

Holly Project Design Concept

Questionnaire Results

December 7, 2019 – January 11, 2020

142

Total Responses

Summary of Findings

Respondents

- 95 people participated in 5 outreach events
- Of the 142 questionnaires received, 105 were completed by individuals who chose to provide their first and last name, 75 provided an email.
- Approximately 20% indicated having participated in at least one of the project's prior public engagement events, while 30% had completed the first survey.
- 78702 was the zip code most frequently listed, representing 54% of those who answered the question.
- Close to 40% are long-term residents with 25% having lived in Austin more than 30 years and 17% between 21-30 years. Another 27% stated living in Austin 11-20 years.
- 70% indicated their age; 47% of these were between the ages of 35 and 54.
- 124 provided responses to their ethnic or cultural background; 73% selected Caucasian, 19% Hispanic.

Insights

- Concept A - Approximately **70%** of respondents felt design was either **“Good”** or **“Wonderful.”** 11% felt it was either **“Not Appropriate”** or **“Excessive.”**
- Concept B - **74%** felt design was either **“Good”** or **“Wonderful.”** 6% felt it was either **“Not Appropriate”** or **“Excessive.”**
- Pergola Concept - **64%** felt design was either **“Good”** or **“Wonderful.”** 16% felt it was either **“Not Appropriate”** or **“Excessive.”**

Summary of Findings

Concept A - *Sample of Respondent Comments*

"This is a good plan but I think is more suited for groups since the picnic tables are clustered together. I'd prefer a design suited to daily use."

"It's lovely, yet I like B better. I'd rather not see the Oak encircled by decking. But I did like the landscaping detail for A that was provided."

"More formal/identifiable spots to fish off the banks. More drinking fountains/scoop poop stations. More picnic tables closer to water. Add sand volleyball court. Add interpretive signs to identify history/culture/plants & trees. Love the pergola and shade garden (do both). Prefer pergola to wood deck. Access to restrooms a concern - at least have wayfinding to restrooms. I like this better because it opens more of the shoreline."

"One added benefit of this concept is that it seems to keep the space natural looking and untouched - I like having more area of that in the city and accessible to all."

"I like the natural look and the openness of the concept. Not overbuilt or man-made looking like Concept B."

"I prefer this concept. My kids have played tee ball down at this location and having a larger gathering area, like the wood deck, would allow for end-of-the-season events. Additionally, I think it provides a great spot for other family gatherings or group work events."

"They are both good concepts as they bring into use some public land that has been ignored. Both create some better scenery for runners. I prefer A because the scenic overlook seems like a cheaper and more utilitarian usage."

Summary of Findings

Concept B – *Sample of Respondent Comments*

“Pergola is too much, and will obstruct the views from everywhere else.

“One of the important unique features of the trail is its natural feel. Use of man-made hardscape materials and non-native vegetation should be limited in favor of natural materials and vegetation that will provide the trail with an Austin vibe. Limit concrete sidewalk in favor of natural decomposed granite main trail. Palms and other non-native vegetation should not be used for landscaping. Provide path to pergola from the trail. Good use of side trails to discourage people from stopping on the main trail and creating roadblocks.”

“I also really like the pergola - if we could combine the pergola into concept A that'd be great. The only thing that wasn't great was scattering the picnic tables.”

“Pergola is beautiful. I could see people having small wedding there. I like the separated tables for "privacy" but would like to see one area that would be good for bigger celebrations/pachangas of 20-24 - especially since the pergola lends itself so well to ceremonies and celebrations.”

“I prefer the arrangement of the picnic tables in this concept, namely being scattered through the site rather than just circling one tree.”

“Este concepto tiene más aprovechamiento del terreno, los merenderos pueden ser usados por varias familias y la pérgola sería un éxito.”

” The BEST! As a Native East Austinite, this concept reminds me a lot of "Old Spanish Missions.”

Summary of Findings

Pergola Concept – *Sample of Respondent Comments*

“The pergola feature doesn't work for me, seems to suggest a historical artifact but without the historical context, gives me an odd feeling.”

“Concerned about graffiti and it being an unattended public space, safety concerns.”

“I love this feature! However, I worry that it would become a destination that people would reserve ahead of time and therefore make it unavailable to passersby.”

“I like the pergola feature as it incorporates other elements from the nearby neighborhood.”

“It ties in well to fiesta gardens and the stone plantings seem like a good fit. I like the hacienda type arches and open natural light.”

“Se veria muy elegante y seria un punto clave de el parque.”

“Este concepto tiene más aprovechamiento del terreno, los merenderos pueden ser usados por varias familias y la pérgola seria un éxito.”

“This feature would make this area truly memorable. This feature should be incorporated into both concepts.”

Public Engagement Events & Activities

December 7, 2019

Public Open House
(35 Participants)
Camacho Activity Center
9:00 to 12:00 PM

December 16, 2019

Group Presentation
(15 Participants)
Rebekah Baines Johnson Center
(RBJ Center)
3:00 to 4:30 PM

December 18, 2019

Group Presentation
East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood
Contact Team
(7 Participants)
Terrazas Branch Library
6:00 to 8:30 PM

December 21, 2019

Holly Project Tabling/Intercepts
(29 Participants)
Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail
9:00 to 11:00 AM

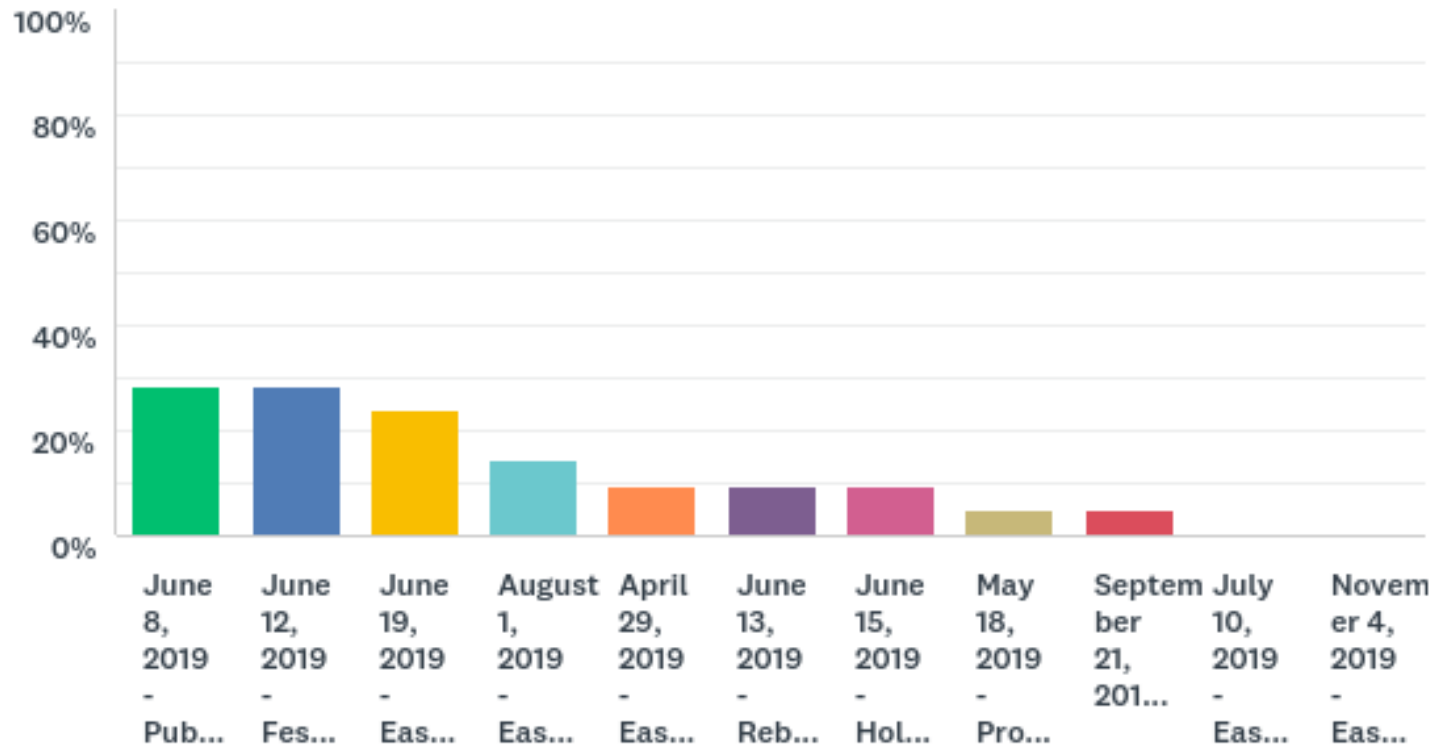
January 10, 2020

Parent Meeting (Spanish-speaking)
(9 Participants)
Metz Elementary
8:00 to 9:00 AM



Q1: Did you participate in any of the following public engagement events?

