

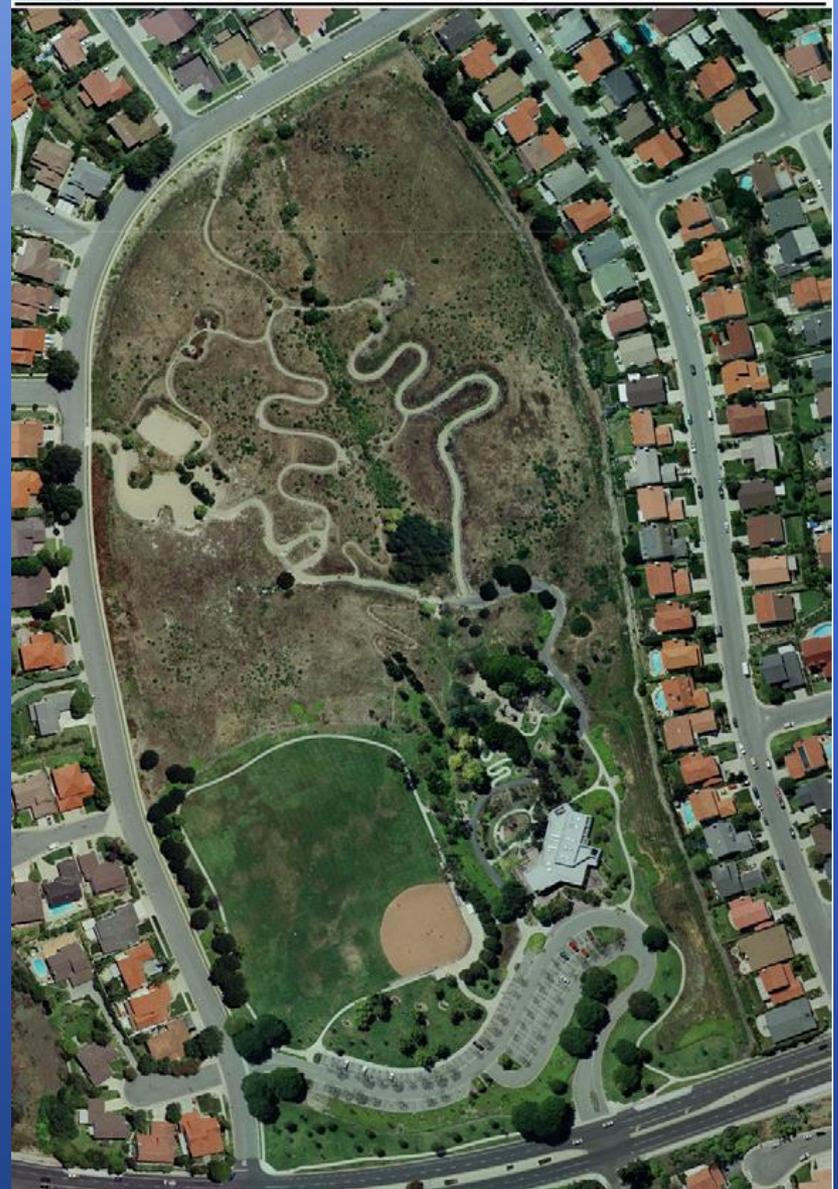
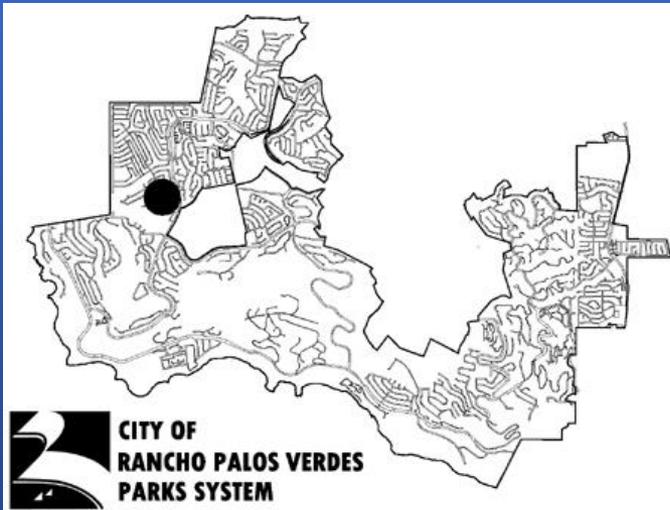
# Hesse Park



**Parks Master Plan Update  
Workshop  
February 11, 2015**

# Hesse Park

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- Current Uses
- Possible Future Uses
- Summary of Dec. 10 workshop and online survey
- Questions/Comments



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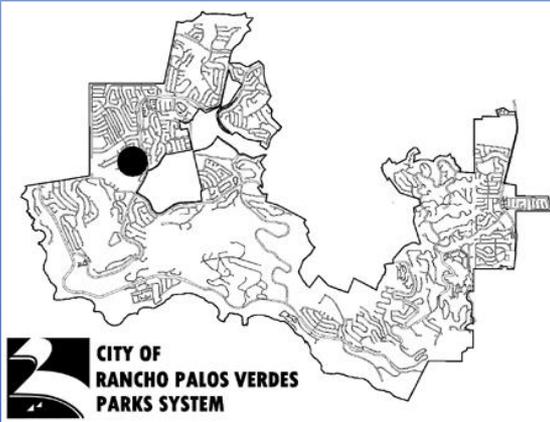
## History

- Acquired from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District in 1976
- Hesse Park opened in 1983 at a cost of approximately \$4 million
- 1989 Master Plan did not recommend any changes for Upper Hesse Park.



# Hesse Park

## Background/Details



- 28-acre site
- 10-acre Upper Hesse Park
- 18-acre Lower Hesse Park
- Heavily-used community park
- Tremendous views of Pacific Ocean



# Lower Hesse Park

## History

- Currently improved with walking trails, a parking lot, and a volleyball court
- 1989 Parks Master Plan recommends 4-8 tennis courts, restrooms, improved parking, and landscaping
- 2005 The Open Space Planning and Recreation and Parks Task Force recommended that the City should decide whether it “should remain devoted to passive uses or be converted to a combination of passive or active uses.” Then the City should go through a facilitated design process
- Task Force’s recommendations were not adopted by Council



# Lower Hesse Park History

- 2010 City Council Tactical Goal of improving underdeveloped park lands, including Lower Hesse Park
- 2010 Conceptual design approved after public outreach and design process with landscape architect
- 2012 Due to changing CIP priorities, and neighborhood concerns with approved design, Council directed staff to work directly with Pacific View HOA to develop a scaled-back and phased plan.

