

John E. Murphy Playground



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Welcome Everyone!

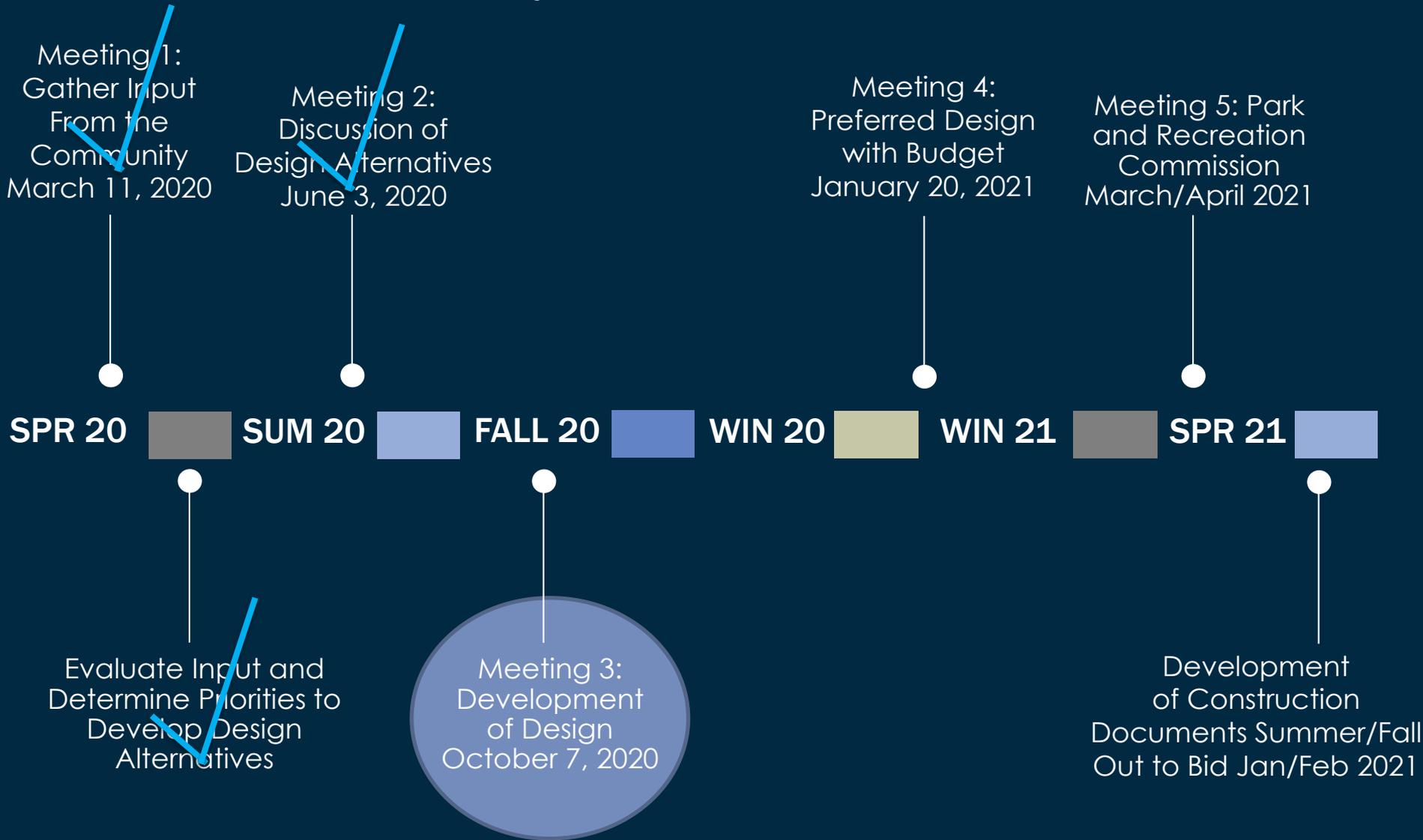


Agenda

- Introduction, Goals & Priorities and Timeline
- Existing Conditions and Site Analysis
- On Site Meeting Re-cap and Survey Results
- Concept Plans
- Open Discussion
- Playground Concepts
- Open Discussion
- Summary and Conclusion

