



COOPERS' PARK

PUBLIC CONSULTATION SUMMARY

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1.0 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

On September 7th 2019, a second public engagement was held to receive feedback on the proposed concept for the fitness area and playground renewal at Coopers' Park. These designs reflect the theme and programming preferences received from the first public engagement that took place in May 2018. Feedback on the proposed concept was collected at the September open house and through on-line surveys. The following report highlights the main findings of this engagement process.

The majority of respondents are already using Coopers' Park quite frequently, with over 50% reporting using the park at least once a week. The majority of users use it as a bike or pedestrian path to the seawall (79%), as a relaxing place (38%) or for the playground (32%) (see figure 1).

654
surveys answered

Fitness Area

67%
"I really liked it" &
"I liked it"

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU VISIT COOPERS' PARK?

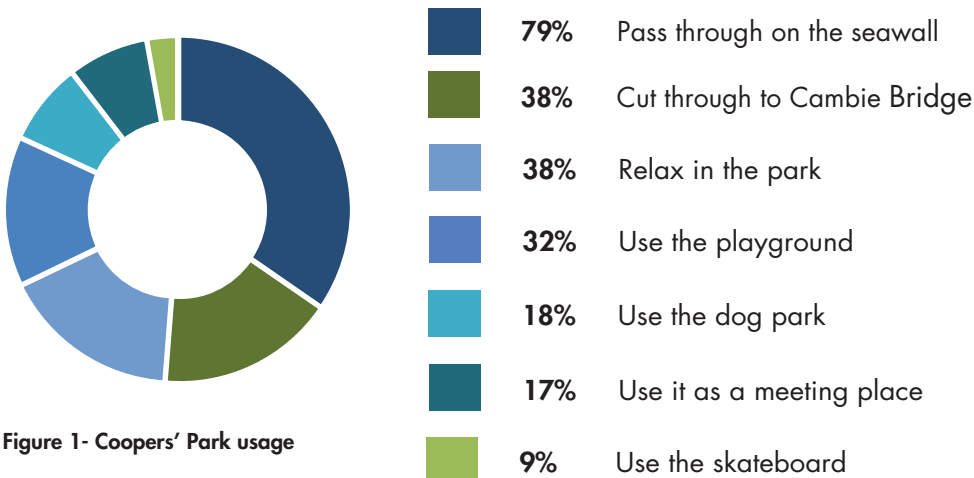


Figure 1- Coopers' Park usage

Playground Renewal

76%
"I really liked it" &
"I liked it"



2.0 FITNESS AREA: DESIGN

The proposed concept for Coopers' Park is a Pacific Northwest themed outdoor fitness area for calisthenics and parkour exercises. In calisthenics, minimal to no equipment is used to perform exercises such as pulling, pushing, muscle-ups, jumping and swinging. Parkour involves overcoming obstacles to get from one point to another using movements such as running, climbing, swinging and jumping. Parkour and calisthenics training provide a number of benefits such as improved strength, flexibility, agility, balance and most importantly fun!

OVERALL, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE DESIGN OF THE NEW FITNESS AREA?

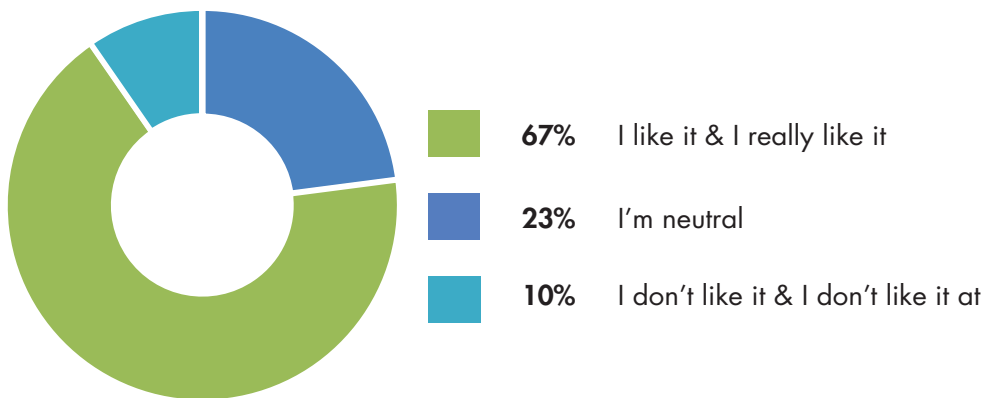


Figure 2- Fitness Area Design

When asked about the design of the fitness area, most respondents (67%) liked it or really liked it, while 23% were neutral. Overall, the proposed design was well received by the public.