# Lower Hesse Park

## Current Status

- Staff and the Pacific View HOA, at Council's direction, are actively meeting and working together on a draft plan
- The public will have the chance to review and provide input on the revised design at a future Council meeting
- To reach the Pacific View HOA website, go to:  
<http://www.palosverdes.com/pacificview/>

# Upper Hesse Park

## History

### Task Force

- **2005 Open Space Task Force's Strategic Plan recommended consideration of improvements to ball field and a possible dual track around the park's existing 1/4 mile path for bikers, roller bladers, and skateboarders**
- **Task Force's recommendations were not adopted by City Council**

# Upper Hesse Park

## Current Uses

### Soccer Field/Ball Field



# 2011 Sports Field Renovations

- Enhanced safety and quality of play on the athletic fields for a multitude of different youth and adult sports
- Made athletic fields regulation size and desirable for games as well as practice
- Created a ball diamond suitable for games for three sports (little league, t-ball, and softball) and Pony League practice.



- Multiuse athletic field (soccer, lacrosse, flag football, etc.)
- Multiuse athletic 1/2 field (practice, drop-in use)

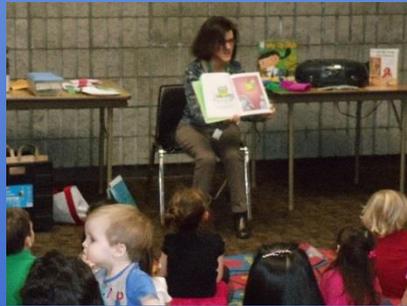


- Ball diamond: 50, 60, and 80-ft base paths for: t-ball, softball, little league, and Pony League

# Upper Hesse Park

## Current Uses

### Rentals/Classes/Meetings



# Upper Hesse Park

## Current Uses

### Picnic Areas & BBQs



### Playgrounds

### Walking Paths



# Upper Hesse Park

Current Uses

Special Events



Senior Activities



# Upper Hesse Park

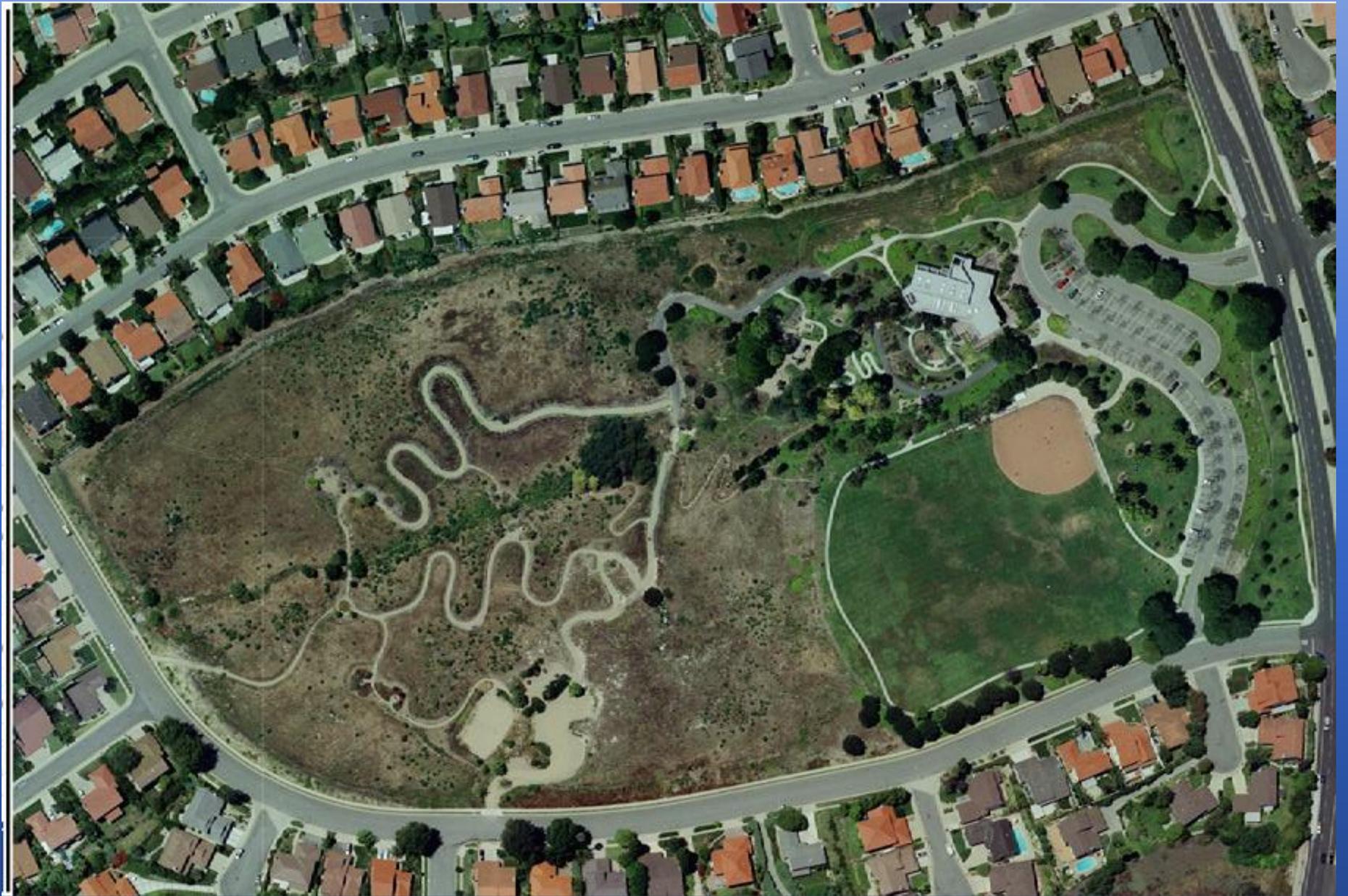
## Capital Improvement Projects

- 1) Fiber Optic Cabling at Hesse Park & Ryan Park  
Funded FY 14-15 \$260,000
- 2) Solar Power System Installation on Hesse Park Roof  
Funded FY 15-16 \$385,000
- 3) Parking Lot Resurfacing  
Funded FY 14-15 \$210,000
- 4) John C. McTaggart Memorial Hall and Council Chamber  
Improvements/Audio-Visual/IT Upgrades  
Funded FY 14-15 \$250,000

# Upper Hesse Park

We are looking for  
your input tonight!

