

Improvements for



La Colonia Park Playground & Fletcher Cove Park Play Equipment



Community Workshop #1
September 1, 2021

Introductions:



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Who We Are:

Firm Background:

- Certified Small Business Enterprise
- Over 40 years of experience in Southern California
- Wide variety of project types
- Experienced in all phases of landscape work
- Located in Solana Beach

Services Include:

- Landscape Architecture
- Thematic Master Planning
- Urban Design
- Irrigation Water Conservation and Management
- Graphic Communications



LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECTS



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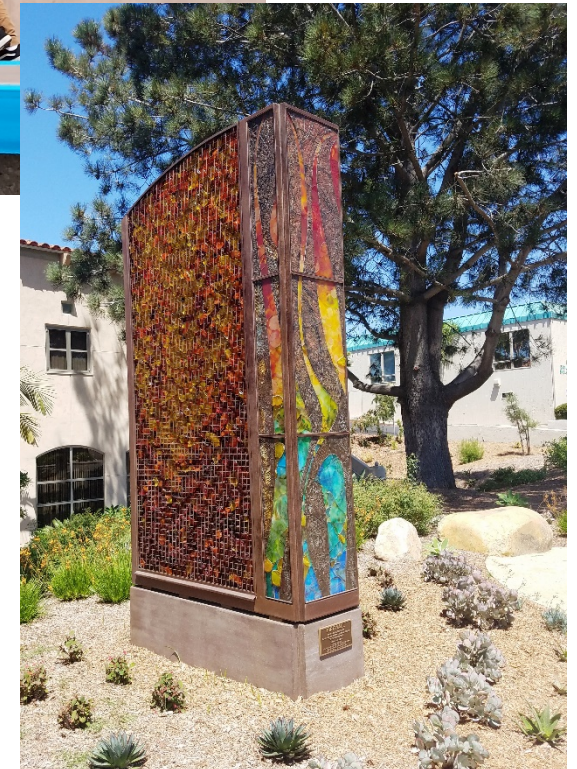
Who We Are:

Local Familiarity

- La Colonia Master Plan Update
- Veteran Honor Courtyard
- La Colonia Skate Park
- Solana Beach Fire Station
- Our Office is in Solana Beach!



LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS



PROJECT SCOPE & BACKGROUND

Project Scope



La Colonia Park

Key Scope Items

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3. Develop 3 Conceptual Options
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5. Develop Final Design Based on Feedback
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7. Produce Construction Documents / Specs
8. Bid Project
9. Construction

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Tonight's Meeting – Purpose:



