



STEWART PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Survey Results Summary

28 JULY 2022

This document summarizes results gathered from a community input survey regarding the Stewart Park Improvement Project.

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HOW DID WE REACH OUT?



EVENT HANDOUTS

Handouts in English and Spanish at the 4th of July event at Stewart Park



POSTAL SERVICES

Mailed to residents in surrounding blocks



SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media posts and promoted on the city of Beaumont's website.



RESIDENTIAL HANDOUTS

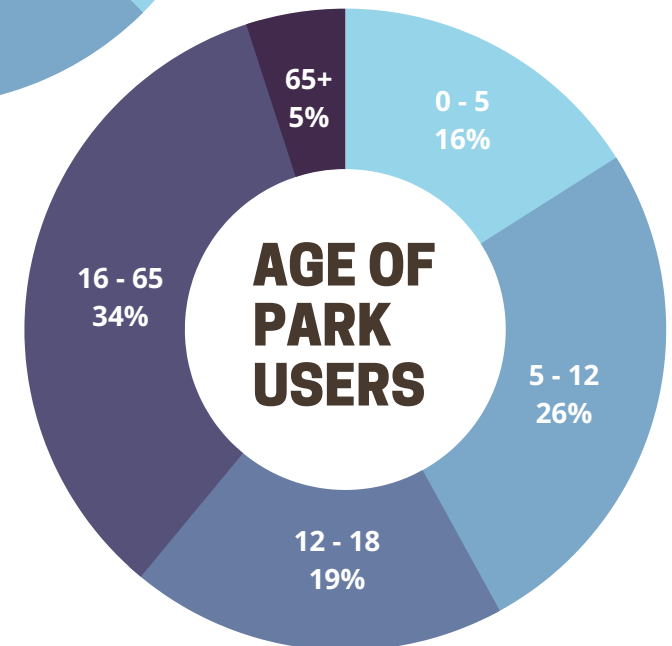
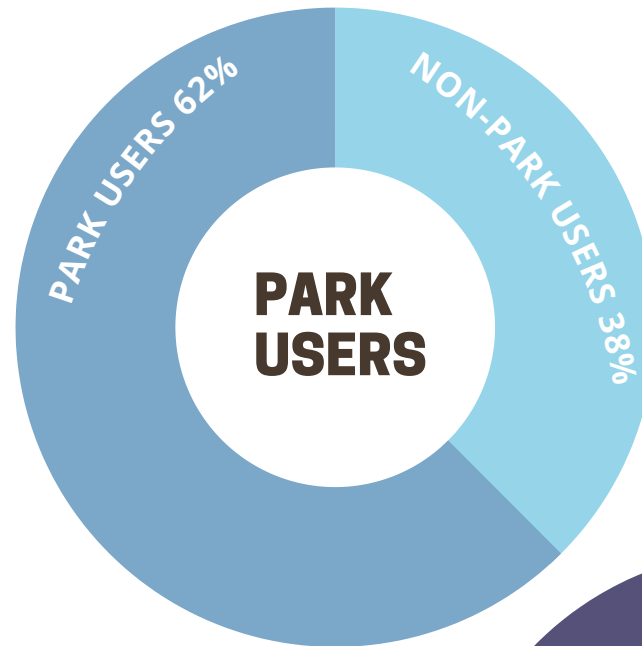
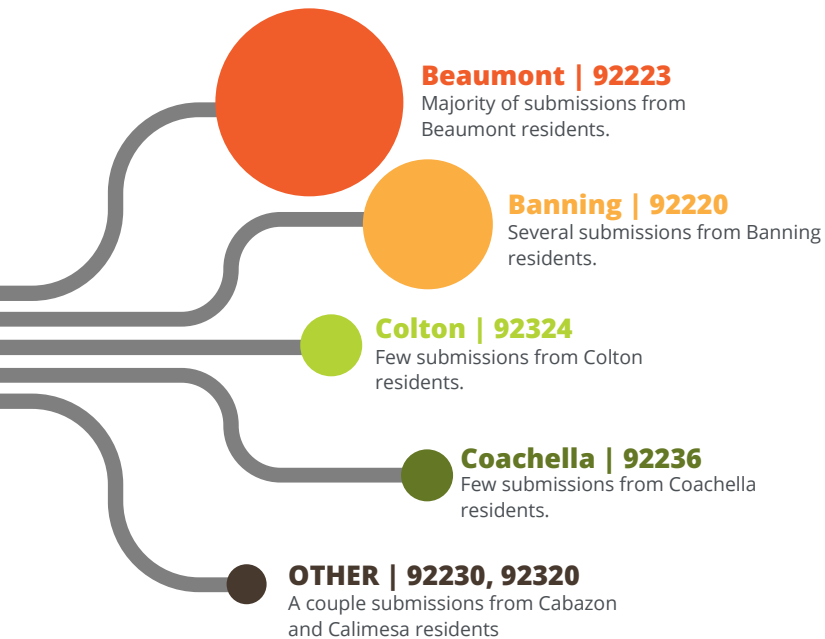
Handouts to residents in nearby multi-unit buildings

WHO RESPONDED?