# Hesse Park



# Upper Hesse Park

Possible Future Uses

## Fitness Stations/Bocce Ball/Tricycle Area



# Upper Hesse Park

Possible Future Uses

**Benches, Picnic Tables, Shade Structures, & BBQs**



# Upper Hesse Park

Possible Future Uses

## Removal of Storage Containers/Installation of Permanent Storage Facilities



## Expansion of McTaggart Hall Patio



# Upper Hesse Park

Possible Future Uses

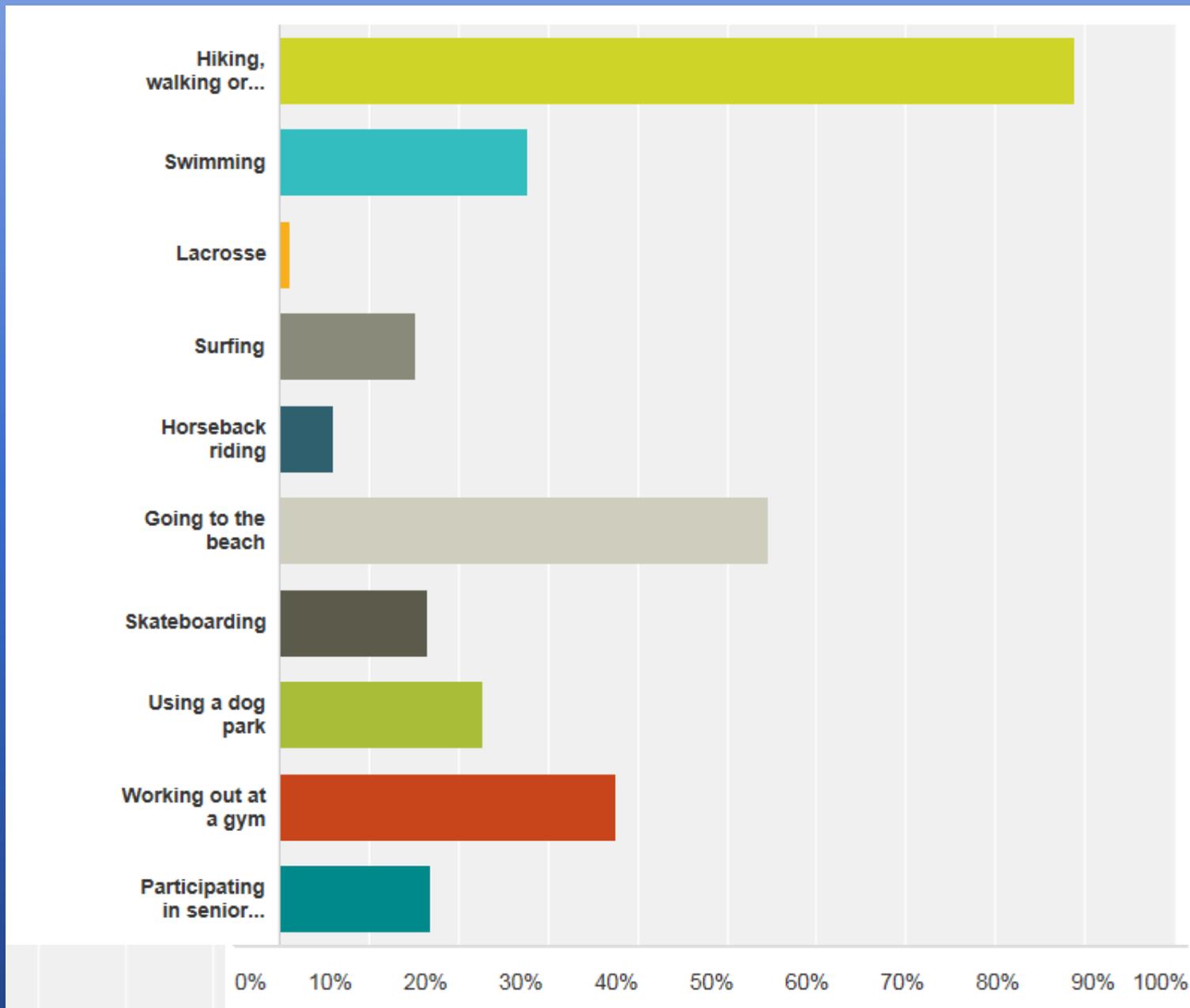
## New/Enhanced Upper Hesse Landscaping



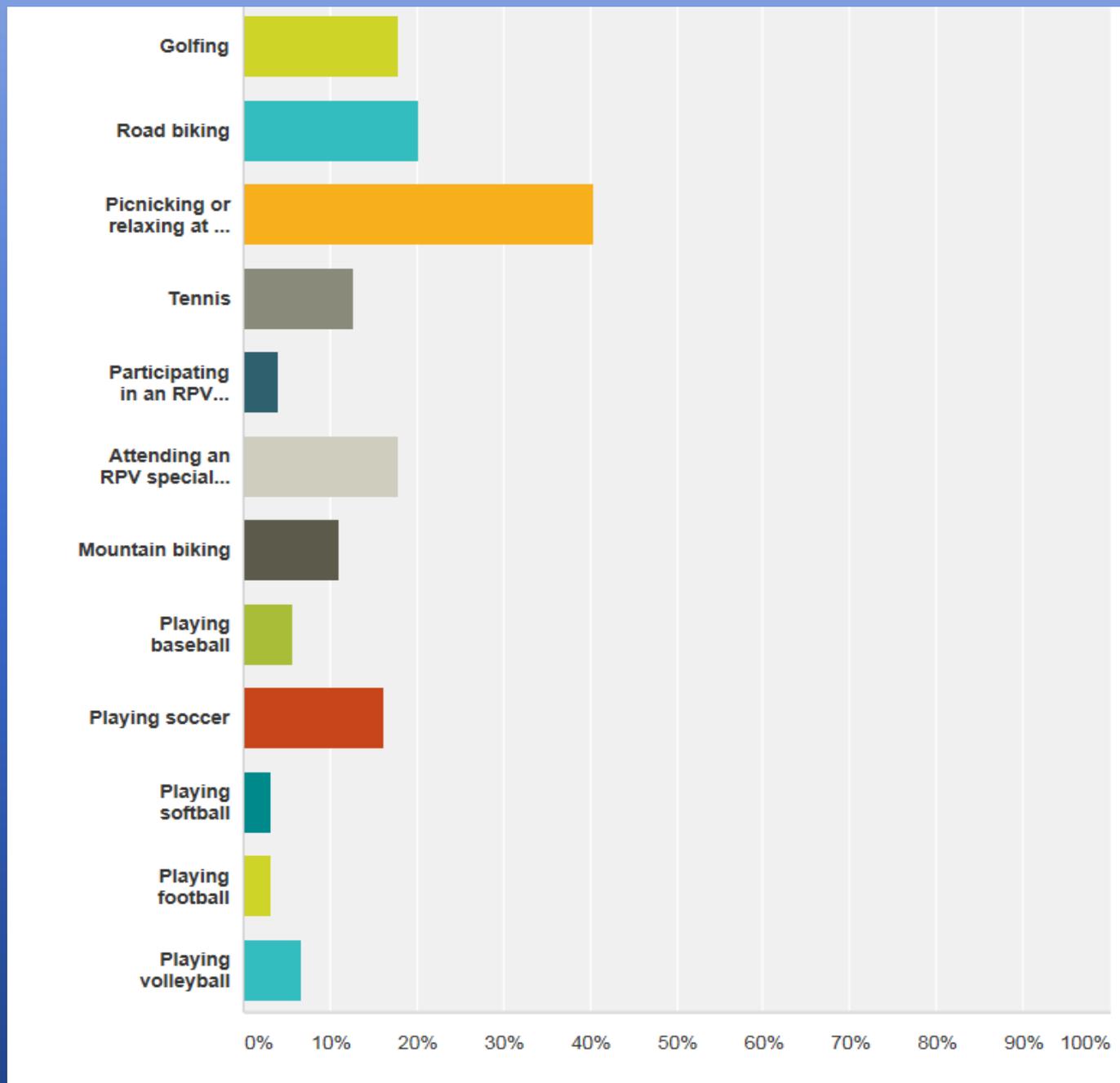
## Viewpoint / Viewing Nodes



# Online Survey: Recreational Activities Participated in on monthly basis



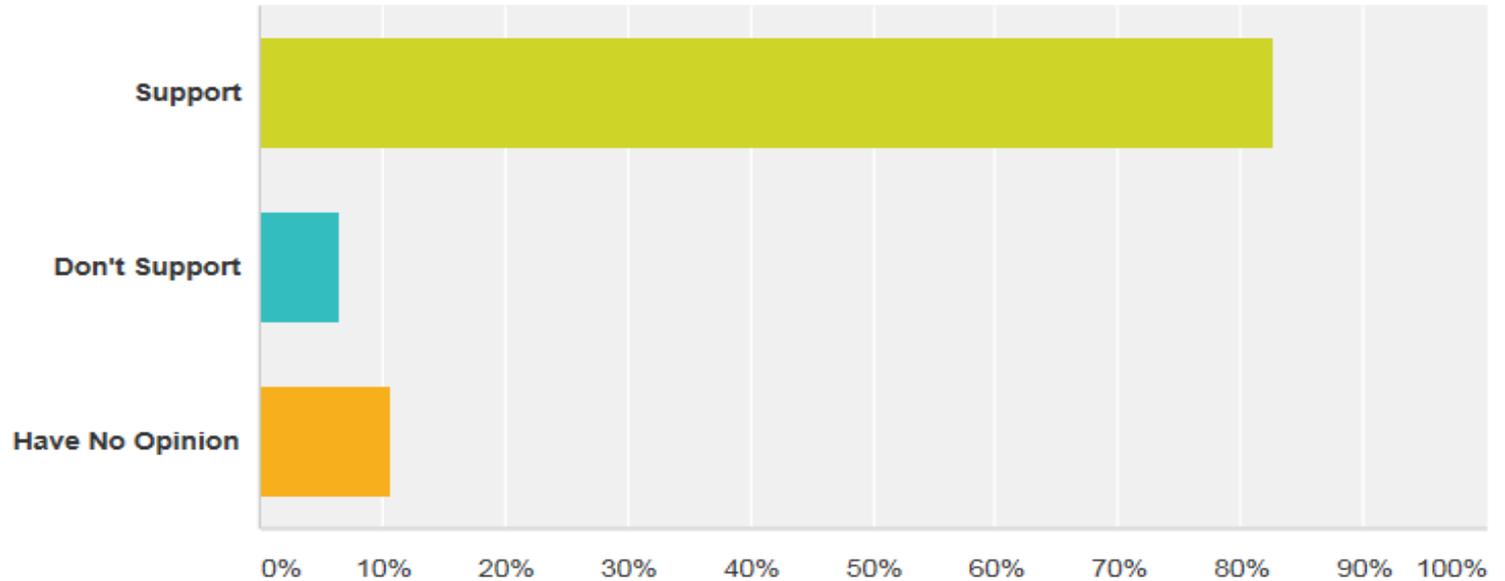
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# City-Wide Online Survey