SHARE: Questionnaire Results

INFORM: Discuss Project Considerations that Inform Design

ESTABLISH: Preferences on Placement

LISTEN: Receive Additional Public Comments & Input



QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

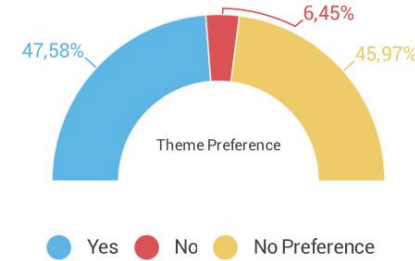
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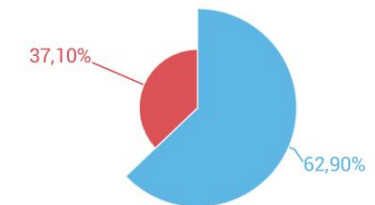
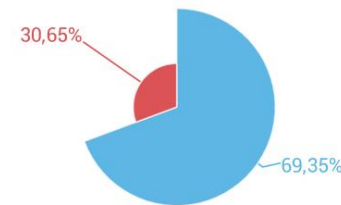
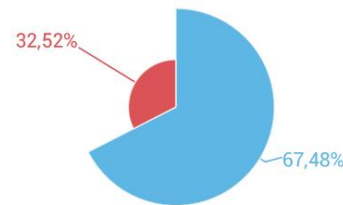
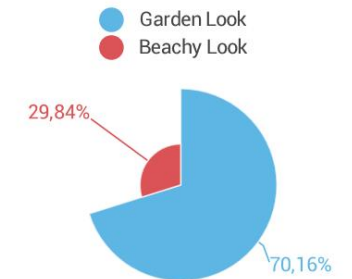
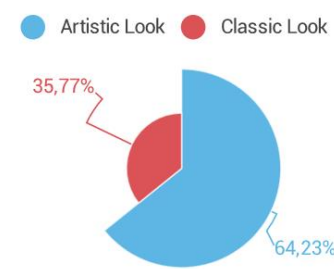
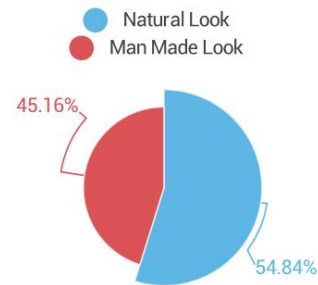
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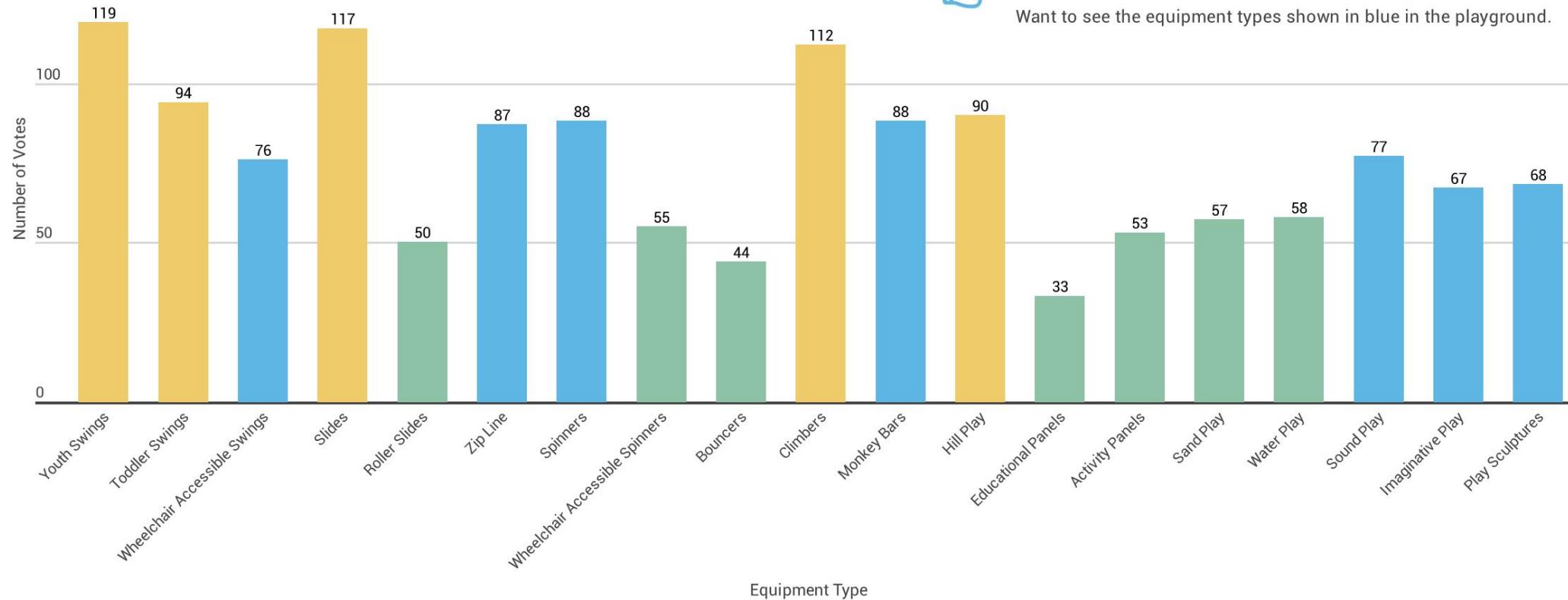
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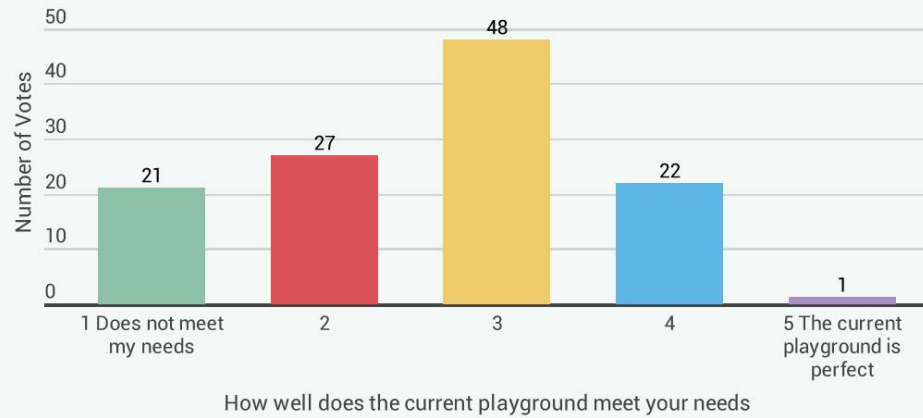
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Shade, Trees, and Slides