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Project Timeline

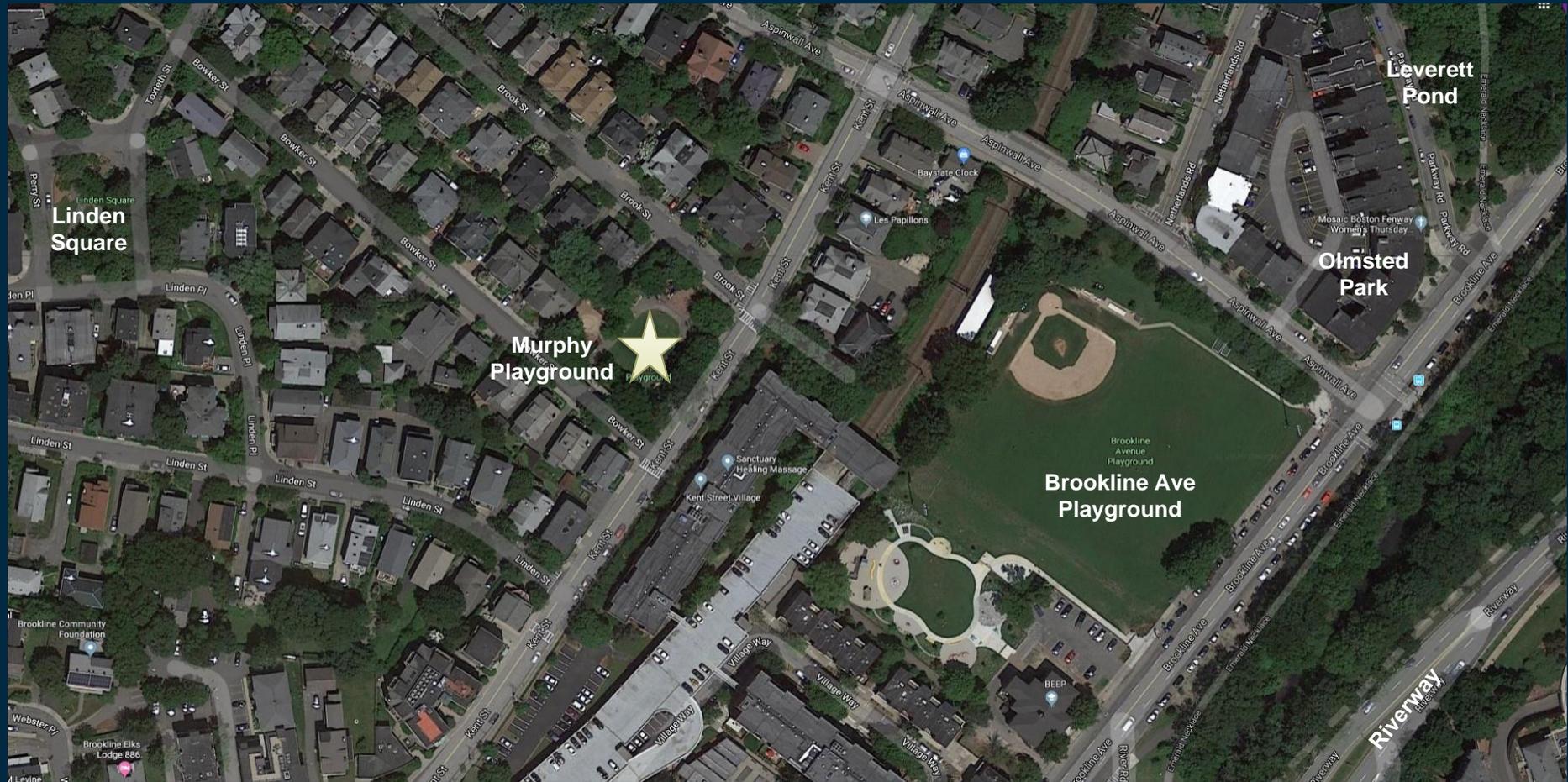


PROJECT GOALS AND PRIORITIES

Accessibility, Inclusion and Safety

- Treatment of the park's perimeter and entries to address issues of universal accessibility
- Multi generational uses within the park
- Redesign for new playground to include play equipment for all ages and resilient safety surfacing
- Upgrade of water play
- Assess the grading and drainage to direct runoff appropriately
- Assess and redesign hardcourt play area
- Consideration of site furniture and destinations for seating and picnicking throughout the park
- Assessment of plant health/develop planting plan