Total submissions: 821

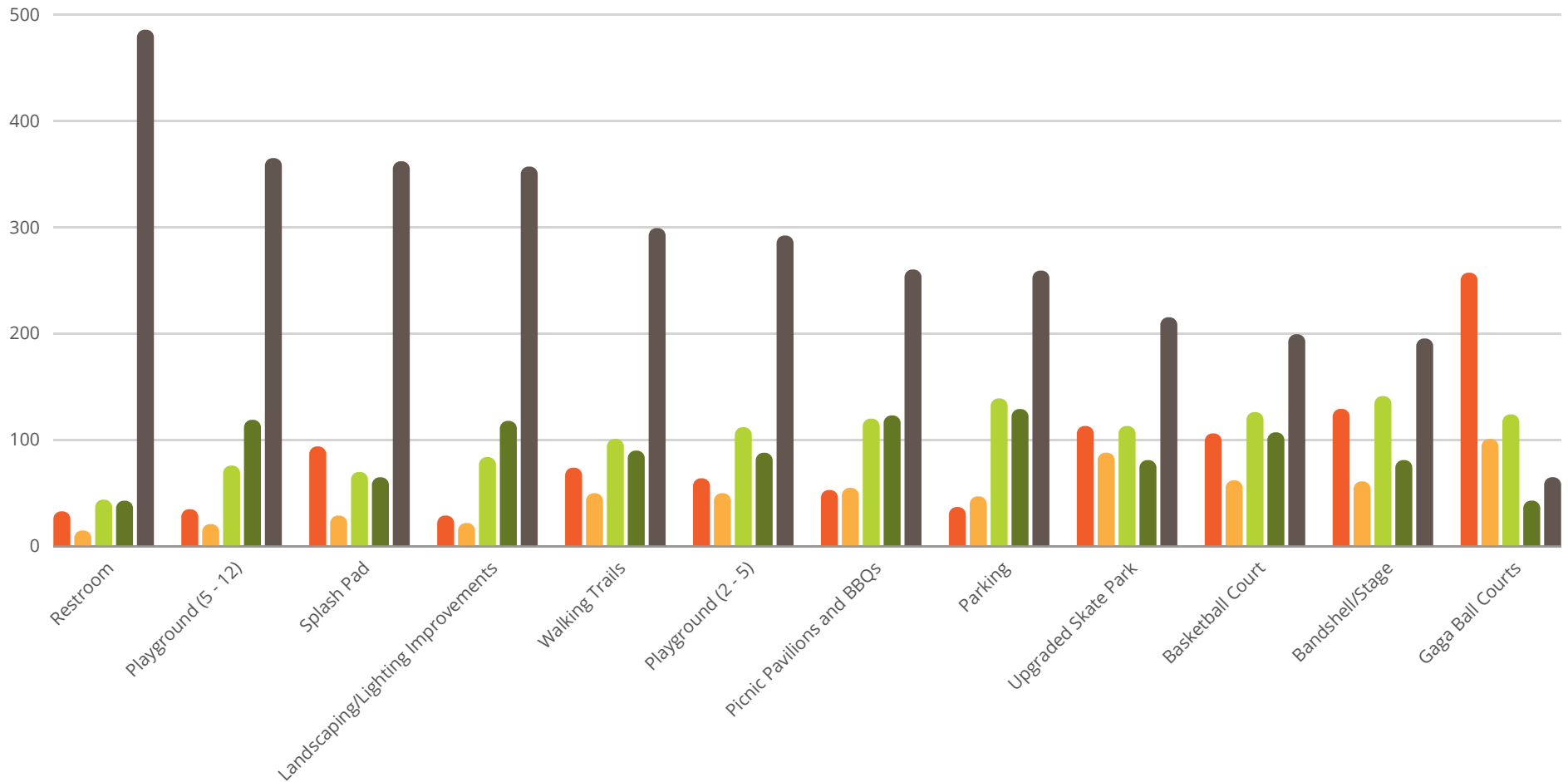
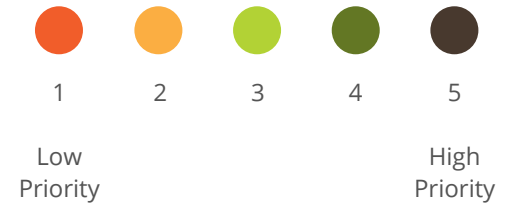
Average household size was approximately **4 persons per household**.

We received responses from the following areas codes:



PARK FEATURES

Rank the following park features with 1 being low priority and 5 being high priority.