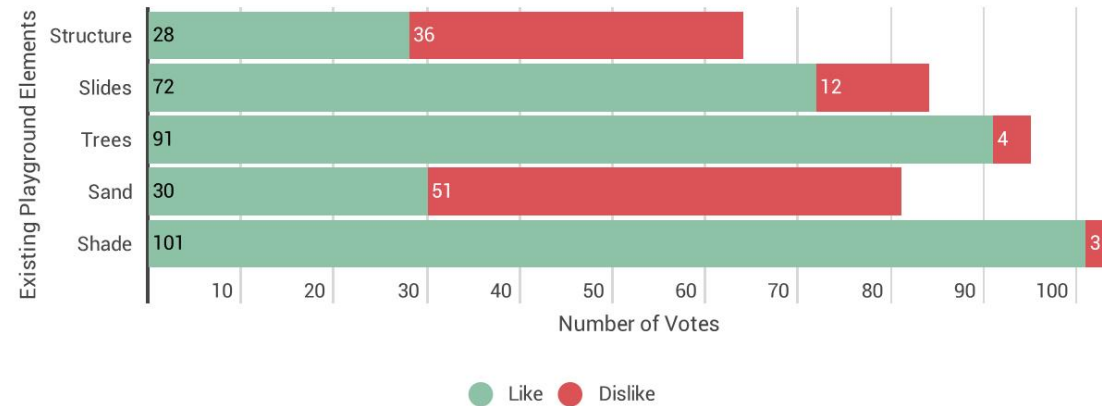
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Sand and Play Structure

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Favorite and Least Favorite Parts of the Playground



