



Las Palmas Park Renovation – Summary & Analysis of Community Survey # 1 Results

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The Las Palmas Park Renovation Survey #1, conducted from April 17, 2025, to May 4, 2025, gathered feedback, resulting in 599 responses. This document provides a summary and analysis of the community responses to questions 1 through 14 and will help guide decisions moving into the Concept Design Phase.

Demographics and Frequency of Visits

Question 1 - Zip Code:

- Majority of respondents (52.3%) were from zip code 94087.
- Other zip codes included 94086 (15.4%), 94085 (9.0%), 94089 (4.5%), and other areas (18.9%).

Question 2 - Age:

- Predominantly aged 41+ (66.4%).
- Other age groups included 31-40 years (21.7%), 21-30 years (10.2%), 13-20 years (1.3%), and 12 years or younger (0.3%).

Question 3 - Children/Grandchildren Age:

- 39.9% visit the park without children/grandchildren.
- Age groups of children/grandchildren: 0-5 years (16.0%), 5-12 years (34.4%), 13-18 years (27.9%).

Question 4 - Frequency of Visits:

- 45.6% visit more than once a week.
- 27.7% visit less than four times a month.
- 24.4% visit a few times a year.
- 2.3% have not visited the park in a long time or have never visited.

Park Preferences and Usage

Question 5 - Most Liked Features:

- **Open spaces and lawns:** Many respondents appreciate the large open spaces and well-maintained lawns.
- **Playgrounds:** The playgrounds, especially the large and well-equipped ones, are a favorite.

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- **Walking paths:** The well-maintained walking paths are frequently mentioned.
- **Trees and shade:** The presence of large trees providing shade is highly valued.
- **Dog park:** The dog park is appreciated for keeping dogs off the main play areas.
- **Water features:** Some respondents like the ornamental pond and water play areas.
- **Picnic areas:** The picnic areas, especially those with BBQ facilities, are popular.
- **Community feel:** The park is seen as a central hub for community activities and gatherings.
- **Cleanliness and maintenance:** The park is noted for being well-kept and clean.
- **Sports facilities:** The availability of various sports facilities like soccer fields and baseball/softball fields is appreciated.
- **Accessibility:** The park's accessibility and the variety of activities it supports are valued.
- **Unique features:** Some respondents mentioned unique features like the Easter Island heads in the pond.

Question 6 - Least Liked Features:

- **Ornamental pond:** Many find the pond to be an eyesore, especially when empty, and suggest repurposing it.
- **Lighting:** Poor lighting at night is a common complaint.
- **Parking:** Limited parking space is frequently mentioned as an issue.
- **Restrooms:** The condition and number of restrooms are often criticized.
- **Dog park:** Some find the dog park to be poorly maintained and too dusty.
- **Geese and their droppings:** The presence of geese and their droppings is a nuisance.
- **Water play area:** The water play area is sometimes seen as underutilized or poorly maintained.
- **Picnic areas:** Some feel the picnic areas are too small or not well-distributed.
- **Traffic and safety:** Concerns about traffic congestion and safety, especially around the parking areas.
- **General maintenance:** Issues with general maintenance, such as divots and holes in the grass, are mentioned.
- **Noise:** Noise from certain activities, like pickleball, is a concern for some.



- **Unleashed dogs:** The presence of unleashed dogs outside the dog park is a problem for some visitors.
- **Accessibility of sports facilities:** Some respondents feel that the sports facilities are not easily accessible or well-maintained, and the recreation building. Requests for upgrades and better maintenance.