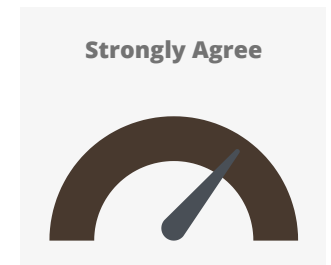
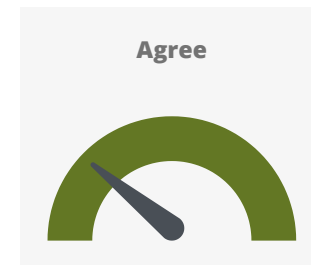
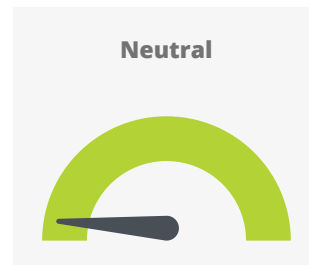
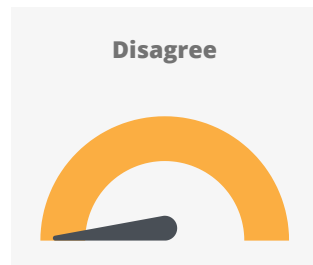
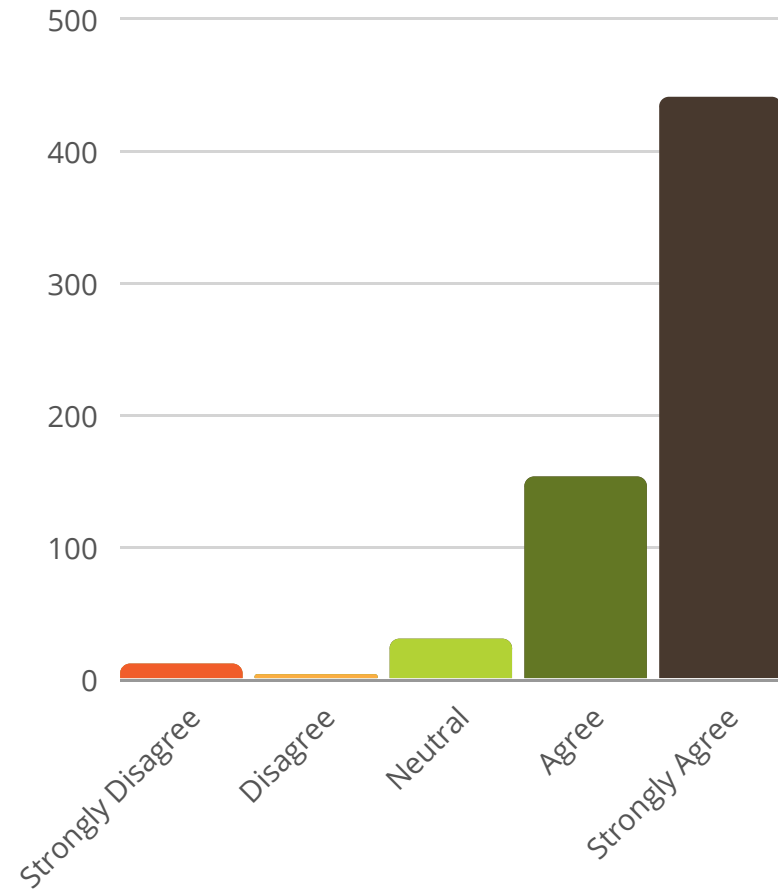


DESIGN STATEMENTS

How do you feel about the following statements about the design of the park?

THE PLAYGROUNDS SHOULD INCLUDE A SHADE STRUCTURE.

More respondents strongly agreed that the playground should include a shade structure than any other design idea, suggesting that it should be a top priority for the playground design.

