad weather. Reasonable signage for location reference.
biking
Re-wilding and planting native plants and trees is the highest priority, place making benches and murals are next and creating shade with native plants and trees follows
Leave things the way they are. Keep protecting the naturalness.
Picnic areas, add native habitat plants, observing wildlife, birds, butterflies. Add bat houses to attract bats to eat mosquitos. Ponds to provide water for wildlife
See answer to #18. Any activities should be clustered around the City Hall complex. Parking for use of the trails by those outside the city should be encouraged either in the shopping areas or City Hall complex - not in the neighborhoods.
Please don't bring loud music to our quiet streets. The plan for the Uplands had an amphitheater - this would decrease our quality of life and scare the wildlife. Please don't pave ponds in the Upper Cougar Creek area. That area is for drainage and water filtration.
Have a community swimming pool, tennis court, basketball court, pickleball court in the parks areas.

Dog walking
Tennis courts and a fenced dog park
Soccer, pickleball, skateboarding
I'd like us to revisit hosting the Farmer's Market in The Uploads. With light touch improvements I think the meadow there could be a quite peaceful place for the weekly market and music. It's quite amazing how quiet it is in the in spite of being close to 290.
I love the idea of a splash pad for kids and better playgrounds! We have such perfect areas for disc golf! A tennis court or pickleball court would be fun.
Remove the invasive species, nandina
Add more areas with Texas natural plants. Change the irrigated area of City Facilities to Xeroscape.
Art/Pool/Events/Market/Playground at Uplands Pool/Playground at City Hall Beautification in Upper Cougar Creek
Since not every home has the required space, or funds for a swimming pool, the City should build a community pool, which could be located at City Hall, the Uplands, or at an existing park.
no comment
Uplands connected directly to Triangle (remove piece of current Horrigan street) and use for ARTFEST and Farmers' Market. Upper Cougar Creek use for picnic/food truck area. City Hall surrounding area use for music and pop up art venue.
Nothing. Leave undeveloped land as is.
For park space, concentrate on land adjacent to city hall by adding playground equipment, but, instead of swings and slides, add equipment that increases strength and agility such as climbing structures, a small paved area for hopscotch, and fitness equipment. Leave the Upper Cougar Creek Greenbelt and the Uplands as they are. Do not sell the Uplands. Add labels indentifying plants.
Swimming, picnicking, sitting in shaded area
Concert amphitheater
Consider using the Upland as the home for the Art Festival and Famers Market, and other special events
Benchmarking against the LBJ wildflower center I think is a wonderful start. Drive some local culture while honoring our city's nature centric ideals (man made waterfalls with ponds that can serve as a spot for kids to learn about plants and species to drive a sustainable ecosystem), sensory activities, play structures that mesh with the environment (i.e. pease park), spaces for quite more subdued observation
Invest in things that make SV a fun, active, and engaging attraction.
all of the above and current programming
exercise, enjoying nature, rest areas

Community pool for residents
Outdoor Meeting spaces and Events like weddings and other gatherings. Public Restrooms in the uplands with an amphitheater
The uplands was acquired to be developed in a very low impact outdoor activity hub for citizens to enjoy. With the protections of a park amenities were to include a world class covered pavilion with restricted bathroom access, curfews and fencing to house not only a farmers market but large family gatherings like family reunions, graduations, birthday parties and club gatherings. All in a protected and natural setting not unlike the Wildflower Center but as a gift to OUR citizens and their family activities.
A neighborhood pool would be nice.
Tennis/Pickle Ball Courts and Outdoor Ampitheater
Mowed Walking paths
I am fine with sports amenities near the shopping centers
Paths friendly to biking-widen trails for turns, handle bars. Enforce dogs on leash.
Nothing
n/a
I don't think Upper Cougar Creek should be a park. That is being pushed by a small group of persons. Water features are not environmentally feasible; you can't put impervious cover in creek bottoms (unless fed and state laws have changed). There is some opportunity but prefer that it is realistic.
Pickleball courts.
Re-wilding and removal of invasive species for appreciation of the native landscape.
Leave natural and undeveloped. The more we develop the more we disturb nature and all that live there (animals and insects)
Improve the existing parks for children.
None
space for festivals and events in natural area limiting impervious cover keep it as natural as possible with areas where temporary stages or tents can be set up that are easy to load in a out of
Parking access
Water!!
Police any homeless camps in the greenbelt. (Indian grass trail leading to Mopac feeder road)
Amphitheater for Upper Cougar Creek to host events.
It would be wonderful to have a community-based area that has a pool, playground & exercise equipment and possibly even a cafe with healthier food. Creating a community area based on community connection, fun, health & exercise would be a huge asset to our community.

Use of the Uplands tract for a permanent farmer's market location.
Walking, nature observation
Pickleball behind city hall or in Uplands, paved bike track behind Homestead shopping mall where parents can take their kids bike riding or rollerblading.
Accessible
The project over in upper Cougar Creek sounds great
Sell the Uplands. Best opportunity for the city to provide for future generations and increase reserves. That is highest and best use for that property. Upper Cougar Creek is perfect for developing for additional community gathering - disc golf/water features/pickle ball/music/theatre type activities.
Uplands should be commercial. Bikers only on Violet Crown
Biking. Walking. Keep it simple.
Walking and exploring the trails is an excellent activity. No structures, equipment or "improvements" are needed as this would despoil this area.
I love the idea of active recreational areas as well as gathering spots. Sunset Valley needs a pool!
Leave trails alone; return outdoor swings to City Hall
Improved trails. Playgrounds
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