Park Context



Town purchased the land from the Howe family in 1915
Park was named John E. Murphy in 1971
Size: .51 acres
Last Renovation: 1993, drainage repairs in 1998

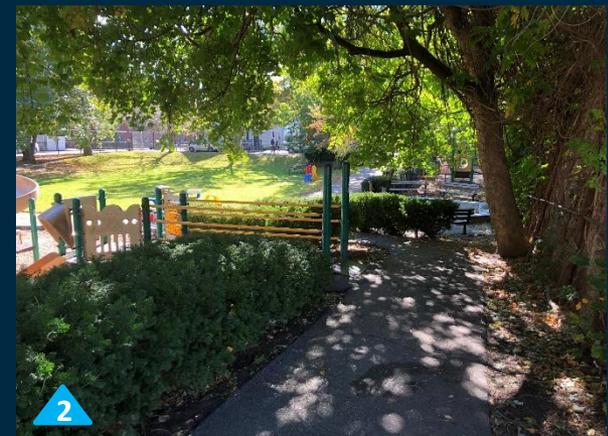
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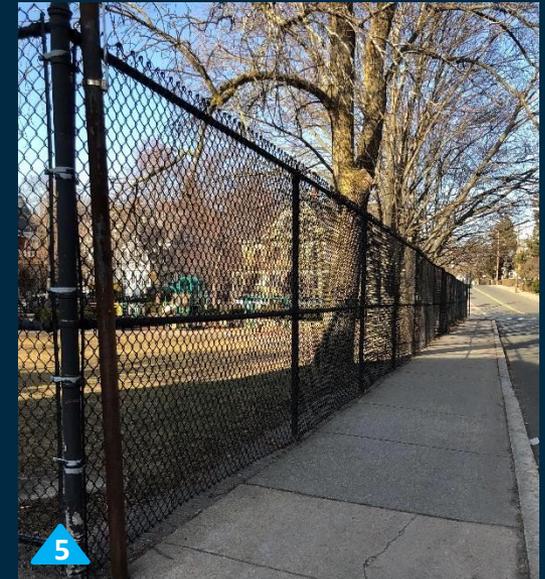
EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN



PARK ENTRANCES



PERIMETER



PLAY EQUIPMENT, WATER AND HARDCOURT PLAY



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LAWNS AND PLANTING



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SITE FURNITURE



ON SITE MEETINGS

(2) On Site Meetings in August – 29 Adults and 20 Children attended

Comments Heard

- Like loop pathway around 5-12 year old play space
- Keep water play and 2-5 year old play space separated.
- Provide seating at the corner of Bowker and Kent. A diagonal fence at that corner would also help the site lines when turning onto Kent Street.
- Move the basketball out from the corner a little and provide an even playing surface.
- Drainage issues in the lawn and basketball area are constant.
- Would like to keep as many of the existing trees as possible.
- Keep as much open lawn as possible.
- Concept 3 was the preferred concept.