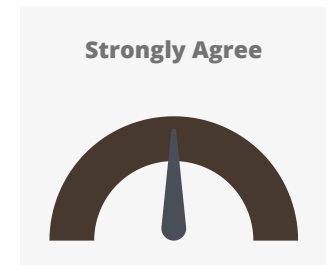
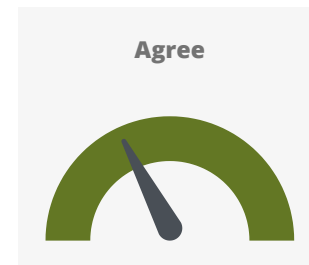
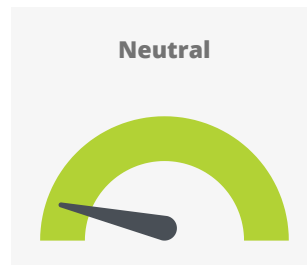
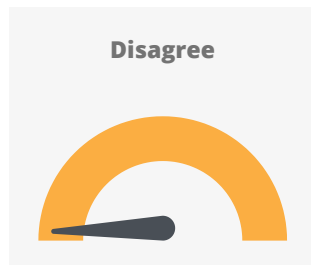
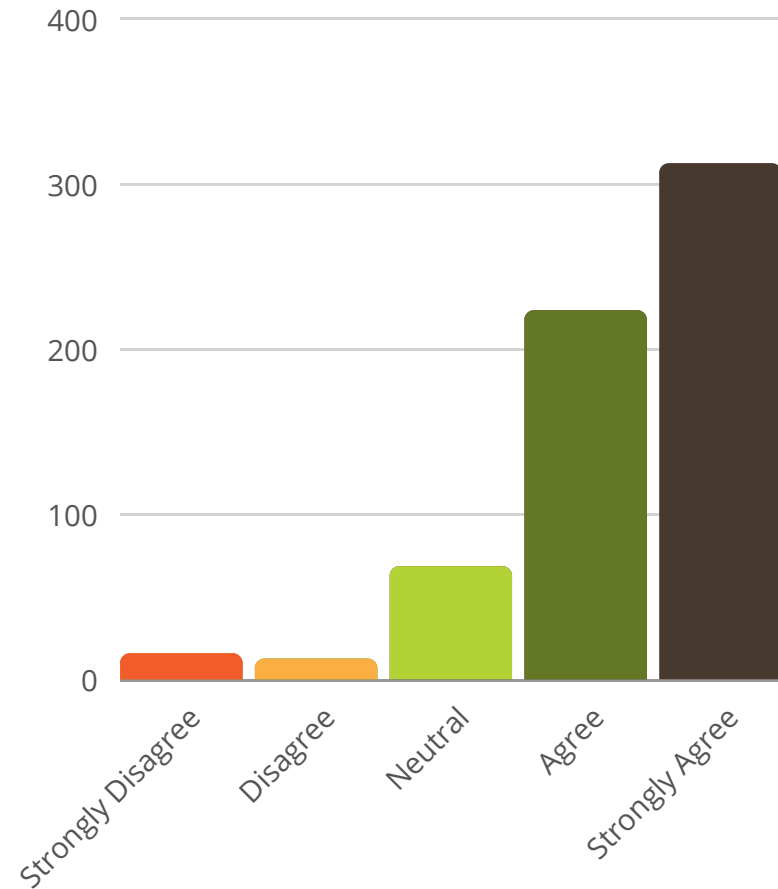


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THE PLAYGROUND MUST BE ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES.

Most respondents strongly agreed or agreed that the park should include an inclusive playground, suggesting that the layout and equipment in the playground should prioritize accessibility and universal use.

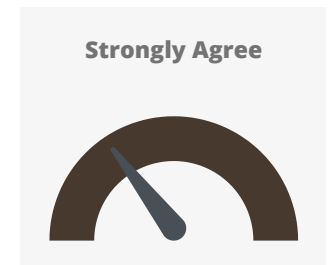
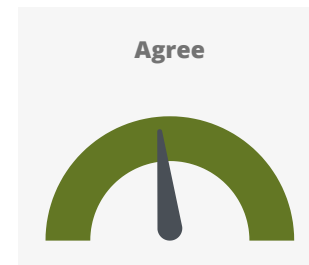
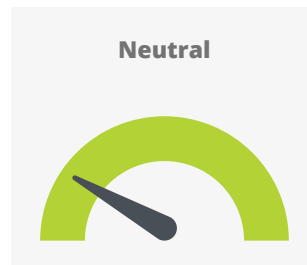
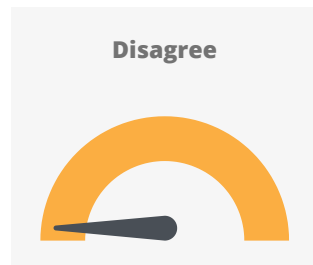
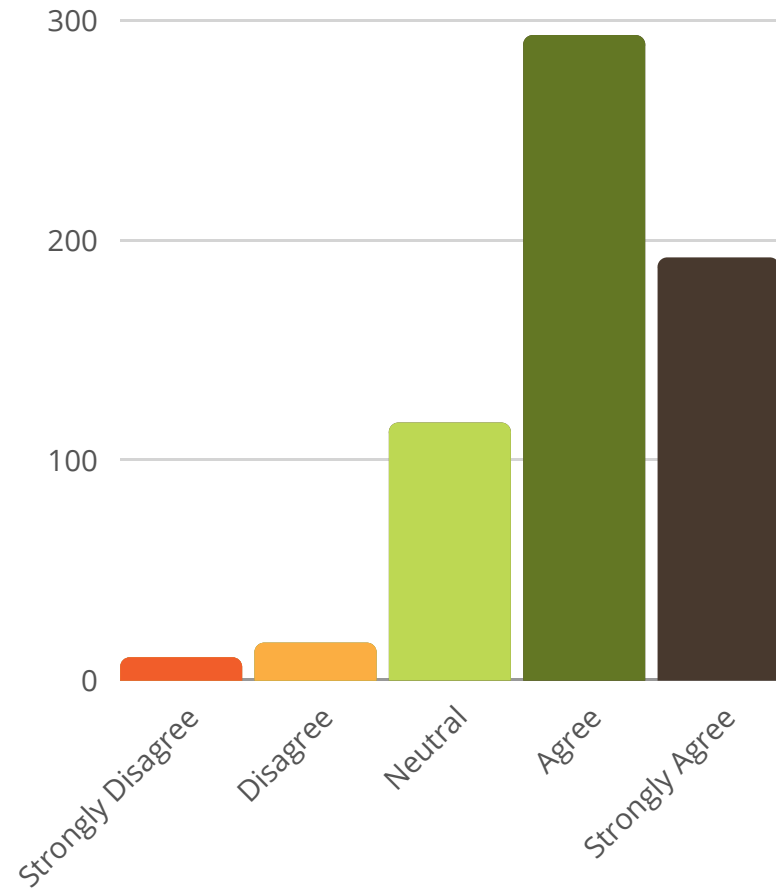