Answered: 21 Skipped: 121



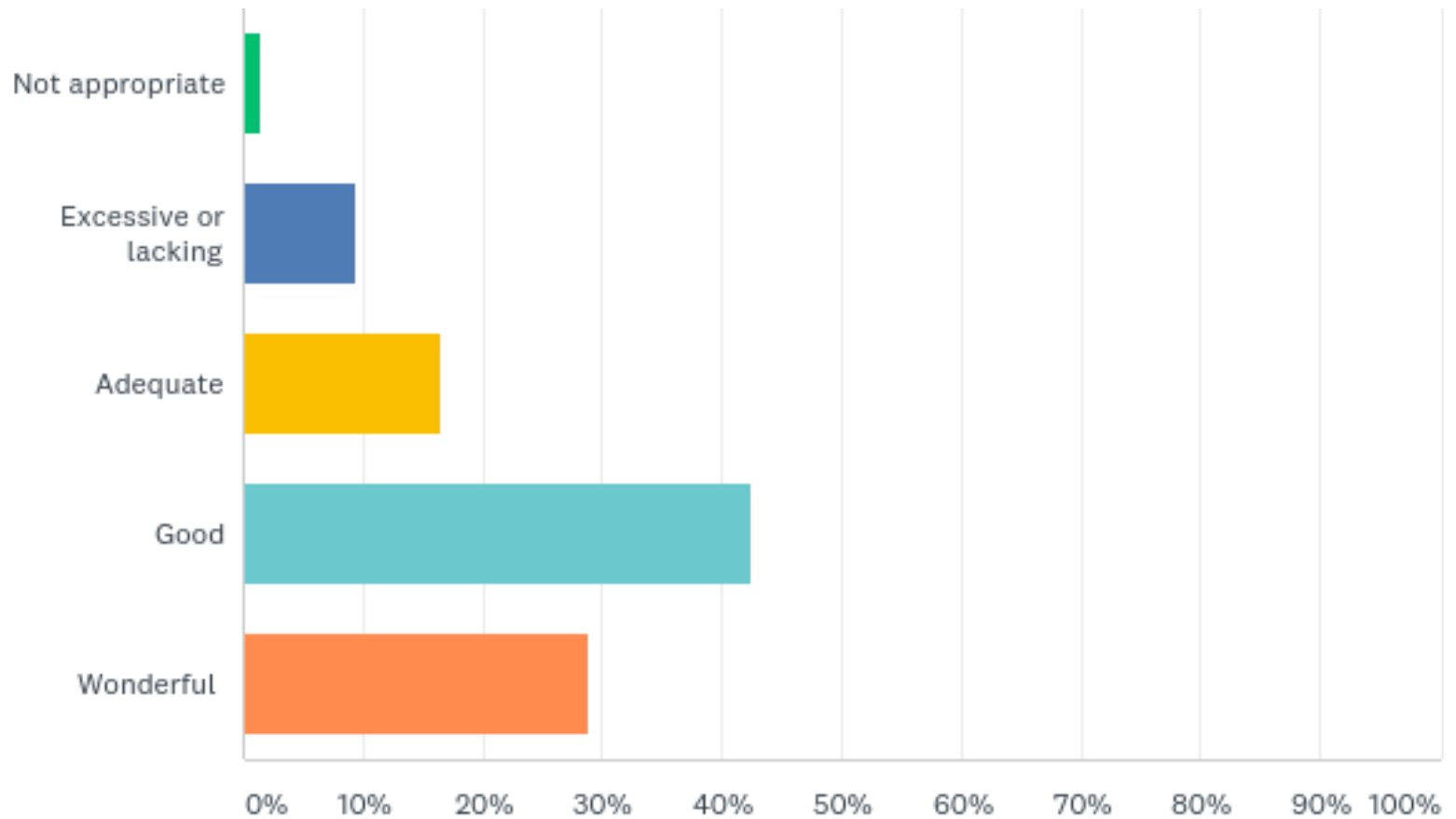
Q1: Did you participate in any of the following public engagement events?

Answered: 21 Skipped: 121

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
June 8, 2019 - Public Open House #1	28.57% 6
June 12, 2019 - Festival Beach Community Garden – Terrazas Branch Library Presentation	28.57% 6
June 19, 2019 - East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Contact Team – Terrazas Branch Library Presentation	23.81% 5
August 1, 2019 - East Town Lake Citizens Neighborhood Association Meeting	14.29% 3
April 29, 2019 - East Town Lake Citizens Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting	9.52% 2
June 13, 2019 - Rebekah Baines Johnson Center (RBJ Center) Presentation	9.52% 2
June 15, 2019 - Holly Project area trail tabling event	9.52% 2
May 18, 2019 - Project Kickoff Open House #1	4.76% 1
September 21, 2019 - Hispanic Heritage – Cepeda Branch Library/Parque Zaragoza Rec. Center	4.76% 1
July 10, 2019 - East Town Lake Citizens Neighborhood Association Fiesta Gardens Walking Tour	0.00% 0
November 4, 2019 - East Town Lake Citizens Neighborhood Association Small Group Discussion – ESB-MACC	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 21	

Q2: Concept A: How well does this Concept align with the vision of the project? Please select the option that best fits your opinion:

Answered: 139 Skipped: 3 Comments: 63 (See Appendix)



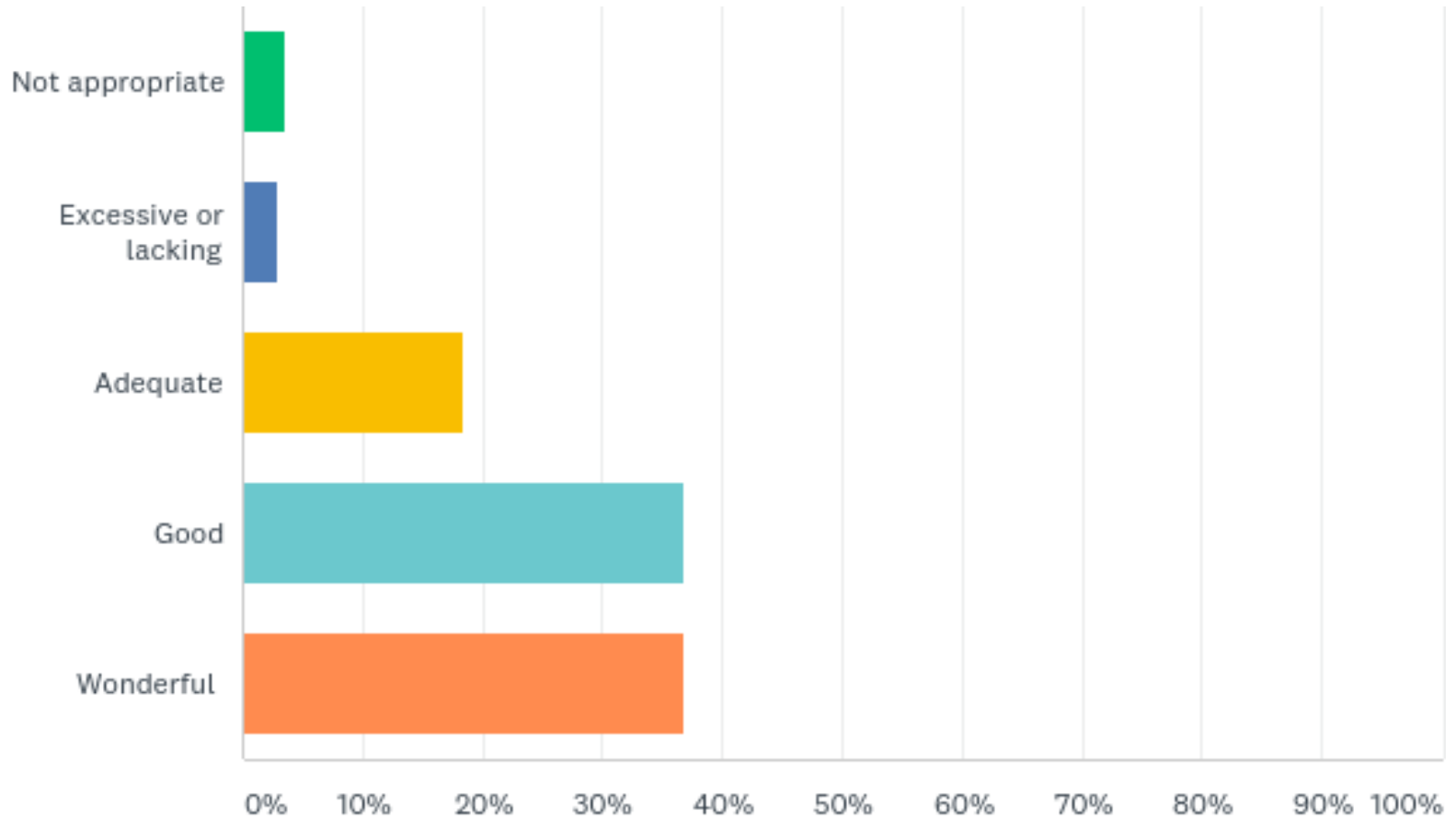
Q2: Concept A: How well does this Concept align with the vision of the project? Please select the option that best fits your opinion:

Answered: 139 Skipped: 3 Comments: 63 (See Appendix)

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not appropriate	1.44%	2
Excessive or lacking	9.35%	13
Adequate	16.55%	23
Good	42.45%	59
Wonderful	28.78%	40
TOTAL		139

Q3: Concept B: How well does this Concept align with the vision of the project? Please select the option that best fits your opinion:

Answered: 141 Skipped: 1 Comments: 64 (See Appendix)



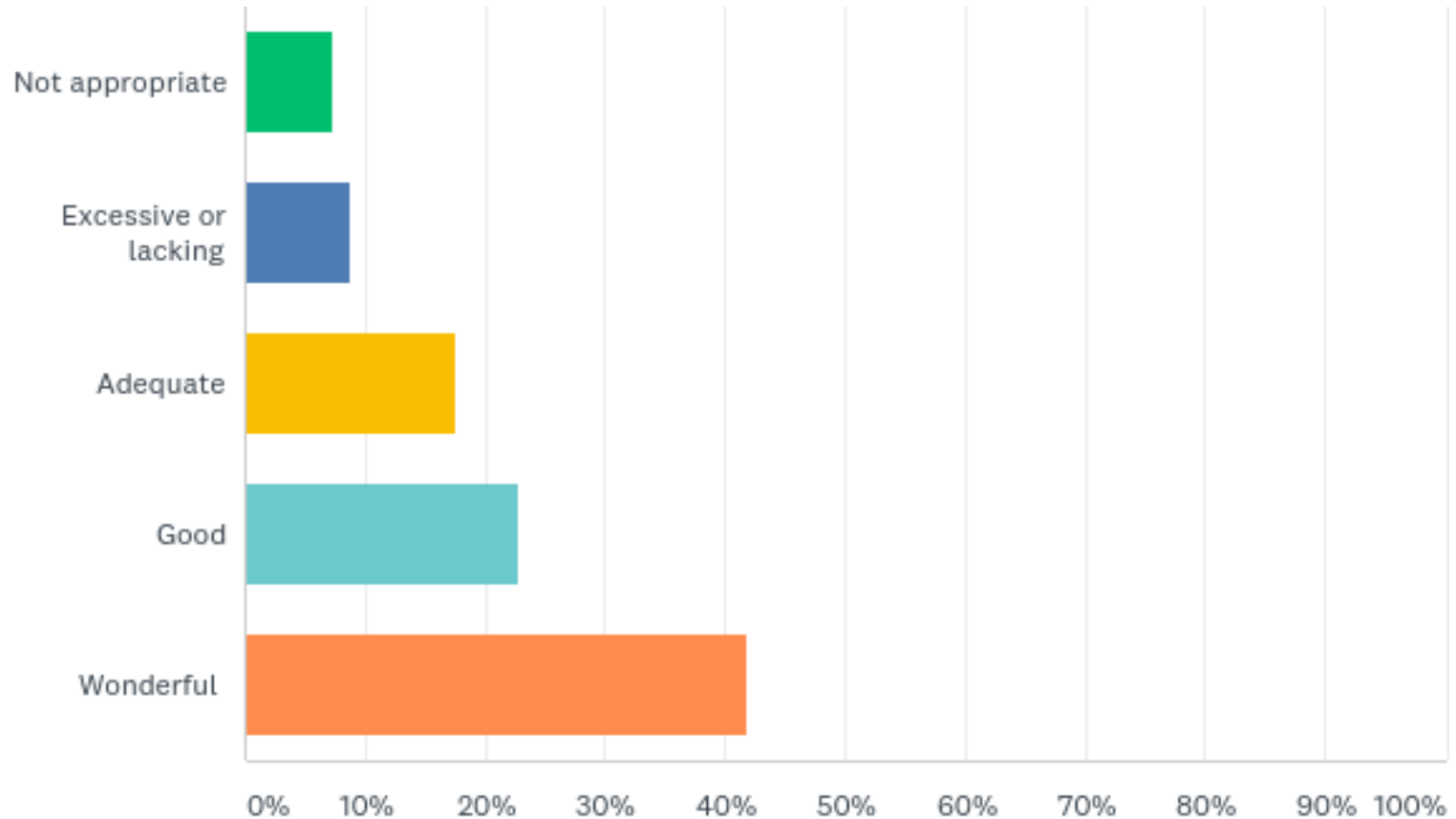
Q3: Concept B: How well does this Concept align with the vision of the project? Please select the option that best fits your opinion:

Answered: 141 Skipped: 1 Comments: 64 (See Appendix)

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not appropriate	3.55%	5
Excessive or lacking	2.84%	4
Adequate	18.44%	26
Good	36.88%	52
Wonderful	36.88%	52
TOTAL		141

Q4: Pergola Feature: How well does this Concept align with the vision of the project? Please select the option that best fits your opinion:

Answered: 136 Skipped: 6 Comments: 47 (See Appendix)



Q4: Pergola Feature: How well does this Concept align with the vision of the project? Please select the option that best fits your opinion:

Answered: 136 Skipped: 6 Comments: 47 (See Appendix)

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not appropriate	7.35%	10
Excessive or lacking	8.82%	12
Adequate	17.65%	24
Good	22.79%	31
Wonderful	41.91%	57
TOTAL		136

Q5: Additional Open-ended Comments:

Answered: 30 Skipped: 112

- *Both look great but A is hands down my favorite*
- *Combine the top half of concept A with the bottom half (pergola) of concept B. Then you've got a winner.*
- *Do both the pergola AND the raised deck with tables around the oak*
- *Either concept is fine. I think if you look at our most popular park, Zilker, you'll see that 'features' like pergolas are not what folks find important. I'm glad we have a design vision, but it's going to come down to quality of landscaping. The current grass in almost all of "Holly Shores" is poor - spotty, sharp, built for the climate but not for picnicking. The scrub around the water limits views, catches trash, makes it hard to fish. In addition, please reconsider the concrete on the main trail. This park is already well over its quota of concrete. Concrete sections are the worst for runners - who currently are the majority users - and while it's great for bikes, any bike has to cope with the rest of the crushed-stone on the trail at any rate.*
- *Hard to rank at this point without seeing topographical/plantings/landscape pallets, etc. But love the existing direction.*
- *I have a high value for the integration and prioritization of the baseball fields on Riverview. (Indiscernible) use this HEAVILY and existing facilities are minimal, worn out, broken down. Bathroom facilities and improved functions and esthetics are important. Longer term residents of the neighborhood deserve nothing less.*
- *I like option B best*
- *I like the overlook choice best.*
- *I would also prefer hard dirt versus concrete trail for the hike and bike trail. minimal concrete would be nice. I'm a runner.*
- *I would like to see more native plant gardens planted, like the Wildflower Center.*
- *I would prefer a crushed granite trail to a concrete trail, but either is ok. I like benches and open views along the water. The less vegetation blocking the view of the water the better.*
- *I'm absolutely pro connecting (on Riverview) Holly St. to Pedernales St. I know there's opposition - but to me, how you design the road will dictate how people drive. Speeding occurs on Rober. T, Jesse Segovia, and Chicon because the streets are excessively wide. Design the street in a narrow connector and it will be great for all.*
- *It would be lovely to have both the pergola AND the deck with picnic/gathering areas.*

Q5: Additional Open-ended Comments:

Answered: 30 Skipped: 112

- *It's nice to have dark zones to see stars*
- *Keep it simple and natural with focus on native plants. "Less is more"*
- *Leave places green.*
- *Less is more. Extending the trail around the shore behind the baseball field is a good idea. No need to build a bunch of things. Leave it as wild as possible. However a pier like the one east of here between here and IH-35 might be good if it didn't become a take out point for boats.*
- *Like all things built, someone must maintain it. I've seen some poorly maintained overbuilt public spaces around Austin. As the old saying goes, best to Keep It Simple, Stupid.*
- *Love concept B*
- *Love the "Old Spanish Missions" look!*
- *Make more features (or all features) ADA-accessible. Tables that can fit wheelchairs, ramps to decks/pergola, etc.*
- *Please consider only doing maintenance along this portion of the trail and leaving it alone to be wild and wonderful.*
- *Thanks for the hard work!*
- *The concept of the raised deck and the pergola are both wonderful ideas for this section of the park. Can they both be incorporated somewhere into the design.*
- *The project looks wonderful - thanks!*
- *This is a great project to bring in an unused portion of the lakefront. Thank you!*
- *Trash removal @ shoreline for wildlife habitat*
- *When will you stop counting only those with time, education and the cultural training to go to these meetings as 'input'? What about local families? A poll at the HEBs on PV and East 7th would get you far more legitimate input.*
- *With fencing extending out from the shore towards the lake to catch trash we could daily catch the trash here before it flows towards downtown and Lamar*
- *Would not want too many added structures*

