

Sullivan Lake Park Playground Public Engagement Summary

The City gathered community input on the proposed Sullivan Lake Park Playground through a public meeting on July 14 attended by approximately 40 people and an online survey. The meeting provided an opportunity for City staff and Flagship Recreation to discuss the proposed design, answer questions, and receive feedback from attendees. Discussions were positive and constructive, with 9 participants submitting written comments at the meeting. The online survey received 53 responses, for a total of 62 written responses. Of survey respondents, 54 (87%) identified as City residents, 7 (11%) as non-residents who use Sullivan Lake Park, and 1 (2%) identified another connection to the park. Overall, feedback supported moving the project forward, with many expressing appreciation for the proposed design and some emphasizing the importance of completion before winter.

Survey respondents were also asked to rate the proposed playground design based on the needs of their household. Overall feedback regarding the proposed playground design was positive, with 47 of 62 respondents (76%) rating the proposed design as Good or Excellent.

Overall Rating	Responses	Percentage
Excellent	19	31%
Good	28	45%
Fair	10	16%
Poor	2	3%
Not Rated	3	5%

Playground Project feedback received identified several common themes and suggestions:

- The most frequent request was for additional shade and seating areas, emphasizing the importance of comfortable spaces where families can spend extended time at the playground during warmer months, particularly shaded seating for caregivers.
- There was strong support for the accessible and inclusive elements included in the proposed design. Positive feedback specifically mentioned the communication board, accessible routes, inclusive play opportunities, and the ability for children of varying ages and abilities to participate.
- Feedback was generally supportive of the proposed layout and materials, with several responses expressing appreciation for the blue and green color palette and accessible surfacing. Some suggested simplifying the color palette, adjusting turquoise components, and incorporating more natural elements. Several residents also supported the use of durable, accessible surfacing and avoiding wood chips.
- A smaller but recurring theme in the feedback was interest in expanding play opportunities, including additional climbing features, zip lines, larger slides, and other challenging elements for older children, along with toddler swings, digging feature, and adaptive or inclusive play components.

- A few suggestions mentioned future additions such as water features/splash pads, drinking fountains, picnic spaces, and tennis/pickleball courts. Additional site considerations included fencing near the parking lot, preserving green space, location of the playground, and portable toilet placement/enclosure.