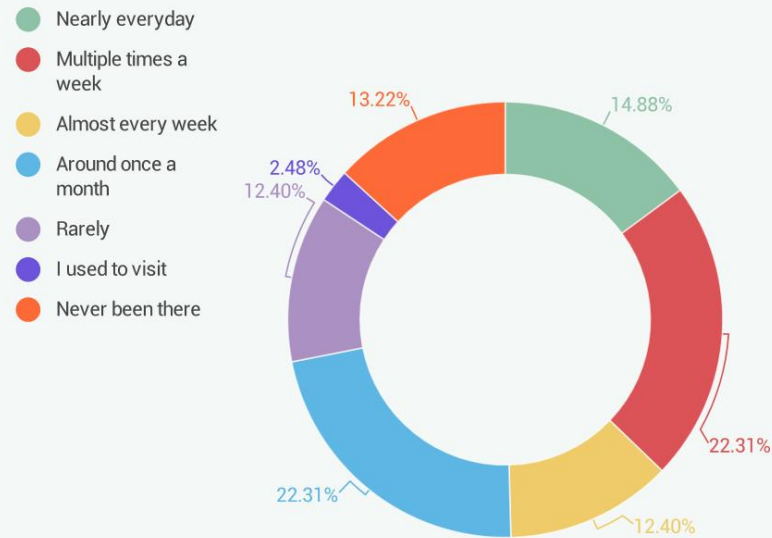
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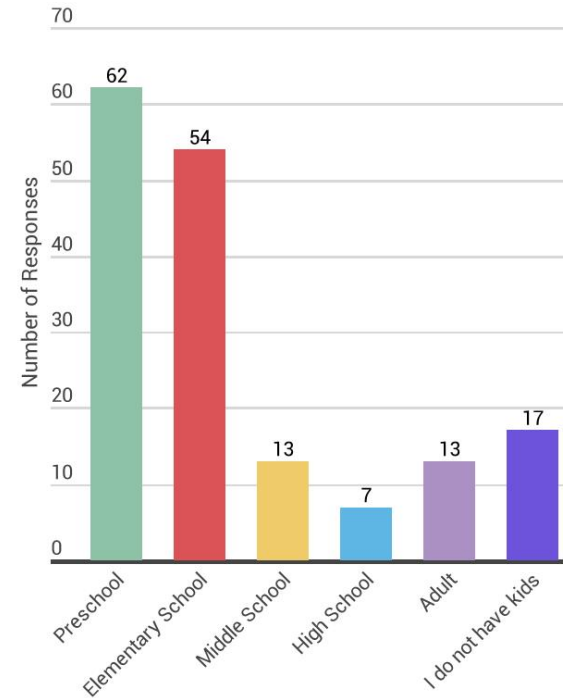
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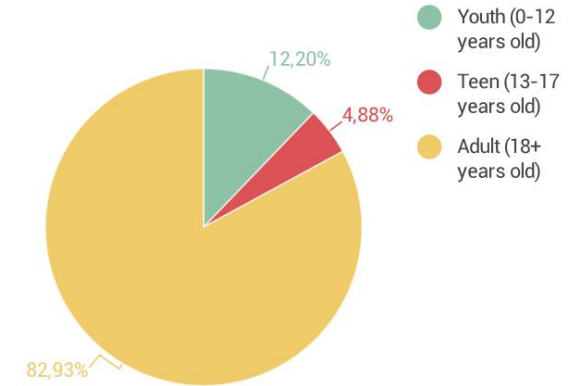


Age of Children Visiting Playground



If you have kids, what age range are they in?

Respondent's Age





LA COLONIA PARK

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

Project Background – La Colonia



- Historical Neighborhood
- Park Dates Back to 1970's
- Very Active Community – Neighborhood / Family 'Vibe'
- Master Plan Revisited 2010
- Time for an Update!

La Colonia Expanded Users – Live Poll



Project Constraints – La Colonia



Existing Constraints

- Adjacent Drainage
- Boys & Girls Club Trailer to Remain
- Soccer / Play Field
- Sloping Terrain / ADA



Project Opportunities – La Colonia



Site Opportunities

- Sloping Terrain Leads to Creative Use
- Existing Shade Trees
- Amenities Nearby
- Visibility To / From Other Areas
- Access from Stevens or Valley





LA COLONIA PARK

BUBBLE DIAGRAMS

Bubble Diagram Options – La Colonia



We Now Know:

WHO Uses the Park

WHAT Character and Equipment is Preferred

Bubble Diagrams Will Help Establish:

WHERE Elements are Placed

Bubble Diagram Options – La Colonia



Bubble Diagram Option A

- Playground size remains the same
- Hill play area
- Multiple picnic areas
 - Seating opportunities will exist throughout the playground
- Small planting area