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THE PARK SHOULD INCLUDE MORE SEATING AREAS.

While fewer respondents strongly agreed that the park needed more seating areas, a larger number agreed with this statement, suggesting that while seating areas may not be the top priority, the park planners should thoughtfully integrate seating areas into the design.

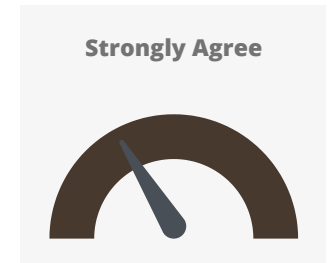
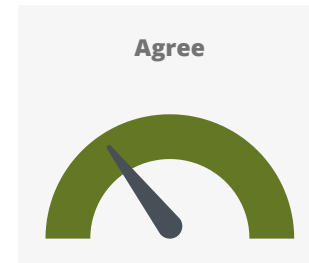
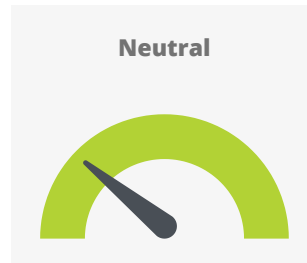
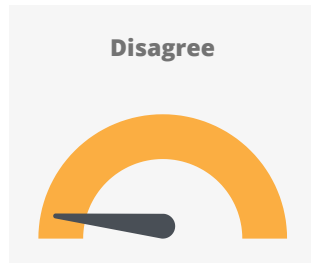
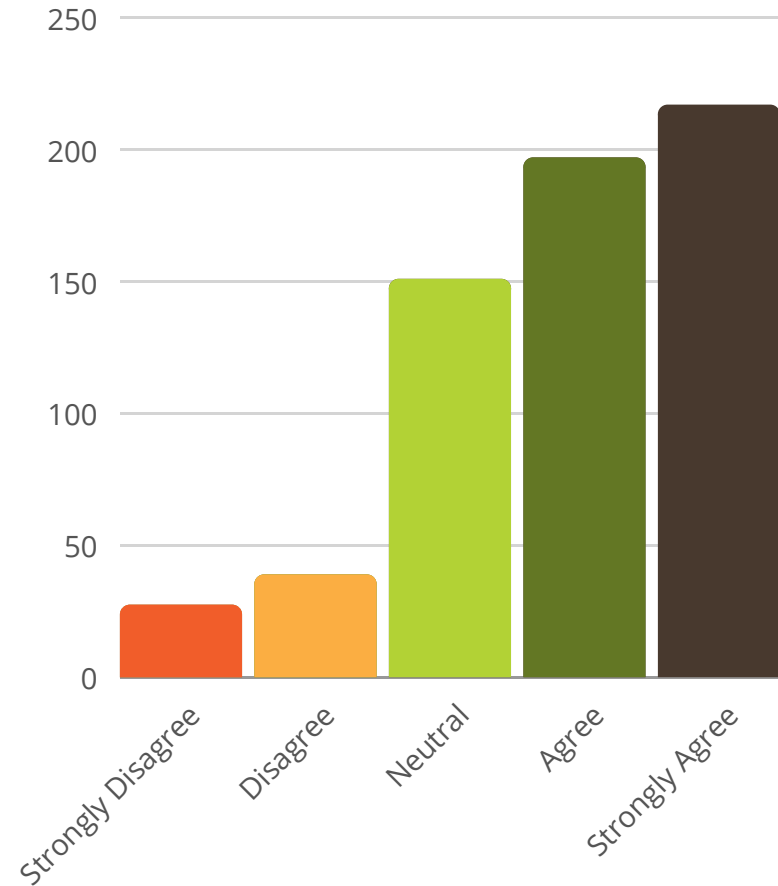


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THE PARK SHOULD INCLUDE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE OUTDOOR FITNESS AREAS DESIGNED FOR FREE AND SAFE EXERCISE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

There were many respondents who strongly agreed or agreed with including park features related to fitness, while about half were neutral on the idea, and a few disagreed, suggesting that including fitness elements would be well received but may not need to be the focus of the park.