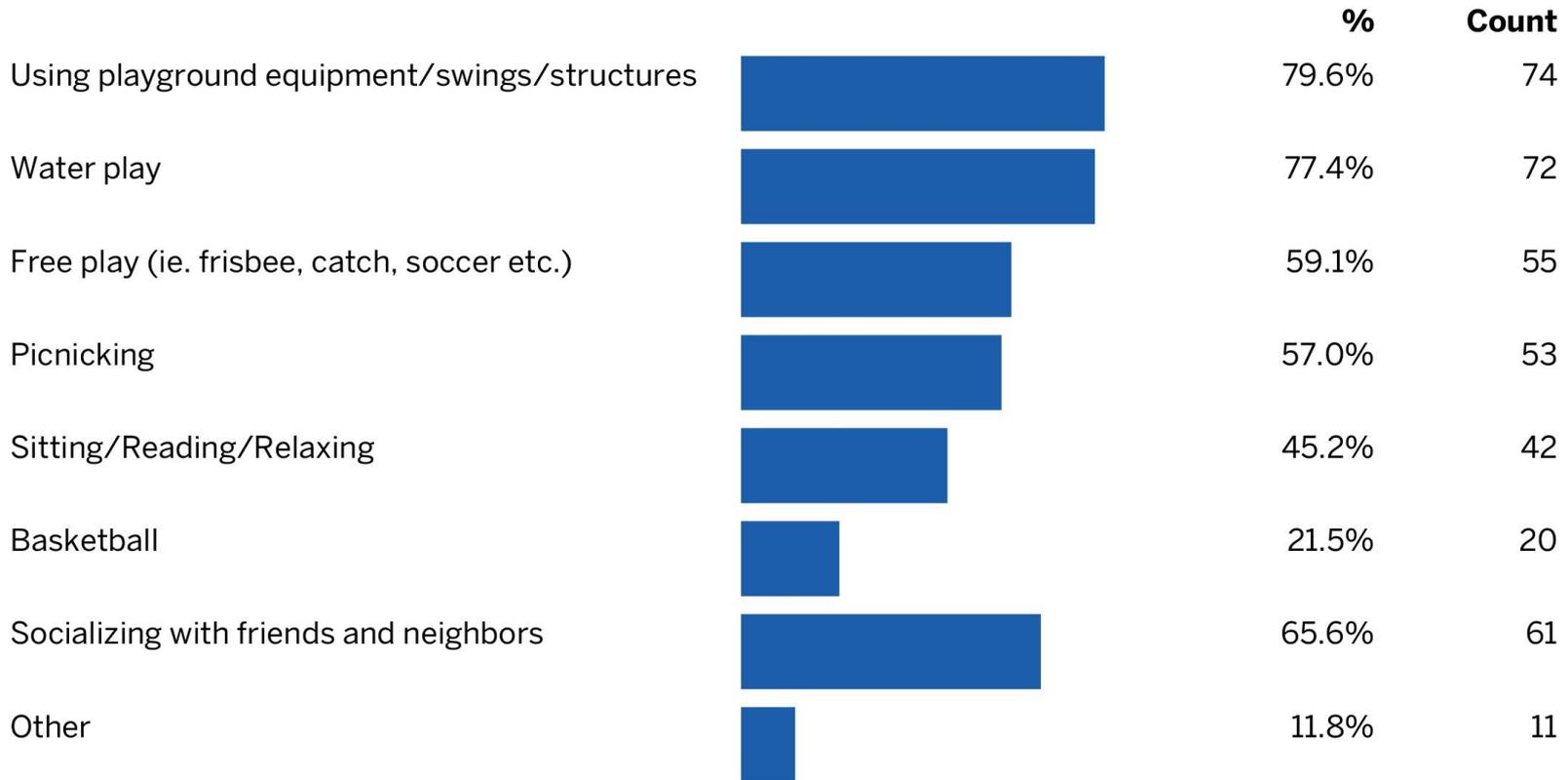


SURVEY RESULTS QUESTION # 1

88 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

QUESTION 1

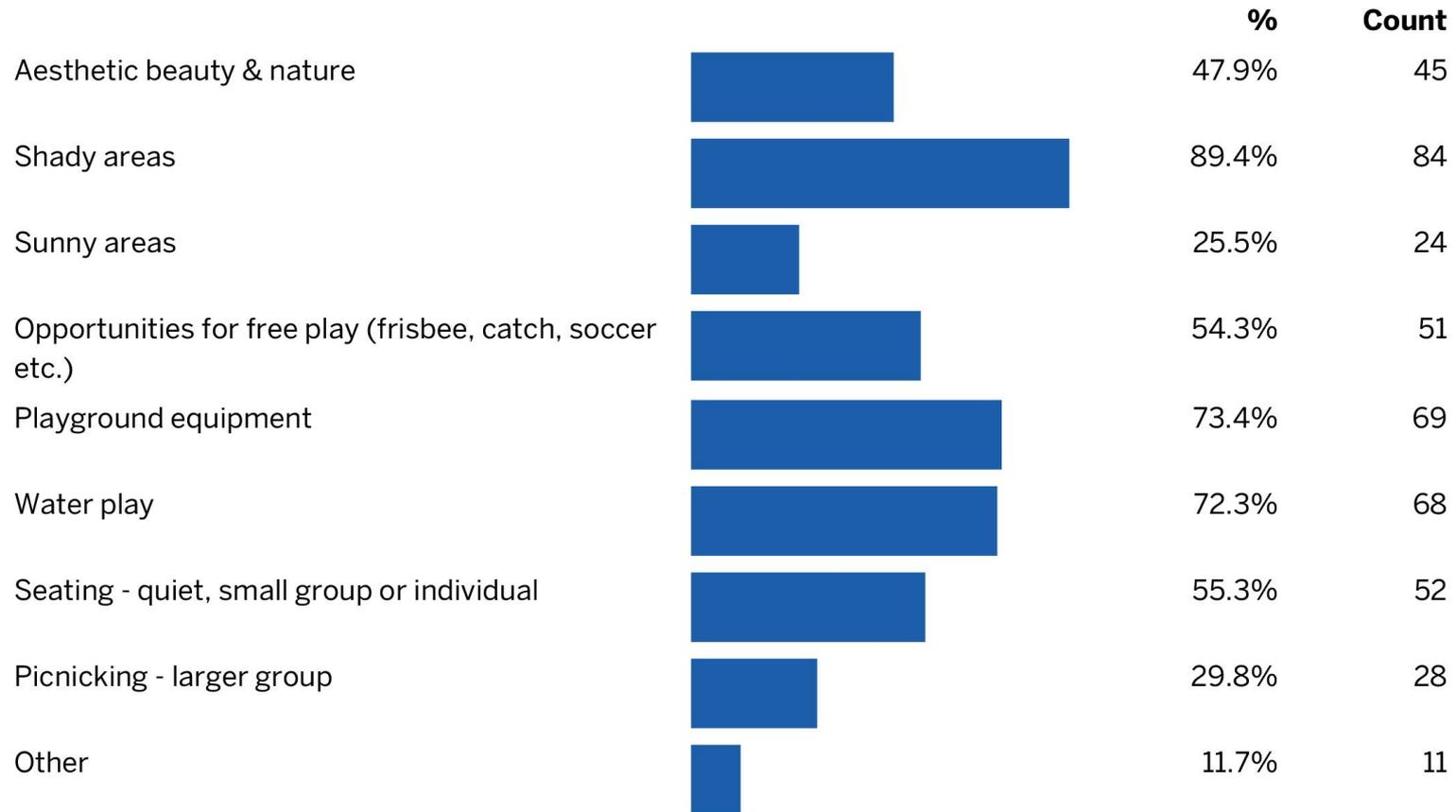
What activities do members of your household enjoy when visiting the park? (Please select all that apply)



SURVEY RESULTS QUESTION #2

QUESTION 2

**Which key attributes do you wish the Division to consider when designing play and community areas in the park?
(Please select all that apply)**



SURVEY RESULTS QUESTION #3

Question 3: In your household, how many people of each age range use/visit the John E. Murphy Playground?

- Largest age group that uses the park currently is 0-5 years old
- Second is 31-50 years old.
- Third is 6-12 year olds.
- The age range that visits the park the least is 71+.