Bubble Diagram Options – La Colonia



Bubble Diagram Option B

- Playground size expanded
- One main picnic area
 - Seating opportunities will exist throughout the playground
- Moderate planting area



Bubble Diagram Options – La Colonia



Bubble Diagram Option C

- Playground size maximized
- Seating opportunities will exist throughout the playground



Layout Options – Live Poll



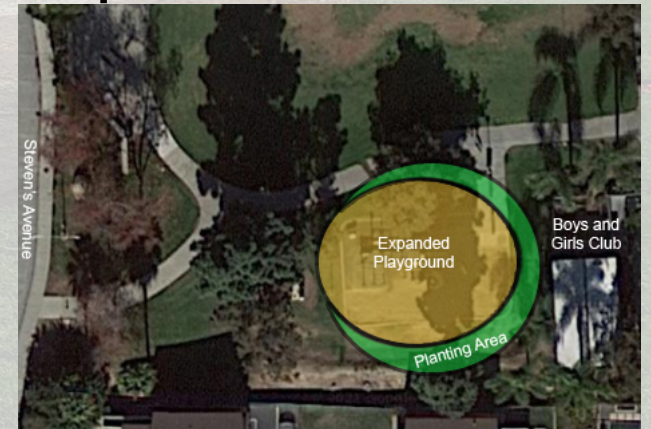
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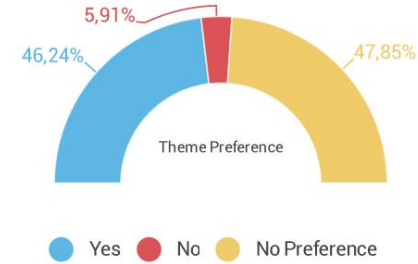
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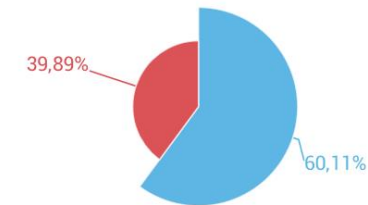
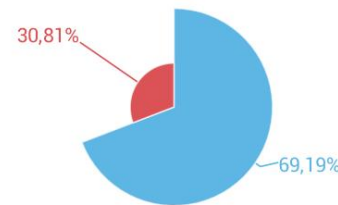
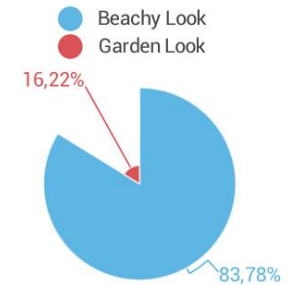
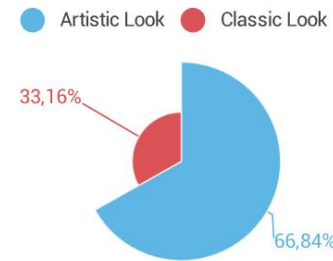
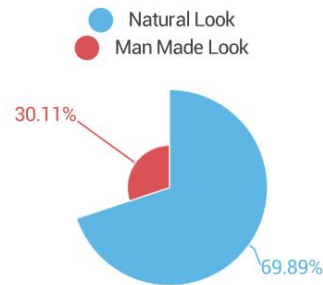
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● Non-Traditional Look
● Traditional Look

