

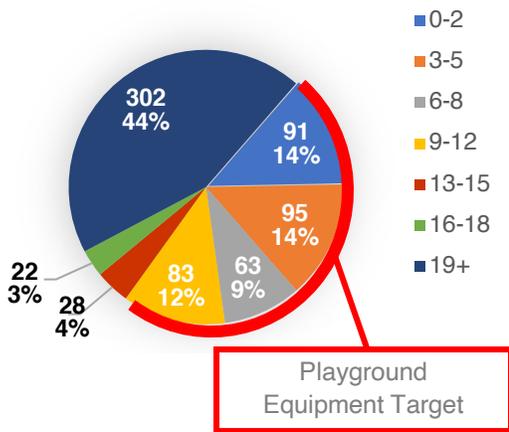


# PRESIDENT'S PARK Survey Results Summary Report March 2021

President's Park is budgeted for replacement in 2021. In December, 700 neighbors of President's Park received a postcard inviting them to complete a survey about their use of the playground, and what type of equipment they would like to see at the park. The survey was also announced on the district's Facebook page which reached a total of 5,400 people. As a result, 194 surveys were returned providing valuable input.

The following provides a summary and some highlights of the results received.

## AGES OF HOUSEHOLD



## PARK USERS

Playground equipment is typically designed for preschool-aged (2-5) or school-aged (5-12) children. Of the households that responded, the following age-appropriate children were identified:

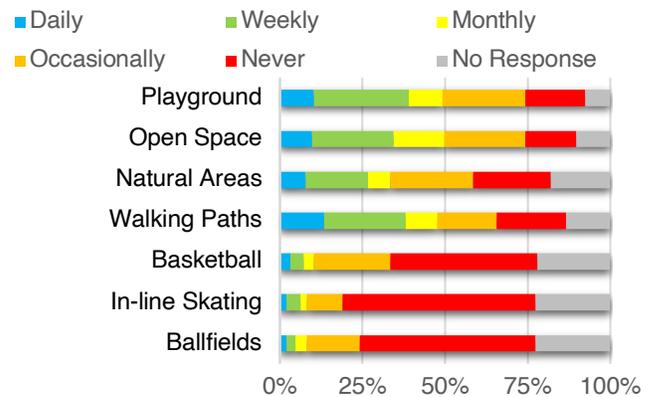
- 95 children ages 2-5 years old
- 91 children under 2 (soon to be preschool-aged)
- 146 school-aged children (5-12 years of age)

Additionally, equipment that would be geared towards early teens through adult-aged users (13-19+) was mentioned. This group represented a total of 352 residents. 20% of the park users also indicated that outdoor fitness would be an amenity they would like to see.

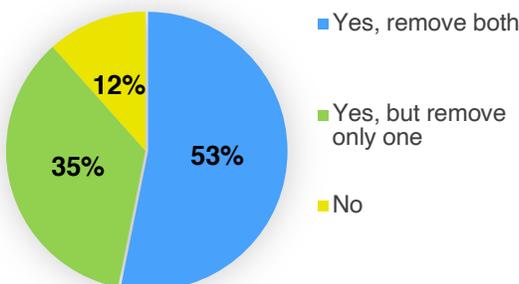
## FREQUENCY OF AMENITY USE

The playground and open space are the most frequently used amenities closely followed by natural areas and walking paths. Inline skating, basketball courts, and ballfields are used much less frequently. Most residents indicated it would be acceptable to remove the backstops if the ballfields were not used significantly. Only 12% of residence indicated a "No" response to removing the backstops.

## AMENITY USE



## REMOVE BACKSTOP?



- What I like best about Presidents Park is...**
- Playground equipment
  - Natural area
  - Sledding
  - Open space
  - Walking
  - Basketball

- My biggest concern at Presidents Park is...**
- Flooding & drainage
  - Maintenance
  - Visibility

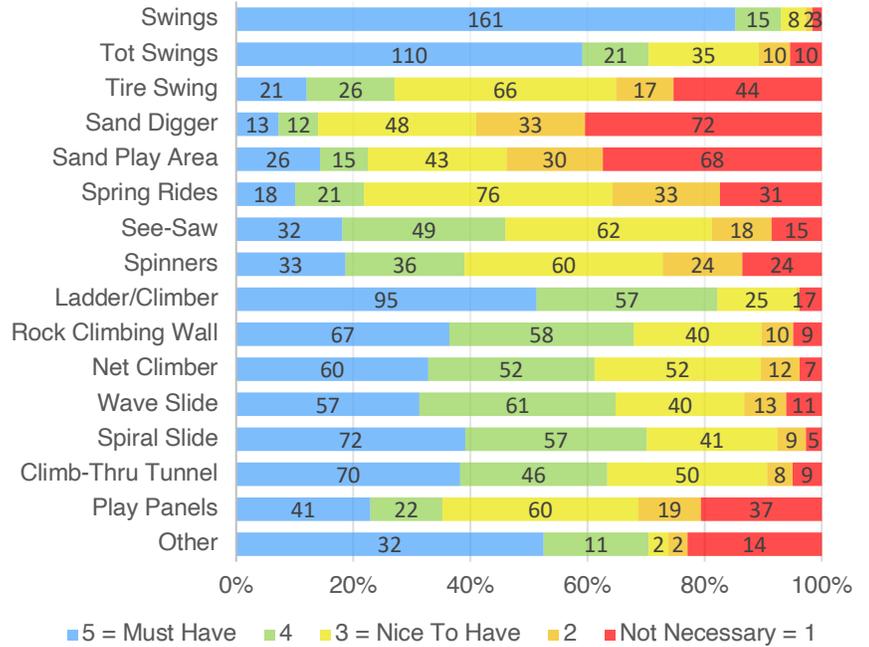
## PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT RATING

Swings, climbers, tunnels, and slides were the most highly rated pieces of playground equipment. Some other equipment noted in the responses included: zipline (20%), skate features (11%), ninja course (8%), and water feature/splash pad (8%).

The survey results were shared in the request for proposals to playground manufacturers. They were encouraged to incorporate as many of the survey responses as possible into their designs, however budget and site constraints do limit final site plans. We are unable to include a zip line or adult exercise equipment currently. They will be considered for future improvements.

Unitary rubber or turf playground surfacing was also mentioned. The district is committed to incorporating this type of surfacing in all playground replacements.

Here is the equipment that ranked the highest and will be installed later this year.



## SCHOOL-AGED EQUIPMENT CONCEPT



## PRESCHOOL-AGED EQUIPMENT CONCEPTS



### Next Steps

- Prepare site plan based on equipment selected
- Bid playground construction
- Install equipment
- Complete additional site improvements including pavement improvements and backstop removal

### Thank you!

The Wheaton Park District appreciates all the feedback we received through this survey. It is evident that residents take pride in this neighborhood and value the park system.