SURVEY RESULTS QUESTION #4

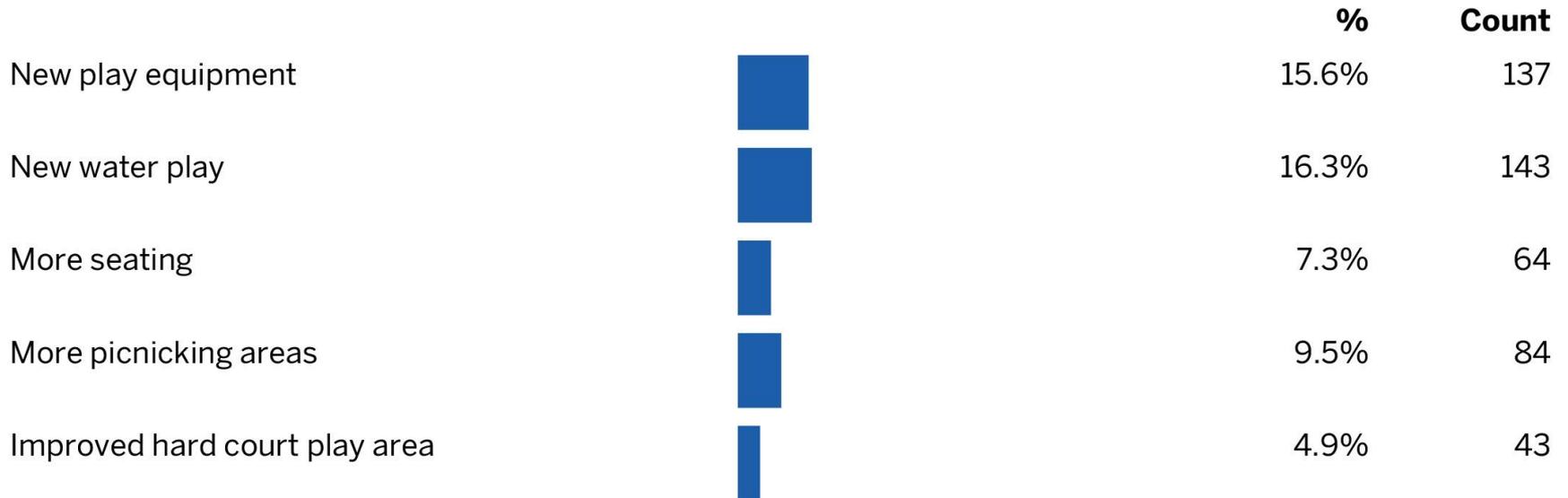
Question 4: We want this playground to be as inclusive as possible. Are there any facets/features of the John E, Murphy playground that discourage or prevent people in your household from visiting?

- Drainage issue in the lawn makes that area inaccessible
- Large group parties make the park hard for others to use.
- Basketball paving is uneven
- Slide collects leaves and water.
- Gate left open by children's play area
- There is limited parking.
- Park lacks seating areas
- There are no picnic areas in the shade.
- Shrubs and trees at Bowker Street entry are overgrown and obstruct views.
- Area where children can squeeze in between gate and fence.

SURVEY RESULTS QUESTION #5

QUESTION 5

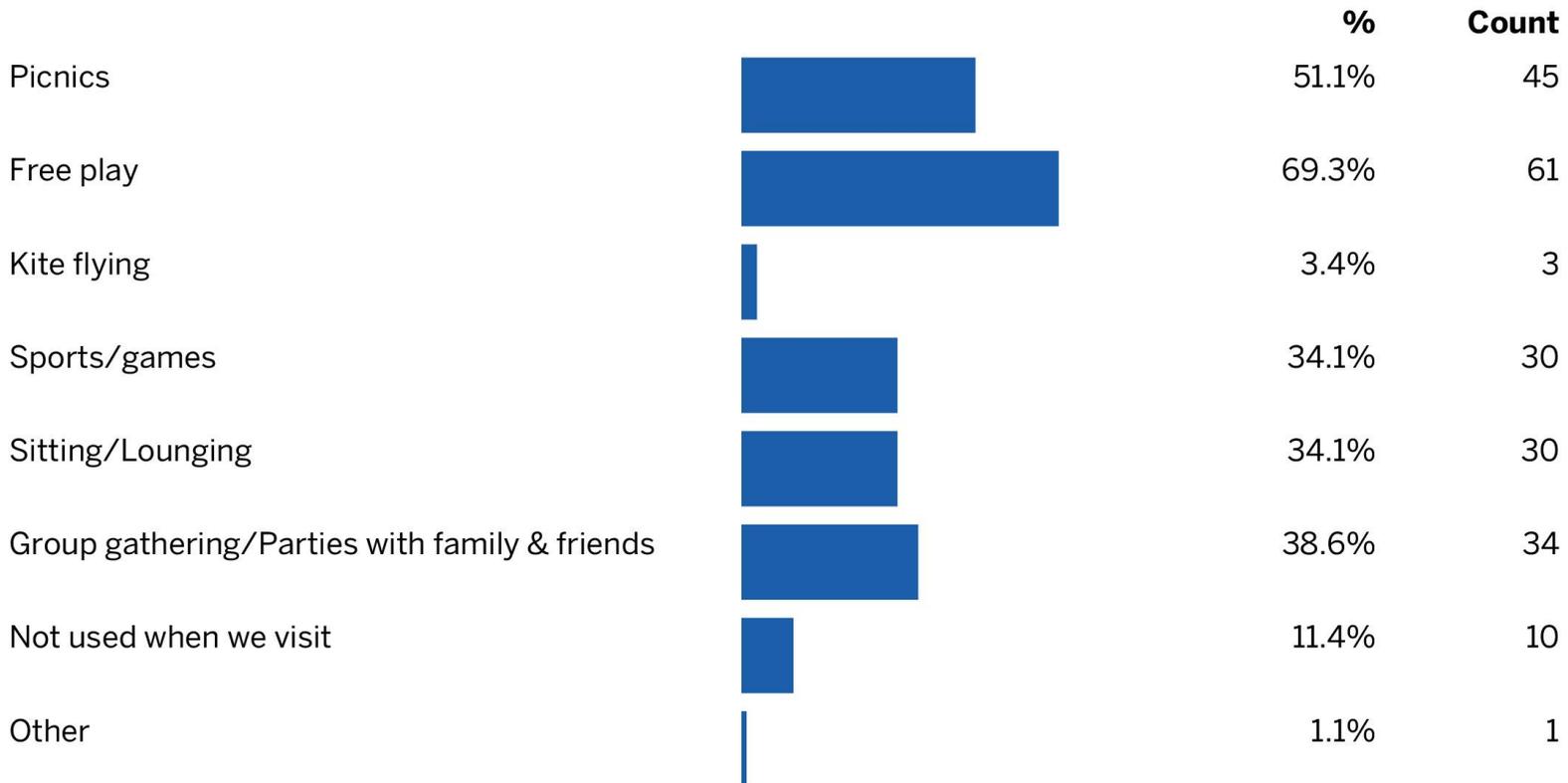
You've got 10 dots to 'spend'. What upgrades would you prioritize in the park redesign?