Omitted from report

Q6: Name


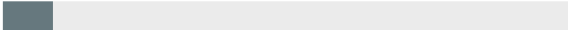
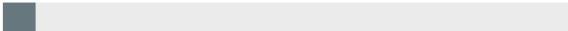
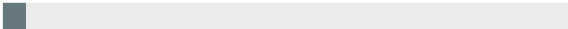
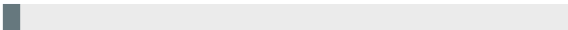
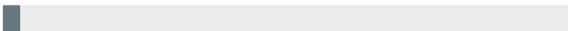
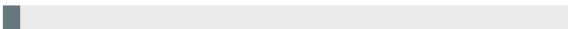
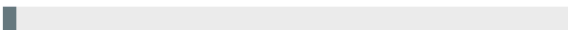
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Q17: To be included in future communication, please enter your email here:

Answered: 75 Skipped: 67

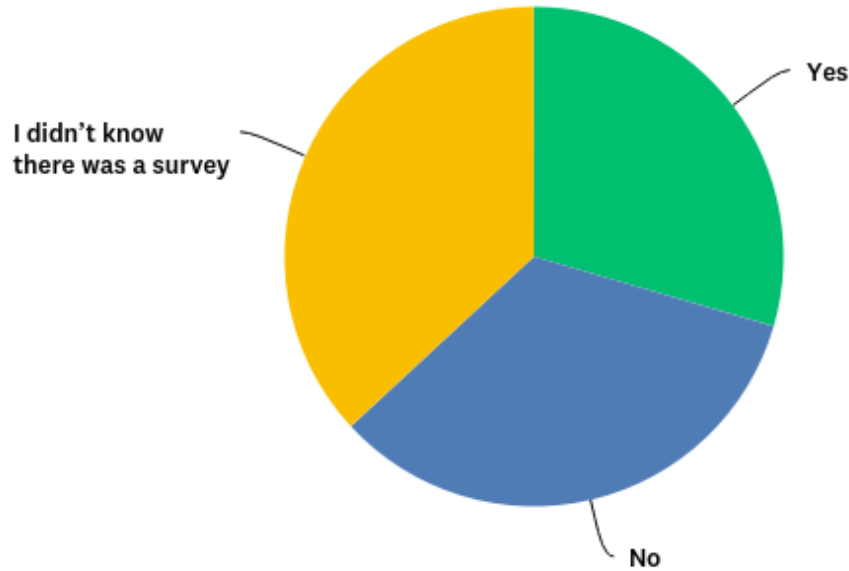
Q7: Zip Code

Answered: 124 Skipped: 18

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▼ 78704		8.87%	11
▼ 78741		5.65%	7
▼ 78703		4.03%	5
▼ 78753		3.23%	4
▼ 78731		3.23%	4
▼ 78701		3.23%	4
▼ 78756		2.42%	3

Q8: Did you take the first survey for this project?

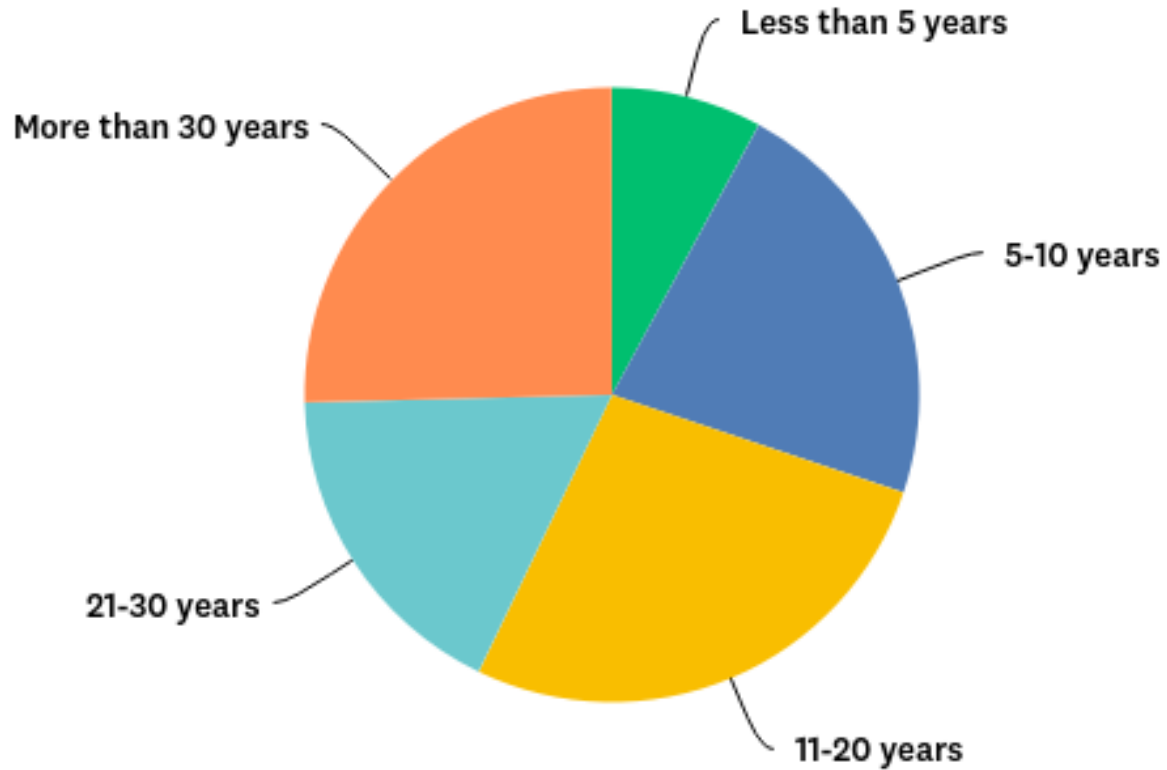
Answered: 122 Skipped: 20



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	29.51%	36
No	33.61%	41
I didn't know there was a survey	36.89%	45
TOTAL		122

Q9: How long have you lived in Austin?

Answered: 126 Skipped: 16



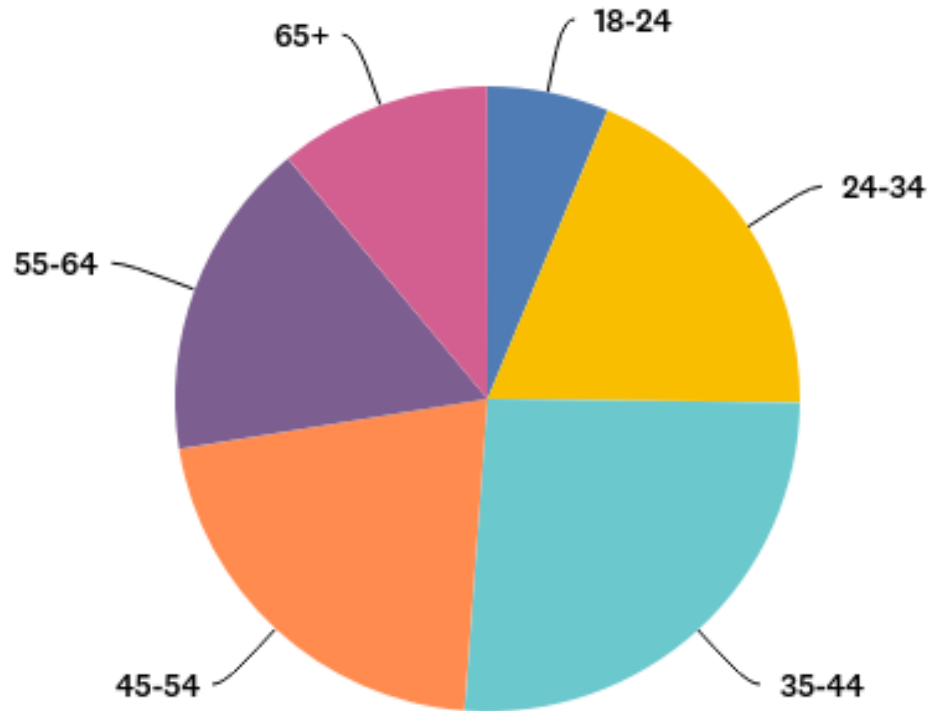
Q9: How long have you lived in Austin?