## Preserving undeveloped land for wildlife and natural habitat

Answered: 412 Skipped: 21

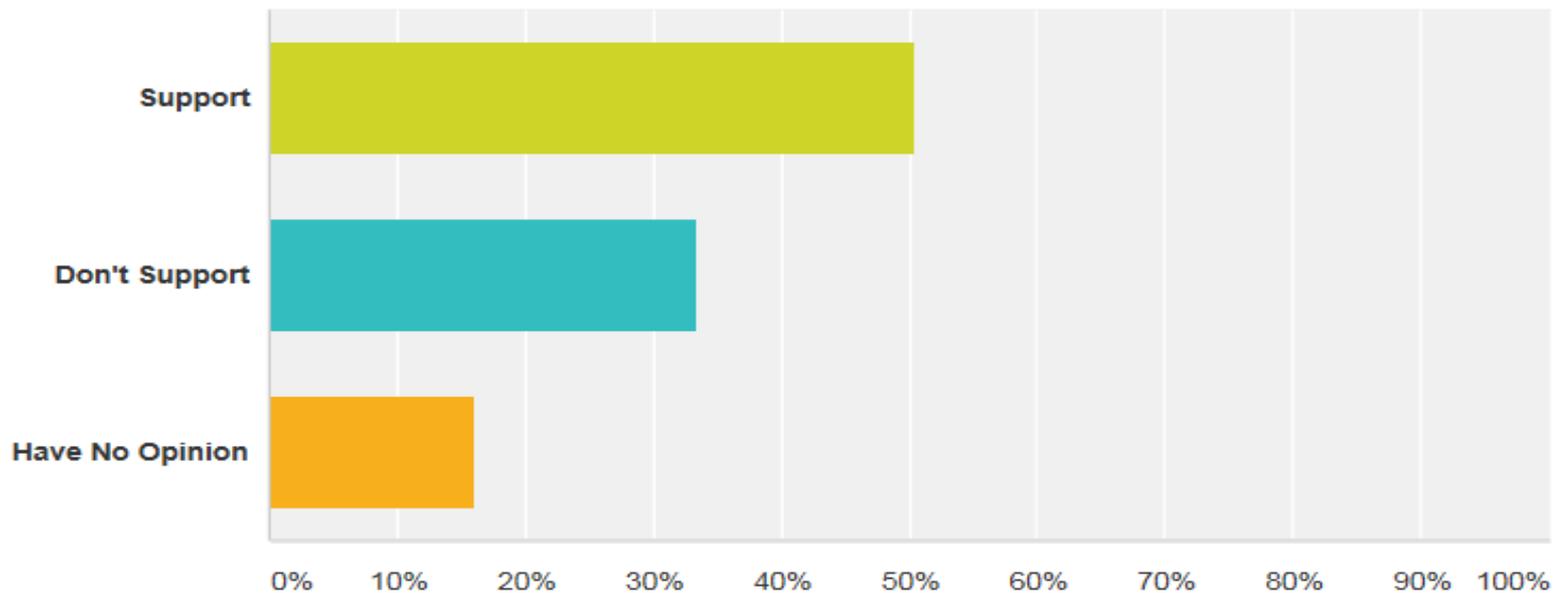


Answer Choices	Responses
Support	82.77% 341
Don't Support	6.55% 27
Have No Opinion	10.68% 44
Total	412

# City-Wide Online Survey

## Building of physical recreation facilities such as a community center, gymnasium, pool or children's playground

Answered: 412 Skipped: 21

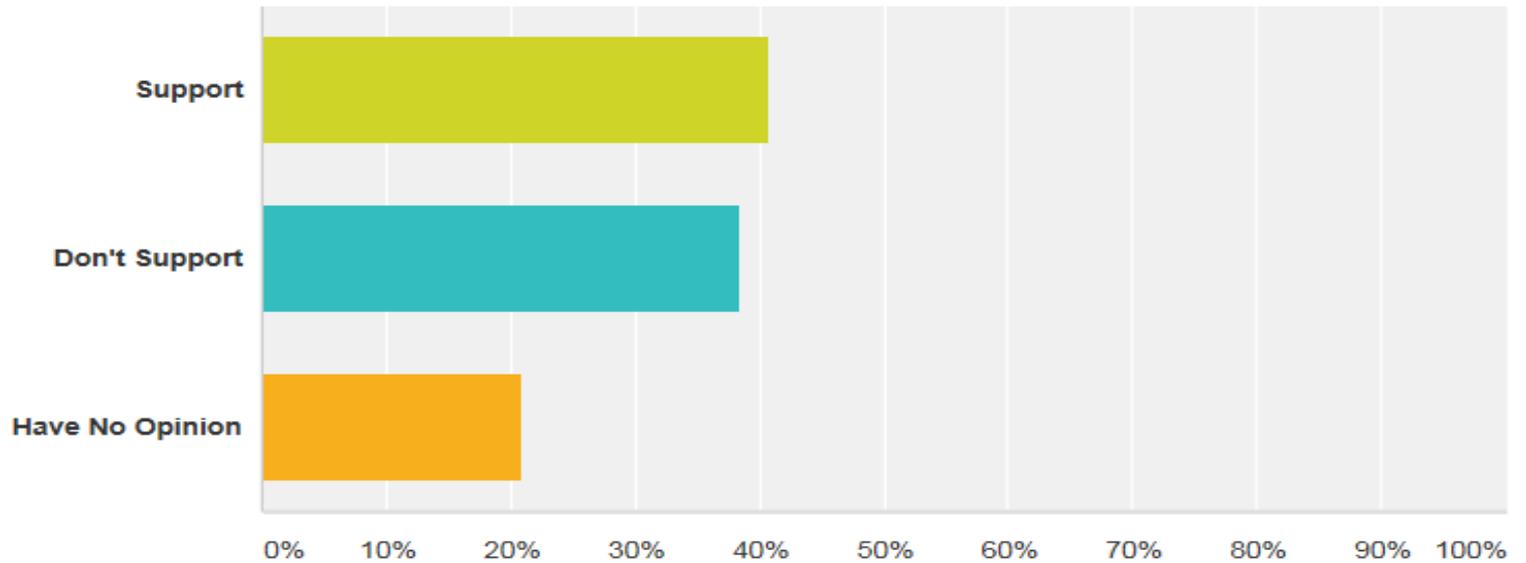


Answer Choices	Responses
▼ Support	50.49% 208
▼ Don't Support	33.50% 138
▼ Have No Opinion	16.02% 66
Total	412

# City-Wide Online Survey

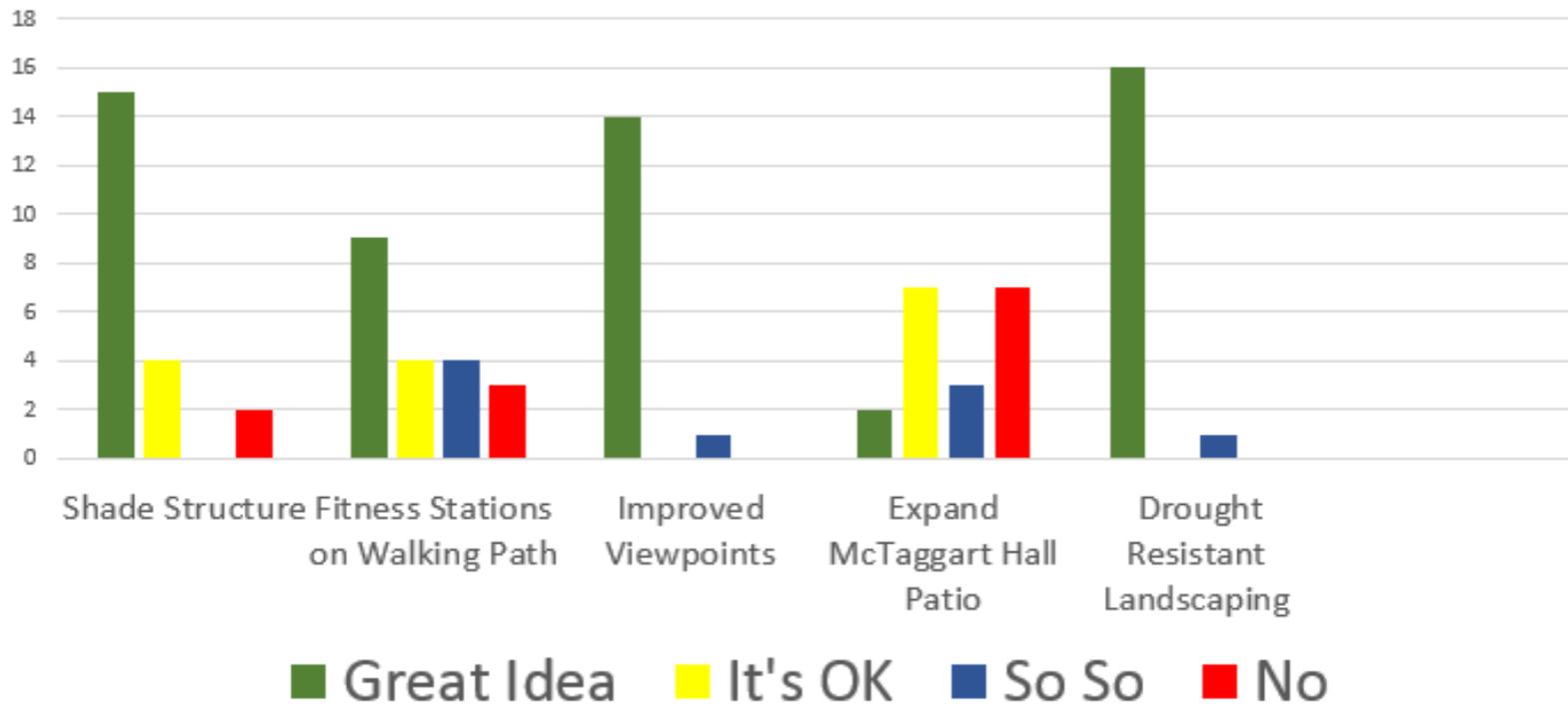
## Development of additional playing fields and outdoor recreation elements such as basketball or tennis courts