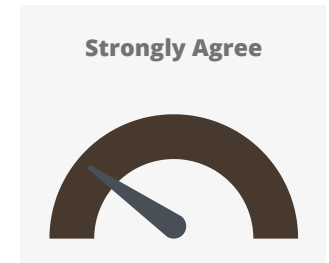
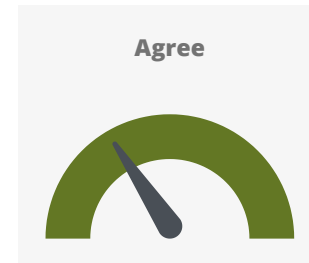
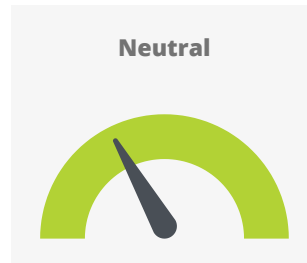
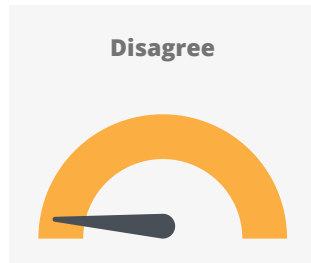
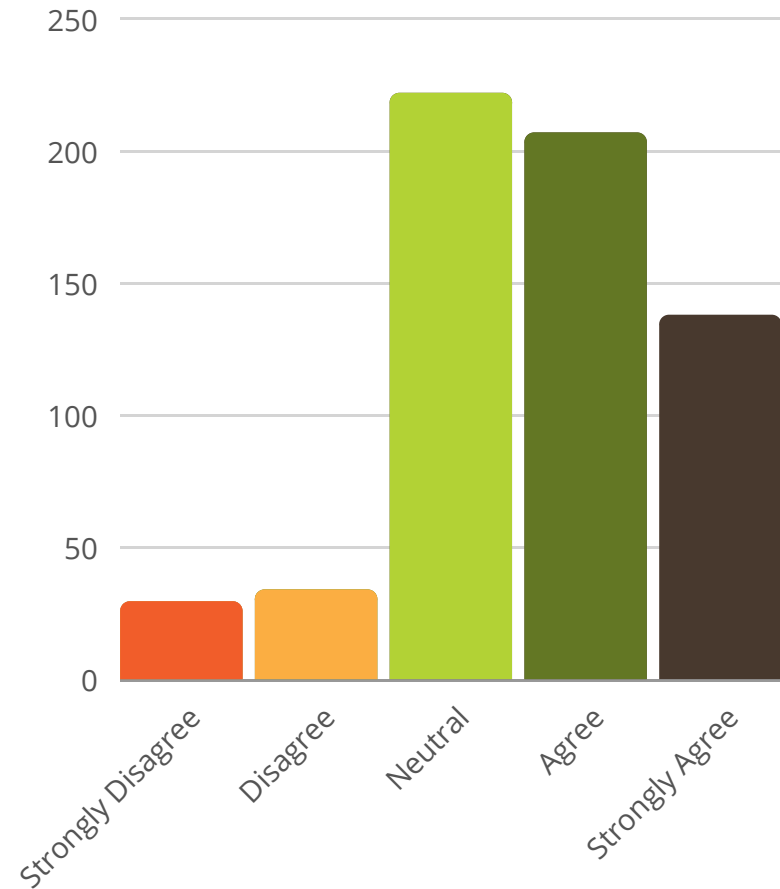


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WATER EFFICIENCY SHOULD BE A MAJOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEW PARK DESIGN.

Most respondents agreed or were neutral about water efficiency, suggesting that while the park design will incorporate water efficient practices, there may not be a major interest in educational information about water efficiency or demonstration gardens.