Answered: 126 Skipped: 16

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 5 years	7.94%	10
5-10 years	22.22%	28
11-20 years	26.98%	34
21-30 years	17.46%	22
More than 30 years	25.40%	32
TOTAL		126

Q10: What is your age range?

Answered: 127 Skipped: 15



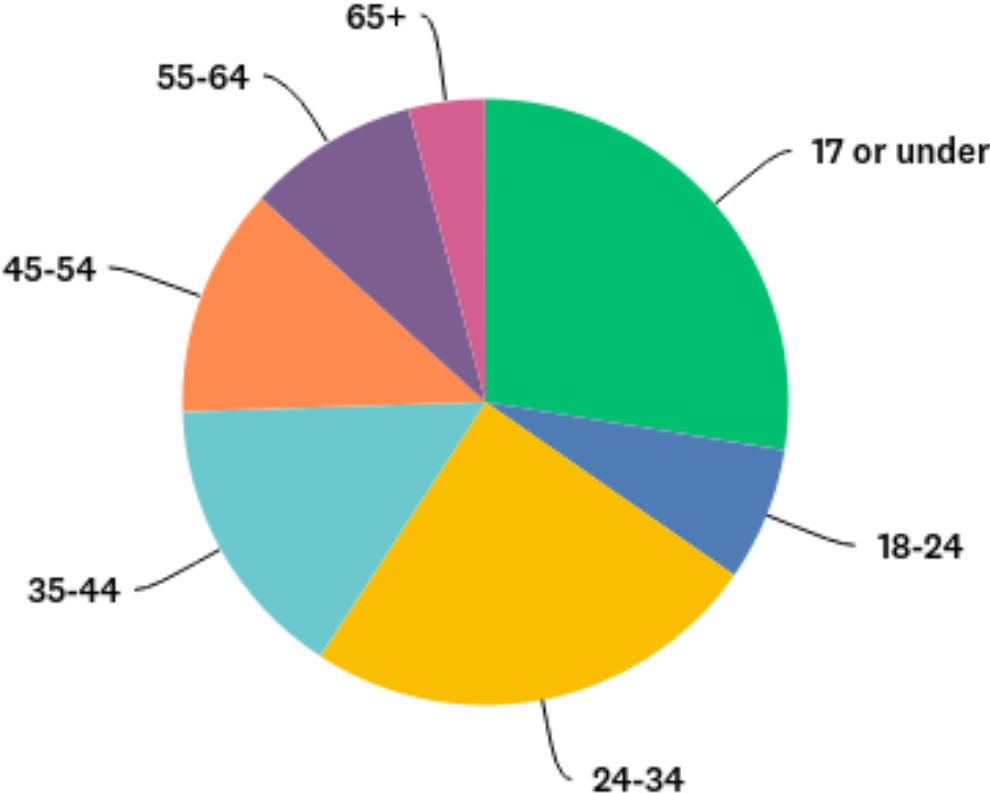
Q10: What is your age range?

Answered: 127 Skipped: 15

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
17 or under	0.00%	0
18-24	6.30%	8
24-34	18.90%	24
35-44	25.98%	33
45-54	21.26%	27
55-64	16.54%	21
65+	11.02%	14
TOTAL		127

Q11: Not including yourself, what other ages live in your household?

Answered: 98 Skipped: 44



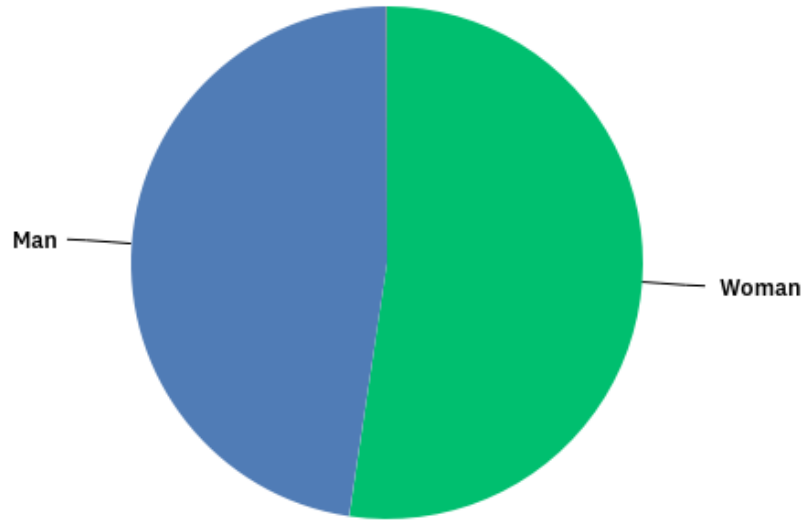
Q11: Not including yourself, what other ages live in your household?

Answered: 98 Skipped: 44

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
17 or under	27.55%	27
18-24	7.14%	7
24-34	24.49%	24
35-44	15.31%	15
45-54	12.24%	12
55-64	9.18%	9
65+	4.08%	4
TOTAL		98

Q12: What is your gender?

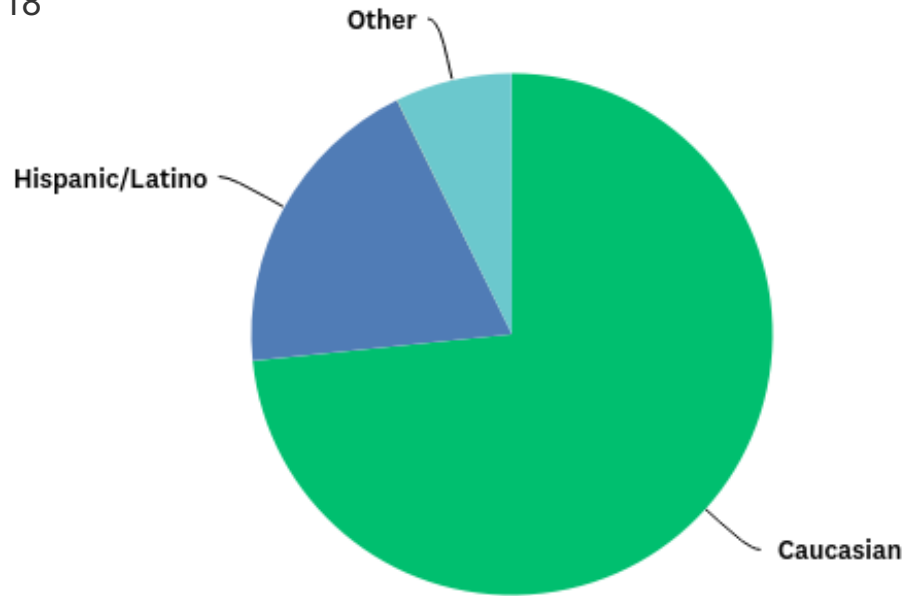
Answered: 126 Skipped: 16



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Woman	52.38%	66
Man	47.62%	60
Non-binary	0.00%	0
TOTAL		126

Q13: What is your race or ethnicity?