SOME COMMENTS WE RECEIVED:

"Love the lighting!"



"Ensure safe access to fitness area and seawall for pedestrians and cyclists."



"So cool to combine fitness area with fun design elements and theme"



2.1 FITNESS AREA: FEATURES

The proposed concept for the fitness area includes a variety of features referencing the Pacific northwest, such as a whale skeleton that can be used as exercise bars; glass sponge steps for jumping, dips, or step ups; bull kelp poles for climbing, or fitness bands and a large rocky outcrop for flexible uses. The following breakdown outlines the preference ratings of the proposed fitness features.

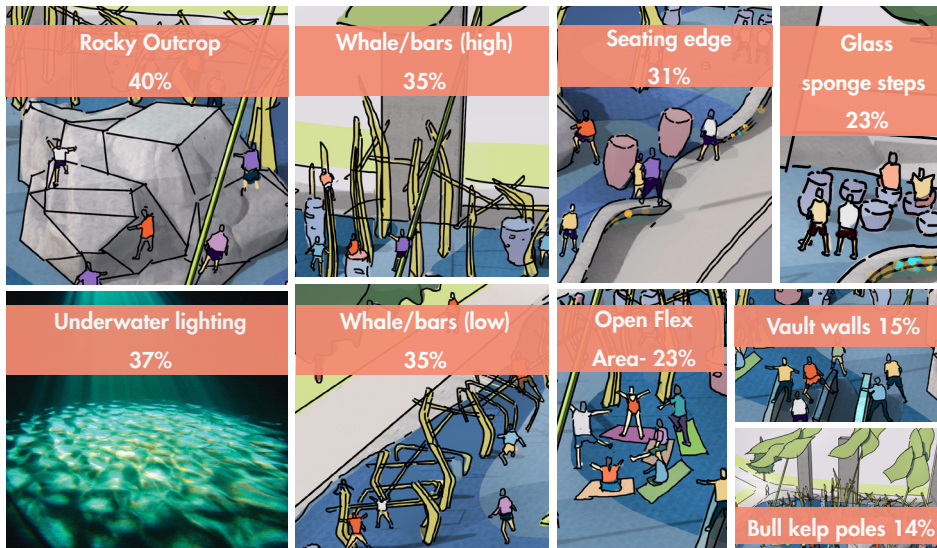


Figure 3- Fitness Area features Preferences

When asked about their potential usage of the fitness area, 91% of respondents identified that they would use the fitness area for calisthenics, parkour or other exercises; while 15% stated that they wouldn't use the fitness area. The most preferred feature of the fitness area include the rocky outcrop, the whale/bars framework and underwater lighting.

HOW WOULD YOU USE THE FITNESS AREA, IF AT ALL?

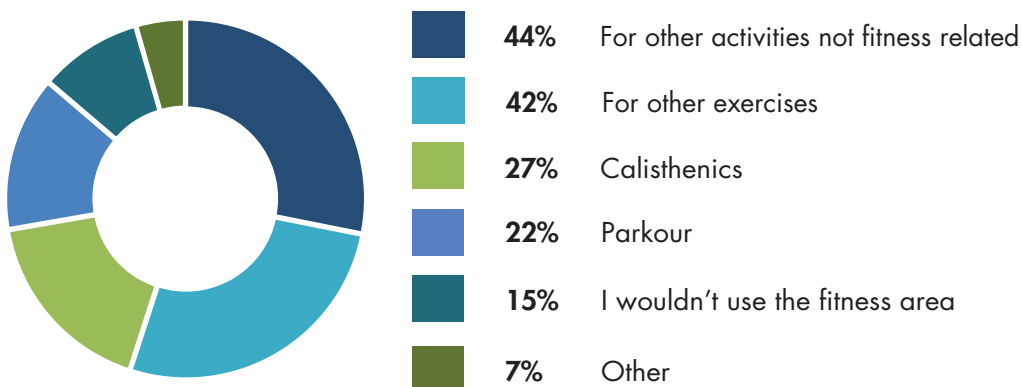


Figure 4- Fitness Area future use

SOME COMMENTS WE RECEIVED:

"Please update the water fountain to include the capacity to fill water bottles"



I like the dynamic elements which leverage the entire space, top to bottom, side to side, with structure and light.



If the rock outcrop supports bouldering that would be fantastic!



Please make it more friendly to older / retired adults who might need more guidance on how to use the park.



3.0 PLAYGROUND RENEWAL

The renewal of the playground had a positive response, with 75% of respondents liking or really liking the design. The design highlights a custom octopus playfeature. Other proposed play features include: waterplay, balance elements, slides, climbing net play, swings, slide, and an in-ground trampoline.

Respondents were asked to identify play features they would like to see in the playground and the most popular were: the custom octopus play structure (41%) the inground trampoline (37%), the water play (32%) and climbing mound (32%).

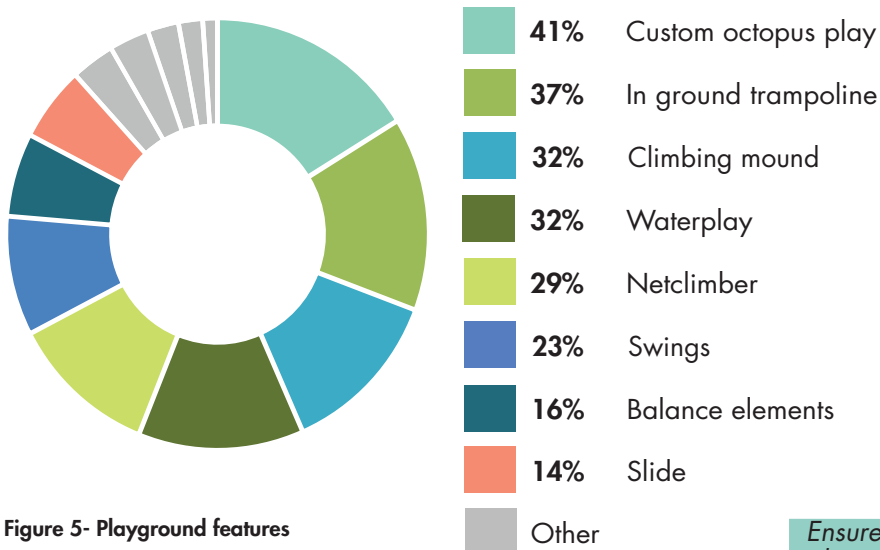
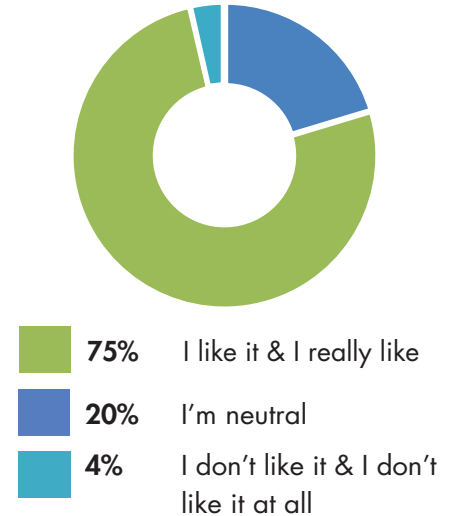


Figure 5- Playground features

Figure 6- Playground Renewal Proposal



I foresee the inground trampoline as being a huge hit. Perhaps you can add a few more?



I have concerns about tunnel, interior of slide and sand area being used as sleeping area for the homeless



Ensure that there are plenty of universally accessible play features