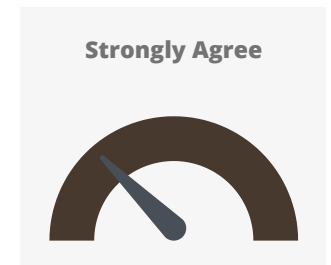
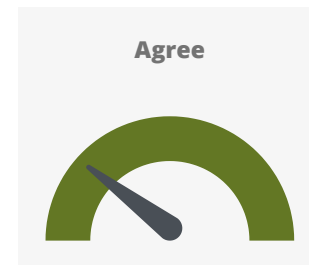
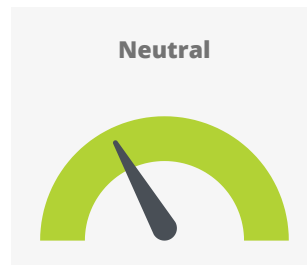
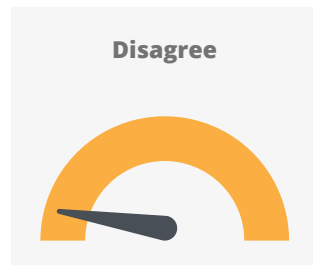
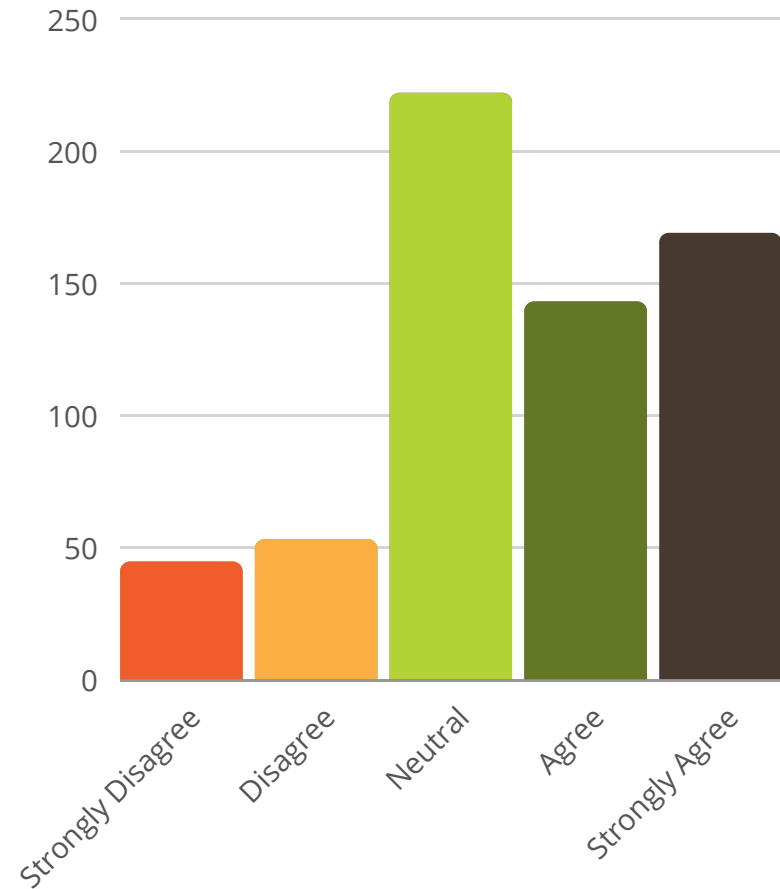


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THE PARK SHOULD INCLUDE A PERMANENT AMPHITHEATER / BANDSHELL INSTEAD OF A TEMPORARY ONE.

Most respondents were neutral about including a permanent amphitheater/bandshell, with more agreeing than disagreeing with the statement. This suggests that the City could utilize a temporary stage for large events like the Cherry Festival and have a smaller stage permanently at the park for smaller events.

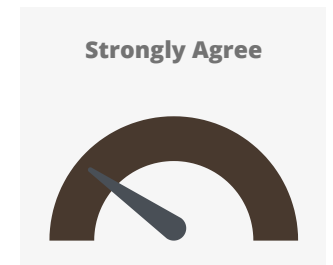
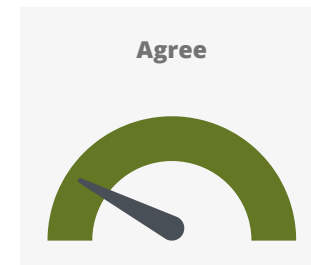
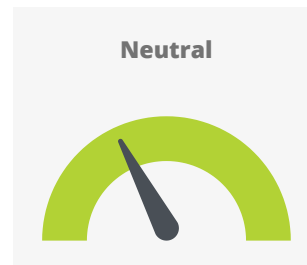
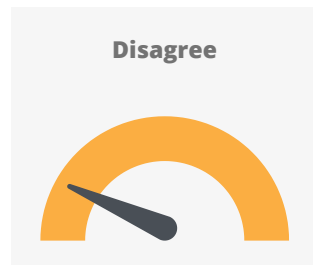
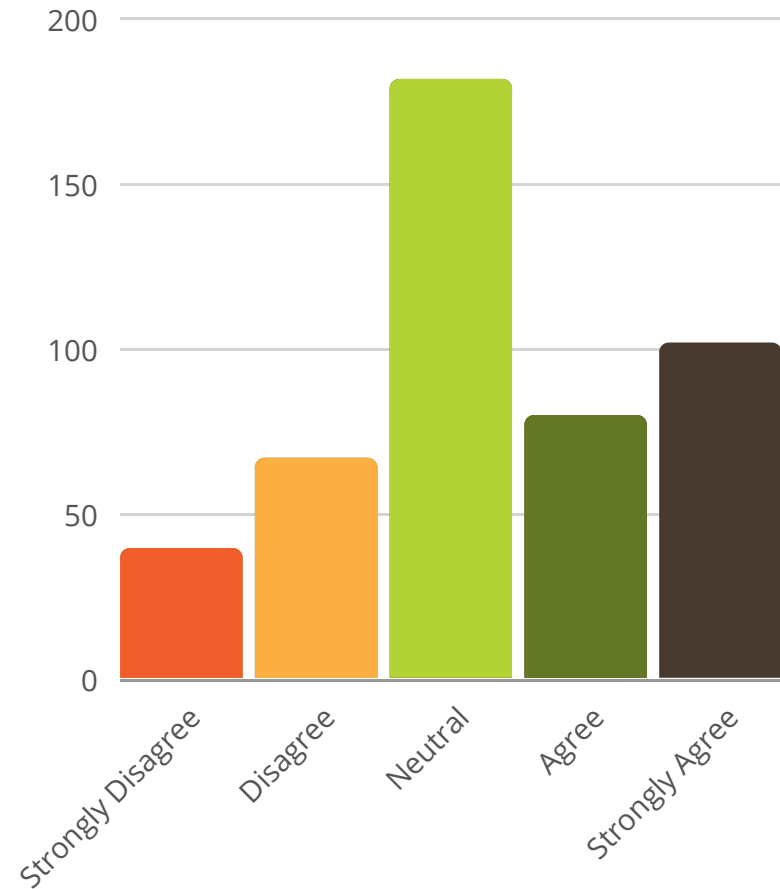