SURVEY RESULTS QUESTION #6

QUESTION 6

When you visit the John E. Murphy Playground, if you use the central lawn area what do you use it for? (select all that apply)



SURVEY RESULTS QUESTION #7

Question 7: We are committed to creating a park that reflects, welcomes and celebrates the entire neighborhood (all ages, abilities and cultures). In the case of Murphy Playground, what would that look like to you?

- Improved and accessible play equipment and water play.
- Shaded areas to sit and to have picnics.
- Keeping as many trees as possible.
- Upgrading the basketball area.
- No woodchips at the playground
- Adirondack chairs for seating
- Open ended play structures that create more room for collaborative and creative play.
- Separate seating and play areas like Emerson Garden.
- Swings in the play areas.
- Kid and toddler friendly park.
- Improve the drainage.
- Community mural/art and bulletin board.

LANDSCAPE CONCEPT PLAN #1



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LANDSCAPE CONCEPT PLAN #2



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LANDSCAPE CONCEPT PLAN #3



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CONCEPT PLAN DISCUSSION



CONCEPT PLAN #1



CONCEPT PLAN #3



CONCEPT PLAN #2

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PLAYGROUND PLAN # 1

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PLAYGROUND PLAN #3 (5-12 YEAR OLD)

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PLAYGROUND PLAN #4 (5-12 YEAR OLD)

MULTI VENDOR



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PLAYGROUND PLAN #4 (5-12 YEAR OLD)

MULTI VENDOR



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PLAYGROUND PLAN #4 (2-5 YEAR OLD)

MULTI VENDOR



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PLAYGROUND CONCEPT DISCUSSION



PLAYGROUND PLAN #1 (AGES 5-12)



PLAYGROUND PLAN #2 (AGES 5-12)



PLAYGROUND PLAN #3 (AGES 5-12)



PLAYGROUND PLAN #4 (AGES 5-12)

PLAYGROUND CONCEPT DISCUSSION



PLAYGROUND PLAN #1 (AGES 2-5)



PLAYGROUND PLAN #2 (AGES 2-5)



PLAYGROUND PLAN #3 (AGES 2-5)



PLAYGROUND PLAN #4 (AGES 2-5)

OPEN DISCUSSION



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Your input is valuable –
Please contact us with your ideas!

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Thank you for coming!