Question 7 -Important Existing Features:

- **Open Lawn/Open Space:** Considered the most important feature by 25.1% of respondents. Crucial for various recreational activities and sports.
- **Walking Paths:** Essential for 13.8% of respondents for safe and enjoyable walking and jogging experiences.
- **Playgrounds:** Important for 12.4% of respondents, providing safe and engaging play areas.
- **Soccer Area:** Important for 9.9% of respondents for organized sports and community events.
- **Picnic Areas:** Valued by 9.6% of respondents for social gathering and family events.
- **Dog Park:** Important for 6.4% of respondents, although improvements are requested.
- **Baseball/Softball Field:** Important for 6.1% of respondents for organized sports and community events.
- **Ornamental Pond:** Important for 5.3% of respondents.
- **Water Play:** Important for 5.1% of respondents.
- **Recreation Building:** Important for 3.2% of respondents.

Question 8 - Facilities Needing Improvement:

- **Ornamental Pond:** Identified by 13.2% of respondents as needing improvement. Suggestions include repurposing the space or improving its maintenance.
- **Open Lawn/Open Space:** 12.4% of respondents mentioned the need for better maintenance and management of open spaces.
- **Soccer Area:** 10.5% of respondents suggested better maintenance and expansion of soccer areas.
- **Water Play:** 9.9% of respondents indicated that water play areas need improvement, including better maintenance and functionality.



- **Recreation Building:** 8.2% of respondents requested upgrades and better maintenance of the recreation building.
- **Dog Park:** 7.9% of respondents requested improvements such as better maintenance and additional shade.
- **Picnic Areas:** 7.7% of respondents suggested better maintenance and upgrades of picnic areas.
- **Playground:** 7.3% of respondents suggested better maintenance and upgrades of the playground.
- **Walking Paths:** 7.0% of respondents suggested better maintenance of walking paths.
- **Baseball/Softball Field:** 5.5% of respondents indicated that baseball/softball areas need improvement, including better maintenance and functionality.

Question 9 - Desired Additions and Improvements

Additions Desired:

- **Additional Restrooms:** 16.8% of respondents requested more restrooms, indicating a significant need for better restroom facilities throughout the park.
- **Additional Open Space:** 14.1% of respondents requested more open spaces for various activities.
- **Pathway/Parking Lot Lighting:** 9.2% of respondents requested additional lighting to improve safety and usability during evening hours.
- **Additional Walking Paths:** 8.8% of respondents requested more walking paths to enhance the park's accessibility and usability.
- **Cricket Field with Pitch:** 6.5% of respondents requested a cricket field with a pitch.
- **Wi-Fi:** 5.9% of respondents requested Wi-Fi, with mixed opinions on its importance. Some requested blanket coverage, while others preferred no Wi-Fi at all.
- **Batting cage:** 5.9% of respondents requested a batting cage as a desired addition.
- **EV Charging Stations:** 4.1% of respondents requested EV charging stations, although there are concerns about the impact on parking and traffic.
- **BMX track:** 2.9%. Some respondents would like a BMX track.

(Other)

- **Pickleball courts:** There is a strong demand for free pickleball courts.



- **Sand volleyball courts:** There is significant interest in adding sand volleyball courts.
- **Improved dog park:** Suggestions include adding grass or better maintenance.
- **Additional picnic areas:** More picnic areas with BBQ facilities are requested.
- **Better drinking fountains:** Improved drinking fountains, especially with dog bowls, are requested.
- **More benches:** Additional benches along walking paths and near play areas.
- **Natural play areas:** Interest in more natural play areas for children.
- **Native landscaping:** Suggestions for more native trees and plants in the landscaping.
- **Synthetic turf fields:** Some respondents would like synthetic turf fields for year-round use.
- **Shade structures:** Requests for shade structures, especially in the dog park and playground areas.

Question 10- Wi-Fi Importance

- **Not Important:** 53.8% of respondents find Wi-Fi not important.
- **Do Not Want Wi-Fi:** 45.9% of respondents do not want Wi-Fi at all.

Question 11 – Wi-Fi Coverage

- **Blanket Coverage:** 25.0% of respondents desired blanket coverage, while others preferred Wi-Fi in specific areas like the recreation building (12.5%) and common areas (16.5%).