Answered: 412 Skipped: 21



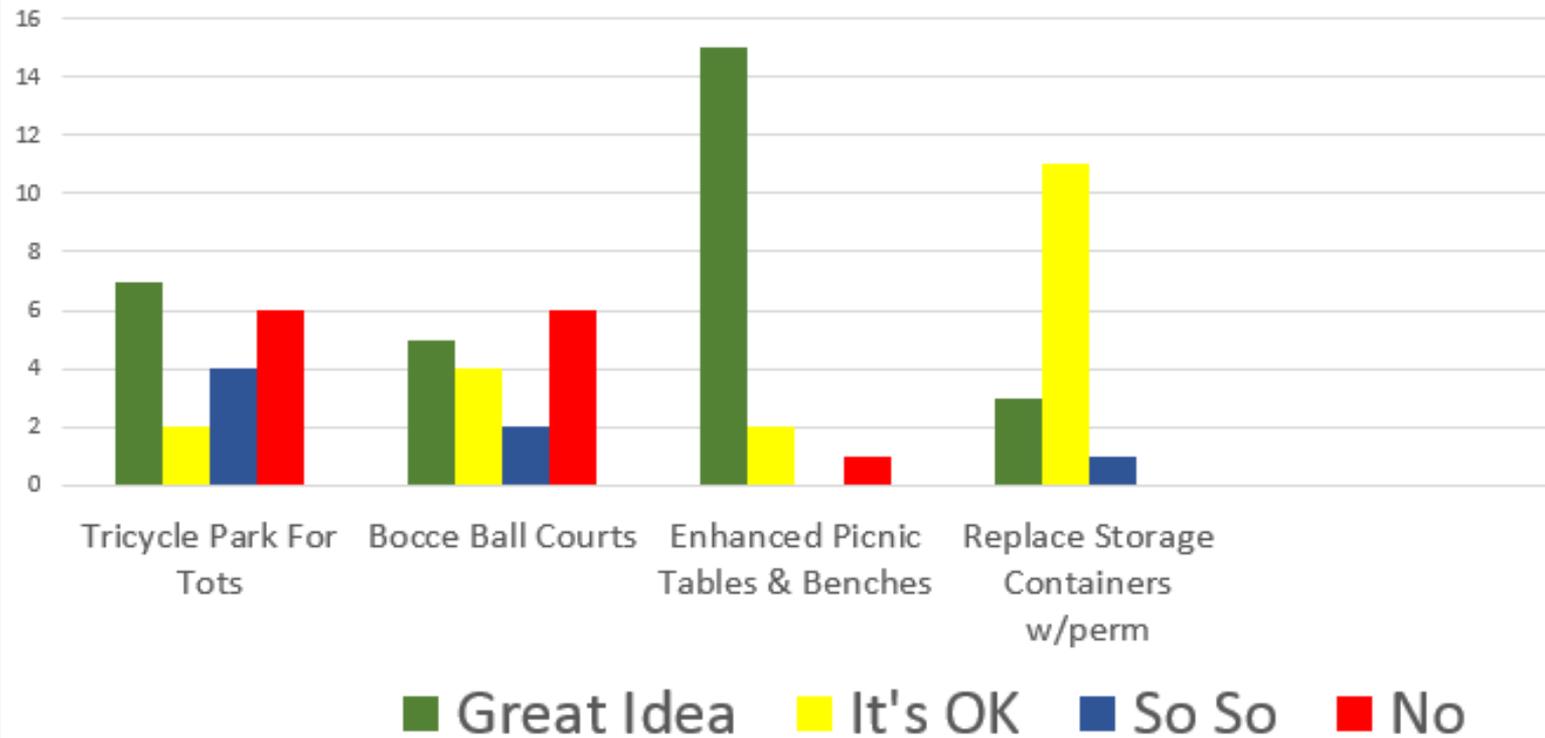
Answer Choices	Responses
Support	40.78% 168
Don't Support	38.35% 158
Have No Opinion	20.87% 86
Total	412

## Hesse Park December 10, 2014 Public Workshop #1 Tape Dot Exercise Results



	Great Idea	It's OK	So So	No
Shade Structure	15	4	0	2
Fitness Stations on Walking Path	9	4	4	3
Improved Viewpoints	14	0	1	0
Expand <u>McTaggart Hall</u> Patio	2	7	3	7
Drought Resistant Landscaping	16	0	1	0

## Hesse Park December 10, 2014 Public Workshop #1 Tape Dot Exercise Results



	Great Idea	It's OK	So So	No
Tricycle Park For Tots	7	2	4	6
Bocce Ball Courts	5	4	2	6
Enhanced Picnic Tables & Benches	15	2	0	1
Replace Storage Containers w/perm	3	11	1	0