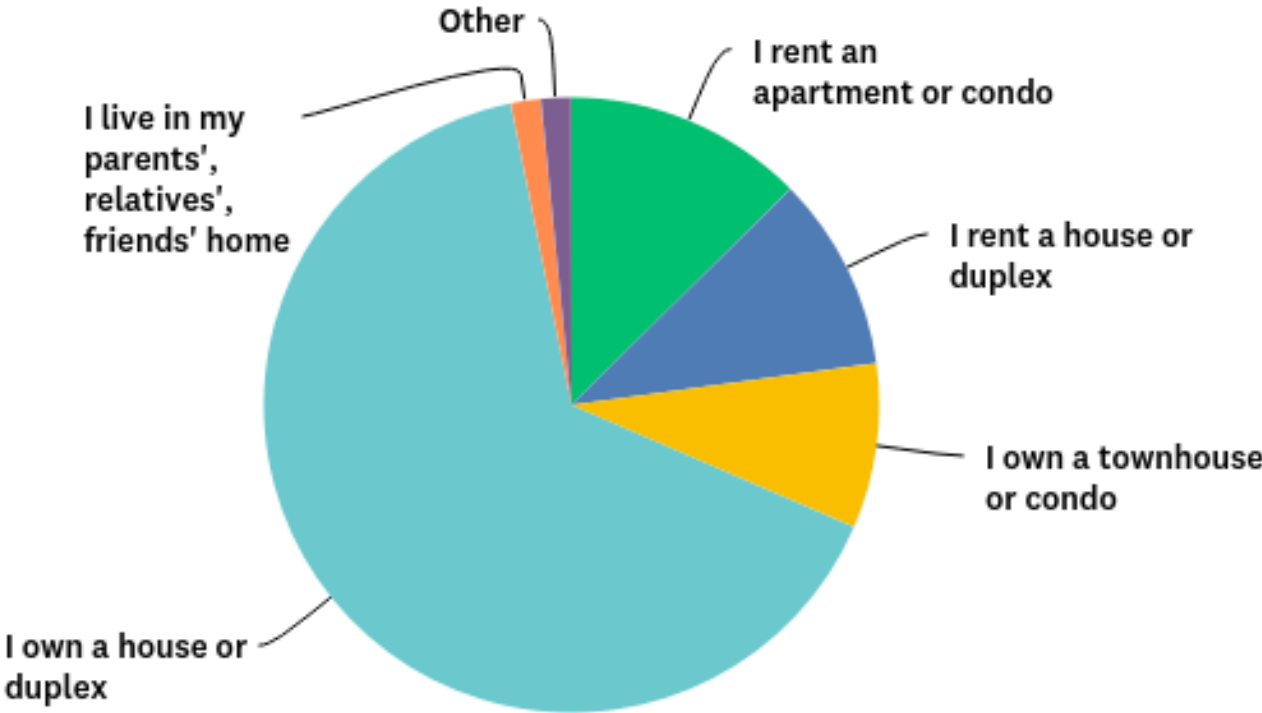
Answered: 124 Skipped: 18



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Caucasian	73.39%	91
Hispanic/Latino	19.35%	24
African American	0.00%	0
Other	7.26%	9
TOTAL		124

Q14: Please describe where you currently live.

Answered: 127 Skipped: 15



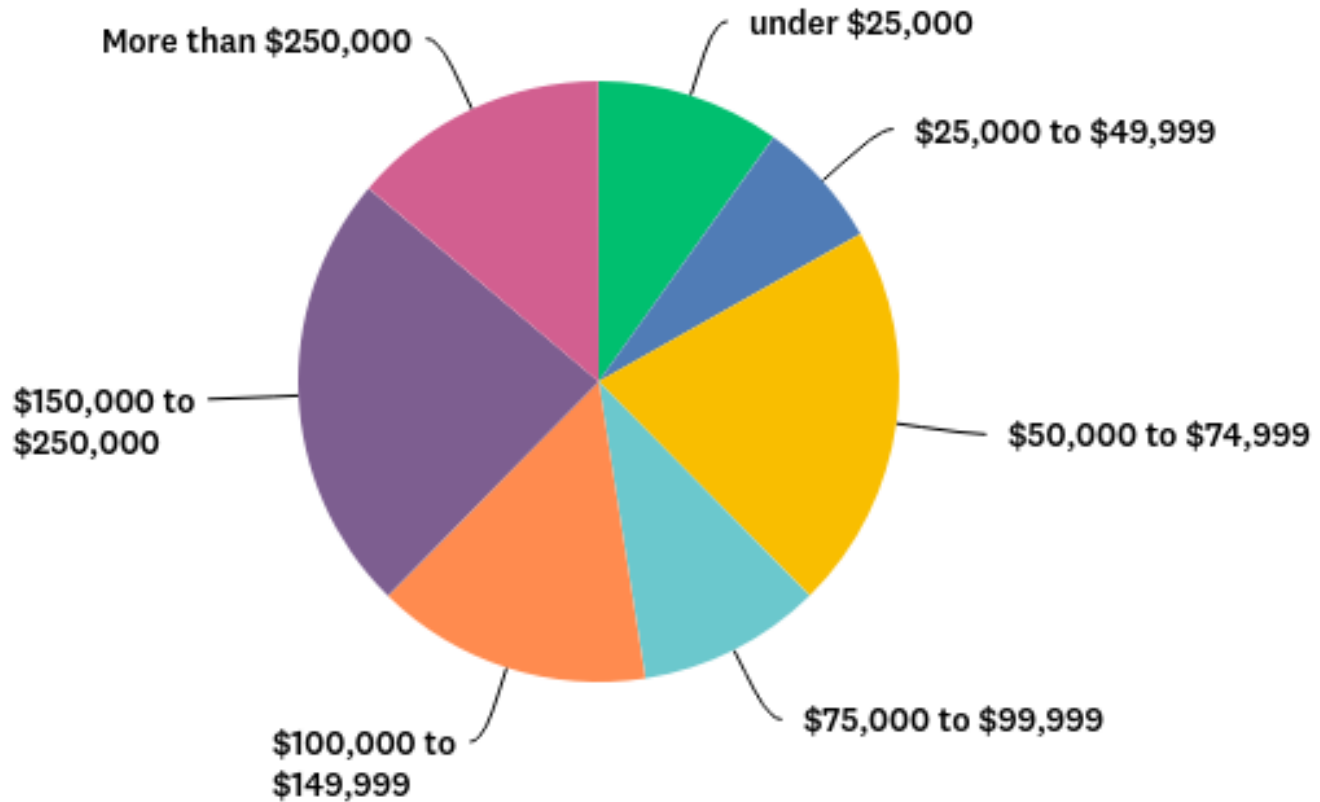
Q14: Please describe where you currently live.

Answered: 127 Skipped: 15

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I rent an apartment or condo	12.60%	16
I rent a house or duplex	10.24%	13
I own a townhouse or condo	8.66%	11
I own a house or duplex	65.35%	83
I live in my parents', relatives', friends' home	1.57%	2
Other	1.57%	2
TOTAL		127

Q15: What is your approximate household income?

Answered: 101 Skipped: 41



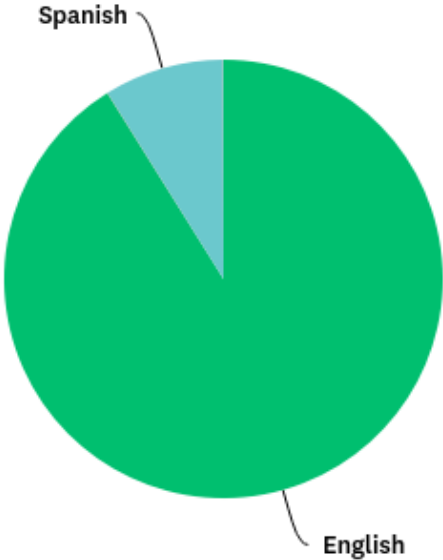
Q15: What is your approximate household income?

Answered: 101 Skipped: 41

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
under \$25,000	9.90%	10
\$25,000 to \$49,999	6.93%	7
\$50,000 to \$74,999	20.79%	21
\$75,000 to \$99,999	9.90%	10
\$100,000 to \$149,999	14.85%	15
\$150,000 to \$250,000	23.76%	24
More than \$250,000	13.86%	14
TOTAL		101

Q16: Language spoken at home:

Answered: 124 Skipped: 18



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
English	91.13% 113
Spanish	8.87% 11
TOTAL	124

Appendix

Q2: Open Ended Comments: 63

Q3: Open Ended Comments: 64

Q4: Open Ended Comments: 47

Holly Project

Concept A - Comments Sorted By Responses

Not appropriate

- 1 I have participated in the past - for years - through emails and surveys. Only in-person meetings were noted above. When will you stop counting only those with time, education and the cultural training to go to these meetings as 'input'? What about local families? A poll at the HEBs on PV and East 7th would get you far more legitimate input. My strong preference remains a park for the neighbors who live here, not to recreate a "world class park" which is really a photo-op for tourists at the expense of those of us who live here. Our place is on the southside of the water and we have only tourist-friendly (suburban families, runners, etc.) options of work-out equipment and some arty features. We have NO OPTIONS FOR KIDS on the southside of Ladybird. Even though we are dense with apartments that do not have good play options.
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Excessive or Lacking

- 2 I feel this area is perfect as it is, but, if it must be altered, I prefer this plan because it has fewer structures and more benches. It's a shame to add concrete to this area, but, hopefully, it will be minimal.
 - 3 I think it would be better to have both the deck and the pergola.
 - 4 Keep it simple and natural with focus on native plants. "Less is more"
 - 5 Leave space green. Look at mueller area and how many people visit that because it's open and allows people to put down blankets and bbq areas.
 - 6 Picnic tables are too close together and there's excessive dirt trails.
 - 7 Seems pointless to create circular trails around picnic tables and put tables in circle as well since not all tables have good views.
 - 8 This is the better of the two choices but the best would be to leave the space alone. There is no reason to make this place "better." Adding human touches to the wild spaces within our urban core does not add to them, it makes them less wild, less natural, and, therefore, less attractive. We do not need the trail to look like a suburban master-planned development.
 - 9 Too many high maintenance planting areas - so many parkland areas that were landscaped in the last 10 years are overgrown and unmaintained by the city. Just across the water, all the expensive, city taxes paid-for landscaping looks horrible. Only landscape what can be maintained.
 - 10 Too much man made landscaping takes away from a more natural experience, which is what makes a difference between the west side of the trail and the east, where I live and walk almost every morning. Like the difference of walking along a nature trail and walking in a formal garden. Not much of the untouched left as it is.
 - 11 Why a bridge?
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Adequate