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THE SKATE PARK SHOULD BE EXPANDED.

Most respondents were neutral on the idea of expanding the skate park; however, numerous respondents indicated that they currently utilize the skate park at Stewart Park or ride their skateboard to the park. This suggests that while the skate park is an important asset, it does not need to be larger.



PARK INSPIRATION IDEAS

Many great park designs are inspired by historical events, landmarks, people, or even trends within the communities in which they reside. Are there any local landmarks, historical stories, or design trends that could inspire the park redesign?

STEWART SISTERS

Several survey participants wanted to see the Stewart sisters incorporated into the design and some of their history and key contributions to the park and city.

BEAUMONT PIONEERS

People wanted the overall history of how Beaumont came to be and the history of the pioneers of the city of Beaumont to be recognized throughout the park. This includes visible historic elements of older buildings in Beaumont such as the Hotel Edinburgh, stagecoaches, and even the railroads

AGRICULTURE

Survey participants brought up the point that the park should reflect on what Beaumont is best known for, Cherry Fest. This included paying homage to the agricultural orchards and having a country/western feel to the park redesign.

INDIGENOUS STORIES

People want to know more about the indigenous cultures of Beaumont and were interested in incorporating areas of their culture into the park design.

WIND / MOUNTAINS

Some Beaumont residents stated that the windy weather and beautiful mountain views are iconic to Beaumont and is something that should inspire the park redesign.

TRACY DYSON CALDWELL

Beaumont High graduate, Tracy Dyson Caldwell went to Space on multiple missions. Several people pressed for a NASA/space theme or incorporating stories of hidden figures, such as Tracy.

COMMUNITY EVENT IDEAS

The park is home to the Cherry Festival and 4th of July Fireworks. What other types of community events would you like to see at the park?

MOVIES/MUSIC

- Movie night at the park
- Music at the park
- Bring back Concerts

EDU. ACTIVITIES

- Children learning activities
- Scavenger Hunts
- Musical learning activities
- Ballet

WORKSHOPS

- Arts and crafts workshop
- Workshops for people of all ages and abilities

ADD'L. HOLIDAY EVENTS

- New Year's Eve ball drop
- Memorial Day
- Easter Event
- Christmas light show
- Halloween Event

MULTICULTURAL

- Black History Event (music)
- Hawaiian Festival
- Latin American Festival

FITNESS CAMP

- Family fitness classes
- Sport Camps - Youth learn basic skills in a specific sport

FOOD FESTIVALS

- Night market events
- Weekly farmers market events
- Veggie/Vegan festival
- Multicultural food festivals
- Pumpkin patch

ART FESTIVALS

- Local Beaumont artists can share their creativity with the community

KEY TAKEAWAYS

The **playground and splash pad** will be a central element of the park. It will be important to consider universal accessibility in the design and develop a play environment that offers a fun, quality, inclusive experience. The play areas will incorporate shade and could reflect some of the themes that people suggested, such as agriculture, key figures in Beaumont history, or the local environment.

Beaumont residents want to see **overall park upgrades** to make Stewart Park a more inviting destination. Beyond specific amenities, survey respondents indicated that they want to see general park improvements, like landscaping, lighting, and benches throughout the park that create spaces where people might want to go for photographs or special events.

Beaumont residents want to keep using Stewart Park and have great ideas for additional events there. A large, permanent stage may not be necessary for the park year-round, but a **smaller bandshell or stage** may work for these types of events.

While not the highest priority, **active uses like basketball, walking, and outdoor fitness** are considered important activities in the park. Creating spaces for flexible exercise, such as open fields for classes, informal sports, or disc golf, will be a consideration for the design. Few people showed enthusiasm for gaga ball courts so they will likely not be included in the final design.

The **existing skate park** is likely the appropriate size for Stewart Park. People indicated support for the skate park to be upgraded but not significant support to expand it.

NEXT STEPS IN PARK DESIGN