Question 12 - Athletic Field Lighting

- **Very Important:** 35% of respondents find lighting for athletic fields very important.
- **Not Important:** 24.5% of respondents find lighting for athletic fields not important.

Question 13: Do you have any additional comments/questions regarding Las Palmas Park?

- **Preservation of Open Space:** Many respondents emphasized the importance of maintaining the park as a green refuge and open space, rather than converting it into a sports complex with artificial turf, concrete, and additional lighting.
- **Pickleball Courts:** There is a strong demand for free pickleball courts. Respondents highlighted the popularity of pickleball and the lack of free public courts in Sunnyvale.
- **Parking:** Several comments mentioned the need for additional parking spaces to accommodate visitors, especially during weekends and events.



- **Lighting:** Improved lighting for pathways and fields was suggested to enhance safety and usability during evening hours.
- **Restrooms:** The addition of more restrooms was frequently requested to better serve park visitors.
- **Dog Park:** Suggestions for improving the dog park included better grading, drainage, and adding grass or shade structures.
- **Cricket Field:** Some respondents expressed concerns about the addition of a cricket field, fearing it might cause contention between different user groups and limit the open space available for other activities.
- **Water Features:** Comments included requests to fix and maintain the ornamental pond, with some suggesting it be repurposed if it cannot be kept filled.
- **Community Hub:** The park is seen as a vital community hub, and respondents expressed appreciation for its role in bringing people together for various activities.
- **Biodiversity:** There were suggestions to incorporate more native plants and water-wise landscaping to enhance biodiversity.
- **Noise and Traffic:** Concerns were raised about noise and traffic congestion, especially related to sports activities and parking.
- **General Maintenance:** Comments included requests for better general maintenance, such as fixing divots and holes in the grass and improving the condition of facilities.

Pickleball Courts

Pickleball was frequently mentioned by respondents as a desired addition to Las Palmas Park. Here are the key points related to pickleball:

- **High Demand:** Many respondents expressed a strong desire for more pickleball courts. This sport has gained significant popularity, and there is a clear demand for additional facilities to accommodate players.
- **Free Public Courts:** A common request was for free public pickleball courts. Currently, the adjacent tennis center offers pickleball courts, but they require payment and reservations, which limits accessibility for many residents.
- **Space Utilization:** Some respondents suggested repurposing areas like the ornamental pond to create space for pickleball courts. This would address the need for more courts without significantly altering the park's overall layout.
- **Noise and Crowding Concerns:** While many respondents support the addition of pickleball courts, there were concerns about noise and crowding. Some residents have had negative experiences with the existing pickleball facilities due to noise and crowded paths in the tennis center.



Summary of Community Comments

- **Open Lawn/Open Space:** Highly valued for activities like volleyball, soccer, picnics, and general recreation. Requests to maintain or increase open spaces.
- **Water Features:** Mixed opinions on the ornamental pond and water play areas. Some appreciate them, while others find the empty pond unattractive and prefer its removal or reduction.
- **Lighting and Pathways:** Requests for additional pathway/parking lot lighting and more walking paths to improve safety and usability.
- **Restrooms:** Frequent mentions of the need for more restrooms throughout the park.
- **Recreation Building:** Varied importance, with some respondents considering it crucial and others suggesting upgrades.
- **Wi-Fi:** Generally not desired by respondents, with concerns about its impact on the park's natural feel.
- **Sports Facilities:** Diverse opinions on adding cricket fields, pickleball courts, and maintaining open spaces for multiple sports. Some respondents prefer not to add more dedicated sports fields.
- **Dog Park:** Mixed feedback; some appreciate it, others request improvements like better maintenance and shade.
- **Parking:** Concerns about insufficient parking, especially during busy times. Suggestions for expanding parking facilities.
- **Playgrounds:** Positive feedback on playgrounds, with suggestions for more structures and better maintenance.
- **Community Use:** Emphasis on the park being a community hub, used for various activities like walking, picnics, and sports. Requests to preserve the park's natural feel and versatility.