- 12 But maintenance will be an issue if it's not kept up
 - 13 Deck? Really?
 - 14 Es perfecto para pasa un día familiar con la familia o amigos
 - 15 It doesn't seem to be as friendly as concept B. It seem more cut off and removed
 - 16 One of the important unique features of the trail is its natural feel. Use of man-made hardscape materials and non-native vegetation should be limited in favor of natural materials and vegetation that will provide the trail with an Austin vibe. Limit concrete sidewalk in favor of natural decomposed granite main trail. Palms and other non-native vegetation should not be used for landscaping. Provide path to overlook from the trail. Good use of side trails to discourage people from stopping on the main trail and creating roadblocks.
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- 17 Only one big central area; no shaded areas
 - 18 The native plantings are great as are removal of invasive species. This plan doesn't seem to have enough additions of seating and improved grading for accessibility.
 - 19 This is a good plan but I think is more suited for groups since the picnic tables are clustered together. I'd prefer a design suited to daily use.
 - 20 Unclear whether/where there will be more launch points for kayaks, sups, etc... Deck seems unnecessary
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Good

- 21 Both options look quite nice.
 - 22 Both plans have their strong points. I love the planting concept for the overlook and interesting features.
 - 23 Concept is good with improvement to access closer proximity to water's edge. The sitting area seems to me to "close off" access concept. It is away from the water and enclosed and also separated to shore view by concrete path. But I still like it that it is at oak tree.
 - 24 Great presentation. What about a fence? Fence extending out into the lake front from the shore to catch the flow of trash and we would clean it up every day.
 - 25 I like the central gardens and deck.
 - 26 I like the circular paths that are created which make it more of a destination rather than a pass through.
 - 27 I like the deck
 - 28 I like the openness of the overlook
 - 29 I like the water front of of Concept A best.
 - 30 It's lovely, yet I like B better. I'd rather not see the Oak encircled by decking. But I did like the landscaping detail for A that was provided.
 - 31 Lacks a signature feature and water access.
 - 32 Like A better
 - 33 Like the clustered seating
 - 34 Like the seating and the garden by the bridge
 - 35 More formal/identifiable spots to fish off the banks. More drinking fountains/scoop poop stations. More picnic tables closer to water. Add sand volleyball court. Add interpretive signs to identify history/culture/plants & trees. Love the pergola and shade garden (do both). Prefer pergola to wood deck. Access to restrooms a concern - at least have wayfinding to restrooms. I like this better because it opens more of the shoreline.
 - 36 More shade is always better
 - 37 NICE!
 - 38 No concrete trail - use same covering as trail-gravel, caliche, something natural. This is the better design. I don't like the deck around the tree as much as the bench design. Actually, I'd like to see fewer structures like tables etc., leave it as wild as possible.
 - 39 One added benefit of this concept is that it seems to keep the space natural looking and untouched - I like having more area of that in the city and accessible to all.
 - 40 Picnic tables seem too close together. Maintenance of the wooden deck will be required. No pergola.
 - 41 The decomposed granite paths through planting islands are nice. The centralized deck around the existing trees is excellent. The circular overlook is uninspired.
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Wonderful

- 42 Both concepts would be wonderful improvements
 - 43 Both seem great
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- 44 I believe the detours from the main trail will increase accessibility plus planting areas will increase natural beauty.
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- 45 I like it a lot!
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- 46 I like the deck with benches around the tree
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- 47 I like the grouped picnic tables! It's a little better community. And the planting/landscaping is really wonderful. As well as the benches on the waterfront.
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- 48 I like the natural look and the openness of the concept. Not overbuilt or man-made looking like Concept B.
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- 49 I like the wooden deck under the trees - I think that sounds lovely. However, it would be great if that deck was also ADA-accessible. Why is the trail the only feature that will be ADA-accessible? Disabled people should have access to other features, too. Go beyond just ADA accessibility.
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- 50 I prefer this concept. My kids have played tee ball down at this location and having a larger gathering area, like the wood deck, would allow for end-of-the-season events. Additionally, I think it provides a great spot for other family gatherings or group work events.
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- 51 I'd love to see a combination of A + B I like the tables around the tree in A and the pergola in B
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- 52 It would be ideal to include the patio around the oak tree and the pergola. Is that possible?
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- 53 Less is more
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- 54 Like taking advantage of the trees!
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- 55 Love the oak tree cluster seating
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- 56 Me gusta el prolequito por que tiene mesas separadas y tiene un Quiosco donde las personas lo identificarian como un lugar donde mirarse una reunion donde mirarse una reunion reconociendo el lugar por el quiosco es maravilloso se mira muy bien
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- 57 Most natural feeling and less overall maintenance. Will encourage small gatherings rather than large groups.
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- 58 Nice plantings, multiple benches, but I think I prefer bench placement on Concept B. One use of point historically is matching start of regatta races, (indiscernible) start from docks around in the middle of the river/lake.
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- 59 Prefer the spread out seating area to the closely clustered seating in concept B. Gives people room/more privacy, better vistas
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- 60 Seems very nice, though clustered benched could mean they get monopolized by larger groups
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- 61 They are both good concepts as they bring into use some public land that has been ignored. Both create some better scenery for runners. I prefer A because the scenic overlook seems like a cheaper and more utilitarian usage.
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Other

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- 62 I enjoy the cacti landscaping. Would like to see example of overlook circle. I'd want to sit on the rocks near the cacti.
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- 63 I can't even see it and don't see how to enlarge it!
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Concept B - Comments Sorted By Responses

Not appropriate

- 1 Horrible.
 - 2 Pergola is too much, and will obstruct the views from everywhere else.
 - 3 Too much artifice. This is a wonderful, natural area that should remain as natural and open as possible.
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Excessive or lacking

- 4 Keep it simple and natural with focus on native plants. "Less is more"
 - 5 Why a bridge? Like the pergola though.
 - 6 I'd rather not have structures built ad the overlook. It restricts the view.
 - 7 The stone arches seem to evoke history without any context, I find it off-putting.
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Adequate

- 8 Same comment
 - 9 One of the important unique features of the trail is its natural feel. Use of man-made hardscape materials and non-native vegetation should be limited in favor of natural materials and vegetation that will provide the trail with an Austin vibe. Limit concrete sidewalk in favor of natural decomposed granite main trail. Palms and other non-native vegetation should not be used for landscaping. Provide path to pergola from the trail. Good use of side trails to discourage people from stopping on the main trail and creating roadblocks.
 - 10 I don't see the need in a pergola because people barely use them after a few years and then it's a waist of space. Look at the one off Cesar Chavez by the library on the river side. NO one sits in that - it becomes a shelter for homeless sleeping. Picnic tables and benches are all one needs. If people want shade they'll bring their own pop up tent. Leave spaces green!! Look at Central Park in NYC. Look at midtown/piedmont park in Atlanta. Our city is growing. More greenery the better. That's what draws people to parks.
 - 11 I don't like the excessive (indiscernible) area. It might increase the likelihood of homeless camps.
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Good

- 12 A little more plain than concept A but really like the pergola
 - 13 A stone shade structure waterfront seems like a better idea.
 - 14 Better use of shade to allow small-group space but more shade would be welcome
 - 15 Distributed experience seems better; enhanced landscaping seems appropriate; can't give strong feedback without seeing existing topographical data, etc.
 - 16 I actually like the overlook versus the pergola. Just happy this is getting redone and excited for the upgrade.
 - 17 I also really like the pergola - if we could combine the pergola into concept A that'd be great. The only thing that wasn't great was scattering the picnic tables.
 - 18 I like both A and B and would prefer to include the pergola along with the raised deck of A.
 - 19 I love the pergola.
 - 20 I prefer B, but both the pergola and the deck concept would be great together, since they provide different ways of interacting with the area.
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- 21 I prefer the baseball field side of Concept B best however waterfront is best in A.
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- 22 I think I like Concept B more, but both designs look good. The openness and scattered benches appeal to me.
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- 23 I'm not sure what use the pergola would serve, and I imagine it's expensive. I like the bench placement further east to pull people further along the waterfront.
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- 24 Other pergolas I see around the loop often go unused
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- 25 Pergola feature is a nice monumental signature feature; however, there is no access to the water (boat dock). Water craft on the lake is very popular and it would be nice to have more public space for boaters to dock and enjoy the park area.
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- 26 Pergola is beautiful. I could see people having small wedding there. I like the separated tables for "privacy" but would like to see one area that would be good for bigger celebrations/pachangas of 20-24 - especially since the pergola lends itself so well to ceremonies and celebrations.
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- 27 Really like the look of a rock pergola
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- 28 Shade from the pergola would be great! Like the selection of picnic tables that are spaced for multiple groups/families
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- 29 The larger lawn area may encourage use by larger parties thereby detracting from those watching birds, enjoying nature, etc.
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- 30 The pergola is a bit much
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- 31 The stone pergola is fantastic. The generic picnic benches in tiny islands are lacking.
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- 32 Thematically. Maybe if you can tie it to the Fiesta Gardens building and the Tejano heroes project along the trail.
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- 33 This is still a good concept, but I don't see a ton of value in the pergola. While it would make for a nice vertical feature, it doesn't seem very practical. The one item I do prefer on this concept is how it minimizes the impacts on the ground under the cluster of existing oak trees.
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- 34 This seems a beautiful accessible area that would be welcoming to local residents as well as visitors
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Wonderful