# Summary of 12-10-14 Workshop Comments

**\$\$:** Financing/Grants/Donations/Partnerships/Fundraising Fiber optic/solar/parking lot/McTaggart Hall Improvements

**Follow-Up:** Staff following up on the maintenance and view issues/many do not have to wait for Master Plan process

**HP OK-As Is:** Major changes to Upper HP not being brought forward  
Several comments that Upper HP is ok as is

**Possible Improvements:** Modest to no response to Fitness Stations, storage containers, and Bocce Ball, brief discussion of Tricycle Park location, Expanded

Patio: Discussion of impact of wedding ceremonies, BBQ upgrades/coal bin,

**Traffic:** Locklenna exit/possible stop sign, Locklenna tree root “speed bumps”

**Views:** Concerns about number/height of trees/impact on views/ trim/replace trees, trees make childrens play area cold

**Maint./Park Conditions:** Tree roots along Locklenna Drive, Russian Thistles, Landscaper trucks off path, drought resistant plants/recirculation of water, AWG, irrigation leaks, erosion by edge of grass field, buffer zone, fence condition, drought resistant planting, Walking Path: Identify beginning and end, generator noise

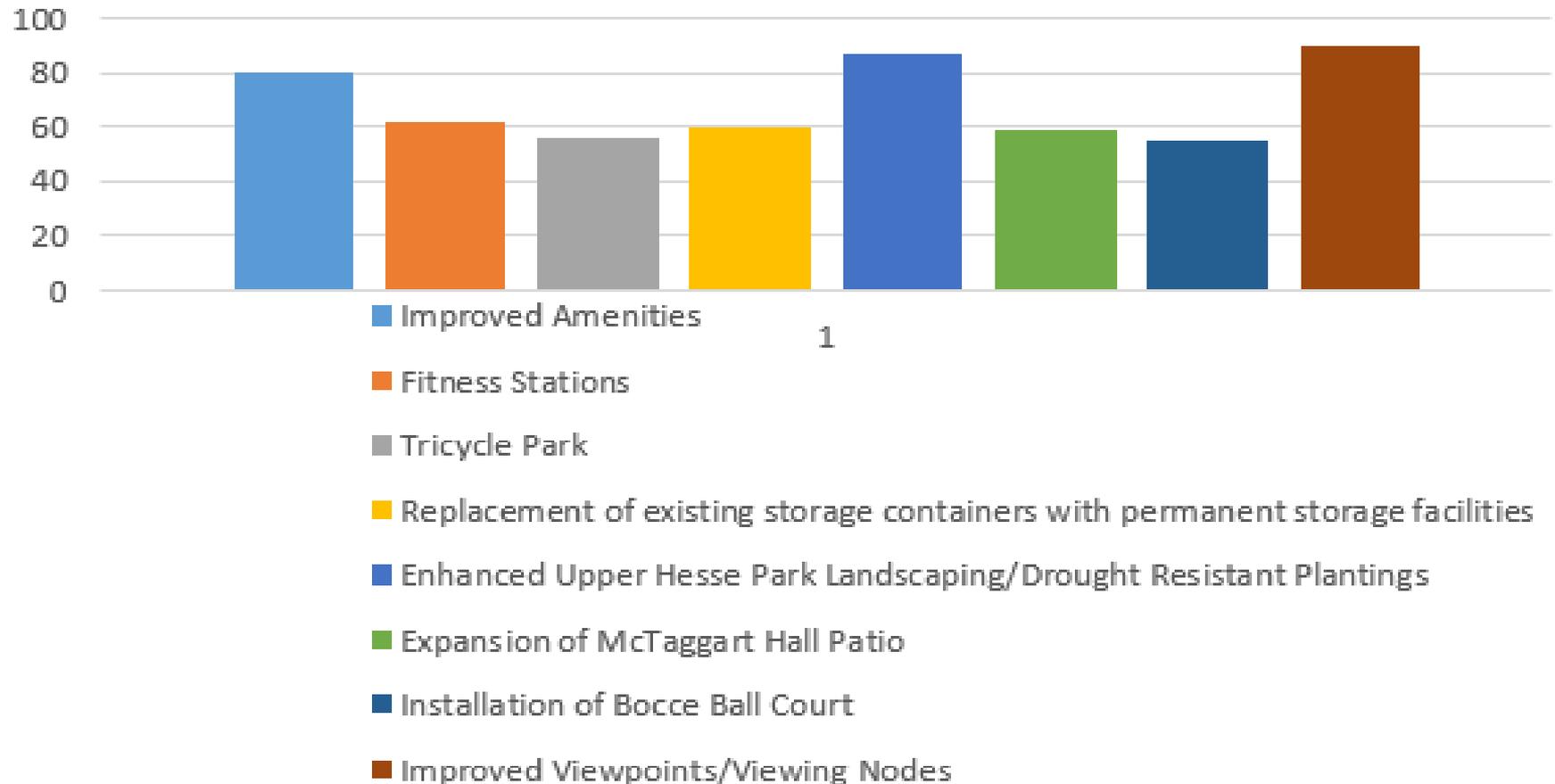
**Safety/Security:** Railroad tie stairs, cameras, increased patrols, Lomita Sheriff Responsiveness, Neighborhood Watch, Nextdoor.com, improved lighting

**Recreational Activities:** Group picnic area, more adult groups e.g. bingo, book clubs, game room, ping pong table, youth activities