● Whimsical Look
● Abstract Look

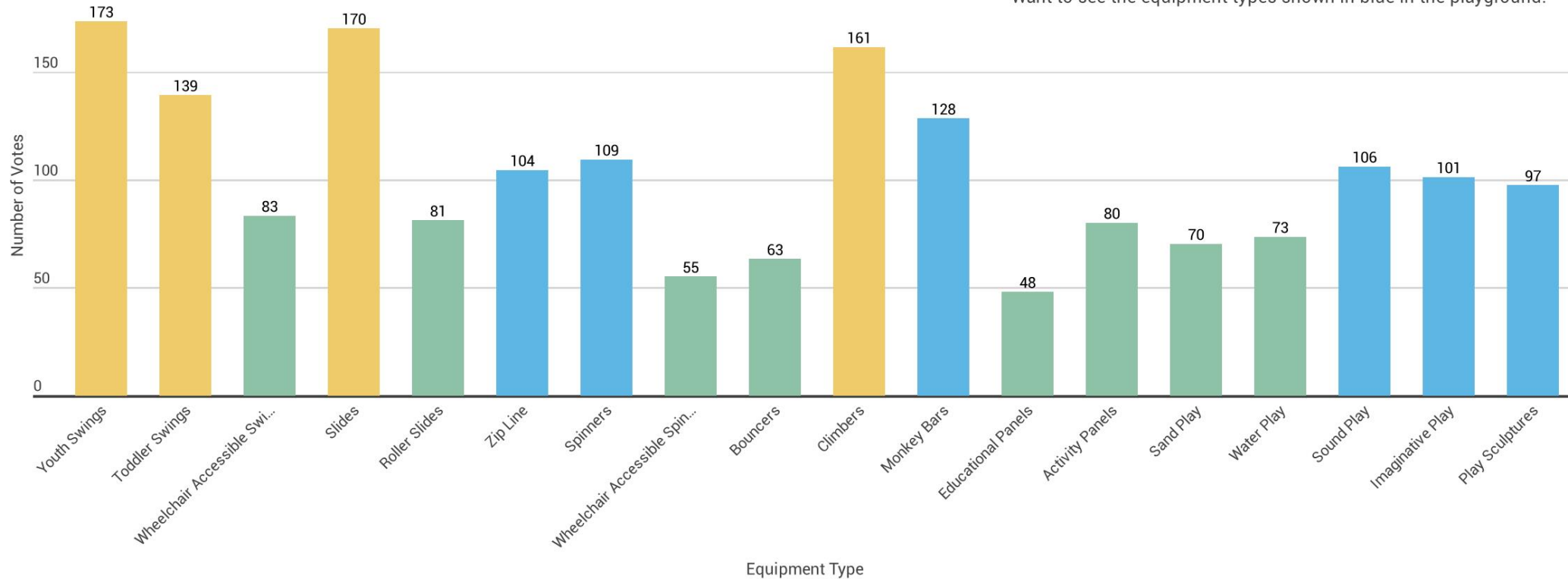
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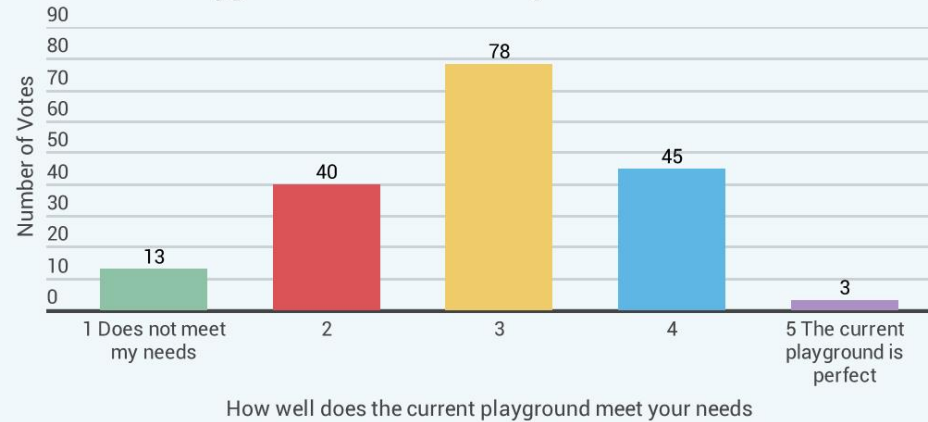
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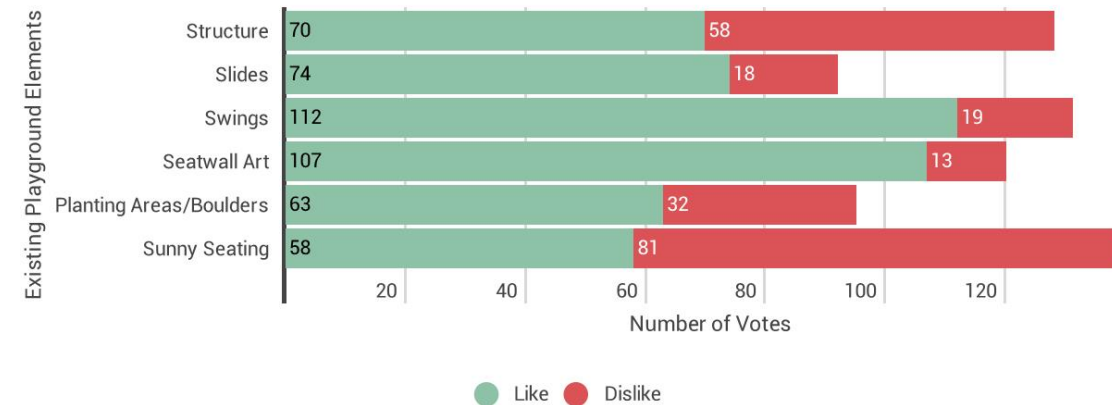
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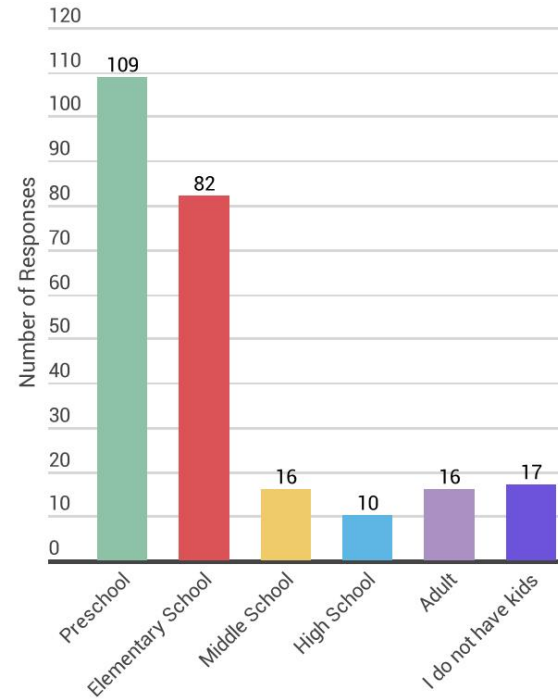
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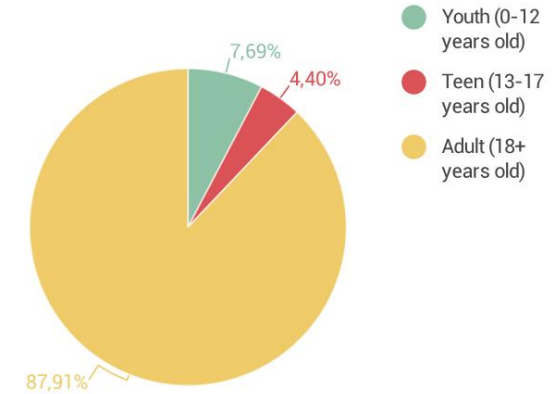


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FLETCHER COVE PARK
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- Historical Area ('Pillbox')
- Main Beach Park in Solana Beach
- Very Active Area – Lots of Visitors
- Focal Point in Solana Beach



Fletcher Cove Expanded Users – Live Poll



Project Constraints – Fletcher Cove Park



Site Constraints

- Footprint for Equipment is Set
- Lots of Sun



Project Opportunities – Fletcher Cove Park



Site Opportunities

- Amenities Nearby
- Awesome View
- Opportunity to Implement Portions of Existing Design Themes (Mosaic, Skate Stoppers, etc.)



Visual Impact – Live Poll



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