- 35 Better to distribute tables rather than cluster them around a single tree. Pergola is nice.
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- 36 Both concepts would be wonderful improvements
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- 37 Esta mucho mejor por que pueda aver mas familias y esta hermoso
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- 38 Este concepto tiene más aprovechamiento del terreno, los merenderos pueden ser usados por varias familias y la pérgola seria un éxito
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- 39 Este proyecto permitira mas acceso para mesas para familias
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- 40 Estéticamente más bonito y adecuado para reuniones familiares, sesiones fotográficas
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- 41 I like how spread out the seating area are - would encourage multiple groups to enjoy the space.
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- 42 I like the look of the proposed pergola.
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- 43
I like the pergola - I think that sounds lovely. However, it would be great if the pergola and other features were also ADA-accessible. Why is the trail the only feature that will be ADA-accessible? Disabled people should have access to other features, too. Go beyond just ADA accessibility.
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- 44 I like the pergola to enjoy the lake and the interconnectedness provided by the benches. This plan seems to be more community building.
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- 45
I like the spacing of the picnic tables and how the pergola is closer to the water. Also, it's nice that there is more lawn than dirt trails in this design.
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- 46 I like this one the best. The walkthru area at the oak tree is more open and inviting to trail walkers to take a break. Pergola concept is great. And viewing area by shore is great. This concept B seems more "open" than A.
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- 47 I love the Pergola. I also feel like the trail is used mostly by couples rather than families, and this creates more space for couples to enjoy.
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- 48 I prefer the arrangement of the picnic tables in this concept, namely being scattered through the site rather than just circling one tree.
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- 49 Is there a way to do the pergola and the deck feature at the same time?
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- 50 Like layout of picnic tables more here because each group probably gets a view. If possible, while working around existing trees, don't put a picnic table behind another one (blocking their view) - space, stack them. Like the many benches on this one though it could use 2 to the right of the pergola, like Concept A has.
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- 51 Looks great!
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- 52
Love the pergola concept! Great to have shade and love that its several smaller areas so many groups can use it (concept A looks like just one area)
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- 53 Me gusta mucho. Especialmente el kiosko. Mas mesas separadas son mejor.
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- 54 More organic spacing of the picnic tables. Love the pergola as a focal point.
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- 55 Move the more scattered picnic tables and pergola feature
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- 56 Native plants/ Hispanic (indiscernible word) to landscaping is key to success
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- 57 Nice plants
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- 58 Prefer this option as there will be a shade structure, however both would be good improvements to the area.
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- 59 Really love the pergola and the shade garden.
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- 60 Staggered picnic benches, the pergola, more of a natural organic feel to the whole design. Definitely my favorite. This design enhances the natural beauty that already exists.
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- 61 The BEST! As a Native East Austinite, this concept reminds me a lot of "Old Spanish Missions"
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- 62 The pergola adds a nice touch and the plan is more spread out
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Other

- 63 I like the spread out beaches. Could use more by water.
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- 64 Too small to see any of the detail!
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Holly Project

Pergola Concept - Comments Sorted By Responses

Not appropriate

- 1 I don't like the pergola
 - 2 See above
 - 3 See my comment about proposal A. This "pergola" will destroy the natural beauty. It will serve no useful purpose - observe the other pergolas along the trail to see how infrequently they are used - and will destroy the natural view of the lake.
 - 4 Seem to become more overnight accomadations
 - 5 When will you stop counting only those with time, education and the cultural training to go to these meetings as 'input'? What about local families? A poll at the HEBs on PV and East 7th would get you far more legitimate input.
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Excessive or lacking

- 6 I don't like the pergola concept. See previous comments.
 - 7 I think it blocks the view
 - 8 Keep it simple and natural with focus on native plants. "Less is more"
 - 9 See comment above.
 - 10 See previous comments.
 - 11 Seems pretty but unnecessary. Trees there should provide plenty of shade.
 - 12 The pergola feature doesn't work for me, seems to suggest a historical artifact but without the historical context, gives me an odd feeling.
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Adequate

- 13 Expensive? See earlier comments
 - 14 I mean why not? I still don't really know why it would be there but I'm not opposed
 - 15 It confuses me that it's open-no shade.
 - 16 It looks beautiful in the concept drawings but could look like a neglected ruin in 10 years.
 - 17 Looks hot :)
 - 18 My only concern w/ the pergola area in concept B is that it creates a relatively small desirable space that is more limited in how many people can enjoy it vs a more open 'together' zone. Hope that makes sense! I would also hope it could be kept super clean and enjoyable. (The gazebo at Aud Shores is not really a pleasant place to spend time in. It looks cool, but feels dark and bird-poop inside.)
 - 19 See answer to last question
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Good

- 20 Beautiful plants
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- 21 Concerned about graffiti and it being an unattended public space, safety concerns
 - 22 Cure looking but consider making (indiscernible) less visibly obtrusive.
 - 23 I don't have a strong opinion on this. I will be happy with whatever happens with this option.
 - 24 I love this feature! However, I worry that it would become a destination that people would reserve ahead of time and therefore make it unavailable to passersby.
 - 25 It would be cool to match the capstone arch by the old plant!
 - 26 Need pathway to connect to the trails.
 - 27 Probably my favorite part of the design
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Wonderful

- 28 Awesome!!
 - 29 Creates a bit of a destination
 - 30 Go see limestone house on Riverview St., right behind Martin Pool/Park with 3-story red modern house behind it - reminds me of pergola.
 - 31 I just love Pergolas in general.
 - 32 I like the pergola feature as it incorporates other elements from the nearby neighborhood.
 - 33 I think it would be a great spot to enjoy the lake from and bring folks together
 - 34 If the concept as is gets created it would be awesome.
 - 35 In keeping with the grackle clock at the library and the new owl statues, maybe little bat gargoyles on the top corners of the pergola, or relief carvings? Just a thought, preferably something that doesn't make them look scary!
 - 36 It ties in well to fiesta gardens and the stone plantings seem like a good fit. I like the hacienda type arches and open natural light.
 - 37 Love the concept of the pergola. Looks like a great place for people to gather.
 - 38 Love this
 - 39 Make the pergola ADA-accessible!
 - 40 Se veria muy elegante y seria un punto clave de el parque
 - 41 The pergola is a great idea and adds a character piece to the park to give some identity.
 - 42 The pergola provides an attractive feature and draws people in towards it.
 - 43 This feature would make this area truly memorable. This feature should be incorporated into both concepts.
 - 44 What's the plan for parking?
 - 45 Will be beautiful and provide shade
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Other

- 46 See comment on #2
 - 47 It's nice to have main cover. Looks nice and I appreciate historical/Alamo look
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Open-Ended Comments

1 Both look great but A is hands down my favorite

2 Combine the top half of concept A with the bottom half (pergola) of concept B. Then you've got a winner.

3 do both the pergola AND the raised deck with tables around the oak

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Either concept is fine. I think if you look at our most popular park, Zilker, you'll see that 'features' like pergolas are not what folks find important. I'm glad we have a design vision, but it's going to come down to quality of landscaping. The current grass in almost all of "Holly Shores" is poor - spotty, sharp, built for the climate but not for picnicking. The scrub around the water limits views, catches trash, makes it hard to fish. In addition, please reconsider the concrete on the main trail. This park is already well over its quota of concrete. Concrete sections are the worst for runners - who currently are the majority users - and while it's great for bikes, any bike has to cope with the rest of the crushed-stone on the trail at any rate.

5 Hard to rank at this point without seeing topographical/plantings/landscape pallets, etc. But love the existing direction.

6 I have a high value for the integration and prioritization of the baseball fields on Riverview. (Indiscernible) use this HEAVILY and existing facilities are minimal, worn out, broken down. Bathroom facilities and improved functions and esthetics are important. Longer term residents of the neighborhood deserve nothing less.