# Hesse Park Comment Card Analysis

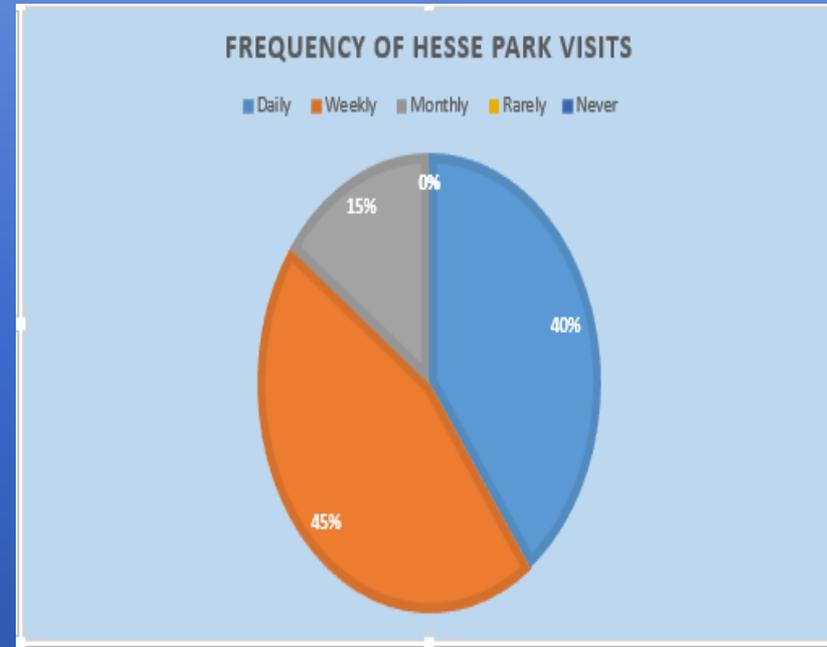
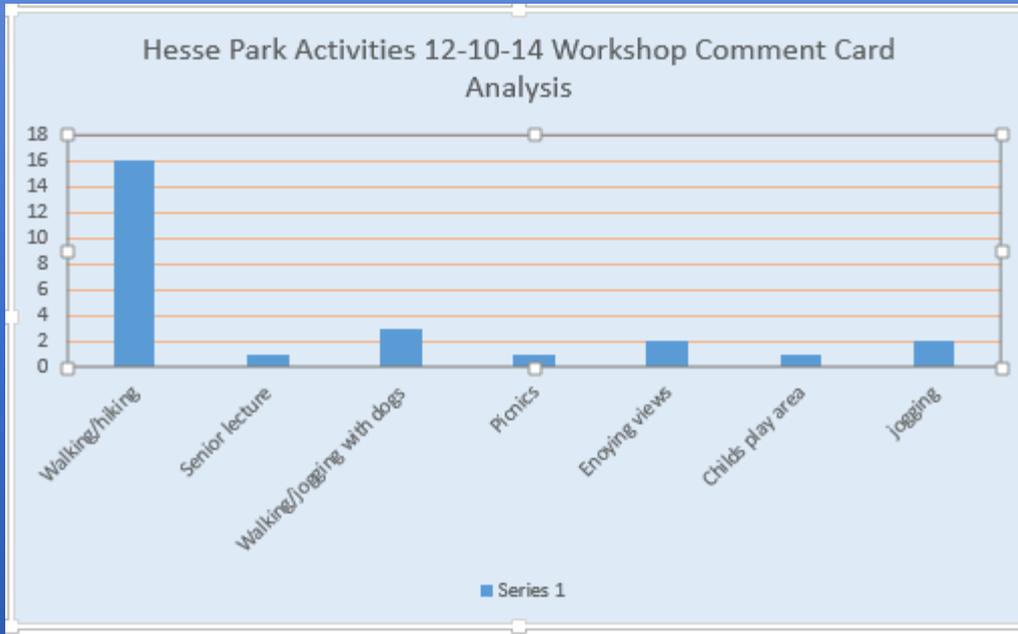
## Analysis 12-10-14 Workshop

### Level of Support



# 12-10-14 Workshop Comment Card Analysis

## 20 Total Responses



# Comment Card Analysis

## Changes You Would Like To See

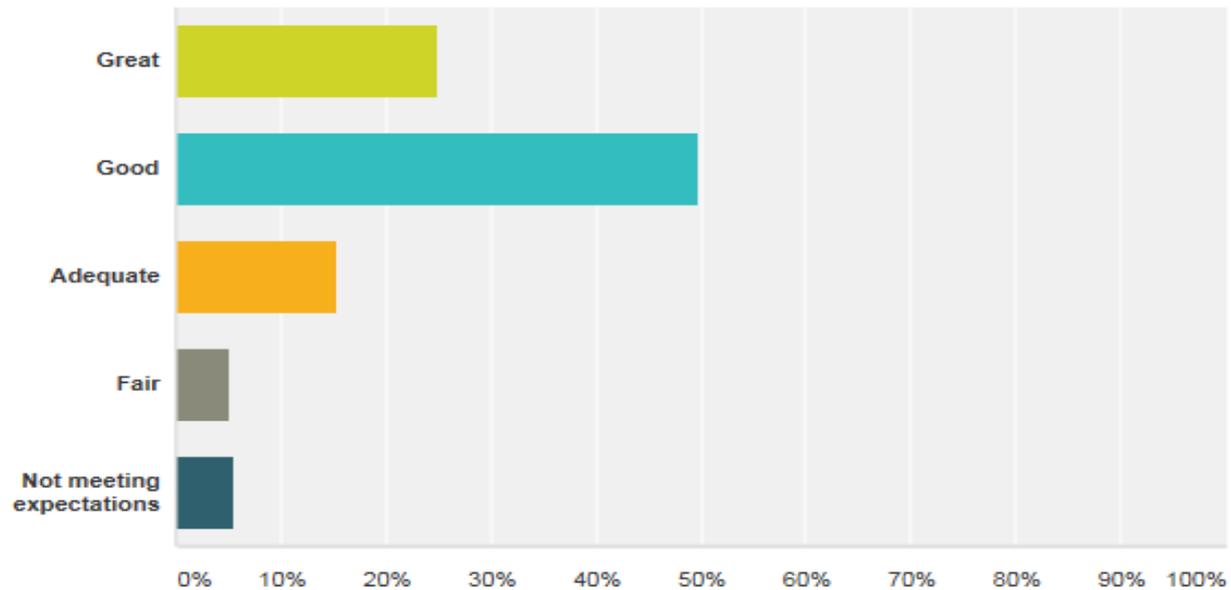
- Maintenance/landscaping Concerns: Irrigation control, sustainable irrigation, AWG, fence improvements, xeriscape north barrier strip
- Enhanced amenities: better/more benches, wi-fi, BBQ pavilion
- View Issues: Tree trimming, better median landscaping, viewpoints
- Recreational Additions: Tricycle Park, tennis courts, pool, indoor gym, game room, more for young people
- Lower Hesse Park: Improve trails, landscaping, tricycle park, better maint.

## Changes You Would Like To See

- No changes—ok as is
- No skate park/dog park/tennis court/basketball court
- No active facilities
- No weddings
- No enlarged patio
- No view obstruction
- Low shrubs instead of trees/don't intrude on existing trails and landscape

**Overall, how would you rate the City of Rancho Palos Verdes Recreation and Parks Department in its ability to provide physical parks and facilities to the public? Check the appropriate circle.**

Answered: 428 Skipped: 5



Answer Choices	Responses
Great	24.77% 106
Good	49.77% 213
Adequate	15.19% 65
Fair	4.91% 21
Not meeting expectations	5.37% 23
Total	428



**Thanks for attending tonight's  
presentation**

**Feedback from this meeting and all of  
the public workshops will be included  
in staff's report to Council**

**Be sure to fill out a comment card  
before leaving**